

# *Fynn - Lark News*

APRIL 2023



## **EASTER DAWNS**

I have often said at Funerals that 'The Church', of which we are all a part (not just the buildings), would not have survived two millennia without the story and hope of the Resurrection. I get some funny, often perplexed looks, even though any good countryperson will tell you that death and new life are inseparable. There can be no Easter, without Good Friday! Seeds which are buried in solitary darkness eventually spring through into something beautiful, nourishing, and new, not only for our good, but also for the good of the world.

At the beginning of this month we are starting out on our Holy Week journey as a united Benefice, on Palm Sunday (10.00 a.m. in Woodbridge) starting outside (in the car park of Woodbridge Prep school) for the blessing of Palms and then following our donkey(s) around Market Hill, singing as we go, before we enter into the big church to recall the Passion story once more, and to be moved or changed by it - in much the same way as The Church is still called to change and move in 2023?

**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little  
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

I hear plenty of stories of how the Church has failed to do this or that, or how the Gospel has been 'watered down' or people are increasingly indifferent or, feel culturally alienated, from its core foundations or outreach. If that is true, why not come back to hear again God's still, small voice speaking to us today, whatever our background, and wherever we are from?

On the first three evenings of Holy week (April 3-5) in Great Bealings, we will be holding a simple service of Evening prayer with an address and time for quiet reflection. They will be given by a visiting friar, Brother Marc (yes, from an Anglican monastery in West Yorkshire!). We warmly invite you to join us from the surrounding villages to properly prepare for Easter - by getting ready to follow Christ's Cross – and to see there the

promise of abundant living in and amongst those with whom we live, work, and serve. There's no such thing as a 'private faith' because the first Easter happened so publicly and, outdoors, when, as one of our prayers proclaims: 'earth and heaven resound with gladness'. Listen out for our bells across the valley!

This special time of year is all about taking part and joining in: the greatest drama of salvation ever told. It is 'box office' stuff like no other and the invitation 'to taste and see' is completely unconditional and free. So I wish you every blessing, that our shared Easter journey will be a memorable one:

*Nigel Prior, Rector of St Mary's, Woodbridge and Great Bealings)*



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## **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

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### **POP UP PUB IN AID OF EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

Well done to the organisers of the most recent pop-up pub, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, in Bealings Village Hall. It was their response to the hugely destructive earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and it enabled local people not only to have a convivial evening but also to know that they were contributing to a harrowing cause. Our pop-up pub managed to support the good supply of drinks with some really tasty food, so well done the team of caterers. The event realised a profit of £647.36, with 75 people attending. An excellent effort all round.

### **2023 BEALINGS PLANT SALE – 22<sup>nd</sup> April 10.00 a.m. - 12. midday**

It's now all systems go for our resuscitated Plant Sale, picking up on a 30-year tradition. The Village Hall has been duly booked for **SATURDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**, so all is set. The organiser, Caroline Saunders, Grotto Farm, has been busy recruiting teams of helpers, and urging people to produce and grow flowers and seedlings, so hopefully we shall have stock to sell. There is still time to hunt around in the garden for surplus self-sets. If the plants need collecting, just email Caroline and that can be arranged.

There is still room for more volunteers so if you do feel a bit left out, please contact Caroline:

***caroline\_saunders@hotmail.co.uk***

We are reverting to a full-scale raffle, one of our main money-makers, with the return of a full range of prizes, energetically sought out by Kate McGough. Books of 5 tickets will be delivered with the April Magazine. We make a minor apology for this commercial intrusion into your lives, but hope that as many possible, even those without the faintest interest in gardening might feel able to support the cause and contribute. Please deliver stubs and money to the organiser or local contacts. Further books of tickets will be on sale on the day, with the actual draw taking place then.

Watch out for the poster boards around our villages. They are kindly sponsored by Bedfords, and, hopefully, reusable.

### **NATURE NOTES**

#### **BADGERS**

Badgers are known to be shy creatures. Television wild-life programmes such as *Spring Watch* take much pleasure in showing us images of badgers emerging cautiously from their setts, rooting around for food, with the youngsters gamboling playfully nearby. Most of this is through the lens of an infra-red camera. Imagine then, my amazement at seeing a badger scurrying around, within 100 yards of St Mary's Church at 5.00 in the afternoon. Firstly, this was seriously deviant behaviour. Secondly it was my first ever sighting of a badger in or around the church. It was also an ideal prompt for an item on badgers.

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Badgers are omnivores in the family Mustelidae, which also includes otters, martens, minks, polecats, weasels, and ferrets. Apparently they can eat several hundred worms a night, and are one of very few species capable of predating hedgehogs. Badgers have rather short, wide bodies, with short legs for digging. They can cause significant damage. They have long heads with small ears. They have black faces with distinctive white markings, grey bodies with a light-coloured stripe from head to tail, and dark legs with light-coloured underbellies. They grow to around 90 cm in length, including tail. A male European badger is a boar, a female is a sow, and a young badger is a cub. Badger colonies are often called clans, and a badger's home is a sett (yes – two t's!)

In recent years badgers have given rise to controversy in that they are blamed of being carriers of TB, and of infecting cattle. Opinion is divided as to whether the best solution is culling the badger population, or vaccination of the cattle against TB. Judging by the numbers of dead badgers seen by the roadside, modern traffic is effecting its own brand of cull. Conversely the number of roadside corpses suggests that the badger population is of healthy proportions.

The name, badger, is supposedly derived from an ancient word, literally meaning badge, presumably a reference to the white badge-like mark on the forehead. The alternative word, brock, is of Celtic origin, and means “grey”. Giving way to a bout of linguistic indulgence, let's here

also mention that the German word for badger is Dachis – relevant to the extent that the Dachshund was a specialist in hunting badgers.

## HISTORY CORNER

### **Record-keeping, Parish chests, Registry offices, Record Offices**

Record-keeping goes back for millennia. The keeping of records enables us to delve back into history. Census records, parish records, national documents, registers, regimental records, Ancestry.com – all enable us to discover something about the lives (and deaths!) of our ancestors. The keeping of records may be tedious, but we would be historically impoverished without them. Record-keeping has evolved from parchment, to registers and ledgers, to computers. It is an evolving process and an important one.

Parish chests used to be a prominent feature inside churches. Strongly built, made of a hard wood, usually oak, often beautifully carved, with a sturdy padlock, they were where village records and parish documents were stored. They were also heavy. This was also where the church plate, the silver and gold, was stored. The church was the central collecting point for information: births, marriages, baptisms, confirmations, deaths, burials. Not only that, but apparently the chest could well have also stored records of incumbents, records of those holding a particular parish offices such as parish constable, church warden accounts, Overseer of the Poor accounts, Accounts relating to surveying, construction and care of the highways, bastardy and affiliation orders, Settlement and removal orders, apprenticeships, details of the dealings of the petty constables, even, possibly, who was ill, who was disabled, who shirked work, who were victims of crime, who were the

criminals, who were the compassionate people in the parish. A veritable goldmine of information, and a comprehensive record of everything within the parish.. Here is a picture of the Great Bealings chest, believed to be of Jacobean origin.



In time local record offices were established. Churches do still keep records, in a safe, rather than in the parish chest, and as the Registers fill up, so they are sent off for safe keeping to the local records office. In 1837 registration was taken out of the exclusive hands of the church, and Civil Registration began. Registry Offices distributed certificates for births, marriages, deaths, weddings. The unique role of the parish chest had changed. The Act of 1836, made provision for "a complete Register of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages of His Majesty's Subjects in England" to be kept. The Act was passed at a time of writing with quill pens and working by candlelight. Today, all registrations take place using a computerised system, but the original procedures, and structure, set up all those years ago, remain fundamentally the same. The whole was administered by the Registrar General, in an office which was then in Somerset House. Churches, of course, still conduct marriage ceremonies, but now both ecclesiastical and civil records have to be kept. More broadly, since an Act of 1874, it has been the legal duty and responsibility of citizens to notify the

Registration Officer of an "event". From 1875 onwards we have had the system of the Register Offices we see today.

So, parish chests may have had their day. But they are wonderful artefacts, rich in historical significance, and a reminder of the days when the church was the very hub of parish administration.

*Norman Porter*

**Footnote:** *I have an extract from a book on Parish Chests which refers to one from Little Bealings. The current churchwarden has no knowledge of this. Does anyone have helpful information? It is not impossible that this is a case of mistaken identity.*

## **CAN YOU HELP LOCAL FAMILIES WHO ARE GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES?**

Home-Start in Suffolk are hosting our sixth fundraising Ball on Friday 19th May at The Hangar, Milsoms Kesgrave Hall near Ipswich. The Moonlight Ball is our charity's biggest annual fundraising event, with all money raised going directly back into providing support for Suffolk families.

Home-Start in Suffolk is the county's largest family support charity. Our vision is that every child in Suffolk is given the best possible start in life because of the love, support, and guidance they receive from their parents, guardians or the people performing the role of their parents. We supported more than 1,500 local families in 2022 thanks to a network of fully trained award-winning volunteers who help families with children up to the age 12 overcome a range of challenging issues including loneliness, isolation, mental health, domestic abuse, bereavement, health struggles, disabilities, poverty and much more.

In the last year, we have experienced an exponential increase in the number of families needing to access the charity's support services, making fundraising

events such as this more important than ever. This year's Moonlight Ball organisers are therefore looking for local businesses and organisations to help support our event. There are a range of sponsorship opportunities available starting from just £200 for a table sponsorship package up to £2,000 for Gold sponsorship. Bespoke sponsorship can also be arranged. In addition, any support in identifying or serving as a sponsor, supplying raffle prizes, or donating auction prizes would be gratefully received.

Every £1 makes a difference for our families and all funds are put to very good use. Independent evaluations have shown that for every £1 spent on supporting families, we return £6 in savings - an unprecedented value for your investment.

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*Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend*

*Deputy Chairperson, Board of Trustees*

*Home-Start in Suffolk*

## **BEALINGS BOWLS CLUB**

### **OPEN DAYS, APRIL 2023**

Did you make New Year resolutions to get fitter, be more active, try a new hobby? And here's Spring and you haven't done anything about it? You are not alone but we may have the solution and it doesn't involve throwing yourself

around in a gym or investing in lycra. We are talking about the very gentle but highly enjoyable & social hobby of lawn bowls which will keep you fit and active in a way that isn't too strenuous, and which will at the same time increase your circle of friendship and just ever so slightly get those competitive juices flowing.

Bealings Bowls Club has been established for almost 70 years and our club is situated in a beautiful location in Little Bealings village with its own car parking (IP13 6LT). If you have never tried lawn bowls, we would encourage you to come along to our Open Afternoons on Saturday & Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 2 to 4 pm, when there will be members available to help, equipment to borrow and the opportunity to talk to members, enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake and find out more about the sport and our club – no cost or commitment involved. Experienced players also welcome. It's a win win situation!

Our Club competes in three different evening leagues. If you'd prefer to just play socially you can enter our weekend Club competitions. We have lots of social events throughout the season including a Family Fun Day, a Fish & Chip Supper and our Annual Dinner. If you decide to join us you can play as often or as little as you wish. If you want to come along on our Open Day you won't need any equipment, just please wear flat soled shoes/trainers to protect our green. Bowls is a very inclusive sport and one of the few where men, women and youngsters can compete on an even basis. There is no upper age limit and children as young as 12 would be very welcome too.

Please join us, we are a very friendly Club and you will be assured of a very warm welcome and as much tea as you can drink. We have a website which gives you our exact location, more information and lots of photos of us at work and at play – visit [bealingsbowlsclub.webador.co.uk](https://bealingsbowlsclub.webador.co.uk) or see our Facebook page. If you need more information don't hesitate to contact our

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please email Keith Beaumont at: [keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com)

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Friday May 5<sup>th</sup> to SUNDAY May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

»»» Programme »»»

### Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>

6.00 p.m. Evening of celebration Angela Cobbold Hall

### Saturday May 6<sup>th</sup>

### CORONATION DAY

All Day, Coronation live on screen  
 Cream Teas Angela Cobbold Hall  
 All Day Flower Display  
 Peal of Church Bells All Saints Little Bealings

### Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>

9.30 a.m. Church Service St Mary's, Great Bealings  
 10.30 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Pealathon  
 12.00 to 4.00 p.m. BYO Picnics Village Hall and Playing Field  
 Refreshments, Licensed bar  
 BBQ,  
 Games and Competitions  
 5.00 p.m, Songs of Praise with Brass Band  
 All Saints, Little Bealings

### Monday May 8<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Coronation Flower displays  
 Cakes, quiche, sausage rolls & milkshakes  
 Children's Activities, All Saints, Little Bealings

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## BEALINGS PLANT SALE

10am-12pm,  
Saturday 22nd April, 2023

Bealings Village Hall

We are seeking donations of  
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# GREAT BEALINGS

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## ST MARY'S

### CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

Last month's notes concentrated on looking back, reflecting on the year just past. Now, with Spring in the air, the snowdrops fading and the daffodils resplendent, it is time to look forward. With Easter very much on the horizon the Christian year chimes in perfectly with the seasons.

Our French evening is coming up very shortly, somewhat incongruously towards the end of Lent, but hopefully those attending the evening on March 31<sup>st</sup> will find a way of balancing their enjoyment of the evening with the spirit of Lent.

Perhaps the most exhilarating development is - again sorry about the verbal seasonal vandalism - the resurrection of our village Plant Sale. The parallel is not entirely irrelevant, because, over the past 30 years, the Plant Sale has contributed hugely towards the financial health of the church. It is wonderful to have it back, thanks to the energy and enthusiasm of Caroline Saunders, so please do give her, and the event, every support. We very much hope that 22<sup>nd</sup> April will see a Plant Sale on a par with those we knew pre-Covid. Kate McGough has drummed up some splendid prizes for the Raffle so do please buy a book of tickets when they come your way - a book will be delivered to every household with this Magazine.

And so, the year moves on: the Coronation to look forward to in early May, possibly Open Gardens again and

so into summer. The seasons come round inexorably, but somehow every year brings new opportunities, alongside the new challenges. Let's grasp the first, and energetically face up to the latter.

### LOOKING BACK

#### PCC MEETING

There was a meeting of the PCC on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Our Treasurer produced a strategic review, looking at possible future projects in the light of resources available. It was proposed that we should be able to source a gate to replace the one opposite the main doors, and that we have, in house, the expertise available to fit it. Money should also be put aside to rearrange storage facilities in the vestry. There are also a number of major items left over from the most recent Quinquennial, and it was proposed that a Working Party brought together in the near future could deal with many of the outstanding issues.

It was also agreed that the cost of any re-organising of the rear pews should be met by external funding, however this might be obtained. It was still judged to be an important step that needed to be taken, as we move forward.

Plans for future events, services and gatherings were discussed and agreed, including Holy Week, the Coronation, the forthcoming Plant Sale and French Evening.

### CANDLE-LIT VIGIL FOR UKRAINE

February 24<sup>th</sup> was the first anniversary of the start of Putin's war in Ukraine. St

Mary's, Woodbridge organised a special candle-lit vigil to commemorate the occasion, with a number of Ukrainians present, and participating, often with parallel use of the English and Ukrainian languages.



Well over 100 candles were lit and placed on the altar, including one from the local MP, on the very same day that she was motivating people to check out their recipe books for the tastiest way of serving up turnips. An MP's life is full of variety. The range and number of people present showed deep awareness of the way in which the British people identify with the sufferings of the Ukrainian people. The whole event was live streamed, so it was accessible to other far-flung Ukrainian families. It was good to see the church taking the lead in giving focus to local involvement at such a poignant moment in history.



## **CHURCHYARD**

The snowdrops are being replaced by daffodils. White by vibrant yellow. Same place, different scenery. Beware of the molehills which have been put up by moles seeking winter sustenance.

We are hoping that work can be carried out soon on the lime trees, particularly the one next to our toilet/store. Parts of these trees are dead and need to be made safe.

There are outline plans for a small pond, using the water draining off the roof of our observation cabin. The appropriate permissions need to be sought.

## **SERVICES FOR APRIL**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Palm Sunday. No service in Great Bealings,** but see leading item by Fr. Nigel Prior, about the service in Woodbridge.

Please also note that on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a simple service of evening prayer, with Brother Marc Voase, offering people within and beyond our village an opportunity for reflection. These services will be at 7.30 p.m.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Sunday. 9.30 a.m.** Festival Eucharist. Rev Peter Wintgens officiating.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Morning Prayer 10.30 a.m. - .** (John and Alison Davis)

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

We are now giving people the chance to invite our Rector into their homes so as to get to know him better, and vice versa. The regular day for this is Monday, either morning coffee or afternoon tea. If you would like to fix a future slot please contact churchwarden, Norman Porter ([nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)), who is i/c the rota, and can offer possible future dates.

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

**Woodbridge, as well as other events, to which we are warmly invited.**

Norman Porter, Churchwarden  
nhp@rillcott.co.uk

**FRIENDS OF GREAT  
BEALINGS CHURCH** (in  
partnership with Friends of St Mary's  
Church, Woodbridge)

Our French Evening starting at 7.00 pm on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** is now imminent. The event has been well advertised, so readers should know what to expect. There is still room for more members of our pop-up choir. The only commitment for that is to turn up at 6.00, an hour early – for a brief rehearsal of three or four well known French songs – followed by a complimentary glass of wine before the event.

If you would like to get hold of an emailed programme, or join the choir, please contact Norman Porter [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk). The programme is @ £10, payable on the door, on the night.

**CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS**

May we remind everyone that we can arrange for the church to be floodlit to celebrate or commemorate special occasions. The standard fee remains a fiver. However, as the principle is as important as the fund-raising, should you feel generous, and knowing that your contribution is in a worthy cause, a bit more will always be welcome. This will help offset soaring energy costs.

Please drop a note in to Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane with payment and a note explaining why you would like the church floodlit, so that it can be recorded in the FLN, for posterity's benefit. If urgent, a holding email will do the trick, with payment to follow.

This is also the time to thank Roger Roseboom for his many years of carrying out the role of floodlights manager. With

the sad passing of Coco\*, the motivation to walk all the way up the hill to the church has understandably shrunk. But thank you, Roger, for the many times that you have set the lights blazing across the meadows, cheering up passing motorists, together with villagers lucky enough to be able to see the church through the darkness of the night. Now let's get those lights blazing again.

\*The lights did indeed shine forth on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> March, remembering the nineteen plus years that Coco was so much part of the Lower Street scene, and how often she accompanied her master up to the church to switch the lights on and off. And maybe how much she enjoyed chasing the rabbits. Thank you, Coco for all those memories.



**CORONATION OF KING  
CHARLES. 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May**

We are pleased to report that Roy Tricker, enthusiast, and expert on Suffolk Churches, is to be the preacher at our Coronation Service at 9.30 a.m. on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Roy has visited our church before, and anyone who heard him unravelling tales of St Mary's will know that he is hugely knowledgeable, humorous and entertaining.

There will be a peal of bells before and after the service, which is at 9.30. Anyone wishing to participate, please contact the churchwarden via [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk).

Later on in the day there will be a celebration on the John Belstead Bealings Playing Field, organised jointly by the Parish Councils



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## ANGLIAN WATER

### FIRST TIME SEWERAGE SCHEME FOR THE STREET

The presentation given by Anglian Water about the scheme before the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 March is available to view here:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/main-sewerage-scheme-for-the-street/>

Further information will be published on the Parish Council's website as it is received.

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 6 March and was attended by some twenty-five residents/members of the public.

Draft minutes will be published here:

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

## PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held 6 March 2023:

### ESC ROAD AND TRAFFIC SAFETY FORUM

Mr Garnham reported on his attendance at this, including the success of Road Safety Week locally, and at a SAVID meeting at which a solar powered SID had been discussed.

### DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Reports had been circulated and are available on the Council's website: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Application:** DC/22/5004/FUL | Retention and completion of construction of 1 No building and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising officer, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, stor-

age, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, paint, machinery and equipment following enforcement case ref: ENF/21/0552 in relation to previous consent DC/19/2666/FUL at Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

It was resolved to object to the application on the grounds that it did not deal adequately with the disposal of surface water, contrary to NPPF paragraph 185, with noise pollution, was contrary to Local Plan Policy SCLP10.1 and would cause light pollution.

### SCC CONSULTATION ON SINKS PIT CUSTOMER CONTACT PROPOSAL

It was resolved to support the principle of the proposal, but advise that more work was needed, including a process for reporting back to customers using the form as to actions taken.

### ESC CONSULTATION ON CUSTOM AND SELF-BUILD HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT AND ON

### RURAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

It was resolved that there was no objection to the scope and content of the consultations.

**DC/23/0107/P3Q | Prior Notification - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Barn (C) to Residential. | Grove Farm The Street**

**DC/23/0106/P3Q | Prior Notification - Agriculture to Dwellings - Conversion of Agricultural Barn (B) to Residential. | Grove Farm The Street**

The Council had considered these applications under delegated authority. While there was no objection to the conversion of the barns, there were concerns about the increase in the volume of traffic and the limited visibility splay at The Street. ESC's attention had been drawn to SCC's comments as highway authority in respect of the previous Barn B application.

**DC/22/4061/VOC:| Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/0598/VOC - Variation of Condition Nos. 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 16 of DC/21/1714/FUL - Proposed erection of 1no. new residential dwelling with attached: Land North Of Martlesham Road And Adjacent To The Old School House Martlesham Road**

**DC/22/4331/FUL | New office unit | Bealings Station Yard The Street**

**DC/22/2984/FUL | Construction of one detached dwelling and garage. | Woodside Martlesham Road**

ESC had approved these applications.

Mr Hedgley had been unable to represent the Council at the ESC Planning Committee which had determined application DC/22/2984/FUL as arranged, but he was thanked for his support. It was also noted that the East Anglian Daily Times had wrongly reported that the Council had been criticised for non-attendance at the ESC meeting and that the Council's objection had resulted in the application needing to be considered at the Committee meeting. The EADT had also not included in its article the press statement it had requested from the Council.

**DC/22/0566/OUT Outline Planning application (all matters reserved) proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage**

**within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard Holly Lane**

ESC had refused this application.

#### **FOOTPATHS**

The Footpath Wardens' report had been circulated to Councillors and is on the Council's website: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/assets/Uploads/Parish-Council-Pages/Agendas-and-Meeting-Papers/Footpath-Wardens-Report-March-2023.pdf>

#### **PERMISSIVE PATH TO GREAT BEALINGS**

The landowner had agreed to a new Licence with SCC for the permissive footpath to Great Bealings and SCC would be replacing the footbridge. With the landowner's agreement new signage would be installed to advise walkers not to pass between the permissive path and the Manor Farm Lane footpath by walking along the field headland at the Little Bealings end.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

White lining and the eroded SID post were still outstanding issues and would be pursued again.

#### **CLOSURE OF THE STREET BY NETWORK RAIL**

Dr Poulter's response to the Council had been circulated to Councillors and a further response received from Network Rail. It was agreed to ask for the fine levied on the contractor for the unauthorised closures to be passed to the Parish Council, and to ask again for the replacement grit bin.

#### **CLOSURE OF THE STREET BY ANGLIAN WATER**

The detail of the presentation by Anglian Water which preceding the meeting was noted and it was agreed to arrange a meeting with the site manager. The presentation is available to view here:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/assets/Main-Sewerage-Scheme/Presentation-to-Parishioners-on-6-March-2023.pdf>

#### **PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS**

Costs, including for a Licence to install

signs in the highway at a cost of £150 were being investigated for 'village entry' signs in Hall Road and Holly Lane.

#### **FINANCE**

##### **Donation**

It was agreed to donate £50 to St Elizabeth Hospice from the Council's Donations budget in view of the Hospice's work in the parish over the last year.

##### **Income and Expenditure**

Interest of £4.60 had been received on the Council's NS&I account for 2022. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for March and expenses, to HMRC (PAYE) and to ROPETH (hire of Hall) and the Bealings Village Hall (hire of Hall), was approved, totalling £761.57 with the St Elizabeth Hospice donation. A VAT refund of £1,320.96 for 2022 was awaited.

#### **DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The next meeting of the Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting on Monday 15 May 2023, in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 17 April 2023 (not 11 April as previously advertised) if required by business to be transacted.

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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## **WILLOW WEAVING AT LITTLE BEALINGS BORROWERS**

Thank you to Ben Wale of Little Bealings Borrowers and Sue Peace who provided the materials and taught our children how to basket weave with willow. Whilst my daughter Charlotte made her bird feeder, my sister and I enjoyed a natter over coffee provided by Helen Wittgreffe.

It was great to see so many Dads and Grandparents getting stuck in too. We will definitely join next time we visit Granny and Grandpa Kidd in Little Bealings.

I can very much recommend coming along. Wednesdays during term time, 3:10 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. in the church. All families are welcome.

Contact [ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org](mailto:ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org)

*Fleur Helble*



## COMMUNITY LUNCH @ACH

At our March Community Lunch, we remembered regular 'luncher' Ted Herrington who passed away recently. Everyone enjoyed the good company, great cooking and special spring flowers. Our next meal is on **Tuesday 4th April at 12.30pm**. The menu is Fish Pie and Bealings Tart.

New diners are always welcome - for bookings and enquiries please contact *pandvcarr55@gmail.com* 01473 620213



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## EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

### April

- Tuesday 4th** 12.30 p.m. **Community Lunch**  
Fish Pie and Bealings Tart (for bookings see below)
- Friday 14th** 7.00 p.m. **'TITANIC Evening'**  
A dramatic presentation of the events and aftermath of that  
fateful night. Life jackets not provided!  
Licensed Bar Free entry (donations welcomed)
- Saturday 15th** 2.30 p.m. **Classic Film**  
Tea and Cakes Free Entry (donations welcomed)
- Friday 21st** 7.15 p.m. **Fish and Chips**  
Please place your order beforehand (see below)
- Wednesday 26th** 7.30 p.m. **Gardening Club**  
Herbs and Their Uses Throughout History  
Refreshments Free Entry (donations welcomed)
- Friday 28th** 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday** Licensed Bar  
Snooker, Table Tennis, Darts, Exercise Bikes, Chess, Quoits,  
Board Games, etc.  
Meet up with friends for a chat and a relaxing drink.

### May

- Tuesday 2nd** 12.30 p.m. **Community Lunch**  
Celebration Buffet Lunch (for bookings see below)
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## EXCITING UPDATE FROM ALL SAINTS

Easter Sunday is a day to celebrate and this year we will celebrate the risen Christ with a church full of daffodils, the soft opening of our new hub cafe 'Absolutely Divine', and we hope you will join us for a delightful afternoon tea. The church will be open 12-5pm and I believe there will even be a display of Easter gardens by the children.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April sees the launch our community hub with a host of exciting new 'meet-up' and wellbeing groups. Absolutely Divine will be in full-swing with lemon drizzle cake, vegan chocolate cake, sausage rolls, freshly roasted coffee, healthy porridge topped with fresh fruits and honey, smashed avocado on sourdough - and oh yes, Bealings School, the milkshakes are back!

The cafe will be open every Wednesday 10.30am to 4pm and the weekly groups are listed below. You are invited to pop in anytime, join a group, come with a friend, or simply come and see who's there; you will always receive a very warm welcome. During term time The Borrowers may be in the church or in the churchyard with Ben from 3-3.45pm.

10.30am-12.30pm: **'Meet-Up Wednesdays'**. Following the Meet-Up Mondays' tried and tested formula, we welcome you to join other people like yourselves. Just come along, and meet friends old and new.

1.15am-2.30pm: **'Pause'**. This is a new ladies friendship and support group. Are you struggling with midlife, an empty nest, then maybe it's time to pause. Pause for a chat, with understanding company, for a giggle, for a cake, to put your mind at rest as you connect with others going through the same midlife circumstances. Hopefully we will find answers together, friendship and support. As ever, it's good to talk.

Hoping to start early May, we are looking for young people who would like to join a group for 18-28-year-olds. This group,

18:28, is likely to be held on a Wednesday or Thursday evening. Do you need to get out more, meet other young people socially face-to-face, but find it easier to stay at home gaming on your computer? We invite you to pizza, coffee or hot chocolate, and a great game of Settlers of Catan! This is a group for you, we'll keep it to 12-16 people, and you can decide together how the group develops and what you'd like to do next. Please email me if you would like to come along as we will launch as soon as we have 8 people, we currently have 5.

For more information on any group or to volunteer at the hub cafe, please email churchwarden [hel-en.wittgreffe@btinternet.com](mailto:hel-en.wittgreffe@btinternet.com)

We hope to see many of you soon. Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

## EASTER SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

We welcome everyone to our Easter services this year, where we have a Good Friday service at 2:00 p.m. on Friday 7th April and also a family service on Easter Sunday 9th April at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful Festival of the sacrifice and new life brought by to us by Christ!

Our service and events programme follows for April/May, including a full programme of services and also a line-up of further events for Easter, the Coronation, plus the opening of our hub cafe and new community groups!

If you wish to contact a minister for any reason, whether you are a church member or not, please do not hesitate to contact me Rev. Gary Jones [revvgar-yjones1985@gmail.com](mailto:revvgar-yjones1985@gmail.com) 07714 614095, or our PCC secretary or churchwardens and we are always happy to talk or meet.

*With every blessing,  
Rev. Gary Jones*

## **LIGHT UP THE CHURCH!**

If you wish to light up our wonderful church to enjoy its beauty at night, please contact Paul Byrom on 07768 195867. Our church walls look spectacular at night and this is a perfect way of marking an anniversary, a celebration, or remembering someone special. We usually light for two hours or longer by agreement, where a donation is requested to cover costs and contribute to the church upkeep.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

When I was growing up, one of the programmes on the television was Monty Python's Flying Circus. I wonder how many of you can remember the catch phrase, (brownie points only I am afraid as I am unable to deliver any prizes). It was "And now for something completely different". Well, Easter certainly is completely different.

He is Risen! The Son of God who was born in a manger, who came to earth, identified with us, lived amongst us. So often we hear in work places "why don't those in ivory towers come down and see what it's like on the coal face". God not only did this, but gave His Son to be our redeemer and our saviour. He did it for us, because of us, and yes, despite us.

This Easter, we rejoice in the good news that Easter brings. Through the cross and the resurrection, we are transformed people because of the message of Easter; no longer do we live in darkness, but we have everlasting light and hope. That's the joy the message of Easter brings, for you, for me and for every person in this community.

A few years ago, I was able to go underground in a redundant mine, with only the lamps on our heads, we walked through tunnels where men had for centuries cut coal, in what was dangerous and dark conditions. We were all then asked to turn the lights off and work our way back to where we came from. It didn't take long

before people were feeling anxious, confused and no sense of direction. Easter gives us that light on our direction.

But what if all of this is not true? Did Jesus really die? The Romans were professional executioners, no person was taken down unless they were certain they were dead. Well, what if His Disciples resuscitated him? This was Easter Day, its resurrection not resuscitation. It might have been a ghost, ghosts do many things, sit and eat fish with the Disciples on the seashore they do not! The facts are this, that Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, yes, I said living, walked this earth, died and rose again on Easter Sunday. Fact not fiction. He came for you, for me, for the many, not a few. In a world that promotes so much uncertainty for our future, and life sometimes feels like living on the edge, how reassuring and refreshing that God's love is for all, no matter what our past.

If I screwed up a £20 note and threw it on the floor, stamped on it lots of times, it would still be a £20 note. It might be creased, it might be torn, but it is still a £20 note. We too sometimes feel as if we are a bit crumpled, insecure, not good enough and feel we could do better, in God's eyes, you are still you, His child whom He created and a child whom He still loves.

Easter really is the good news for us, being set free from our past, and giving us hope for the future. You know, when somebody wins the lottery and shouts about it, it is only a matter of hours, given social media, that people get to hear about it, today as a Church, the risen Christ is our hope for this life and in the one to come. Now that really is good news and worth shouting about.

So, let the world proclaim He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

Easter Blessings to you all.

*Rev Gary Jones*

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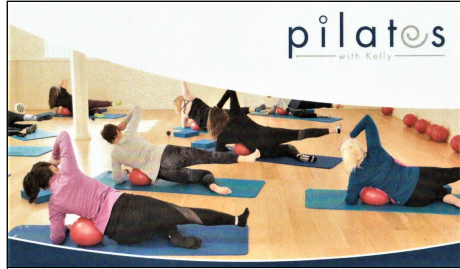
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## TED HERRINGTON 1936 - 2023

Whether remembering him as the 'ice cream man' at village fetes, or for the trees he planted along Church Road, we are grateful for the wealth of warm memories shared with us since Ted passed away recently, within a month of being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

We moved to Playford from Norfolk in 1969 when Ted became a schoolmaster at Ipswich School, There he oversaw the development of new Technical Studies facility opened by the Duke of Edinburgh. Beyond a busy school timetable and during his active retirement, he very much enjoyed rural life. As a Playford parish councillor for over 40 years he took a particular interest in local planning and highway matters being pleased to have successfully represented Playford at key moments like the 6-week Kesgrave bypass inquiry in the '90s. His varied skills and interests led as Tree Warden to planting and nurturing over 70 trees around the parish, while for the Silver Jubilee he crafted the seat beneath the village sign. Latterly he coordinated the 'Speed Indicator Devices' on Butts- and Bealings Road as Playford's rep on the 'Safer Village Driving' consortium (SAVID). 'Further afield' he was a Governor of Little Bealings School when it was successfully saved from closure, pleased again to have contributed to the local community in some way.

He actively supported and enjoyed numerous benefice occasions over the decades, be it the fetes, parish hall social events, jubilee celebrations and at the Angela Cobbold Hall leaving many happy memories. Beyond his local commitments and in addition to being very family

orientated, Ted enjoyed travelling internationally, designing buildings, gardening and always had at least one project on the go!

*Sally Herrington and family*

## CHURCH DATES

**Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> 10.00 a.m. until 12.00 noon.** - Coffee Morning. All welcome, All ages, All religions and none.

Come and look round the church and meet fellow villagers.

### Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>

10.00 a.m. Morning Service

### Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>

12.00 noon Good Friday service

### Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup>

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

You do not have to be religious to come to our services.

Just come along to see what happens or for some peace and quiet with coffee and biscuits afterwards.

## PLAYFORD WI

At our next meeting on Tuesday April 4th, we will be enjoying spring and Easter crafting. It'll be a busy week as we're delighted to have been invited to help Lightwave with refreshments for Good Friday's children's activity, perhaps we'll see you there?

In March our varied 2023 programme gave us a talk by Penny Simmonds, 'An Introduction to Reflexology', when we learnt more about this complementary medicine technique for healing using reflexes from feet, hands and even the ear!

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We also heard from Astrid who represented us at the WI's Suffolk East AGM. She'd enjoyed an entertaining programme of information and talks from local charities including Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Lighthouse. The star guest was Laura Wright, the Framingham-born soprano, who, being more comfortable on stage as a singer rather than speaker, actually sang much of her 'talk'!

We're delighted to welcome another new member joining Playford WI this month. We still have room for more! Find out about the national WI organisation at [thewi.org.uk](http://thewi.org.uk), or contact us at [playfordwi@gmail.com](mailto:playfordwi@gmail.com). We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at Playford Parish Hall.

## **BINKY & CO.**

Binky was concerned. Not for his wife upstairs in bed with "the worst case of 'flu the doctor has ever seen," no, it was how was he going to get through the next few weeks running up and downstairs with cups of tea, paracetamol, hot lemon drink, meals on a tray etc etc. How come, thought Binky, that most people with 'flu lose their appetite but his wonderful wife ate for England? He ought to enter her for that pie eating contest they hold in the Midlands somewhere, or is it a boiled egg eating contest, or is it pickled onions. No matter. She would win easily. He remembered the hot chilli pepper contest she entered in Brighton. She ate about six peppers and then went screaming down to the beach and threw herself into the water drinking a gallon and a half of Brighton's briny best.

He thought he may last three to four days before he smothers her with a pillow. Yes, he could last that long. But he was only on day one. He needed a plan. Binky was good at plans, although not as good as he thought he was. But this was a master stroke. Or master cock-up. (delete as required).

Anyway, Binky went upstairs to see if Indigo wanted a cup of tea. "No, I do not" she shouted "You've already asked me

six times." Binky was convinced she needed cheering up. "I know" he said expectantly, "I'll tell you a joke. She eyed the china money box pig she had on the bedside table and reckoned she could grab it and throw it with a ninety per cent chance of hitting the target. But Binky was now out of the joke starting blocks. "What's the difference between bird flu and swine flu? For bird flu you need tweetment, and for swine flu you need oinkment." Binky fell about. He also fell when a china pig hit him on the head. "Get out you idiot" he heard as he left the room with blood pouring from his ear. "mmmm," thought Binky "I've got to up my game." Impervious to rejection Binky put his head round the bedroom door. "Darling, if you get an email telling you that you can catch swine flu from tins of ham then delete it. It's spam."

There was a strangled cry from a heaving duvet at which point Binky decided to go downstairs to the kitchen. He got out his book on "wokism". He was amazed that so many people did not think like him. Mind you, he had never been to university, which explained a lot.

Anyway, Binky had this great idea. What if he installed a dumb waiter that went from downstairs up to right beside his lovely wife Indigo. He started on his plans straight away. There was sawing, nailing, banging, some of the ceiling fell in but it didn't put him off. What did stop him was an elephantine roar from the bedroom. "Binky, what are you doing?". Binky ran up the stairs excited. "I'm installing a dumb waiter just for you my darling".

"Binky, do you know you are a complete idiot?" shouted his wife. Binky thought for a while and decided his wife was a little depressed. Another joke would cheer her up.

"Did you know" enquired Binky hopefully, "that during child birth there is a point where the female experiences such excruciating pain, that for a moment she almost knows how bad it is to be a man who has the flu."

Binky left the room in an involuntary way.

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## CULPHO

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## ABBEY FARM, CULPHO: 400 YEARS OF OCCUPATION

The farmhouse and barns are 17<sup>th</sup> Century, but the barns may be positioned on the site of 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Century agricultural buildings. Linked to Culpho Wood by ancient oaks, the farm provides wildlife habitat and transit routes, so this is not about occupation by people but by wildlife.

We were the first people to live in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century barn and early on, we realised that wildlife regarded the area as theirs (I will not go into the occupation by *Rattus Norvegicus!*). Even siting the wheelie bins was an issue because the newt colony had set up shop opposite the moat.



The highlight is Spring when leverets appear in the courtyard, returning in Summer when the young hares seek a safe, daytime location. Depending on their chosen spot, this can mean not using the bench, not cleaning windows, and even not opening the left-hand garage door when a hare is sitting on the self-sown parsley patch.

The list of animals seen here is extensive: buzzards, sparrow hawks, kestrels, peregrine falcons, owls, bats, lapwings, golden plovers, small & medium sized birds (but no sparrows), herons, cormorants, ducks, frogs, toads, geese, stoats, weasels, otters (on route to Allan's fishpond), water voles, hedgehog (one), deer, badgers, foxes and of course, moles and rabbits .

In Summer, the solitary bee nest box is full while the moat attracts dragonflies and damselflies. We get the common butterflies but in much less numbers than in the past. Not sure why, but it could be due to a lack of wildflowers on the field margins.

Before you ask, no, the photograph of the hare did not come from careful observation and patience. I was photographing the combine when a hare ran onto the track, stopped, shrugged, then wandered off, regarding me as the interloper.

*John Lapsley*

*I ignored rodents, moorhens, doves, pigeons, rooks, crows, magpies, and pheasants.*



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