Fynn - Lark News

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Gary Farmer

Moving into 2022

February! Is it too late to wish everyone a Happy New Year? Even if it is a little late, our best wishes to everyone in our four villages for a healthy and happy 2022. Is February a more challenging month than January? We have signs of longer days and, as we write this, it is a beautiful sunny day with sparkling frost and soprano birdsong. All Saints Church in Little Bealings may not be open every day at the moment, but it shines for the village, beautiful against a clear blue sky. No doubt St Mary's in Great Bealings, St Mary's in Playford and St Botolph's in Culpho are looking just as good for all of us.

Yet February is a time of year when having to go out to work means that many people only see the garden in daylight at the weekend, and the cold, biting wind

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can press us into taking the dog for only the shortest of walks. It is tempting to hunker down with another boxed set, the supermarket delivery safely stored away and our social lives – already tempered by continuing Covid advice and our own prudence – running well through our laptops, tablets, and phones. Thank you to technology for enabling us to enjoy our family and friends and stay in touch with our neighbours this way!

And a word of thanks to the team working on the Fynn Lark News, and to those running other 'real' and on-line networks in our four-village community. Perhaps it is especially at this post-festive time of year that we benefit from feeling this community around us. And it is good to remember that the community isn't 'them;' it's 'us'!

As you turn the pages of this edition of the Fynn Lark News you will find much that illustrates how busy and 'engaged' our communities are. But all communities need new ideas and new volunteers, if they are to continue to flourish, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. With this in mind, we make no apology for flagging up what spring 2022 is bringing to our community of Little Bealings. If you turn to page? you will find what we in Little Bealings are doing to lift our spirits and to help us be a more cohesive community.

'Community Engagement' is a term very popular in current jargon and the events we are planning illustrate that idea in action. building on the history and geography that bind residents together. We hope that everyone in our four villages feels they belong to a community that supports and enriches their lives, but we are mindful that it can take hard work to maintain networks and a thriving community spirit. Perhaps that especially true at this time of the year but, as the sun shines, we are looking to the spring, with the opportunity to meet many of you at events throughout 2022 and enjoy what makes our villages special places to live.

Rev Gary Jones



Happy New Year from the editorial team to all helpers, supporters, advertisers but above all—our readers.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FINANCE 2022

Our grateful thanks to all those who have kindly set up standing orders to support this Magazine. Most of them come through in January, so we are now confidently poised to keep communicating with our readership through 2022. Of course, we can always do with a bit more financial support, if you would like to offer a voluntary annual subscription, however small, do please email the editor.

We are pleased that most of our advertisers are renewing for this coming year. Our grateful thanks to them too.

JOHN EDWIN MIDWINTER

A celebration of John's life will be held at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge at 2.30pm on Friday February 25th. Would anyone wishing to attend please contact Maureen on 01473 735 622 or by email maureen.midwinter@btopenworld.com. It would be really helpful to have a good idea of numbers.

John's ashes will be interred at St Mary's, Great Bealings, on Saturday February 26th at 10.30am. This is essentially a family occasion, but local friends will be very welcome to join us.

POSSIBLE PLANT SALE

Plants sales have been badly disrupted over the past two years, causing serious dislocation to our 30-year tradition. While threats of Covid have not disappeared, it

may still be possible to arrange a Plant Sale along lines which make it feasible, while still respecting lingering Covid concerns. Those concerns are around large numbers of people gathering indoors.

One suggestion is that we hold an all-inone day Plant Sale out of doors at our usual venue, the Village Hall. Plant producers would be invited to drop off plants between, say 9.00 and 11.00. With a break for getting them all ready for sale we could then offer them for purchase from 2.00 onwards, until, say 4.00/5.00. Gazebos could be used in case of inclement weather. Many brands can now be erected in a matter of minutes. Ancillary activities may still be possible – raffle, light refreshments)

Whether we proceed with such a Sale would depend on the number of helpers and level of support we can generate. Hopefully, we could find enough gazebos (with help to erect them) to help us through a wet day. A lot of work and organizing needed to make this all happen! Possible dates are 23rd or 30th April, just after Easter, at a time when many are thinking of planting up their gardens, and frosts are hopefully over.

Plants could also be on sale at an Open Gardens event in June. Many plants are in flower by then, but it is outside the main planting season. Similarly, plants may be available on June 5th, as part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

If you would like to support a Plant Sale, either by supplying plants, by offering

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HISTORY CORNER

a poignant parallel

Tens of thousands have died in the last two years of Covid. It is sometimes tempting to think that our generation has been uniquely hard done by. We may occasionally be reminded of previous scourges, plagues, and pestilences, but possibly not very often of the 19th century killer disease, tuberculosis, Tuberculosis, like Covid19 is a disease of the respiratory system and can be spread by coughs and sneezes. We are probably aware that child mortality in Victorian times was high. Tuberculosis could strike at any age and was frequently the cause Historical Note of those deaths.

Those who have read Walking through History may have seen the excerpt relating to the death of Edward, the son of 19th century Great Bealings Rector, Canon Moor, at the tender age of 17. A deeply moving passage in the diary of Canon Moor describes his passing in Madeira, to where he had been taken, presumably to find pureness of air that might cure the illness. The entry in the History concludes:

Edward was buried in the English Burial Garden in Funchal, Madeira. The Garden is full of geraniums, heliotropes, and roses, which bloom all the year round. A tablet on the North wall of the cemetery opposite his grave reads:

To the memory of Edward G Moor of Great Bealings, Suffolk, England. who died Feb 23rd, 1843, aged 17 vears.

Thanks to the perseverance of Rev John

help on the day (setting up (8.00 until Hare who has been on holiday in Madeira 9.00), receiving plants, sorting and pricing we are now able to offer visual evidence plants, selling plants, traffic management, of that sad and tender parting. John raffle, refreshments etc), or can simply sought out the grave and sent us this see yourself as being a purchaser, please picture, for which we are immensely contact any one of Norman Porter grateful. It is one to be treasured in our Johnson archive. And a memory to remind us that Francis disease and suffering, together with to premature death, in variable forms, has been the lot of humankind through the generations



Tuberculosis caused widespread public concern in the 19th and early 20th as the disease common among the urban poor. In 1815 one in four deaths in England was due to "consumption", as tuberculosis otherwise known. TB is contagious. In the 1880s campaigns started to stop people from spitting in public places. The infected "encouraged" poor were to sanatoria that resembled prisons. Middle upper classes could travel and sanatoria in Europe. which offered excellent care and constant medical attention. However, even under the best conditions, 50% of those who entered sanatoria died within five years.

Rates of tuberculosis reached a peak level in the 1800s, when it caused nearly 25% of all deaths. It was considered an epidemic. Improvements in sanitation, vaccination, plus public health measures led to a 90% decrease in mortality by the

1950s. Antibiotics contributed further to the decline of the disease, and an eventual cure. It is, however, not a disease which has been conquered. We are told that in 2020, an estimated 10 million people across the world developed active TB, resulting in 1.5 million deaths and making it the second leading cause of death from an infectious disease after COVID-19.

NATURE NOTES

Swans

Swans are not the first birds that come to mind when thinking of Great Bealings. We do, however, have a secluded expanse of water — suitable swan habitat — and intrepid ever-alert photographer Gary Farmer spotted this pair nicely hidden Locally it is possible to see thousands of away.

That prompts and justifies a short item on north of Thetford. They can also these almost uniquely graceful and frequently be seen, throughout the year

elegant birds. Most people know that there are different species of swans: Bewick, Whooper, Mute, for example, and elderly philatelists may remember pictures of black swans on stamps from Western Australia.



Locally it is possible to see thousands of migrating swans on Welney Wetlands, north of Thetford. They can also frequently be seen, throughout the year



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around our river estuaries the landscape.

Most swans are migratory, but more static in their mating habits in that most mate for life. They also have a reputation for fierceness, protecting their young against all comers, and surrounding themselves with the armour-plated semi-myth that they can break a human arm with the flap of an angry wing. Their elegance has found themselves with a unique place in musical culture through Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake, perhaps the best known of all ballets

ROAD SAFETY WEEK

VILLAGE **PROJECT** ROAD SAFETY RECORDS 14 SPEEDING VEHICLES IN A SINGLE HOUR

Speeding vehicles is a constant worry annovance for residents in Tuddenham. Grundisburah. Great Bealings and Carlford. A recent 'week of action,' funded by East Suffolk Council and the East Suffolk Council Community Safety Partnership, saw a coalition of COURSES FOR LITTLE volunteers, council officers and the police complete a range of activities to highlight the issue and reduce harm.

Five Speed Watch events were delivered in Tuddenham, Grundisburgh and Great Bealings on key 'rat run' roads from Ipswich, using hand-held speed cameras to monitor speeding vehicles. The most Speed Watch events ever delivered in a week, they produced impressive if slightly depressing results: Grundisburah recorded 14 speeding vehicles in a single hour. Great Bealings recorded the same in both directions.

and Six banners aimed at speeding motorists marshlands, dazzling blobs of white on were placed in the Carlford/Fynn Valley area at key points where speed is known to be a concern to local residents and were seen by thousands of motorists.

> **Partners** involved included local volunteers, three Parish Councils, East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Councillor Elaine Brvce. SAVID (Safer Village Group), Drivina Suffolk Police Hannah Canning) and Suffolk Rural (formerly Otley College). Suffolk Rural shared the Road Safety Week information across their 15.000 social followers. significantly expanding the reach of the campaign.

> Fast Suffolk Council's Community Partnership in the area co-ordinated the action. led bγ Andrew Jolliffe. Communities Officer for Kesgrave, Martlesham and Villages.

> Work will continue to reduce speeding and the harm and stress it causes.

FREE ONLINE MINDFULNESS **BEALINGS AND** SURROUNDING AREAS

COURSE DETAILS

The Gatehouse Charity is running online mindfulness courses that are fully funded to support older adults (over 65) during and beyond the coronavirus pandemic. We are holding our next online course in January, but will be running courses throughout next year and beyond.

We have had really good feedback from participants, and we have found that it speeding vehicle twice in one hour, going improves people's attention and memory, as well as reducing loneliness, low mood,

stress, anxiety and chronic pain. We have also worked with memory clinic patients, and it has improved memory functioning in people in the early stages of dementia, mild cognitive impairment or people suffering from carer stress.

The course involves a weekly meeting via Zoom, with audio recordings of the practice and handouts to be downloaded. The mindfulness teacher is a clinical psychologist.

Places are free but limited. If you would like further details and an application form, or visit

https://www.adelepacini.co.uk.

For any queries, please email mindfulaterlife@gmail.com.

Annabel Stickland



Little Bealings Churchyard, Wednesdays 3:10-4:00pm Bring a coat, drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children.

An after school group for primary aged children and their families, by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership.

What's coming up... Wednesday 19th Jan

rake)

Making leaf mould & Bark/stone rubbings (bring a

Wednesday 26th Jan Wednesday 2nd Feb

Wednesday 9th Feb

Making bird feeders & bird watching (bring binoculars)

Scavenger hunt & animal tracks walk

Making a wormery (bring a large glass/Kilner jar)

Wednesday 16th Feb Lichen and fungi survey

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Leah also offers adult classes on Tuesday evenings. Phone to book your place on 01473 735880.

GREAT BEALINGS

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ST MARY'S

Church Notes

As we embark on a new year, we enter into the period when we have to take stock of the year just past, and plan for the year to come. Reports have to be written. Returns submitted. Plans and diaries have to be sketched out.

The prospects are not reassuring. Last year, despite our having just one service a month, attendances were low, and rarely into double figures. High days and festive occasions used to fill the church. Now, even for those occasions which were traditionally central to the church and village calendar, numbers are well down. We are far from unique. This. despite the best efforts of our new Rector and his enthusiasm to build a strong partnership between the two 'Mary's.

The trend appears clear. We seem to be at the point when it must be reversed, or St Mary's as a living church will wither away. We have already lost two pubs, and our shop and Post Office. We have no farms with the farmer both living and operating in the village. Almost all the land, in this, a sometime rural working village, is now contracted out. We have few businesses which we can claim are rooted in the village. To lose our church would seem to be the final blow - the village will finally have lost its soul, as well as a unique gathering place, with the hundreds of vears of history that it represents.

"Wolf!" has been cried before, and we have managed to struggle on. But "we"

crutch to lean upon, and we are grateful to them for all their efforts to take us under their embracing wing, but Churches need a broad range enthusiastic people. ideas, and donors to maintain them as a vibrant part of their community. Many churches are struggling, but for us it has become acute. If we as a village fail to "bulk up" is terms of support, we cannot expect to survive for much longer. We do our best to promote the church as a focus for positive social and spiritual values, and as place where we can stage secular events such as concerts, talks and exhibitions, but, if support of its core shrinks unsustainable purpose to proportions, difficult decisions will have to be taken.

To bring people together, to present the options, and to take stock of how we move into the future, we are organising a gathering in the Village Hall on Thursday 31st March, at 6.30 for 7.00. 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. We are past the point where we can assume that the church will forever be available, however little we use it. Our Rector, Fr Nigel Prior will chair the meeting.

Perhaps, to end this piece on a positive note we can demonstrate the importance of the central role of our church in village life by filling it for the service on June 5th, our Platinum Jubilee Service. We will be celebrating seventy years of our Queen's role, not just as sovereign, but as Head of are now "too few." Our new partnership the Church of England. This is a unique with Woodbridge has given us a sturdy opportunity to show that our church still

has a central role to play on such weather. Alison Calvesbert, formerly from occasions. It is made even more special in that our Archdeacon, Jeanette Gosney, will be delivering the sermon.

LOOKING BACK

We have a full two months to look back on, and with Christmas fast fading in the rear mirror it may seem a bit dated, but surplus to the launch occasion. we have much to look back on.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

It seems a long time ago that the Christmas Market was held in St Marv's. Woodbridge, at the end of November.



This was the first such event and realised £1500, half of which generously accrued to Great Bealings.



It was generally agreed that it was a successful innovation, with a wide range of items and refreshments on offer. Our thanks to those who supported the occasion. despite the uncongenial

Boot Street, brought along some of her artwork from Bawdsev. The Chapman's from Culpho had many jars of preserves on offer and the Porters took advantage of the occasion to sell a few more History books, as well as to offer Prosecco

CAROL SERVICE

This took place on Friday 17th December. and we were very pleased to welcome large numbers of the St Woodbridge Choir.



They provided rousing leadership for the occasion, which was well supported, and put those present well in the Christmas mood, that mood further enhanced by the provision of mulled wine and mince pies after the Service. Our thanks to the Haywood Smith family for getting the provision, timing, and temperature of the mulled wine just right.

MORNING PRAYER – 16th February

We are very grateful to Woodbridge Elders, Tony Waller, and Pat Lovett for taking this service. This mid-month service is intended to offer something slightly different to our normal first-of-themuch open to suggestions as to what we the Plant Sale. Ride future services.

PCC MATTERS

Finance: we have paid our parish share for the year. We now pay a proportion of the share for our joint Benefice and this year's share has happily been reduced - a real bonus for us, given that income has been sharply down because of the ravages of Covid. The situation does otherwise remain challenging. We have significant work to carry out following the Quinquennial inspection, including electrical repairs. We are also looking to be pro-active in refurbishing the back of the church to create more meeting space.

Rector's "Surgery". Our Rector is there for the whole village, not just those whom he already knows as regular church attenders. He is making 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.

LOOKING AHEAD

2021 was the first official year of our United Benefice, and organization of events was inevitably tentative. It is hoped to have a full programme sorted out for the whole of 2022 to enable people to plan ahead. That programme looks set to include both an additional service, taken by Woodbridge Elders on the 3rd Sunday of the month, and a regular "surgery" slot in Great Bealings for our Rector. Keep an eye open for details.

month Holy Communion Service. The As part of the wider community, we also type of service can vary, and we are very need to plan for such annual events as and might productively aim for by way of Remembrance, and for the more secular events which we have been organizing in recent years in the church. Plus. of course, the unique Bealings Platinum Jubilee celebrations on June 5th. The day will be launched with a church service. Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney has agreed to preach on this very special occasion, when we celebrate 70 years not only with Elizabeth 11 as our Queen, but also Head of the Church of England. The strength of her faith has underpinned her reign.

FORTHCOMING SERVICES:

Sunday 6th February: Family communion at 9.30 am.

Sunday 20th February. Elder-led service at 10.30 am.

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

CHURCHYARD

The churchvard is still essentially dormant, apart from very active moles. We hope to have a full programme of maintenance and upkeep in place before everything starts growing again. Our renewed thanks to those who discretely undertake necessary tasks during the winter months.

Our Rector is very supportive of the treeplanting project, which is part of the Platinum Jubilee commemoration, and identifies our churchvard as somewhere which could benefit from further treeplanting. We will give such a project detailed consideration.

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2022

TALKING BENCH

Sally Johnson (SJ) advised that she has secured a contractor to provide some steps, which will hopefully be done in January.

REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELAINE BRYCE

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. It included information about future additional funding from SCC to prevent flooding and fix footpaths and pavements. Sue Prentice (SP) mentioned that there are a large number of rotten posts on footpaths, which will be identified in due course when the PC conducts a survey, and it would be useful to know what level of resources the PC could expect to receive. EB will make enquiries. Regan Scott commented on regular flooding in Grundisburgh Rd due to the parked non-removal of cars when maintenance work is carried out.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. In addition, CH verbally reported that ESC proposes to raise the price of the green bin collection in the next financial year, and that they will be setting up a new company to replace Norse for the collection of waste

ENFORCEMENT MATTERS

Croft Cottage – SP reported that she had received several complaints from residents about runoff water from the site flooding the road and causing sand and soil to enter the drains. She had been informed that the planning application had

included provision of a drainage channel bordering the road to prevent this problem, but this has not been installed. She will make further enquiries and, if appropriate, submit a report to ESC. She also stated that she had been told that the lighting problem has been investigated but has not yet been fully resolved.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SAVID/SID – John Carter-Jonas reported that he has still been unable to obtain any data from the SID on Lodge Road as this is a very difficult procedure. Once he has succeeded, he and Caroline Saunders will study the results against the SCC criteria for a speed limit extension.

Quiet Lanes – SP reported that she and SJ are still trying to identify a suitable post location for Lower St, but the other posts will be in place soon.

Community Partnership- Road and Traffic Safety Funding

CH reported that he has applied for funding for Great Bealings to have its own camera, to enable more Speedwatch sessions.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION

CS and SJ advised members that several volunteers have come forward to offer assistance with this event. Before the PC's March meeting, they will have identified a rough idea of some of the upfront costs.

TREES

Queen's Green Canopy – JCJ confirmed that the pack of 150 mixed native trees has been received. A date will be arranged in the near future for the planting in Rosery Lane and Lodge Road

Other matters - The Clerk reported that ESC have launched a Treebilee Project

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Town and Parish Councils, and Great item. Full draft minutes and approved Bealings have registered interest in minutes of the Parish Council are obtaining one of these.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Nine payments were authorised for the Clerk's expenses, salary and PAYE. Neighbourhood Plan presentation expenses and website registration

BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2022/23

A request has been received from the Trustees of the Angela Cobbold Hall (ACH) for an annual grant from the PC to cover running expenses. CH reported that he had made a donation to the ACH following information that they would be self-sufficient and would expect to be in profit. He considered that the figures supplied were too approximate and he would like to see more justification as to why additional funding is required. This agreed Cllrs and further was by information will be requested.

A draft budget for £6400 and provisional precept amount had been previously discussed at the PC meetina November. It was proposed by CH, seconded by SP and unanimously agreed that this budget be adopted for the year 2022/23. It was RESOLVED to implement a precept of £7500, which would cover the budget and include a £1200 transfer to reserves, as agreed in January 2021. This equates to an increase of approx. 26% which would be an increase of 22p per week for a Band D property (£11.84per year).

DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday 8th March at 6.30pm

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item

by which they will donate 200 oak trees to on the agenda at the beginning of that available on the Council's website.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD **PLAN REVIEW** PUBLIC PRESENTATION 6TH JANUARY 2022

At an open session at the end of the Parish Council meeting. Sue Prentice and Charles Barrington gave a presentation to introduce the start of the consultation process to review and update the Neighbourhood Plan (NP). Charles explained that the NP is a statutory adjunct to the new East Suffolk Local Plan and must be in line with its policies. The review is necessary due to changes having been made in the new Local Plan and the National Planning Framework (NPPF) and to ensure that the NP can be given full weight in relation to future planning applications. The good news is that the strategy which underlies the NP does not need to change and, in many ways, the NPPF and the Local Plan are very supportive of our approach, which focuses on the importance of the relationship between the village and the landscape.

Sue highlighted the key changes in the new ESC Local Plan as compared to the previous SCDC Local Plan. Notably, the village is now part of the Countryside for planning purposes. It is, therefore, not considered to be a suitable location for new development other than in a limited number of specific circumstances, such as to infill identifiable gaps within existing

clusters of at least 5 houses, which do not to support our Landscape Character result in the extension of the built-up area Assessment which will be included in the into the surrounding countryside. Further, revised Plan. although the Fvnn Valley is no longer designated as a Special Landscape Area and 'Areas Protected from Development' are not recognised, the special qualities local landscape character. includina the valued priority habitats and ecological assets such as wildlife corridors. are all relevant considerations when any application for development is made. The stated aim of the Local Plan is also to encourage locally distinctive and high-quality design that enhances the existing landscape and protects the amenity value of the wider environment and the landscape setting of the village.

The PC has already commissioned and received a revised report from Suffolk Wildlife Trust which provides the evidence

The presentation may be viewed as an animated slide show on https://youtu.be/5 -wvn9G1o78. If anyone would like a paper copy of the presentation, please contact Sue Prentice on 01473 738312. We are also in the process of setting up a Great Bealings Neighbourhood Plan website page: gbnp.co.uk, which should be available shortly.

The next step will be to provide every household and business in Bealings with a leaflet containing:

-a draft statement of the proposed strategy and approach,-a summary of the Local Plan policies which are relevant to Great Bealings,-revised Neighbourhood Plan policies to reflect the new LP and -a brief questionnaire to ascertain the level

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further matters that should be included in the proposals before the revised Plan is prepared for submission to ESC and the HM Inspector.

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

Music is back - Saturday 5th February

We have a concert lined up for Saturday February 5th at 4.00. A glass of wine will be on offer at the end of the concert. As the advert suggests the music will be wide-ranging.

St Mary's, Great Bealings - Saturday 5th February at 4.00 pm -

St Mary's, Woodbridge - Sunday 6th February at 3.00 pm



Music for all tastes Tickets -£5.00 on the door

GERMAN EVENING -29TH APRIL.

All those who had agreed to take part in this event two years ago appear to be free to give it another go. There are tentative plans to restage the event in the church on Friday 29th April. The old

of support for the proposed approach and programme should be valid in every to encourage suggestions regarding respect apart from the date. We hope to attract people from way beyond the village.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AND CHIMING **BELLS**

The start of the month of June will largely be given over to village celebrations of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the key day is Sunday June 5th. 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.

We have outline plans for arranging a mass village bell chime. Families would be invited to apply for 5-minute slots between 9.00 - 9.30, then, after the service 10.30 - 12-00, the start of the celebration on the village playing field. The idea would be to involve as many people as possible in a continuous celebratory peal. We have had the bells specially looked at and will repair the broken rope which currently makes one of the 5 bells unpealable.

An inspection of our 5 bells suggests that they are of illustrious provenance, generally safe and in good working order, and that getting them back into tip top condition could be a worthwhile Platinum project.

OPEN GARDENS

We had something of a surplus of gardens last year, so the possibility of a repeat event, with possible adjustments in response to suggestions made last year, is on the cards. Do let us have reactions, for and against, including offers of gardens that might be offered to be opened. Last year it was a wonderfully sociable occasion, bringing in people from way beyond the village. The tentative date is Saturday June 25th.



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CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

Once again, our community together to bring some light into the dark winter days by sharing some Christmas kindness with each other and with those in need further afield. As there was such a tremendous response to the last appeal it was decided to again collect donations of food, toiletries, nappies etc. for the Families In Need (FIND) foodbank. A number of drop off points were set up including All Saints Church and the Village Hall. The ACH porch was particularly popular with parents and children from Bealings school who left their donations beneath the beautiful Christmas tree. A dozen goodie bags were made up for some of those in the village living by themselves. Six-year-old Eva assisted by her Grandad delivered some of the bags. Eva absolutely loved chatting to the recipients who seemed equally delighted to see her. The goodie bags were well received too.

Thank you to all those who made such delicious festive treats which included a Christmas cake, fudge, and biscuits. Thanks too to those who contributed other gifts such as knitted hand warmers and diaries. It was truly uplifting to be part of such a wonderful initiative especially in these difficult, uncertain times.

Frances Hopkins

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meeting held on 12 January:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSIONS

Matters raised were the planning application for the installation of a cesspit at the Angela Cobbold Hall and activities at Sinks Pit.

UPDATES

A Faculty for works to the War Memorial was awaited, and a quote for insurance had been obtained.

The Council was grateful to the local Plymouth Brethryn Church Trust, which had offered to buy and install the replacement grit bin near the Church.

The Chairman and Mr Garnham had attended the **ESC** Community Partnership 'Active Travel' presentation and Road Safety meeting and the Council's suggestion that funding be allocated to SAVID for the purchase of another Speed Indicator Device (SID) had Funding had also been been agreed. given for hi vis jackets for children attending rural schools. including Bealings School.

Mr Garnham had attended the SAVID AGM on behalf of the Council and a change to the SID rota had enabled the device to be displaying in November, during School term time.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

These are available on the Council's website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/5327/FUL: We are seeking retrospective planning permission for the installation of a new cesspit tank at Angela Cobbold Hall in Little Bealings - Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall The Street

It was resolved to support the application as a pragmatic solution to the situation and on the understanding that building control requirements were complied with.

DC/21/4620/FUL: Alterations and Extensions To Existing Dwelling and the Retention of a Boundary Fence Adjacent to the Public Highway - Ascalon Playford Road

ESC.

AP/21/0017/LAWFUL: Appeal against decision of ECS to refuse Certificate of Lawful Use - The Chestnuts Martlesham Road Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LX

ESC had advised that the cessation notice period would end on 23 February.

DC/20/3514/FUL: Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use - Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

The appeal had been allowed and planning consent granted. The Council considered the matter further in camera. on the grounds that publicity of the Council's consideration of further action. would be prejudicial to the public interest.

SIZEWELL C - RAIL STRATEGY

Determination οf the Sizewell application would be delayed until the spring, but it was agreed to advise residents of a proposal to approach EDF regarding compensation and/or mitigation regarding the potential impact of the rail strategy.

WALKS LEAFLET

that much It was agreed as so information was now available online, the leaflet would not be reprinted. The Council's website would be updated to link to other resources, including maps which could be printed.

QUEEN'S **PLATINUM** JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Ms Saagi reported on her attendance at the first meeting with Great Bealings representatives to consider the joint celebrations. It was agreed to underwrite the cost to a maximum of £200. 'treebilee' project proposal would also be considered further.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

It was understood that the card had been well received and agreed to propose a competition for local children to design a card for distribution in 2022.

FINANCE

The revised budget was approved, increasing the current precept by

This application had been approved by £1,000. The internal control report for the third quarter would be completed by Mr Hunter. Income had been received from a discount by Zoom and payment by Gt Bealings Parish Council of 50% of the premium for insurance of the shared village sign. Expenditure was authorised for the Clerk's salary for January and February and expenses.

SCHEME OF DELEGATION

As was unlikely that 'remote attendance' by Councillors would be introduced again, it was agreed consider a Scheme of Delegation at the next meeting, for operation extraordinary circumstances.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 7.15PM BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

It was agreed that the uncertainty of Covid19 restrictions made it difficult to arrange an event, but that local groups should be invited to come and present reports on their activities over the last year, and to bring information forthcoming events, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee arrangements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9 March, after the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall and if a meeting is required sooner, on February 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/parishcouncil/

> Carol Ramsden - Clerk 01473 610088

Email: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com Website:https//littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/

LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 9 MARCH 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15pm on Wednesday 9 March, in Bealings Village Hall.

Local community groups are invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village - and raise any concerns.

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SINKS PIT: UPDATE FROM COUNTY **ELAINE** BRYCE. COUNCILLOR FOR CARLFORD DIVISION

Following a meeting back in September 2021, our local M.P. Dr Dan Poulter asked that a regular forum be set up to enable on-going dialogue to be held in respect of issues caused by Sinks Pit. On 8th December, I was pleased to chair the inaugural Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group (CLG), bringing together all three scheduled for April 2022. agencies with statutory key responsibilities in respect of Sinks Pit.

The CLG brings together representatives from Suffolk County Council, East Suffolk Council, and the Environment Agency, along with representation from the Sinks Pit operators. TRU, their independent noise consultant, and representatives from Little Bealings Parish Council. The Group is chaired by me and also attended by your hard-working District Councillor, Colin Hedgley.

I am aware that the long-running issue of daily disruption caused by Sinks Pit continues to concern a number of Whilst residents. there were positive updates resulting from meeting. I am mindful that there is more to be done, but this was simply the first

meeting of many and I am keen that the CLG is a positive forum, communicating openly and discussing the key issues around one table, with the common goal of working to support the residents of Little Bealings.

I will continue to monitor progress carefully and look forward to hearing more about how the key agencies have been working together to deliver positive change for the residents of Little Bealings at the next meeting, which has been

elaine.bryce@suffolk.gov.uk

SIZEWELL C RAIL STRATEGY

You may have been following the rail strategy proposal within the Sizewell C application. This proposes using the Ipswich-Lowestoft line which through Playford and Little Bealings to take materials for the construction. You can read more about it here:

https://

infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk /wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/ EN010012/EN010012-004847-D2%20-%

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Little Bealings Parish Council has recently elect our church wardens and members been contacted by the director of a leisure of the PCC for the coming year, so business further along the railway line, please come along to the Annual who considers that the impact on his Meeting. You do need to be on the business will be severe. He says:

Church Electoral Roll to vote for PCC

"The situation appears to be that Sizewell C is going to get the go ahead, when this happens it is intended to run up to seven heavy goods trains hauling 2000 plus tons of materials to Sizewell C, every night from 11pm to 7am."

He is proposing that residents who are likely to be affected by the proposed use of the railway line become involved in discussions with EDF representatives on acoustic barriers and compensation, and is asking if anyone is interested in taking on a role in this. He has also suggested a petition signed by all those residents along the line likely to be affected.

Please contact the Parish Council via email: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com or on 01473 610088 if you are concerned, perhaps as a resident with property near to the railway line, and want to become involved as suggested.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 9 March 7.15pm in Bealings Village Hall

Please come! It is a time for residents of Little Bealings to share what has happened over the last year, and a chance to discuss ideas for what could happen in our village. Please come and tell others what you have been involved in and what plans you have — or perhaps come with a brand new idea to present to everyone. Bring those who could help deliver it. Come and vote on ideas for the direction you want the village to take.

All Saints Church Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting – Monday 25 April 7.00 p.m. in All Saints Church

This is an opportunity for residents to come and share what goes on in the life of the church in our community and to become involved. At this meeting we will elect our church wardens and members of the PCC for the coming year, so please come along to the Annual Meeting. You do need to be on the Church Electoral Roll to vote for PCC members. We will be sending out more information nearer the date, but if you want to ask any questions now, or apply to join the Electoral Roll, please do get in touch with Gary — details below. Of course, you can come and meet us both at All Saints services too and we will be delighted to chat with you.

Details of services and the current Church opening times are on page 31

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 June 2022

Great and Little Bealings will be joining Platinum together for а Jubilee celebration to remember! We know many events and friendships span the parish boundary and contribute to what makes a wider Bealings community, as so well illustrated by Norman Porter's 'Walking Through History' book published last year. Do contact him, if you still need to buy your copy - we understand that copies are still available. While we obviously hope that the Little Bealings Tug of War Team is victorious against our neighbours on the day, please put your weight behind the appeal for volunteers for both sides of this challenge! Or please step up to get involved in the weekend in another way. Platinum puddings must need bakers, so see poster on page 9 for contact details.

With our best wishes

Reverend Gary Jones, Priest in Charge, All Saints Church, Little Bealings gary.jones590@ntl.world.com

> lan Ransome, Chairman Little Bealings Parish Council chairman.lbpc@gmail.com, and Parochial Church Councillor allsaintspccransome@gmail.com)





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TAP DANCE CLASSES

Popular tap-dancing sessions are moving to the Angela Cobbold Hall from 20th January 2022, with two sessions every Thursday morning, so this is a great chance to get fit, make some new friends and release your inner Fred Astaire!



The first of these friendly, informal classes is at 9.30-10.15 a.m. and is a fairly gentle session for those returning to tap after a break, or with a little previous experience - although it is not suitable for complete beginners.

The second session at 10.30 -11.30 a.m. is a faster, more challenging class for those with plenty of tap behind them!

There is the possibility of starting a beginners' class if there is sufficient interest, so do get in touch if you would like to learn from scratch

The costs are:

First class: £35 for 10 consecutive classes, or £4.50 for single lessons.

singles.

Tutor Jill Streatfield, a former professional dancer, has been running community tap classes for six years now, with lessons in Woodbridge, Ufford, Grundisburgh and Otley. She is delighted to be coming to Little Bealings and looks forward to welcoming some new faces, as well as old friends from the previous classes.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please visit the website:

https://woodbridgetapdance.weebly.com or contact Jill on 07778 746315

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

I have been attending the Knit & Natter group for a few meetings now, it is an excellent 2hrs.

It is a small group of people that meet up, some knitting, some nattering, some sewing, some of us knit premature baby hats for West Suffolk & Ipswich Hospitals. It is nice to be supporting our local N.H.S. in a small wav.

The conversation flows well over a cup of tea or coffee with shortbread, though sometimes you get a choice of cake and / or shortbread, not bad for just £2.00. I was made most welcome as I walked through the door for the first time. I really enjoy this friendly group of people. Why not come and join us? We meet every other Monday at the Angela Cobbold Hall 2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

We are meeting on 7th February 2022 and 21st February 2022 and every other Monday following. Of course, dates may change due to Bank holidays

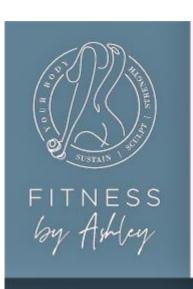
I will try to keep you informed of any news.

You are welcome to contact me on 07501127273

Yvette Robinson

FYNN I ARK NFWS

Grateful thanks to all those who have Second class: £40 for 10, and £5 for volunteered and those who are continuing to collect and distribute the Fynn Lark News. Also, to all the deliverers who make sure they arrive in letter boxes! A special thank-you to Wendy Wilson, who has acted as a collector/distributed for many years and is now retiring and moving from Playford. We wish her every happiness in her new home.



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DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME

Congratulations and thanks to Saunders on completing the voluntary work element of his DoE bronze award. He has undertaken a variety of task at the ALL SAINTS CHURCH Angela Cobbold Hall which have been very helpful. We wish him well as he As we move into February it's hard to continues with other challenges achieve the award. Floise Rufford is continuing her volunteer work this term. She too has been a great help with a variety of tasks and will continue to do so. Thank-vou.

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ACH

On 1st March we shall celebrate Shrove Tuesday (& St. David's Day) with a

"Purely Pancake" Lunch ...lots of pancakes with a variety of sweet and savoury fillings.

Tea/Coffee to follow

Serving from 12.30pm

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Lent Soup Lunches

This year we hope to revive the soup lunches in Lent.

Every Tuesday during Lent we are hoping to serve

> Soup (vegetarian)Bread Cheese and Fruit Tea/Coffee

No need to book, first come, first served 12.30pm

EACH

Grateful thanks to all those who supported the Small Worlds Exhibition. We raised £250 for the EACH Treehouse Project!

The Angela Cobbold Hall is available to hire for a variety of events. Booking Secretary Vicki Carr 01473 620213 Fin pandvcarr55@amail.com

believe that the last time we wrote our update we were all getting prepared for Christmas, something that now seems a distant memory! Looking back December, we were delighted to see All Saints full of fun at our very successful festive 4th of December. Óur daylong activities were enjoyed by an amazing turnout of people who came through the church doors to be part of our very social day to kick off the Christmas season.

We started with a showing of The Muppets Christmas Carol at our Suffolk Cinema Club--kindly supported by East Council--where Suffolk children parents (and a lucky grandma!) enjoyed a free festive film with refreshments.



This was followed by our very popular Wreath-making Workshop, which is led by Maggie Davis, noted local artist, Almost 30 people--including several children-came to the Church and produced some gorgeous and creative wreaths and table centrepieces whilst enjoying a glass of mulled wine (or non-alcoholic drinks!) and mince pies and cakes.

In the evening, we hosted festive drinks for more than 70 people who enjoyed refreshments and homemade food the Christmas tree-it was around wonderful to see so many families enjoying the evening and we look forward to continuing to serve as a warm and welcomina gathering recedes.

cake sale which was sold out and we thank all of you for helping us to raise funds for the church flowers. Thanks also opportunities to worship (in addition to the to everyone who attended one or all our events--it was an amazing day raising much needed funds towards the general running costs of the Church.

As a result of very positive feedback on our events, we are going to host a familyfriendly drinks gathering every two months, however, considering the high Covid numbers now, we will postpone the February Valentine's Day celebration this year. Please mark your calendars for the following themed evenings for 2022 more details will follow on the Church website at www.littlebealingschurch.org and in the eNews and the Fynn Lark News:

April 16th **Faster** June 4th Jubilee August Summer

(date to be confirmed)

October Harvest

(date to be confirmed)

December Christmas

(date to be confirmed)

of our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Helen Wittgreffe has kindly offered again to organise our very popular Flower Festival from Thursday Saturday--along with a Queen's Garden Party--and we hope you will come and see the Church in all its splendour over the Jubilee weekend. More details and a call for volunteers will be made in next month's issue.

We will also start our Saturday Morning Children's Cartoon/Film Club in March; for more details and to sign up for notices of showings, please send an email to suffolkcinemaclub@gmail.com. welcome and no fee is ever charged but donations for refreshments are most welcome. We also continue to be a collection point for the FIND foodbank in

place for the Ipswich and invite you to bring donations community as the coronavirus pandemic for families in need whenever the Church is open.

Of course, this ran alongside our all-day Finally, we are moving to a new service schedule as of February that will continue twice-monthly offerings Wednesday Morning Prayer Services) but move to the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, so please note the dates as follows:

With every blessing,

Corinne and Tony Fear. Churchwardens

WORD FROM THE STUDY

How many Vicars does it take to change a light bulb? Answer - change, why change? We are all creatures of habit that much is true, but this change is most definitely for the better.

From February our pattern of services in our Benefice is changing. The first and third Sunday of each month will be Playford and the second and fourth will be Little Bealings. Doing it this way means we have a service every week at one of our Churches. This has been welcomed by people and provides a continuity going forward. We look forward to welcoming you when you visit one of our places of worship.

Why do we have a love/hate relationship with mirrors. We like to make sure our attire is correct but hate looking at ourselves. By my own admittance, I am not the prettiest pony in the paddock; too many grey hairs and cheeks that would not look out of place on a hamster. But you know, despite all my flaws, I would like people to judge me on who I am. I am a child made in the image of God. If, someone does you an act of kindness. you remember the act not the face.

Mirrors do not lie, but neither does God. are, and if we see ourselves like this, then "You are my child, I created you, I love we look at others in the same way.

you for who you are." So, if God loves us, we should love ourselves. That does not mean being boastful or self-righteous, it means accepting ourselves for who we are, not trying to be someone else.

Each and every one of us is unique, there others. is no-one else like you or me. That makes Every blessing.

vou and me feel precious, because we

Scripture tells us our bodies are temples in which the spirit of God dwells. So, the message I leave you with is this; be kind to yourself, the world will be a better place if we learn to love ourselves as well as

Reverend Gary Jones

WHAT'S ON AT ALL SAINTS LITTLE BEALINGS

February 2022				
2 nd	10:00am	Service of Morning Prayer		
2 nd	10:30am	Guided Fynn Valley Walk		
2 nd	3:10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers		
3 rd	9:30 a.m12:00 p.m	. Private Prayer		
7 th	7:30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi		
9 th	10:00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer		
9 th	10:30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk		
9 th	3:10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers		
10 th	9:30 a.m12:00 p.m	. Private Prayer		
13 th	10:00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer		
14 th	7:30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi		
16 th	10:00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer		
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23 rd	10:00 a.m.	Service of Morning Prayer		
23 rd	10:30 a.m.	Guided Fynn Valley Walk		
23 rd	3:10 p.m.	Bealings Borrowers		
24 th	9:30 a.m12:00 p.m	. Private Prayer		
27 th	10:00 a.m.	Family Communion		
28 th	7:30 p.m.	Pilates with Didi		

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 12th January 2022.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce sent her full report which is appended at the end of the full minutes on the PC website. In brief, it contains new budget plans for children's services and adult care, details of the extra £20m to be spent on Highways drainage and footpaths, and an annual public health report focusing on the mental health impact of Covid. A report by Matthew Hicks about the determination and resilience of Suffolk people during the pandemic, the investment of firefighting equipment to secure a safer future for Suffolk, a campaign about Social Care and details of over 10,000 new LED lights being installed across Suffolk. Finally, the announcement of a prestigious national architectural and building award for a new archive and heritage centre in Ipswich known as The Hold.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley's District Council report is also appended to the full minutes on the PC website. Briefly, Quiet Lanes were explained, the provision of additional help for those most in need during the economic recovery was clarified and an overview of Covid figures was given. The

beach hut village project in Felixstowe is to be delayed and a survey of East Suffolk business is to take place, with a view to helping improve the vitality of town centres. Ways in which customers can access council services was detailed. Southwold's Neighbourhood Plan is ready to be voted on and the draft East Suffolk Walking and Cycling Strategy consultation is currently underway.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- •The appeal to the Secretary of State for prioritising our case for reinstating the unregistered footpath between C330 and C3311 has now been started and details are being requested from the Definitive Map Officer at SCC.
- •The A4 size "No Right to Cycle" signs have at last been delivered and will be placed appropriately at the beginning of various footpaths.
- •Netting on the footbridge on the Alder Carr walk (FP20) has been replaced.
- •Drains on C324 are working reasonably well, 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 without help from the Environment Agency.
- •Mud, debris etc. washed down Church Lane by heavy rainfall is still awaiting clearance. FP9 is open again following the wooden staircase leading up to the track having been replaced by a new

metal one.

- •As FP2 to Tuddenham has a gate at the Application Brook Lane end, which is sometimes extension to locked, a small side gate has been and supporte promised by Highways so that this track can be accessed by a mobility scooter The owner delivery of this is awaited.
- •Two large potholes in the lower end of Church Lane have now been filled.

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 November & December, tax to HMRC and stationery expenses were paid. Bank reconciliation was agreed and the budget for 2021-22 was found to be on track. Forecast Budget for 2022-23 was discussed and it was decided to increase the Precept for the coming financial year by £500.

HIGHWAYS

Co. Cllr Elaine Bryce will be asked for more details on how the extra £20m allocated by Highways towards drainage and footpaths will be spent. Proposed ideas from Traffic Manager David Chenery for priority issues on the C324 need to be clarified. The SIDS device in Butts Road near the entrance to Playford Hall needs checking as it is being activated at speeds lower than 30mph.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The AECOM draft report has been received and will be checked carefully. A meeting between NP Chairman Keith Carson, the clerk and consultant lan Poole to finalise the grant application to be submitted to AECOM took place on 14th Jan 2022.

PLANNING MATTERS

Application DC/21/5438/FUL for an extension to Mill Cottage was discussed and supported by Playford PC although the extent of a boundary line was queried. The owner of Archway Piggeries has launched an appeal against the decision to refuse the application ref. DC/21/2171/FUL. A report from the Enforcement Officer is awaited over a recent visit to Happy Acres Barn ref: DC/19/0300/FUL

OTHER MATTERS

The replacement Oak tree for the WW1 memorial is to be ordered soon so that it can be planted as soon as possible.

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

There is still a vacancy for a replacement councillor on the PC,

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 2nd March 2022 at 7.00 p.m. at the village hall

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468 e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk website: www.playford.org.uk

CHRISTMAS 2021 CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

I hope that everyone noticed and enjoyed having the Church Floodlights on over the Christmas period. For this we have to thank our usual sponsors, Brian and Anne Seward, Sue Kennedy, the Baker family, Joan and Eric Metcalfe and Victoria and Will Bunbury.

Veronica Bunbury

CHURCH NEWS

The services at Playford are changing slightly.

As from February: -

The First Sunday of every month at 10.00 a.m. will be Family Communion.

The Third Sunday of every month at 10.00 a.m. will be Morning prayer.

The third Wednesday will remain as a short Communion service at 11.00 a.m.

Sometimes there are five Sundays in a month. (May, July, Oct.) In which case an extra service may be organised

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL — VACANCY January 2022

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor due to the recent resignation of Adrian Melrose. 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 on 01473 623003 or the Clerk Marian Hedgley email:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

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BINKY & CO

Binky was fed up. Again. This lockdown was getting too much for him. It curtailed his literary outpourings, which were vast as any book publisher would gladly tell you and gladly forget.

He needed to mingle with people, to talk to them to argue with them in order to feel any kind of inspiration at all for his next book. Mind you, he had not yet decided what it was going to be about although he had decided on a title. "The Greatest Book Ever Written" was his draft title although he may temper that slightly so as not to upset J K Rowling or Tolstoy or Dickens. Or Enid Blyton.

But what was it going to be about? The question vexed him verily. What a great line that is, don't you agree dear reader? Vexed him verily. Mm. I may use that again sometime. Watch out for it.

Anyway, back to the job in hand. A flash of inspiration raced through Binky's head, something that happened far too often as far as the civilised world was concerned. Yes, he thought, it would be a crime "who dunnit."

Something topical, he thought, would be a good start but nothing too gruesome. No blood and gore. Just a medium-size crime. Nothing that would take the police away from their more important duties, like arresting people for saying non-woke things like Sir Archibald McSandwich was a great District Commissioner in British North Southern Tsetsiland in the nineteen twenties.

So, Binky had to be much more inventive. He needed one of those light bulb moments that great scientists have. Binky remembered meeting a scientist once. The scientist said to him "You know why you should never trust an atom?" "No said Binky." "Because they make up everything ", said the scientist and left laughing. Binky was still trying to work that out years later. Mind you Binky was always mindful of what his teacher taught him. If it moves, it's biology. If it smells, it's chemistry. If it doesn't work, it's physics. If it's beautiful, it's art. Yes, thought Binky there's a lot of truth in that. Although for the life of him he could not think what.

Right thought Binky now to work out a plot. But his mind was still a blank. Binky did the next best thing and started to read the morning papers, that would give him inspiration.

Millions starving from lack of food in Afghanistan. Thousands suffering and being killed in Yemen. Chance of war in Ukraine. Children going without food the world over. Volcano erupting in the Pacific. Chance that China may invade Taiwan. Pensioners in Zimbabwe living on a pension which is now worthless due to inflation. Old and vulnerable people in Britain living in squalor.

Civil war in Sudan. Violent crackdown in Myanmar. Illegal immigrants drowning in the English Channel. Child kidnappings in Nigeria.

I know thought Binky, suddenly feeling a lot better. The local vicar of Middle Stumping goes up to the church and "borrows" half a dozen bottles of communion wine from the cupboard. He puts them in a rucksack and returns to the vicarage back garden. He then calls up some of his friends and they all come round for a bit of a party. They had a wonderful time. When the village found out the residents were mortified and called for the immediate de-frocking of the vicar.

Now that, thought Binky would really make people sit up and take notice, much more than anything else. He thought he would rename his book, 'Priorities.'



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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Despite restrictions in place, we were able to hold the Carol service on the 19^{th of} December and grateful to the forty people who braved a cold and damp afternoon to rejoice and acclaim the birth of Christ. We were indebted to James Hall who directed proceedings and to Christine Pearce and members of the Ipswich Choral Society whose presence and wonderful voices, enriched the readings and carols. Thanks also go to Organist Jane Burn. The service concluded with mulled wine and a selection of Festive snacks for us all to enjoy.

ORGANIST - MAURICE JONES

For a substantial number of years, Maurice has been the Organist at Culpho Church and is now stepping down after such exceptional service. His superb playing enhanced every occasion he performed for us, and we shall always be

grateful to him and his wife Gina for their unstinting service to St. Botolph's. We shall miss them both but know the time is right, as they find the enjoyment of more time together. On behalf of everyone associated with Culpho Church, thank you for all your support, your friendship and kindness and exceptional talent which you willingly shared with us all over such a prolonged period of time.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the P.C.C. will take place at 2 p.m. on Thursday 10th February 2022 at Cherry Box Cottage.

Margaret Gornall

SHINGLE STREET FOLK CONCERT

Shingle Street Folk Band have reluctantly decided to postpone the Concert on the 19^{th of} February. A new date is to be planned for later in the year. 'Watch this space'!

Christine Pearce.

CHURCH SERVICES

February

Wednesday 23rd 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Sunday 27th 3.00 p.m. Evensong Service

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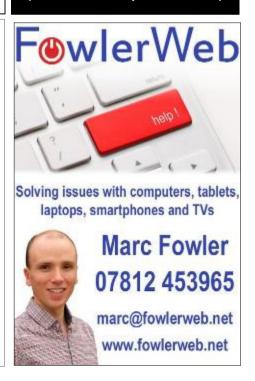
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Wed 2.00 p.m. (Oct-Mar) Kathy Price 621419

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Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings 07809594685

PILATES VH Tue 9.30 a.m. Caroline Boggon 07850683196

SNOOKER VH Any day <4 hours Margaret Wilson 07769195132

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

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YOGA VH Sat 9.30 a m Caroline Boggon 07850683196

PLAYFORD PH: Parish Hall

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TODDI FRS PH Fri 9.30 toddler group playfordtoddlers@gmail.com

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

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

Tue 9.30 - 11.00 YOGA PH Abigail Todd 07886569403

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 857796 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 messages/texts/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 or phone 01473 613997. Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

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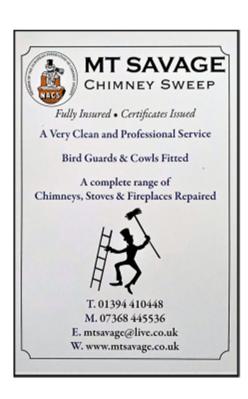
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MARCH 2022 NEWS

Contributions for the March 2022 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 15th February.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 26th February.**

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