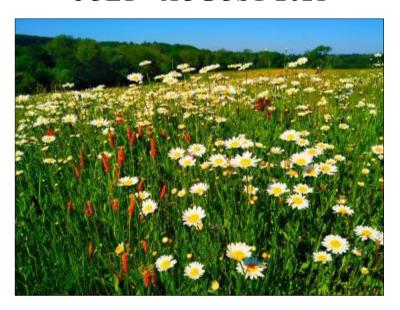
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A CELEBRATION OF OUR WILDFLOWERS.

Last month's edition celebrated our wonderful trees. This month it has been the sight of an abundance of wildflowers in our fields and hedgerows that has triggered this companion piece, a celebration of a profusion of wonderful colours that have embroidered our landscapes over the past month. These wildflowers are gifted to us, year upon year. To enjoy them, all we have to do is not kill them off with our herbicides and over-eager strimmers. These flowers just grow up, year after year, as if determined to remind us that the natural world can do perfectly well by itself. Just to be invidious and select one or two prime examples: the wild poppies have been as resplendent as ever. The hedgerows glowed white with sheep's parsley, so often torn up as a weed. Some fields have treated us to

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carpets of ox-eye daisies.

And then the kaleidoscope shifts to the red and white campions, dog roses and elderflowers, not forgetting that wonderful array of grasses.

Perhaps that seeping into collective consciousness of the idea of no-mow May has had something to do with it let nature take its course and see what happens. Nature has increasingly been allowed to take its course, and the results have been fascinating. I have been into so many local gardens where certain areas have been allowed to grow wild, rather than subjected to periodical manicuring, and

the results have been impressive. Somehow the contrast between the wild and the cultivated seems to enhance both – and the bees and insects seem to approve too.

Of course, over-grown roadside verges can constitute danger to traffic, but this year

the cutting back seems to have been timely and sensitive. Perhaps we are all beginning to appreciate how lucky we are that the natural world, of which we are part, has so much to offer us

Norman Porter

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CHURCH NEWS

While we do see it as our responsibility to provide objective coverage of local issues, we do not normally have a policy of publishing letters to the editor as these can sometimes lead to a divisive airing of grievances.

We came to an objective conclusion that the impact of the building of Sizewell C was very much a subject of local interest and published personal contributions on this subject, but not without subsequent comment. Insofar as the publishing of letters in the form received was inappropriate, we apologise. Reluctant as we are to resort to that over-worked cliché that "lessons will be learnt", we do, and they will, but we will continue to exercise judicious control over what is in the general interest.

AN APPEAL

I volunteered to be a Chaplain for the RAF Air Cadets, not really knowing anything about the RAF. There were over 30 Cadets, a third of them being young ladies from the High School age range. Covid has put a stop to meeting together, but now with limiting of numbers, junior and senior groups meet on every other Wednesday in the Drill Hall, Woodbridge. Weekend activities will eventually get going.

Presently there is only one older Lady attending the Wednesday evening gettogether from 7pm to just after 9pm. There are over 7 male volunteers, but if

there is no senior Lady present, this will put a stop to the Female Cadets being allowed to meet. The Committee is trying to recruit Female Staff, who could be like myself, not aware of the RAF protocol, but whose presence is required in case of a problem with one of the female Cadets. In time one will get to know the routines and share in what goes on. Any Lady who has retired from the military might find they could happily be a part of this organisation.

If interested, please let Lyn (lynspall@googlemail.com) know, or contact Rob Watson by text or phone on 07887751777

NATURE NOTES - Churchyards

Churchyards are sometimes known as God's Acre. They are spaces which have so often been spared the predations of herbicides, fungicides, insecticides, pesticides etc so can be home to a wide range of wildflowers, reflecting the prolifically stocked wildflower meadows of yesteryear. There are also, of course, wild animals and birds.

The following piece was written by Nick Cottam, from Woodbridge, Chairman of The Friends of St Mary's, who came along to Great Bealings as part of the special churchyards' observation week, organised by the Church of England.

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All are welcome. It is very relaxing and it's brother-in-law David claimed fun. We know because we have done it. We have left a visitors' book. Do please sign it - and note down any special sightings.

NATURE GALORE!

Flowers in Great Bealings Churchyard



Red Campion and Meadow Saxophrage



Nature thrives in churchyards. On a recent visit to St Mary's, Great Bealings to count on Nature' week, we saw Red campion (Silene dioica); Common comfrev (symphytum officianale); imposing Atlas cedar (Cedrus Atlantica);

glass of wine, and watch the natural world byrony (Byronia Cretica): Garlic mustard unfold before your eyes. Dusk might be a (Alliaria Petiolata) and many more. On particularly good time. Take some bird arrival our host Norman pointed skywards food to stock up the feeders or bird table. to a soaring, majestic Buzzard and my sighting, but we missed it! There were bees buzzing in and out of the hole in an old wall and a Great Tit feeding her young in and out of a nesting box. Rabbits Norman and Virginia Porter watched and munched from afar. What a feast, evidence indeed that the spirit of churchyard biodiversity is alive and in fine fettle.

Nick Cottam

ROADSIDE VERGES

We pass them every day as we travel around our villages, usually giving them no more than a passing glance, if we notice them at all.

Our roadside verges, like the fields, hedgerows and woodlands they fringe, are an ever-changing feature of our countryside and perhaps somewhat underappreciated.

They lie in a kind of no man's land betwixt the highways and the nearby fields. gardens and woodlands. Taken together. roadside verges amount to a considerable area which can provide a habitat for wildlife. A rough calculation based on Suffolk County Council's list of maintained highways reveals that in the four parishes served by this magazine, we have about 14 miles of roads, giving us some 28 miles of roadside verges. Across the UK as a whole there are around 300,000 miles of verge.

While it is possible to fleetingly observe the flora, which inhabit the verges as we hurtle past by car or bicycle, they are perhaps best appreciated on foot, at least along the less busy of our country lanes where traffic is not a constant distraction. Look closely and you will be surprised at celebrate the beginning of 'Churches the diverse range of wildflowers and grasses which inhabit these narrow green strips.

We are all familiar with the sight of the frothy white flowers of cow parsley lining Wild teasel (Dipsacus Sylvestris); Cretan our roadsides in May and June. It is often

certainly this was the name used by wedges of cheese. As children we would many of the locals when I was a boy. This may reflect the fact that sheep are indeed quite partial to munching on it, while of indeed course sheep farming was in previous reminiscent of bread and cheese. centuries a hugely important part of the local landscape and economy.

While cow parsley is perhaps the most visible of our roadside flowers, there are many other species of wildflower which brighten our travels throughout the year. In early spring the dark green leaves and pale-vellow heads of Alexanders grow in profusion along some of our local lanes. This plant was introduced bv the Romans, and it is often the case that evidence of Roman occupation has been where Alexanders found nearby prominent in the local landscape. Recent archaeological work prior to the cable laying work carried out in this area revealed evidence of a Roman villa and it is possibly no coincidence that two of the roads close to the site of the villa, Holly Lane in Little Bealings and Church Road in Playford have plenty of Alexanders growing along their verges.



June brings splashes of red poppies. often accompanied by the majestic white flower heads, or umbels, of hogweed standing tall by the roadside. Shortly after these come the lilac pink flowers of common mallow - look closely and you will notice the flowers are delicately striped with purple. These plants were often known locally as 'bread and cheese'

called sheep's parsley here in Suffolk, flowers are edible and shaped like tiny often nibble on these small green fruits as we wandered the lanes, the flavour does mild. have а nuttv taste



Many roadside verges are cut in late spring or early summer for reasons of safety and visibility, this does not deter many of our wildflowers though and before long, later flowering species such as yarrow, thistle, tansy and toadflax will appear and continue to brighten our way late summer. There is alwavs something of interest, even in the depths winter, hardy little patches groundsel, daisies or chickweed can be seen flowering in sheltered sunny spots by the roadside.

Some roadside verges are now actively managed to protect populations wildflowers and cutting, and maintenance work is timed to ensure the wildflowers have seeded first. Suffolk County Council, along with many other councils around the country now have designated Roadside Nature Reserves in some places to protect verges containing particularly rare or endangered species. This is a far cry from some of the practices which took place 50 or 60 years ago, when some roadside verges were routinely sprayed with selective herbicides aimed at eliminating all but the grasses, leaving them bereft of the colour and variety which we now as the small round fruits which follow the Thankfully, this rarely happens now and

wildlife in general.

There is of course, far more to our roadside verges than simply wildflowers and grasses. Countless insects and other invertebrates inhabit these margins, attracted by the variety of flowering plants and the feeding opportunities provide. Many birds and small mammals are quick to take advantage of the seeds and insects they find here too, some of these will in turn become food for predators further up the food chain.

Our verges not only add colour and variety to our journeys, they also provide a haven for wildlife and are an integral part of our rural landscape. Next time you are out for a walk or a bike ride along one of our quiet country lanes, stop and take a closer look by the side of the road - you may be surprised at what you find.

Francis Mutimer

HISTORY CORNER – Bricks

We live in Kiln Lane. A kiln is a thermally insulated chamber, a type of oven, that produces temperatures sufficient complete processes such as hardening or drving. Kilns have been used for millennia to turn objects made from clay into pottery, tiles and bricks.

There are maps showing where the kiln used to be sited. It has long since gone. But the evidence of its past production is all around us - lots of wonderful red brick walls - red, presumably because of the colour of the local raw material, brick clay, before supplies became exhausted. What a bonus it must have been to have had the right kind of raw materials for making bricks locally. Up until the late 19th century, without lorries powered by internal combustion, bricks could only travel from places accessible horsepower - and that probably was not very far. Building materials were to be found locally. So, it was more than useful to have suitable clay in the vicinity.

That may explain why, in those not-sodistant days, masonry seems to have

there is a greater appreciation of our been routinely re-cycled - Great Bealings House is said to have been made from the brick rubble of Great Bealings Hall demolished in the late 1780s. The Hall may have collapsed, but the red brick garden wall remains, almost 250 years later.



Barrack Cottages in Lower Street are said to have been built from the remnants of the old Napoleonic Barracks in Old Barrack Road, Woodbridge. So much easier to recycle these materials than having to resource them from far away, of from newly fired bricks. Kiln-fired clay was



used for making building materials far stronger than the old wattle and daub.

The same goes for brick-built houses. In Tudor times, the age of Seckford Hall, Christchurch Mansion and Helmingham Hall red brick was the ultimate sign of gentlemanly quality. Wolsey's Hampton Court – and the gateway in Ipswich – to

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Annesley Hall - all show these wonderful mellow qualities of the red brick, a material to be celebrated and enjoyed.

We even use the word as a human metaphor - someone who is a real "brick" is someone who exemplifies solidity and minefields. reliability. A compliment indeed.



Local red brick work - and there's plenty more of it!

SPY GFRRY

Although I am not a resident of Little Bealings I have reached a landmark of 50 years running a business from Bealings Station.

I have attached an account of a trip made to East Germany in 1985 which your readers might find of interest. Norman Finch

In 1985 a business friend who owned a number of DIY retail outlets invited me to ioin him on one of his numerous trips to the Leipzig trade fair in what was then East Germany. Motoring towards the East German border we were confronted by a watchtower tall wooden structure straddling the autobahn where Border guards trained their weapons approaching vehicles. My friend Gerry had arranged the extensive paperwork required and it was a surprise that at the border there was nothing but a counter with a wooden panel and a slot through passports. After a while, the documents re-appeared. We had no visual sighting of from East Anglian air bases, movements

say nothing of the replica gateway to any official and they had no sighting of us or so it seemed.

> We were now driving through the world's most heavily fortified frontier. A high line of barbed wire fences, alarms, antivehicle ditches. booby traps

> Arriving in Leipzig we were instructed to report to the Town Hall where we were given the 'selected' address of our accommodation in a drab tenement block. It did not escape my notice that our car seemed to be followed. Gerry revealed that the Trabant driving Stasi, the East German secret police regularly followed his movement. After two days at the Trade Fair, we headed for East Berlin where the Wall had separated families and in some bizarre cases had dissected houses. Should one be found guilty of taking photographs of sensitive subjects such as Checkpoint Charlie, the Wall or the railway station there are frightening consequences. I did take one or two sneaky ones.

In London Gerry had visited the East German commercial attaché assistance with the importation of hand tools, but it had not escaped the notice of Peter Escher a first secretary at the embassy and a lieutenant-colonel in East German military intelligence that Gerry lived near to Woodbridge and Bentwaters air bases and Gerry's wife worked at the Felixstowe. Peter Escher Port of befriended Gerry and later on in the relationship approached Gerry with a request that he might like to help 'the people's peace movement' which is a standard Soviet bloc ploy to recruit agents. British intelligence was contacted, and Gerry was encouraged to join Esher's spy network and feed the East Germans false information from a CIA plant at the US air base at Lakenheath. It was arranged that Gerry meet Don O'Keefe in a pub in Thetford both pretending to be disgruntled and financially stretched. He which we passed the documents and fed Gerry false information on missiles. aircraft and NATO exercises 'gleaned'

Esher in pubs in West London and his Times on 24th November 1996. British contact at the Ostrich pub in When Gerry sadly passed away in 2015 Wherstead

1990 the Sunday Times sent their life. reporter Barrie Penrose and Gerry to Germany to search for Peter Esher. After an exhaustive search Esher was located

in which the East Germans were in a grim apartment building near the particularly interested. So, while the Alexanderplatz in Berlin. A feature article Communists thought they were receiving telling Gerry's story together with the useful data, MI5 and the CIA were getting amazing revelations of what happened crucial information on how their eastern when the spy and his handler were counterparts worked. Gerry would meet reunited was published in the Sunday

my eulogy made only the briefest After East and West Germany united in reference to a remarkable period in his

Norman Finch

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A group of local residents are considering setting up a Bealings Community Support Group.

Many villages have these and the Covid pandemic has highlighted the need for practical local support.

- *Would you be interested in receiving voluntary services?
- **★Do you know someone who would benefit?**
- *Would you be willing to volunteer to help a neighbour?

A survey of Great and Little Bealings will be conducted shortly to gauge both need and support.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD



As we approach the end of the pandemic lockdown measures (hopefully),

I wanted to update you on what has been happening whilst Bealings Village Hall has been shut/open/shut/partially open etc. during the past year.

As usual all maintenance and administration of the Hall and Playing Field is undertaken by numerous volunteers from both Great and Little Bealings and early last year a large number of volunteers helped resurface the car park.



Exhausting work for our volunteers spread- restricted opening the Hall during parts ing 20 tons of road planings



Manual labour saved by a Great Bealings resident and his JCB

During the year grants from East Suffolk Council and our District Councillors' Enabling Communities Grant helped numerous changes at the Hall

We installed Wi-Fi and purchased a large screen Tv with surround sound speakers for use by hirers of the Hall.

We introduced all the anti- Covid measures necessary for us to allow restricted opening the Hall during parts

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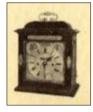
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of last year and from May this year allowing Action Medical Research Charity and the annual Sunrise Cycle Race to use the Hall for refreshment stops.

Limited numbers for certain classes were also allowed.

With the help of East Suffolk Council's "Bounce Back" scheme we were also able to buy 100 new padded chairs for use inside the Hall, and the old plastic chairs will be available for outdoor events.

We hope to be fully operational in the Hall from the end of June, if restrictions are lifted

Our next fundraising efforts are geared towards replacing the old wooden doors with doubled glazed UPVC units and improving the entryway for disabled and pushchair access, and the provision of CCTV for security.

The most used facility over the past year has been the John Belstead Playing Field which has seen almost non-stop use for children using the play equipment and social distanced gatherings.



Weeding & filling rabbit holes

The Sports Court received a spring clean, Secretar and all the paths were weeded, sleepers email: but replaced, and rabbit holes filled (an *Il.org.uk* endless task) once again by our small band of volunteers

But the constant use has taken its toll on one large piece of the equipment - the ever-popular Huck Spinner



We tried without success to repair this inhouse to keep costs down, but eventually had to call in the commercial installers at a cost of almost £1,800

We will get another two tonnes of topsoil delivered in August to help fill the rabbit holes and improve the play equipment surroundings, we will also put down grass seed to replace the worn-out football area.

If you would like to come along and help spread the load, please meet us at the Playing Field 09:30 - 12:30 Saturday 7th August

Please email Keith Beaumont at: *keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com* if you plan on coming to help spread topsoil or would like to volunteer in any way

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

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LEAH HINKS' POTTERY CLASSES AT THE GRANARY

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Adult classes on a Tuesday evening will be subject to relaxing of the Tier 4 lockdown.

Phone Leah for updates on 01473 735880

GREAT BEALINGS

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

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PCC SECRETARY Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings lps 624240 lps 738803

PARISH COUNCIL

Boot Street 30 mph Speed Limit Extension – This scheme is now ready for implementation. At the time of writing this Suffolk County Council are piece. planning to put up all the new signs and notices on 29th and 30th June and the work is expected to take two days. The scheme will become operational as soon as the work has been completed, which hopefully will be by the time you are reading this. The roads affected are Boot Street from the bridge as far as the Rosery Lane junction, Hasketon Road and Lower Street.

Summarised notes of parish the council meeting held on 1st June

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/21/1798/LBC - Kiln Farm, Kiln Lane -Replace existing lantern on 2004 extension with single flat glazed panel - The PC resolved unanimously to support this application

DC/21/1591/VOC - Barn C, Former Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road Variation of Condition 2 on planning permission DC/18/3971/FUL - Conversion, renovation and change of use redundant agricultural barn to form single residential dwelling and erection of cart-(re-submission with altered garaging proposal) - The PC resolved to support this application for the altered garaging, but to express their concern that the area enclosed by the red line in the planning application goes across the another plot on this site

next scheduled September

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak

for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

Dee Knights - Clerk 01473 624240 Email: greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

ST MARY'S

We are still trying to chart the best way forward with our partnership with St Mary's, Woodbridge, in the new United Benefice. Our two churches both have St Mary as the patronal saint. The times when they were most closely linked seem to have been, firstly, in the 16th century, in the age of the Seckfords and the Elizabethans, and then later, in the 19th when clergy, century aentrv landowners were part of a network which helped to bring about a new golden age for the church. Most of our stained-glass windows and the reredos date from those times. For the last century or so we have been linked with Little Bealings, and then later, in a four-parish Benefice with Playford and Culpho.

It takes a long time to establish the roots of a new relationship, and to allow the roots of older relationships to wither. A Benefice is a concept born of church organisation, not one which is fully understood in a secular context.

We are two very different communities. Great Bealings is a village community in newly created drive, potentially creating which, even though many would not consider themselves churchgoers, they Meetings- still feel a sense of ownership of their Tuesday 6th July and Tuesday 7th village church, together with all the history that it represents. St Mary's, Woodbridge is at the heart of an urban community, but one that brings together worshippers from

outside that community. challenge - an enrichment in that two very different church communities can offer mutual support and different opportunities, and a challenge in that they are indeed so different. The relationship between the two will evolve, aided by thoughtful, sensitive ambition. underpinned by the confidence that partnership can bring in a world which seems to be ever more indifferent to the reasons for faith and belief.

LOOKING BACK

Working party: Our warmest thanks to those who kindly turned up on Saturday 19th June to help with a few of the less professional tasks relating to our latest Quinquennial report. We had 10 people

The working hard for most of the morning. worshipping community in itself provides Somehow when people are chatting away a critical mass that sustains the church with one another the tasks just seem to and all that it does. The concept of a get done, even if some of them were Benefice bringing together such disparate demanding, back bending and semielements is both an enrichment and a technical. Perhaps the sight of our Rector dealing with the grime in the gulleys was particularly inspiring and motivational.

OPEN GARDENS

By the time this Magazine has appeared and our Open Gardens Saturday will have come and gone. The newly cleaned up churchyard will have been the starting point of the tour of local gardens, and we fate of churches, and sceptical of the very much hope that the occasion will have attracted visitors proportionate to the number of Bealings gardens that were very generously prepared for opening alongside all the good things, visual, edible and drinkable, that were on offer within them

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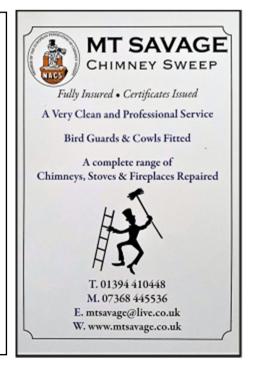
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They will be held in the Little Bealings Village Hall.

If you are interested in having a private lesson for half an hour or an hour. please contact Teresa on 07929 310480 or e-mail teresajay1@gmail.com

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LOOKING AHEAD

The proposed Away Day, bringing together members of both PCCs to chart the way ahead has had to be cancelled, owing to the postponement of the final post-Covid opening up. The meeting will be re-arranged.

PCC Meeting: this will have taken place on Thursday 24th June.

CHURCHYARD

Plant and flower growth has been prolific. As will be seen elsewhere, a survey was made of the wildlife as part of a special week, and the range of flora in particular, remains impressive.

The car park extension is being cut regularly, as part of a controlled management of the area. All we now need is a few major events to justify the overflow facilities – weddings, preferably, rather than funerals – but with, hopefully, a new series of concerts to look forward to.

Bicycling church tourists - do please use our top-of-the range cycle rack. It was quite expensive, and we have yet to see a bike chained to it!

Norman Porter. Churchwarden (nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH (in

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

OPEN GARDENS

Our Open Gardens afternoon will have taken place on Saturday June 26th. A major part of the afternoon was the social dimension – giving people a chance to mix and mingle outside, after all the frustrations of lockdown. Our warmest thanks to all who took the trouble to open up their gardens, and to those who supported us, and our church, by visiting them.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

AUTUMN CONCERT

A diary reminder that the postponed concert that was to have been given by Rose Hinton and Jonathan Ayling is now set to take place on Saturday 2nd October at 5.00 p.m. If you cannot make that, then there will be a second performance in St Mary's, Woodbridge, on the Sunday afternoon at 4.00pm.

RIDE AND STRIDE

This event, predictably on the second Saturday of September, is set for Saturday 11th September. The churchwarden has all the associated forms. No need to do anything at this stage, apart from putting the date in your diaries.

CHURCH NEWS

Advance notice - CLIMATE SUNDAY - SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

'Churches Together' in Woodbridge &



Melton are holding a "Climate Sunday" afternoon on Sunday September 19th, starting from 2.00 p.m. in Kingston Field and ending with an ecumenical service 'steered' by our new Rector at Great Bealings. There will also be a wide range of local, community 'stalls' with a special interest in the Environment's protection, some opera, brass band, and hopefully some kind of 'green' dance .as well as a kevnote speakers who concentrate our hearts and minds in alerting the decision-makers at COP26 in Glasgow: that people of faith want to see real change that is needed for our planet.

We may be late coming to the party, but you are all warmly invited! Further details



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from Nigel Prior in the Benefice Office, Market Hill or, visit our joint website of Woodbridge St Mary with Great Bealings.

JULY

6th 10 a.m. St Mary's CE School Leavers Service (with Presentation of Bibles) in Church

11th 10 a.m. Andy Todd presides at the Parish Eucharist for the first time in St Mary's (Retiring Collection for 'Sea Sunday')

AUGUST

1st (Lammas Day) 9.30 a.m. Outdoor Family Eucharist @ Great Bealings. 11 a.m. Indoor version @ Woodbridge

15th 11 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist at Woodbridge (on the Feast of the Assumption), followed by Hog Roast + Summer Fete

SEPTEMBER

5th 11 a.m. United Benefice Eucharist (on the Feast of the Birth of the B.V.M.) @ Great Bealings, followed by BBQ

11th Saturday Ride'n Stride between different rural churches. This is a sponsored charity event. Will you take part for us?

19th From 2pm (service at 4pm) 'Climate Change Sunday' outdoor community event with stalls and music in Kingston Field

LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER...

3rd Our Harvest Celebrations in both Churches

4th Our Day of Reflection @ Snape Maltings with Fr Nigel and Guest retreat 'Conductor'. Booking essential.

17th 3 pm Pet Blessing Service @ Great Bealings. Bring your wellies!

GREAT BEALINGS - VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor due to the recent resignation of Charles Barrington. 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 Councillor. District Councillors attend most of 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 Sue Prentice on 01473 738312 or email: chairman.gbpc@gmail.com

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Ms. Helen Clarkson, Leawood House, Sandy Lane, Little Bealings

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THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

The Parish Council would like to draw residents' attention to the appeal made to the Planning Inspectorate by the owners of The Admiral's Head against the refusal of East Suffolk Council to grant planning permission for change of use of the pub to residential use.

The ESC appeal reference number is AP/21/0026 REFUSE and papers are on the ESC website:

https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/ onlie-applications/

Any comments should be sent to submitted online at

https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ or by e-mail to:

East2@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. They must quote the Planning Inspectorate reference of APP/X3540/W/21/3267667 and be submitted by 21 July 2021.

Carol Ramsden
Clerk to Little Bealings Parish Council
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SUMMER NEWSLETTER from the Parish Council Chairman

As the Parish Council has not met since the meeting reported in the last Fynn Lark News, I am taking the opportunity to give you an insight into what the Parish Council does and to update you on various 'long term' projects.

The Parish Council is made up of seven elected Councillors, with elections held every four years. The last two elections have seen more people wanting to stand as Councillors than there are places – a good sign that residents are 'engaged'

and care about what happens in Little Bealings. The next elections are planned for May 2023 if you want a date for your diary! Councillors are unpaid and give up their time as your elected representatives, balancing a responsibility to protect all that is special about Little Bealings with striving for improvements that provide a community we all want to be a part of.

We have only one employee, our Clerk, who is contracted for six hours' work a In practice our Clerk, our week. Councillors, our volunteer Webmaster and our volunteer Footpath Wardens, together give a great deal more time than this to their responsibilities, including preparing for and attending Council meetings, representing the Council at various meetings and initiatives, and implementing the Council's decisions in a variety of ways - from publishing documents. residents' answering correspondence and working footpaths.

The Council's source of income is called the parish precept and you will see a payment to the Parish Council on your annual Council Tax statement from ESC. To give you an idea of what the Council costs, we understand that our request for a precept of £12,000 for this year, translated to a charge on a Band D property (of which there are 44 in the parish) of £15.13 for the whole year. We are mindful of the responsibility to have an income which enables us to carry out the Council's work effectively efficiently, while balancing this with the need to be extremely prudent in spending residents' tax contribution.

A part of our income is spent each year supporting local interests, with annual donations to the running costs of the

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made to Headway, the Citizens' Advice Bureau and Age UK (Suffolk). Please let us know of any charities that you know are supporting local residents and the Council can consider making a donation.

AGE UK AND 'THE SILVER LINE'

(Suffolk) Sadly. Age UK ceased operating last year and Age UK as a national charity is unable to provide us with local information to trigger donation. However, it has provided this information which may be of interest to residents:

"Our national Advice Line (available 365 days of the year): 0800 1696565 is offered as an alternative contact for individuals to seeking information and guidance on topics related to later life. money includina about coronavirus, matters, care etc.

https://www.ageuk.org.uk/informationadvice/

Our subsidiary charity, 'The Silver Line', is also available 24/7 on the Help line on 0800 4 70 80 90 to offer a kind and listening ear to older people, day and night. They can also help older people find local support and services in their communities via Silver Connects: https:// www.thesilverline.org.uk/silver-connects/

To give you a flavour of the initiatives of the Parish Council:

A New Public Sewer for The Street

The Parish Council was made aware of problems with private sewer systems in a part of The Street as long ago as 2012. It has required a balance of tenacity and patience, but an application - and two successful appeals - later, we are delighted that Anglian Water is now taking this project forward in its 2020-2025 programme. Five properties are to be connected to the new sewer and we understand they will be contacted soon

Village Hall and John Belstead Playing by Anglian Water. We understand that Field and the Fynn Lark News. We also other properties nearby will be able to support charities able to confirm that they make application to be connected to the have given assistance to Little Bealings new sewer as well. If you have any residents, which has seen donations queries about whether you could seek a connection, please let us know (ideally by email to *littlebealingspc@btinternet.com*)

SA(FER)VI(LLAGE)DRIVING - SAVID

This safer village driving initiative, a collective of rural villages like ours, is helping to combat speeding along our village roads. SCC already provides us with 'flashing' 30mph signs on a rota basis in Playford Road and Martlesham Road, to remind drivers of the speed limit approach the Hall as thev crossroads. We are now awaiting the installation of two additional poles for a similar device to be displayed in The Street. This will enable us to make use of a SAVID owned Speed Indication Device (SID) to remind drivers of the 20mph zone. The SAVID SID device is shared with other villages on rotation and one advantage of this device is that it collects data on the volume and speed of traffic - very useful information to have if we want to understand how successful the 20-m.p.h. zone is and perhaps consider further measures to slow down One idea could be to apply vehicles. through our new County Councillor, Elaine Bryce, for an Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera to be used in The Street. This was mentioned by the Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore when he visited Little Bealings recently at the Parish Council's invitation, to see the situation in The Street at Bealings School pick up time.

SIZEWELL C

The application for the building of Sizewelll C is a National Infrastructure planning matter and at the last look there were nearly 2,000 documents on the Planning Inspectorate website in relation to the examination of the application. As a Council with limited resource, it is extremely difficult for us to become involved in national projects. However,

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application. that trains must run at night to deliver the 'Covid secure'. railway line will be significant and has littlebealingspc@btinternet.com impact is fully assessed and understood find during the determination of application.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A Neighbourhood Plan is a way in which a Council can set out what development it wishes to see in its area and where it could take place. It requires real input from the community to succeed, but the Plan then becomes a policy document which contributes to the decisions on planning applications made by ESC. It is an enormous amount of work, but would give residents more say in future decisions - for example involving Sinks Pit, and over 'infill' development and any village expansion. If we are to create a Plan, we will need a Steering Group which reflects the social, economic and environmental interests in the village.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Your Council meets at least six times a ALL year, in January, March, May, July, BEALINGS September and November. and practice is likely to meet more frequently to consider business which cannot wait.

Temporary changes were made to the rules for Parish Council meetings during Covid which enabled us to meet remotely using zoom and for residents to join in the same way. However, meetings must now again be 'in person' for both Councillors

from the outset the Council made therefore holding our next meeting, on 5 representations in respect of the impact July, in the Village Hall and we are on our parish: the initial rail strategy (and grateful to the Village Hall Committee for accompanying changes to the local public the arrangements they have put in place rights of way network where it crossed the to enable this to happen. We will be track, and a change to the Bealings level meeting in the main Hall and not the crossing) led us to object to the smaller Committee Room as before, and As the application has residents will need to abide by the developed, the rail strategy now proposes restrictions in place for us all to stay As the Hall can only materials needed to build Sizewell C. accommodate a maximum of 30 visitors. The Council considers that the likely it would be very helpful to let us know if disturbance to residents close to the you are attending by sending an email to requested that the Planning Inspectorate advice on attending meetings will be visit Beacon Lane and ensure that the included on the Agenda which you can here: the littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parishcouncil/pc-agenda-list/

> I hope you have found this newsletter interesting, and do please get in touch with me or our Clerk if we can be of assistance or if you wish to get involved in the Council's work for the community in some wav.

> > Best wishes for a healthy and relaxing summer. lan Ransome Chairman of Little Bealings Council Email: chairman chairman.lbpc@amail.com

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SAINTS CHURCH. LITTLE

Parish Councillor Taking my Chairman hat firmly off, I would like to send residents a short personal message to say I am very pleased to have been coopted as a Parochial Church Councillor for All Saints. I am very keen to support our vicar, Rev. Gary Jones, in developing All Saints into the spiritual hub of Little Bealings. I look forward to working with and residents who wish to join in. We are him and the other PCC members to bring



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COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Regrettably, owing to current restrictions, Community Lunches have to be postponed.

Further information and enquiries 01473 620213

WILDLIFE AREA

The small piece of land at the rear of the Hall has been established as a wildlife area. We are very grateful for support and encouragement from the neighbouring 'gardener'! Prints indicate it is already a watering hole for birds and a busy little shrew. The hedging, donated by the Woodland Trust and originally planted by Tracy Herrington, is growing well, as are the wildflower seeds. A small fence has been erected to protect the area.

HERB BED

The bed at the front/side of the Hall is now full of a variety of herbs.

Please help yourself if you need fresh herbs for cooking.

For Information about hiring etc contact 01473 620213 or pandvcarr55@gmail.com

ALL SAINTS

We hope you are enjoying a lovely Suffolk summer and that you will have the chance to visit the Churchyard and see all the wildlife we are encouraging. We continue to offer a range of services and hope you can also come and spend some time enjoying the peace of the Church:

Our sister church, All Saints Kesgrave, is having much needed electrical works done this summer and during this time when they are closed there will be a

weekly service alternating between Playford and Little Bealings to which all are invited. We very much look forward to welcoming parishioners from Kesgrave to our--and their--"country Church". Please consult the Church website for details of the service dates and times; Information will also be posted on the Church Noticeboards and through the Bealings and Playford news.

We are grateful to Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe who host very well-attended Thursday morning walks leaving from the Church at 10:30 a.m. and we hope that in future there will also be the chance for Saturday walks to allow those who work on Thursdays to join.

We continue to make improvements to the Church and by the end of the summer we should have the new shed completed, Wi-Fi available for all visitors, and the new projector and screen installed. In the meantime, we are also required to replace the current church chairs and we welcome your opinions. The 4 possible chairs are on display at the Church for the next month, along with slips you can complete indicating your preference and any reasons for your choice. We will take your votes into account when deciding which chair we propose to the diocese but please keep in mind we need to balance many factors in order to come to a proper decision so do not despair if your choice is not "the winner"!

In the meantime, let's all hope we will soon "catch up" to the Welsh and be allowed to sing hymns again in church. Rumour has it that it's the favourite part of worship for one regular parishioner!

With every blessing,

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PARISH COUNCIL

The following planning applications were considered by the Parish Council at a meeting in Playford Village Hall on Tuesday 1st June 2021

DC/21/2186/FUL - Lux Farm, Playford, IP6 1DA - Proposed new cart lodge, swimming pool & ancillary spaces and holistic landscape proposals providing enhanced bio-diversity.

No objections were raised and the council voted unanimously to support this application.

DC/21/2171/FUL - Archway Piggeries, Butts Road, Playford IP6 9DP - Erection of detached dwelling (in lieu of existing permission to convert & extend the existing building).

Reservations were expressed that Local Plan Policy SCLP 5.3 regarding "Building in the Countryside" would be contravened if this went ahead and that the Part Q criteria on which the previous planning permission was based, was not being upheld. However the council voted 4:1 in favour of the new plans.

Please note that the next scheduled meeting of Playford Parish Council will be on Weds 14th July in Playford Village Hall commencing 7.00 p.m.

Marian Hedgley, Parish Clerk email: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

VOLUNTEERING - in general and specifically

A slightly less than friendly encounter with someone to whom I was endeavouring to deliver the Fynn Lark News led me to think about volunteering in general, the nature of volunteering and the importance of volunteering in our communities. The recent (and continuing?) lockdown has

led, exponentially, to a great increase in the number of people volunteering to help less fortunate. others. in communities. As well as this sudden influx of cheerful and willing helpers there are those who have always quietly gone about their business as volunteers viz. Parish Councillors, the Parochial Parish Councils, those who look after and administer the business of Village Halls and last, but not least, the people who put together, edit and distribute this magazine to name but a few. All these people are the glue that keep our communities together and, hopefully, living in accord with one another.

Volunteering also can, very often, be a two-way street as illustrated by the experience of my daughter, Victoria. She volunteered to go on a nationwide volunteer database at the Lockdown last year and as well as doing the odd thing for people locally has been in regular telephone contact with an elderly and lonely widow living in E. London. It turned out that her only son was a paramedic and so not only extremely busy but needing to shield from his elderly mother. The lady herself was from The Gambia in West Africa and so my daughter, an ardent 'Africophile' who has travelled widely on that Continent including The Gambia, was able to have lovely chats with her about that country to the delight of both.

And then more specifically ... I wonder if I may take this opportunity to remind us of all about the extremely hard work of the people (volunteers) behind the publication of this magazine starting with those who put it together, sort out the advertising, the financial aspects regarding the printing, and the editing. The names of those concerned are on the back page of

the magazine. Once printed, Peter and Playford is also included in the distribution Vicki Carr take delivery of all the of the Grundisburgh News which is magazines which they sort into bundles quarterly. for each of the (volunteer) distributors in delivered to all houses in Playford by our all four villages and then ensure that they volunteer distributors. are delivered to these distributors by vet more volunteers. As my late husband. Charles, often used to remark, the magazine is a splendid, most helpful and CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS interesting source of information about the community in which we live, delivered free of charge on a regular basis. What is not to be thankful for

My own very small current experience of volunteering is to ensure that the Fynn delivered I ark News is to every household in Playford. A kind small army of people, Anne Seward, Sue Kennedy, Tim James, Sally Lamb and the Metcalfes (Joan already does more than her fair share being the Chair of the Parish Council and Treasurer of the Village Hall Committee) each have their own "round" and the magazines are delivered at the beginning of the month whatever the weather, fine or foul, wet or windy. Hopefully, these volunteers will always be spoken to kindly and with respect. They have my very great gratitude, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all publicly.

I had to reduce my "round" somewhat when my late beloved pooch, Poppy, became too infirm to walk far but my sole criteria for delivering (anything!) is that I can walk my dog(s) at the same time. When Poppy died, Victoria's "fluffball", Tula, appeared so downhearted I made the decision to acquire another rescue dog. Alfie is a mature poodle rescued from a puppy farm where he was used as a breeding dog. He is very good too good - and is sadly withdrawn but he walks guietly and beautifully on a lead, and is always calm around other dogs, people and, very importantly, cats! Naturally, I am very protective of him and so, regrettably, if his presence is not when 1 am delivering magazines, it will mean finding another volunteer to do the round.

This also is FREE again

Veronica Bunbury

5th June - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for Grandson Elliott on his 24th birthday. Happy Birthday Elliott, love from Also, Grandma Barbara. for Geoff Dunnett on his 85th birthday on

25th June, love from Barbara, Jacqui, Steve and family

Sunday, 20th June - Fathers' Day. Sponsored by Victoria in memory of Charles, her much loved and missed Father. Esse quam videri.*

21st June - sponsored by Jonathan Fieldsend to celebrate the longest day even if not vet. sadly. Freedom Day!

Requests to sponsor the lights to be made to Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Playford' Telephone 01473 623366 Fmail: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

* "To be, rather than to seem."

PLAYFORD WI.

We continue to hold our meetings via zoom at present as we are reluctant to visit the hall under the current restrictions.

At our last meeting we had a speaker from the local re-cycling plant, Sarah Clarke, giving us an update on the current situation which was very interesting & informative.

In July, Sue Bruce will give a brief account of her experience on the Antiques Roadshow last year and Tracy Herrington with give a resume of the National AGM, who was our delegate this year.

BINKY AND CO.

Binky woke up grumpy. He often did. Mostly because the world was not going the way he wanted. Everyone was so angry these days, usually over the most mundane of things. Plus there was all this woke-ism, which Binky just did not understand. He was glad the season of Gardens Open had started. He enjoyed that, going around telling people how they could have made their garden so much better if only they had done this or that. Plus of course explaining the best way to grow chrysanthemums to old Mr Bardell who just happened to have won the All England Chrysanthemum Grower Championship for two years running. But that didn't faze Binky. He knew that deep evervone down appreciated his constructive and knowledgeable advice.

He well remembers visiting the garden of Lieutenant Colonel Branston-Pickle and the delightful couple of hours spent listening to him reminisce about the days spent pig sticking in Pago Pago and boat racing with the girls from the local high school. It was about that time that his career in the army ended abruptly, noone knew why. However, the colonel was very free with the gin and tonic that day and of course "ol' Branny", as the colonel affectionately known, was very understanding when Binky stood up, took three paces forward and fell face down straight into the colonel's duck pond. Binky of course shouted "I can't swim, I can't swim" to which ol' Branny retorted "Well don't then, just stand up it's only six inches deep." Binky soon dried himself off and in a most inebriated state wandered over to the vicar's garden. Now the Rev. Cloudmonk was that rarest of C of E vicars, he actually believed in God. Not a pre-requisite for everyone looking for a career in the Established Church. Rev saw Binky coming a few minutes before he opened the garden gate and

the Rev made a hurried exit from his garden and locked himself in the downstairs loo. But Binky had spotted that and walked straight into the vicarage and bellowed "Come out sky pilot, I know you're in there." The door slowly opened. "Ah Binky my son, how nice to see you". (The other thing that was not necessary to believe in was the truth, except in exceptional circumstances).

"Well" said Binky whose inebriated state was obvious to just about anybody that met him, "Well vicar I think I am going to leave some money to you in my will." "Oh "said the priest "why is that?"

"Well" said Binky "I've heard that you are the poorest preacher this town has ever had". With that Binky began to laugh at his own joke. The Rev Cloudmonk was not amused. He had heard that joke so many times he was sick of it. Also, it wasn't funny. Binky was unabashed. He started the tour of the vicars' garden with the Rev following behind. "You ought to grow herbs Binky" said the vicar "They are very easy to look after". "Ah" said Binky "Very sage advice" The vicar pushed Binky towards the garden gate. "Goodbye Binky" said the vicar "nice to have met you as usual." The vicar then thought the best thing to do was to go down to his church for some peace and quiet.

In the foyer of the church, a young boy was looking at a plaque with the names of men and women who had died in various wars. He asked the vicar, "Who are these people?" The vicar said, "Those are members from our church who died in service." The boy asked, "The early service or the second service?" The vicar sighed. "Why am I surrounded by idiots?" he cried out. There was no answer.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S, CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

JOHN GRAY

It is with deep sadness that we heard that John passed away on Sunday 6th June at the Park View Care Home in Ipswich. Our sincere condolences are extended to his family. Both John and Shirley worked tirelessly in support of St. Botolph's Church and responsible for repairing the Church in the early 80's, which to-day dedication. We remain ever grateful for the support and friendship they provided throughout their lives, and they will always have a special place in our hearts. We shall keep the family in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2021

The Annual Parishioners and Parochial Church Meetings took place in the Church on the 27th of May. Richard Garnham was appointed Churchwarden for a further term of Office, with the following being elected to the P.C.C. for the next twelve months. Guy Hartfall, Richard Pepper, Christine Pearce, Rosemary Hartfall and Judith Bignell-Pepper. Richard Pepper remains as Treasurer with Mrs. Christine Pearce the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

her presence amongst us. The meeting services. St. Botolph's is financially throughout East Anglia and we like to

secure, and we remain ever grateful to those who make donations under the planned giving scheme, which allows us to pay our Parish Share and meet essential costs. This has been particularly helpful during lockdown. Thank you.

St. Botolph's remains in a good state of repair although some internal decoration will be needed within the next 12 to 18 months. The grounds have been well maintained during lockdown and the Churchwarden gave thanks to those stands testimony to their hard work and friends and residents who kindly help with cutting the grass and hedges throughout the year. He also acknowledged the kindness of those who support the Church financially, the flower arrangers, Mrs. Jenny Walters who delivers the Fynn-Lark News and those who attend fund raising events and services, all of which help to ensure the Church remains open.

> In his address the Churchwarden paid special thanks to Maurice and Gina Jones. Both of whom are an integral part of Culpho Church with Maurice our Organist. We have missed so many people during lockdown, but thankfully the Government's strategy, restrictive at present, offers hope for the future and that Services will once again take place on a regular basis.

ST. BOTOLPH'S DAY

We were pleased our new Rector Katrina On the 17th of June we remembered Dykes was able to join us and grateful for Saint Botolph, in whose honour Culpho Church is dedicated (along with more heard that the Church finances showed a than seventy other mediaeval English small deficit for the year ending 31st churches). This Saxon missionary, who December 2020. This was due in its built a monastery in 654 at Iken, was entirety to the church being unable to hold known to have made missionary journeys brought Christianity to Culpho. It is fitting that, with other Saints, he shared his work Patron Saint of travellers. the agricultural workers, and sailors and perhaps next year we shall be able to celebrate his feast day under more normal circumstances with the Church. once again, fully open to welcome visitors

CHURCH SERVICES

If Government guidelines are relaxed on the 19th of July, then services will be resumed on a regular basis. This means that a Holy Communion service will take place on the 21st of July with the first Evensong service being held on Sunday 15th August at 3p.m followed by Holy Communion on the 19th of August. Unfortunately, until the 19th of July the Church will remain closed to visitors but please be assured that a warm welcome awaits when we fully re-open and we look forward to meeting up with friends we have not seen for almost a year.

Future services will continue to follow the regular pattern the same Wednesday in the month at 9.30 am Holy Communion and the third Sunday at 3 p.m. for the Evensong service.

HIDDEN GARDENS 2021

This event. organised the bν Grundisburah. Burgh and Culpho Horticulture Society, took place on the 12th and 13th June with two gardens and the Church open in Culpho to welcome please contact recorders@slhc.org.uk visitors. Both Caddyfields and Culpho End House received a goodly number of visitors throughout the two days. The weather was kind, with gardens lovingly presented and judging by the number of people in evidence in and around all the villages, the event was a huge success. An annual event, dating back to 1989, the Horticultural Society admits gardens, no matter what the size, shape, or design, where they offer a platform to show your

believe it was St. Botolph himself who creativity and hard work, whilst supporting local charitable causes. Details circulated well in advance should you wish to take part in 2022.

Local History Recorder for Culpho

Would you like to be the Local Recorder for Culpho?

The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. They administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'

Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, and election pamphlets newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested. and this something you would like to become involved in, you may wish to look at the Recorders Pack bν visitina www.slhc.org.uk to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. volunteer to help in this important work,

> Margaret Gornall Secretarial support to the P.C.C.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH SERVICES FOR JULY & AUGUST

PLAYFORD

Sunday 11th July 10.00 a.m. Annual Clarkson Service

Due to Covid Restrictions attendance will be severely restricted.

Should you wish to attend please give your name to Colin Hedgley on 738468 or colinhedgley@aol.com

Please be seated by 9.45 a.m. Coffee and biscuits will be served after the service

Wednesday 21st July 11.00 a.m. Communion Service

Sunday 8th August 10.00 a.m. Sunday Service & communion

Followed by coffee and biscuits and chat and normality!

Extra normality will be free.

Wednesday 18th August 11.00 a.m. Communion Service

CULPHO

Wednesday 21st.July 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Rev Dr John Hare officiating

Sunday 18th - No third Sunday service in July – still subject to lockdown

restrictions.

Sunday 15th. August 3.00 p.m. Sung Evensong Wednesday18th. August 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

GREAT BEALINGS

Rev Andy Todd is being ordained as a Priest on July 4th, at a service in the Cathedral subject to Covid restrictions. We offer him our prayers and very best wishes on this occasion. His First Celebration of the Eucharist will be on July 11th at St. Mary's, Woodbridge. You can book a place via the Benefice Office for this special service. All are warmly welcome.

Sunday 4th July 9.30 a.m. Family Communion Service Sunday 1st August 9.30 a.m. Special Lammas Service

Outside, weather permitting.

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

LITTLE BEALINGS

Sunday 25th July 10.00 a.m. Family communion Sundy 22nd August 10.00 a.m. Family communion Thursdays 9 30 a.m. Morning Prayer

In August 10.00 a.m.

Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. Private prayer

INTRODUCING BEN WALE

I have recently moved into Playford village from Ipswich with my family to work for the 'Lightwave Community', which is a rural expression of the Church of England working with the villages, churches and community groups around the Fynn / Lark Valley.

We have enjoyed getting to know lots of new people in Playford and Little Bealings, places I have enjoyed cycling through over the last few years. We have been grateful for the warm welcome and friendliness of all those we have met, whether it is at the village play area with our children, walking around the beautiful valley, at the church or on Zoom.

I am excited to be working with Revd Gary Jones, who shares my sense of humour and love of Wales (my dad lives in Anglesey, and I am used to more hills than you get round here). I am especially keen to listen to people in the village about ideas to connect families together. The pressures of this Covid pandemic has made us all realise the importance of strong relationships with others.

In my previous job, I was the Children's and Families worker at Colchester Road Baptist Church and a governor at Rushmere Hall Primary School, working alongside the Families Support team. Before that I was a teacher in KS1 at St. Helen's Primary School, Ipswich.

FOR FAMILIES...Coming up in July...

On Sunday 11th July Playford Church are celebrating Clarkson Day with a service led by the Bishop of Dunwich inside the church from 10-11am. Numbers will be very limited under the current restrictions, but families are also welcome to join us in the churchyard for a Clarkson Family Treasure Trail. The service should finish outside with a song, all being well, and there will be a live storyteller from Volunteering Matters, Ipswich.

Families can join in the trail at the churchyard either on Friday 9th July 4-5pm or on Sunday 11th July between 10:30 and 11am, or after the service from 11-12 if you prefer. From 11, there will be hot and cold drinks and biscuits. There are also prizes for children completing the trail. As well as celebrating the life of Thomas Clarkson and the success of the abolition movement we hope to inform people about the issue of modern slavery today.

Secondly, as part of my work with Andy Joliffe and the East Suffolk Community Partnership on their current priority of Environmental Care, I am starting a 'Living Churchyards' project. I've been talking to people with an interest in gardening, wildlife or the environment and I would like to start some fun, family friendly wildlife activities in Little Bealings churchyard by setting up a group called 'Little Bealings Borrowers'. Activities could include managing areas of long grass and wildflowers for pollinators, making wildlife homes (log piles, bug hotels, hibernaculums, bird/swift boxes, etc) and also remind us of our unique place in God's world, borrowing from nature, enhancing and looking after our green spaces for future generations of people and animals.

This would link to the Eco-church awards and the great work in which Little Bealings church is already involved, so I would like to build on this and create a bigger team. Bredfield Wildlife Friendly Village shows how this type of initiative could help bring the wider village community together, having a positive benefit for people, wildlife and the churchyard. Potentially this would involve community groups, gardeners, young families and Bealings Primary School working together. We could trial this event after school on a weekday. Is this a project that would interest you? Would you like to be part of the team? Please get in touch if you are interested in getting involved or want to know more. I look forward to meeting you.

> Ben Wale ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org.uk 07769183638

WORD FROM THE STUDY

One of the things about modern living is being able to have a nice warm shower first-thing in the morning, rather than having to wait half a day for a bath to fill! It is refreshing, it is quick, and often gives me an opportunity to think about the day ahead or something that has been rolling around in my mind. I also find the same after saving the office (Morning Prayer) first thing in the morning. It is a good way of focussing the mind. Being able to have that time, where everything is put on the back burner, it is a time that reminds me of a piece of scripture that says, "Be still, and know I am God". Jesus told His followers "To come to me all who are heavy laden, and I will refresh you". So how can this happen? Think of this this way; every year we take our car to a garage to get it serviced and make sure it is running okay. And the reason is simple, garages know how cars work. And so, it is when we come into those moments of stillness with God. He created us; he knows us better than we know ourselves. I love the image of the father with his arms outstretched waiting to welcome the prodigal son home. Those arms outstretched are there every day. For God longs to welcome us home.

What if we have not had any encounter with prayer or Church even; where do we start? Well, a good place to start is just to spend a few moments alone in quiet, take time for yourself, because you are valuable. Perhaps go for a walk, just to see the beauty of creation and we realise that these things did not happen by accident. The creator who planted the wayside flower is the same creator who made you and I.

One of the things that as a Church we have established, is the opportunity on a Wednesday morning to open up the Church for private prayer, an opportunity for people to come as individuals, light a candle if they wish, there is someone on hand to talk to, but only if you want, this time is between yourself and God. This is proving very popular as is our Morning

Prayer on Thursday. So, if something is on your mind, something may be trivial, maybe something you are going through, please do take the opportunity to use your Church for this time of quiet and stillness. Alternatively, of course, you can always call me, and I will be happy to chat.

So often people feel that when they have shared their situation with another person or with God, they find a sense of relief; that's because God relieves us of that heavy load. It is not a magic wand, but an opportunity to let someone else in who can make sense of what sometimes seems a very mixed bag of emotions.

When we sit and listen, it is an opportunity also for God to talk to us; "I love you just the way you are, but I love you too much to leave you where you are".

Life seems to get busier as each day goes by, our Church is a refuelling station, so if you are walking by and the Church is open, please do drop by, come into that silence and peaceful atmosphere, for over 900 years, people have done so and have found comfort and refreshment.

Throughout August and September, Kesgrave Church will be closed due to essential electrical work being carried out, so this gives us the opportunity for two months at Little Bealings and Playford, to host a service every Sunday, where the good people of Kesgrave will come to join us.

All Saints Church, Little Bealings, is delighted to welcome Mr Ian Ransome and Mr Jonathan Fieldsend to the PCC having been elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. We look forward very much to working with them as we aim to take that Church onto the next chapter. We wish them well and congratulate them both on their election to the PCC.

So have a lovely summer break, take care, and if you do get the opportunity, refresh yourselves because you are worth it, and God knows that.

Blessings.

Reverend Gary Jones

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS VH: Village Hall

BADMINTON VH Thu 7.30 Martin Yates 07710187722

BALLROOM DANCING VH Mon 7.30 Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511

VH Tue 7.30 Teresa Jay 07929310480 VH Wed 7.00 Kathy Price 621419

CARPET BOWLS VH Wed 7.00 Kathy Price 621419

DANCE CLASS VH Tue 9.30 a m Fri 9.30 a m Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513

JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT

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Non-Subscribers http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or Volunteer Administrator:07925 181390

LIBRARY Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings 07809594685

SNOOKER VH Any day <4 hours Margaret Wilson 07769195132

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

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING Margaret Wilson 07769195132

: bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com

PLAYFORD PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB PH Thu 10.00 Mary Spillett 01394 385295

CLAY WORKSHOPS PH TUE (2nd of month) 6.30 - 9.00 Contact 01728 860125

Email: ejrceramics@btinternet.com

FOOT CLINIC PH Fri (approx. every 8 weeks) Astrid Llewellyn 01394 450403

LIBRARY Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box

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

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

YOGA PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00 Abigail Todd 07886569403









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