

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**MARCH 2023**



## **A GOOD COUNCIL?**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Last September, the Chairman of Little Bealings Parish Council, Ian Ransome, wrote a leader article in the Fynn Lark News about communications with Parish Councils. I'm pleased to follow on from that article and shed a little light on what Parish Councils are and how they should act.

Civil parish councils were created by the Local Government Act of 1894 which separated them from the church. They are the lowest tier of government in this country and can only act in accordance with statutory rules and regulations, of which there are a very large number, whose relevance will vary depending on the nature of each parish. They have a small number of duties and rights and, potentially, a very wide range of discretionary powers but crucially, a General Power of Competence enables councils to do anything that an individual might do.

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The role of Parish Councils is, in essence, to represent the interests of people in the village on a range of issues that are regarded as being important to the community. An important aspect of this is the annual parish meeting. This is a public meeting at which any person on the electoral register of the parish is entitled to speak and vote. (Any decision is not, however, binding on the Parish Council.)

Parish council meetings (of which there must be at least 3 a year in addition to the Annual Parish Council meeting), are held in public but members of the public may speak only at the Chairman's discretion. In Great Bealings time for public participation is provided for near the beginning of the meeting. Only councillors have a right to vote.

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Committee on Standards in Public Life recently recommended that a new model code should apply nationally to ensure consistency throughout the country. The Code applies throughout Suffolk. It sets a standard of behaviour with which councillors must comply whenever they are acting a councillor. This includes any behaviour that would give the impression to a reasonable member of the public that they are acting as a councillor, whether or not that was the intention of the councillor.

Conflicts of interest are, understandably, of particular concern. Councillors are required to act in the public interest, which requires them to consider all the evidence and act impartially. New guidance on councillors' interests has recently been produced by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) which clarifies the restrictions that apply in specified circumstances.

**DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI)** These relate to such matters as employment, trade or business carried

out for profit or gain. If a matter for discussion or decision relates to a councillor's DPI, they cannot participate, vote or remain in the room, even when the public are allowed to speak.

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These include a councillor's unpaid directorships or membership or a controlling interest in a body of a public or charitable nature or whose purpose is essentially to influence public opinion or policy. If a matter directly relates to the financial interest or well-being of the ORI, the councillor may speak when the public can but otherwise cannot participate, vote or remain in the room.

#### **NON-REGISTERABLE INTERESTS (NRI)**

These are matters which relate to or affect financial interests or the well-being of a councillor, relative or close associate, or a body which is an ORI.

If the matter **directly relates to** any NRI, the councillor may speak when the public can but otherwise cannot participate, vote or remain in the room.

If the matter **affects** any NRI to a greater extent than the majority of electors and a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe it would affect the councillor's view of the wider public interest, the councillor may speak when the public can but otherwise cannot participate, vote or remain in the room.

Compliance with the Code of Conduct, clearly makes sense to ensure that the business of a meeting is conducted as we would all wish, in a courteous and fair manner. It can also save council tax payer's money. Many will remember the now infamous Handforth parish council zoom meeting of December 2020 where Jackie Weaver, who was employed by the Cheshire Association of Local Councils, had been invited to facilitate the meeting in the absence of the council clerk, removed the council chair and another councillor despite protestations that she

had no power to do so. The moral of this tale is not whether, strictly speaking Weaver had acted correctly, but that the subsequent investigation into Handforth councillor behaviour led to six reports, three of which related to the infamous meeting and reportedly cost Cheshire East Council more than £85,000.

### **WHAT PARISH COUNCIL'S CANNOT DO**

Parish Clerks and Councillors will help whenever they can to deal with any local issues that might arise but Parish Councils do not have any enforcement powers. For example: breaches of planning conditions or complaints about the behaviour of councillors that the parish council cannot resolve, should be referred to East Suffolk Council; complaints about footpaths, potholes, fly tipping or damaged or hidden road signs are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council; and other issues relating to possible offences, such as speeding, fall within the remit of the local police. On line reporting is encouraged and a simple search to locate the appropriate reporting form will usually be successful. The following links may be useful:

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## **VOTER ID**

The UK Government has introduced a requirement for voters to show photo ID when voting at a polling station at some elections. This new requirement will apply for the first time in England at the local

elections on Thursday 4 May 2023.

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### **IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ACCEPTED FORM PHOTO ID**

If you don't already have an accepted form of photo ID, or you're not sure whether your photo ID still looks like you, you can apply for a free voter ID document, known as a **Voter Authority Certificate**. You can apply for this at [voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk](http://voter-authority-certificate.service.gov.uk).

Alternatively, you can complete a paper application form and send this to the electoral services team at your local council.

If you need any help with applying for a Voter Authority Certificate or want to request an application form, contact your local council. To find their contact details visit [electoralcommission.org.uk/voter](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voter).

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## **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

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### **DIGEST OF ANNUAL FLN REPORT**

The following is an edited version of the report for 2022 which will go to Parish Councils, our main sponsors:

**Historical flash-back:** Magazine income in 2007 was £1155. This came from subscriptions, and not all households subscribed. The Magazine was the *Benefice Magazine*, edited by our Priest. We now have a secular Magazine, with secular editorial input, but including church contributions. There have been significant changes:

#### **2022 RETROSPECT**

1. The Magazine has grown in size - often exceeding 40 pages a month.

2. Costs are now around £3500 per annum, a increase of 2½. Times. Income has had to increase in proportion to that. In 2022 income was approximately £3,100 – an over-all loss of around £400, and a situation which left us with a very small balance at the end of the year. Hence our appeal to readers, as we needed financial confidence to know that we had sufficient funds to cover publications in 2023.

3. Colour pages have been introduced, but we do not have the funds to go entirely colour.

4. Content has evolved significantly over the past few years, hopefully with something of interest to a wider readership.

5. We are heavily dependent on

advertisements and on the contributions of Parish Councils, including Grundisburgh, who support Culpho.

6. We are very much appreciative of the contributions of those who kindly pay a contribution through a standing order, alongside those generous benefactors who give us donations. Thank you all.

So we do, to use an unlikely phrase, fly by the seat of our pants. Happily, the pants have proved quite sturdy. I can report that we have had a good response to the appeal flier and that we should now be set to see the year through. The generosity of those additional donations, and accompanying messages, have been motivation in themselves, and evidence that some people, at least, think the Mag is doing a worthwhile job, in helping to keep our communities together and informed about what is going on.

The present team has been in place for some considerable time, and I would like to pay particular tribute to Jane Hartley, sub-editor for many years, Tim Llewellyn, our designer with the patience of Job, living out-of-patch in Chillesford, with a fine skill-set, who has been doing the job for longer than I can remember; also to Peter and Vicki Carr who deal so cheerfully with all the logistics of distribution. I would also like to say a warm thank you to our loyal team of distributors, across the four villages, and to our printers PFP Ltd, whose reliability has been exemplary, and prices stable.

*Norman Porter. Editor  
February 2023*

## OUR CURRENT FINANCES

The warmest of “thank you” to those who have responded so generously to our appeal for extra funding and added significantly to our fighting fund. Things are looking so much brighter. That is not to say that we couldn't benefit from even broader margins of security, so if you were intending to offer support, please keep us in mind, and stay with your original kind thought.

The ways in which you might help financially bear repeating:

1. Cheques payable to Fynn-Lark News (c/o Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings, Woodbridge. IP13 6NJ

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## 2023 BEALINGS PLANT SALE – 22<sup>nd</sup> April

It was intended to hold an initial planning meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February, but unfortunately Covid intervened so the meeting had to be postponed until 16<sup>th</sup> February. This means we cannot now publish news of decisions reached, and of who has agreed to do what. However, we still have more than two months to go, and we hope that the main business of a Plant Sale, namely production of plants, will be going ahead unimpeded.

The Village Hall has been duly booked for **SATURDAY APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>**, so all is set. If you can think you might be able to help in any way with plants, refreshments, set-up, helping with a stall then please contact Caroline Saunders: [caroline.saunders@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroline.saunders@hotmail.co.uk) **We repeat our appeal for raffle prizes, as we hope that our Raffle will once again be a major part of the occasion.**

**Full details of timings etc will appear in the April Magazine. In the meantime,**

**do get on with the planting and potting – please!**

## NATURE NOTES

### RATS

Those of our advertisers who promote Pest Control will be delighted with this article. It is occasioned by seeing the occasional rat scurrying along, usually in vicinity of the bird feeders, or close to the nearby rill, or, less poetically, sewer. They quite like water. They certainly like easy sources of food. They obligingly like eating our detritus. This is the time of year when rats, getting hungry, come in from the fields, and look for easier pickings, close to human habitation. I used the word “scurrying” -yes, they do scurry, but they can also have the unnerving habit of stopping, looking up at you with a sense of entitlement that suggests that the human being is the intruder, and that he, Mr. Rat has every right to eat whatever he can find, however intrusive his presence may be. They can also be tempted to get indoors, into the warmth, and find warm spaces up in the roof. Not nice. This is the time of year when a fierce, under-fed cat can come in useful.

Not being an expert on these mammals, I make no apology for having rummaged around in Wikipedia to dig up a few fascinating facts: The common species are opportunistic survivors and often live with and near humans; therefore, they are known as commensals. A good word to come up with at the supper table. Rats may cause substantial food losses, especially in developing countries. Rats can carry many different zoonotic pathogens. Another example of technical terminology which would win you few friends or admirers. The Black Death is traditionally believed to have been caused by the tropical rat flea, which preyed on black rats living in European cities during the epidemic outbreaks of the Middle Ages; these rats were used as transport hosts. Foot-and-mouth disease is also sometimes linked to the rat. Rats can be responsible for high levels of predations

of birds on islands, even to the extent of wiping out whole species. Rats become sexually mature at age 6 weeks, but reach social maturity at about 5 to 6 months of age. Un-culled, they can breed exponentially. The average lifespan of rats varies by species, but many only live about a year due to predation. (Phew!).



Nevertheless, rats are kept as pets. These are specially bred. They behave differently from their wild counterparts. (Another Phew!). Pet rats do not pose any more of a **health risk** than pets such as **cats** or **dogs**. Tamed rats are generally friendly and can be taught to perform selected behaviors. Even more helpfully, rats have been used in many experimental studies, adding to our understanding of **genetics**, **diseases**, the effects of **drugs**, and other topics that have provided a great benefit for the **health** and wellbeing of humankind. In some (somewhat deviant) cultures, rats are considered edible. Also, owing to their acute sense of smell they can be trained to trace landmines or gunpowder.

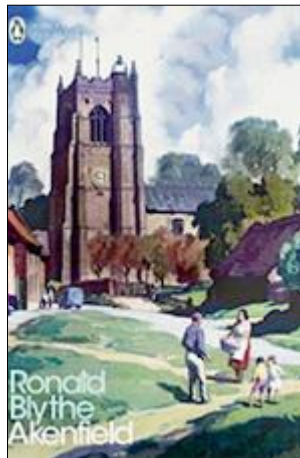
They have played starring roles in literature. The Pied Piper of Hamelin earned the eternal gratitude of local townfolk by leading all the local rats over the edge of a cliff. Daniel Defoe wrote his *Journal of the Plague Year*, in which rats played a leading role, and Albert Camus used this work as a source for his novel, *The Plague*, an allegorical treatment of the German occupation of France. They are used for torture in Room 101 in George Orwell's *1984*.

In a nearby barn there is a display of withered rats' tails, hanging from an ancient beam. "Pour decourager les autres.". Let's hope it works.

## HISTORY CORNER

### Ronald Blythe (1922-2023)

This being a magazine serving four rural Suffolk villages, it seems appropriate to pay a tribute to the late Ronald Blythe. It was probably his book, *Akenfield* (1969) and subsequent 1974 film made by Peter Hall, which was viewed by 15 million people, and which secured his lasting reputation, alongside his *Word from Wormingford*.



These included his reflections on church life, written for the *Church Times*. The name *Akenfield* was probably a blend of Akenham and Charsfield, the village from which he drew his stories of rural life, and the characters who lived them. Wormingford was where he lived, eventually inheriting Bottengom Farm from his friend, the war artist, John Nash.

Ronald Blythe lived almost his whole life in Suffolk, with spells in Sudbury, where he was educated, Aldeburgh, Debach and finally Wormingford. He began his working life as a librarian in Colchester, was associated with the East Anglian School of Painting and Drawing, but found his way into books and writing instead. He had a deep interest in churches, architecture, plants and books, and wrote about these in a way which could be seen as emblematic of so many

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of our Suffolk villages and local features.



He was a man who wrote about the past, with nostalgia, and seemed to prefer to live in the past, never having learned to drive, never owning a computer. Nor did he ever marry. But his legacy is his writing - with all the echoes of Suffolk villages as they used to be. Our own villages could have told similar tales. They were tough times, but good to look back on. Interviewed by The Guardian in 1911 he said: *I actually haven't worked on this land, but I've seen the land ploughed by horses, so I have a feeling and understanding in that respect – of its glory and bitterness."*

## A LETTER FROM THE PAST – 1924.

Following the editor's appeal for items of historical interest in last month's edition, I've had a rummage through the 'family archives' and perhaps the following may be of interest.

Those of you who have read Norman Porter's book *Walking Through History*, which covers many aspects of Bealings history will be familiar with the story of the Rev. Howard Beech, rector of Great Bealings from 1886 to 1917. His daughter Lady Winifred Fortescue grew up in Great Bealings rectory and went on to become author of several titles, including her memoirs *There's Rosemary There's Rue*, in which she writes at some length of her childhood in Great Bealings.

Writing of her father's dedication to caring

for villagers both young and old, Lady Fortescue writes '...the boys of the village adored him. He invited them to spend one evening a week with him, when he kept them all enthralled with his tales of foreign countries, the adventures and escapades of his youth, and made the rectory ring with hearty boyish laughter. Not one of "his lads" as he called them, but turned out well.'

Even after leaving Bealings in 1917, Rev. Beech kept in touch with his former parishioners. This is evidenced by a letter in my possession, written by Rev. Beech to my Grandfather Frank Mutimer in 1924, seven years after his departure. It appears that Rev. Beech had made a brief return visit to Bealings earlier that year and he writes with great affection of 'his lads' and other matters. The letter, while quite brief, gives an interesting insight into his enduring affection for the village and its people:

*Kitchen Court, Petworth, Sussex Aug 27 1924.*

*Dear old lad, I had intended to write to you, it is just three months since we were in the old home. How much we enjoyed it, and all our dear old friends gave us such a delightful greeting, it did us both good. There are no friends like the old ones, and 30 years in one place is not to be wiped out of the memories. Several things stand out in our little visit, one was seeing you and our little Mary with her baby in the bath.<sup>1</sup> It is nice to think of you both so happy. Another thing I remember was our meeting in Knappet's Yard.<sup>2</sup>*

*Mrs Beech is very well – our son Guy too, he was at Wembley yesterday with his choir. Mrs Fortescue is in France. I hope your business is flourishing, how familiar it was to see you again in the old van!<sup>3</sup> I am so glad we saw poor old Falcher. I fear when I did see him that his time was near.<sup>4</sup> Please remember me to your good father and give my love to any of my lads you may see – Reggie, Herbert Death, Herbert Lewis, George Baker, Alfie Falcher, George Waters and others. We were so pleased to see Ethel and her boys, how like they are to their father!<sup>5</sup> I don't think I was ever happier than when surrounded by my lads. I loved you all and you have all turned out so well. You are all I hope and believe Christian gentlemen, than which is no higher title and that is within reach of all.*

*God bless you and yours dear old Frank. Your affec. old friend,  
Howard Beech*

A little research into those Rev. Beech refers to as 'my lads' in the letter reveals that at least four of them served in WW1. Reg Mutimer (Reggie) was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. Herbert Death served as a medic during the conflict. Most of them stayed in Bealings throughout their lives and continued to contribute to village life in a variety of ways – their various occupations listed in the 1911 census include three who worked on the local railway as labourers, a shoemaker, domestic gardener and a domestic coachman. No doubt, as Lady Fortescue says in her memoirs, they all 'turned out well.'

A few notes.

<sup>1</sup> 'Little Mary' – my Grandmother, Maude Mutimer (nee Gibbs). She was employed by the Beeches as a housemaid at Great Bealings rectory, before marrying my Grandfather in 1915. The baby in the bath would be my father John Mutimer, born in August 1923. Coincidentally, the letter is dated on what was my father's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday!

<sup>2</sup> Knappet's Yard would be the site of the Live and Let Live, an off-licence situated in Lower Street, run by the Knappet family. Although technically an

off-licence, locals would often gather in the house, or in the garden at the rear to enjoy a few drinks. No doubt many a convivial meeting took place out the back in 'Knappet's Yard.'

<sup>3</sup> Frank Mutimer and his father William Mutimer ran a market garden and village carrier's business from Red House in Boot Street. By 1924 the horse and cart originally employed as part of the carrier's business would have been superseded by a van.

<sup>4</sup> Rev. Beech's concerns for the ailing health of his friend were to prove right shortly afterwards. Alfred Fulcher, for many years a carpenter in Great Bealings, was buried on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1924, just a month or so after Rev. Beech's visit.

<sup>5</sup> Probably Ethel Boggis who, with her husband Fred, ran The Boot public house in Boot Street during the 1920s and 30s. Fred and Ethel later became landlords of the Admirals Head in Little Bealings – a post which they held for over 60 years. The Boggis family were well known in the village and remained an integral part of village life throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

*Francis Mutimer*





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## ST MARY'S

### CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

**2022 Retrospect:** This is the time of year for writing reports, and looking back on the year just past. As most people know, churches face challenges, both financial, and in terms of shrinking attendances. What can we highlight about St Mary's in 2022? How do we assess the impact of the church on our local community in this past year?

A realistic appraisal of the negatives first. No marriages, no baptisms, but a number of significant funerals, burials and burials of ashes. We cherish the memories of Paddy Haywood Smith, Sarah Crimp, Ann Barrett and Jill Ganzoni. Numbers attending our monthly services have not been overwhelming, but, those services, together with the even more intimate mid-month Morning Prayer services, have, by general acclaim, been meaningful, and offered a brief interlude of something very different to the hurly-burly of the everyday world. The sharing of refreshments after the service gives people a chance to mix and chat. Our thanks to Virginia for loyally providing the where-with-all. Some services have brought in very good numbers: the service celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was well attended, with, notably, almost 100 people trying out our recently refurbished bells in a pealathon, strung out over 48 hours of that weekend. The Patronal Service in September, followed by outdoor lunch, brought along 50 people, several from Woodbridge. A choral evensong, supported by a visiting choir, brought in 40. £200 was raised by the Bealings Tombola Stall at the Woodbridge Christmas Market in

November. Our Remembrance Ceremony was attended by over two dozen people, and reunited us with members of the family of Edward Porter, our only WW1 Great Bealings fatality. Our Carol Service, well supported by local families, and followed up with mince pies and mulled wine, was a great success, with over 70 people turning out.

Our more secular occasions have similarly been successful: early in the year we made a second attempt to put on a German Evening, including music, drama, art and wine – successful enough for there to be calls for something else on similar lines – hence the forthcoming French evening. We staged two well-attended concerts, with the *Illuminati* and the *Ravenscroft Consort*, the proceeds from which were used to contribute to the cost of repairs of our stained-glass windows. The Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride, organised by Jonathan Keer, brought in a wonderful £400, while Open Gardens similarly produced a healthy sum, with a dozen people kindly opening up their gardens to visitors.

Our churchyard is often admired by visitors, and has been enhanced by the planting of new trees. Our wonderful churchyard Working Party made short work of the autumn clearance, finishing the job well before lunch-time. Our overflow car park, while not often called into action, is well kept, regularly cut, and looking the part, now that the rich harvest of stinging nettles and thistles has been curbed.

So – all-in-all – there is much to celebrate. If we concentrate of the positives and continue to seek ways of neutralising the negatives, then St Mary's Church Great Bealings still has a

significant role to play in village life. There are all too many parts of the world where people would envy the options, freedoms and life-styles that we are lucky enough to enjoy in Great Bealings. We should not take them for granted.

## LOOKING BACK

### BISHOP'S VISIT TO OUR BENEFICE

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February Bishop Martin officiated and preached at the 10.00 am service in Woodbridge. Reference was made to the 2 trees donated by the Bishop to Great Bealings, now planted in our churchyard. His sermon was, in these challenging times, an exhortation not to be anxious, recalling the biblical passage about God's ensuring that the lilies of the field and the birds of the air are well provided for and that our human species too, will find a way. Just take one day at a time - sufficient unto the day are the evils thereof - and all will ultimately be well.



### BLESSING OF BENCH IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JOHN MIDWINTER

There was a special ceremony, after our monthly service on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A bench donated by Maureen Midwinter, donated in memory of her late husband, John, was formally blessed by our Rector, Father Nigel, in the sort of sunlit setting which will surely encourage others to use the bench, and to while away moments gazing across the churchyard and

meadows beyond. At the ceremony, Maureen was supported by her daughter, Philippa, making it a poignant family occasion. We are very grateful to the family for the donation of this splendid addition to our outdoor seating opportunities.



**CHURCHYARD:** St Mary's has taken part in a God's Acre national soil sampling survey. The survey is being run from Bangor University. Our churchyards have been havens of non-contamination for centuries - in the sense that so many of them have been untouched by pesticides, herbicides, fertilisers etc, so the soil has a greater purity than in the cultivated fields around. This has an impact on fauna, with a wide variety of wildflowers still to be found in churchyards.

Over the first weekend in February, we did our own little bit of citizen science, with Emily Keer and her father Jonathan



helping out the churchwarden by taking all the necessary samples, using a



specially supplied implement, an auger, to draw out the soil samples from different parts of the churchyard. Our particular churchyard may be all the more interesting in that it has long been suggested that the upper part of the churchyard could well have been an Anglo-Saxon barrow, with the lower part annexed later.

### **EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

Thanks to all who have brought garments along to Rill Cottage in response to the local appeal. Although money is clearly the most urgent need right now, victims of the Turkish/Syrian earthquake will face years of suffering. Thank you.

Such as been the response of people in Woodbridge and surrounding districts, that a lorryload of items was able to set out within 48 hours of the appeal being launched. The Shire Hall, again filled up quickly, with the result that incoming supplies exceeded capacity, so the appeal is now closed. Thanks to all for a fantastic response.

### **SERVICES FOR MARCH**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am. Family Communion.**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March. 10.30 Morning Prayer**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: ASH WEDNESDAY – said communion.**

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

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

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

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden  
[nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)*

### **LIGHTS ON FOR COCO!**



We are shining the lights at the church for our dear dog Coco, who sadly passed away recently. She was a glorious nineteen and a half years and gave us so much joy. Maybe

she thought that having triumphed at the Suffolk Dog Day in the veterans' class last year, she had reached her peak!

She was so completely a member of our family and was a sister to Henrietta. A wonderful little soul who was part of the village community since 2003. God bless you Coco.

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

As mentioned previously, thought is being given as to how the church might participate in village commemoration of the coronation of King Charles 111. With the main village celebrations planned for the Sunday, allowing for mass television viewing on the Saturday, the regular Sunday service, usually 9.30 am, could fit in nicely. We also hope to have another celebratory "pealathon". The Parish Councils of Little and Great Bealings are cooperating and combining to follow up with a programme of celebration on and around the John Belstead Playing Field.

### **BEALINGS PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb**

After a 2-year COVID enforced absence, it was fantastic to see the return of the village Progressive Supper. With some 30

people taking part, it was wonderful to see village faces, new and old.

Throughout the evening, there were five different venues for starter, 4 for main and a further 5 for dessert. Between each course the village lanes became alive with couples traversing from house to house, walking, cycling and even one adventurous couple on e-scooters!

With only an hour between each course to eat, chat and make your way to the next venue, the evening flew by in a wave of food and drink. Having been well fed, consumed with engaging conversation and the inevitable intrigue of which house next, everyone ventured to the final surprise venue for drinks and a catch up with faces not already seen.

A huge thanks to everyone who gave up their evening to cook, host and a special thanks to Melissa Proctor for hosting the final drinks party in the magnificent Old Rectory, Great Bealings.

If you would like to take place next year (Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2024) please let Will and Alison Self know [self979@btinternet.com](mailto:self979@btinternet.com) we would love to welcome you!

**Footnote:**

*And the warmest thanks of all participants to Will and Alison for organising such a special evening. It all worked smoothly, despite the inevitable last minute hitches, and confirmed that village spirit is alive and well. Such things can only happen with the committed involvement of special people. Warmest thanks to you both from all the lucky participants. Ed*

## **FRIENDS OF GREAT**

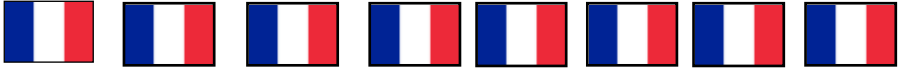
## **BEALINGS CHURCH (in**

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

The programme for our French Evening on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** is firming up. It will consist primarily of French songs, words provided, some of which will feature well known artists from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, others of which will be popular French songs, known to many of already, sung by those present, but led by a pop-up choir conducted by Choir Leader, Dr Sarah Dodds. If you would like to join the pop-up choir – max 1 rehearsal - please contact Norman Porter [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk).

The evening will also see the return to dramatic action of Lawrence and Valerie Werber, performing a short extract from *Waiting for Godot* – OK - we know that he was Irish, and that this will be in English, but the play WAS originally written in French, and was entitled “En Attendant Godot” – so that’s our justification for including it.

Entry will be by programme available by email from [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) as from 12<sup>th</sup> March @ £10, (Payable at the door). Selection of French Wines at the interval included. The programme will include helpful notes about performers, speakers, and content.



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### ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 6 MARCH 2023

This year the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 6 March in **Bealings Village Hall** and will be preceded by two presentations, which will start promptly at **7.00 p.m.**

#### **Anglia Water on the delivery of a Mains Sewerage Scheme in The Street Bealings Village Hall on its Replacement Roof Project**

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held immediately after and will start at **7.30 p.m.**

Local community groups have been invited to give reports on their activities over the last year.

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.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be followed by a Parish Council meeting. Agendas for both meetings will be published here:

*Welcome to Little Bealings Parish Council website » Home (onesuffolk.net)*

Please note the change of venue to **Bealings Village Hall** (not the Angela Cobbold Hall as previous announced) for these meetings.

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## LITTLE BEALINGS FIRST TIME SEWERAGE SCHEME

The Parish Council is now in touch with Anglian Water over the delivery of this scheme in a part of The Street and there is a dedicated page for information from Anglian Water on our website:

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

**Anglian Water has advised:**

**Anglian Water is investing over £1 million to provide properties in Little Bealings with a mains sewerage system.**

This scheme will allow rural properties to connect to a mains sewerage network for the first time. It will also reduce harm to the local environment caused by private drainage systems.

We currently expect construction to start early 2024, until then we will be busy planning the project, keeping you involved and informed at all stages.

### **INVESTIGATION WORK**

We're currently in the design stages of this project and hope to start the work next year but before we begin, we need to carry out some trial holes. These investigative digs will help us understand the ground conditions and expose any existing underground utilities we're not already aware of. The results from this work will help us decide the best technique to install the new pipe.

This investigation work is taking place on 27 February 2023 for two weeks, with eight trial holes being dug in The Street.

While we aim to reduce disruption to pedestrians and traffic as much as we can, our top priority will always be the safety of our staff and the public. This means that we will need to close The Street for the duration of our work and a diversion route will be in place.

### **WHO WILL BE ABLE TO CONNECT TO THE NEW SEWER?**

Alongside the Environment Agency, we have been investigating whether the provision of a new mains sewerage system is the best course of action to resolve local environmental issues. We concluded that there were five properties where the most appropriate and practical solution to alleviate the adverse environmental and amenity effects is the provision of a new public sewer. These five properties are called 'duty properties', this means that we now have a legal duty to provide these properties with a connection to mains sewerage. You can view them here:

*[little-bealings-duty-properties.png \(3508x2481\) \(anglianwater.co.uk\)](#)*

We are in the very early design stages of this project and are yet to come up with an engineering solution of where to install the new sewer. Depending on where we decide to lay our new pipes, there may be additional properties in the village that are able to connect to the network. Once we know which properties can connect, we will be in contact.

**We are also pleased to be presenting the project at the Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 6 March, in Bealings Village Hall. Please do come along and we will be pleased to answer questions.**

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**Friday 10th** 7.15 p.m. **Fish and Chips** Licensed Bar  
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**Wednesday 15th** 7.30 p.m.  
**'Making Dyes from Plants in Anglo Saxon times'**. A talk by a Sutton Hoo expert on This will be of interest not only to gardeners, but historians and needle crafters too.  
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**Friday 17th** **Social Friday Special! 'St Patrick's Day'**  
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**Friday 24th** 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday** Licensed Bar  
Snooker, Table Tennis, Darts, Exercise Bikes, Chess, Quoits, Board Games, etc.  
Meet up with friends for a chat and a relaxing drink.

### APRIL

**Saturday 1st** 2.30 p.m. **'Origami Fun!'**  
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### FUTURE DATES

**Friday 14th April** 7.30 p.m. **'Titanic Evening'**

Friday 5th May 7.00 p.m. **Coronation Celebration!**  
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## ALL SAINTS SERVICES

Our Ash Wednesday service takes place at 10.00 a.m. on the 22nd of February at All Saints Little Bealings and at 7.30 p.m. at All Saints Kesgrave. This year as a benefice we are following the lent course organised by Bishop Mike . We would love you to join us. Please contact me for Further details Rev Gary Jones.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at 7.00 p.m. at All Saints Church Little Bealings.

Sunday 12th Feb  
10:00 a.m. Family Service

Sunday 26th Feb 10:00 a.m.  
Family Service with Communion

Sunday 12th March  
10:00 a.m. Family Service

Sunday 26th March 10:00 a.m.  
Family Service with Communion

Every Wednesday  
10:00 a.m. A simple Service, finishes in time for the walks

Every Wednesday  
10.30 a.m. Fynn Valley Walks (leisurely guided walks c. 4 miles)

Wednesdays term time- straight after school The BORROWERS after school eco-group

Every Saturday  
10.00 a.m.-12.30 Church open for visitors, coffee, chat, private prayer

## CREATION AND THE NEW CAFE AT ALL SAINTS

We were pleased to see so many welcoming Archdeacon Jeanette to our Sunday 12th February Service at All Saints Church. Jeanette preached on Genesis and 'The Creation'. This, paired with the snowdrops, crocus, and flutter and trill of birdsong in the churchyard really served to remind all that spring with all its vigorous creation and beauty is just around the corner.

The church also feels on the cusp of a new season and there is excitement in the air. The advert for a new incumbent/rector is now in The Church Times and we wait to see who God sends to our Benefice; interviews begin shortly.

Creation continues as we prepare to open the new church cafe. The menu is taking shape, cakes being sampled, speciality breads chosen, and we plan a soft launch on Easter Sunday, opening 12.00 - 5.00 p.m. for cream teas and hot cross buns. The cafe will then open 2-days-a-week from shortly after Easter, run by volunteers who cannot wait to provide a warm welcome to villagers, walkers, and passing visitors alike. Serving excellent coffee, rich hot chocolate, delightful cakes, savouries, and for our school children the milkshakes are returning!

The cafe will also serve as home to several wellbeing and 'meet up' groups as it strives to increase community further and offer support to groups, we feel undercatered for. A 'new Alpha' course is also due to launch.

So, lots happening. If you would like to join us in this spring's great adventure, either in church, as a volunteer in the cafe, or at Alpha, please do join us at a service or email [hel-en.wittgreffe@btinternet.com](mailto:hel-en.wittgreffe@btinternet.com) who would love to hear from you.

*Happy Spring to everyone!*

## WORD FROM THE STUDY

That's not fair, I have done my homework all week and he has only done his for one day and yet we both get the same. It's not fair!

How many times have we heard that, either as parents or grandparents, nieces and nephews and so on? To be fair, the story of the labours in the vineyard {Mathew 20} lends itself to that theory. Some people had been working all day, others had not started until sometime later. So those who had been working all day started grumbling, but if we take the vineyard as God's kingdom then we start to see things from a slightly different angle. The amount paid to the workers was a denari, if you like, that's the modern equivalent of the living wage or minimum wage. So, each person is given enough to secure a living.

The Kingdom of God is open to all, so whether a person comes to faith earlier or later in life, each is given the same proportion. Nobody is short changed, and everyone is treated as equals. Jesus uses a common day story to illustrate to His listeners how God's Kingdom works.

Now those in authority would always want to be the first, and the poor and those on the margin of society last, so we know who was grumbling then, don't we? There's an old saying "Everyone is equal, but some are more equal than others". In economics, the story doesn't make sense. But that's the point of this parable, it is about grace, God's undeserved favour. Everyone receives an equal share, nobody is excluded. All are invited to labour and water in the same vineyard, with Gods empowering love, rather than compare ourselves with other labourers, with envy of their reward. Christ has a love for each and every and every one of us, and in that, we can experience the joy and delight for each and every one of us, especially the last.

Despite popular belief, the hardest worker was the owner, ensuring that nobody went without, God is that the vineyard owner. He made sure no-one is without work. Through Christ we have all become justified, we have a generous God who likes to give gifts to those who choose to follow Him, and whether we come to faith now or later, does not matter.

The prodigal son story ends with the father's arms outstretched, and so the same applies here. Humans are not good at getting it right, look at the wars that's going on. Yes, I am glad that our Heavenly Father is the land owner, and that's the difference. Man looks on the outside, God looks on the heart.

God's Kingdom, an opportunity to share and participate in a love that never ends, and where God mercy is daily renewed.

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## CHURCH NEWS

January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The funeral of Brian Seward took place.

It was with much sadness that we all heard of the death of Brian Seward.

Brian was a very knowledgeable man having an encyclopaedic knowledge of the history not only of

Playford Village but most especially of Playford Church. His willingness to talk to visiting groups to the church of Clarkson and the Biddell family was legendary. He did not need notes. His dedication to the annual Clarkson Service was deep and genuine and he never failed to make some form of contribution on the day.

Brian was also our official bell ringer and would always volunteer to ring the bells on Sundays and special days. But he was not selfish about it and taught both myself and my granddaughter to 'pull on the ropes,' unfortunately not as well as him.

Brian, off the top of his head, could give you the year that any alteration, repair or addition was made to the church, how it was funded, how long it took plus he retained the paperwork!

Although the day of his funeral was a sad day, we were reminded of how much we all owe Brian for his love of the village and the concern, interest and effort he put into everything to do with Playford.

The respect we all had for Brian could be measured by the fact that no one had a bad word to say of Brian and that just under a hundred people attended the funeral service.

Ring those bells, Brian. Ring those bells!

Colin Hedgley  
Churchwarden.

## PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Morning Service.

Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> Family Communion.

Coffee, soft drinks and biscuits are served after our services.

## PLAYFORD W.I.

\* Do you know how much water your household uses each day? 46% of UK residents surveyed thought their daily household water usage was less than 20 litres, when the average family of four can use more than 500 litres in a single day.

\* Public Health England estimate that there are 409 gambling-related deaths a year, that's more than one every day.

\* Sewage is allowed to be discharged into rivers as well as the sea at times of high rainfall

These are just a few of the diverse facts from our February meeting when we looked into social and environmental issues proposed as future WI campaign areas. We were pleased to welcome lots of members and a visitor, both in person and by zoom, for this important debate.

Our thanks to Emma and Tina for leading the discussions on Save our Water; Reducing Gambling Harm; Cleaner Rivers for People & Wildlife and Better Conditions for Women Tea Pickers. Much more informed, we then each cast a vote for which resolution we would like to see go forward to the next round. Watch this space!

In March we look forward to welcoming our speaker Yvette Robinson to hear about her visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. We meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month in Playford Parish Hall - visitors are always welcome. [playfordwi@gmail.com](mailto:playfordwi@gmail.com)

## BINKY & CO

Binky was relieved. Indigo was back from her stay in Scotland. Still female by the way. (Indigo-not Scotland.) He had managed to pick his wife up from the station on time and return home without incident. He had decided not to ask how well her journey had been as that would have resulted in a diatribe of unimaginable proportions with everyone from the Minister for Transport down to the 'on board trolley staff' being blamed for the worst journey ever. In fact, Binky had thought of asking Michael Portillo to make a series called "The World's Most Contemptible Railway Journeys." He would only have had to interview Binky's wife once and he would have had twelve episodes in the bag in a couple of hours for half the price of the usual fee.

Binky smiled to himself. He remembered the time he and Indigo went by train for a holiday in Wickham Market. ('The Jewel of the East' stated the adverts). They had to alight at Campsea Ashe four miles from the town, even though the station sign was Wickham Market, necessitating a taxi ride. Indigo went storming up to the station master. "Why is this station so far from the town?" she boomed. "Well," said the station master in the thickest of Suffolk accents that he could muster "We thought it would be a good idea to put the station as close the railway lines as possible." Binky was amused but Indigo was not. "Makes sense to me." said Binky. He felt a sharp elbow in his ribs. "Taxi" he shouted as he exited the station. A battered Ford Cortina pulled up and they both climbed in, first removing the chicken from the back seat. "Mind them there eggs" said Bill Whalebelly who had been doing this run for thirty odd years. They set off. "You've been doing this job a

long time then?" asked Binky. "Oh yes," said Bill. "I likes the independence; I am my own boss and no one tells me what to do." "Next left and be careful of that pedestrian" said Indigo. "Right-o missus," said old Bill. That was a good holiday. They spent days out in the local hot spots such as Framlingham, Easton and Kettleburgh.

Anyway once home from the station Binky removed the three very heavy suitcases from the boot of his car and dragged them indoors. Indigo was exceptionally quiet. "Sit down I'll put the kettle on." said Binky. Indigo looked at him and made a movement across a piece of paper indicating that she wanted a pencil or a pen. Binky got her one and she started to write. After a few seconds she held up the piece of paper for Binky to read. "I have lost my voice" Binky read. "Well, I haven't seen it" said Binky with a smile. Indigo did not laugh. But oh! joy of joys thought Binky. Things are starting to go my way at last.

PS. Binky has received a reader's letter saying how gross it was that Binky had half a dozen pickled onions for his Christmas lunch. Binky would like to point out that he is not a food barbarian. They were not the overlarge pickled onions that one sees in huge jars in the local fish and chip shop. They were Pickled Pearl Onions with Gin Flavouring. (Sloe gin flavour for a special treat). Available now in Aldi.



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## **CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS**

During the last few days I have noticed a significant change in the length of daylight enhanced by some wonderful winter sunshine, which means with snowdrops displaying their vivid shade of white that Spring will soon be upon us. Our churchyards are a haven for wildlife and fauna and recently we have cut back hedges, trimmed around the bases of trees and lopped off damaged branches in the churchyard in readiness to enjoy what nature brings us. Thank you to my fellow helpers (no doubt encouraged by the hot sausage rolls!) for their assistance. Footpaths pass right beside the church if walking in our direction please walk round.

### **CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH**

22nd March 9.30am Holy Communion

26th March 3.00pm Sung Evensong

Another date for the diary 26th April Annual Parochial Church Meeting

*Richard Garnham*

*Churchwarden*

## **NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

**Great Bealings:** For a Welcome Leaflet please contact Norman Porter on 735565 or [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

### **Little Bealings:**

Please see the parish website for information: [www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net](http://www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net)

### **Playford:**

For Information please see the parish website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

## **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME** - Services for those with Mobility Problems

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

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

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

## **BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP**

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

[bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)

## **BUSES**

Timetables for the 70 and 70A services serving the local area are available at: <https://www.suffolkonboard.com>

## **LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION**

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

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

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

## **NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?**

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

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

[customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk). or phoning 0345 606 6171 In an emergency contact the police.

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

[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

**Fly Tipping and Litter:** Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

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## **ACTIVITIES/SERVICES**

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

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

BEALINGS BELLES...LADIES GROUP

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

CARPET BOWLS    VH    Wed 2.00 p.m.                      *Kathy Price 621419*

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

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

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

KNIT & NATTER      ACH    Mondays 1.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m.      *Info Contact 01473 623133*

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

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

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

READING ROOM      ACH    Sat 10.30-12.30 - or by arrangement      *Info 01473 620213*

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

Drop off for FIND donations.

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

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

Licensed bar, pub games etc. and other events

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

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING                      *Margaret Wilson 07769195132*

:      [bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com](mailto:bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com)

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

**PLAYFORD**      **PH: Parish Hall**

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

LIBRARY      Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box  
*07809594685*

MILK      Tue, Thu, Sat                      *Dairy Crest 747272*

NEWSPAPERS                      *DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305*

PARISH HALL BOOKING      Book on line: [bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com)  
or contact via voicemail *01473 487215*

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

TODDLERS    PH    Fri 9.30 a.m. toddler group                      [playfordtoddlers@gmail.com](mailto:playfordtoddlers@gmail.com)

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Dates from February:

Wednesday 8th February

Wednesday 22nd February

Wednesday 8th March

Wednesday 22nd March

We are able to provide a limited number of places for individuals living with Dementia to join in with the activities at Seckford Care for the duration of the meeting, in order for carers to be able to attend. To book a place for a relative with dementia, please contact:

**Cathy O'Brien on 07342 058012 / [cobrien@seckford-foundation.org.uk](mailto:cobrien@seckford-foundation.org.uk)**

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