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WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER LIVE?

Playford is lucky in that it doesn't have a huge unpredictable, active volcanic mountain overshadowing it..... or is it? A volcano can have lots of useful advantages; the surrounding soil is very fertile and provides a good source of nutrients for vineyards, citrus and olive trees and abundant local vegetable produce plus plenty of pumice stone which can be used as building materials. It is also a huge tourist attraction (although that can work both ways!) Mount Etna in Sicily has a very interesting history and has intrigued people for millennia. Estimated to have been active for the past 2.6 million years, it's an active stratovolcano and at approx. 11,000 feet, is the highest active volcano in Europe. People have been studying it for over 2000 years and keeping meticulous records. Amazingly, over that period, it has caused only 77 fatalities - two as recently as 1987 when a couple of tourists were killed by a sudden explosion near the summit, but despite the numerous eruptions it is

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

very rare that anyone has been killed by volcanic activity, although a fair number have been injured. Many more were killed by the Sicilian earthquake in 1693 when two-thirds of the population of the large city of Catania (which is nestled around the foothills to the south-west of Mt Etna) were wiped out and the city had to be more or less re-built. But of course, earthquakes and volcanic activity go hand in hand and the precursor to this earthquake was a huge eruption of Mt Etna in 1669 – the largest and most devastating of all historical eruptions. Catania was severely affected economically by this as the surrounding land was sterilised by the lava flows and took centuries to recover.

Mt Etna erupted 16 times in 2001 alone, and 11 times within a 3-week period in March 2021. Most recently, in the middle of August this year, a minor eruption was enough to close Catania airport for 24 hours because clouds of ash were being blown across the area. It even blows smoke rings on rare occasions perhaps as a party piece!

Living in the shadow of such a famous historical site and potential source of danger might possibly seem mundane for the people who have made it their home. But the mountain dominates the landscape and will not be ignored. All of Sicily's history has been influenced by it and it's steeped in mythological stories which have merged with the truth over the years.



A dwarf elephant called “u Liotru” was supposed to have used its magical powers to save the city of Catania from being engulfed by lava flows in the 12th Century –see picture of u Liotru’s statue which stands in the Piazza del Duomo in Catania. The elephant is said to have been carved out of Mt Etna’s lava and stands on a marble plinth. Many legends and stories of its bold heroic escapades exist in local folk lore and the elephant is generally regarded as a symbol of good luck in the city.

Mt Etna was added to the list of World Heritage Sites in June 2013.

So, is it better to be surrounded by fame and folklore and ancient history or to live a quiet life in Playford and just complain about the potholes and speeding traffic racing through the village? The climate is better in Sicily!

Marian Hedgley (recent visitor to Sicily) - Oct 2023

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

BEALINGS TO BERLIN.

Just 5 months after completing his first marathon in London, on 24 September Steve Roberts completed in just over 4 hours the iconic BMW Berlin Marathon. This was his second of the major 6 world marathons. Steve raised over £1200 for Great Ormond Street. Next stop Paris in the springtime!



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**Note: Why Noble Rotters? Noble rot is a late-in-season rotting of grapes. On over-ripe white grapes, the mould penetrates the grape skins and leads to loss of water. The "must" from such grapes is more concentrated than normal and is used for making high-quality sweet wines, such as Sauternes.*



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NATURE NOTES

– Bealings mini-exotica

Gary Farmer is not only an expert photographer, but he also has an eye for the unusual and the unlikely – quite often in the familiar but unexpected surroundings of the garden of the Old Post Office. His eagle eye picks out details so often only made familiar to us by the expert, eagle-eyed camera teams of the BBC's Wild-life units.



Gary tells us that the hummingbird moth (above– library picture showing greater detail, below) originated from warmer climes, but can now be seen in the UK – evidence, if you need any more of it, of global warming.



The hummingbird hawkmoth used to migrate to the UK from Southern Europe each year, but is now more firmly established. It can be seen during the daytime, hovering over flowers, just like the bird from which it gets its name, feeding with its long proboscis; its wings move so quickly that it 'hums'.

The picture below is, that of the shield bug and shows us the near-miraculous intricacy of the anatomy of another very small creature.



They are said to be very common. Adult shield bugs range in the colour of their backs from bright green to bronze, without any substantial markings, and are found in a large variety of habitats. Common they may be, but these tiny creatures have a beauty which can only be brought out and fully appreciated by camera close-ups and enlargements.

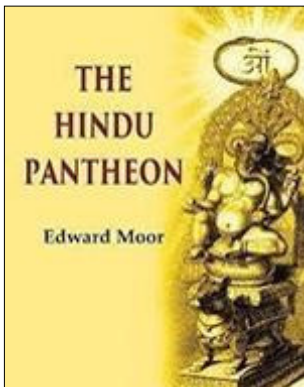
A CHALLENGE: All you wildlife enthusiasts: do keep an eye out for such exotica and let us have your pictures. Maybe the editor will be tempted to award a prize at the end of the next calendar year for the best wild-life picture, taken in these parts, submitted to the Fynn-Lark News. There's the challenge for you. Send pictures in the usual way to the Fynn-Lark news – all entries will be acknowledged, and some may be published in the course of the year.

HISTORY CORNER

– distinguished men of Bealings

It is always good to get feedback on items published here, and we were pleased to receive a response related to the article on some-time Lord Chancellor, Lord Hatherley, with his links to Bealings House. This called back to mind another distinguished former resident, Major Moor, doyen of the same Bealings House.

Major Moor followed a distinguished career with the East India Company, supposedly going to India, as a cadet, and at the precocious age of 12, taking charge of a company of sepoy. His time in India gave him an enduring love of Indian culture, particularly Hindu culture, and on his return to this country he pursued that interest. He published books and collected artefacts. Such was his renown that – some years ago Channel 4 featured him in a programme about Indian culture. The extraordinary pyramid in the grounds of Bealings House was installed there with the help of his son, Canon Moor, Rector of Great Bealings, to house some of his collection of Indian items.



Our pictures show the front of Major Moor's book, The Hindu Pantheon, Major Moor with a depiction of the God, Ganesha, and a representation of the God, Shiva.



With a Hindu as our current Prime Minister, it seems appropriate to link the two, and, by way of very non-authoritative comparison, just remind ourselves of the major tenets of Hindu belief. Hinduism is said to be the world's oldest religion, dating back more than 4,000 years. Today it has more than 1 billion followers. It is not a monotheistic religion like Christianity or Islam. The gods Shiva and Vishnu are perhaps the best known. A Hindu views the entire universe as God's

and everything in the universe as God.

In a world where religious intolerance is not unknown, it is reassuring to know that Hindu belief is totally non-exclusive and accepts all other faiths and religious paths. It is similarly reassuring to know that the father of possibly the most distinguished of all rectors in Gt Bealings, Canon Moor, had this profound interest in another religion. What the relatively sleepy Suffolk scene made of this injection of eastern exoticism is a matter for speculation.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL NEWS

ROOF & DOOR PROJECT

Here is the latest update from Bealings Village Hall. The last Pop Up Pub raised over £460 towards the Roof & Door Project and this coupled with a pledge from The National Lottery for £9,995 has now brought the total pledged / donated so far to **£41,070** - target £86,000, so we're almost half way there!

More grant applications are being prepared, but your donations and profits from the fundraising events are paramount in showing local support.

Also, you'll see that there's a survey insert in this month's edition which asks a few questions about you and your use of

the Village Hall, if you didn't fill one out at the last Pop Up Pub, please take a few moments to tell us what you would like to see in the future at the Village Hall.

It's important that we get as much feedback as possible from you, as community involvement is a vital part of all grant fund applications.

If you wish, you can scan the filled-out form and email it to me at: *keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com* or pop it into the porch at Church Lodge, The Street, Little Bealings or at the Village Hall - a huge thank you to all who participate.

POP UP PUB

The next Pop Up Pub is scheduled for Friday 10th November at 6.00 p.m. so look out for the posters around the Villages and updates on the Bealings & Playford Newsgroup. Volunteers to help are always welcomed!

WORKING PARTY: JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD

The next working party on the Playing Field will be Saturday 18th November 09:30 - 12 noon, we will be clearing paths, collecting leaves and lopping branches/brambles from around the field and the Hall. Everyone welcome, please bring any of the following: gloves/rakes/spades/loppers/secateurs. Thank you

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

After many years of service, Margaret Wilson is stepping down as Administrator, Secretary and Treasurer of Bealings Village Hall. The Hall and all its facilities now need volunteer(s) to help with the administration and booking of the hall. This village asset cannot exist without volunteers willing to support it. If you think that you can help or would be interested in finding out more about what is involved, please contact either Margaret on 01473 625277 or Peter Prentice on 07909 595221.

ALL CHANGE AT BEALINGS SCHOOL!



Duncan Bathgate, longstanding Headteacher of Bealings School, has retired after 27 years of service.

Small in size, but not in reputation, our village school has received 5 Outstanding Ofsted's under Duncan's leadership. And through a commitment to democratic schooling and experiential learning, Duncan has helped Bealings to attract attention on an international level. As a result, he has spoken at educational conferences across the world and has welcomed thousands of educators to the school to share with them the Bealings way.

A leaving party was held for Duncan, and it was a joy to see old faces, from the village and beyond, returning to wish him well.

Governors now have the daunting task of finding a replacement to suit the ethos and educational values of the school - something that is becoming increasingly difficult in the current educational climate. But as they do, the school will be led for this academic year by Interim-Headteacher, Rebecca Leek, who brings her own vast experience and energy to the role.

We wish her and the school continuing success.

BEALINGS SCHOOL

- FINDING OUR VOICE

If you wander down Sandy Lane on a Friday morning, you might be lucky enough to catch the sound of children singing, their voices traveling through our stained glass windows, meandering past the dragon, and down to the road. Every week we have been meeting together as a whole school and we have gradually built up our ability to sing in two, and sometimes three parts.

We started the term with some familiar favourites - did you know that the school song is 'If you Want to Sing Out' by Cat Stevens? Sometimes Alice, our Year 3 and 4 teacher, accompanies us on the guitar, sometimes I do, and we use the piano as well. What is new for us is learning the Sol Fa together which is a system that the composer Kodaly devised. This involves us becoming really sensitive to the intervals between notes and learning to pitch sounds with nothing more than hand signals. We are already very good at the 'Do La' interval which is a minor third. We are adding in So, Re, Me and Ti as well at the moment.

This method has helped us start to learn a traditional song that is believed to have originated from Chad or the Congo that uses one word, Soualle. It is actually a bedtime lullaby - it means 'Goodnight'.

We know that singing is good for the brain and good for the body. I think it's something that is very special about being human. It is an increasingly important part of school life that also travels really well. The Year 5s and 6s took one of our songs all the way to Cornwall last week on their residential. I have the video footage to prove it! And we are really pleased to have been invited to be a Music Mark school.

We will be singing carols in the playground at the end of term. If you are passing on Wednesday 20th December at around 1pm I think you will be in for an absolute treat.

Rebecca

interim Headteacher, Bealings School

BEALINGS CLUB HOUSE

After a 19-year career in teaching, local resident Kelly McLoughlin also left Bealings School this summer to start a new adventure in out of school care. Since getting the go-ahead from Ofsted in September, Bealings Clubhouse has been providing breakfast, after-school and holiday club sessions for Bealings children.

Based at the Angela Cobbold Hall, the children enjoy games, toys and craft activities before a trip to the park each evening.



So far, the children are giving it a resounding thumbs up and the Clubhouse is currently providing care for 33 families throughout the week and in the holidays.

Although the breakfast and after-school clubs serve Bealings School children only, holiday clubs are open to local residents also - so do take a look at the website in the coming weeks to see what is on offer over the winter break.

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October/November are very busy months in the gardening calendar. Contrary to popular belief, now is, in fact, the best time to plant out new borders, as the ground is warm and provides the perfect conditions for root growth over the winter months, allowing hardy and herbaceous plants to start off growth early and thrive.

Now is also the perfect time to take a look at your garden, and perhaps divide up any plants that have become congested or grown too big for their space. Herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering (see list below) will all benefit from being divided in autumn. Dividing congested plants every few years ensures that they remain healthy and vigorous. It also provides you with free plants that you can either replant around your garden, give to green-fingered friends, or pot up and look after until spring, when you can donate them to the Bealings Spring Plant Sale!

Plants which benefit from being divided every few years include:

Iris

Agapanthus

Asters

Bergenia (elephants ears)

Convallaria (lily of the valley)

Crocus

Delphinium

Helianthus

Hosta

Hemerocallis (day lily)

Salvia

Sedum

Verbena



illustrations of hostas, asters, bergenias.

Other activities you could be getting on with in the garden might be sowing sweet peas or planting spring bulbs, do make sure you don't tidy up too much – those hibernating animals, such as hedgehog, love a corner filled with leaves to make a safe winter home.

Here are our simple tips for dividing perennials, taken from the RHS website:

➤ Lift plants gently with a garden fork, working outwards from the crown's centre to limit root damage. Shake off excess soil so that roots are clearly visible.

➤ Some plants, such as Ajuga (bugle), produce individual plantlets which can simply be teased out and replanted.

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➤ Small, fibrous-rooted plants such as Heuchera, Hosta and Epimedium can be lifted and pulled apart gently. This should produce small clumps for replanting.

➤ Large, fibrous-rooted perennials, such as Hemerocallis (daylily), require two garden forks inserted into the crown back-to-back. Use these as levers to loosen and break the root mass into two sections. Further division can then take place.

➤ In some cases, a sharp knife, axe, or lawn edging iron may be needed to cleave the clump in two.

Plants with woody crowns (e.g., Helleborus) or fleshy roots (e.g. Delphinium) require cutting with a spade or knife. Aim to produce clumps.

Make sure that if you have replanted the plant in your garden or potted them up for donation to the Plant Sale, you have watered them well afterwards, and keep them in a frost-free environment to ensure they build up over winter, ready for donation in spring! Queries welcome on 0778971357

We look forward to seeing you at the **Bealings Plant Sale on Saturday 27th April 2024, 10.00 a.m.-12.00 midday.**

Caroline Saunders

SAVID

Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Culpho (with Grundisburgh) Parish Councils are members of SAVID (Safer Village Driving in Suffolk). This group of volunteers works cooperatively to encourage safer driving and observance of speed limits within our joint localities. Neighbouring Tuddenham, Rushmere and Martlesham are also amongst the members.

SAVID's next meeting and AGM takes place on Thursday 16th November 2023 at Martlesham Council's Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, IP12 4PB, beginning at 6.30pm. **Everyone is warmly welcome to attend. To receive the agenda in advance, or request a topic for inclusion, please contact suffolksavid@gmail.com.**

National Road Safety week takes place 19-25th November. SAVID members will be taking part in activities with our East Suffolk Community Partnership Road Safety Forum. The theme this year is 'Let's Talk About Speed'

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GREAT BEALINGS

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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S MEETING NOTES PCC

A meeting of the PCC was held on Tuesday September 26th, in St Mary's Church.

Much of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of the future of the church, particularly its sustainability as a centre for regular worship in the light of small shrinking congregations, and the substantial demands made on a small group of financial supporters. At the present rate, and given current levels of parish share, our Treasurer estimates that funds will be exhausted in 3/5 years.

Despite these challenges, there is a determination to keep the church going, in some capacity, perhaps as a Festival Church. Such a change would have far-reaching implications, but, whatever the future, it seems that provision needs to be made for wider community use. To this end some significant modification of the space at the back of the church is essential, and plans are in place to decide on the detail and to move this project forward. A targeted modification of this area could make possible a whole new range of uses, both by the church and by the wider community.

It was agreed at the meeting that consultation with local people is critical if we are to make a success of any change.

Other more imminent plans are in hand to replace, in the very near future, the decrepit North gate. This gives an unfortunate first impression of dereliction and belies the efforts to keep the church alive and vital. The new gate, already ordered, will be dedicated to the memory

of the late Commander Michael Kersey, a major benefactor of the church.

HARVEST FESTIVALS

Our Harvest Festival took place on Sunday October 1st, at the usual time of 9.30 am. It was good to be able to welcome a number of visitors. A large amount of mostly tinned food was donated, ready to be delivered to the Salvation Army Food Bank in Woodbridge. Our thanks to all who contributed to the cause.

The St Mary's, Woodbridge Harvest Festival was held later that morning, and was followed by a Benefice Harvest Lunch. A tasty quiche-based lunch was served, and there was a brief poetic interval, during which two Betjeman poems were read: one, *The Harvest Mouse*, jointly and dramatically, with good comic effect, by our Rector and his wife, Liz.



Your Bealings churchwarden was asked to read the second - *Harvest Hymn* – a rueful Betjeman reflection on good and bad farming practices.

A REMINDER - BOOK BANK

There are a significant number of books on the back pew, to the right of the South Door. There are signs of movement – books coming, books going. Do have a look, if you haven't already done so, and bear us in mind for what might now be called pre-read books. Thank you.

CHURCHYARD

Thanks to the efforts of a large number of helpers, the churchyard is now almost ready to settle down for winter. Queen of the bonfires, Sally Johnson, managed to create a roaring fire which consumed huge quantities of slightly damp and green vegetation, with huge billowings of thick smoke. But it's now all gone, with just a little pile of ashes in the middle of the churchyard as evidence of a wonderful morning's work.



Our warmest thanks to all those turned up, either on the day, or at other times, to get plenty of work done: strimming - we had a veritable army of strimmers working away, all appropriately kitted out, on the lines of paramilitaries in action, plus the snippers, rakers, painters etc. – all doing their bit, and justly rewarded at the end of the morning with our traditional Ploughman's lunch. It was good to see our Rector not only mucking in, but also

establishing long-term communion with the cows, who hurried over to get freebie mouthfuls of freshly cut grass and earning a mention in the Harvest Festival sermon.



We were also pleased to welcome friends from Woodbridge and Little Bealings, joining in our efforts. Volunteers were invited to reciprocate by helping with the Little Bealings clear-up in mid-October.



SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday 5th November

9.30 a.m. All Saints Festival,

Family Communion

Sunday 12th November

10.50 a.m. Remembrance Day

Ceremony at the War Memorial

This will be a joint ceremony with the church and the Parish Council. There will be refreshments in the church after the ceremony.

Sunday 19th November

10.30 a.m.- Morning Prayer.

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

Please also refer to services being held, at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge, as well as other events, to which we are warmly invited.

*Norman Porter, Churchwarden
nhp@rillcott.co.uk*

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CHURCHYARD BONFIRE GATHERING – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3RD.

Arising from a conversation during churchyard clear-up morning, our Rector together with bonfire expert, Sally Johnson, agreed that a bonfire evening around the time of Guy Fawkes Day would be a good idea, and a way of bringing people together over a drink and something on the lines of hot soup and sausages. No fireworks – too bureaucratically complex - but lots of giant sparklers, plus the warmth of the bonfire and cheery company.

The fire will be on the usual bonfire patch in the middle of the churchyard. If you have suitable combustible material – check with Sally beforehand this it IS suitable - then do contribute to the fire, by adding it to the pile. If possible, please bring wood along on **Friday afternoon**.

Proceedings will commence around 5.30; the floodlights will be on to provide basic illumination., and if you would like to join us, please let Sally know via sallyscape@hotmail.com. Alternatively, you can contact Bridget Tanno (bridget.tanno@hotmail.co.uk), or Linda

at the Parish Office
(parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org)

Donations invited on the night to cover costs of sausages, soup, wine etc. – cash only, please.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

No flood-lighting this month. It can't be that there's been nothing to celebrate, so do just bear in mind this way of celebrating special occasions, giving pleasure to all who pass our floodlit church. The standard fee remains a fiver. However, as the principle is as important as the fund-raising, should you feel generous, and knowing that your contribution is in a worthy cause, a bit more will always be welcome.

If you would like the lights to shine forth for personal celebrations/ commemorations please drop a note in to Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane with payment, explaining why you would like the church floodlit, so that it can be recorded in the FLN, for posterity's benefit. If urgent, a holding email nhp@rillcott.co.uk, will do the trick, with payment to follow.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

After nearly six years of voluntary Speedwatch duties, Anthony Sheppard has decided to stand down. Thank you, Anthony, for your unstinting support in all weathers.

So, we have a vacancy in the Great Bealings Speedwatch Team. Please give it some serious thought, we do need another person in order to be effective. If you would like to find out more, please contact Colin Hedgley 01473 738468.

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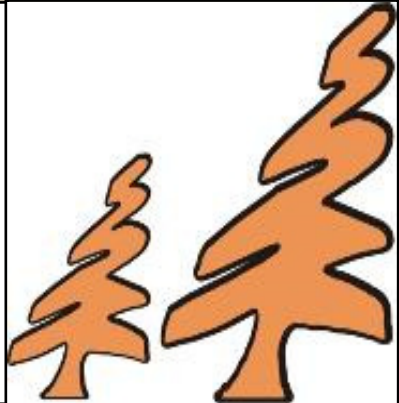
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LITTLE BEALINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DROP IN EVENT

11 NOVEMBER 11-30 A.M. – 2.00 P.M.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

Residents of Little Bealings will find an invitation to this event enclosed with the Fynn Lark News. There is a new webpage on the Council's website for information on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/new-page-2/>

Please do attend and give your views on the issues you think our village faces now and over the next 15 years.

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Parish Council meeting held on 2 October 2023

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors made declarations of interest in items on the Agenda in accordance with the Council's adopted LGA Code of Conduct and left the meeting as appropriate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident advised of their objection to the Council considering the discharge of condition application (DC/23/3463/DRC) for the Admiral's Head.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/23/3407/FUL | Two storey rear extension, replacement roof to form first floor accommodation and alterations | Solgarden Playford Road

There was no objection to the application.

DC/23/3463/DRC | Discharge of Condition 6 (refuse storage and presentation) of APP/X3540/W/21/3267667 (DC/20/3514/FUL) - Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use | Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane

It was resolved to object to the application

on the grounds that approval of the location of the refuse facilities would be contrary to paragraph 20 of the Inspector's decision when allowing the appeal against the refusal of planning permission by ESC, which stated that "the change of use would provide some enhancements to the appearance of the area through the repurposing and maintenance of the existing outside area as residential garden". It would also be contrary to Condition 5 of the planning permission which required the area within the site now proposed for refuse facilities to be retained for the purposes of manoeuvring and parking of vehicles and used for no other purposes.

SCC/0059/23SC - Land off The Street, Little Bealings Construction of a Sewage Pumping Station, footpath, fencing, and associated apparatus

The Chairman and Mr Gamham would meet with representatives of Anglian Water to discuss the impact of the site and works on the village.

ESC Consultations on 'Our Direction' and Planning Application Guidance for Custom and Self-Build Housing

It was resolved that there were no comments to make.

HIGHWAYS SAVID AND 20's PLENTY

County Councillor Elaine Bryce had advised that the rusted SID pole in The Street would be repaired but there was no funding to replace the white line between the Church and Holly Lane. The Chairman would contact her regarding the white line replacement. SAVID would be asked if SID data could lead to an Automatic Number Plate Recognition device being used in The Street. The Council's annual subscription to SAVID would help purchase further SID devices. Mr Garnham reported on a 20's Plenty meeting and that data was needed to support the impact of lower speeds on fuel efficiency.

SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP MEETING

The Chairman reported on his attendance at the meeting and service of a noise abatement notice. He would attend a meeting with Dr Dan Poulter. It was agreed District Councillor Clery should be a full member of the group.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Mr Carr, Mrs Price and Ms Saagi, as members of the Council's Neighbourhood Plan Focus Group, had attended a meeting with ESC planning policy officers. A drop in event for residents would be held on Saturday 11 November in Bealings Village Hall. An application for grant funding for the Plan was in hand.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM

The Partnership meeting on 2 October had been cancelled by ESC. Mr Garnham had attended Road Safety Forum meetings in September, and it was planned to display a banner during Road Safety Week.

SALC

The Chairman would attend a SALC conference at The Hold on 29 November.

DATE OF COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 6 November 2023 in the

Angela Cobbold Hall.

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

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

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THANKS!

Grateful thanks to Mrs. Jenny Cook of Little Bealings, who is retiring from delivery duties with the

Fynn Lark News after over 40 years of tireless and dedicated service to the community.

We are grateful to Kelly McLoughlin for agreeing to take over Jenny's round and continue to keep

everyone in touch with community life and events.

ACH News

Thanks to everyone who shared and helped with the Community Lunch on 3rd October.

The next lunch is on Tuesday 7th November

Sausage Casserole/ Pumpkin Pie.

Thanks also to everyone who came to share Tea Time on Sunday 15th October.

The next Tea Time will be on Sunday 19th November 3.00—5.00 p.m.

More information from 01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

November 25th, 2023

2.00 p.m. — 4.00 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall

All funds raised will be sent to Alzheimer's Society

Knit and Natter group are organising the above Christmas Bazaar to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society. We have been busy making various articles to sell; some crochet, knitted or sewn.

Also there will be some home produce jam and cake. Of course, there is a Raffle, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Find our Festive Friends name? As well as Festive Refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you at the Bazaar or you are very welcome to join us at Knit and Natter. On every Monday afternoon in the Angela Cobbold Hall between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. You do not have to be able to knit. We have people who sew and embroider also some just come and natter. The conversations can be most interesting and amusing at times. We do not expect you to be able to turn up every week you may have other commitments, but Tea and cake is always available. So come and give it a go.

Contact Eileen on 01473 623133 or Yvette 07501127273

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In the past 12 months, *Home-start in Suffolk* volunteers have supported more than 1500 families as they navigate challenging times, and sadly the referral numbers do not appear to be slowing. To help support these families, we are hosting a festive evening or afternoon so you can create your own gorgeous wreath and/or table centrepiece.

We are indebted to local artist, Maggie Davis, for her continued help and look forward to seeing you at the Village Hall to get in the holiday spirit!

Friday, 1st December 2023 at 7.00pm

Sunday, 3rd December 2023 at 2.00pm

Bealings Village Hall

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A full range of food and drink will be available, including sausage rolls, mince pies, prosecco, cocktails and mocktails and other festive refreshments.

Thank you for your support during these difficult times as the cost-of-living crisis and the cold winter months combine to make life so much harder for parents and children across our county. We appreciate the chance to come together as a community, celebrate the season, and support those who are in need.

If you are unable to join us, we can prepare a wreath package and deliver it to your home and if you'd like to know more about *Home-start* and how you can become a volunteer, please go to <https://www.home-start.org.uk/home-start-in-suffolk> or call 01473 621104.

For more details and the booking link, please contact

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the seasons change, and yes, the clocks go back, it reminds us that as in life, situations change, but our focus on our daily lives should remain the same. The hymn "Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy" sums it up perfectly. Though we are facing things that are out of our control we can turn to God after all He created the world and will ultimately through Christ be its redeemer.

November in the life of the Church becomes the season of remembrance. We begin the month with All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday, St Andrew's Day and then, of course, Christ the King. Each one of these festivals is important. Remembrance Day is when we remember those who fell in war, defending our freedom. There will be a service in All Saints Little Bealings at 10am to mark those who gave their life in the service of others.

During this year's commemorations, as well as remembering past conflicts, we will be conscious of the ongoing situation in the Middle East, Ukraine and those who suffer the on-going effects of war. As a community and as a nation, we can all play our part by just pausing for a moment either on the Remembrance Day itself, or on the Sunday to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said "Greater love hath no man, than to lay down his life for his friends".

When we pause for a moment, in spite of the many difficulties we face, the blessings we receive at God's hand, far outnumber the negative ones in our lives.

If I look back on my ministry over the last year, I can look at it through two lenses; one will see stars, the other will see mud. You could say that the mud has been the energy crisis, the rise in the cost of living, an increase in the use of food banks and so on, or do I look through the stars and see what a real privilege and a blessing it is to serve our Lord in three beautiful Churches, and ultimately, serving the people in these communities. Yes, definitely the second one!

Our Sunday services offer us the opportunity to take some time out of our busy lives, to come and spend some time of quiet, away from the fast pace of our lives. Psalm 46 reminds us "Be still and know that I AM God". We have a short service of prayer on 8th November when Archdeacon Rich will join and lead us as we seek a new vision and a chance to focus on our community. Everybody is most welcome to join us on that day, and at our services every Sunday at Kesgrave and either at St Marys Playford or All saints Little Bealings. All services start at 10.00 a.m.

On 20th November at 7.30 p.m., Reverend Sarah Quantrill will be licensed as our new Incumbent. Please hold her and Mike her husband in your prayers as they move into our Benefice.

As we go forward, we continue to offer a visit from a member of the clergy or the team and it doesn't have to be a Church matter. Tea, one sugar please!

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PLAYFORD W.I. CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The Women's Institute was started in 1915 to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to produce food in the First World War. The Playford branch was formed eight years later. Since then, the organisation's aims have broadened, and the W.I. is now the largest women's organisation in the UK. Whilst several local villages' W.I.s have folded in recent years Playford's currently continues.



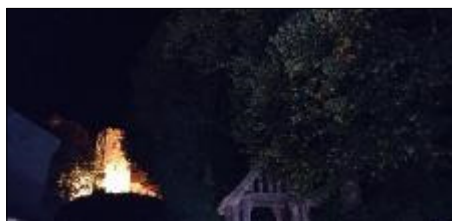
100 years on: today's members met at the same place as 1923: Originally known as the Reading Room, the W.I.'s first meetings in the Parish Hall dramatically expanded its original purpose for Council meetings and 'recreation for the men in the village'. The hall was bequeathed to the village by Mary Kate Stevenson.

We enjoyed a look back at old photos including a display of vintage Playford images kindly lent by Parish Recorder John Royle. Cakes popular 100 years ago were also enjoyed: Pineapple Upside-down-Cake (growing pineapples was all the rage on country estates with

conservatories); and Trench Cake (a more modest recipe baked to send to soldiers), plus fizz!



Astrid Llewellyn presented a commemorative tree to Playford W.I. The symbolic evergreen Holm Oak, along with a special plaque recording 100 years, was received by President Sally Herrington. We are delighted with this thoughtful surprise gift.



Playford Church was floodlit as part of the celebrations, a glowing memory of all our members, activities and achievements of the last century.

Our next meeting on 7th November is the AGM, 7.30 p.m. in the village hall.

Coffee Morning

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Saturday November 25th

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BINKY AND CO.

Binky was furious. He had lovingly grown and nurtured his giant marrow ready for the Great Agricultural Show for months and months. He had dug in so much manure and compost, watered and polished it that you would have thought it was worth more than the Koh-I-Nor diamond. Or his wife. Which in fact it was. (his wife not the diamond).

There was so much anti-slug, anti this and anti that involved in the few square feet that surrounded this marrow, plus the chicken wire to prevent unwanted incursions of four-footed raiders it was, for sure, a 'maximum security area.'

So, when Binky got up one morning to find his prize marrow had gone, he was distraught. He did notice one footprint in the soil and was immediately excited by the fact that he had "evidence."

Right said Binky to no-one in particular, I'll call the police, this is theft on a grand scale. He went back into the house and picked up his phone. Well, he thought, perhaps dialling 999 may be slightly over the top plus the fact that a squad car switched to "Two and Blues" may give the thief prior warning that the constabulary were onto him. So, 111 it was. Or was it 110? Binky couldn't remember. The whole thing is daft thought Binky. They should have kept it to 999 for everything and then left it to the operator to decide on priority. He did tell the chief constable that once. His reply was "Move along sir, move along" which Binky thought was most unhelpful especially when he was then arrested for loitering. Eventually he phoned 101. A very nice lady answered the phone.

"Good morning, 101, we are here to help, we deal with non-urgent cases but that doesn't mean we do not care or you are a time-wasting idiot that is reporting something trivial, it may be trivial to some people but not to us if it's important to you we..." "Yes, yes, I know that. I want to report a sto..." "We are here to help you no matter how small the incident and we all hope you have a very nice day." The line then went dead. Binky was livid. "What is the matter with you?" he screamed at the phone. "You are a complete and utter fool." Binky dialled again. This time a man answered "Yes" came the very helpful voice. "Ah" said Binky "I wish to report a stolen marrow." "Why?" asked the voice. "Because it was my prize marrow." Binky responded. "If it had been an ordinary marrow, would you have reported the theft?" enquired the voice. "Well," said Binky "possibly not." "So, because you use the pronoun 'prize' you consider it more important than an ordinary marrow that is just sitting there minding its own business?" "Now look here," said a slightly ruffled Binky. "Don't take that tone with me," said the voice. "I am only trying to help and get to the facts." But I haven't told you the facts yet" replied Binky. "Well, if you wish to keep the facts to yourself sir, we cannot help you."

The line went dead. Binky screamed. At that point Binky's wife called from the kitchen. "Binky, lunchtime." "I've made you a very nice marrow soup."

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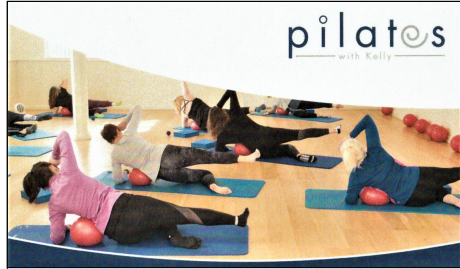
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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

The time of year has come around when Farmers can reflect on their harvest and make a fresh start for the following one. Such is the farming business now that the next year's crops such as Oilseed Rape are drilled and established before the current grain harvest is completed. Although the cereal harvest has drawn to a close and celebrated with Harvest Festivals around our villages, crops of Potatoes and Maize together with Sugar Beet have still to be completed. As autumn arrives, we can enjoy the wonderful array of colours before the trees shed their leaves, how we are blessed to live in the countryside to enjoy such scenery and tranquillity.

CHURCH SERVICES IN ST BOTOLPH'S CULPHO IN NOVEMBER

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