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APRIL 2025

EASTER MESSAGE

The vibrant colours of spring daffodils, emerging from a winter under ground, remind us how we, too, survive life's storms. Despite everything, we too, just like the daffodils, come through the storms of life. The God who created us, is the God that sustains us.

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount, uses lilies to illustrate God's caring for all creation: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin..." We should trust God, rather than worrying.

As we approach Easter, the empty tomb reminds us that God, through Christ, has overcome the problems of this world. We no longer live in darkness. We are children of the light, and that light is Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection we celebrate at Eastertime.

I wish you all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Reverend Gary Jones, Local Minister



DEMISE OF CHARITIES

Over the last 10 years with funding cuts from every angle, has seen the demise of the charities and organisations that previously supported the community. Age UK, the Alzheimer's Society, Sue Ryder to name a few. The others have shrunk. These organisations used to provide support for **our** communities with all sorts of issues. Especially in our aging demographic, the elderly have been hit the hardest. The young who can't afford to live in rural communities, find themselves alone and isolated.

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

So, what's happened? Well, it's been down to local dedicated special individuals to take the issues on board personally! Thanks to them we have crops of local groups popping up to meet the needs. It is not enough, but at least there is something. There are small pots of local government money to support new initiatives.

The core need for all this brilliant work is the VOLUNTEER!! without them nothing would happen. I run various groups in this area, and nothing would get done without them. They are essential.

Why should you become a volunteer? - well, you are needed and your skills can be used. Depending on what you want to do, your skill sets and how much time you wish to dedicate to volunteering. The majority of volunteers are aging themselves, I would say 40% of them are over 70, with a number over 80! Volunteering has declined. This is due to a number of factors- most people need to work longer hours to make ends meet and have not got the time anymore. Some don't know what opportunities are out there and what they would like to do. Ask yourself why you do not currently volunteer - what is your answer. We have to support our own communities, no one is going to step in to do it for us anymore. It's not something just for people who have retired, I have a large number of working people volunteering at the golf group. It's a few hours a month doing something they love!

I have one young lady who retired from the Met Police, moved to the area and said she wanted to do something, wasn't sure what and bumped into me! she decided to volunteer with a Memory Lane group and loves it. She is passionate about her role now and hadn't got a clue group like it were needed. She is the treasurer now.

I have volunteers fundraising. That can be holding a quiz, filling out forms, doing talks to local groups who will donate some money to your cause.

- * Social media skills in marketing, fundraising and promotion.
- * Administration
- * Telephone befriending.
- * Help with transport
- * Making cups of tea and eating cake!
- * Moving furniture around to set up a venue
- * Playing games
- * Financial support
- * Wildlife conservation
- * Litter picking
- * Listening!

The list is endless and there's something that will fit everyone. The CAB need advisers, animals need help, the homeless, young people need protecting from county line gangs, shops need help.

You can do as much or as little as a couple of hours a month.

Please look at the opportunities locally and find a fit for you.

Wendy Chard

Please see Volunteers item (pg 11) for details of possibilities for volunteering

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FINANCING THIS MAGAZINE

Donations continue to reach us, and for are hugely grateful for them. Thank you to all concerned. As we readily reiterate: your support is our motivation.

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL MP

Given the rather parlous state of current world affairs, we will continue to publish selective notes from our local MP, even though those notes will almost inevitably concentrate on the small end of the current affairs telescope. There is indeed much local relevance in what he has written.

PLANT SALE RAFFLE

As in previous years we have taken the liberty of including a £5 book of Plant Sale Raffle tickets with this Magazine, on the basis that the Plant Sale is a popular local community event, and that people may wish to support it, without necessarily being gardening enthusiasts. Hitherto we have limited delivery of Raffle Tickets to Bealings but are taking advice as to whether Playford and Culpho might be happy to be included. As with our Bealings residents, if the Raffle is of no interest, all you have to do is bin the tickets. We hope you won't – indeed all readers of this Magazine, wherever they

live, are warmly invited to feel included in this Plant Sale, now a tradition which has been going more than thirty years, and one which is supported from way beyond the village boundaries.

HISTORY CORNER

- AN OUTLINE HISTORY OF CHARITY AND CHARITIES

Our leading article has led your editor into researching something of the history of charity both broadly and locally. By way of cheering you up, is it not good to know that we have, in this country 170,000 registered charities? That compares with just over 100,000 individuals signed up for the army. That seems to make us collectively more caring than we are belligerent. Our late Queen Elizabeth was, almost incredibly, Patron of some 600 of those charities, so that puts caring for others at the heart of royal priorities. Both nationally and locally, caring for others in our broader or wider communities seems to be part of what is to be human.

The word "Charity" finds its roots in the English language, derived from the Old English word *caritas*, meaning benevolence or love. Its inherent meaning of giving and kindness makes it a highly cherished and significant title. Charity has been a virtue recognised and fostered by religion throughout human history. In



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medieval Europe, it was the Church which bore the responsibility for organising and promoting poor relief. It was not until the 16th century that the state began to take over this responsibility. Nowadays, with church membership shrinking and funds dwindling, charitable work is more broadly left to local authorities, to established charities, and to family support. The churches, once so very much at the heart both of community and of charity, do their bit, but their contribution is dwarfed by the combined efforts of the more secular organisations.

It was not always thus. The Poor Relief Act of 1601 made parishes responsible for caring for the poor, sick, and elderly. A parish is defined as a small administrative district typically having its own church and priest. The parish committee administered poor relief. This committee included the parish priest and churchwardens. Workhouses were built to house the destitute, rather than each parish supporting individuals. Workhouses were overseen by a group of people called Guardians. Inmates were expected to attend church regularly as a mark of gratitude for their support. Inmates who were able and healthy were expected to attend church in the morning and afternoon on Sundays. By 1930, local councils were responsible for running workhouses. Many workhouses became homes for the elderly or hospitals. The National Health Service took responsibility for all the old council former workhouses in 1948.

Locally, there was a Workhouse in Theatre Street, Woodbridge. The former Free School premises were bought and in 1668 bequeathed 'towards the relief of the poor of Woodbridge'. In 1672 the building was converted to a Workhouse.

The parish's new Workhouse was in use until the Woodbridge Poor Law Union was created in 1835. The Union was made up of 48 parishes around Woodbridge, including Little and Great Bealings, Playford and Culpho. This Workhouse closed in 1899. There was also a Union Workhouse at Nacton – on the site of Amberfield School.



As a local example of a present-day charitable foundation, we do, of course, have the Seckford Foundation, set up in 1587 to promote and support the education and care of the young and the elderly in and around the town of Woodbridge and the county of Suffolk.



So – despite the current plight of charities, they are at the heart of so much caring endeavour, care which contrasts starkly to the way in which the under-privileged were once treated. We now have hospices for the dying, care for the

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elderly, for children, support for those suffering from a wide range of diseases and disabilities, for the homeless, for the hungry, for overseas aid, for victims of war and violence, for animals, for the natural world, for education, for heritage, for the Arts – the list goes on, and on - and people buy raffle tickets, support charity shops, run marathons, climb mountains, shave off their hair, grow moustaches, make out their wills - all for these good causes. We cannot expect our governments to provide all the answers. We must do it for one another. Read the other articles in this Magazine, and they will help you to channel your charitable energies.

NATURE NOTES

– DAFFODILS

– AND A CHARITY BRIDGE EVENT

A large Charity Bridge Event took place on 19th March in Martlesham Community Hall.



The renowned Andrew Robson OBE, England's best known bridge player/teacher gave a day's bridge tuition to 88 guests. A team of 12 from Culpho and surrounds produced a sumptuous two-course lunch for his audience – a sell-out! The main beneficiary was Marie Curie, with St Botolph's and Culpho Music receiving funds from the catering.



It just so happens that the Marie Curie emblem is a daffodil, so what better motivation for devoting this month's Nature Notes to the beautiful daffodil? Daffodils also happen to be the "birth" flower for March – just passed. As almost everyone knows, Wordsworth as good as immortalised the daffodil with his 1807 (revised 1815) poem, inspired by a walk he took with his sister Dorothy in 1802 along the shore of Ullswater in the Lake District (First 2 of 4 verses only):

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
Continuous as the stars that shine*

*That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
And twinkle on the milky way,*

*When all at once I saw a crowd,
They stretched in never-ending line*

*A host, of golden daffodils;
Along the margin of a bay:*

*Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,*

*Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.*



What more can we say about daffodils? They adorn Suffolk lanes and gardens as prolifically as they adorned Wordsworth's Lake District. Daffodils symbolize rebirth, new beginnings, hope, joy, and good luck. Much of this symbolism arises from the fact that daffodils emerge each spring to light up barren landscapes with their cheerful yellow, orange, and white flowers. Daffodils can also be symbols of creativity, energy, resilience, forgiveness and vitality.

There are also some odd facts about daffodils:

It is bad luck to give a single daffodil: Some say that giving someone a single daffodil is bad luck.

Daffodil sap: Daffodils contain sap that can be poisonous to other plants.

Squirrels don't eat daffodils: Squirrels don't eat daffodils because of their poisonous crystals.

Daffodils and dogs: Be careful to keep dogs away from daffodils.

Daffodils and Chinese New Year: Some believe that forcing a daffodil to bloom for Chinese New Year will bring good luck to the household.

Wedding anniversaries: They're the official 10th wedding anniversary flower.

The most famous account of daffodils in Greek mythology is the tragic story of Echo and Narcissus as told in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*:

One day Echo sees Narcissus and falls desperately in love with him. He, however, makes it clear that her love will never be reciprocated. Constantly pining for him, Echo wastes away until all that remains of her is her voice. Beautiful Narcissus, so loved and yet unloving, sees no one worthy of his love until he catches sight of an exquisite being in a pool of water as he bends down to take a drink. Filled with longing for the figure, he tries in vain to reach the person in the water. Eventually he recognises it is himself and just as Echo suffered, so does he: he too wastes away, and his body is transformed into a delicate flower leaning over the edge of a pool.

The story of Echo and Narcissus provides us with an explanation for the way sound can echo and at the same time suggests the origins of the narcissus flower. But it also acts as a warning about the dangers of becoming obsessed with someone else – or with oneself!

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This month, I had the pleasure of speaking with students at Debenham High School, and my visit to the University of Suffolk was a particular highlight, especially as I explored the cutting-edge facilities at the UoS Dental CIC. In Westminster, we welcomed young agricultural professionals from across the Eastern region, I hosted the first of what I hope will be many Meet Your MP sessions in Debenham, and I stood alongside councillors at the **Stop The Quarry** campaign in Westerfield, listening to the concerns of local residents.

I also want to take this opportunity to consider transport, roads, and infrastructure across Central Suffolk & North Ipswich. Whether we drive or rely on public transport, we all depend on the accessibility, efficiency, and upkeep of our transport networks. Below standard road conditions, unreliable bus services, and inadequate investment in key infrastructure affect everyone, impacting commutes, business logistics, and overall connectivity.

In North Ipswich, growing housing developments require a transport network that can support increased demand, ensuring residents have access to safe and reliable routes to work, school, and essential services.

In rural areas such as Otley and Swilland, where public transport is sparse, well-maintained roads are critical for residents and businesses alike. The challenge is ensuring that our transport networks remain fit for purpose, balancing investment in public transport with the need for urgent road repairs and long-term infrastructure planning.

To better understand local concerns, I have launched a **Transport Survey** to gather residents' views on the state of our roads, infrastructure, and housebuilding across the constituency. The condition of local roads is a recurring issue raised with me, with concerns over potholes, road safety, and the lack of investment in rural routes.

Many also feel that new housing developments are not being accompanied by the necessary improvements to roads, schools, and healthcare provision. Others have expressed frustration with the reliability of bus services, which are often a lifeline for elderly residents and those without access to a car.

Whether you feel housebuilding is too low or too high in your area, or if you believe more needs to be done to improve road surfaces and transport links, I want to hear from you. Your feedback will help shape my approach to these pressing issues, ensuring I can advocate effectively for the investment and policies our communities need. You can fill out my survey at: www.patrickspencer.co.uk/mysurvey

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Spencer MP,
Member of Parliament for Central Suffolk and North Ipswich

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are indebted to Wendy Chard for her inspiring article and for providing details of a number of local organisations which may be of interest to readers of this magazine.

The Green Light Trust is situated behind the park and ride in Martlesham. They also have other sites. Their volunteers help with a wide range of activities from fundraising/admin to outdoor knowledge of conservation/ forestry and more. For further information contact:
<https://www.greenlighttrust.org/pages/search.aspx?q=volunteer>



"Fore" Get Me Not Golf group at Sackford Golf club are looking for 2 volunteers to be in the club house. The role is making tea and coffee for the people attending the session and chatting to the carers who stay.
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The Woodbridge Riverside Trust:

<https://www.woodbridgeriversidetrust.org/volunteer-with-us/>

Communities Together run **'ChinWag' groups** in Woodbridge, but they also have other opportunities ; <https://www.communitiestogethereastanglia.org/volunteer/>

St Elizabeth Hospice has a large variety of volunteer roles out in the community. They are looking for help in their Hop to it art trail during the summer of 2025.
<https://www.stelizabethhospice.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer/#vacancies>

If your active and want something physical: <https://www.activesuffolk.org/volunteers>

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TUESDAY BALLROOM DANCING Apr: 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th	18:00 – 20:00	Teresa Jay: 07929 310480
WEDNESDAY DANCE CLASS Apr: 2nd,	09:30 – 12:30	Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
WEDNESDAY CARPET BOWLS Apr: 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	14:00 – 16:00	Kathy Price: 01473 621419
FRIDAY DANCE CLASS Apr: 4th,	09:30 - 12:15	Debbie Watkins-Jones: 07711 161522
FRIDAY PILATES Apr: 4th,	12:30 - 15:15	Kelly Steventon: 07919 377855
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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

PLAYING FIELD NEWS A huge thank you to all the volunteers who came out and cleaned the sports court, weeded the boules court, cleared brambles and leaves, and filled rabbit holes, a great effort on a beautiful spring day.



Without these dedicated volunteers the John Belstead Playing Field and surrounding footpaths would soon become overgrown and unusable, we are lucky to have such a wonderful amenity and are always looking for new volunteers to help keep our public areas safe and inviting. The Play Equipment is checked weekly for safety and I schedule working parties every couple of months so if you're able to give a few hours either as a Play Equipment Inspector or help on working parties, then please contact me at keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com

Thank you.

Keith Beaumont, Trustee, Bealings Village Hall

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GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2025

.GOV.UK EMAIL ADDRESSES

Cllrs all confirmed that their new email addresses were working satisfactorily

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The agent for the planning application for Bealings House gave a brief presentation of the details of this scheme and questions were answered by both him and the applicants

REPORTS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce (EB) –

EB's report was received after the meeting and is attached to the minutes on the website. She gave a verbal summary in which she brought Cllrs up to date regarding SCC's budget of £803.7m which has been approved. She said that 77p in every £1 has to be spent on statutory services to protect the vulnerable, leaving 23p for all other services. Additional Govt. money has been requested for flood prevention. She confirmed that Suffolk Libraries are to be taken back 'in-house,' and all 45 libraries will remain open and mobile libraries will be upgraded. Funding for the libraries will come from the Public Health budget. She also mentioned that funding has been made available for a safer, healthy and accessible traffic plan. She talked about Devolution and SCC's preference for a One Suffolk unitary authority as the most

effective way to reduce costs and bring public services together.

District Councillors Colin Hedgley (CH) and Dan Clery

Reports have been circulated to Cllrs and full copies are attached to the minutes on the website. CH spoke about the Air Quality Management Areas in East Suffolk which have now all been removed following significant improvements in air quality. He mentioned that the recent by-elections in ESC did not change the electoral set-up.

PLANNING

Applications

DC/25/0547/FUL and DC/25/0548/LBC – Bealings House, Lodge Road – Partial remodelling of an existing barn into a two-bedroom residential annexe

Following discussions with the applicants and their agent, the PC resolved unanimously to support these applications, which they considered to be a sympathetic conversion which will enhance the existing structure.

Decision Updates

DC/24/4098/FUL re Fambridge House has been permitted by ESC

Other Planning Matters

Quarry – Sue Prentice (SP) reported that a "STOP THE QUARRY" banner has been put up at the junction of Grundisburgh Road and Boot Street. Concerns were expressed about the



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impact the HGV traffic will have on the clean air status, especially at the Westerfield railway crossing. The developers have answered in great detail all the points raised during the scoping study objecting to this scheme, but have given no assurances that there will not be a subsequent application to extend the quarry. They state that at the end of the scheme, there will eventually be a net biodiversity gain.

Other—Regan Scott (RS) reported that he had attended a recent ESC Planning Forum at which was explained a new Planning Charter for developers.

VILLAGE FETE 2025

The date has been confirmed as the 31st August and an appeal for volunteers to assist has been made.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Scottish Power works access opposite Waveney Cottage – John Carter-Jonas reported that the entrance to the field has been re-opened, and the PC needs to request that it be made permanent. He said that Scottish Power should be asked to provide two new village gates on Lodge Road as they damaged one, and also some reflector bollards

Other matters – Reflector posts have been purchased and installed around the triangle by Rosery Lane

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

RS has contacted Anglian Water about the clean water, which is processed by the sewage station, and has asked about the treatment of the high levels of Phosphorus in the River Lark. He has expressed concern that there is no storm overflow facility at the site.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Authorisation of payments – Ten

payments were authorised for Clerk's salary and PAYE for March and April, office expenses, web hosting, reflector posts, training fee, computer work and room hire.

WhatsApp Group for emergency alerts

– Rachel Lamb and Caroline Saunders have been investigating using a laptop owned by the PC to administer the WhatsApp group and it appears that a link to a mobile phone number is required. SP has a spare Android phone which could be used, and the Clerk will arrange to purchase a cheap Pay As You Go SIM card. It is hoped to get this sorted in time to present the details at the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

The Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed.

NEXT MEETING

Arrangements were made for the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 21st May at 7.00pm

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the agenda in the Public Participation session. Full draft and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website. The agenda is published approx. a week in advance of a meeting.

Dee Knights – Clerk 01473 624240

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ST MARY'S

- CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

So, it is now Lent, with all its outward signs and symbols: the purple frontal, the ash from Ash Wednesday, following on the pancakes from Shrove Tuesday and maybe some self-imposed abstinence. Various resolutions may have been taken, with a greater or lesser degree of conviction or intention to follow through. It all seems to be in tune with the late winter weather and the desolation of the world political scene.

However, just a few more weeks of buckling down to it, and then we have all the light and brightness of Easter and the Easter message. We'll get there, as we always do, and once again find ourselves on the threshold of spring, summer, warmth, new growth, and new opportunities. We will do our best to keep the church in tune with, and aligned to these changing seasons.

LOOKING BACK

There was a very encouraging turn-out for our beginning-of-the-month service, taken by our Rector, Father Nigel. It came very shortly after the Oval Office encounter between Presidents Trump and Zelensky, so an extract from the prayers for the day will have a resonance way beyond the walls of the church:

We share our concerns for the wider world. Be with all who live in areas of conflict, remembering particularly Gaza, Israel, and Ukraine. We pray for all armed forces that they might be the guardians and enforcers of right and justice. We pray that civility, sanity and morality may prevail as our leaders come together, discussing the fate of nations, indeed, of the world as we know it.

REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

Our architect's plans are being considered and further refined, all with the objective of combining the needs of a 21st century church with the affordability of meeting them.

CHURCHYARD

The daffodils are taking over from the snowdrops. There is still no sign of the tree surgery taking place to make the surrounding limes trees safe, but we remain ever hopeful. One of the picnic benches has been damaged, but is, hopefully, not beyond repair.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

Sunday 6th April

9.30 am. Holy Communion.

Saturday 19th April

7.30 pm. Easter Eve

Benefice Service, led by the Woodbridge Choir, with bonfire and Holy Communion, followed by refreshments.

Do check up on the Woodbridge website for other possible services.

Parish Office: this is the hub of activity and communications for the United Benefice. Linda is our Parish Administrator. The Rector too, can be contacted through this office.

Tel: 01394 388820 – and Linda's office hours are: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
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CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS

A MYSTERY! – please help to resolve!

A beautifully written but unsigned card arrived at our **Great** Bealings address, together with a £20 note, asking for the **Little** Bealings lights to be turned on, on the 15th and 27th March. A paradox. Little Bealings knew nothing about this, so conscience duly primed, we put on the Great Bealings lights on the dates requested. It was a pleasure to do so in this rather dark world, at this still dark time of year, but we really don't know what they commemorated. Any explanation welcome. And – anonymous donor - thank you for the £20 note, duly converted into floodlighting.

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.

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BEALINGS PLANT SALE – SATURDAY 26th April - 10 - 12

Just a week or so to go. The preparations of the winter months should come to fruition on April 26th, the week after Easter. All should be set for what promises to be a great social and horticultural occasion.

Just one final reminder as to ways in which you might further contribute in those final weeks: it's not too late to

prepare more plants, and to bring on your seedlings; further offers of help on the day are always welcome; now is the time to get on with baking cakes for sale on the day, getting ready the home-made produce (jams, pickles, marmalade): home-grown seasonal fruit/veg -e.g. rhubarb. Then there are the organisational tasks for which you can still volunteer: help with setting up (Friday pm) and taking down; help with traffic management; and with publicity and spreading the word. Finally - just turn up on the day and buy plants. Mostly they are produced on local soil, so they should thrive on local soil.



Caroline Saunders, the organizer, will be delighted to hear from you: Grotto Farm, Great Bealings, IP13 6NW – 01394 387681 -07789713576 – caroline_saunders@hotmail.co.uk

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The website can now be found at www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

And you can email the clerk at clerk@littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 3 March in Bealings Village Hall, attended by Councillors and twenty-two residents and visitors. The Chairman presented a report on the Parish Council's year and other reports were presented by Bealings School, Bealings Village Hall Trust, ROPETH (the Angela Cobbold Hall), the Rev Gary Jones for the Parochial Church Council, the Editor of the Fynn Lark News and the Sinks Valley Environment Protection Group.

The minutes and reports will be published here in due course:
www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

NOTES OF MATTERS CONSIDERED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2025

APOLGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr P Carr was absent from the meeting

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

No report

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING AND ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Mr M Garnham has not attended any meetings. District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported that the Community

Partnership Road Safety Forum has now ceased its meetings

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Ms H Saagi reported that the Roof and Doors project was now complete and that recent events had raised over £500 for the New Blinds Project. She wished to express thanks to all that have helped.

SAVID

Mr M Garnham is continuing to place the SID around the Village and will chase SID Information results

SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Mr I Ransome will attend the next meeting on 27 March. There will be a site visit by ESC South Planning Committee on the 20 March which District Councillor Colin Hedgley will attend.

CLERKS FORUM

The Parish Council has received a Freedom of Information Request, and all relevant information has been sent.

The Clerk also advised that the cost of the Parish Councils Web Hosting was to increase to £66 per year from April 1.

The Clerk is also due to start her CiLCA qualification in April.

LOCAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce reported that she had had IT issues sending her report to the Clerk's new email address. She said that her report was mostly about Devolution. She also mentioned that the budgets had all been approved. She then spoke about the Libraries and that following a consultation period that Suffolk County Council are now bringing the counties 45 libraries 'back in house'

and that they will be used to their full potential and become community hubs.

A report from District Councillor Hedgley had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Cllr Hedgley reported that there had been two by elections. The winner of the photo competition had been announced.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Applications

There were no new planning applications

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPROVED:

DC/24/1776/FUL | High Rig The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge IP13 6LT – Revised Driveway turning area due to new amendments falling outside the red line of previously approved application DC/23/3657/VOC

The Parish Council has received correspondence from a resident regarding a compound on this site. The Clerk contacted the planning office and Mr I Ransome will take some pictures and forward to the planning officer.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING CONSIDERATION:

DC/24/4287/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/22/0566/OUT (Outline planning application with all matters reserved proposing the erection of a detached dwelling and garage within excess garden amenity land serving The Orchard, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, IP13 6PW) - Access, Appearance, Landscaping, Layout, Scale, and Strategy for Ecological Enhancements. The Orchard Holly Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6PW

The Parish Council has received correspondence from a resident as site work looks to have started prior to approved planning permission. The Clerk will forward the resident's comments to the Enforcement officer.

DC/24/4518/FUL|Rear extension and replacement rear porch including demolition of the existing|Fynn Bridge The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LH

Dealt with under our established

delegated authority

DC/24/4542/FUL|Porch to front elevation (following removal of existing), replacement of door with window on front elevation and replacement of door and window on side elevation with double doors with side lights. |Warren House Playford Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6ND

Dealt with under our established delegated authority

DC/25/0035/CLE|Certificate of Lawful use (Existing) - Change of use granted by Inspector Mileham as a result of appeal ref APP/X3540/W/21/3267667 has been lawfully implemented | Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LW

Dealt with under our established delegated authority

SCC/0059/23SC/VOC | Proposal: Variation of Conditions 2. Compliance with submitted details, 3. Highway access, 4. Highway access surfacing, 5. Construction traffic and site management plan, 7. Tree protection and 8. Post-completion tree assessment. For planning application SCC/0059/23SC. Land off The Street, Little Bealings, Suffolk, IP13 6LN

DC/24/1800/CLE | Fox Barn Playford Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6ND Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) – Converted Barn to for residential dwelling

DC/22/5004/FUL | Retention and completion of construction of 1 No building and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising officer, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, paint, machinery and equipment following enforcement case ref: ENF/21/0552 in relation to previous consent DC/19/2666/FUL | Kesgrave Quarry Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave

DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (Previous application DC/21/4162/FUL valid until 2 November 2024)

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION HAS BEEN APPEALED:

DC/23/2095/VOC: Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one

detached dwelling and garage - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design | Woodside Martlesham Road

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of East Suffolk Council to refuse planning permission for Variation of Condition No. 2 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage

ENFORCEMENTS:

DC/21/4162/FUL | Woodside Martlesham Road

A site visit has been completed by ESC Enforcement regarding the potential use as a builder's yard. However, at this time there is insufficient evidence of an unauthorised use. The Parish Council have been made aware that a local resident has reported this matter to ESC Enforcement.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Neighbourhood Plan: Ms H Saagi reported that the Neighbourhood Plan's first draft is now due and that it will be available for consultation in the Summer. She said that the normal six weeks consultation time will be extended to eight weeks to allow for holidays.

HIGHWAYS

SCC Feedback re Network Rail and Maintenance Reports

The white lines and roundels have now been completed. Mr I Ransome asked County Councillor Elaine Bryce if she could once again chase the Network Rail fine money.

Mr M Garnham raised the placement of a 'SLOW' warning on The Street. He will raise the matter on the Suffolk Highways reporting tool.

FOOTPATHS

There was no report

FINANCE

Budget for 2025/26

Income had been received from NS&I £153.63, ESC £210 and HMRC VAT £4252.67. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for March and April and payment

for hire of hall were approved.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 12 May 2024 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 7 April at 7pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall if required by the business to be transacted.

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

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ACH News

GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club meeting on 19th February was in the form of a Quiz brilliantly devised and presented by

Sue Prentice. The question sheets about the meaning of the names and the attributes of both flowers and trees, had everyone guessing...Cherry was for Love and Romance, while Borage was for courage. All the plants were beautifully illustrated on the big screen. The next question about the best conditions needed by different plants to thrive again tested the gardeners' knowledge of which do best in moist or well-draining soil. Sue talked about her own research into the Iris family, those that grow from bulbs and those that grow from rhizomes. Once again, the big screen showed the variety and beauty of these special plants. Another test of garden knowledge included naming various local gardens from the wonderful photographs on the screen. These included Anglesey Abbey, Fullers Mill, Helmingham Hall, Kentwell, Wyken Hall Garden, and the Place for Plants at East Bergholt.

Roger and Margaret organized refreshments, and Roger added a special



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literary touch to the evening with readings from *Green Fingers Again* by R. Arkell.

The January edition of *The Flourishing Garden* from Katie's Garden was available for additional information. Sue had thoughtfully provided some potted primulas as 'prizes,' so everyone went home with a plant to remember a very special evening.

The next Gardening Club will be on Wednesday 26th March at 7.30 p.m.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

As always grateful thanks to everyone who contributed and helped with the Community Lunch on 4th March. Green and yellow tablecloths and pots of spring flowers, from Tracy Herrington, gave the hall a feeling of Spring!

The next lunch is on 1st April... anniversaries and birthdays will be celebrated with Fish and Chips (from the shop) followed by lemon cheesecake and other tasty treats!

The lunch on 6th May will reflect the celebrations for VE Day.... menu to be decided!

For information and bookings contact 01473 620213. pandvcarr55@gmail.com

FOOT CLINIC / COFFEE MORNING/ TIME FOR TEA.

The next Foot Clinic and Coffee Morning is provisionally scheduled for Friday 25th April and the next 'Time for Tea' is also provisionally booked for Sunday 27th April.... both depending on the completion of the Hall floor restoration.

There will be more news on social media.

KNIT AND NATTER

We have been enjoying each other's company whilst we knit, crotchet, sew also patchwork. As you see, we do so much more than Knit and Natter! Several of us still knit our baby hats for the West Suffolk Hospital. One of the ladies' daughters is a Midwife there. She collects our donations and takes them to the

hospital. Every newborn baby has a hat. It is rather nice to think that your hat may be kept as a keepsake.



If you do any craft and you would like to join us. Do pop in and see us you will be most welcome. We will be ready to make a hot drink and there will be some tasty cake, or you may be lucky and there could be cheese scones available.

We meet every Monday between 1.30 p.m. until 4.00 p.m.

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We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yvette.

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EVENTS

APRIL

Tuesday 1st	12.30 p.m.	Community Lunch To book, please email pandvcarr55@gmail.com or ring 01473 620213
Thursday 3rd (& every Thursday)	10.30 - 11.30 a.m.	Tap Dancing
Friday 4th	7.00 – 10.00 p.m.	Social Friday Licenced Bar Snooker, Darts, Table Tennis, Chess, Board Games, Subuteo, etc.
Monday 7th (& every Monday)	1.30 – 4.00 p.m.	Knit & Natter
Friday 11th	7.15 p.m.	Fish & Chips Please place your order beforehand: 01473 735153 or margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk

Hall closed for floor resurfacing 22nd - 24th April

Friday 25th	10.00 – 12.00 p.m.	Coffee Morning & Foot Clinic To book an appointment please ring Charlotte on 07712 448775
Friday 25th	7.00 – 1.00 p.m.	Social Friday
Sunday 27th	3.00 – 5.00 p.m.	‘Time for Tea’
Wednesday 30th	7.30 p.m.	Gardening Club

MAY

Monday 5th Bank Holiday	6.00 p.m.	‘Victory in Europe’ Special Celebration Champagne Bar, Smoked Salmon, Cakes. Music and Entertainment. Free Entry
Tuesday 6th	12.30 p.m.	V. E. Community Lunch

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

We are now in Lent.

What have you given up?

Or conversely, What 'extra' are you doing?

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday 13th April and ends on Easter Sunday. The Holy Week story of Jesus' journey to the cross and resurrection, is at the heart of Christian faith.

Through the week, we journey with Jesus, seeking to grow in our understanding of all that he went through. Participating in this is a spiritual, moving and life-affirming experience that will strengthen your faith or even bring you to start your own faith journey for the first time.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to All Saints Little Bealings.

During Holy Week, services at Little Bealings will be:

PALM SUNDAY 13TH APRIL

10.00 a.m. Liturgy of the Psalms

Wednesday 16th April

7.00 p.m. Agapé meal

GOOD FRIDAY 18TH APRIL

2.00 p.m. At the foot of the Cross

EASTER DAY SUNDAY 20TH APRIL

3.00 p.m. Afternoon Tea

4.00 p.m. Songs of Praise

The Agapé feast or love feast is a term used for various communal meals shared among Christians. The name comes from the Greek word *ἀγάπη* (agape) which implies divine love. If you would

like to attend this service and feast, please ensure you inform the PCC Secretary.

All Saints are trying something 'new.' Join us for an afternoon tea on Easter Sunday at 3pm. Enjoy convivial company before our Songs of Praise service.

ORGAN

As the PCC look towards deciding which 'new' organ we should be installing in your church, we are extremely grateful for Canon Rev. Andrew for organising a temporary replacement. This is now located in the church and a welcome addition, replacing our previous machine which was becoming ever more problematic. One never knew whether we could get it functioning for a service!

REMEMBER

Every Wednesday morning there is a 10.00 a.m. Morning prayer meeting.

The Fynn Valley walking group meets outside the church every Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

Every Wednesday the Café opens 10.45 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., becoming ever more popular.

On Wednesday, the 23rd April we celebrate our Patron Saint, St. George. How will you mark the day – roast beef dinner or fighting your dragon!

The dawn chorus walk is on Saturday 10th May meeting at 4.45 a.m., and to be followed by sausage or bacon bap in the church. Further details will be published nearer the date.

Our ministry team is always available to help in an unpressured, friendly and welcoming way.

You are sure of a warm welcome.

Come and join us.

NEWS FROM KESGRAVE AND FYNN VALLEY CHURCHES



Did you give up eating chocolate for Lent? I didn't. In fact, I think I am congenitally incapable of contemplating life without the products that come from the cacao bean. However, I do try to compensate for my weakness by only eating Fairtrade chocolate during Lent, so I guess that's ok. Please say it is..?

But now, our shops overflowing with Easter products, chocolate takes centre place amongst children of all ages. How we eat our Easter egg, according to one manufacturer, even reveals secrets about our character. I'm never quite sure what my hankering after a deep fried creme egg says about me....

Some readers may know that I used to work as a Quality Controller in a chocolate factory in Cape Town (hence the creme egg fantasies) and was paid to eat sweeties. Every child's dream job!

Manufacturing Easter eggs was then, and I presume still is, a delicate affair. Making a solid egg is a doddle. Making a hollow egg, let alone a hollow chocolate bunny rabbit, is a little more challenging.

Not being an easy thing to make why then do we continue with the tradition of making, giving and eating empty eggs? After all who thinks they will be thanked for giving someone for whom they care gift-wrapped emptiness? But, and it is easy to lose the origin of our traditions in the demands of consumerism, we would do well to remember that Easter is, in fact, all about emptiness.

Easter was born when grieving women tending their beloved dead found nothing. Easter was born when frightened followers dared dream that death had been conquered and was overwhelmed by hope.

So far this year our world has proved itself to be a somewhat empty and even desolate place overflowing with grief and fear. The future is not what it used to be, and we can easily find ourselves feeling hopeless and helpless. The Easter Dawn reminds us that the night will pass, tears will be wiped away, fear will be conquered, and laughter and joy will return to our lives and the lives of those we love.

May this Easter, besides a surfeit of chocolate, bring you much joy.

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 5th March 2025. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co Cllr Elaine Bryce's full report is appended to the full minutes on the website.

Elaine attended in person and listed her action on the following: Footpath problems, pothole issues, water leak in Church Lane, drainage on C324 – she has asked for the costing of works to improve the traffic priorities on C324 to be revealed and offered to help fund this from her next years' budget if possible.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Dist. Cllr Colin Hedgley's full report is appended to the full minutes on the website.

Colin said that council tax has been fixed for the next financial year and Band D would be increasing by 47p/month. Southwold's main car park is currently being used by contractors storing their equipment whilst repairing part of the esplanade which has collapsed. As always, Colin is happy to help constituents with any problems concerning council business.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- Still no decision on the appeal against reinstating FP26 between Butts Road and Church Road.

- Improvement work on drainage problems on C324 postponed indefinitely by Highways, but there is now hope of some progress with the traffic priorities on C324 if Co Cllr EB can fund some of the work from her budget.

- Progress on repairs to the many large potholes in Butts Road and Church Lane is at a standstill but Cllr EB is striving for a better solution.

- ESSL unlikely to be able to carry out clearing the drainage ditch beside Butts Road in front of the village hall and other options are being explored. Hedge trimming around the playing field has at last been completed and ESSL have quoted for next year's grass and hedge trimming contract.

- Clearance work on FP1 should have been completed by now. Flooded parts of FP20 to the south of the water meadow are being investigated and PROW officers are liaising with the landowners for a more permanent solution.

- Loose netting on all four bridges in the Alder Carr (FP20) still awaiting attention and the loose rail on one of the bridges has not been fixed yet.

- Replacement of smashed grit bin at

southern end of Butts Road has been practically agreed using funds from Co Cllr EB's budget and we hope to move forward with this soon.

- A blocked drain in Spring Meadow was reported but found not to meet Highway's intervention criteria – clerk will investigate this as it is still an issue.

See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's January and February salary and £230.00 to Suffolk Cloud who are providing assistance with the change to a gov.uk website and gov.uk email addresses for the clerk and councillors. A further invoice of £370.00 will be paid to Suffolk Cloud soon - grateful thanks to Dist Cllr CH who has provided £250.00 from his Enabling Communities Budget towards this work. Credits received since last meeting include quarterly interest of £38.59 on the Reserve account. The budget for 2024-25 is on track and the bank reconciliation was agreed by Cllr SH. The invoice of £1020.00+VAT for grass and hedge trimming in 2024 has not yet been received but has been agreed in principle and should be paid before the end of the tax year. A quote of £1082.05+VAT from ESSL has been accepted for next year's grass and hedge trimming work.

Review of all regulations and policies took place in readiness for the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, with the exception of the Complaints procedure which will be updated at the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS

Not much progress on drainage work and traffic priority improvements on the C324 but a ray of hope for the traffic priorities.

Little improvement on the pothole situation in Butts Road and Church Lane but Co Cllr EB is pushing for a better deal and has asked for clarification on the situation of the water leak in Church Lane.

New grit bin for junction of Butts Road/Playford Road has been agreed in principle.

No SAVID report was available at the time of the meeting.

The planning application for Westerfield Quarry has not yet been submitted but Dist Cllr CH attended a planning brief with the landowners and business owners recently in February.

PLANNING ISSUES

DC/24/3554/CLP - Sonnet House, Butts Road: This application has now been withdrawn

DC/24/2618/FUL- Little Oaks, Butts Road: Plans for a garden room now approved subject to certain conditions

DC/22/3153/FUL- 2 Hill Farm Cottages: Possible breach of control has been investigated and the applicant advised to apply for change of use of his extension.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Ursula Richards gave a report – two versions of the Emergency Plan will be produced, and a redacted one will be published on the website soon. Details will be circulated to all residents in due course. A meeting was held on 11th March for coordinators to be appointed and volunteers to be briefed.

Anyone else interested in helping should please send their details to Ursula Richards at: ursi@btopenworld.com

OTHER MATTERS

- The new gov.uk website is progressing, and it is hoped to go live with the new

gov.uk email addresses for the parish council and for councillors soon. or Chairman if you are interested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

• I am pleased to announce that a new clerk, Wendy Cook, has been appointed and will be taking up her post soon (her contact details will be published shortly) as I am retiring after 12 years as clerk. Weds 7th May 2025 - Annual Parish Meeting commencing at 6.30pm immediately followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

• Two more vacancies still exist for parish councillors – please contact the Clerk

*Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk*

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

The ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

will be held in

Playford Village Hall

Wednesday 7th MAY 2025

commencing at 6.30 p.m.

This will be immediately followed by:

The ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Light refreshments, wine and soft drinks will be served.

ALL WELCOME

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

PLAYFORD'S EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

Suffolk County Council has asked all villages and towns to put together an Emergency Plan that can be used in the event of disasters such as Storm Babet.

At the village meeting in January several residents kindly offered their assistance as a volunteer in the event of such an emergency.

If you are also interested in volunteering help (e.g., everything from being a first aider, having a well-equipped workshop, having a generator to lend, offering emergency accommodation etc.) then please do let us know!

Offers of help can be made to the Plan administrator Ursula Richards on ursi@btopenworld.com



BINKY

It had taken Binky a great deal of thinking. In fact, even the most minor decisions take Binky a great deal of thinking. But this was a “mega” great deal of thinking. Apart from the fact that Binky was not very good at thinking at all, this problem was beyond even his pathetic capabilities. The facts were simple. The fact was his old Dacia car was on its last legs having failed its MoT. Even after everything had been fixed, repaired, replaced, it still failed.

Time to face facts thought Binky and grasp the nettle. Doris the Dacia has had it. A new car was required but he had no idea what sort he wanted. Definitely four doors preferably with a soundproof glass screen between himself and the passengers, especially when his beloved wife Indigo was with him. He decided to consult the local paper on the day all the car adverts were published.

He remembered when Indigo wanted to sell her car. She told her friend, Gussie, that it had nearly 300 thousand miles on the clock and it's difficult to sell to anyone. Her friend said she has a cousin she can take it to. He's a mechanic and can roll back the miles on the car to make it easier to sell. After a month goes by, they ran into each other. Her friend asked if she ever took her car to her cousin. Oh yes said Indigo, she did, and he did a great job rolling back the mileage to around 30k miles. Gussie asked if she was then able to sell the car. Indigo said no, she would never sell a car with such low mileage. I'm keeping it for myself.

That's the sort of thinking Binky could not understand, so he wasn't going to

involve Indigo.

Binky did consider purchasing an electric car as he had of some really good stories about them. But when he got to the showroom, he found the prices shocking.

No, he would have to go for a cheap petrol car that would have the advantage of annoying the Government, but Binky thought that was fair enough as the Government annoyed him most of the time, especially when it came to taxes.

So, Binky went along to the used car place not far from where he lived. "Ah Binky nice to see you" said Bill 'Sharky' Ward. "What can I do for you?" "Well," said Binky "I want a nice second hand, standard four door, petrol engine with manual gear box with high miles to the gallon." "Ah" said Sharky "could you be more specific?" Binky turned to walk away. "Only joking Binky my old friend" said Sharky, "come into my office." "The thing is Binky I sold a car last week that used to be owned by Bonny Tyler. But the chap brought it back because it kept falling apart!" Sharky laughed uproariously. Binky did not. "Just trying to put you at ease Binky old chap," said Sharky.

"Well, said Binky "I only have £200". "Mmmm" said Sharkey "Let's see I may be able to help."

"You're in luck," said Sharky. "I've got a brand-new Jaguar. Runs great. Looks great. For you, only £200. One small problem: it doesn't have any doors." "Well that's a non-starter, isn't it?" said Binky, "How am I going to get in?"

PLAYFORD WI

It's no joke our April 1st meeting will be a Tutored Chocolate Tasting led by Chocolatier Sarah-Jane! This promises to be very educational as well as enjoyable! As was our March meeting when we were treated to a creative session of 'Messy Pour' painting guided by Yvonne. While we all had access to identical materials, we produced 11 entirely different results - a very absorbing and insightful task.

Also in March, Playford WI attended Suffolk East's AGM. The keynote speaker was Ali Norman a local RNLI crew member for nearly 30 years and the first female. She shared engaging and inspiring insights into Aldeburgh's Lifeboat station which is entirely staffed by volunteers.

Looking further ahead: on May 6th, we will welcome Phil Wiseman of 'Tools with a Mission' to hear about their 'local to global' model of a circular economy: saving tools from UK landfill; providing local volunteering opportunities to refurbish equipment; sending it to Sub-Saharan Africa countries equipping individuals to transform their lives and communities.

We are delighted to have confirmed 4 new members of our WI so far this year. New visitors are always welcome. Our meetings now begin with tea/coffee and at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. at Playford Village Hall. Please contact Emma at playfordwi@gmail.com



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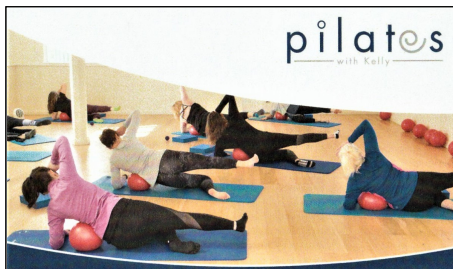
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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

BRIDGE AND CHARITY EVENT AT MARTLESHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

Residents of Culpho along with their friends have been busy with preparations to provide a lunch for 90 bridge players who under the guidance and instruction of Andrew Robson, the renowned bridge professional, are participating in an event not only to improve their skills but to fundraise for the Marie Curie charity.



Andrew Robson
(Bridge tutor)

Helen Chapman &
Michael Bizzey
(for Marie Curie)

CHURCH SERVICES @ ST BOTOLPH'S CULPHO FOR APRIL

April.23rd Holy Communion @ 9.30 a.m.

April. 26th Holy Evensong @ 3.00 p.m.

Richard Garnham

Churchwarden

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Little Bealings:

Please see the parish website for information: www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

Playford:

For Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

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

- lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments
 - getting prescriptions
 - minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
 - short term help with pets
- phone 01473 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

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. 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

Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email 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.	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Wed	2.00 p.m.	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Wed	9.30 a.m. .	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 0711161522</i>
	VH	Fri	9.30 a.m. .	
FYNN VALLEY WALKS	AS	Wed	10.30 a.m.	Walks leave from the church
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KNIT & NATTER	ACH	Mon	1.30 p.m.4.00 p.m.	<i>Info Contact 01473 623133</i>
LIBRARY	ACH	Thu	2.15 - 2.45(every 4th Thu)	<i>07809594685</i>
PILATES with DID!	VH	Mon	7.30 p.m.	<i>Helen 07889 907615</i>
PILATES	VH	Tue	9.30 a.m.	<i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i>
PILATES	VH	Fri	12.30 p.m.	<i>Kelly Steventon 07919377855</i>
READING ROOM	ACH	Sat	10.30-12.30or by arrangement	<i>Info 01473 620213</i>
Books for all ages, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs etc to borrow. Drop off for FIND donations.				
SNOOKER	VH	Any day	<4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
SOCIAL EVENING	ACH	Fri	7.00 p.m.	<i>Info 01473 735153</i>
			Licensed bar, pub games etc. and other events	
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING				<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
			:	<i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
YOGA	VH	Sat	9.30 a.m.	<i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i>

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PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu	10.00 a.m.	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
LIBRARY		Thu	1.50 – 2.05 (every 4 weeks)	
			mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat		<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS				<i>DC Patrick Newsagents 01986 874305</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING		Book on line:		<i>bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</i>
				<i>or contact via voicemail 01473 487215</i>
PILATES	PH	Wed	7.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
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