

Fynn - Lark News

SEPTEMBER 2025



WATER WOES

The media - press, TV and radio – have been plying us with horror stories about water companies, water quality, leakages, rivers that can't be swum in, detritus – a whole range of stories undermining our confidence in that most essential of commodities: water. Much of the time this problem can seem a bit abstract, remote from our everyday experience, something that others have to contend with, but not directly our concern.

If that is what you think, then I fear that the following will change your mind, and hopefully engage you in the struggle to ensure that we can all enjoy clean water in all contexts. As Editor of this Magazine, I somehow get

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

invitations to Community Partnership meetings for the local area, working together on local priorities and issues – as a kind of media representative. Much of the subject matter is of marginal interest to the Fynn-Lark valley. We are, however, as an area, defined by our two lovely little rivers, rivers that we usually think of as benign and beautiful, except when they flood. At the most recent meeting of the Community Hub the subject under discussion was of immediate and urgent interest. Water quality of the Deben and its tributaries, the Lark and the Fynn. Hence this article.

Be prepared to be disabused of the idea that water quality is not of direct concern. Our two streams have been and are being systematically monitored, scientifically, with samples taken at regular intervals from the rivers by dedicated volunteers. Recent findings have been of major concern. A combination of factors – ageing treatment plants, certain agricultural practices, huge variations in water levels and flow, over-irrigation, and a general lack of direct concern have combined to put certain stretches of those two rivers, our two rivers, on **RED** alert.



Look under Deben Water Quality Data

It also gets posted on Facebook and Instagram

What are the consequences of this level of pollution? E.coli is at excessive levels; Swimming is not advisable; dogs should be discouraged from entering the water; as should anyone with an open wound, biodiversity is threatened, as species find it hard to survive; fish stocks are under threat; various chemicals lead to an excess of algae: - in all a tale of horror, scientifically confirmed by citizen-scientists.

What can we do about it? Well – make your complaints heard loud and clear in the rights ears. Also: Simply be aware and cautious. And practically? It would be wonderful to increase the band of private citizens doing the water companies' job for them, and checking the quality of the water. All it needs is a couple of hours a month, a bit of scrambling up and down riverbanks. Our local lead volunteer is Farran Douse, who was 50% of the Community-Hub presentation, and who is committed to this task. More helpers are urgently invited to join her – just contact farran@douse.org. Those rivers are our direct environment. Keep an eye on them.

Norman Porter. Editor.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

HISTORY CORNER

– 10 years of the FLN



2026 marks the tenth anniversary of the launch of this Magazine as you currently know it.

That seems to call for some kind of a birthday party. All due consideration will be given as to how and when we might

organise

something suitable, not just to celebrate, but to bring together as many as possible of the many people who have been involved in this enterprise, all volunteers. We can invite our advertisers too, and maybe seek financial support from them, perhaps by contributing to the project described in the next paragraph. Without our advertisers, we would have had no magazine.

In the course of those ten years, we have accumulated a considerable library of pictures of village life: events, landscapes, people – enough material, certainly, to put together as a booklet which could serve as a record of the decade just passed, with brief textual commentary from the Editor. If these booklets are available at moderate cost,

we ought to be able to fund the party, and still have a little bit left over to go into the Mag fund, so we hope that this will be widely supported.

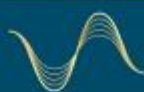
It would be good if readers too, can be involved in this. If YOU have any picture relevant to, and characteristic of this beautiful Fynn-Lark area taken over the last ten years then do please send it, preferably as a jpg, to nhp@rillcott.co.uk. Any such photos will be appropriately attributed.

In premature anticipation of Christmas, and as a taster/starter, how about this picture of Stir Up Sunday 2016 – our first



year, and finding our way. If any of those pictured would like to send a 2025/6 picture for comparison purposes, we would love to hear from you.

Thank you all. You are the people who have helped to make this Magazine what it is. Let's celebrate.



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SNAPE SUMMER PROMS

The EADT used to carry occasional reviews of concerts at Snape Maltings. Sadly, it no longer does. We are so lucky to have this wonderful venue on our doorstep, and even luckier at the quality of the cultural offerings made available to us by the Britten-Pears Foundation. At the time of writing, we've been lucky enough to attend three concerts, all world class. The City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra doesn't necessarily need Sir Simon Rattle to be brilliant as their performance of Elgar's Cello Concerto and Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony demonstrated. Not many people will have heard of the Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir, even fewer of their signature item: 'The Curse of Iron' – if you don't know it, try to YouTube it – a unique piece of music, and a revelatory late-life discovery for an 86-year-old – it was composed in 1972.

NATURE NOTES

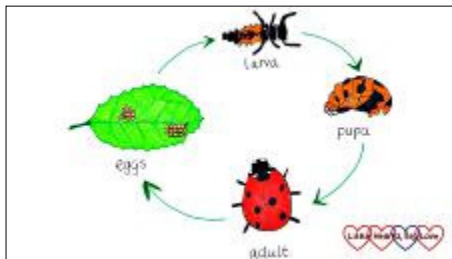
- LADYBIRDS

Ladybirds must count amongst our most beautiful and fascinating insects. They can be solitary, arrive in swarms, as happened at a recent Lords Test Match, feast on aphids, occasionally sting, although only a slight prick, and also inspire affection. What are they?



Ladybirds are small beetles with domed backs. They are typically red or yellow

with black spots. Both the adults and larvae are important predators of aphids. There are almost 5000 known species. Ladybirds typically live for about one year as adults, though some may live up to two or even three years.



In English folklore, ladybirds are strongly associated with good luck and are generally considered a positive omen. If they land on you, they are often seen as an opportunity to make a wish regarding love and predictions of the future. Some say the redder the ladybird, the better your luck will be. However - beware - it is considered very unlucky to kill a ladybird and superstition states that killing one will bring you bad luck.

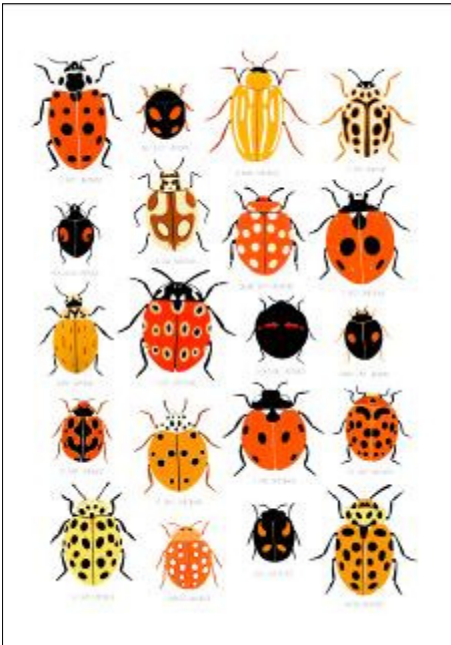
There are many myths and legends surrounding these garden creatures, especially their black spots. Ladybird spots are rich in folklore and symbolism across various cultures and are often associated with good luck, fortune, happiness and even divine intervention. Farmers used to believe the number of spots a ladybird had would tell them about the upcoming harvest, and that counting the spots could predict the price of wheat. A ladybird with seven or fewer spots meant there was a great harvest ahead.

Ladybirds have varying numbers of spots, some, even, no spots at all. The spots help identify the species. It's a common misconception that the number of spots indicates the ladybird's age or lifespan. The spots are actually a warning-signal to scare away predators, showing that they taste bad and are toxic.

Some believe that the number of spots

foretells the number of children a person will have or the amount of money they will receive. Others believe that counting the spots on a ladybird can reveal how many happy months you'll have or even predict the weather. It's also said that ladybirds can carry away illness or grant wishes.

In European Christian traditions, the seven spots on the most common ladybird species (*Cuccinello septempunctata*) were often linked to the Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary. Additionally, associated with Mary, the ladybird is believed to hold the keys to the kingdom of heaven.



Yes, ladybirds are generally considered friendly and beneficial insects. They are not harmful to humans and are often seen as a sign of good luck. Most people find them to be loveable and harmless, although some Asian lady beetle varieties can bite. Ladybirds are also considered helpful in gardens because they eat aphids and other pests that can damage plants. The ladybird, a symbol of luck and good fortune, is believed to bring

blessings to all she meets. She is a master in metamorphosis and transforms from a horrible larva into a beautiful insect with bright colours. This totem insect can be a strong ally, helping you in making important changes in your life. In essence, our ladybird, a symbol of luck and good fortune, is believed to bring blessings to all she meets. Having a ladybird crawl along your fingers is a mixed blessing: It's busy measuring up new gloves for you. This means that you are being lined up to go to either a funeral or a wedding.

So: thank you ladybirds, and here's a poem to celebrate you: *(With thanks to our Culpho Wildlife Correspondent)*

The Ladybird by Clive Sansom
(1910 – 1981. English-born Tasmanian poet and playwright.
(Also an environmentalist.))

Tiniest of turtles!
Your shining back
Is a shell of orange
With spots of black.

How trustingly you
walk
Across this land
Of hairgrass and
hollows
That is my hand.

Your small wire legs,
So frail, so thin,
Their touch is
swansdown
Upon my skin.

There! break out
Your wings and fly:
No tenderer creature
Beneath the sky.

TOUR OF BRITAIN

Some of us have received leaflets telling us that the Tour of Britain is "passing through your area". I've done some further checking and can say that the published route through the Bealings area is:

- Leave Woodbridge via the Dobbies roundabout onto the B1079
- Turn left towards Great Bealings
- Hall Farm Road
- Boot Street
- Bealings Road
- Sharp right towards Grundisburgh
- Continue through Grundisburgh

It is scheduled to leave Woodbridge at 11 am on Tuesday September 2nd and the leaflet says it will pass through Great Bealings at 11:15. I would guess it might be a bit earlier.

I hope this is of interest.

Phil Holmes

NOTES FROM ESC

The start in Woodbridge is at the Leisure Centre car park at 1045. The race starts proper in Great Bealings It's expected this will be at 1100.

Expected timings may vary depending on the speed of the peloton and other factors, but usually they're very accurate.

Support vehicles come through before and after the peloton, so worth a watch as well.

There wont be any barriers in place to separate the public from the racers.

It is rolling road closures so disruption to traffic is minimal.

FYNN VALLEY WALKS GROUP

FOUR CHURCHES WALK – SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride event takes place on Saturday 13th September. This is an important annual event for the Trust, raising money so they can make grants to churches and chapels of all denominations towards repair and restoration costs.

We are happy to report that this year, All Saints Church Little Bealings have benefitted from a grant of £3,000 towards the cost of repairing one of the windows in our lovely historic church building.

You are welcome to join us for an enjoyable countryside ramble around four of our local churches to help raise funds for the Trust. Setting off from All Saints, Little Bealings we will visit the village churches of Playford, Culpho and Great Bealings before returning to Little Bealings, where All Saints Church Cafe will be open for well-earned refreshments at the end of the walk.

We will set off from All Saints Church, Little Bealings at **10.00am** - the walk is around 5½ miles long and takes in some of the best our local countryside has to offer, visiting four historic and quite different churches on the way round.

All the money raised is shared equally between the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and the place of worship nominated by the participant. Sponsorship forms can be collected from the church from Saturday 2nd August, or you can donate using the link below. Please make sure to say which church you want 50% of the money you donate to go to! We are also happy to take cash donations on the day.

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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD NEWS

Village Hall: Our refurbishment of the Village Hall continues to improve and modernise your large event facility.

The recent Pop-Up Pub receipts combined with generous grants from District Councillors Colin Hedgley and Dan Clery's Enabling Communities Funds enabled us to go ahead with installation of the new heaters both in the Hall and in the Snooker Room. The new heaters are equipped with timer switches that prevent them from being left on by accident, saving the Trust valuable funds.

The Trust also went ahead with interior decoration and local painter Jonathan Miller has done a wonderful job brightening up the Hall inside and out. And we are now just waiting for installation of the new blinds and fundraising to resurface the floor to complete the new look.

John Belstead Playing Field: Thanks go to Steve Foster for helping to revitalise the Twin Tower on the field with a new climber ramp.

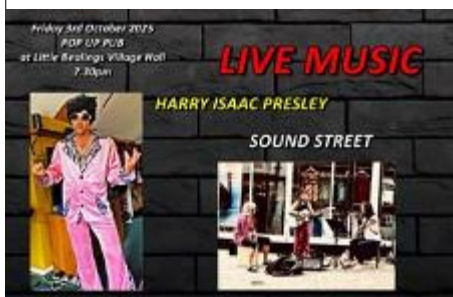


New adult swing seats have been purchased and will be installed before our Annual Play Safe Equipment Inspection in September. Thanks also go to all the volunteers who helped at the recent Working Party to spread a ton of topsoil, filling rabbit holes and tidy the field ready for the Annual Fete.

Pop Up Pub

“Elvis is in the building”

3 October 17:00 - 22:30



Harry Isaac Presley

will be live

with Sound Street

from 19:30

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Jacket potato with one filling
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Hall floor refurbishment*

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL – SEPTEMBER 2025

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TUESDAY PILATES	09:30 - 10:30	Caroline Boggon 07850683196
TUESDAY BALLROOM DANCING	18:00 - 20:00	Teresa Jay 07929310480
WEDNESDAY DANCE CLASS	09:30 - 12:30	Debbie Watkins-Jones 07711161522
WEDNESDAY CARPET BOWLS	14:00 - 16:00	Kathy Price 01473 621419
THURSDAY DANCE CLASS 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th	18:45 - 19:45	Cassie Drake 07956351275
FRIDAY DANCE CLASS	09:30 - 12:15	Debbie Watkins-Jones 07711161522
FRIDAY PILATES	12:30 - 15:15	Kelly Steventon 07919377855
FRIDAY DANCE CLASS 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th	15.30 - 18.30	Faye Stockdale 07881360191
SATURDAY YOGA	10.00 - 11.15	Caroline Boggon 07850683296

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GREAT BEALINGS

RECTOR

Father Nigel Prior, St Mary's Rectory, 11 Church Street, Woodbridge. 01394 610424

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14TH JULY 2025

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICER ROLES

Following the nominations made at the Annual Parish Council Meeting, John Carter-Jonas (JCJ) accepted roles of Vice Chairman and Tree Warden

REPORTS BY:

County Councillor Elaine Bryce – EB reported verbally on the following topics:

Suffolk Libraries are now in house; Six plug in Suffolk cars have now been delivered; The small SCC Flood Investigation Team have been recognised in national awards; An application re Westerfield Quarry is due imminently; Solar Farm application for Easton; Northern By-pass and other options

Dan Clery and Colin Hedgley

Two reports have been circulated to Cllrs and full copies are attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported that part of Westerfield Road will be closed soon for 6 months which will impact local villages. He said that the Tour of Britain might be coming via Boot Street in September. He will advise the PC when the application for Westerfield Quarry is submitted – the PC will not be a statutory consultee but can still submit comments.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/25/2259/P3Q – Croft House, Lower Street – Prior Notification – Conversion of barn to one dwelling under Part 3 Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order (2015) - Following the explanation provided by the

applicants, it was resolved unanimously to support this application. JCJ abstained from the vote.

Decision Updates - The following are still awaiting decision: DC/25/0547 – Bealings House, DC/25/1733 – Land at Lodge Road and DC/25/1962 – Rosery Farmhouse. DC/25/1971 – The Boot has been permitted by ESC

Emergency Planning – update on WhatsApp procedure – This is a work in progress. Further details will be circulated, and it is hoped to go live in September.

VILLAGE FETE

Colin Hedgley volunteered to assist, Trevor Harris agreed to be the Treasurer, the barbecue is organised, also the dog show and the face painting. An invitation has been sent to charities to have a stall. Sue Prentice will do the Risk Assessment.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

SCOTTISH POWER WORKS OPPOSITE WAVENEY COTTAGE – JCJ reported that the application to keep the entrance open was rejected. He is trying to get Scottish Power to provide two new village gates as they have damaged one.

OTHER HIGHWAYS MATTERS - Caroline Saunders reported that the pile of manure left on the field on the corner of Lodge Road and the turn-off to Meadow Cottage was a health concern due to flies. This matter will be reported to Strutt and Parker. Rachel Lamb has reported the fly-tipping of tyres on the highway near Rosery Farmhouse.

Footpaths – Footpath 12 is still closed at the footbridge.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES - Water quality in River Lark – Regan Scott has written to Anglian Water re sampling regime and to clarify the addition of “rural” sewage to Little Bealings

AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Six payments were authorised for office expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE for July and August and Laptop maintenance

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATED 2025

These were adopted by the PC

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH AUGUST 2025

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

DC/25/1971/LBC – The Boot, Boot Street – Listed Building Consent – Replacement of hardwood door and door frame on western elevation - It was resolved unanimously to support this application.

DC/25/2670/CLE – Cherry Tree Cottage, Seckford Hall Road – Certificate of Lawful Use (Existing) – Use of outbuilding as woodstore to Cherry Tree Cottage (ancillary residential use) - It was resolved unanimously to support the application for a Certificate of Lawful Use

DC/25/1733/FUL – Reconsultation – Land at Lodge Road – Change of use of land from agriculture to an enclosed dog exercise field comprising of a car parking area for five cars, construction of access gates, construction of a shelter, erection of fencing and other works - It was resolved unanimously to support this application.

COMMUNITY SELF-HELP COMMITTEE

Rob Munn (RM) outlined details of the SCC's Community Self Help Scheme and explained the work in the Parish that could be undertaken. Funding for equipment, safety-clothing, signage, cones are available providing the Scheme is carried out under the auspices of the Parish Council. Cllrs were strongly in favour of such a scheme and appointed a Great Bealings Community Self Help Advisory Committee comprising Sue

Prentice (SP), RM, Trevor Harris, Caroline Saunders, Rachel Lamb and Regan Scott. The Clerk advised that the quorum needs to be 3 and Terms of Reference will need to be written. These will be drafted. RM said that a risk assessment must also be done in order to comply with Health and Safety. It was resolved that SP has the approval of the Parish Council to sign the necessary paperwork.

WESTERFIELD QUARRY

SP asked if, in principle, the PC wanted to submit comments to express objection. This was agreed by Cllrs. SP outlined some of the contentious statements in the Planning Application and some of the main areas on which to base an objection. She will draft a response and circulate it for comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Council has been asked if it would be willing to host a Parish-specific meeting for residents to have an informal session with Patrick Spencer MP. Unfortunately, the only location in the village which would be suitable for such meeting is the Village Hall, which is not available on the day and time that has been offered. A request for an alternative time has been sent.

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, GREAT BEALINGS

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

As usual, July and August have been quiet months, with most people concentrating on holidays, gardens, family visits, perhaps those ever more proliferating Festivals. September sees the return to some sort of routine. The world is no happier a place than it was before the holiday season started. Wars blight too many areas on our planet, sadly some of them still fuelled by religious issues mingled with territorial confusion.

In the circumstances we should be grateful for the quiet calm that can emanate from peaceful rural churches, where the enduring message of love and community can still quietly prevail. The Church of England may still be taking its time in finding an Archbishop, but down here, at the grassroots, life goes on, as it should. The church has been there for hundreds of years, so it should come as no surprise that it is still there when we get back to our post-holiday routines. If you don't know what we are all about, do come and join us, and find out, whenever, however. You will find a warm welcome.

LOOKING BACK

OBITUARY

SYLVIA MARY STILES (NEE HOWARD)

Mary, as we all knew her, passed away peacefully at her home in Warnham, West Sussex on 14th July 2025, aged 88 years.



She was the beloved wife of Gerald Stiles, devoted Mother to Sarah, Howard and Robert and much-loved Grandmother to Ian, Alex, Matthew, Beth and Eliza. She was born in Suffolk, a place always close to her heart.

Sylvia cared for children in her professional life before raising a family of her own. She was a lover of nature, gardening and literature. There will be an interment at Great Bealings Church in September 2025, when she will be reunited once again with Gerald, in the village where they spent many happy years together.

During their time in Great Bealings Gerald was for some years PCC Secretary, and Mary took conscientious care of the fine white linen used in the church. The current Notice Board was donated by Mary in Gerald's memory.

LOOKING AHEAD

PATRONAL SERVICE

Our Benefice has two Patronals a year – one in Woodbridge, one in Great Bealings – at different times, but both in honour of Mary. The first Benefice Patronal of the year, in Woodbridge, was on June 1st. It is now the turn of Great Bealings, and our own Patronal is being celebrated on 7th September. Please note that the service will begin at 11.00, finishing at an appropriate time for the Bring and Share lunch which will follow. If you would like to join us, please sign up for lunch, and whatever you would like to contribute. There is a list on the font at the back of the church. Drinks will be available, in exchange for donations.

CHURCHYARD

NEW PICNIC TABLE

Visitors will notice a wonderful new picnic table in the churchyard outside the South Door. Its quality contrasts with the more elderly table, which was rescued some years ago from the yard of the Ramshot

Arms, on its way to the dump. We are hugely grateful to the donor of the new table, who wishes to remain anonymous.



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.

St Mary's House, 11 Market Hill, Woodbridge IP12 4LP.

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

CHURCHYARD CLEARANCE MORNING

This is set for the morning of October 4th, the day before our Harvest Festival. Hopefully the churchyard will be throbbing to the sound of an army of strimmers on that day – between the hours of 8.30 and 12.30. The traditional helpers' lunch will be served as a thank you at the end of the morning – that's the nearest we get to a Harvest Supper, so do make the best of the opportunity. All welcome – even though a couple of dozen emails have been sent out to regulars. All kinds of equipment welcome – please! Strimmers, rakes, secateurs etc.

It's a social event, so come and make new local friends – as well as being seriously helpful to the churchyard cause.

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September

11.00 a.m. Patronal Celebration, with bring-and share-lunch to follow. We will be joined by Woodbridge congregation members. Please see notices in both churches concerning lunch arrangements. Drinks will be provided in exchange for donations.

Sunday 21st September

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer – lay-led.

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTS.

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.

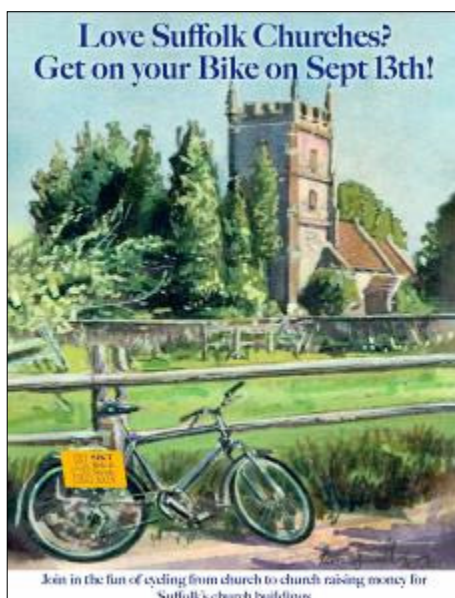
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**RIDE AND STRIDE – IN AID OF
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You are not too late to sign up for this event, set for Saturday 13th September. You can ride or stride around the local churches for all or part of the day – 9 -5, so have the opportunity to travel a very long way, and see lots of beautiful churches, most of them offering refreshments to the weary traveller. Alternatively, you can drop in to just a handful – there are plenty within range.



Jonathan Keer, Light Hill, Lodge Road - email: jonkeer2000@yahoo.co.uk - is once again kindly organising and channelling village energy, so he has all the necessary sponsorship forms -and is also running a church-sitting list – ensuring that visitors are properly welcomed to our own church. Do contact him if you would like to be part of this special day. Last year some £200,000 was raised in Suffolk for the county's churches.



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CASE STUDY - MITIGATING POLLUTION FROM SINKS PIT

Some readers of Fynn Lark News may not have heard of Sinks Pit. This old site to the south of Little Bealings was a sand and gravel quarry in the 1960s until partly used by Suffolk County Council (SCC) for waste landfill and subsequently closed in the 1980s. Until 2012 the remainder of Sinks Pit was occupied by various businesses then sold by SCC along with associated mineral extraction and processing permits. The new owner first developed a mineral processing business then later founded a heavy plant hire company which became known as TRU7.

By 2021 noise, dust and light pollution had risen to cataclysmic levels especially affecting Little Bealings residents along Playford, Martlesham and Hall Roads. Complaints have reached over 5,000. East Suffolk Council (ESC) served a noise abatement notice on the Sinks Pit site operator and our then MP called together the most senior executives of SCC, ESC and the Environment Agency (EA) to address Little Bealings complaints. The result of this meeting was the creation of a Customer Liaison Group (CLG) to meet quarterly under the chair of our County Councillor. Little Bealings is represented at the CLG by our District Councillor, a Little Bealings Village Councillor and the leader of the resident's pressure group - Sinks Valley Environmental Protection Group (SVEPG).

The CLG has met over the past 5 years and achieved considerable success working together with TRU7, their noise consultants, and people from SCC, ESC and the EA (the Agencies). Over 21 specific modifications have been made to the Sinks Pit site designed to reduce noise. Dust settling measures have been introduced and lighting has been modified to reduce spillage. More measures are in the pipeline.

However, perhaps the most significant change has been made by TRU7 itself. Whereas the Sinks Pit site in mid 2010s could be likened to the "wild west", the efforts of the CLG have caused TRU7 to evolve its management processes, agree a noise management plan with the EA and has included noise management training in its staff induction process. TRU7 has also apologised to ESC for not following planning rules.

A new complaints process for resolving issues is now in place. When Little Bealings residents have an issue or complaint about TRU7, you should first contact TRU7 itself through their general enquiries site (1), or if there is pollution from the site, then their site management portal (2). It might be helpful to contact ESC also (3).

If you are not satisfied with the outcome, then you can escalate to one of the Agencies most suited to help. For the west end of site (the plant hire and

maintenance business) contact East Suffolk Council (3) (4). For the east end of site pollution (mineral processing activity), contact Suffolk County Council (5) and the Environment Agency (6). If there are other general or cross-site pollution issues, contact the Environment Agency (6). The following is a list of contact emails:

TRU General enquiries: enquiries@TRU7.com

TRU7 Site Management: sitemanagement@TRU7.com

East Suffolk Council Environmental Protection: ep@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

East Suffolk Council Planning: planning@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk County Council planning: enforcement@suffolk.gov.uk

Environment Agency: ics@environment-agency.gov.uk

In all cases, ask for a complaint reference number and request a notification of outcome.

The saga of TRU7 at Sinks Pit has become a major topic in the history of Little Bealings village. It has also proved a significant item on the Agencies' agenda. The EA said that Sinks Pit had the most attention of all sites in East Anglia.

Whilst not all work is concluded, (there are outstanding issues to resolve), it was thought timely to record progress for the village archive in the form of a **Case Study**:

Mitigating Pollution from Sinks Pit

You can obtain a copy from the Little Bealings website:

littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk or request a copy from SVEPG@btinternet.com

Dick Thornborrow

for Sinks Valley Environmental Protection Group

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th July

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr P Carr and from District Cllr Colin Hedgley were absent from the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none made

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Resident Mr Dick Thornborrow spoke about the Sinks Pit Case Study

REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND EQUALITY & DIVERSITY POLICY

The Council reviewed and adopted the above.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Applications

None Received

Update on Applications dealt with under Delegated Authority, Previous Applications, Appeals and Enforcement Matters

ENF/25/0141/DEV| Land to the north of Pipits Hill, Martlesham Road| Unauthorised compound and hard standing. - ESC enforcement have looked at the case and determined that there is no breach of control.

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 – A resident had queried that work had started on the site before the

Construction Management Plan had been submitted prior to any works starting to remove hedging and create access.

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED:

DC/25/0972/ARM|Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/24/0689/OUT - Outline Application (All Matters Reserved) - New single-family dwelling with associated amenity space and car parking space. DC/25/1046/FUL|Retrospective Application - temporary siting of caravan/mobile home during building operations for a period of 1 year |Grove Cottage The Street Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LT

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

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

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS ARE PENDING CONSIDERATION:

DC/25/2022/TPO|1no. Beech (T1 on plan) - Crown raise to 5 metres and crown thin by 15%|Magna House Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX

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:

ENF/25/0141/DEV| Land to the north of Pipits Hill, Martlesham Road| Unauthorised compound and hard standing

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. Parish Council have been made aware that a local resident has reported this matter to ESC Enforcement.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

This is available on the Council's website www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.org

County Councillor Elaine Bryce reported that Suffolk Libraries have moved back in-house and that they will now be known as Suffolk Community Libraries. A new strategy has been launched to tackle violence against women and girls in Suffolk aiming at making Suffolk a safer place for all. She mentioned the Council reorganisation and urged people of Suffolk to have their say. She attended a national Infrastructure conference where Suffolk County Council have challenged the Government on the emerging Planning and Infrastructure Bill. Plug in car clubs have arrived. Six electric Vehicles are now at three locations for communities to use with two being available in Woodbridge. The Northern Bypass is back on the agenda for the Suffolk County Council meeting on 10th July, However Cllr Bryce believes there are other solutions to increased traffic when Bridge is shut or work being carried out and strongly opposes a Northern Bypass.

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ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Cllr Carr was absent from the meeting so no report available

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr H Saagi reported that the new heaters have been installed and that the redecoration will be completed by the end of July. She thanked the Parish Council for their use of CIL money for the new blinds and that they would be installed once decorating had been completed. Cllr H Saagi also reported that the Village Hall is now using much less energy now it has new windows and doors, and a new generator meter has resulted in more income.

SAVID

Cllr M Garnham attended the meeting on 5th June.

SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Cllr I Ransome attended the last meeting. He reported that, due to the number of absentees at the meeting a number of outcomes could not be resolved. ESC had written to TRU requesting a response to the 4 'next steps' suggested by SLR Technical Services. TRU had only just received the request and said it would be actioned. Future meetings of the Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group could become 6 monthly in the future.

A case Study – Mitigating Pollution From Sinks Pit had been circulated to the Councillors. The Parish Council expressed thanks to Mr Dick Thornborrow for his hard work in putting the Case Study together. A copy of this can be found on the Parish Council's website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr H Saagi reported that the consultation period had now finished and that after considering comments received the Neighbourhood Plan would be submitted for independent examination. It will then go to a referendum.

EMERGENCY PLAN

That Cllr C Cheeseman and Cllr K Price would form a Working Party to look at creating an Emergency Plan for Little Bealings

DOG WASTE BINS

With increased dog fouling in the Village a resident has requested additional Dog Waste Bins. Possible sites for location are Sandy Lane where the road meets footpath 2 and Michael's Mount where the road meets the footpath. To site the bins landowner's permission is required. As sites proposed are both on Public Rights of way there are no additional charges for emptying as ESC will cover costs. CIL money can be used to purchase.

HIGHWAYS

Nothing to report

FINANCE

AGAR is all filed with external auditors. The Public Notice of accounts has been displayed and website up to date with financial documents. Dates were from 3rd June until 14th July for public notice

There was no income received. Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for July, and August, Payments were also approved SALC, SAVID and Expenses.

It was resolved that the Signatories of the Chairman and Clerk be added to the NS & I Savings Account.

FIRST QUARTER INTERNAL AUDIT

This would be undertaken by Cllr Ransome when the June bank statement was available

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 1 September 2025 in the Angela Cobbold Hall but a meeting will be held on Monday 4 August 2025, if required by business to be transacted.

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

www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Wendy Cook – Clerk to the Council
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ACH NEWS

IMPROVEMENTS

♦ The storeroom floor has now been sealed and painted and the storage space reorganized.

♦ There is now a bicycle rack next to the main door for secure bike parking.

♦ It has been necessary to replace the fridge in the kitchen.

♦ The herb bed continues to thrive... greatly helped by Tracy Herrington's weeding and trimming.

EVENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH

As always, grateful thanks to everyone who helped with both the set up for and the clear up after lunch. Special thanks to Yvette Robinson for making a delicious trifle for dessert and to Tracy Herrington for the flowers arrangements. Both adding to the 'feel good' factor of the occasion.

The next lunch will Tuesday 2nd September.

Cottage Pie & Vegetables,
Bealings Tart & Ice Cream/ Cream,
Tea /Coffee

Bookings pandvcarr55@gmail.com or 01473 620213

TIME FOR TEA

The Cream Tea on 17th. August raised £130 for the Breast Cancer Now Charity. Thanks to everyone who supported this event.

The next Time for Tea will be on 21st. September...no need to book, just turn up and enjoy.

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FLN DELIVERIES

Welcome and grateful thanks to Chris Roe for agreeing to take on a magazine delivery round in Little Bealings.

And thanks to everyone who distributes and delivers the magazine that keeps us

all in touch with events in our communities.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

July Community lunch was a truly a community event. With Peter in hospital and Vicky visiting Peter, we discussed how difficult it would be for them to organise the July Community lunch. As we didn't want to cancel it, we asked who would be will to help to take off the pressure from Peter and Vicky. By the end we had volunteers to do the lot! Many hands make light work. We noted who was doing what. Then Vicky with notes in hand, visited Vicky! She was so grateful. She checked over our list and added a couple of things we had missed. We all had a fabulous meal as you can see the table was full of delicious food. Thank you to everyone who helped out in so many ways. We have a great community.



Next community lunch 5th September at 12.30 at the Angela Cobbold Hall

THANK YOU

After his recent accident Peter has been overwhelmed with the kindness and concern shown by so many people in the local community. Gifts of fruit, flowers, books and magazines, sweets and cards greeted him on his return from hospital,

chosen with such care and thoughtfulness.



He was both grateful and relieved when the members of the Knit & Natter group

took over the preparations for the Community Lunch, so it did not have to be cancelled. Plates of the delicious meal were brought for us to share. We also enjoyed a very special "Get Well" meal brought to us by some very good friends in the village, whose kindness and support were so greatly appreciated. The many offers of help locally which were very reassuring.

Visitors helped to keep us both 'in touch' when being housebound. Our special thanks to Rev. Gary Jones in this regard. He took time from his very busy schedule to drop in for a 'chat' on several occasions, which was greatly appreciated.

Although Peter's accident was both traumatic and painful, the wonderful reaction from local individuals served to remind us how fortunate we are to live in this caring community.

Vicki Carr



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EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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Tuesday 2nd	12.30 p.m.	COMMUNITY LUNCH To book please ring 01473 620213 or email: <i>pandvcarr55@gmail.com</i>
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Wednesday 3rd	7.30 p.m.	GARDENING CLUB
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Friday 12th	7.15 p.m.	FISH & CHIPS Please place your order on 01473 735153 or <i>margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk</i>
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We trust that you have all had an enjoyable summer making the most of our glorious countryside.

For those of you who use the footpath through the churchyard you will have noticed that one of the chancel windows has been 'boarded up.' This is so that our specialist contractor can repair and refurbish that window. Total cost £4000 + vat. We applied for a grant from the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) and can report that we have received some funding towards this. We are very grateful for their support.

Once this window has been replaced, we will have completed all the Grade B matters identified by the architect at the Quinquennial Inspection last year. There were no Grade A matters to be resolved, and we will continue to maintain the church to the best of our abilities. Thank you to all involved.



The SHCT major fund-raising event is the 'Ride and Stride' held annually asking supporters to obtain sponsorship and to attend as many churches as possible between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5p.m. This year's event is on Saturday 13th September and All Saints Little Bealings will be supporting this.

The Fynn Valley Walks Group are arranging a walk taking in Great Bealings, Playford and Culpho churches before returning to Little Bealings where Liz Mutimer will be opening our café for much needed refreshment. Start time 10.00 a.m. at All Saints. Please see details on the separate notice within the Fynn Lark News. Our thanks to Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe for organising this.

Sponsorship forms are available in the church or email

lbpcsecretary@gmail.com.

Please take part by walking, cycling or driving your vintage car around our beautiful countryside to visit as many churches as possible.

All Saints Little Bealings will be open from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the day.

CHURCH ORGAN

Those of you who attend services in All Saints you will be aware that the current church organ is 'past its best.'

After much searching, we have found a suitable replacement. The PCC applied for a grant from The Ganzoni Trust and were successful with a £3000 grant being awarded. Additional funds required will be from our reserves and we will be making use of the Bob Tate legacy – thus remembering a well-respected parishioner.



We are pleased to report that the church organ arrived on Friday 15th August and it looks fabulous. Do join us at one of our services to hear our organist Jane Hartley play, or if you're unable to attend a service, why not drop into the café on a Wednesday, or when the church is open on a Saturday morning.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Our Harvest Festival service (family communion) will be on Sunday 28th September at 11.00 a.m. (not 10.00 a.m.).

The service will be followed by soup and / or ploughman's lunch so that all can enjoy the fellowship of attending parishioners. Hopefully, the cost will be covered by your donations (suggest £5 per person).



However you support your church – please remember that to maintain our local vicar Rev. Gary Jones and for the support of the benefice we have to generate approx. £15,000 each year.

Our wonderful team of café volunteers helps us towards that total, and your regular giving provides us with a basis upon which to build.

Remember the Parish Giving Scheme allows you to provide for Gift Aid, worth another 25% of your donation. If you need a gift aid form please contact one of the churchwardens or PCC members or look at our website littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net and go to the 'Giving' page where you will find all the options available to support your parish church.

DIARY PLANNER

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 14th

Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 28th

Harvest Festival 11.00 a.m.
followed by soup and/or
ploughman's lunch

OCTOBER

Sunday 12th

Morning Prayer 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 26th

Family Communion 10.00 a.m.

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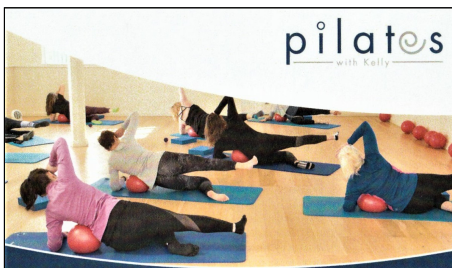
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NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st

All Saints' and All Souls' service –
7.00p.m.

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Further information can be found through the Fynn Valley Walks Group Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/337873547528977/>

We have the church open on a Saturday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon for quiet reflective time or for you to 'chat' with one of our church members.

WORD FROM THE STUDY

You cannot beat the smell of fresh bread as you walk through the supermarket or pass a local bakery. The aroma of fresh baked bread is one to be savoured.

Harvest time is a time when we not only give thanks for all that God has given us, but also to say 'thank you' for those who work the land on a day-to-day basis in all weathers.

East Anglia is often called the 'bread basket of England' due to its farming community, to which our Churches of St Marys and All Saints are adjacent. A poor harvest for us means higher prices as this year will probably demonstrate due to the dry summer we have had, but for those in other parts of the world, a poor harvest means a real threat of starvation and existence and the same was true in biblical times

When God and human-beings work together, wonderful things happen, and the world becomes a better place. When humans set their own agenda, we risk everything for our own self-worth, rather than thinking of others.

Our debt to our Lord is great and that is

why we have special Sundays to celebrate and come together and say 'thank you' to God.

Harvest is a time when we see the golden fields and enjoy the rewards of the land. The same is true in life, if we treasure and share what we have with others, no matter how little or large, then we make the world a better place and fulfil the commandment that Jesus taught us "To love one another".

Our harvest services will be on **28th September for Little Bealings** and **5th October for Playford St Mary** so please do join us as we come together as a community at either service, to sing those wonderful harvest hymns which will sound so much better as our new organ at All Saints Little Bealings has arrived and the sound of it is amazing. This has been made possible by a generous donation from the Belstead Ganzoni Trust plus a legacy that was left to us and use of our reserves. A fantastic effort to get it over the line. A big thank you indeed.

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Blessing to you all.

Reverend Gary

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 2^h July 2025. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playfordparish.gov.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Elaine Bryce apologised for missing the last meeting. She reported that Suffolk Libraries will move back in-house and that they will now be known as Suffolk Community Libraries. A new strategy has been launched to tackle violence against women and girls in Suffolk aiming at making Suffolk a safer place for all. She mentioned the Council reorganisation and urged people of Suffolk to have their say. She attended a national Infrastructure conference where Suffolk County Council have challenged the Government on the emerging Planning and Infrastructure Bill. The

Northern Bypass has been spoken about recently. However Cllr Bryce believes there are other solutions to increased traffic when the Bridge is shut or work being carried out. Plug in car clubs have arrived. Six electric Vehicles are now at three locations for communities to use.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT

District Councillor Colin Hedgley spoke about the Westerfield Quarry and that a planning application is due. Operation Camouflage is back for another year; there are still places available for children aged between 8 and 16. Grants are available for Rural Village Halls and Community Centres for repairs and improvements from the Rural England

Prosperity Fund. Cllr Hedgley also echoed Cllr Bryce's comments about the Orwell Bridge works.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- A new Grit Bin has now been received to replace the one at the Southern end of Butts Road that was damaged.
- The Drainage ditch beside the village hall still requires digging out ahead of the winter months
- The uncut grass verge on the corner of Church Road and Church Lane has been reported to Suffolk Highways.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's salary in July and August and for SALC Membership. Payments were sanctioned the annual donation to Fynn Lark News. No payments had been received since the last meeting.

HIGHWAYS

Improvement has been made on the pothole situation in Butts Road and Church Lane with repair work carried out. The Parish Council are still waiting for Co Cllr Elaine Bryce's an update on a new date for the work scheduled on the new priority signage and for the drainage work for C324

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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

DC/23/3143/FUL – 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road: Change of use of Home Office to Holiday Let including change to fenestration. Having heard from the applicant there were no objections

PLANNING UPDATE

DC/25/1376/FUL - 1 Brook Cottages, Brook Lane: Erection of 2 Storey side extension and balcony - Application permitted

DC/25/1068/FUL Sonnet House Butts Road: Single storey extension to rear of dwelling. (Between two existing extensions)

-Application Permitted

DC/25/0996/P3Q - Lux Farm Playford Road: Prior Notification - Change of Use of Buildings on Agricultural Units and former Agricultural Buildings to dwellinghouses (Class C3) - Conversion of barn to 1 no. dwelling.

Approval Refused

DC/25/1731/LBC - Playford Hall Butts Road: Listed Building Consent - Internal strengthening to existing chimneys and related works, Dealt with under delegated authority – Pending Decision

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Emergency Plan is now available on the Parish Council's website and information has been circulated to residents via the Fynn Lark News and Enews.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16TH JULY 2025.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/2487/FUL, Rivendell, Spring Meadow: Single Storey rear extension to dwelling Having looked at the plans and heard from the applicant there were no objections.

DC/23/3143/FUL, Mill Cottage, Butts Road: Construction of single storey extension. After a brief discussion there were no objections to the development, concerns were raised that the new extension was disproportionate to the rest of the property.

PLANNING UPDATES

DC/25/1731/LBC Playford Hall Butts Road:

Listed Building Consent - Internal strengthening to existing chimneys and related works, Dealt with under delegated authority – Application Permitted

DC/23/3143/FUL 2 Brook Cottages, Brook Lane: Side two storey extension to superseded previous DC/19/3344/FUL - Pending Decision

DC/23/3143/FUL 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Hill Farm Road: Change of use of Home Office to Holiday Let including change to fenestration – Pending Decision

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Wednesday 3 September 2025 at the Playford Village Hall.

*Wendy Cook – Clerk
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PLAYFORD ART CLUB

After a two months summer break our Autumn term starts at 09.30 until noon on Thursday 11th September at Playford Village Hall. We welcome new members, beginners as well as accomplished artists to join us, painting in any medium of their choice. We have a tutor to provide help and guidance when required. During each term we have a whole session dedicated to a tutorial for those members choosing to participate. If you are inquisitive on our abilities, and wish to see what we do, you will always be most welcome to visit us and enjoy a tea or coffee and biscuit. The Autumn term is for eleven active weeks and concludes on 27th November. We meet every Thursday except half term on 30th October. Should you be interested in joining us for our autumn session subscriptions are £35 a term.

Do come along, we look forward to meeting you.

PLAYFORD WI

In July we welcomed Mick Lowe of the Suffolk Fire Service for a talk on fire prevention. The informative talk was

bought into sharp reality when Mick passed round various melted and burnt every-day appliances salvaged from local house fires. We took away plenty of practical steps to keep our homes safer.

The heat was on outside in August with our annual Boules tournament when 4 teams from Playford and Rushmere WIs battled it out. Rushmere finally emerged victorious, but a great time was had by all. The committee would like to especially thank Yvonne for umpiring and Eileen for catering delicious canapés.

We have been saddened to learn of the passing of June Wright who along with her husband was a recent repeat visitor to our meetings with their Guide Dog trainees; and also of Linda Erholm a dedicated member and Secretary of Bealings WI while living there with her USAF family in the 1970s.

On 7th October we will have talk on 'The Secret Lives of Swifts' by Simon Hooton. In September we meet on Tuesday 2nd. Visitors welcome - Playford Village Hall starting at 7pm with tea/coffee. playfordwi@sefwl.org.uk

PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

July was a very special month for Playford Church as we celebrated the legacy of Thomas Clarkson and his role in the abolitionist movement. The Clarkson events included a fascinating exhibition in the church about Clarkson's life and work, a well-attended film showing, a poetry challenge, a guided walk linking our local churches, and, of course, the Clarkson Service itself.

We were delighted to welcome a steady flow of visitors who came to see the exhibition, which truly helped to raise the profile of our remarkable local hero.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who made these events possible: those who tidied the church and churchyard in advance, those who helped staff the exhibition, and those who kept everyone so well fed and watered at the service and film showing. Your hard work and

generosity of spirit ensured that the celebrations were both memorable and meaningful.

Looking ahead, we have two special dates for your diary in September. On Saturday 13th September the annual Ride and Stride takes place — yours truly hopes to be riding it, along with his much slimmer and fitter son! If you would like to ride or stride for Playford, please let me know — and do feel free to sponsor someone if riding or striding isn't for you.

Then, on Saturday 20th September, we hold our quarterly Coffee Morning at Playford Church from 10am until noon. It's always a warm and welcoming gathering — we hope to see many of you there.

Regular Sunday services at Playford in September will be held on 7th and 21st September at 10.00 a.m.

Jon Fieldsend, Churchwarden
07713164349

BINKY AND CO

Binky felt really refreshed after his summer break. It was a good holiday even though his wonderful wife Indigo was with him. Thankfully his idiot son was not. He was still at university studying Ladybird Reproduction, Wokeism, and Pothole Repair. Binky guessed that there must be at least three government departments or think tanks in Whitehall that would take him on or some NGO, in say Patagonia.

But those dreams were for another day. Today Binky started looking for a part time job. Basically, to get from under his wife's feet but also a little spare cash would be most welcome.

He applied for half a dozen posts most of which had extremely strange start and finish times especially the one from the local council asking for a male model for the over 50's art class.

His mind raced. This could be one of those dodgy jobs where instead of the employer providing protective clothing, the employee had to take all his off.

Anyway, the hours were from 7pm until

11pm every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which suited Binky down to the ground plus it was advertised as £28 per hour. Binky thought for just lying on the chaise longue that's not bad. He went along to the Town Hall to make further enquiries and was interviewed by a fearsome lady wearing thick framed spectacles and a hair do from the 1950s.

The interview went through the normal questioning, name, address, previous experience, police records etc. But Binky was caught out when asked why he thought he was the right person for the job. He muttered something about being tall, slim, handsome and friendly. The interviewer wrote down on the form (PL) which was her shorthand for Pathological Liar. She told Binky it stood for Perfectly Lithe.

Anyway, the long and the short of it was that he was offered the job there and then. Little did Binky realise that after three months of advertising he was the only one to come forward.

However, the big first night came and Binky reported to the School of Art and the head of the evening class. She told Binky not to worry or have nerves just get undressed and lay on the chaise longue and as soon as you feel comfortable, I will pull back the curtain. There are only fifteen student artists here tonight so it will be very cosy. Binky was a little nervous but swallowed hard, got undressed and took up his pose on the extremely uncomfortable sofa that had recently been purchased by the cash strapped local authority Arts and Crafts section from a second-hand furniture shop. Chaise longue it was not. The art instructor gave Binky the thumbs up. Binky responded in like manner. The curtain was slowly drawn across a now floodlit stage. There was an immediate mangled scream that reverberated through the whole school. "Binky" screamed one lady artist. "What on earth do you think you are doing?"

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Please contact Sally Lamb (Local Organiser for Playford) for more information and a sponsorship form at sallamb66@gmail.com or phone 07703 439262 or pick one up at the church. Alternatively you can visit shct.org.uk and follow the links to the sponsorship form.

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS



These youngsters looking for Mum and Dad to bring them Lunch!!!

Picture kindly taken by the Chapmans at Culpho Manor

St Botolph's Church will be open all day on Saturday 13th September for the Suffolk Ride and Stride event. During the day as part of the Carlford benefice celebrations there will be a Sculpture Exhibition together with performances from the folk group Shingle Street at 11.00 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.

On September 21st at 12.00 noon the church welcomes Bob Smisson the acclaimed viola performer please contact Chris Pearce 07925251802 for further details.

CHURCH SERVICES

24th Sept 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

28th Sept 3.00 p.m. Harvest Festival

*Richard Garnham
Churchwarden*

CULPHOMUSIC

CulphoMusic Concert That's All Folk(s)' - the wonderful Chaos Collective, Rebecca Scott-Smissen, Jane Carwardine, Rachel Stacy and Ivan McCready performed a spell-binding programme of music to a full house at St Botolph Church Culpho on Sunday 20th July.

The quartet thrilled the audience with a wide range of music with themes of love, dance and spooky rhythm. Rapturous applause at the close of the concert was clear evidence of the joy these wonderful musicians communicated.

There will be more information about future events on the CuphoMusic.uk website later this year.

*Chris Pearce
CulphoMusic*

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Playford:

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

DANCE CLASS VH Wed 9.30 a.m. *Debbie Watkins-Jones 0711161522*
VH Fri 9.30 a.m.

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