

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**APRIL 2020**



## **AN EASTER MESSAGE**

As I write this in mid-March the world seems to have suddenly become a very threatening place. Europe is facing the relentless advance of the Coronavirus; today both Church and State have issued warnings and restrictions more drastic than anything we have seen in peacetime. War involving fervent ideology rages in the Middle East and is in danger of spilling over into the West. Looming in the background is the reality of Global Warming, the fact that, due to the number and lifestyle of the human race, our Planet is overheating at a rate that will drastically and harmfully change it within a few generations. And there is total confusion over all of these issues: what should we do about them, what can we do about them, what are we willing to do about them, and, whatever we do, how much will it influence the outcome? In the midst of all this confusion

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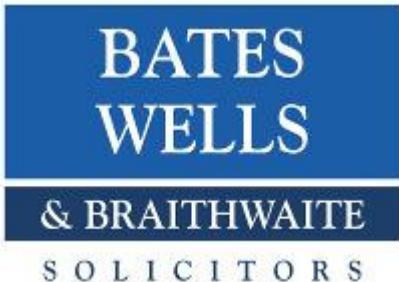
Christians will celebrate Easter; celebrate the event nearly 2000 years ago in Judea when Jesus of Nazareth who had been cruelly executed was revealed to his followers to have returned to life. Jesus of Nazareth who was called the Messiah, the Christ; the man who his followers believed was the Son of God and who embodied God himself. The Son of God who became human and by so doing gave up the privilege of being able to defend himself by superhuman means. The Son of God who humans found it impossible to live with and who they hounded to death with the utmost cruelty. So, why the Resurrection? Surely Jesus' encounter with humanity had been so dreadful that, by any stretch of the imagination, he should just have walked away and abandoned humanity to its fate. So, why come back?

word - Love. If love is really true the lover has an overwhelming desire to be with the beloved, to share in the life of the beloved whatever that may bring. A desire that overrides everything else. And so, I believe that the Resurrection is the ultimate confirmation of that Divine Love; confirmation of the fact that, however badly we as individuals or as the human race treat Him, God will never abandon us. He will always be with us, always love us, come what may. Does this help us in the present; does it find a cure for Coronavirus, prevent Global Warming or correct destructive ideologies? No, of course it doesn't; those problems are for us to solve. But Faith in a God who loves and who cares, both for us and for the whole of Creation, does strengthen us to find those solutions.

With my love, John

I believe this question is answered in one (Rev Dr John Hare)

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## ***NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST***

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### **EDITORIAL NOTICE**

We are living through an unprecedented crisis, and making our uncertain way through uncharted times. The response of communities to this situation can be unpredictable, but, reassuringly, as an antidote to scenes of supermarket panic-buying, we – this Magazine and local organisations – have had approaches from a range of individuals who have offered in their various ways to help others who may be victims of new restrictions and circumstances. These are signs of a cohesive community at work and are warmly welcomed.

The media – social and printed – have had their full share of criticism concerning the damage that they can cause both individually and in society at large, but now is the time when good, positive communications can help communities to pull together to get through what may be a lengthy crisis.

As a Magazine for our community, published almost every month, we are happy to play whatever role is required of us, but necessarily with a bit of a time lag. More instant communications can happen through the local email News Service. If you have email and are not signed up for this, then present circumstances should be the motivation to get linked in to your local news – it is an important channel of communication that can be used by local councils and other organisations to pass on news directly and quickly to people in our parishes. Do sign up by sending your email address to: ***[bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)***

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## NATURE NOTES **Blackthorn**

It seems a visual contradiction in terms, as the ominously named blackthorn is in fact the same hedgerow bush that treats us to one of the first white flowering blossoms of early spring. Banks of blossom light up the hedgerows, even before the leaves appear. This humble plant then seems to just fade way into the leafy background until the autumn when it becomes sought after again for its fruit: the sloe, widely used to make sloe gin. The shrub, with its savage thorns, is



traditionally used to make a *cattle-proof hedge*. The fruit is rather bitter, unless it is picked after the first few days of autumn frost. Wikipedia tells us that sloes can also be made into [jam](#), [chutney](#), and used in fruit pies. Blackthorn makes an excellent [firewood](#) that burns slowly with a good heat and little smoke. The wood takes a fine polish and is used for tool handles and canes. Straight blackthorn stems have traditionally been made into [walking sticks](#) or [clubs](#) (known in [Ireland](#) as a [shillelagh](#)). In the British Army, blackthorn sticks are carried by commissioned officers of the [Royal Irish Regiment](#). Early human use of sloes as food is evidenced in the case of a 5,300-year-old human [mummy](#) discovered along

the Austrian-Italian border in 1991: a sloe was found near the remains, evidently with the intent to eat it before the man died. The humble blackthorn is more interesting than you might imagine.

## HISTORY CORNER

### The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sailing of The Mayflower – a Bealings link

It may come as a surprise to find an item on this subject in this Magazine. The trigger for including it came in an inquiry from Shropshire as to whether we had any information about a certain John Carver, who was baptised in Great Bealings Church on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1580 or 1581 and who was subsequently guardian to 4 children of a family by name of More, who sailed with the Mayflower in 1620. Our Shropshire correspondent was keen to know more about John Carver's origins. There is a very sad tale, not only in that the children were taken from their mother and banished to America but also that three of them died soon after arriving – as was the fate of about half of all the Mayflower passengers.

The American Mayflower historian, Caleb Johnson, is persuaded that that John Carver, an important member of the Puritan Separatist movement in Suffolk and Leiden (Netherlands), is the same John Carver who was baptised in Great Bealings on 12 March 1580 or 81. The case is made in a 17 page academic article with citations to 120 sources. The article showed that John Carver of Great Bealings had associations with other Leiden colonists and other Separatists; that he was related to a Minter family (and associated with the same Minter family in England); that he sold his English property off about the same time he appears in Leiden records. A book about the John Carver story is about to be published in America. Caleb Johnson's [www.mayflowerhistory.com](http://www.mayflowerhistory.com) is said to be worth looking at.



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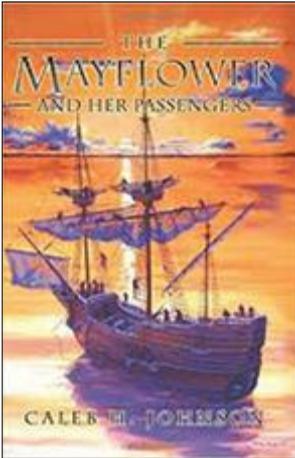
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Our correspondent was hoping that there might be a way in which the places associated with the guardians of the More children (Scrooby, Droitwich and Great Bealings) could co-operate in this important anniversary year. Our association with John Carver seems flimsy, so anyone with any knowledge or theories about the Carver or Minter families in these parts is invited to get in touch. To discover a Bealings link with the Mayflower in the year that is the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its setting forth is of significant historical interest. The Mayflower sailed from distant Plymouth, but was built in nearby Harwich. The town and heritage Centre will celebrate that link in September of this year.

### **PROFILE – ANN BARRETT**

Plant Sale time is an appropriate time to celebrate what Ann Barrett has given to our community over many years. She is now arguably the longest established resident of Great Bealings, having arrived in the village in 1961, and then bringing up a family of three, together with her late husband, Eddie, who worked for Lord Belstead at Rosery Farm. Her family of

Nick, Ali and Debbie are all now in their 50s.

Ann has been an integral part of the Plant Sale since its inception, having been inducted into it by the Philbricks, when she was working at The Cottage, where the tradition of Plant Sales began. Before that she had worked for Cynthia Brown, also of The Cottage, and organiser of the church hassocks project in the 1960s. Ann also worked as a caterer, at Woodbridge School, BT, and briefly at Bealings School.

She has been a loyal supporter of so much that goes on in the village, including delivery of this Magazine to homes in the Seckford area. She would probably revel in being described as a countrywoman to the core, participating in all those traditional village events, particularly Horticultural Shows, and more specifically our Plant Sale. Her bungalow is close to Birds Hill, and she modestly claims that people go to visit her because of the huge numbers of birds that visit her bird tables. That is but a partial truth. Now in her 82<sup>nd</sup> year, Ann continues to show warm commitment to the village and always enjoys a chat about ITFC, her family of whom she is rightly proud, and matters of local concern. People like Ann are part of the backbone of any village.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL**

Owing to the outbreak of the Coronavirus and following Government Guidelines Community Lunches will be postponed until further notice.

Do keep in touch phone 01473 620213 or e-mail [pandvcarr55@gmail.com](mailto:pandvcarr55@gmail.com)

Once again thanks to everyone who helped and supported the Community Lunch in March. This made a profit of £150 and has gone towards equipment

for and upkeep of the Hall. This month Violet Knight, George Ball and Fay all celebrated their Birthdays. Birthday cake and some special treats were shared and enjoyed by everyone. Thanks too to Tracy Herrington for the daffodil arrangements that added to the happy atmosphere.

To make moving piles of chairs easier Chris Barber has made six chair 'dollies'. Thank-you so much for your skill.

The extra microwave, donated by Joan Moon, proved very useful as 30 pancakes needed reheating. Thank-you.

Grateful thanks for a collection of newspaper cuttings about Little Bealings in the early part of the 20th Century that have been donated by Mr. & Mrs Day whose family lived in Little Bealings. These will go into the village archives.

Looking forward to sharing Lunch again in the not too distant future and hoping everyone keeps 'well' in the meantime.

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## **AN IMPORTANT JOINT MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL AND ST MARY'S PCC**

The PCC and the Parish Council have discussed setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme. The corona virus outbreak is a very good reason to make this happen. The confidentiality issues are fully appreciated and anything we do must comply with all necessary regulations. The idea is that a joint co-ordinating body would be set up to administer the scheme and manage the day to day needs any residents in need of help, shopping services, trips to the doctor, etc. We are looking for volunteers (for obvious reasons they need to be under 70) to help and in the meantime we are seeking advice as to structure, range of help to be offered, how to collect and hold information about those who might need help, etc. If you are prepared to help, or if you have contacts with charitable organisations who can help us set it up, please do let us know by contacting: Charles Barrington – 01473 735684 or Norman Porter 01473 735565/  
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## **ST MARY'S**

We are living through very difficult times. Normal patterns of behaviour are changing by the day, in the light of advice given by government and following our individual sense of self-preservation. Each and every one of us is potentially affected, regardless of faith or creed. It is precisely in circumstances like this that healthy communities can come together, and those labels of Believer, Non-believer, Agnostic, Humanist, Muslim, Hindu etc become irrelevant. All should see that it is in their best community interests to act in accordance with those values of neighbourliness and mutual support which have been at the heart of our society for centuries. Regardless of whether normal church services can continue in the present climate of wholesale cancellation of events and activities, the values of the church can still permeate the actions of a community. The spontaneous offers of help we have received are a warming demonstration of

the enduring presence of these values in our midst. That's the best way of getting through it all – to recognise what we have in common, our human fragility, rather than what divides us.

On a more cheerful note: We now know the date of the induction of Rev. Nigel Prior as Rector of St. Mary's, Woodbridge and our Priest-in-Charge. The special service is currently scheduled to take place in St. Mary's, Woodbridge on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m. Specific arrangements have yet to be made, but we very much hope that there will be a good turn-out from Bealings both to support Nigel on this occasion and to show that Great Bealings is set to pull its weight in the partnership. That will be a challenge, given relative sizes of congregations and parishes, but we must show confidence in our ability, as a beautiful rural church, to offer a different dimension of activity to our large more urban partner.

This is a completely new chapter in the

life of our church, so the first page is a blank one, and it is up to us to start the writing, and to determine, insofar as it is our prerogative, the nature of that partnership. In the meantime, we look forward to the end of the interregnum and to a period of development and stability, with appropriate pastoral support at those times of life when it is needed. We have been so lucky to have enjoyed the support of Rev John Hare throughout this period, himself closely attached to St Mary's, Woodbridge, and, as such, a precursor of the link that will now develop.

### **LOOKING BACK**

Our only service was on March 1<sup>st</sup>, so it has been a quiet month, marked by the gathering impetus of the coronavirus and its effects on all sorts of events and plans.

### **LOOKING FORWARD**

This we do with a degree of concern and uncertainty. Our Mothering Sunday Service was cancelled, following government guidelines about social distancing and self-isolation and we have just heard that other services will be cancelled for the foreseeable future.

In the event that physical gatherings and worship become impossible – which has now been confirmed – Rev Dr John Hare has offered to be available to chat over the phone should psychological or spiritual concerns arise. The church will remain open, as a place of private sanctuary, for prayer and quiet contemplation. As will the churchyard for those for whom quiet contemplation is equally effective outside.

### **Churchyard**

The churchyard still retains a wintry brownness, but, following on a fine show of snowdrops, the daffodils are now in full flower. All well worth a quiet wander.

*Churchwarden*

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

### **SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

*Note: the full minutes are available on the website*

#### **TREES, PLANTING ETC**

A donation has been received towards the cost of two trees, in memory of deceased parents. Charles Barrington said that he knew of other offers of donation. The tree on the corner of Rosery Lane is dilapidated, ESC recommend it is cut down. The tree is on land owned by SCC who have been asked to take action. Following the report by the Clerk that the PC's noticeboard at the end of Grundisburgh Road was unstable, Martin Cripps has temporarily fixed this. He said that the remaining money from the Parish Planters fund can be used to put the slabs back in place and tidy up the area. This will permanently stabilise the notice board.

#### **WATER MEADOW**

The area has been inspected by an ESC enforcement officer who has stated that nothing unlawful is taking place. Monitoring will be continued.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV)**

- No communication at all has been received from RV. Cllrs expressed their concern that RV no longer appears to be representing the PC. Now that the issue over the Ipswich Northern Relief Route (INNR) has been finalised, a formal complaint will be issued to SCC.

##### **District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH)**

- A comprehensive report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally expanded on the statement made by the leader of ESC on the INNR, the take-over on 6<sup>th</sup> April by ESC of on-road parking enforcement, the extra money received to deal with rough

sleepers, and the recent BBC series featuring the ESC Housing Team.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DC/20/0608/FUL & 0609/LBC – Conversion of the entire existing cart-lodge and log store to single storey domestic accommodation to be used in conjunction with the rest of the dwelling house – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road**

The applicant advised Cllrs on how this application differed from DC/19/1287/1288 discussed in October and subsequently withdrawn. She expressed concern and disappointment that the case officer from ESC had not visited to inspect the property. The Council resolved to support this application, subject to conditions relating to non-reflective glazing, and no occupation of the cart-lodge as a separate dwelling. The PC would make it clear in their response that they would not support any subsequent application to convert the barn behind Rosery Farmhouse into residential accommodation.

**DC/20/0902/OUT – Outline Application re demolition and removal of all necessary existing buildings and structures to enable the residential development for up to 300 new dwellings, with access from Portal Avenue, associated open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure – Suffolk Constabulary Force HQ, Portal Avenue, Martlesham Heath.**

The PC has been asked for its observations of this outline planning proposal. The Clerk will respond expressing concerns about the traffic implications

#### **DECISION UPDATES**

**DC/19/4799 – windows at Birds Hill House** - application refused by ESC (*NB. It had been supported by the PC*)

**DC/19/4066/FUL – Rosery Cottage Barn** – retrospective application re roof lights etc. The Clerk will ask ESC what action has been taken following their refusal of this application.

#### **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Report on ESC Planning Forum 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Charles Barrington outlined the matters discussed at this meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she has registered with ESC for Digital Planning Communications. In order to comply with this, the Village Hall Trustees have obtained funding from the District Cllrs' budgets to install wi-fi to enable plans to be inspected at PC meetings.

#### **Neighbourhood Plan – proposed forum**

Charles Barrington has been in communication with the Planning Policy and Delivery Team at ESC with regard to participating in a future Forum with other PCs to discuss the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Plans. The Forum will not take place until the ESC Local Plan has been formally adopted

**Stop Sizewell C Public meeting** - we have been invited by the Theberton and Eastbridge Action Group on Sizewell (TEAGS) to attend this meeting and to send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate (PI) to support their views. As we had no response from the PI to our comments on the consultation, a further letter will be sent.

**Emergency Plan** – This is in the process of being updated and will include a section to cover the current scenario with the Corona virus.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

#### **Boot Street Speed Limit Extension--**

The Engineer dealing with this matter at SCC has clarified the process involved in progressing this matter. He has submitted an estimate request to the Professional Services design team to cover the costs of the works. We are awaiting their response.

#### **SAVID/SID**

some new Speedwatch dates for Boot St have been agreed and this will start next month.

#### **GRASS CUTTING**

SCC will be asked how we can designate a part of the verge as wildflower friendly

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### **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

12 cheques were authorised and signed for Clerk's salary and PAYE, office expenses, Data Protection training, Speedwatch subscription, Village Hall hire, postage and website hosting. The Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed.

Website Accessibility Regulations – The Clerk outlined some details of these new Regulations relating to disabled website users, particularly those partially sighted, which become effective in September 2020, and which Local Councils have to comply with. These will be discussed with the webmaster

### **LITTER PICK**

once again ESC are offering a charitable contribution to any PC that carries out a litter pick. Cllrs agreed to do this over Easter, and the local charity agreed is the Parish Planters

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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## **FRIENDS OF**

## **GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

### **German Evening Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

This has had to be postponed. We very much hope to keep the whole “package” together and to find a date in the future – possibly October – when we can safely

put on an event such as this.

### **Great Bealings Open Gardens – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – 2.00 – 5.00 or so**

It's in the Calendar – and, hopefully, diaries. The situation will be monitored.

### **PLANT SALE – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

On March 17<sup>th</sup> – the deadline for material for this Magazine - we were contemplating plans to hold the Plant Sale out of doors, and to restrict the timing to the morning of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>. Latest government guidelines now seem to make even this inadvisable.

What is/ seems(!) certain:

◆ An indoor Plant Sale, with cake and refreshments will not take place

◆ The Raffle can and should go ahead. All prizes have been obtained. Books of tickets will be delivered as usual with the April Magazine. Please buy generously, as this may be our only source of income, depending on what happens to the plants.

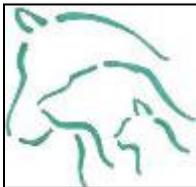
◆ Some plants will have already been potted, and seedlings sown. They should not be wasted. We could either put them up for sale outdoors at the Village Hall on the planned date, or publish a list of what is available and deliver as ordered, or set up tables outside homes for casual purchase.

◆ Vegetable plants could turn out to be particularly useful, if the crisis does go on for months.

◆ We have to be careful over handling of money. Take necessary precautions.

◆ There will be no programmes this year.

**We will do our best to contrive conditions where sellers and purchasers inter-act and still feel safe from viral contamination. We will monitor the situation and inform potential supporters by poster, individual email and the email News Service. This situation is evolving on a daily basis - please follow closely. Our gardens may well become therapeutic and productive havens in the weeks ahead.**



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## SUPPORT NETWORK

Residents in the Little Bealings area north of the railway line have set up a Support Network to offer practical help to anyone isolated due to containing or avoiding the virus. We have over 30 volunteers, coordinated by 5 of us (contact details below). The group was set up by leafleting homes in this specific area, but we would of course want to extend help elsewhere in Bealings and around, if the need arises. If there are other such groups out there, we'd be pleased to get in touch to share ideas.

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*Jane Mardell*

## ANGELA COBBOLD HALL - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Due to the present situation, we are suspending all planned activities and events at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

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## CHURCHWARDEN UPDATE

During these difficult and uncertain times, we hope that everyone is doing what they can to stay safe, to help friends, family and neighbours who may be in need, and

to also do all you can to take good care of yourself physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

We applaud the efforts of Colin Hopkins, Jane Mardell and Anthony Meehan in leading a community support effort that will be of great help to older and immune-compromised residents and if there is anything that we can do, please get in touch at 07810 355511 or [corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk).

Unfortunately, we have had to close the Church, including services, the Tearoom and activities since as Bishop Martin indicated on March 17<sup>th</sup>: "The Church is called to bear the good news of Jesus in every circumstance. As we face the coronavirus pandemic bearing good news means our care for others and especially those who are most vulnerable, and sustaining our life of prayer and worship. We will need to be doing this in different ways following the national guidance and the decision to suspend public worship...".

We will resume services, the Tearoom and activities (including the Thursday morning walks led by Francis Mutimer) as soon as is practicable and as directed by the Diocese. Despite the Church closure, we are still here to serve the village and if you, or anyone you know, is in need of a pastoral care--either via telephone, Skype or in person--Reverend Gary Jones can be reached on 01473 412329, 07714 614095 or via email at [gary.jones590@ntlworld.com](mailto:gary.jones590@ntlworld.com).

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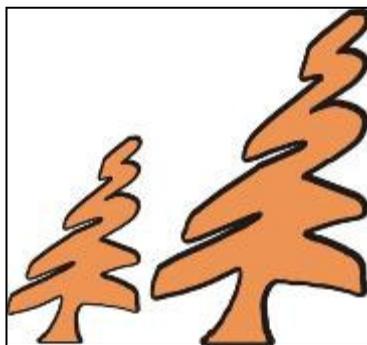
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We are pleased to announce that the repairs and upgrades to the Church have continued and we now have a brand new and very efficient boiler and heating system that has made the Church feel very cosy. We have also installed emergency lighting and rudimentary plumbing with a sink and this month we should have the screen and projector installation completed, just in time to participate as a pilot project in the Suffolk Cinema Network being established by East Suffolk Council.

Sadly, we will have to postpone the Mark Flanagan concert which was scheduled for April 17<sup>th</sup>. Details will be published as soon as we have them.

We currently have our Annual Parochial Church Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Church and will decide if the meeting can go forward closer to the time. We will be renewing the electoral roll for the Church in the coming month and if you would like to join the Electoral Roll, please contact Corinne at the above number before April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We have recently finished the Fit Villages Pilates collaboration and we are so grateful to Didi Kamfer for leading this very successful community initiative. We have received great encouragement from attendees to continue and hope to restart classes as soon after the Easter break as possible. In the meantime, take good care of yourselves and each other.

With every blessing,

*Corinne and Tony Fear*

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 2 March and was attended by 16 residents/members of the public. The reports presented and the draft minutes can be seen here:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/annual-parish-meetings/apm-records-since-1896/2010-present/>

The meeting was followed by an interesting presentation by John Midwinter, using his own home as an example of some of the actions which residents can take to help deal with Climate Change.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council met on 24 February and 2 and 16 March 2020. The main issues considered were:

### **PLANNING**

#### **KESGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION**

No comments would be made as it did not impact on the parish.

#### **DC/19/3562/FUL – Proposed Alterations and Side Extensions: 1 Holly Lane**

The applicants had appealed the refusal by ESC.

#### **SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated re-contouring along northern boundary bund – Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit**

SCC had advised that it was still working to achieve a bund height and fence arrangement that would benefit residents as much as possible.

#### **DC/20/0710/FUL: Extension of the external toilet in order to accommodate a new boiler to the Church. The existing shed will be replaced with a new one to provide storage for the Church**

There was no objection to this application.

#### **DC/20/0748/FUL: Construction of a single**

storey domestic annexe – Broombank, Sandy Lane

Dr Hopkins declared a pecuniary interest in this application and left the room for discussion of the item in accordance with the Suffolk Local Code of Conduct. It was resolved that there was no objection to the principle of the development or the design, but there were concerns regarding the height of the building and ESC would be asked to consider carefully the impact this would have on the residential amenity of neighbours.

**DC/20/0902/OUT: Outline Application (Some Matters Reserved) Demolition and removal of all necessary buildings and structures to enable the residential development of up to 300no new dwellings, with access from Portal Avenue, associated open space and landscaping, drainage and infrastructure – Suffolk Constabulary Force Headquarters, Portal Avenue, Martlesham Heath**

It was resolved to object to the application in view of the impact it would have on

traffic on Hall Road, given that it would encourage more use of this road by those seeking to avoid congestion at Martlesham.

**The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road**

ESC had advised that it was now investigating the alleged use of the property for a car sales business.

**Ipswich Northern Route Proposal**

Following SCC’s decision not to proceed with any further work on the INR, Stop! would be thanked for all its work, especially for bringing the parishes together to oppose any alignment for the route. Residents were asked to remove all Stop! banners and notices.

**Paperless Planning Application Consultations by ESC**

Bealings Village Hall Trust Committee was thanked for the speed with which it had secured funding from the District Councillor Locality Budget for the installation of a phone line, Wi-Fi and

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HDMI TV screen for the Committee Room. This would enable the Council and residents to view planning applications on screen during meetings.

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **SAVID (Safer Village Driving) and SID (Speed Indicator Device) Poles**

It was agreed to accept the SAVID group protocol for the use of its SID in The Street, in rotation with other parishes, and to apply to SCC for poles to be erected at three locations. Before the SID could be used a risk assessment would need to be carried out by anyone installing or removing it.

### **EAOW Reinstatement Works in Holly Lane**

Damage to the reinstated verges would be drawn to EAOW's attention and they would be asked to consider if one of the permanent signs unnecessarily restricted visibility for traffic.

### **Footpath 18 at Grove Farm Buildings**

SCC would be asked to inspect the route, given its very wet condition, to see if any improvements could be made.

## **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Hedgley's report is available here:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

## **POLICE/ESC LIAISON**

Mr Garnham or Dr Hopkins would represent the Council at the next meeting.

## **FINANCE**

Mr Hunter had completed the bank reconciliation for the third quarter satisfactorily. Cheques were signed for the webmaster's 'ease of access' training (£48), for hire of the Village Hall during 2019/20 (£141.25), the Information Commissioners' Data Protection Registration fee (£40) and for the Clerk's expenses and salary for March and for PAYE. Income of £4.84 (interest on the

Council's NS&I account for 2019) and £51.53 (vat refund for 2019) had been received. The current internal auditor had agreed to carry out the internal audit for 2019/20.

## **CORVID-19**

It was resolved that the Council would not be involved in supporting residents, due to concerns regarding resources, what support would be appropriate and data protection issues. It was also resolved that the power to determine the Council's responses to planning application consultations be delegated to the Clerk, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman, in the event that restrictions on meetings made it impossible for the Council to meet and make a decision on a response within a consultation deadline.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE IN LITTLE BEALINGS**

District Councillor Hedgley confirmed that he had allocated £500 from his next Locality Budget for the Council to use on Climate Change initiatives should it, for example, wish to find sites for tree planting or publish a leaflet for residents on ideas for local actions.

## **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting date is 11 May, with an additional provisional date of 20 April should a meeting be necessary or appropriate sooner. **Please visit our website for updates on whether the Council is meeting:**

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

Draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Council's website.

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# ***PLAYFORD***

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## **CHURCH NEWS**

It is with deep regret that we heard the news of the passing of Rosemary Cocksedge. She was a wonderful lady and a great supporter of our church

Our thoughts are with her family and especially her husband Chris at this difficult time for them all.

The Annual meeting of the Parochial Church Council was due to be held on Thursday 23rd April at 7.00 p.m. at the Village Hall. This meeting has now been postponed to a later date which will be promulgated in due course."

Although the services at Playford have been suspended for the foreseeable future the Church will remain open 24/7 for prayer or just a quiet sit down.

Please remember to keep 2 metres from another person.

The churchyard can also be used for a quiet walk around.

If anyone needs any help or advice please ring Rev Gary Jones on 01473 412329 or 07714 614095 or ring the churchwarden Colin Hedgley on 01473 738468.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no Co Councillor's report.

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Colin Hedgley's report is appended at the end of the full minutes published on the website. In brief Colin stated that Leader of ESC, Steve Gallant is pushing for money which would have been spent on the Ipswich Northern Route to be used instead on the Copdock interchange, Orwell Bridge and A12 improvements. £600k has been allocated for rough sleepers in the area. ESC will take over responsibility for parking - Civil Parking Enforcement comes into force in April 2020. Women's Cycle Tour will be held in Suffolk again this year (NB unless cancelled by coronavirus issues). BBC1's recent documentary "Britain's Housing Scandal" featured ESC's Housing team going about their work and showing how things should be done.

Please see Colin's full report for more details.

### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Drains on the C324 have at last been unblocked and appear to be working well – the silt is to be regularly cleared by ESC Norse's Cyclic team.

The flow of water down FP7 from Church Lane to Spring Meadow has been diverted and has dried up at last and SCC Highways' dept has been reminded that the residual moss, mud & silt is yet to be cleaned up and the pavement in Spring Meadow made good.

Progress on FP1 and FP3 is on hold awaiting drier weather.

The parish council has agreed to fund signs to be erected at each end of Church Lane to deter heavy vehicles but size and exact locations to be agreed at a site visit.

Blocked gully near Bridge Cottage and dangerous loose paving slab have now

both been dealt with.

Blocked culvert near entrance to Village Hall has been cleared but remedial work is still needed to the drainage ditch to help prevent further build-up of debris, also a barrier may be required near the car park ramp.

Dead oak tree close to the carriageway on C324 has been reported and is awaiting inspection.

Two new grit bins in Church Road should be filled shortly.

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

### **FINANCE**

Payments authorised to Glasdon UK Ltd for new grit bins, ESC Norse Ltd for annual grass & hedge maintenance, Binder's Ltd for drain clearance, P E Holmes for web hosting & domain name charges and to the Clerk for stationery expenses and salary. Credits received: £400.00 from Robin Vickery's Locality Budget for the new grit bins and NS&I annual interest of £27.01. A bank reconciliation was carried out.

### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

A donation of £100.00 was made towards SAVID's expenses. Drain clearances on the C324 and road signs etc in Church Lane have been covered in Action Point review (above).

### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

NP Chairman Keith Carson will submit a completion certificate for the Groundwork grant received in this tax year. The NP will be finalised soon and put out for referendum later this year.

### **IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE**

Results of the consultation were released on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan. Two-thirds of respondents were conclusively against any of the proposed routes and only 26% in favour of any. SCC could not continue with this project without the support of other local councils – this was confirmed by a vote at their cabinet meeting in February. Also local MPs Dr Dan Poulter and Dr Therese Coffey opposed the scheme.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Application ref: DC/20/0005/FUL** – alterations to The Old House at Bransons have been permitted.

**Application DC/20/0560/FUL** Temporary access onto Butts Road for stable block construction at Archway Paddock – this is held up by SCC Highways having insufficient detail to make a decision regarding the splay in both directions.

## OTHER MATTERS

Risk Assessment and Financial Risk Assessment documents were reviewed. Maintenance of playground equipment to be addressed, also certain safety measures.

The History Project is underway. Implications of new Website Accessibility regulations are being looked at.

A litter-pick organised by the WI was due to take place in Playford on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

A new councillor is still required to serve on the parish council – please contact the clerk or any councillor for details if you are interested.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Annual Parish Meeting commencing 6.30 p.m. immediately followed by Annual PC Meeting. Further details of this will be published nearer the time as we may be advised not to go ahead with public meetings for the time being due to coronavirus measures.

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## CHURCH LIGHTS

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22<sup>nd</sup> March - Mothering Sunday: sponsored by Glenda Grimwood in remembrance of her Mother, Jose Booker, on Mothering Sunday

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CORVID 19: Although I understand that I am required to self-isolate on account of anno domini, I do not see why I should not continue to put on the lights, if requested, as I live at the foot of the Church and will be walking my dogs in any case. Please email any requests, and payment may be made by that old-fashioned method of cheques and using the postal service (address above) or a promise to pay later will suffice.

## PLAYFORD W.I.

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>. at our monthly meeting we unusually enjoyed fish and chips for supper along with Andy Malcolm our speaker on 'The History of Fish & Chips.' His talk was both informative & most enjoyable, along with sea shanties.

We enjoyed a litter pick on March 7<sup>th</sup> along with residents of Playford, Playford Parish Council & Playford Parish Hall Committee. We would like to thank them all for their help. At least the weather was fine for us. Suffolk Norse provided the grippers, hoops and bags and will collect the bags that we have left by the bottle bank as soon as possible. We collected 18 black bin bags and two vacuum cleaners!

*Sue Bruce. Secretary*



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## **BINKY AND CO.**

Binky was distraught. He had just received a letter from his local Council telling him to self-isolate as he was a danger to the public. This was nothing to do with the virus but the local Council thought it would be a good idea to keep Binky and his wife, Indigo, off the streets for a while for the common good. The virus scare was perfect camouflage.

Binky wondered what on earth he was going to do for two weeks holed up with his wife twenty-four hours a day. Eight hours every night was bad enough and she was asleep for most of them. The strain on his mental and physical health would be too much, surely, they realised that? They did actually, that was the point.

Binky needed to make a plan. This called for cunning and an Excel spread sheet. If only he knew how to use the latter. Anyway, he decided to start on his Wife Avoidance Regulations or WAR plan.

He started with H hour which was the moment he woke up. Downstairs, make some tea, take it upstairs to Indigo and then escape before the blood curdling scream of "Binky, I want my second cup!" came echoing down the stairs. He did hear it slightly as he was dragging his wheelie bin across the manicured lawn. Manicured was a very loose term where Binky and grass were concerned.

Many a time on bin day the bin fell over and disgorged its contents over the lawn, the path and the road. This time was no different. It took Binky a good half hour to pick up all the gash and put it back in the bin just in time for the bin lorry to arrive.

Binky asked if it was all right to put an old clock in with the rubbish but the driver said no, it was a waste of time. Binky had a sense of humour failure and remonstrated with the driver who just sat back and casually drank from a can of cola. Binky retreated, gesticulating wildly to the bin lorry driver in an international sign language that even a ten-year-old understood. The driver immediately threw the can at Binky which hit him fair and square on the back of the head. Binky yelled in pain. The driver told him it could not have hurt that much as it was only a soft drink. Binky made a mental note, no Christmas box this year for you matey.

The lorry drove off cutting the corner and driving up the manicured lawn. Binky realised the day had not started well and so decided to chance taking Indigo her second cup. He took the tea upstairs in the best bone china cup and saucer and placed it gently on her bedside table. She turned over, her huge body repositioning itself like a dumper truck. The earth moved. Which was an experience for Binky. "Here you are my beau-Tea-full darling, your second cup" he said with a gentleness that did warrant a reciprocal level of concern and care. "Too milky, take it away you idiot". Which was about as much reciprocity that Binky would get all day.

Binky was hurt." But darling I thought you said you wanted me to be the sun in your life." "I did" she replied. "I just want you to be 93 million miles away". Binky retreated. A tear left one eye.

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## ***CULPHO***

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## **ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH**

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

This was to be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April immediately prior to the Evensong Service. However, following the suspension of all services and meetings this will be re-arranged when we are advised that church activities can be safely resumed.

**Harpichord Recital –Robin Walker** – In view of the COVID-19 situation this event has been postponed – but is being rescheduled for September (date to be confirmed). Mrs. Christine Pearce was able to contact all those who purchased tickets and we thank you for your understanding and look forward to welcoming you later in the year. Further information regarding this event will be available on line via [info@culphomusic.uk](mailto:info@culphomusic.uk) in future issues of this Magazine and the Carlford Benefice Newsletter 'Grapevine'.

*Margaret Gornall*

*Secretary*

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## CHURCH NEWS

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### FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO

### REV CLARE SANDERS – RURAL DEAN

Clare wrote an item for the Carlton Benefice “Grapevine”, to celebrate Easter, and to say farewell to those whom she has served so well in that Benefice. She has also, in her capacity of Rural Dean done so much for our own villages during this recent period of Interregnum, so we judge it appropriate to publish an edited version of that article, by way of thanking Clare for her wonderful support, hard work, efficiency and leadership over that period. In her “Grapevine” article Clare wrote as follows:



*This is my last “Grapevine” letter and it could be a case of “Alleluia” – Thank God” – but my “Alleluia” is not one of thanks that things are coming to an end, but Alleluia for all that has*

*been over the last nearly 15 years. I can honestly say that they have been wonderful years. I have shared in the lives of so many people, and it has been such an enormous privilege. There have been hairy moments, moments of deep pain, times of laughter and hilarity, tears shed both of joy and sadness. There have been times spent with individuals, and numerous community events. There have been experiences that I could share with others and more occasions when keeping quiet and keeping things to myself has been required. People have said you could write a book. Quite simply being a parish priest is one of the most privileged jobs that there is, and I want to say THANK YOU.*

*I have said on many an occasion – quoting my father who said it first -you can’t celebrate Easter if you haven’t lived through Good Friday. The cross is central – just as in ministry being alongside people in their pain and distress and accompanying them through the experience, is at the core of what it means to be made in the image of God, and to follow Christ, not just to the cross, but beyond with the Easter cry of Alleluia. I look forward to sharing this journey with you and beyond Easter. Alleluia is not just a word. It is a way of living.*

In thanking Clare for all that she has contributed to our local communities, we wish her and her family a happy and richly deserved retirement in Shropshire. Her final service was to be on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00 a.m. in Grundisburgh Church. This must now be in doubt.

## **WORD FROM THE STUDY**

As I write this article, we find ourselves on the verge of social isolation due to the outbreak of the Corona Virus. The advice given is changing hour by hour. As a result, people are panic buying to the point where shelves are empty and those who are vulnerable and are already socially isolated due to illness and mobility issues find themselves even more vulnerable. When peoples' way of life feels threatened, people take action in unprecedented ways. But I am encouraged by the way groups and communities are making plans for those less able in their area. A welcome sign and with heartfelt thanks.

At this time in Lent when we examine ourselves and how we live our lives, as Christians, in a way that echoes the way Jesus taught us to care, to love, to put others before ourselves, to take time out, time in stillness. In the words of Psalm "Be still and know that I am God". We live in a fast-moving world which a lot of people struggle to keep up. A challenge for us is just to spend a few moments every day in quiet and see what a difference we can make.

Easter, a time when we celebrate Christ's victory over death, our home, our eternal future secure for each and every one of us. Please do join us if you can.

I will leave you with this. Take care of yourselves, your families and others where you live that puts a smile on the heart of God and helps live out the true message of Easter.

My hope and prayer this Easter is that we learn to love, serve and live in the peace that Christ brings.

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

*Reverend Gary Jones*





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