

Fynn - Lark News

December 2019 - January 2020



One of my favourite carols is the Coventry Carol – it is a soft and gentle carol – more often sung by choirs than congregations. It dates from the 16th century, and was traditionally performed in [Coventry](#) as part of a [mystery play](#) called [The Pageant of the Shearmen and Tailors](#). The play depicts the [Christmas](#) story from chapter two in the [Gospel of Matthew](#): it refers to the [Massacre of the Innocents](#), in which [Herod](#) ordered all male infants under the age of two in [Bethlehem](#) to be killed, and takes the form of a [lullaby](#) sung by mothers of the doomed children.

It is a gentle carol as befits a lullaby, but it deals with the realities which accompanied Christ's birth, realities which tragically today, still occur in our world, where innocents lose their lives; I'm writing this just a few days after the police have released the photos and the details of the Vietnamese young people who died in the container tragedy. Christmas in our western world is so often sentimentalised, glamorised and commercialised and is

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divorced from its original setting of a divided world, of inequalities, cruelty and political instability.

Christmas for those of us with faith, is about the real world now, just as much as the world into which Christ was born 2,000 years ago. Christmas is an acknowledgement of a God who is real and is alive, in all humanity. Christmas is about living out that faith in a divided world and society. The other thing I think about when I sing the Coventry carol, is that Coventry is a place which knew the terrors and destruction of war, but from the ruins of their bombed out city, there grew a ministry of reconciliation and healing, which is symbolised in the Coventry cross of nails. God's purpose in Jesus is one of reconciliation and healing – he is proclaimed by the angels as the bringer of peace...and we need peace on the national stage post Brexit – whatever the outcome of that may be and the international stage, where countries still grow their arsenal of weapons.

Over the course of the last 20 years or more, the parishes of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho have shared together in a witness to the God who unites us in friendship and common purpose in proclaiming God's love for the world and making that love known. As we enter 2020, our parishes will begin to forge new friendships and partnerships in mission, as Playford and Little Bealings move into working together in a new partnership, with the people of Kesgrave; Culpho with the Carlford Benefice and Great Bealings with St Mary's Woodbridge. There is much to give thanks for, of mission and ministry shared together, of friendship and co-operation. Our thanks too, to those who in the last year have served our churches in time of interregnum and sowed the seeds of a

new set of relationships and friendships which lay ahead.

May my journey on into 2020, full of the knowledge of a God who loves us and sent his Son to become one with us-sharing our humanity, so that we might be enabled to share in his divinity and be the bearers of his light in our troubled world. "Bye, bye lully, lullay".

*Rev Canon Clare Sanders.
Rural Dean*

EDITORIAL COMMENT

This very appropriate Christmas contribution to our Magazine from Rev Canon Clare Sanders gives us the opportunity to pay tribute to her for all that she has done for our Benefice during this period of interregnum and change. She has been determined to ensure that all our services have been covered, not only the regular ones, but also those special one-off occasions which are an inevitable part of the fabric of village life. Her daily timetable has often been frenetic, as she has cheerfully shouldered responsibilities way beyond those of her immediate Carlford group of churches.

As our four parishes now move smoothly on to new associations and relationships the success of the transition is very much to the credit of Clare, and our Acting Archdeacon Rev Jeannette Gosney. We thank them most warmly for their help, understanding and guidance.

Those ministers who have so cheerfully seen us through difficult times, namely Rev John Hare, Rev Peter Wintgens, Bishop John Waine, James Hall join with your churchwardens in wishing all readers, whatever their faith and religious allegiances, a joyous Christmas.



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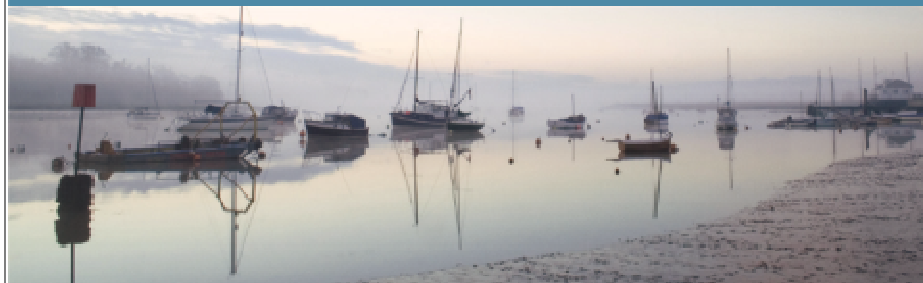
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From The Editorial Team

EDITORIAL NOTICES

We have been asked by Parish Council representatives to both include and endorse the following:

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST BURGLARY

Following a few burglaries in the area, please take care not to leave any tools, ladders, equipment etc lying around unattended if you are doing any outside decorating or DIY jobs - Don't make it any easier for any would-be housebreakers.

DOG FOULING



Every so often there is an outbreak of understandable indignation about inconsiderate behaviour by dog owners, and a disregard of the need for residential areas and tracks to be kept clear of canine deposits.

Usually these upsets are resolved with a word in the right ear, but occasionally upset can fester.

Dog-fouling is not just a matter of local

irritation. It can also result in legal action. Suffolk Coastal (*now East Suffolk D C*) have taken persistent offenders to court. Fines can be heavy – up to £1000 in a recent case.

There is a law about this: *Dog mess is an eyesore and a health hazard. If you are a dog owner, you have a legal duty to clean up every time your dog messes in a public place.*

It is in everyone's best interests that no resort to such extreme measures should be needed. Tracks, verges and footpaths are public places

There is also a more local alternative: that warning signs could be erected, and/or that one of those special red deposit boxes could be installed in areas where dogs are regularly walked.

We suspect that few in our villages would wish to add to "street furniture" in the shape of notices, or that anyone would be prepared to take on the task of emptying said red boxes – that task would not be undertaken by the Council. Far better that discretion and canine discipline be exercised

Please – for the benefit of everyone – particularly the reputation of our local dogs - do what the law requires you to do.



STOP! CAMPAIGN SEEKS POSITIVE SOLUTIONS

The public consultation on proposals to build a bypass north of Ipswich has closed, having garnered an impressive 4,000 responses. The 500 people who attended the march through town to oppose the road have packed their placards and drums away. But the Stop! Campaign has certainly not stopped!

The petition against the road, which would devastate precious countryside and hasten climate change, continues to grow. The first 5,000 signatures were presented to Parliament by MP Dr Dan Poulter in October, but many thousands more are needed. If you have their permission, you can add your friends' and family's names to the online petition (even if they don't live locally) – why not send them an email today?

The Stop! Campaign has taken out full-page adverts in both the *East Anglian Daily Times* and the *Ipswich Star* making the case for alternatives to the road. Meanwhile Birketts Solicitors in Ipswich have agreed to represent the campaign in the legal fight against the bypass: there is an enormous amount to challenge.

Several events have been held, most recently a Grand Jumble Sale in Hasketon where a wonderful turnout helped to raise £1,800 in campaign funds. Regular drinks evenings are planned too: keep an eye on the website.

The next phase of the campaign aims to Start! Ipswich Moving by finding real, sustainable solutions to the traffic issues in and around the town. Our villages hold such a wealth of talent and energy that a 20-strong research team is now investigating these solutions in detail. They would love to hear your thoughts: email research.stopbypass@gmail.com.

To all of the volunteers, researchers, marchers, petition-signers and jumble-rummagers who make the campaign possible, thank you – together we can Stop! this road and protect our precious environment, both local and global.

HISTORY CORNER

An appeal for pictures, anecdotes, memories

Our villages continue to evolve: the people, the houses, the ways of life. Anyone who lived in these villages 100 years ago would struggle to conjure up a sense of real familiarity with the everyday lives of those who now live in them.

That makes it all the more important that we preserve memories of bygone days. It is all too easy to spend life on the present-day surface. But - awareness of our roots, whether they be of family or of community, or of nation, can give us a more solid sense of identity.

That is why our villages almost inevitably have people who quietly get on with researching the past, storing information, deepening understanding about the places where they live – places which in many ways are typical of other comparable villages, but all of which have their own unique quality.

Those storers of information are dependent on others. Others can help so much in offering their own stories from the past, their knowledge of the peculiarities of the houses they live in; their memories of previous generations, so often preserved in family photo albums, with pictures of grandparents, local scenes and houses, local events, now largely forgotten.

Maybe, as we feel that the uncertainties of change and transition give us that need to pin down the elusive past and to discover more about our roots. That is the motivation for putting together histories, on paper and digitally, to ensure that the past is not a blank sheet of paper for generations to come. We like to have

evidence that we have lived!

Hence this appeal. If YOU have anything that might be of interest to future generations do please get in touch with Brian Seward (Playford), Jim Pawsey (Little Bealings), Norman Porter (Great Bealings). Plans are not only afoot but in actual progress to produce something tangible to preserve our history. Do delve into your cupboards, look through old albums, check out pictures on the wall and if you have something worth sharing then - do please share it. Thank you!

NATURE NOTES



The robin is our favourite national bird. It vies with the partridge for top seasonal billing on Christmas cards. It is the gardener's best friend, hovering around during the winter months while we potter in the garden, hoping to find a few extra worms. It lightens up the dreary winter days by relentlessly trilling out its hopeful message into the gloom, the guardian angel of hope beyond winter, anticipating another spring. It deserves a glowing mention in our Christmas edition of this Magazine.

Some facts: the robin is insectivorous. It is aggressively territorial. There are many variants of the robin, found in many parts of the world, illustrating the Darwinian theories of evolution within different habitats. In European countries it is variously known as Robin redbreast, rouge-gorge, Rotkehlchen, petirrojo, pettiroso and roodborstje – all highlighting its red breast. Average life expectation is a mere 13 months – but

lucky robins can live much longer. They have eccentric nesting habits, with nests being found in unlikely places such as watering cans, kettles, flowerpots etc.

As with many traditional British animals it is also the stuff of legends. Wikipedia tells us that: an old British [folk tale](#) explains the robin's distinctive breast through the legend that when [Jesus](#) was dying on the cross, the robin, then simply brown in colour, flew to his side and sang into his ear in order to comfort him in his pain. The blood from his wounds stained the robin's breast, and thereafter all robins got the mark of Christ's blood upon them. An alternative legend has it that its breast was scorched fetching water for souls in Purgatory.

The association with Christmas more probably arises from the fact that postmen in [Victorian](#) Britain wore red jackets and were nicknamed "Robins"; the robin featured on the Christmas card is an emblem of the postman delivering the card. Various football teams, for example Bristol City are also nicknamed "The Robins."

So, let's use the cheeriness of the robin as a pathway through December and January into our next edition of our Magazine in two months' time, and as a symbol of our best seasonal wishes to all our readers. Tweet, tweet.

We finish with a song for the season and use the words as a Christmas message:

*When the red red robin comes bob
bob bobbin' along, along,*

*There'll be no more sobbin' when
he starts throbbin' his old sweet
song.*

*Wake up, wake up you sleepy
head!, Get up, get out o' bed!*

*Cheer up, cheer up the sun is red.
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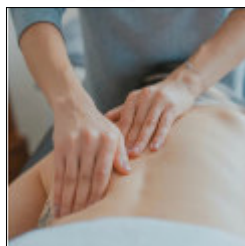
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The profit from the Community Lunch on Guy Fawkes Day was £160. This will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall. Grateful thanks to everyone who helped, serving, clearing, washing-up and tidying up. Tracy Herrington's autumn table decorations were just right for the occasion especially the sparklers in conkers. Thank-you!

Advent/Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 3rd. December 12.30

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RESPONSE TO NORMAN PORTER'S 'RURAL RANT'

(November Issue)

The Fynn-Lark news carried a piece in the issue of November 2019 which was front and centre. It was written as Norman Porter admits "not as editor but in the absence of any alternative submission."

I am sure the piece was designed to hark back to earlier times of rural idylls but also provide a point of controversy. The point was not long in coming: the Ipswich Northern Route. While most residents of both Little and Great Bealings are of the view that such a development is unwelcome, it is important to lay bare a distinction that was glossed over in Norman Porter's piece. He makes specific reference to the conflict between urban and rural interests while making claims for the advantages and disadvantages of both. To further his position, he argues that having chosen one of the two environments one should expect to continue to enjoy the conditions of such an environment and that no changes adversely affecting that environment should be allowed. But all of us have to make compromises in our lives so that society as a whole can flourish with a tolerance of differences which need not run the risk that individuals lose their identity. Furthermore, in the case of the Ipswich Northern Route Norman Porter suggests that it is the thirst for urbanisation that is the driving force which will strip the rural dwellers of the amenities which they so enjoy. He forgets that such amenities as clean air, peace and quiet, interaction with nature are also sought and valued by urban dwellers as frequently demonstrated by those exercising their rights on public footpaths or visiting areas of outstanding natural beauty. He writes "Environmental sensitivity and awareness, like charity, begin at home." What is missing from this statement is that environmental sensitivity is not a monopoly of rural dwellers; it is equally at home in town and

country. The struggle which faces both urban and rural dwellers is to stand together. In the case of the Ipswich Northern Route the common foe is the idea that growth is a good thing and that it must be fed. This idea is a corruption of the New Growth theory. This corruption has found a home within the walls of the bureaucracy of several local authorities whose principle purpose should be to administer to the betterment of the whole of the society under its sway rather than tinker with untested economic theory. Such local authorities seem to have lost sight of their responsibility in the pursuit of their own legacy. There is nothing to suggest that the Ipswich Northern Route will accomplish any of the claims made by its progenitors. What is most needed in the coming months is that the bureaucrats do not succeed in separating town from country. Once divided we are easier prey for the self-serving politicians and civil servants.

Douglas Hunter, Little Bealings

Response to Douglas Hunter

Douglas kindly found the time to write in and to respond to last month's leading article. That response follows.

I have the luxury of being able to respond to the points made by Douglas Hunter:

As editor, I am delighted to receive a thoughtful response to anything that is written in the Magazine. It means that items are being read. If they are not, and there is no response, we might as well print a blank page.

Anyone who writes anything is lifting his/her head above the parapet and inviting a reaction. To write is to commit. That is at the heart of creative discussion. So, I welcome a response.

The title of the piece – "A bit of a rural rant" indicated the semi-spontaneous, loosely structured content of the piece. As editor, with no other leading article, something needed to be written in a hurry. I filled the space. (We still need more writers of leading items, please)

The motivation for writing the piece was, in fact, not local at all - it was the sight of Hong Kong rioters, surrounded by their close-packed high-rise buildings, and the pictures of people in Indian cities, wearing masks, and spluttering through the smog. It was about the trend for more and more members of the human species to be concentrated in cities.

That did allow a bit of a sub-plot, with the slipping in a reference to the highly controversial Northern by-pass. That conceded, and given the point above, I totally agree that the whole of our

species, rural or urban faces challenges of pollution, and that any setting of one group against the other is counter productive. Town and country both suffer, if the solution to the problem of too many cars is to build more and more roads, rather than find alternative means of moving around people and goods.

We are all part of this debate, and it keeps our magazine relevant if such broad issues are discussed within it. So - thank you, Douglas!

Norman Porter

-part-editor, part contributor

CHILDCARE

I am a first-year medical student at Brighton and Sussex Medical School, and I am resident in Playford.

I have 5 years of childcare experience looking after children from age 6 months+.

I will be available for the whole of December and beginning of January for childcare during the day/night and pick up from school etc.

References are available on request. Please contact:

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FYNN-LARK CHIROPODY—A NEW COORDINATOR REQUIRED

Astrid Llewellyn has co-ordinated the chiropody clinic since 1997 but, having moved to Orford, she would be grateful to hand on the "baton". It is a lovely job, *although you can hardly call it a job*. The clinic, which is open to residents of the 4 villages is held approximately every seven weeks in Playford Village Hall. It is almost a glorified coffee morning with everyone catching up on village news. It is fun and the list of tasks is minimal. I would be grateful if anyone who might consider taking on being the co-ordinator could contact me and I will fill in the details.

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ST MARY'S

By the time our February Magazine comes out we will have concluded the interviews for our next Priest. These interviews will be taking place on January 30th, 31st and the appointment will be for the new Rector of St Mary's, Woodbridge, and Priest-in-Charge of St Mary's, Great Bealings. Candidates on the short list, probably 4 of them, will be shuttled out to Great Bealings to give them an opportunity to see the church and village – and hopefully to meet some of our residents. Reassuringly Great Bealings and Woodbridge each have two interviewers on the panel – but the Chair, and therefore casting vote, is from Woodbridge, so that reduces the democratic deficit.

Advertisements for the post will have gone out by the time you receive this Magazine, with a closing date in the middle of January. That is the process, and we hope it will produce strong applicants. Thereafter it will be up to us to make it work, and to welcome both the new relationship and the new incumbent.

LOOKING BACK

Our service on November 3rd was imaginatively structured by John Hare to anticipate the showing around of our new priest next year. John invited the children present to identify 6 key things in the church that a new incumbent would wish to see, and that – to the enjoyment of the children – involved tolling the bells and visiting the tower, as well as a microphone-led tour of the church. This tour will happen for real at the end of January.

SECTION 12 PCC MEETING WITH ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE PCC. – MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

For the uninitiated – and that's most of us – Section 12 meetings are the point at which advertising for a new priest is launched. For this purpose, members of the two PCCs met together, alongside Bishop Mike, Acting Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney, and Rural Dean, Rev Clare Sanders on November 6th. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the joint Parish Profile that is to appear as part of the advertisement for the successor to Rev Kevan McCormack, current Rector of St Mary's, Woodbridge, who is retiring early in the new year.

The meeting was amicable and constructive. It was confirmed that each PCC has two representatives on the interviewing panel, with the Chair having a casting vote, if necessary. Interviews for the new post will take place on 30th and 31st January, with short-listed candidates being shown round the churches and introduced to parishioners on the first day, and formal interviews being conducted on the second day.

The advertisement will have appeared in the Church Times by the time this Magazine is published, so we must hope that there will be a good response. The successful candidate will be responsible for leading St Mary's, Great Bealings, into the next chapter of its long history, and for guiding us towards the direction to be taken by our new partnership with St. Mary's, Woodbridge.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our service on December 1st will be a Christingle. This will have been well advertised, and we are grateful to the



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We then hold Midnight mass - commencing at -11.15 – on Christmas Eve. Do try to make time to join us, to escape from all the festive preparations, and to feel your way into the deeper meaning of Christmas.

Looking beyond the New Year don't forget our special service on the Sunday 2nd February, combining Candlemas with Snowdrops.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is more or less dormant. Should anyone have spare bird-food, do top up the feeders near our observation cabin any time. The more food we have available in the feeders or on the bird table in bad weather the more tempting the location to wild-life. And the more likely that these animals will get through the winter.

Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12TH NOVEMBER

Note: the full minutes are available on the website

Trees, planting etc

The Clerk reported that £20 has been received from Suffolk Norse following the litter pick the PC did in the Spring. This money is for the Parish Planters fund. Martin Cripps reported that the Suffolk Tree Warden Network is supplying 50 new small trees which will be planted

before Christmas. The Cranworth Estate has given permission for the planting of 7 new limes on the Avenue of Limes which runs from Boot St Bridge to the Church. Two dead oaks will be replaced on the Millenium Footpath. Funding for the trees and the Parish Planters came from District Cllr Colin Hedgley's Enabling Communities Fund. The balance of this will be utilised in the Spring and some sites have been identified.

WATER MEADOW

Colin Hedgley advised that no illegal action is taking place. He will check environmental issues related to waste dumping with ESC.

REPORT BY SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN VICKERY (RV)

No report had been received from RV. Martin Cripps asked the Chairman to write to the SCC Chief Executive and enquire who else we can approach for support given RV's absence for several meetings.

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY (CH)

A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on the new recycling rules for cartons and the recent successful prosecution for dog fouling. He had attended the first Community Partnership Workshop, which will have funding available for local community issues e.g. a help system for lonely residents. He mentioned that the County Ward Boundaries are being reviewed, and the consultation has been extended to 2nd January 2020.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/19/4066/FUL – Rosery Cottage Barn, Lodge Road – Retrospective Application Erection of open-sided lean-to, insertion of 14 x rooflights and 2 x woodburner flues

The Council resolved to strongly object to this application, and to support enforcement action by ESC.

Decision Updates

DC/19/2700/FUL – Croft Cottage, Lower Street – permitted by ESC

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DC/19/3681/FUL – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road – withdrawn by applicant

DC/19/3688/PIP – Land to north of Boot Street – refused by ESC

EAST SUFFOLK PLANNING REFERRAL PROCESS

Colin Hedgley emphasised that the PC's decision must be either 'support' or 'object'; the phrase 'no objection' will not be taken into consideration. If the PC's views are different to the case officer's, the application will be referred to the Planning Committee.

TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL FORUM – JANUARY 2020

This will take place on 24th January and two PC representatives will attend. Cllrs agreed some items for the agenda which the Clerk will submit.

DC/19/3987/CON – Red House Farm Development, Tuddenham Rd, Ipswich – Charles Barrington drew Cllrs' attention to this application for part of the Ipswich Garden Suburb, which will have potential traffic consequences for Great Bealings. The PC will not be commenting but individual Cllrs have an opportunity to do so if they wish.

HIGHWAYS

BOOT STREET BRIDGE - EXTENSION TO SPEED LIMIT

SCC has advised that it now supports the PC's case for a lower speed limit eastward and has provided some initial cost estimates for obtaining the necessary Traffic Regulation Order. CPB will follow up his request for further detailed information.

SAVID/SID

An appeal has been received from the Secretary of SAVID for a one-off donation of £100 from each participating parish for the year 2020/21. The current annual payment is £50. This was agreed by Cllrs.

OTHER HIGHWAYS

CH reported that the finger post at the top of Holly Lane has been removed, he will investigate what has happened to it.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

INSURANCE RENEWAL – CAS have revised the insurance policy to include a set value for assets, avoiding the need to report each individual item. Cllrs agreed to accept a 3-year undertaking for a reduced premium of £171.84.

CHEQUES – 8 cheques were approved and signed for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses, the insurance premiums and a donation to the STOP campaign.

DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21 – ESC had advised that a precept of £4700 can be requested to reflect a 0% increase on the PC element of Council Tax. However, this was insufficient to meet the PC's expected expenditure next year. Cllrs agreed to a 2.5% increase, which results in a precept of £4820.

OTHER FINANCE AND ADMIN MATTERS – The second precept instalment has been received, and the Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed.

FUTURE OF FYNN LARK NEWS

Colin Hedgley will represent Great Bealings at a meeting this month. It was agreed that he should recommend that FLN continues in its present form

FRIENDS OF THE ADMIRALS HEAD (FOTAH)

The Vice Chairman and another representative of the FoTAH presented some financial facts and figures about the efforts which are taking place to raise the finance necessary to put in a bid to purchase the AH. £450K is the amount considered necessary in order for a viable bid to be made. Explanations were provided as to what is involved, including each of the 3 local PCs obtaining a PWLB loan which would be repaid over a number of years. This would entail a referendum to cover all residents. The representatives then left the meeting and a lively discussion followed. It was agreed that the idea of a referendum would be supported, but several conditions on its format were agreed, including the form of

words, the need for each parish to be counted separately, the effect on all rate bands in terms of an increase in precept, and the requirement that a third party should validate the count. Assuming the referendum was supportive, the maximum that Cllrs would support would be a loan of £10,000 repayable over 10 years.

BURGLARIES

Charles Barrington reported on the recent spate of burglaries on Lodge Road. The police were aware but have no resources to attend PC meetings and advise as to protective action. Guidance in relation to security of sheds is available on the Suffolk Police website, and CPB commented that battery operated shed alarms and movement sensitive lighting can be purchased at very reasonable cost on the internet.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2020:

Monday 13th January, Monday 9th March, Monday 4th May – Annual Meetings in Village Hall (NB. The Bank Holiday is on Friday 8th May), Tuesday 7th July, Thursday 3rd September, Tuesday 10th November

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

DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS – NOVEMBER 29TH AND 30TH

At the time of writing almost 100 programmes had been sold for one or other of the three performances in Annesley -a tremendous response. Many of those attending will have come from

some distance – as far away as Hadleigh, Bury St Edmunds, Hintlesham and Ipswich – testimony to the artistic reach of our very own Lawrence Werber.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

This event will be happening the weekend of the appearance of our February magazine, so this is the final reminder to join up and join in, if you have not already done so.

Organisers this year are once again Will and Alison Self. They have a full list of previous participants, and will contact them, but that list is permanently open to new participants, and they are particularly welcome, so do join in if you would like to make this an opportunity to meet people from across our wide-flung village.

Contact self979@btinternet.com or 07764745489.

GERMAN EVENING FRIDAY MARCH 27TH

This is taking much more solid shape. Prof Jeremy Tambling will be talking about WG Sebald, former Professor of European Literature at the University of East Anglia, author of *The Rings of Saturn*, and we will also have live German classical music, an acting cameo, short talks on aspects of German life, all alongside traditional German refreshments. If you are a germanophile or have friends who would enjoy such an evening do make a note of the date. Similarly, if you are unsure of where you stand in your view of Germany come along and learn something, hopefully positive, about German contributions to European culture. A fully illustrated programme will be issued well in advance and will constitute your entry document. Definitive information will be available in our February issue.

GREAT BEALINGS OPEN GARDENS – 6TH JUNE 2020

It is confirmed that moves are positively afoot to open up some of our gardens again and specifically to invite members

of the Woodbridge congregation to visit us and to get to know our village better. It is likely that St Mary's Church will serve as a meeting point and that maps, together with details of gardens open will be distributed there. We already have a number of offers and could do with a few more. It is also confirmed that a fizzy gathering will be held at the end of the afternoon – the timings likely to be around 2.00 until 5.00.

We reiterate that a warm country welcome is all that is needed – not impeccable horticultural perfection – and that hosts might like to offer visitors something extra in passing – plants, ice-creams, books, music. Do let us know if you would like to be involved in some capacity. We have done this before, and this seems an opportune moment to do it again.

‘DICKENS AT CHRISTMAS’

at Annesley Hall, Great Bealings



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Entry is by programme, on sale in advance.

Programmes can be emailed, and payment can be made by BACS – Barclays -Sort Code 20 – 44 – 51 Account Number 90679178 – please add as reference your name plus Dickens.

Booking is advisable, as space is limited. If you are thinking of turning up on the night do first check that space is still available: and if you live within walking distance, please consider leaving your car at home.

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CHURCHWARDENS

Corinne & Tony Fear, Green Close House, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCHWARDENS' UPDATE

Another month has passed and it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The Tearoom is doing very well, especially with the new addition of our shop. We are selling locally produced jams, chutneys, sauces and juices as well as our very popular refill station offering lots of dried goods from fruit to pasta, seeds to sugar – along with “emergency” supplies such as ketchup, toilet paper, and biscuits! You can bring your own containers or use our paper bags, and you can buy as much or as little as you want. Do pop in and see us for a browse or even a cuppa! Our regular opening hours are Monday, Wednesday and Fridays 2:30pm – 4:00pm and Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 1:00pm. We will be increasing to 3 whole days a week shortly so please keep an eye on local advertising for more information.

The Tearoom and shop will be closing for Christmas on Friday, 20th December at 4:00pm and will reopen on Monday, 6th January 2020 at 2:30pm.

BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

Donors continue to grow and help repair and upgrade the Church

By the end of the year, we look forward to having new heating and indoor plumbing in the church thanks to our most recent donors: The Alfred Williams Charitable Trust,

East Suffolk District Council Exemplar Programme, the Fonnereau Road Health Foundation (managed by the Suffolk Community Foundation) and Sports England. We are so grateful to them for

helping to make the Church an even more welcoming space for worship and for community activities and we are delighted to announce the first regular activity thanks to the Council's *FitVillages* initiative. Many rural villages in Suffolk have only a church as their communal space and this is a pilot for *FitVillages* to see if we can all help make Suffolk the most active county in the country! Pilates Classes classes will begin on January 13th at 7:30 p.m. We are delighted that Didi Kamfer, who is a very experienced teacher, will lead us in stretching and strengthening in her unique and entertaining manner! See *promotion advert*.

In the coming winter months, we look forward to hosting acoustic evenings by the log burner and in the meantime, if you would like to use the Church for children's parties, book groups, or other meetings, please contact Corinne to book our beautiful space.

ALL SAINTS MERITS ECO CHURCH BRONZE AWARD FROM A ROCHA

We have always understood how important it is to be a good neighbour and part of making our community a better place is also taking better care of the planet. To that end, we continue to adhere to Suffolk Wildlife Trust guidelines for the Churchyard and we are endeavouring to bring the same strong commitment to all aspects of the Church. As a result, we are doing a better job of using recyclable materials in the Tearoom, highlighting environmental issues in Church activities, and we will be using more energy-efficient bulbs in the building and the floodlights. Our efforts in 2019 have yielded a Bronze Award by A

Rocha—a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world. With your help, we will achieve an even higher rating in 2020!

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

•Saturday, December 14th Wreath-Making Workshop 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. See box advert

•Saturday, December 14th All Saints Christmas Tavern 6:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m. See box advert

•Sunday, December 15th Christmas Messy Church Christingle at All Saints 3:00 p.m. See box advert

•Wednesday, December 18th Carol Service 7:00 p.m. This year's carol service will be led by Archdeacon Sally Gaze. Please come and join us for your favourite carols by candlelight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies! Donations of mulled wine or mince pies would be gratefully received by the church.

Please contact Corinne on 07810 355511 or corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk to arrange collection, alternatively you can pop them into the church on our Tearoom opening days prior to the event.

•Tuesday, December 24th Christmas Eve Benefice Crib Service 4.00 p.m.

The Benefice Crib Service will be held as usual on Christmas Eve and led by Rev. Gary Jones. We welcome all ages to this special service; children are most welcome to attend in dress up and be involved on the day. Last year, we had several children who took part and fun was had by all, Rev. Gary has also mentioned that there may even be chocolate involved! We would love you to join us for this magical start to Christmas Eve for both the young and young-at-heart!

PLEASE SUPPORT FIND (FAMILIES IN NEED)

There will be a box inside the church by the font from the first week in December

until Christmas Eve where we would welcome any donations of food or gifts for this great charity. We kindly ask that all gifts be unwrapped or placed in an unsealed gift bag so FIND can distribute the gifts to the appropriate person.

HOME VISITING

Now that we have more lay ministers we are in a position to offer home visits for those who for whatever reason are unable to come to church but would like to meet with a minister, perhaps to talk, to pray or to take communion at home. If you would like to be visited, please don't hesitate to contact us to discuss options and times (below) to find something that works for you. All of our home visitors are lay ministers and are very friendly, are commissioned by the C of E to work in our parish and have also had full safeguarding training which is updated regularly.

Please contact your churchwardens Corinne or Tony on 07810355511 corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk to arrange a visit from one of our lay ministers.

JANUARY 2020 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

•Tearoom open Monday, Thursday and Fridays from 10:00am to 4:00pm

•January 6th Free taster session and meet the instructor (See above information)

•January 13th Pilates class subsidised by FitVillages (See above information)

•Continuing every Monday until March 9th

•Jan 26th Communion Service

Tony and I would like to thank everyone for the continued support we have received during 2019 and, along with the PCC and ministry team, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Corinne & Tony



Join us for festive family fun!

Saturday, December 14th

Wreath-Making Workshop

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

£5 cost for materials

Crafting, carols, Christmas spirit and fun guaranteed!

Novices welcome!

Please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend to book a place
on hellionese@yahoo.com or 078899 07615.

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Saturday, December 14th

6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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NEW Pilates Class

Little Bealings Church

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Monday 6th January, 2020 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Followed by a weekly class

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 4 November and 18 November. The main issues considered were:

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL COMMUNITIES OFFICER

An officer from the Communities Team attended the meeting on 4 November and advised on the assistance that could be provided.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Sinks Pit Liaison Meeting on 17 October and DC/19/2666/FUL: Construction of 2 No. new buildings and use of land for vehicle and plant hire operator(s) comprising offices, workshops, associated parking, drainage infrastructure etc to allow for the hire, storage, sale, maintenance and servicing of vehicles, plant, machinery and equipment - Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit

Mr Hunter reported on the liaison meeting he had attended with Ms Saagi, at which SCC had advised that a licence between SCC and the site owner was in hand and would be followed by a planning application for the building of the acoustic wall. The current application would not require a Noise Assessment before determination, this being a condition of any permission granted.

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

It was noted that part of the existing bunding at the west end of the site would be moved to the east end before the fence was erected. It was agreed to support the application in view of the positive impact it would have on noise at the eastern end, but to request that no part of the existing bund be lowered before the fence was installed, in order that the new fence resulted in noise reduction for all residents.

DC/19/3481/FUL: Proposed 3 bay cart lodge/garage and log store – Sunfield Cottage, Playford Road

ESC had approved this application.

The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

ESC had advised that there was no breach of the planning permission in respect of the removal of the section of hedge in Beacon Lane, but that the lack of required tree protection and whether a car sales business was being operated from the property were matters that were being investigated.

IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE

There was no information on when a decision would be made by SCC following the consultation but Stop! had created Start! to consider alternative sustainable transport solutions for Ipswich traffic and was arranging meetings in local pubs to discuss the issues. A jumble sale in Haske-ton had raised £1,800 for Stop! funds. After the election on 12 December Stop! will present to a full Council meeting at SCC.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Hedgley's report is available here: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

Following repeated requests for information, Anglian Water had advised that, due to the complexity of the scheme, it intended to defer it until 2025-2030. In view of the impact that this would have on the community purchase of the Admiral's Head, it was agreed to ask the Environment Agency and Dr Dan Poulter, MP for assistance in overturning this decision.

GRIT BINS

The Parish Council thanked the local Plymouth Brethren Church Trust, which had offered to buy and install a new grit bin on the north side of the level crossing.

SAVID

Mr Garnham reported on his attendance at the SAVID meeting, at which problems on Tuddenham Hill were discussed. It was agreed to respond to SAVID's request for funding with a donation in 2020/21, the amount dependent upon whether the Speed Indicator Device would be available to the parish on a rota basis.

POLICE/ESC LIAISON

Mr Garnham reported on his attendance at the meeting held on 10 October, at which speeding on Playford Road had been discussed. Dr Hopkins would attend the next meeting on 28 November.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

Six Councillors declared a personal interest in this matter, having completed share pledge forms. The Council received a report from the Friends of the Admirals' Head group, which advised of loans, grants and the community share pledges required to purchase, refurbish and support the pub during its first years of trading. It was agreed that, subject to the outcome of a referendum of residents on the matter, the Council was willing to take a Public Works Board Loan to assist with the project. This would involve an increase in the precept to meet the repayments.

FINANCE

Mr Hunter had carried out the bank reconciliation for the second quarter and no issues had arisen. Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary for November and December and for PAYE. A statement of Internal Control would be completed quarterly and the Risk Assessment for 2019/20 was approved.

BUDGET FOR 2020/21

The budget was approved, subject to

amendment in respect of a PWBL and a local referendum, and can be viewed here: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/budgets/>

SHAPING SUFFOLK

The Chairman would attend a SALC 'Shaping Suffolk' Conference on 18 November.

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WORKSHOP

Mrs Wilson reported on her attendance at this workshop, which discussed social initiatives to reduce social isolation, environmentally friendly travel and 'ageing well'.

SUFFOLK ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Chairman had attended a presentation on the review of Suffolk County Council Electoral Wards. It was resolved to advise the Boundary Commission that the Council favoured a retention of the Carlford Ward, serving the local rural parishes. The consultation is open to the public until 13 January and submissions can be made here: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/eastern/suffolk/suffolk-county-council-0>

FYNN LARK NEWS

The Chairman and the Clerk would attend a meeting to discuss the future of the News, following the demise of the Bealings, Playford and Culpho benefice.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Council is due to meet on 6 January. Draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Council's website.

Carol Ramsden - Clerk

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UPDATE ON THE ACH. –

ALAN TITCHMARSH APPLAUDS THE BEALINGS GARDENING CLUB AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

At our second meeting on Thursday 14th, Alan Titchmarsh, a friend for many years, sent us a short video expressing his warm approval of the New Bealings Gardening Club and our Chairman, Francis Mutimer. He wished us good luck for the future and especially for our key message for conservation in this “modern world“. Lively discussion followed when our “experts“ panel of Francis, Sharon Cripps and Sue Prentice gave many tips as we enter the late Autumn period. Should you wish to escape from the “Election“ bug, our next meeting is on 12 Dec! Hope to see you there.

MORE GOOD NEWS

An Exemplar grant of £8500 has been received, enabling ROPETH to commence stage 2 of our Project. The mobile staging has been received and a trial set up. It is 3.75m x 3m at its maximum but can be adapted to smaller needs. New Lighting to create a theatrical atmosphere is en route, as are new tables and chairs. Thanks to Joan Moon and her birthday party, Joan donated a sum to enable us to purchase another Table Tennis Table, making 2 in all, but I refuse to believe her party age! Would-be TT enthusiasts-- Get ready for active use to remove those extra Christmas pounds, next year. We shall also start to update the kitchen in January and the Dance Mirror now has a fabulous curtain to cover it and enquiries for its use are being received.

Our James Bond Gala evening film, from “ Russia with Love “ was

extremely well received, but my efforts to imitate Tom Cruise in his film role as a cocktail shaker at the bar, came to no avail due to the first martini flying out of the shaker and then to my consternation, a large fall-out of cocktail sticks, greeted with sympathetic laughter. Nevertheless, there followed some success with the next 14 martini cocktails!

Our Play Reading was extremely successful with the reading of Act 1 of “ Arsenic & Old Lace “ superbly read by the group who undertook multiple roles, but Rosemary Pawsey and Ferial Rogers stole the limelight as the two elderly sisters , Abbey & Martha, bringing much laughter as they argued their number of bodies in the cellar ! Next meeting is on Mon 18th Nov. Margaret and I are putting on our Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair at the ACH on Sat 30 Nov & Sunday 1st Dec, we shall donate 10% of all sales to the upkeep of the ACH, entrance is free as is the glass of Prosecco you will be given !

The Knitters are Nattering, in the warm reading room, as well as Gill’s Sing Along singers, but not, I hasten, performing together! Two major events in December – NOT TO BE MISSED – “ The Final of Strictly Come Dancing “ on our 75in TV screen, free entry with licensed liquid & light refreshments available.on Saturday Dec 14th th AND of course the Village Christmas Party on Friday Dec 20th – we seek your support , by, your bringing a Main or Pud dish, we shall provide a licensed bar at reasonable prices. Father Christmas will be in attendance with small presents for the young.

C.A.S (COMMUNITY ACTION SUFFOLK) applauds our ACH Community Resource Project

C.A.S have recognised the marvellous contribution made by the many village donations Ropeth received and thus able to buy and save the ACH from Commercial use. They now wish to use our project as a case study presentation in future CAS Hall meetings. In addition, in January 2020 a similar request has been made for my involvement with ACRE Village Halls week in January 2020 – It seems that we must be doing

something right!

Finally, we shall hear of the result of our Biffa Award application in early December, for the sum of £16,000 which will be used for secondary glazing, re-felting of the flat roof. the repainting of both inner and outer walls, upper window curtains and other small repairs.

*Roger Roseboom,
Chairman, ROPETH*

FUTURE EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

November

Saturday 30th Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair 10.00 a.m.-4 .00 p.m.

December

Sunday 1st Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Monday 2nd Knit and Natter 2.00 p.m.

Tuesday 3rd Community Lunch 12:30 p.m.

Sat 7th Classic Film Screening 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 12th Singalong 2.00 p.m.

Gardening Club Christmas Special 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 14th Strictly Come Dancing Final: Screening 6:45 p.m.

Monday 16th Knit and Natter 2.00 p.m.

Friday 20th Bealings Village Christmas Party 7.00 p.m.

January 2020

Mon 6th Knit and Natter 2.00 p.m.

Tues 7th Community Lunch 12:30 p.m.

Thurs 16th Singalong 2.00 p.m.

Thurs 16th Gardening Club 7:30 p.m.

Mon 20th Knit and Natter 2.00 p.m.

Friday 8th May

V.E. Day Street Party

Christmas Antiques Fair



FREE ENTRY

Sat. 30th November & Sun. 1st December

10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall



Come along to the Lark Rise Antiques Christmas Fair, where you will find a range of antique vintage furniture, paintings and contemporary art, glassware, china, snuff bottles, netsukes, samplers, and collectables.

Excellent **Christmas gift ideas!**

GARDENING CLUB

✧ **Christmas Special** ✧

Thursday 12th December

7:30 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall

Join Francis and friends for more expert chat plus all his seasonal tips for the garden.

Also, find out the best way to help birds and wildlife at this time of year.

'Deck the Halls' – natural decoration for a festive home, using foliage, seed heads and berries from the garden, inspired by old Suffolk traditions.

✧ Mulled wine and mince pies! ✧



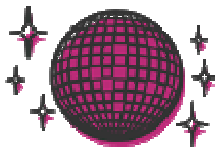
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Saturday 14th December

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☆ BEALINGS VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY ☆



Friday 20th December

7.00 p.m.

Angela Cobbold Hall



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AVERIL WILKINSON



It is with sadness that we share the news of the death of Averil Wilkinson, our much-loved Aunt, Great Aunt and Great Great Aunt, on 15th November after a brief illness.

What follows is a short tribute to catch the deadline for this edition, to be followed by a further tribute after her Thanksgiving service in the New Year.

Averil, born in 1924, spent her childhood on her parents' farm in Clopton, with her brother John and sister Nathalie (nicknamed Babs).

During WW2 when she was just seventeen, she volunteered for the ATS where she became a driver and enjoyed driving every imaginable vehicle!

After the war, she lived at home. Before the war, Babs had married Jack, a tea planter in Assam. Their two daughters Jan and Pru returned to England to be

taken care of by relatives, as was usual in those days.

Averil became very close to Jan and Pru and great fun, being only 16 years older than Jan.

In 1951, she visited Babs and Jack in Assam and met her husband to be, Peter. They had a long and happy marriage. To Averil's sorrow, they didn't have children, so she devoted herself to Jan and Pru, her 6 great nieces and nephews and 12 great nieces and nephews.

She and Peter, who was a tea planter, lived in Uganda, Malaysia and India. Averil learnt to speak Hindi, Swahili and Malay!

They eventually settled in Suffolk, seeing a lot of Jan and family, then later moved to Playford, seeing a lot of Babs and Pru and family.

Aunty Av took great delight in all family occasions, entertaining us all with her ready wit! It was wonderful for me to see so much of her when I moved to Playford. She had several lovely Christmas days with us, always so pleased and grateful. Adie and I were privileged to be with Aunty Av in her last peaceful moments at Foxearth Lodge, where she had been so well cared for.

Julia Saunders

POP-UP PUB IN PLAYFORD



**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
6PM - 11PM**

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 6th November 2019. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: 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. Topics covered include East Suffolk Business & Community Awards, Community Partnerships, changes to carton recycling, East Suffolk to host Cyclo-cross world championships, Gold award of Greenhouse Café, East Suffolk Business Festival, a new future for East Anglian fishing industry and Cultural Lowestoft. In addition, Colin commented on the Martlesham & Kesgrave Community Partnership Workshop having £10K to share across their area for whole community projects. County boundaries are being reassigned and individuals are being encouraged to write in to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England with their comments or to email: reviews@lgbce.org.uk

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Site meeting with Highways manager to discuss poor signage re traffic priorities and lack of silt clearance on the C324 inconclusive except to say that Traffic Management team needs to be consulted re traffic priorities and Norse should be asked to clear the silt. The drainage problem remains, but the clerk will contact a resident to request that drains on his land are kept clear.

The constant flow of water trickling down FP7 was shown to Highways manager who wanted further investigation before a course of action could be recommended but he agreed to arrange

for the mud and silt to be cleared.

Ongoing drainage problems with FP1 seem to have improved but FP3 is still overgrown and the fence is still closer to the hedge than was previously agreed.

Highways manager viewed damage caused by heavy traffic using Church Lane, he stated this should not occur and that a sign may be placed at each end of the road to deter heavy vehicles from using it. However, Highways unable to provide funding for these signs. Mud and excess water on Church Road has been reported.

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

SAVE the ADMIRALS HEAD

A presentation was given by Friends of the Admirals Head team who are trying to raise money to put in a bid for the former pub, which is up for sale. If local parish councils agree to take out Public Works Loans to help with the funding, it may be viable to purchase the premises and set aside some working capital for running it as a pub again. Referendums must be held in each parish before any agreement is reached, to ensure that parishioners are in agreement with this scheme as taking out a large loan would inevitably result in an increase in council tax for the duration of the loan.

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for a donation to the STOP the Bypass campaign, to SWT Trading for their ecology report on Playford Mere, to HMRC for tax on the clerk's salary and for the clerk's stationery expenses and salary in September & October. Credits received from A Melrose (donation towards cost of SWT report) and from ESC (2nd half of the Precept). The clerk reported the budget for 2019-20 is on track – budget for 2020-21 will be discussed at the next meeting.

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Approval granted for second new grit bin (funded by Robin Vickery's Locality budget) to be placed outside the Church gates and forms submitted for funding. SAVID is requesting donations from parish councils in whose area they operate – this will be considered at the next meeting when the budget is discussed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Final draft has been circulated and sent to ESC for review and screening. Joan Metcalfe proposed a vote of thanks to NP Chairman Keith Carson for his hard work in achieving this. A final payment is due to Planning Direct upon completion of the Plan.

IPSWICH NORTHERN ROUTE

Results of the 4000 responses to the consultation still being analysed by SCC and an announcement expected by end of the year although this could be delayed by forthcoming election.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application ref: DC/19/3637/PN3 for Archway Piggeries was discussed on 30th Oct - the PC voted in favour of the building work subject to certain conditions but has requested a site visit from Highways before agreement can be given to the access in Butts Road due to safety reasons. The application has since been withdrawn and replaced by separate applications, DC/19/4255/PN3 & DC/19/4256/PN3 for the individual buildings. Application DC/19/0300/FUL Happy Acres Barn has been referred to the Enforcement Officer as reports have been received that building work is not being carried out in accordance with approved plans.

OTHER MATTERS

Possibility of reinstating a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was discussed as Police do not have funds for monitoring activity in small villages, but a co-ordinator would be needed. History project – Colin Hedgley has offered funds for Playford stories to be written down electronically (talking books), a memory box of photos and a digital walking trail around the village, to include historic sites of interest. Next Planning forum for town & parish councils is on 27th Jan 2020 at East Suffolk House, Melton. New dates for next years' meetings were agreed. A new councillor is still required to serve on the parish council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 8th January 2020 at 7pm

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PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

A short Posada service starting at 11.00 a.m. and lasting about 10 minutes will follow the Family Communion service on the 8th December. All children and mums and dads are most welcome. There will be coffee, biscuits and juice at the end of it all.

Jos Saunders will take the Posada Service.

CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

● **Sunday 8th December at 10.00 a.m.**

Family Communion *with Posada distribution at 11.00 a.m.*

All Children welcome at 11.00 a.m. for a short ten minute service with juice and biscuits.

● **Sunday 22nd December at 6.00 p.m.**

Carols by Candlelight
(Including return of Posada). Followed by
Mulled Wine and Mince Pies and Juice.

• **Christmas Day**

Benefice Christmas Day Service at 10.00
a.m. Everyone welcome from across the
Benifice.

We are getting nearer to the time when
both Playford and Little Bealings
Churches will come under the umbrella of
Kesgrave All Saints Church.

We are expecting everything to be ratified
in the next few months, meanwhile our
services will follow that which has already
been published and are also reproduced
in this magazine.

As for January, Playford will have a
Family Communion on the second
Sunday, which is the 12th at 10am. Little
Bealings will have a service on the fourth
Sunday, 26th January.

The amplifier that is part of our Public
Address system has finally decided to call
it a day. We hope to be getting it replaced
soon.

Anyone who would like the church to be
floodlit over the Christmas period please
contact Veronica Bunbury on 01473
623366.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

REV GARY JONES

January 12th at 10.00 a.m. will see the
first service of the new year that Rev Gary
Jones will officiate. Please come along on
that day to meet Gary who is looking
forward to meeting the people of Playford.

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

28th October - 1st November inclus.
Sponsored by Mark Krishna in honour of

Diwali

Monday, 11th November:
Remembrance Day

15th November: Sponsored by Glenda
Grimwood for her Mother, Jose Booker,
with fondest love on her birthday

Requests to sponsor lights to :
Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner
Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. email
address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com Last
minute requests are not normally a
problem but to avoid disappointment
please ensure that Veronica is at home
and be aware that very short notice
requests via email or telephone answer
machine might not be picked up in time.
Please contact the Church Warden if
unable to get hold of Veronica.
Sponsorship is now £10 a night.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH LIGHTS: Thank
you to those people who have already
pledged sponsorship to pay for the
Church lights over the Christmas period
and a reminder to everyone else in
Playford that the pleasure of seeing the
Church lit at this time of year does come
at a cost and all donations are very
welcome.

BINKY AND CO

The aeroplane's engines roared louder
and louder. The brakes came off and the
aeroplane moved forward with a lurch
gathering speed as it raced down the
runway. Binky guessed that the speed
had now reached 170 miles per hour and
so leaned out into the gangway and
shouted towards the cockpit end, "rotate".
Binky liked to think he knew something
about flying and whispered very loudly to
his wife so that every other passenger
could hear that he thought the pilot was
leaving V1 a little late. Mrs S looked at

him as if he were an idiot, which of course he was.

Binky told her that they would be cruising at 20,000 feet about ten seconds before the captain said they would be cruising at 32,000 feet. Mrs S looked at Binky and told him to shut up.

Now it was a three-and-a-half-hour flight, so Binky was looking forward to one of those excellent in-flight meals, in fact he was getting a little peckish already and Mrs S said she was “absolutely starving”.

Binky pressed the attendant buzzer and after about ten minutes the trolley dolly came along. “What’s your problem, mate” she said. Binky asked what time dinner would be served. The cabin member looked at him incredulously. “We don’t serve nuffin on here mate” she said and turned and went. Mmm thought Binky, she sounds Australian. Mrs S commented that she should have done up the top button of her blouse. “Leaning over you like that was very common” said Mrs S.

Binky kept the picture in his mind for several weeks.

It occurred to Binky that the staff had not yet given the passengers the statutory safety briefing and so he brought this to the attention of the chief steward when he passed up and down trying to sell California Poppy for twenty pounds a bottle. “Ah don’t worry about that mate, if we go down from thirty-five thousand feet, you’d stand no chance anyway so what’s the point?” Binky could see the logic in that although he did think the customer care could be improved just a tad. Nevertheless, Binky settled down to a quick nap before the flight arrived at its destination somewhere in Greece.

The brochure stated that from the airport it was just a short journey to the Hotel

Seethemoff, near Athens along a beautiful country road which took in the best parts of Akarnania, which in fact turned out to be just over a hundred miles from Athens. However, the aeroplane touched down on a tarmac strip, similar in quality to the A1214, in the middle of nowhere in central Greece at exactly the same time as the Sticklebacks luggage was touching down in Casablanca. Binky of course was unaware of this forced parting between a man and his wardrobe and waited for two hours as the carousel went round and round in a forlorn attempt to bridge, as if by magic, the 1700-mile gap between Casablanca and Athens. Mrs S was furious telling Binky she knew that would happen and it was all his fault. Of course, by waiting so long at the carousel they had then missed the daily bus service to the hotel. As if by some strange quirk of happenstance, a taxi driver arrived offering to transport the intrepid pair to their hotel. Binky had reached the point where the cost did not matter, and 500 Euros seemed fair enough. Binky clung to the reception desk in the hotel yearning for a cup of tea and a bed. It was midnight. One of the receptionists asked Binky to follow him to their room. It was number 501 and the lift wasn’t working. However once in the room they both fell onto the bed. They were awoken from their shallow doze by the sound of the room telephone ringing. Binky lifted the receiver. “Sir, we have just had a call from the airport. Your baggage has arrived, and could you please pick it up before nine o clock in the morning otherwise it will be returned to the UK.”

Binky sighed. When will things go right for him? At that moment Mrs S turned to him, gave him a big kiss and said, “Happy Christmas Binky”.

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ST BOTOLPH'S

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This traditional Carol service will take place on Sunday 15th December at 3 p.m. and officiated by James Hall. The Choir, organised by Christine Pearce and consisting of her musical friends from the Ipswich Choral Society, will once again be amongst us. Without doubt their presence will undoubtedly enrich and heightened the occasion for which we are most grateful. As ever, you are cordially invited to join us where a glass of mulled wine and mince pie will be available after the service. If you are able come along you will be assured of a warm welcome.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Churchwardens Richard and Guy and all associated with St. Botolph's Church, offer their sincere good wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year. It has been a good year both in terms of growth in numbers, with essential works having been carried out on the building and Churchyard. Our grateful thanks are extended to those who kindly support the Church by donations and those whose visible support is so evident month on month; flower arrangers, those helping with church repairs, grass cutting and weeding. Your help and support are invaluable, as the cost of such maintenance would consume a substantial amount of the financial donations needed to ensure the Church remains open. Thank you.

Secretary Margaret Gornall

CULPHOMUSIC 2020

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I write to introduce you to a new and exciting series of concerts which will be performed in St Botolph Church, Culpho IP6 9DH during 2020.

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During 2020 St Botolph Church will be the venue for four concerts performed by nationally and internationally known singers and musicians.

The first of these concerts is on Saturday January 25th at 7:30pm:

'Our Fairest Queene'

Step back in time to the reign of Elizabeth I with glorious music by Johnson, Byrd, Dowland, Purcell, and other masters of the age. Acclaimed period ensemble, London Viols, is joined by soprano Gillian Keith and tenor Tom Randle for a perfectly tuned programme of delights.

Tickets £25 (including refreshments and programme)

For information about all concerts and to purchase tickets please contact Christine Pearce on 01473 738324 or email cmp0601@hotmail.com

Christine Pearce



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Saturday March 28th 3pm and 7:30pm - Robin Walker

Goldberg Variations

Robin Walker combines organ recitals with choral conducting and teaching. For this event, Robin will give two performances of J S Bach's beautiful composition for the harpsichord. First published in 1741 it is still fresh and exciting today.

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Date tba - Claire Weston Soprano and John Hutchings Organist

A Summer Medley of Delight

Claire Weston, Head of Singing at Woodbridge School and former Principal of the English National Opera, performs with Jamie John Hutchings, educator, composer and organist.

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Sunday 11th October 3pm - Stevie Wishart & Els van Riel

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CHURCH DIARY – DECEMBER 2019 JANUARY 2020

December

Sunday 1st

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Christingle **Great Bealings**

Sunday 8th

10.00 a.m. Family Communion Service **Playford**

Sunday 15th

3.00 p.m. Carol Service **Culpho**

6.00 p.m. Carol Service **Great Bealings**

Wednesday 18th

9.30 a.m.. Holy Communion **Culpho**

7.00 p.m. Carol Service **Little Bealings**

Sunday 22nd

6.00 p.m. Candlelit Carol Service with Posada **Playford**

Tuesday 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 p.m. Crib Service **Little Bealings**

11.15 p.m. Midnight Mass **Great Bealings**

Wednesday 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00 a.m. Benefice Christmas Day Service **Playford**

Sunday 29th

No Benefice Service. Alternatives are Grundisburgh and Woodbridge.

8.00 a.m.- Holy Communion (BCP, with Sermon) **Woodbridge**

10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion (contemporary language, Sung) **Woodbridge**
(Rev John Hare will be presiding at both)

8.00 a.m. HC **Grundisburgh**: also 11.00 a.m. - **Hasketon**

January Services are provisional. Please check for up-dates. It is likely, but not certain, that the pattern of Benefice Services will continue through into January.

Sunday January 5th

10.00. a.m. Family Communion **Great Bealings**

Sunday January 12th

10.00 a,m, Family Communion **Playford**

Sunday January 19th

3.00 p.m. Evensong. **Culpho**

Wednesday January 22nd

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. **Culpho**

Sunday January 26th

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion. **Little Bealings**



FEBRUARY 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the February 2020 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday, 21st January.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 1st February.**

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