

Fynn - Lark News

JULY - AUGUST 2020



The spread of Covid-19 is based on two things:

1. How dense the population is...and...
2. How dense the population is!



By walking our local footpaths over the period of lockdown, many of us have discovered more than we previously knew about the area covered by the title of our Magazine, namely the valleys of the Rivers Lark and Fynn, together with the slopes and crests that overlook those rivers. You can include your editor in this discovery. It has fed into, helped, in fact, to shape the forthcoming volume, *Walking Through History – a History of Bealings (Little and Great)*.

Several of the views and vistas have warranted bringing out the camera and using those views to shape the walks. That perhaps, is not exceptional. Francis Mutimer for one, Remraf (Gary Farmer), for another, and doubtless many others, have felt the need in recent times to capture these scenes. What has dawned on me forcibly is that we are not the first generation to have been inspired to commit those scenes to memory, on film or on canvas. We have, maybe, during this period of lockdown, had

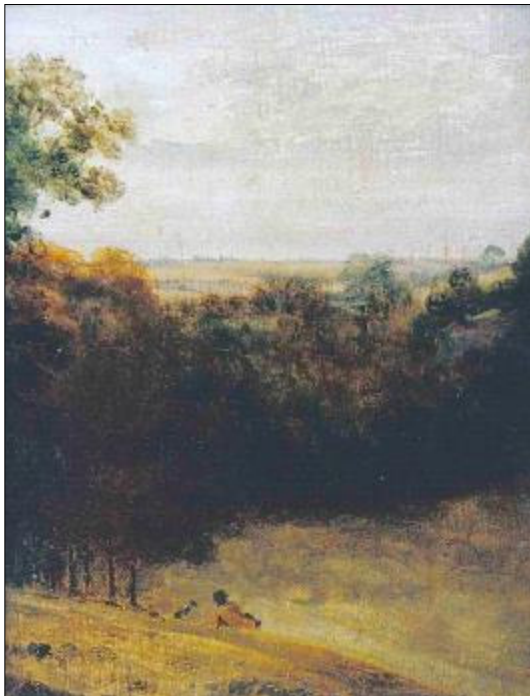
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the gift of time that our ancestors, living in these valleys, once had, time to take in the beauty of our surroundings.

This part of East Anglia has for a couple of centuries or so been the source of inspiration for artists, especially painters of land- or seascapes. John Constable, Edward Seago, Maggie Hambling, Alfred Munnings, Thomas Gainsborough have all, in their different ways, celebrated East Anglian scenes. Benjamin Britten expressed it through his music. More locally, in this very part of East Anglia, we have attracted the talents of artists, perhaps less well nationally, but who show on their canvasses what this area was like 200 odd years ago – pictures of

scenes witnessed first-hand, and painted, are worth a thousand words. The names of John Churchyard, Perry Nursey, Canon Moor, Henry Davy (commissioned by Canon Moor to paint various scenes), and even Sir David Wilkie, a Scottish artist, but one who enjoyed visits to The Grove in Little Bealings – all painted local scenes, as they were in the nineteenth century. They can all be called upon to illustrate the forthcoming History. there may be others. Do let me know! This illustration, offered by way of an example, is a picture by Perry Nursey, painted overlooking the valley of the Fynn.

Norman Porter



Conclusion: we are not the first generation to have been charmed by the surroundings of the Fynn/ Lark valleys. We owe it to posterity to ensure that generations-to-come will enjoy these gently vegetated slopes, valleys and babbling streams, just as our ancestors did, and as we now do.. A certain Northern by-pass and its ramifications would have scarred them irretrievably and forever.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

STARTING UP AGAIN

We remain in a state of alert, vulnerable and wary. We have been lucky to have been seeing out the Covid19 lockdown in a beautiful part of the world, with wonderful opportunities to channel our exercise allowances into local walks, and discovering beauties of our locally countryside which we may previously have taken for granted.

Throughout this period, we have continued to publish advertisements, quite often of companies and businesses which have been unable to trade. This has been empty advertising in some cases. We remain very much dependent on our advertisers to keep this Magazine afloat, so we urge you, where you can, and where appropriate, to revert to using their services, as advertised, and wish them all well as they seek to re-establish themselves in the post-Covid environment.

The future is still uncertain, and we all remain watchful, but let's hope that things will continue to improve, that young people will get back into schools, and that ever more of those elements of pre-Covid life will again become available to us.

NATURE NOTES

THE LONG-TAILED TIT

I recently came across a family of these birds in the thicket tunnel along the side of the Playing Fields.

If you rest a while, close to a thicket of blackthorn or even established trees in your garden, you may be lucky enough to see a brood of fledged Long Tailed Tits. They are a really chattery family. The small areas of delicate pink in their plumage offers visual warmth compared to the principle strong black and white stripes.



What is unusual about these small birds is that they live and remain as extended families of 8 to 20 individuals. It is known that siblings and cousins without a mate help look after the young by gathering food specifically for the chicks. This is known as cooperative breeding. A busy, sharp "tsurp" is a memorable call and once you have seen one flicker in the tree, several others are likely to follow. Similarly, you will rarely see one long-tailed tit. They invariably arrive in excited clusters, clinging to the feeders like a swarm of giant stick insects. Long Tailed Tits make intricate domed nests of moss,



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spiders' webs, and hair which they cover with lichen and lined with up to 1,500 feathers.

This bird has been able to buck the trend of general bird number decline with its numbers doubling since 1980s. It is thought that the run of relatively mild winters has assisted this bird as well as the family cooperation.

Jonathan Keer

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL UPDATE

Here is the latest update for re-opening Bealings Village Hall and the John Belstead Playing Field.

As I write this on 21 June 2020, the trustees have been given notification by Community Action Suffolk of the Government's "likely" intention to allow Village Halls and Playing Fields (not play equipment) to re-open from 6th July if they can comply with the current published Covid -19 guidelines.

This *could* allow for small group activities such as snooker, classes for dance, yoga, pilates etc. to be considered. Obviously, mass gatherings such as birthday parties, Pop Up Pubs etc. would be more difficult to facilitate.

Trustees will be considering all implications of the guidelines during July and publishing their decisions on the Bealings and Playford Newsgroup email, and on notices around the Village Hall and John Belstead Playing Field.

As you can appreciate, guidance is changing all the time as we progress through this pandemic and so email newsgroup and printed notices are the quickest way to keep everyone updated.

The trustees are doing everything they can to get the Village Hall and John Belstead Playing Field back into full operation as soon as possible so that the community can once again plan events and meetings.

Thank you for your patience.

*Keith Beaumont,
Trustee, Bealings Village Hall*

HISTORY CORNER

It is not difficult to think of our county as slightly cut-off and introverted, particularly so in years gone by, when life on the land was all-consuming, and rooted deep into our village communities. There are good reasons for reassessing such a view. As a post-script to the VE Day + 75 commemoration we can recall ways in which the outside world has projected the consequences of major historical events into our midst.

We can cast our minds back to the American presence in these parts, notably the arrival of US Air Force units, firstly in the closing stages of WW2 as the bombers set off from our specially constructed airfields. Then, during the Cold War, as those units stayed and patrolled our skies. Memories of the roar of Sabre and Tornado (tank-buster) jets will, for some, be an enduring reminder of the fragility of world peace during those years.



On a smaller and more local scale the consequences of World War Two brought outsiders into our midst and brought out the unpretentiously hospitable nature of our communities. Refugees were welcomed, as they fled from London, put up in local homes, and fitted into schools.

Some time ago there was the story of refugees on a Playford Farm. To that we can add two further tales of refugees from London. Firstly, Phoebe Hart, an evacuee from bombed-out London, who finished up living in Barrack Cottages, Great

Bealings, and who similarly became the life and soul of various village groups.

We now hear the story of Helen Jennings (nee Jones) 1927 -2011. Her son, Rob, now living in Kesgrave, tells us that she was raised on a council estate in Becontree, on the Essex / East London border. Aged 12 at the outbreak of War in 1939, she, like many children, was evacuated, in her case to Suffolk with other children from her school. Helen boarded a boat at Dagenham Dock called the Royal Daffodil which then sailed to Felixstowe. She disembarked and was bused to Kesgrave Church Hall and met by local residents. Mrs Jenkinson and Mr Jenkinson, a county surveyor from Little Bealings, became Helen's guardians for the next 18 months. They lived in a big house off the Martlesham Road, close to Beacon Lane. Helen's life was transformed.

She later spoke so affectionately about her "well to do" Auntie and Uncle and happy times. She eventually returned

home, but she kept in touch for many years after the war, seeing them from time to time until they passed away. She did not settle in these parts, but in 1991 her son, Bob moved to a job in the Port of Felixstowe and found himself house-hunting amidst village names that had become familiar to him through his mother. She subsequently came back many times to rekindle fond memories. The picture shows her revisiting Woodside in 1989, before it was extended.



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Seeking refuge from bomb-threatened London is one thing. Seeking refuge for Nazi-ravaged Europe is another. The late Hans Fleck comes first to mind: a Kinderstranport refugee from the Nazis he became an architect, married Ros, settled in Little Bealings and became fully involved in our community.

Similarly, the late Johanna Sihver, now at rest in Great Bealings Churchyard. She was a refugee from Estonia, fleeing from the advancing Russians. She obtained a work permit in the mid-1940s, worked for

the Moor family at The Rosery, became much more of a companion than a domestic help, and similarly became very much part of village life, living at Green Close.

We can dispel any sense that our villages are or have been inward-looking or rooted in introversion. History has touched us in many ways and will doubtless continue to do so. There will be other tales like this. Do send them in.

Norman Porter

WANTED!

We are interested in buying or renting a piece of land, maybe a small field, meadow, or copse, to use as an overflow family garden as ours has proved a little small over lockdown.

Anything considered, however remote!

Please contact playford388@gmail.com if you can help.

Many thanks.



The Friends of the Admiral's Head

The Friends of the Admiral's Head – FoTAH – continues to try and purchase the Admiral's Head for the benefit of the community, despite the restrictions that Covid19 has imposed on our work – and especially on the pop-up pubs!

The Management Team is holding regular meetings using Zoom, working hard on engaging with the owners, developing the Business Plan and refining the Community Benefit Plan. We would love more help! If you can assist in any way – and especially with Business Planning - please do get in touch.

Many thanks

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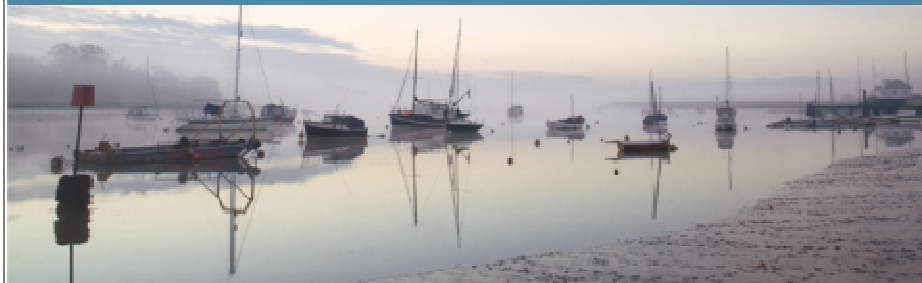
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GRATEFUL THANKS

... and congratulations to Harry Ward for completing over four months of service to our communities for the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

He has collected, sorted and distributed the Fynn Lark News each month since the end of February (supported and encouraged by his mother Sarah).

Thanks to all involved in keeping information and communication flowing in our communities throughout this difficult period.

Extra Special Thanks to Jane Mardell and her team of volunteers in Little Bealings. This initiative has been, and continues to be, invaluable on a practical level and a source of great reassurance and comfort for all those restricted by the Covid 19 lock-down and its consequences

Thank you to anyone that has helped their community during this extremely challenging time. Without the kindness and action of these people the past few months would have been even more difficult for some of our most vulnerable residents. Both new and established groups have stepped up to the task, meaning those that have called out for help have been supported quickly and with compassion.

There has also been plenty of informal help given amongst neighbours – shopping, prescription collections and a general check in have been most common across the entire district. These acts of neighbourly kindness have allowed us to focus on supporting the most vulnerable in our communities.

We are not finished yet, and I am eager to bring something positive out of this for the long term. Make sure you look out in newsletters, local social media pages and village notice boards for more information!

Feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or ideas for community schemes that we can support – communities@eastsoffolk.gov.uk. Thank you once again!



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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE

(a full copy of the minutes is published on the PC's website)

The Chairman expressed thanks on behalf of the PC to Fiona Powell who had very kindly arranged the video conferencing facility

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS IN ANY ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

Charles Barrington and Paul Norris had both declared an interest in the Planning Application on the agenda, and did not attend the meeting

PLANNING APPLICATION DC/20/1648/FUL – 1 ROSERY COTTAGES, LOWER STREET – EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING

The Chairman, Anthony Sheppard (AS) explained that it had previously been agreed by the PC that Planning Applications would be dealt with under delegated powers. However, in this case a Parish Councillor had called for a meeting to discuss this particular application. He clarified that it had been minuted on 23rd March that providing the Government stated that it was acceptable to hold virtual meetings, the Council will do this wherever possible. AS therefore declared that this is not a meeting under delegated powers.

A planning consultant was given permission to speak on behalf of a neighbour who had already circulated a

comprehensive report stating her objections. A supporting paper by the applicant, dated 29th May 2020 and received on 1st June 2020, had been sent to the PC, but had not been seen by the neighbour. After the consultant addressed the meeting, the application was discussed by Cllrs in detail and questions were asked of the consultant and the neighbour. Some aspects of the supporting paper from the applicant dated 29th May, were explained and clarified for the benefit of the neighbour and Councillors. Colin Hedgley proposed that a vote is taken on the application to include two amendments to the plans, that he detailed.

At the subsequent vote, three Cllrs voted to support the original application, two Cllrs voted to support the application with the amendment, one Cllr objected to both. It was therefore resolved to support the application, but to note the request for the amendments from two Cllrs.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 7th July

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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ST MARY'S

Once again there is little to report, apart from assuring people that Rev John Hare, supported by his wife, Mary, continues to celebrate Holy Communion every Sunday morning, ensuring that the flame of faith is kept alive within the building. We are grateful to them both, not only for that, but also to John, together with Rev Peter Wintgens, for taking the time and trouble to provide us with a weekly on-line sermon, with thoughts appropriate to the specific Sunday. This does ensure that we maintain a sense of belonging, not only linked together within this church community, but also linked to our larger neighbour, St Mary's, Woodbridge.

At least it is now possible to go into the church, to find a place for quiet contemplation. With the widely reported increase in mental health conditions the combination of quiet spaces and closer association with the natural world can be of help. Whatever your beliefs do feel free to wander round and engage with the more enduring values that this space represents and has represented over the centuries.

LOOKING BACK

Sadly, there is not much to look back to, apart from a period of frustration that our churches have remained in a state of near-hibernation, and now "estivation", with just symbolic activity taking place within those walls. On reflexion, lockdown had probably produced time for introspection, and a pondering on the deeper things of life, which may or may not be converted into a sharper sense of those lasting values that the church, in normal times, represents. It is a sad irony

that its ability to promote those values in recent times has been severely curtailed.

LOOKING FORWARD

The future is becoming gradually clearer. We now know that Rev Nigel Prior will be installed by Zoom as our new Priest-in-Charge at 10.00 am on August 24th. Do contact me if you would like further details. Regular services remain cancelled for the foreseeable future, but we remain hopeful that an outdoor Harvest Festival can take place outside on Sunday 6th September.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard was becoming very dry and almost arid, but heavy rain in the middle of the month transformed the vegetation. The grass will now need cutting sooner rather than later. Beware of the rabbit hole on the path leading down the right-hand hedge. As fast as the hole is filled in, the very determined rabbits resurface in the middle of the path. The danger is appropriately marked by a red cross.

Norman Porter
Churchwarden
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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

We are pleased to say that the church is open again to visitors and that our regular locking/unlocking roster is back in operation. Do please visit – and, hopefully, you will find that little has changed. The major challenge is a financial one, so we have cheekily inserted a request for supportive donations, alongside the expected and inevitable guidance re. hygiene precautions for your visit.

There have, as yet, been no indications as to when full services may take place, but guidance for funerals and weddings is becoming more helpful for larger gatherings.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

This still remains in the Calendar. It is an outside event and it would be relatively easy to respect whatever social-distancing measures are in place at the time. Many people have taken to walking and cycling as permitted exercise during the time of lock-down. It is a habit that seems to have been growing on people, so why not channel all that energy and new-found enthusiasm into this event, which raises funds for Suffolk's Churches, and our own. It is also a hugely enjoyable day out exploring the Suffolk countryside.

We are told that the following changes will apply:

Some churches may not be open; there may be no one present to welcome visitors; visitors should sign both their sponsor form and the register of visitors and should use their own pens; there will not be any food or refreshments available, so participants should carry their own; toilets may be unavailable; visitors should touch as little as possible if they enter a church; SHCT recommends that participants should also carry a hand sanitiser

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Robert Dunnett 1935 – 2020

Rita Dunnett 1939 - 2020

It is with great sadness that I am having to advise of the sad passing of both of my parents, Robert and Rita Dunnett of Martlesham.



Robert was born in June 1935 at Grotto Farm Cottage in Great Bealings, the only child to Violet and Bertie Dunnett. In 1938 the family moved to Rosemead in Little Bealings (next to the Admiral's Head), where my grandparents rented the cottage from Herbert Smith, coal merchant, and continued to work for him before purchasing the business and cottage shortly afterwards, and establishing Last & Dunnett as Coal Merchants of Little Bealings.

Dad attended Little Bealings Primary School, and then Kesgrave Secondary Modern (High School as it is today), before joining his father Bertie in the coal business. At 18, Robert was called up for

National Service, and was stationed at RAF Litchfield in Staffordshire. Here he worked in the motor vehicle and engineering department - establishing his life-long interest in cars, and keeping his aged Morris 8 on the road! After National Service, Robert went back to Little Bealings, and at one of the village hall dances, met Rita Dunnett (no relation) of Grundisburgh, who he married in 1960, with their reception at the village hall, and their first house being Park View Little Bealings. Opportunity arose in 1962, and Dad joined the coal wholesale sales team of Coote & Warren, and moved up to Kettering, where shortly after I was born followed by my sister Jane. The pull of Suffolk though is very strong, and in 1969 Robert and his family moved to Cavendish in the west of the county, before returning to Martlesham in 1977 - and it is here that Robert and Rita spent their retirement, enjoying their garden, classic cars and never forgetting their home-villages of Grundisburgh and Bealings. Dad was also particularly proud that my family moved into Rosemead in Little Bealings when Bertie could no longer live there in 2002, and we enjoyed over 10 years as part of the village.

Sadly, in March this year mum lost her battle with cancer, and dad, who had fought cancer so bravely too, could not fight any longer either, and died at the beginning of May. I have to say that I have been amazed at how many true friends my parents had throughout their lives from their early days at Bealings and Grundisburgh, and I would like to thank them all for their kind support to the family at this very sad time.

Mark Dunnett

PARISH COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN VICKERY

County Councillor Robin Vickery has resigned from his role as the elected representative for the Carlford Ward. Suffolk County Council has advised that the Coronavirus Regulations 2020 state that no by-election can take place until May 2021. The Council intends that there will be an election on 6 May 2021, even if restrictions are lifted sooner. If you require the assistance of a County Councillor in the meantime please contact Councillor Andrew Reid
Andrew.Reid@suffolk.gov.uk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council has not met since its meeting on 16 March 2020, due to Coronavirus restrictions. Please visit our website for updates on whether the Council is meeting:

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

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Now open for private prayer.

By the time you read this, we will have reopened the Church for private prayer. At the moment, the hours are Thursday from 11am to 12pm and Sunday from 12pm to 1pm, however, these may be subject to revision according to safe practices. Our Acting Local Minister, Rev. Gary Jones, will be alternating between our church and Playford and is always available to anyone in need 07714 614095 or gary.jones590@ntlworld.com. We hope that you will take the time to come and enjoy some peace and quiet for your private prayer. We will have monitors available in the church and ask

that all visitors respect the posted information.

We understand that you may be concerned about the presence of the coronavirus so we wanted to assure you that we are following all government and Church of England guidelines in order to safeguard you, our volunteers, staff, and clergy.

We will not be opening the Refill Station, Shop or Tea Room for the time being pending government and Diocese guidelines but we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as we are able, including to activities at the Bealings Community Hub such as Pilates, the postponed Mark Flanagan concert, family-friendly All Saints Tavern nights and the Farmers Market.

INTERREGNUM CONTINUES BUT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

As you may know, we have taken the initial steps to dissolve the current Benefice and join with Kesgrave, along with Playford Church. However, in light of coronavirus, the process will likely not conclude until sometime next year, so we are still in an Interregnum.

Since we hope to be part of a new Benefice with Kesgrave and Playford in the future, we have already joined together for services online. We were delighted to have Peter Kidd perform the readings for the "extended congregation" in June and will look forward to continuing to be part of the joint services which are held on a weekly basis. You can find information on the services on our website or by contacting any member of the All Saints team. In addition, if you are new to Zoom, this information may be useful: <https://www.askesgrave.org/howtojoin.htm>

GRATEFUL FOR DONATIONS DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME

We would like to offer our sincere thanks to those who have made special donations in this time of need. While the Church is not open, we are still subject to monthly bills of approximately £1200 and

we truly appreciate any contribution that you would like to make to keep the church going. If you could consider making a one-time donation--or even a small monthly direct debit--we would be most grateful. Our General account information is as follows: Sort code: 20-98-07 Account number: 10583898 and all donations will go to the upkeep of the Church and our monthly bills.

We are also looking at what we can do to freshen up the Church during this time and seek a volunteer to refurbish the Church Bulletin boards. If you are handy with a paintbrush and would like to help, please contact Tony Fear on 07826 840402.

CONTINUING OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Although we cannot meet in the Church and are only open for private prayer, our Ministry team is always available to talk or meet in a socially distant manner if you need us. We are also volunteering with

the Bealings Covid support team which is being ably run by village volunteers and we hope that with everyone's adherence to the public health guidelines, we will soon all be together again. Until then, please stay safe and take good care of yourselves and each other.

After a discussion with Robin and his team we are pleased to announce that both Bealings and Playford are taking part in the live zoom services with Kesgrave on Sunday mornings at 10am, during June Tony, Peter Kidd and I have been involved with the services and we would very much like to see you "online" with us as we move towards the future of our churches merging. Service details are available on the All Saints Kesgrave website, along with online quiz nights and other online events. If you wish to receive email reminders for these events please contact allsaints.parish@outlook.com.

With every blessing,

*Corinne and Tony Fear
Churchwardens*



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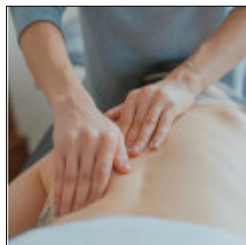
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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the proceedings of Playford Parish Council between March and June 2020.

We regret it has not been possible to hold our usual meetings every two months since lockdown restrictions were imposed and unfortunately we have been unable to get councillors together for remote meetings due to sporadic broadband coverage in the area.

The following votes were passed by email:

- 26.3.20 That powers should be delegated to the Clerk and Chairman (or Vice-Chair if Chairman unavailable) for any decision which may need to be undertaken during the lockdown period, including financial decisions up to £1000, should a physical meeting be impossible to achieve and a quorum not able to be reached.

- 20.5.20

i. To agree and approve the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR), the Accounting Statement and the Certificate of Exemption (from external audit requirements). These documents were subsequently signed by the Clerk and Chairman and the Certificate of Exemption submitted to external auditors PKF Littlejohn LLP.

ii. Clerk's annual salary & budget for admin expenses to continue at the same rate as in 2019-20 but working from home allowance to increase from 1st April 2020 in line with HMRC recommendation.

iii. Payments to FLN, SALC, Clerk's stationery expenses and donation to Grundisburgh Baptist Church (in respect

of internal audit carried out by Colin Grimwood).

iv. Annual PC Insurance to be renewed with CAS at the same rate as previous year.

- 8.6.20 To support Planning Application ref: DC/20/1732/FUL – Archway Piggeries. Conversion and extension of existing agricultural building to form a dwelling.

A site meeting was held on 18.6.20 to agree the location of a memorial bench to be supplied by Ipswich Ramblers on FP1 (Fynn Valley walk) overlooking the water meadow, subject to insurance and upkeep to be arranged by Ipswich Ramblers.

There is a possible issue with blue algae on the long pond next to Footpath 20 which forms part of the Fynn Valley walk alongside the water meadow to the west of Playford. Samples have been submitted for testing and notices placed around the pond, warning dog owners not to let their animals swim in it as it can be fatal to dogs. It is also best avoided by humans too as it can cause unpleasant symptoms.

Cycling on local footpaths still poses a problem of which we are very much aware. This is not strictly speaking allowed and is not to be encouraged as many of the paths are extremely narrow and unsuitable for cycling. Notices stating "No right to cycle" have been placed at the beginning of most of our registered footpaths. We would urge all walkers to be extremely vigilant despite the fact that pedestrians have the right of way on these paths and cyclists do not.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Unfortunately we shall not be able to hold the meeting scheduled for Weds 1st July 2020. It now seems unlikely that we will be able to meet in the Village Hall before September at the earliest. Details of any planned meetings will be published as soon as practicable, meanwhile if anyone has any issues to report, please contact the Clerk (details below) or Chairman Joan Metcalfe:

joanmetcalfe3003@gmail.com

Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468

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ST. MARY'S

Playford church is now open every Sunday 1200-1300 for quiet prayer and contemplation.

Obviously, social distancing rules will apply although of course two people from the same family can sit together.

Hand gel will be available, and a monitor will be there to answer any of your queries and guide you through the entry and exit procedures.

If you cannot make the Sunday "service" time, then there will be another opportunity on Thursday's between 1100

and 1200.

The Rev Gary Jones will be available at the church during these times but on the following days.

Thursday 2 July, Sunday 5th July, Thursday 16 July, Sunday 19th July, Thursday 30th July, and Sunday 2nd August.

He will be at Little Bealings Church on the alternate Sundays and Thursdays.

Things may change rapidly so please watch the news and the church notice boards.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD W.I.

As is usual in these strange times we are continuing to hold our regular meetings via Zoom.

Our meeting in June consisted of usual business and then, as our speaker was going to be on the subject of Australia, we were instead treated to an Australian quiz compiled by Tracy & Sally Herrington which was interesting and fun.

Our July meeting will be on the subject of Hats.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULED MEETING 1ST July 2020

We regret the above meeting cannot take place due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions and it now seems unlikely that any such meetings will be allowed before September at the earliest.

Please check our website, notice board or contact the Clerk (details below) for further information which will be published as soon as practicable.

We will also send a notice around via the Bealings/Playford google mail circulation as soon as we can confirm when meetings will resume.

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Dear Mr Stickleback,

Ref: Your letter of May 2020, re your ideas on Lavatory Paper.

Thank you very much for your letter regarding the use and mis-use of lavatory paper by the general public and the panic buying thereof.

Firstly I have to tell you that your epistle was initially sent to the office of my chief adviser Mr Dominic Cummings where it remained for a couple of weeks due to the fact that he seemed to have gone missing between London and Durham. What a palaver that was old chap, something similar to a Greek tragedy from way back. Or was it Roman? I often get these things mixed up due to my total lack of concentration at Eton. Or was it Grange Hill Comprehensive? I'll check with Dom. However on his return, he read your letter with unalloyed excitement because he thought you may be just the type of person that can 'think outside the box' and become one of Dom's "weirdos that are needed in the Foreign Office". Personally I think there are too many of those at the FO already but Dom insists not the right sort of weirdo. Anyway he spent days reading and re reading your suggestions

trying to decide how best to incorporate all your ideas into Government policy. We thought we might slip it in via the Education Act 2021 (Rehabilitation of six year old crack users) which is passing through Parliament at present. It's stuck in the Lords at present as most of them don't know what 'crack' is although if you ask me most of them are probably high on it most of the time anyway.

How would you feel about putting it into the "Re-forestation of the Gobi Desert Bill" that should reach final reading in about a year's time?

My personal preference is to set up a committee headed by Sir Toby Branston-Pickle Bart, the former High Court judge who knows a thing or two about panic buying. He recently ordered a Thai bride and was disappointed when she didn't turn up so ordered five more just to be sure. That stressed the passport office I can tell you. Obviously you would be asked to sit on the committee along with a couple of C of E Bishops who have nothing better to do than criticise poor old Dom. He was so upset that he has decided to convert to Judaism. He will be out of office next week due to a hospital appointment for a minor op.

Anyway I will now leave it all in your capable hands. Please do not feel you have to reply to this letter. In fact I would rather you did not.

Your friend.

BoJo

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ST. BOTOLPH'S

CHURCH NEWS UPDATE

The below outlines the current situation as it affects the re-opening of Churches and how you can access 'services' whilst present restrictions apply.

Bishop Martin has stipulated there should be no urgency in trying to open up our closed Church's, and it has been decided that, within in the Carlford Group, there should be one Church open for an individual or family to visit for private prayer. This is Hasketon Church, which is now open between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. where social distancing and hygiene guidelines can be observed.

Also within the Carlford Group, on-line 'virtual' services continue to take place each week, which can be accessed by logging on to www.CarlfordChurches.org The Mini Grapevine, Benefice on-line newsletter, also provides details of each forthcoming service.

Information, when released, on the schedule of further restrictions being lifted, will be available at the Church.

On a different, and more pleasurable note, at a recent gathering of Churchwardens, Bishop John Wayne was presented with a cake to commemorate his 90th Birthday. Many congratulations are sent from us all.

Richard Garnham
Churchwarden

CHURCH COUNCIL VACANCIES

As we reported last month, due to the Coronavirus restrictions, we have yet to hold the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. This, amongst other matters, is where people are nominated and elected to the Parochial

Church Council. With some P.C.C. members indicating their retirement, we anticipate that we shall have three vacancies and delighted if people within the resident or church community would kindly consider becoming a member of the P.C.C. Like all committees, there are rules as to eligibility and applicants need to be over sixteen years of age and confirmed into the Church of England. You do not however, need to live in the village. As we currently have no Priest in Charge, the P.C.C. remains under the Chairmanship of a Churchwarden who (under new rules) determines the number of meetings to be held each year. Four is likely to be the maximum number. Being on the P.C.C. is extremely rewarding in that it allows members to ensure the Church supports the community of Culpho and those who attend services and decide upon how best the Church can be used. The Church, which belongs to the people, is the focal point of the village, needs committed people to ensure it continues as a place of worship, remains sustainable and capable of playing a meaningful part in village life. Music plays an important part and signifies the diversity the Church has to offer. Although Covid 19 has prevented these events taking place this year, a full programme is scheduled for 2021. Culpho Church is very welcoming and having local people on the P.C.C. will certainly be beneficial to its future. If you have an interest in joining please contact Churchwarden Richard Garnham who will be pleased to provide further information. Your continued support is invaluable and most valued.

Margaret Gornall
Secretary

CHURCH NEWS

STOP PRESS – Churches in the post-lockdown age

The announcement of the relaxation of lock-down procedures coincided with our deadline for receiving new material. Those new guidelines still have to be further clarified, so it is impossible for our churches to give definitive information as to how they will respond, and what kind of services will be possible in the next couple of months.

We therefore suggest that you keep an eye on Websites, Church Notice Boards, and, probably communications from the Email News Service for the latest developments.

However things work out, we hope to see you back in our churches before too long.

Churchwardens

NEW RURAL DEAN APPOINTED

The Woodbridge Rural Dean, Clare Sanders, retired on 31st May and fortunately we were able to thank her in a small way at our last short Synod before the curtailed Deanery Lent Course. Synod has moved on and we have good news. Archdeacon Jeanette Gosney held a Zoom meeting on 1st June at which she appointed **The Ven Annette Cooper as Rural Dean**. Annette, is a retired Archdeacon (Colchester) now living in our deanery on the Wilford Peninsula. She comes to us with a wealth of experience of rural and town ministry and will oversee Woodbridge Deanery for a year. **Revd Paul Hambling** is now **Assistant Rural Dean** and will be 'learning the ropes' alongside Annette in preparation for taking over from her in a year's time. Annette, Paul and I were at the Zoom meeting. Annette will be doing her best to get to know people in the present difficult circumstances and she and Paul are always available for help when needed for parishes in vacancy.

Mary Hare, Deanery Lay Chair.

Diocesan regulations relating to access to churches have changed. Access is now permitted to most of them for private prayer, individual visits, and quiet contemplation. Arrangements should have been made to keep visitors safe, with measures including one-way traffic, and hygiene precautions. Please respect whatever advice you are given but be assured that the welcome back is without reservation.

Great Bealings: Rev Dr John Hare. john.hare6@gmail.com or 01394 387151.

Little Bealings: Rev Gary Jones. Gary.jones590@ntlworld.com 07714 614095

Culpho: now part of the Carlford Benefice, is in interregnum, as a replacement is being sought for Rev. Clare Sanders

WORD FROM THE STUDY

Welcome! I hope this finds you all safe and well.

As I write this piece, so the rain is falling steadily on our gardens and fields. It seems a long time ago that we last had rain. How we need the rain and certainly our farmers do, not to mention our reservoirs. Within days, our grass will turn from yellow to green and our plants take on a new lease of life and begin to look very much how we imagine summer to be. Over the last few weeks, as we begin to come out of “lockdown” we start to gain some sense of normality. We find ourselves in situations we haven’t encountered before. There are still queues at our supermarkets, social distancing, having to wear facemasks on public transport. The one thing I find unusual is the silence. People still overwhelmed by the insecurity that the virus has brought. Sadly, the numbers continue to rise, but thank God at a much slower rate and that our prayer is that this trend continues until we have no lives lost at all.

As we emerge after what almost feels like a hibernation, businesses and yes, hopefully Churches, soon begin to open (subject to Government advice). We find ourselves looking at the world with different eyes on things. What can we do different? Do we need to travel so much, our carbon footprint; no-one is saying that we don’t go to places or socialise as that would be living in a bubble, but in this time, God gives us the opportunity as a society to reflect on how we treat creation. To be better stewards of our planet, families spending more time together, volunteering in the community, perhaps even valuing things that in the past we have taken for granted. For me, I have constantly missed walking around and meeting people in our beautiful villages of Playford and Little Bealings, as well as the services we hold in Church on a Sunday, the lunch club and so on. My prayer is that these will not be too far away, but at the same time, people’s safety is paramount.

I would just like to say a heartfelt thank you to those who work day by day to keep our Churches going.

On Sunday mornings, there is Messy Church at 9.15am and a 10am service both on Zoom and led by one of the team. Details are on the ASK website. Please do join us if you can, you will be most welcome’

If you need someone to speak to, my telephone number is 07714614095, or via email gary.jones590@ntlworld.com or the Reverend Robin Spittle.

God bless you all and I look forward to seeing you very soon.

Rev Gary Jones

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

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Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
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Playford: A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

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	VH	Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Wed 7.00	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
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FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
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SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the September 2020 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday, 18th August.

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