

Fynn - Lark News

JUNE 2017



CULPHO HALL

Culpho, hardly a village, more of a hamlet, is certainly the Benefice's most rural and sparsely populated parish with only nineteen houses and no community buildings apart from the church. Culpho Hall, along with Culpho Manor and Abbey Farm, is one of the significant centuries old farmsteads which dominate the landscape and which used to be the focus of local activity. It lies across the fields from Culpho Church and is visually related to it by its red-tiled roof pyramid which echoes the unusual pyramid added to the square tower of the church. It is not known which came first but it would be nice to think that both were constructed by the same workmen on the Blois estate, which held all the surrounding land.

The house was originally a typical-timber framed Suffolk hall house and was dated to the early seventeenth century by an architectural surveyor listing historic

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buildings. (It is listed Grade 2). In the Blois records, there is a reference to a Culpho New Hall in 1672 which supports this dating and implies that there was an earlier house on the site.

Until the early 1960s, when A.B. Johnson, the last tenant farmer retired, the house had been at the hub of a working farm with an extensive farmyard to the west of the house. A.B. Johnson was well known in the local farming community; he wrote a farming column in the newspaper and he ran a flourishing dairy, delivering milk in a horse and trap as far as Felixstowe. When we moved into the house in the seventies the cows' name plates were still visible in the cowshed and an old milking overall still hung on a nail. The farm buildings, including a large barn, still partially in use, remained standing for a couple of decades but were finally demolished when they became unsafe.

The house, which had always been part of the Blois and later the Gurdon estates, was substantially renovated for the

Dowager Lady Cranworth after the Johnsons retired. There had been alterations to the property in the eighteenth and nineteenth century but in 1960s the house ceased to be a working farmhouse; the dairy and working areas of the house at the east end were converted into living accommodation. Sadly, Lady Cranworth did not enjoy her new home for long and it was finally sold by the estate in 1975.

A sense of history and continuity is invested in an old house. We know that a Baptist minister who carried out baptisms in the stream opposite the house once lived here, but we don't know how many generations of people have lived in this house or their individual stories. What we do know is that living here, surrounded by fields and within sight of the church, they will have watched the crops grow and the seasons change and must have rejoiced in the spirit of the place as we do today.

Edward and Jill Morgan

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

JUNE

Thur 1st	7.30	Playford Parish Hall AGM	Playford Parish Hall
Fri 9th	5.00 - 6.30	Open Evening with Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Great Bealings Churchyard
Fri 23rd	7.30	'Back to Madagascar' <i>Talk and slide-show by Malcolm Watson</i>	Bealings Village Hall
Sat 24th	2.00	Playford Village Fete	Playford Hall

This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.

It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR PARISH COUNCILS

Our Parish Councils provide important financial support for this Magazine, in recognition of the fact that we carry significant amounts of Parish Council News. As a consequence we provide an annual report to the Councils, by way of justifying their financial contribution to us. It is likely that we shall combine an end-of-year meeting in late autumn with the financial report, and setting of the budget for 2018. Interested parties will be invited to this meeting. This year's report follows:



FYNN-LARK NEWS REPORT 2016

We have just published the 10th issue of the *Fynn-Lark News*, a revamped version of the former *Benefice Magazine*. Following extended discussions in the first half of 2016 we are now a secular Magazine with church input, rather than a church-led magazine with secular input. A year ago we had insufficient funds to see us through to the end of the publishing year. We were approaching crisis point. We now have sufficient funds to see us through to the end of this year and beyond. We can also occasionally publish additional pages beyond the standard 28 without fear of bankruptcy. We have an independent account with the Yorkshire Building Society, with a healthy balance of approximately £1500. This is due to the support coming from over 40 residents, who have supported us with donations or beginning-of-the-year Standing Orders,

plus income from advertising and parish councils, whose support we gratefully acknowledge. Our costs per month are in the order of £160 - £200.

We are still with the same printers, having sought other estimates for the sake of comparison – and have the added benefit that the Magazines are now delivered to our distribution organiser in Little Bealings, rather than collected from the other side of Ipswich. A worthwhile negotiation. We now have a significant number of colour pages, an initiative which has been broadly welcomed. The range of colour photographs contributed and published has been an attractive addition. Content was previously almost exclusively contributor-led. We are now more proactive, and get out into the community seeking editorials from a range of sources, including two religiously weighted editorials at Christmas and Easter, as well as profiles of local people, items of local historical interest, nature notes, and reviews. We would welcome more spontaneous offerings under these headings.

We are less desperately dependent on advertising than we were – which is a relief, as it is a challenge not only to find regular advertisers, but also to get some of them to pay up on time. Some are thoroughly supportive, others a little more reluctant. We can still benefit from increased advertising, so any help is welcomed.

There are occasional hiccups, as material fails to find its cyberpathway through to editors, but in general – and we stand to be corrected – the impression of the editorial and production team is that the revamped Mag has been well received, and that more people find it a more worthwhile read. Its appearance and layout is very largely thanks to the wonderful efforts of our designer, Tim Llewellyn, to whom we owe massive thanks. In a

heavy month he has reckoned that the designing takes up to five working days. Our team is small – compare our numbers to those of the large editorial team that produces the (quarterly) Grundisburgh News. We would greatly welcome help, as sub-editors, trainee designers etc. Maybe this is the inevitable consequence of the increasing success of the new Magazine. Not a bad problem to have, but one that needs addressing. We must ensure that the healthy financial position is not something that is taken for granted, but something that we have to work for, year on year.

We thank all those who support us in so many ways, as financial contributors, readers, contributors to content, editors, distributors, photographers and those who give us positive feed-back. Their support is our motivation.

Norman Porter
Co-ordinating Editor
May 2017

REVIEW

CHARLES DICKENS AND EAST ANGLIA

– a talk by Professor Jeremy Tambling in Great Bealings Church on Friday 12th May. Jeremy was for 18 years Professor of Comparative Literature at Hong Kong University.

This event was attended by people from across the benefice and beyond, so we are including this review within the general news section.

Some forty people came along. Jeremy had prepared his talk specially for this event, and treated us to an amusing, scholarly and very informative insight into the links between Charles Dickens and our region.

Just by way of introduction, Dickens was born in 1812, near Portsmouth and died in 1870, so his work is set in the 19th century, covering many aspects of the Industrial Revolution and some of its unfortunate effects on the working classes. His father was sent to a debtor's

prison when he was 12 and his mother was less than supportive of her son, something for which Dickens never forgave her – all very reminiscent of David Copperfield. Charles' schooling was similarly as difficult as that of his eponymous "hero". Until the age of 15 he was at a school where there was "haphazard, desultory teaching, poor discipline punctuated by the headmaster's sadistic brutality, seedy ushers and general run-down atmosphere." Such was Dickens's message that he was for many years the favourite English author of communist Russia. His observations of the Victorian social scene came largely from his work in a solicitor's office (1824 - 31), and then as a journalist, reporting from the Law Courts, work which took him around the country, mostly by stagecoach and frequently in the company of drunken post boys.

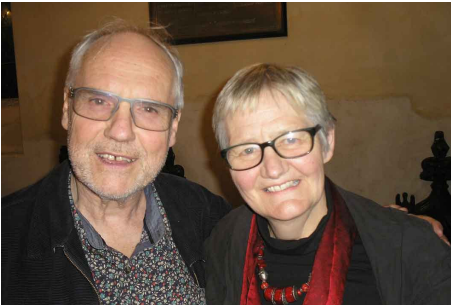
The two novels specifically linked with us are *The Pickwick Papers* (1836/7) and *David Copperfield* (1849/50), the opening chapters of which are set in Yarmouth ("strangest place in the whole world"). Other towns which feature in the talk were Ipswich (Great White Horse Inn), Sudbury, Chelmsford (with its two enormous prisons), Norwich (and its links with Stanfield Hall, the scene of two violent murders, the perpetrators of which were hanged in Norwich Castle), and Lowestoft, including Blundeston – a Dickensish name, reminding Dickens readers of *Murdstone*, a major and unpleasant protagonist in *David Copperfield*. Our region struck Dickens as poor and grim.

Nineteenth century East Anglia, with tales of boisterous locals, melancholy mud flats, stamina-testing journeys by stage coach and life-challenging poverty was brought to life by descriptions from the novels, references to the characters and their tribulations, and finally underpinned by references to and a reading from the poetry of George Crabbe, the Aldeburgh poet who gave Benjamin Britten the basis for his opera, *Peter Grimes*.

Of more topical relevance was Jeremy's reference to Dickens's good friend Hogarth's set of prints based on a 19th century election – the savagery, browbeating and corruption which would seem to make our current elections seem the very model of perfect democracy. Dickens's work as a journalist meant that he reported widely on elections – and Hogarth's set of prints give an unedifying portrayal of how they were conducted. Maybe we can now all feel a little more relaxed about the election on June 8th. 2017.

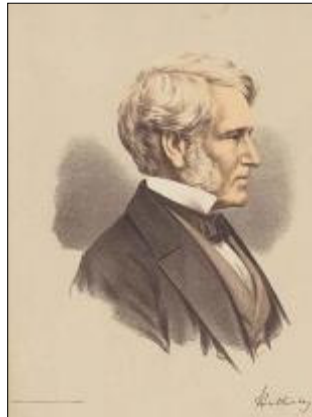
Google describes Jeremy as “a recurring

Oxford as a Liberal. In 1849 he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of the County Palatine of Lancaster, and in 1851 was made Solicitor General for England and Wales and knighted, vacating the former position in 1852. When his party returned to power in 1853, he was raised to the bench as a Vice-Chancellor. In 1868 he was made a Lord Justice of Appeal, but before the end of the year was selected by Gladstone to be Lord Chancellor and was raised to the peerage as Baron Hatherley, of Down Hatherley in the County of Gloucester. He retired in 1872 owing to failing eyesight.



face on the conference scene” – we hope he will be a recurring face in this locality.

Norman Porter



HISTORY CORNER

LORD HATHERLEY

- a posthumous profile

One of the most eminent men buried in the churchyard of Great Bealings is **William Wood, 1st Baron Hatherley**. He was born in London, the second son of Sir Matthew Wood, 1st Baronet, a London alderman and Lord Mayor.

He was educated at Winchester, from which he was expelled after a revolt against the Headmaster, then Woodbridge School, Geneva University, and Trinity College, Cambridge

Wood entered Lincoln's Inn, and was called to the Bar in 1824. In 1845 he became a Queen's Counsel, and in 1847 was elected to parliament for the city of

Wood married **Charlotte**, daughter of Edward Moor of Great Bealings Hall, in 1830. They had no children. Charlotte's death in 1878 was a great blow to Wood, from which he never recovered. He died in London on 10 July 1881, aged 79. His funeral was held in St Paul's Cathedral, but his choice of final resting place was back in the peaceful country churchyard of Great Bealings, in the Moor family tomb. Charlotte's brother, **Canon Moor**, was Rector in the village for close on 50 years and was largely responsible for the church as we know it today.. The reredos in Great Bealings church was installed in Lord Hatherley's memory. The title became extinct on his death but the name survives, perhaps, in Hatherley House, on Market Hill, Woodbridge.

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FIRST WORLD WAR AND THE MUTIMER FAMILY

As related by Francis Mutimer

WILFRED The third of the four sons of Edward and Kate Mutimer of Boot Street Born 30th December 1895 in Great Bealings.

In 1911, at the age of 15, Wilfred was working as a gardener.

Wilfred enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment, 11th Battalion during the war. He was killed in action, in northern France, on 28th April 1917, aged 21

During the Battle of Arras, the 11th Battalion were involved in a raid on the Chemical Works at Roeux, near Arras. The assault was delivered at 4:25 A.M. and to quote the Divisional commander, General Nicholson "It began badly, continued badly, and ended worse." The barrage was inaccurate and at the time of the assault the enemy machine guns were highly active.

The 11th Battalion lost 103 men during the raid on the Chemical Works that day.

The site of the former Chemical Works is near the railway at Roeux station and is now occupied by a Carrefour shop and petrol station.

Wilfred is buried in Brown's Copse cemetery, between Roeux and Fampoux.

ARTHUR was the youngest son of Edward and Kate Mutimer of Boot Street Born 11th May 1899, in Great Bealings.

Arthur (known in the family as John) initially joined a training Battalion in 1917 and then joined the Royal Irish Rifles, 12th Battalion. He died of sickness in France on 13th May 1918, two days after his 19th birthday.

Arthur is buried in Longuenesse Souvenir cemetery, near St Omer.

REGINALD was the second of the four sons of Edward and Kate Mutimer of Boot Street

Born 29th September 1890 in Great Bealings.

In 1911 at the age of 19, Reg was working as a 'labourer on the railways'. He would have been based at Little Bealings railway station, which closed in

the early 1960s. In 1913, Reg married Rosetta Fosdike.

Reg enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment, 12th Battalion and it was while serving with the Suffolks that he was awarded the Military Medal for bravery. On the night of 25th/26th September 1917 the 12th Battalion carried out a raid on German trenches just outside the village of Gonnellieu near Cambrai in northern France.

Operation orders issued to the troops before the raid include the instructions 'Parties will be in position about 50 yds N.E. of NEWTON ROAD and facing the enemy trenches 5 minutes before zero', and 'all wounded and prisoners to be evacuated at once ... advanced dressing station will be in CHESHIRE QUARRY'. The German trenches were on the hill above Newton Road, roughly on the line of the Gonnellieu to Banteux road.

It was for his actions during this raid that Reg was awarded the Military Medal. From the Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury newspaper dated 2nd November 1917:

Mrs R. Mutimer of Great Bealings, the wife of Pte. Reginald Mutimer, has heard from her husband, who is in France, that he has been awarded the Military Medal, for gallant conduct in the field. To use his Commanding Officer's words: "Pte. Mutimer was a stretcher-bearer during the raid on the enemy's trenches on September 25th: he performed his duties throughout with the greatest gallantry, and by his energy succeeded in saving the lives of several men."

After the war, Reg returned to working on the railways until his retirement.

Reg's wife Rose died on 10th January 1938 aged 54.

Uncle Reg died on 19th July 1972, aged 81. He is buried in Great Bealings churchyard.

I've recently returned from a two day trip to northern France, visiting the cemeteries and battlefields connected with their stories.

*Francis Mutimer
01473 721068*

NATURE NOTES

In the absence of any other contribution, forgive us for taking the opportunity to promote something of Gt Bealings' attempts to build on the advantages of its beautiful location, amidst the water meadows of The Lark, to become more of a centre for wildlife. We stress that this initiative is far from being exclusive to Great Bealings – we would love to enjoy the support and interest of people living in other villages.

The particular event we would like to promote is our **Open Evening with Suffolk Wildlife Trust on Friday June 9th – 5.00 – 6.30.**

For precise details of the timetable, please see the box advert on page... We really do stress that we would love to see people from other villages – Tracey, the SWT's Community Officer, may well help you to discover something which could help you have a better understanding of what may be in your own churchyard – and indeed elsewhere. And there is also the incentive of hearing a bit about those increasingly rare stag beetles, from the county's expert on them.

By way of an appetizer here is a picture of a patch of Meadow Saxiphrage, found in Great Bealings churchyard in the middle of May



And here is an image from local photographer, Remraf, showing how progress claims victims – the corpse of a 150-year oak felled in Holly Lane to make

way for the power cables. We're not taking sides, just reporting on what happens.



MORE MUSINGS FROM LILY'S GARDEN

I was chatting to my sister Rosie about this and that when she announced that she did not think that she was a 'natural' gardener. I was surprised as she and her husband have created a beautiful garden. I decided that what she was really saying was that she does not think that she is a 'good' gardener and that her constant striving for perfection leaves her feeling frustrated.

This got me thinking. There is an abundance of evidence about the therapeutic benefits of gardening but in our competitive society, we sometimes focus so much on the desire to be the best that we forget the wisdom of 'travelling hopefully'. For the past three years, I have been fortunate to be able to spend a few hours every fortnight working with a group of men creating a garden in Norfolk. They cut down overgrown trees and shrubs; shred the wood; sweep leaves; mow and strim grass; create and maintain flower beds; and make wonderful compost. They grow bulbs,

flowers, and shrubs, and, most impressively, have planted a 21 metre 'edible' hedge. However, not one of them would regard themselves as a gardener. They don't know the names of plants and show no evidence of striving for perfection; they simply enjoy spending a couple of hours working either alone or with others completing a particular task. The good humour and teamwork they demonstrated in planting the hedge on a cold, wet day was impressive.

Each of them has a learning disability of some description, and my job is to help them learn to garden. But, in many ways, it is they who are the teachers. I have learnt from them to focus on one job at a time and concentrate on the doing, rather than the anticipated outcome. I have learnt to work at my own pace and to trust others to do the same. This has meant letting go of wanting to be in control all the time. I can now accept that all gardens have elements of real beauty even if the whole is not up to 'Chelsea' standard. Gardens never stop growing so they are always a work in progress. My advice is to enjoy the achievement of any job well done, no matter how small. Each improvement to the garden will then provide a wonderful sense of satisfaction.

One of the jobs that can be quite contemplative and very rewarding is weeding. But for many, it is a vexed subject. How do you decide what to leave and what to remove? I very much enjoyed the guidance in an unlikely place, a novel about a small community in the 1960s and 70s: 'The Trouble with Goats and Sheep' by Joanna Cannon.

Tilly and Gracie, both aged 10 were helping Eric Lamb in his garden when they encountered a problem. They could not decide whether a particular plant was a weed or not and Tilly did not want to pull it up if it was a weed. They asked Eric to tell them but he did not give them the answer they were expecting. He suggested that as Tilly was holding the trowel she should decide if the plant was a weed or not. There followed a period of

silence during which they looked at the plant which awaited its fate before Eric continued:

'The thing about weeds .. is that it's very subjective. .. What's a weed to one person might be a beautiful flower to another. It depends very much on where they're growing and whose eyes it is you're seeing them through.'

The girls looked around at the carefully tended dahlias, freesias, and geraniums. Gracie then said

'So, the whole of this garden might be full of weeds to someone else.'

'Exactly, if you loved dandelions, you'd think all of this was a waste of time.'

'And you'd save the dandelions instead', Tilly said.

'So, is it a weed or not? Eric said.

Tilly's trowel hovered over the plant before she put the trowel down and wiped her hands on her skirt.

'No' she said, 'it's not a weed.'

'Then we shall let it live,' said Eric Lamb, 'and we will go inside and have a glass of lemonade.'

'I wonder if you guessed right,' said Gracie.

'I don't think that's the point, Gracie. I think the point is, everyone's allowed to think different things'

But was Tilly right?

Love, Lily

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ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS

An Open Evening, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust

Friday 9th June. 5.00 – 6.30 pm

Timetable

5.00 Norman Porter: Brief Introduction to local wildlife plans

5.15 Tracey Housley –Community Officer SWT: the shape and purpose of the evening, followed by guided discovery tours with Tracey. Flora and fauna in the churchyard.

5.45 Stag beetles. Short talk by Suffolk's leading expert, Colin Hawes!

6.00 Refreshments - tea/coffee/possibly a glass of wine. Minor Nibbles.

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 8th MAY

QUIET LANES

This initiative has ground to a halt, as SCC have very little funding for this project. Robin Vickery commented that emphasis is being placed on coastal areas. On his recommendation, the PC will write to David Chenery and invite him to a future Council meeting to discuss our issues.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Charles Barrington congratulated Robin Vickery on his recent re-election as County Councillor for the Carlford Division. Robin Vickery reported on how he has spent his Locality Budget and Highways Budget, with an emphasis on speeding in villages but he has also contributed to several defibrillators for villages. He advised that BT have accelerated their programme for rolling out faster broadband in our area. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley outlined the individual responsibilities of the three District Councillors for the Woodbridge Ward. He provided an overview of the SCDC key challenges and achievements for 2016/17, including the forthcoming Deben Leisure Centre redevelopment, the Cycling on the Prom trial in Felixstowe, and the Walking Festival. He outlined some of the projects supported by his District Councillor's Enabling Community Budgets and he advised that his budget has been increased this year. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Review of Year – Charles Barrington announced that the Neighbourhood Plan was formally made on 23rd March and is now statutorily a part of SCDC's Local Plan and must be consulted when planning applications come forward. During the calendar year to 31st December, 14 applications were received of which six related to Wood Barn Cottages. Other than the WBC applications, all were approved. Of the six refused, four went to appeal, two were subsequently dismissed by the Inspector and two are still pending. He thanked Colin Hedgley for the funding that has enabled us to purchase a defibrillator to be placed on the outside of the Village Hall. He also covered the Emergency Plan, the current Wind Farm project, the Northern Bypass, the Fynn-Lark News, the Parish care initiative and the PC's plans for the WW1 Beacons of Light event on 11th November 2018. The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Village Hall Management Committee – Charles Barrington read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a busy year for the Village Hall including several completed refurbishment projects and a new booking system. Appreciation was expressed from the Trustees for the funding for the defibrillator and the donations from the two Parish Councils. The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

Fynn-Lark News Report – Charles Barrington summarised the report submitted by Norman Porter which gave a comprehensive report on the commercial aspects of the Newsletter detailing the improved financial situation. A full copy of the report is on the Council's website

BOOT STREET BRIDGE

Charles Barrington outlined the proposals which had been made in respect of a priority system at the bridge, whether one is required at all, and the PC's wish to extend the speed limit. He asked for views from the residents present, so that the PC could make a decision at the Council meeting tonight. Several residents expressed the view that there should be no priority and a discussion was held about the incident in 2011 involving two cars.

EASTANGLIAONE WIND FARM

Concern was expressed at the recent incidents in Playford when lorries had not followed the designated route. The PC are closely monitoring the current activities and will contact Scottish Power immediately anything untoward occurs.

The notes of the Annual Parish Council meeting which followed the Annual Parish Meeting will be in next month's magazine.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.00pm

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda 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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LIGHTING THOSE LIGHTS

After a 3 month barren period – Joyous News ! I received 4 requests to see the church glow at night, much to the delight of our resident Barn Owl.

Firstly on 6th requested by Margaret to remember her late father Bill Boughton, on his absent 96th birthday, with much warmth and love.

On the 7th to celebrate Jim Newbold's incredible birthday No: ?0. Now I've left the first number blank in case my presumption is incorrect – well you never know!

Then on the 10th for Michael Crimp's birthday, who married Sara Haywood

Smith at St Mary's in 1988. They are the proud parents of Sam, who with a school friend has just completed a 6,000-mile sponsored stroll to Kathmandu in aid of Cancer Research (see last month's magazine).

Another celebration arose on May 13th for Florence ("Flo "to all) Haywood Smith who joined in the family celebrations, but being the wise girl (now 18) she is, flew instead of walking there! A remarkable occasion supported by a remarkable family.

In view of the renewed interest in lighting up St Mary's I therefore joined in the fun by watching West Ham beat Tottenham Hotspur 1-0, thus practically guaranteeing Chelsea, the club for whom I had a trial aged 13, but failed to impress., thus leading to my love of "The Hammers" "The glow of the lights was much admired by our dog "CoCo "as well as the Barn Owl!

Come on you GB's – call 01473 735153.

ST MARY'S

It is now expected that our re-roofing project will get underway at the beginning of June. Work on the tower will follow if we have sufficient funds. That, alongside the setting up of our wildlife/graves-visitor cabin means that the churchyard will be a scene of considerable activity over the coming months. Do come along and monitor progress, but take care as materials may lurk in unfamiliar places. These will be exciting times, and evidence that we are determined to maintain the church and churchyard as a centre of village activity.

LOOKING AHEAD

We have been experimenting with patterns of services. For the past few months this has meant that Great Bealings has had 10.00 services on just the first two Sundays of the month, the second one being a family communion – as well as offering two services rather similar in format. This has also created serious logistical problems for the Priest trying to get across from a 9.00 service at Playford. The revised programme will

come into effect in the second half of the year, beginning in July. Keep your eyes open for changes of the pattern, the type of service and the timings.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is now very dry, after weeks of no rain. The grass and vegetation has grown much less than usual. Once it starts growing we will maintain paths around and through the area which is left uncut. Our six apple trees and two fig trees are now in place along our red brick wall, and all have received offers of financial sponsorship for them. They have been watered every day, and all but one are thriving. We are assured that the odd-tree-out, is merely in shock, and will eventually sprout.

WILDLIFE OBSERVATION CABIN/GRAVE VISITOR CENTRE.

We are delighted that we have been given permission to go ahead with this, subject to there being no objections, in response to a public notice now displayed. A base will be built half way down the churchyard on the left, and the cabin constructed. Over time, we hope to fill it with various pictures of wildlife – and provide a grave location map and visitors book.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

LOOKING BACK:

Please see “Review” for a report on Professor Jeremy Tambling’s talk Charles Dickens and East Anglia by Professor Jeremy Tambling.

LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR WILDLIFE WEEKENDS IN JUNE

If you count yourself amongst the many people who are now concerned that we do more about protecting wildlife - to say nothing of our planet – do please consider supporting the following two events:

NOW IMMINENT: SATURDAY JUNE 3RD:

Visit to Framsdén’s award-winning wildlife reserve, followed by a visit to Malcolm Key’s “Wood for Wildlife”. We hope to take along three or four car-loads of people interested – coffee at Framsdén, and picnic at Winston (bring your own). We would leave at around 10.00 and arrive back in the early afternoon. Do please contact Norman Porter if you would like you join us, so that we can make co-ordinated transport plans.

FRIDAY JUNE 9TH: SWT OPEN EVENING in the churchyard, with Tracey Housley SWT Community Officer. Please note that the time is now **5.00 – 6.30** – trying to encourage children, as well as people back from work. The programme and timetable are published under *Nature Notes*.

This is a change from the original time.

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE - Village Cricket at Barn Pightle

1.00 p.m. for children's coaching

2.00 p.m. for matches

All welcome.

Tea and cakes for a donation to FOGBC

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS – SOMETHING FOR YOUR LONG-TERM DIARY.

It is now confirmed that a concert will be given in the church on December 3rd by the *Gippeswyck Singers*, together with a quintet. This concert was recently advertised in the choir’s programme at a Snape Maltings concert. There will also be a jazz concert given by *Joyspring* on Friday 3rd November.

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CHURCHWARDEN

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 6 April and 2 May 2017

PLANNING

DC/17/0991/ARM: Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages at Valcot and Acacia Cottages, The Street

It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the proposed development was over development of the site given the scale and design of the proposed dwellings, as they would overlook neighbouring properties and as they would generate too much extra traffic. (SCDC subsequently refused permission.)

DC/17/0911/FUL: Remove Conservatory. New single storey and 1½ storey rear extension, replace existing flat roof with pitched roof at Pine Lodge, Playford Road

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application (which was subsequently withdrawn).

DC/17/1094/FUL: Proposed Alterations and Extensions to existing bungalow together with formation of new frontage vehicular access and parking area at Langdale, Beacon Lane

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. (SCDC subsequently granted permission.)

DC/17/1202/TPO: T1 – Beech tree in front lawn – 10% crown reduction, 5-10% thin and selective target pruning to tidy the tree up at The Weald, Martlesham Road

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application. (SCDC subsequently

granted permission.)

DC/17/1447/FUL: Construction of a single bay open front wooden cart lodge, length 5.20m, width 3.30m, height 3.50m: 12 Michaels Mount

It was resolved that there was no objection to this application.

WORKS FOR EAOW CABLING

It was noted that when work had started on the construction site at Playford, traffic taking aggregate from Kesgrave Quarry was passing through Playford and Little Bealings and not using the agreed Traffic Management Plan route. The developer had apologised and advised the contractors of the correct route.

SINKS PIT

It was noted that noise testing had taken place and had shown excessive noise in one area. Further noise testing was to be carried out, at different locations in the site. SCC had advised that it awaited a report from the owner on the attenuation which raising the bund height would bring, to be followed by a planning application.

HIGHWAYS

20mph Speed Limit for The Street

It was noted that SCC had agreed to proceed with the extended limit suggested by the Council, but expressed concern that the length meant that the limit would lose impact and effectiveness. The order had been made and it had been drawn to SCC's attention that the northern end did not extend as far as the Council had expected. The public advertisement period ended on 17 May.

FINANCE

The following expenditure was authorised:

Clerk's Salary for April
HMRC PAYE for April

The Annual Parish Council meeting is due to take place on 22 May, after the deadline for notes to be included in this edition. The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on Monday, 3 July.

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

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

The Queen's Birthday was celebrated with lights on 21st. April at the request of

Joan Moon. Joan also sponsored lights on 25th. April, Anzac Day, remembering the loyalty and sacrifice of the Australian and New Zealand forces in both World Wars.

On 14th. May Mothers Day is celebrated in New Zealand and Sylvia Chenery is especially remembered on this day by her children with lights in Little Bealings.

The memorial service for Donald Rice at All Saints, after the interment at Southend, was marked with lights on 16th. May.

If you wish to mark a special occasion or anniversary by lighting up All Saints Church

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CHURCHWARDEN

PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

SERVICE TIMES

With Philip's departure, there were concerns that Playford church service times may have had to be amended because Celia cannot be in two places at once! Fortunately, Great Bealings has decided to amend their start times and so for the present ours remains the same.

EAST WINDOW

Many thanks to our treasurer for arranging the management of the yew tree at the eastern end of the church. More light now comes through the stain glass and it can be seen in all its glory.

CHURCH PATH TREES

The work on the trees along the road side of church path has now been completed and as advised the buds are now coming out even after such drastic surgery.

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

1st & 2nd May - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for daughter, Jacqui and son-in-law Steven on their wedding anniversary on 1st May, love and best wishes from Mum

For grandson Dylan on his 17th birthday on 2nd May. Happy Birthday Dylan, love from Grandma Barbara

For granddaughter, Antigone, on her 13th birthday. Happy Birthday Tiggy love Grandma Barbara

And for niece, Julie, for her birthday on 2nd May.

3rd May & 7th May - sponsored by Wendy Wilson and Brian Buckles. A Very Happy Birthday to Ashley Halls with love from Mum and Brian and A Very Happy Birthday on 7th May to Lisa Miller, with love from Mum and Brian

6th May - sponsored by Chris and Rosemary Cocksedge to celebrate the marriage of their eldest grandson, George Pinner to Jo Hunter at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire.

4th May - 9th May - sponsored by Sue Kennedy to celebrate the wedding of her daughter, Amy to Tom, on Saturday, 6th May at Playford Church. Congratulations to Amy and Tom.

10th & 11th May - sponsored by Mark Krishna.

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 but be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time.

PLAYFORD PARISH HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for 2017 of Playford Parish Hall will be held in the hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 1st June.

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford's Annual Parish Meeting held on the 3rd May 2017. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Playford Village Hall and attended by councillors and residents, refreshments were served. Joan Metcalfe was proposed as Chairman and took the Chair.

There were no County Councillor or District Councillor reports. Joan Metcalfe read out her report on the year's activities, and thanked councillors and the clerk for their support during the past year. She also thanked retiring councillor Neil Tibble for his contribution to the council over the last two years.

Potholes and the general condition of local roads are still a cause for concern, clerk will continue to push for repairs.

It was proposed that a letter of thanks be sent to S C Norse Ltd for their excellent grass cutting and hedge trimming services which have kept the village tidy.

Villagers were warned to be vigilant as a recent burglary had occurred, whereby thieves entered by a broken window and stole cash from a local residence.

Substantial increase in traffic along the C324 to the north of the village is due to local roadworks and diversions caused by pre-enabling works for the Windfarm project.

Full copies of all reports can be seen on the website. www.playford.org.uk

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of Playford's Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd May 2017. A full version of the minutes appears on the

website: www.playford.org.uk

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2017/18

Joan Metcalfe was voted in as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Steve Hicks will continue as Vice-Chairman. Tim Llewellyn will be Parish Hall rep and Steve Hicks will continue as Footpaths Officer. Colin Grimwood has agreed to continue as Internal Auditor for the following year.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Remedial work on the temporary repair of the tarmac at junction of Brook Lane & Butts Road - this has been referred to Suffolk Highways Manager, David Chenery. Finger missing from FP signpost at junction opp. Church Road on the C324 has been replaced but the Ipswich/Tuddenham direction finger is still missing from the road signpost - clerk to re-report this. Build-up of silt on C324 still not attended to, this has also been referred to David Chenery. Report regarding ash tree on Butts Road, suffering from Ash Die-back, shows that this should not be a danger to the public but the tree will be inspected regularly. Bridges have been constructed across the boggy section of FP1 to make this passable. Faded white road markings at either end of Butts Road have been reported - these are deemed not bad enough to be dealt with yet but will be re-inspected regularly. FP8 connecting Playford with Lt Bealings' school is overgrown with nettles and is on the cutting schedule for attention.

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

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for annual SALC subscription, donation to Fynn Lark News, clerk's expenses, donation to Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel in respect of internal auditor's services and the annual insurance renewal to Aon UK Ltd. The first instalment of the Precept has been received.

The Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 was unanimously agreed and signed by the chairman & clerk, likewise

the Statement of Accounts - these will then be sent to BDO LLP for the external audit. Continuation of the clerk's salary and expenses at the same rate, was agreed. The pricing of assets was reviewed and amended.

EAWO ISSUES

Pre-enabling work has commenced on local roads which will be carrying HGV's to and from the new depot being constructed to the north of Playford. An archaeological dig is being carried out on land between the depot and the Church.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

An article and map showing the proposed area to be encompassed by the Plan has been published in the Fynn Lark News. Parishioners' comments on the suitability of the area, are invited by 12th June 2017 before the area can be agreed by SCDC planners.

OTHER MATTERS

£700 is available for purchasing a VAS sign for combating speeding through the village, Playford will also have occasional use of SID equipment bought with the remaining funds left over from the disbanded 12PT. Playford has been asked to participate in "Recycling in the Community" scheme partnership of EAAA & the Salvation Army – clerk to ask for more details. Hire of the playing field has been agreed by the council for a wedding celebration on 20th May 2017. It is proposed to purchase a plaque to be fixed on to the bench on The Green, in memory of Charles Lofts who died in January.

PLANNING ISSUES

Application DC/16/2137/FUL for extension to Airy's Cottage –original planning permission was quashed due to a technicality. This is now being resubmitted and is due to be assessed by SCDC Planning Committee on 18th May 2017. Representations will be made by the Parish Council who objected to the original application; certain regulations appear to have been breached.

NEW COUNCILLOR REQUIRED

Following the resignation of Neil Tibble, there is a vacancy for a new councillor to

join the parish council – please contact the chairman or clerk if you are interested.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00 p.m. 5th July 2017

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BINKY AND CO.

Binky was not the greatest 'dab hand' at do- it- yourself. He did once replace a plug on a toaster cable and as far as we know the bread wasn't toasted due to the elements heating, more to do with the nuclear flash that lit the whole of the kitchen at switch on.

The manufacture of a three legged stool for his darling wife as she had "always wanted one" was an early example of domestic violence of the passive kind. Binky had gone shopping for some tree wood that could be crafted by his own hand into a beautifully carved item of furniture. Binky hurried home with a piece of two inch thick, two foot by two foot finest English oak and three lengths of half inch dowel each two feet long. On reaching home Binky explained to Mrs S that yes he had taken advice from the "speak to the expert" gentleman in the shop who, he had informed Binky, had been in the woodworking trade for fifty years. (And knew one when he saw one.)

It could of course have been absolutely correct, as Binky insisted, that the glue had not fully set. Or that woodworm had penetrated the dowel rods. Either way after two weeks of hammering and sawing in his shed Binky presented the three legged stool to Mrs S in her bedroom. I do not know, dear reader, if you have ever witnessed a very large lady going through the motions of sitting, collapsing and ultimately destroying a finely tuned and crafted three legged stool. The pain the bystander goes through can only be compared to a cricket ball hitting a gentleman where it should not.

In Binky's defence it should be noted that modern glues are not as good as a boiled up horse's hoof (minus the horse of

course).

Binky's next foray into doing things cheaply to save money was painting the outside of his house. Not all of it. Just the rear. Especially the guttering and soffit boards. No plastic for Mrs S.

It was a bright sunny day and the 24 foot extending ladder went up against the rear wall perfectly, just missing the conservatory gutter by about an inch and with the foot of the ladder resting neatly on the lawn. So with a tin of white gloss in one hand and a two inch brush in the other Binky climbed the ladder in a purposeful and window cleaner manner. At the top Binky had a very careful inspection of the pebble dash and noted that there were a few bare patches to be addressed later on. The painting went smoothly and Binky resisted the urge to step back and admire his handiwork. Nevertheless after a couple of hours the desire for a cup of tea was too strong and down he went. It was during the tea break that the rain began to fall. It was though just a very light shower that just dampened thigs but did no use at all to the plants that were looking very poorly in the garden. Truth is they looked like that all year, no matter how hard Mrs S tended them.

However when the shower stopped, Binky ventured out and up the ladder he went. After about ten minutes Binky observed and felt a strange movement. He could not be sure but he thought he had noticed that the ladder was about an inch lower on the wall than previously. He decided to call a temporary stop to painting and concentrated intently on the point where the ladder met the wall. It was moving, oh so slowly, in a downward fashion. Or was the house moving upwards? No thought Binky, this is definitely a downwards. The downward momentum quickened to about quarter of an inch every two seconds. Then quarter of an inch every one second. It was not long before the movement replicated a fair-ground attraction, gaining speed in direct proportion to the fear factor.

Binky was no fool. He knew he had to hold on with both hands as the ladder speed increased. In doing so of course he had to let go of the pot of white paint, which dropped like a large stone, passing effortlessly through the conservatory glass roof and coming to rest on Mrs Sticklebacks' recently laid mahogany parquet floor. The paint pot was swiftly followed by a two inch brush. But via a different pane of glass. As Binky travelled downwards he noted that the ladder top seemed almost made for the breaking of the bedroom window either side of the window upright. Binky was now travelling downwards at about Mach 2 as the ladder slid in a skidding motion across the lawn.

His right leg penetrated the third pane about two seconds before the left which brought the whole fiasco to a juddering halt.

Mrs S, startled by a couple of loud crashes and a cry of anguish, raced from her sitting room, through the dining room and flung open the double doors. There she was met by a small lake of white gloss on her recently laid finest mahogany parquet floor, a paint a brush and two legs dangling from two large holes in the conservatory roof. There was a small amount of blood. (Not gushing as Binky would tell everyone afterwards.)

It is impossible to put into words the reaction of Mrs S.

Suffice to say at this stage and so you can all sleep tonight, - Mrs S was 'not happy'.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

P.C.C. MEETING

The next Parochial Church Council meeting will take place on Thursday 15th June at 3p.m. in the Church.

PILGRIMAGE OF SONG – CANTUS FIRMUS

On Saturday 1st July, the Cantus Firmus trust under their Musical Director, Richard Hubbard (Musical Development at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral) will walk along the Fynn Valley, singing in Churches within the Benefice and along the way; ending with a meal at Culpho Church. Inspirational music and contemplative words for worship in a breadth of styles are on offer. The event has been well advertised and advanced bookings are requested. For further information and booking please make contact on telephone 01473 687333 or by email:

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LICENSING OF REV PHILIP MERRY

Our four villages were well represented at the licensing of Rev Philip Merry on 24th April in the church of Walsham-le-Willows, at the heart of Philip's new Benefice. The large church was full of local people welcoming Philip and Denise into their midst, together with a wide assortment of local dignitaries. It was a very happy occasion, attended also by Philip's son, Father Tommy Merry.

If the occasion itself was memorable, so too was the journey back home along the A14. Just after 9.00 pm everything ground to a halt – just a passing incident we thought. In fact, the rumour mill soon started hurtling around and the facts eventually emerged – a herd of some 30 cows had strayed on to the road, bringing everything to a 5 hour total standstill.

A helicopter circled overhead, an assortment of police and rescue vehicles threaded their way down the lines of stranded vehicles and it seemed as if half the Suffolk constabulary was engaged in tracking down some presumably very angry and agitated cows somewhere in the dark around the Needham Market roundabout. Stoical English humour struggled to assert itself, in between fitful dozing. Information seemed to be minimal. Truck drivers watched whatever was on their in-cab screens, and, in the wake of post-service refreshments, the need for facilities became ever more pressing.

However, soon after 2.00 the column started moving fitfully forward in the direction of Ipswich, and most of us (and that was about 20 people) made it to their beds at around 3.00. At least we can say: "We were there!". And the news was, on this occasion at least, not fake news. Take it from us!



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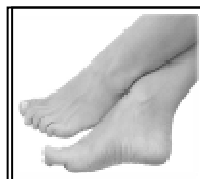
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SUNDAY 4th

PENTECOST

8.00	Holy Communion BCP	Little Bealings
10.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 11th

TRINITY SUNDAY

9.00	Family Communion	Playford
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 18th

1st AFTER TRINITY

10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
3.00	Evensong	Culpho

Saturday 24th

Wedding

Little Bealings

SUNDAY 25th

2nd AFTER TRINITY

9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
4.00	Messy Church	Angela Cobbold Hall

SUNDAY 2nd

3rd AFTER TRINITY

8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings

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BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511
	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Jay 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
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KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.00	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
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PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

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