

Fynn - Lark News

MARCH 2022



THE LANDSCAPE OF A VILLAGE

With apologies for misquoting the strapline of the Great Bealings Neighbourhood Plan¹, I thought that it might be interesting to look at what actually defines the landscape that we value so much and then consider what steps we can take to protect and enhance it.

Within the parish we have two landscape character types: the 'Rolling Valley Farmlands and Furze' and 'Ancient Rolling Farmlands' (inhabited in the past, no doubt, by the rolling English drunkard who made the rolling English road pursued by the parson, sexton or squire).

It seems likely that over the years the inhabitants may have changed more than

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our landscape, much of which originates from the ice age. The landscape of the Fynn Lark valley is covered with silts, sands and gravels dating from the Anglian glaciation, which accounts for the dry sandy soils and associated areas of furze (heathland). There are also mixed hedgerows and fragments of woodland. The chalky clay and loam soils to be found in the Rolling farmlands above the valley floor also originate from the Anglia glaciation. This area is characterised by large areas of semi-natural woodland with prominent oak trees and largely arable fields.

The lack of development has ensured the preservation of several areas which are regarded as Priority Habitats. Acid grassland occurs wherever sandy, free draining soils dominate, such as the plateau and south facing slope to the west of Hasketon Road and the area around Cherry Tree Farm. Floodplain Grazing Marsh is a familiar sight along both rivers. We also enjoy ancient species rich hedgerows interspersed with oaks; mixed deciduous woodland; wet woodlands; lowland meadows; lowland wood pasture and parkland to the south of Bealings House; and at least seven ponds.



Our two rivers play a very important role in encouraging and supporting biodiversity. The rivers provide corridors which link adjacent habitats and thereby

provide 'ecological connectivity' which may be important in allowing wildlife to adapt to the effects of climate change.

The forthcoming Environment Act is introducing Local Nature Recovery Strategies across the country which will map specific opportunities for taking priority action for nature recovery. These spatial strategies for nature are likely to be at district, rather than parish level but Suffolk Wildlife Trust suggests that the Suffolk river systems and their associated habitats are likely to be a key feature in identifying the most valuable habitats as well as being a focal point for nature's recovery. The use of "nature-based solutions" will be encouraged to address wider environmental problems including flooding and climate change mitigation.

This initiative gives us a focus for our efforts to protect and enhance the landscape. Tree planting has been identified as vitally important contributor to both initiatives. Over one hundred native trees were planted recently along Rosery Lane and Lodge Road by volunteers and members of the parish council, and we shall continue to look for opportunities to plant them across the parish. So please let us know if you have identified a suitable location for more trees to be planted. Please also share any other ideas you might have for re-wilding. You can post them on the Great Bealings Facebook page, write an article for the FLN or email chairman.gbpc@gmail.com. The more ideas, the better.

Sue Prentice,

With many thanks to Suffolk Wildlife Trust who evaluated the area on our behalf, and to all the tree planters.

1.A Village in a Landscape

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

DISTRIBUTOR

After many years of delivering the magazines along the Playford Road Little Bealings, Deborah Bailey is going to retire this summer.

Grateful thanks for her dedication to fostering local communication in our villages and all good wishes for the future.

If you are able to take over from her, please contact Peter Carr.

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FLY TIPPING



This continues to be a scourge on our local landscape. Please, please stay on the alert, and report any sign of suspicious activity, particularly any numberplates you might spot. Our photographer, Gary, not only keeps his lens focused on landscape, but also on these dumpings, which deface it.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

We are looking forward to bringing Little & Great Bealings together for a family friendly celebration at the village hall, including a BBQ, best cockapoo competition, tug o'war, commemorative tree planting, bar, teas, coffees and cakes.

We are still looking for volunteers to offer face painting and organise games for both children and adults! If you would like to help, please get in touch.

Tickets will be available shortly, and we look forward to seeing you there.

For information please contact:

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POSSIBLE PLANT SALE

We have received enough indications of support to suggest that it will be worthwhile going ahead with plans for an all-in-one day Plant Sale this year. Thank you to all those who have indicated support and offered gazebos etc.

That means that we are now encouraging all who are preparing or sowing plants for possible sale should keep going, with confidence, and hopefully in the knowledge that a suitable and sociable outlet will be provided at the end of April – 23rd or 30th – any strong preferences?

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Further recruitment of helpers will come in the next few weeks, so be prepared for the call!

NATURE NOTES

IVY



This item is prompted by a picture of an ivy-clad Culpho church. That, in turn reminded me of an ivy-clad Seckford Hall, and, similarly of a picture of The Old Rectory, Great Bealings.

It was once clearly fashionable to allow ivy to festoon the facades of some of our most significant buildings. The American Ivy League universities owe their name to formal ivy-planting ceremonies. Nature was allowed to soften the architectural edges of prestigious buildings, and to impart a kind of romantic natural look to them. We also know that ivy is wild-life friendly, allowing access to a range of creatures, some welcome, some probably not.

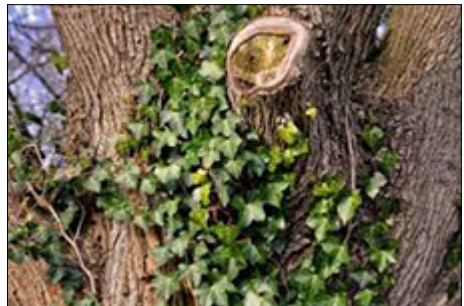
Something has changed. Perhaps it is the realisation that ivy is incompatible with good maintenance, that it harbours damp, indeed that it feeds off the mortar and can actually be destructive.

We have a love-hate relationship with ivy. It is a useful plant to cover up our oil tanks and relatively unsightly fences, as it is fast-growing.



It provides sustenance and habitat to wildlife, while at the same time threatening to choke the life out of whatever plant or surface is hosting it. When it takes over a tree it can give the tree a bulk which is unsustainable in high winds and makes it vulnerable. Hence the snipping off of ivy roots close to the base of the trunk, to protect the tree.

Ivy may be symbolic, (fidelity, eternity or strength, depending on your country) but



it is very destructive. Apparently, you should not bring it into the house when it is attached to firewood, as it brings bad luck. But it does have the quality of being evergreen, and that gives it, along with holly, a special role at Christmas.

Such is the persistence and sturdiness of ivy that it prompts the imagination to think ivy could become readily take over in a post-human world. It certainly needs little invitation to establish itself at the base of our houses, walls and trees and to soften their profiles, a concession of bricks and mortar to the persistence of nature.

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Suffolk <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/suffolk> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Suffolk (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk

suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris
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HISTORY CORNER - COMPARATIVE JUSTICE

The dispensing of justice over the years has been subject to changing social attitudes. We probably all remember how village stocks were used as a means of discouraging social misbehaviour at a local level, but two local nineteenth century examples of sentencing might serve to put current sentencing policy in perspective.



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As a follow up to the recent village history I was told the following story about Rev Philip Meadows of The Lodge, Great Bealings, whose only other claim to claim appeared to have been collusion with local smugglers. Apparently, his black pony was stolen – these were the days when the necessary means of travel for parsons was the pony and trap. The wrath of the Magistrates was visited upon the miscreant who was sentenced to transportation, presumably to Australia, whence he never returned. Something of

a distortion of divine justice.

This ties in with a previous story about a man who stole a bag of flour from the Bealings windmill. His punishment: similarly, transportation to Australia. The poor man died in transit. Hardly a proportionate punishment.

Nineteenth century justice was very much in the hands of the gentry. Property was sacrosanct, and punishments exemplary.

Norman Porter

LITTLE BEALINGS BORROWERS

Little Bealings Churchyard, Wednesdays 3:10 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Bring a coat, drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children. An after school group for primary aged children and their families, by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership.

Spring 2022

Wednesday 2nd Mar	Making a bug hotel (Bug-ingham Palace)
Wednesday 9th Mar	Creepy crawly pit traps (bring a yoghurt pot/jam jar)
Wednesday 16th Mar	Making churchyard signs
Wednesday 23rd Mar	Making compost bays / raised beds
Wednesday 30th Mar	Making a bucket pond
Wednesday 6th April	Bioblitz (download the 'Seek' phone app by iNaturalist)

In the event of very wet weather we will either go inside the church or cancel, depending on the activity.

Do something small to be part of something BIG

Contact Ben Wale wale@cofesuffolk.org Or 07769183638

Hold the Date !!

It's Back

Good Friday Easter Workshop & Egg Hunt

Friday 15th April 10:30-12 noon

Playford Village Hall

Organised by Playford Church and









**HEADWAY SUFFOLK
NEURO CONFERENCE
11 MAY**

Keynote speakers on brain injury and crime, the mobile stroke unit and powerful brain injury survivor and carer stories.

The conference, now in its seventh year, takes place at Wherstead Park, near Ipswich, from 10am – 5pm, but it will also be streamed online.

Four speakers will address the subject of brain injury and crime.

Tim Passmore, Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner, will be joined by Chief Inspector Nick Paling, Head of Custody in Norfolk and Suffolk, to talk about how people with a disability are cared for in custody.

His Honour Judge Martyn Levett, a resident judge at Ipswich Crown Court, will talk about acquired brain injury witnesses in Crown Court.

Huw Williams, an Associate Professor of Clinical Neuropsychology, will talk about his experiences of brain injury and the criminal justice system.

The conference will also hear three powerful personal stories.

Gordon Watling will share his journey, from a former Headway Suffolk client to a firefighter at Suffolk Fire and Rescue, while Alec Charnley will talk about his switch from service user to director. Carole Almond will speak of her life as caring for a loved one with dementia.

Professor Silke Walter, a neurology consultant, will discuss the mobile stroke unit, which carries out immediate tests to determine the best course of action.

Amanda Cousins, a Chief Operating Officer at the United Kingdom Acquired Brain Injury Forum, will speak about brain injury rehab on a national and regional basis.

The conference will also have updates from Headway Suffolk's CEO Helen Fairweather and mental health nurse Sam Jangum.

Tickets are £45 for attendance at Wherstead Park and £25 for the live online stream. Telephone 01473 712225 or email

*helenmfairweather@headwaysuffolk.org.uk. Full details are on
www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/events.*

The conference is sponsored by Ashtons Legal, CFG Law, East of England Co -Op, Hodge Jones & Allen, Irwin Mitchell and Slater and Gordon.

Headway Suffolk is a registered charity that supports adults living with brain injury, stroke and neurological conditions through an extensive range of rehabilitation and therapy services.

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Application forms are available on our website

<http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk/john-belstead-playingfield>

Bealings Village Hall & Playing Field need your help

Saturday 26th March 0930 - 1230

The Bealings Village Hall Trust need volunteers to help clean & repair play equipment, clear paths and clean up leaves

on the Playing Field and around the Hall as we start preparations for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in June

Anyone able to help - even if it is only for an hour
please bring a spade/rake/wheelbarrow/gloves

All activity will be performed with social distancing in accordance with the latest Government guidelines

Please email Keith Beaumont at: *keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com* if you plan to come to help clear leaves

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GREAT BEALINGS

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OBITUARY

PADDY HAYWOOD SMITH



We are sorry to report that Paddy passed away recently in a local nursing home, having had to struggle with illness in his latter days. The funeral took place in St Mary's Church on February 18th. Although Paddy and his wife, Marcia, had been living in Woodbridge in recent years, he and his first wife, Elizabeth, who pre-deceased him, were central figures in the life of Bealings for many years. They lived at Great Bealings Hall.

Paddy had been an auctioneer with the family firm, Robert Bond, and it was his claim that he had had a hand at some time or other in the sale of most of the houses in Bealings. His interest in property ran alongside an equally strong interest in people, and the one fed into the other. His convivial personality won many friends and influenced many

people. He played a central role in the life of St Mary's Church and was a loyal and generous supporter even after he had moved into Woodbridge. It would not be an exaggeration to say that he was, for a number of years, the doyen and leading figure in the village, and someone whose charm and personality permeated the fabric of our community. He will be much missed, and we thank him for all that he contributed, over many years, to the life and spirit of Great Bealings.

We offer our sincere condolences to his widow, Marcia, and to his son Julian, his wife, Leah, and wider family. Julian now lives in The Granary, a converted adjunct of the adjacent Hall, where he had grown up. The Haywood Smith spirit lives on, in our midst.

ST MARY'S

CHURCH NOTES

The last few months have been sad ones. We have lost a number of members of our local community, people whose contribution to our village over the years has been significant. The passing of such folk needs to be formally commemorated, and their lives celebrated. In the latter days of Covid we are beginning to be able to organise such occasions on the scale, and in a place that is appropriate. We are reminded that there is nowhere more appropriate than the local church, the place that embodies the spirit of a village over many centuries. It is the right of all who live in a village to have their lives commemorated in this way, and, if so

desired, and if there is space, to be buried in the churchyard. A very good reason to ensure that we keep a living church at the heart of our community. (See below)

LOOKING AHEAD

Apart from our regular services on the first Sunday of each month, we have had an offer from Rev Dr John Hare to take our **Easter Day** Service, while our Rector is taking a parallel service in Woodbridge.

John has also offered to take a special **Mothering Sunday** Service on Sunday 27th March. The current programme includes very few family services, so this is an opportunity for young families to work with John to organise a service suitable for these families, not necessarily regular church attenders.

OTHER FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 6th March: Family communion at 9.30 am.

Sunday 20th March. Elder-led service at 10.30 am.

Rector's "Surgery." Our Rector makes himself available on Monday afternoons, so if you would like to see him, do please contact him on 01394 610424, or at the Parish Office on 01394 388820.

Please also refer to services being held, at other times, at St Mary's, Woodbridge

CHURCHYARD – MORE TREES

We have had various offers of gifts of trees, some in memory of people buried in the churchyard. We are grateful for those offers. It is an incentive to have a closer look at the scope for planting more trees in the churchyard, particularly in this year of the Platinum Jubilee commemoration, with its associated Queen's Canopy project.

REMINDER

You are reminded that we are organising a gathering in the Village Hall on Thursday 31st March, at 6.30 for

7.00 to discuss the future of St Mary's Church. A glass of prosecco will be served before the presentation. We hope that ALL who have any kind of interest in the future of our church will come along and support the occasion. Our Rector, Fr Nigel Prior will chair the meeting.

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH in partnership with Friends of St Mary's Church, Woodbridge

THE WILLOWS WIND QUINTET - SATURDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

Despite the counter-attractions of a home match at Portman Road and the first round of matches of the Six nations Rugby some three dozen people attended this late afternoon concert. The group played a range of music in a concert entitled *From Beethoven to the Beatles*, concluding with a rendition of "When I'm sixty-four."

This was a joint venture with the Friends of St Mary's, Woodbridge, where the concert was performed again the following day. We are very grateful to all who supported this concert, as it gives us confidence to embark on similar ventures with Woodbridge in the future.

GERMAN EVENING - 29TH APRIL

An aspiration, based on availability of all participants, to re-stage the programme planned for 2020. Keep an eye open for confirmative details.

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE. AND CHIMING BELLS. SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

The day will begin with a special church service at 9.30 am and will resume from 12.00 midday onwards with a full programme of events on and around the

village playing field.

The church bells have been checked by an expert and we are awaiting the official report. All being well, we plan to go ahead with our mass village bell chime – ringathon - involving as many people in the village as wish to play a part. It may be possible to arrange escorted visits up to the bell tower at the same time.

A list will be available in the church later in the year inviting individuals or families to sign in for a 5-minute slot in the course of the day. Basic training will be given!

We hope to involve as many people as possible in a continuous celebratory peal.

OPEN GARDENS

Please keep the diary open for such an event on Saturday June 25th.

LIGHTS @ ST. MARY'S

The lights shone at St Mary's for a week for Norman Porter

The message is the reminder " We have so much to be thankful for "

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Wednesday 20th April	10.30-3.30	£40.00
Thursday 21st April	10.30-12.45	£20.00

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PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Mrs. Carol Ramsden, The Hollies, Holly Lane, Little Bealings

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meeting held on 7 February:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSIONS

Two residents referred to current activities at Sinks Pit and preparations for the next Joint Agency Liaison Group (JALG) meeting.

PLANNING

Application: scc/0097/21c: part retrospective erection of a wooden close boarded fence along part of southern site boundary: Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgravelt was noted that the development would result in close boarded fencing being installed on top of the existing bund next to the public footpath. It was resolved to object to the development in view of the adverse impact on the landscape and amenity value of the footpath.

ENFORCEMENT AT SINKS PIT

It was agreed to arrange a meeting with ESC to discuss issues not covered by the previous JALG meeting and to set up a Working Group to compile a list of outstanding issues to put to SCC, as a meeting had been refused. Working Group members would be Chris Cheeseman, Mike Garnham, Douglas Hunter and Helen Saagi.

SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING (SAVID)

In response to a request, it was agreed to donate £50 to SAVID for 2021/22. It was agreed to accept SAVID's proposal that ESC funding for another Speed Indicator Device be passed to the Council for it to purchase the device and share it with one other parish.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7.15PM BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH

All residents and local groups are invited to come and present reports on their activities over the last year, and to bring information on forthcoming events, including the Queen's Platinum Jubilee arrangements.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 9 March, after the Annual Parish Meeting at the Village Hall.

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

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk
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Website: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/>

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I hope that everyone is now settled into 2022, and I doubt I am the only one searching for the first daffodils emerging, so I can say 'it must be Spring!' My perception this year is that the new ways of living and working Covid19 imposed upon us nearly two years ago, have now been absorbed into our lifestyles. A combination of flexibility and resilience has seen many people reassess priorities and alter routines, and some of these changes are likely to remain with us indefinitely.

In that respect I wanted to give an update about Parish Council meetings for the foreseeable future. It has long been the Council's routine to meet in the

Committee Room of Bealings Village Hall, usually on the first Monday of every other month and with such additional meetings as have been needed.

For a while in 2020 and 2021 government legislation provided for Parish Councils to meet 'remotely', meaning that we held meetings using Zoom so that everyone could stay safely at home during lockdowns. There was no change in the rules for meetings to be open to the public and I am very pleased with the way we adapted quickly, acquiring a Zoom account and admitting residents to our meetings to listen and speak, as if the meeting was held in the Committee Room as usual. Broadband width was at times a challenge, but we managed very well to carry on 'business as usual.'

In June 2021, when the capacity to hold meetings remotely ended, we took the decision that the size of the Committee Room meant it was no longer appropriate to invite the public to attend meetings in that space. We have held meetings in the main Village Hall in consequence and we are very grateful to the Hall Secretary for helping us to book and run 'Covid secure' meetings.

Unfortunately, long standing bookings at the Village Hall mean that we will not be able to use the Hall for our meetings this year after 9 March. We have therefore arranged to meet in the Angela Cobbold Hall instead, which has both advantages and disadvantages. The Hall space there

is larger than the Committee Room, but smaller than the main Village Hall, making it quicker and easier – and cheaper – to heat for meetings. It is also a good size for people to be able to maintain distance but hear what everyone is saying. The main disadvantage of course is the lack of parking. We do hope therefore that if you are attending a Council meeting you can walk, cycle or arrange to be dropped off. However, if you do have problems and need a space reserved for you then please do let me or our Clerk know.

We understand that at the moment the rules on facemasks and maintaining distances in community halls are relaxed, but I am aware that many people are still opting to wear masks generally and there is still concern about the transmission of infection. We are therefore continuing to invite everyone attending meetings to continue to wear masks.

Finally, I am sorry that I am unable to be at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 March. Our Vice Chairman Helen Saagi will take over that evening and I am sure it will be interesting to hear everyone's reports. Please do come along.

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Little Bealings Parish Council
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LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 9 MARCH 2022

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday 9 March, in Bealings Village Hall.

Local community groups are invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village – and raise any concerns.

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SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

You may have seen our SCC County Councillor Elaine Bryce's article in last month's Fynn Lark News introducing the: **Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group**.

This group is a forum for resolving issues related to activities at Sinks Pit. At the inaugural meeting in December, Little Bealings Parish Council was asked to advertise the reporting process for any complaint regarding pollution and disturbance within Sinks Valley.

COMPLAINT REPORTING NOTICE

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Bee Keeping Talk with guest speaker. (*Donations welcome*)
- FILM CLASSIC** Saturday 19th March - 2:30 p.m.
'Arsenic & Old Lace'
+ Tea & Cake (Donations welcome)
- OPERA EVENING** Friday 25th March – 7.00 p.m. drinks, 7:30 p.m. film start
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The Reading Room will be open on Saturday mornings from 10.30-12.30.
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CHURCH NEWS

So, another month has passed as we move in to March, the days are getting longer, the daffodils have started to poke their little heads out of the ground, the Easter eggs are a plenty on the shop shelves and I have to admit Tony and I have already had our first hot cross bun! And not forgetting Tony's sheep "Margaret" is expecting twins! Tony is very excited to be welcoming the new additions to our family in April! Looking back over February our usual midweek and Sunday services have been well attended including our new scheduled 2nd Sunday of the month service which was well attended by 30 people, we are welcoming more attendees to our midweek service of morning prayer, and the walking group have had an amazing turn out with around 18 people attending for a ramble through the lovely countryside that surrounds our church, looking forward to March we will be holding our Mother's Day service on Sunday 27th of March, please check our noticeboards and our online "what's on page" for more information.

We are in the process of continuing plans for the Queen's Jubilee weekend in June, more details will be announced in next month's magazine and its looking to be an amazing few days celebration in the church and of course throughout the village with all the other great events that are being planned.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 26th of April in the church. All members of the Electoral Roll are eligible to attend.

Please see our separate church diary for information on services and events at our church.

Blessings

Tony & Corinne

Wednesday 2nd March 10.00 a.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a special service to mark the beginning of Lent

Wednesdays:

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th 10.00 a.m.

SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER

our midweek service offers a quiet, contemplative prayer time with a short talk

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Sunday 13th March 10.00 a.m.

Family communion

All are welcome to our traditional Family Communion service with refreshments afterwards

Sunday 27th March 10.00 a.m.

MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Mother's Day service, there may even be a gift for all the mums!

Coffee and cake served after the service

ZOOM LENT COURSE

Wednesday 9th March 7.15 p.m.

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Lent is a time of exploration and over the five evenings the themes of Justice, Exile and waiting will be examined, initially through a TV drama called "anybody's nightmare" based on the true story of Shelia Bowler

To Enquire about the course please call Sally Wainman on 07807 984589

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ELECTORAL OFFICER

I have recently taken over as Electoral roll officer for All Saints Little Bealings.

If you would like to be added onto the Electoral roll, or think you may already be on it but are not too sure, please send me an email to the following address

anitadjones@hotmail.co.uk

Many thanks

Anita Jones

ALL SAINTS PARISH CHURCH

At our last PCC meeting, Mrs Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend resigned as our PCC Secretary. We would just like to take this opportunity to thank Helen for all the work in raising money in grants and also her generosity with her time and financial support. We are very grateful for all she has done on behalf of our Church and we also know she has had the support of Jonathan who has also stepped down.

Once again, we wish to place on record our thanks for all they have both done and wish them well for the future.

Reverend Robin Spittle, Benefice Rector
Reverend Gary Jones, Local Vicar

WORD FROM THE STUDY

This year sees the Platinum Jubilee of the Queen's ascension to the throne and as a Church and community in Little Bealings and Playford, we will proudly join in with the celebrations which I for one am looking forward to. A chance to share events in the community and in the Church, for which people will have the opportunity to join in and coming together which is something we have not been able to do much of over the last few years, due to the pandemic.

There has been, over the years, much criticism of our Royal Family, but no-one could ever criticise Her Majesty, the Queen, her devotion, loyalty, dignity and steadfastness to duty. She is a model of what it means to serve. She has never been one to shy away from duty, we think of her contribution in the armed forces during the war, throughout her many trials and tribulations, she has always remained true to her duty as Queen and to her faith as Head of the Church.

Throughout the world, Her Majesty is held in high esteem, and rightly so, when we

see other countries and how their leaders and rulers behave, I thank God that we live and uphold the values to which the Queen aspires to.

To give one 'self in the service of others, is easier said than done; it means sacrifice and it means putting others before yourself.

By the time this issue comes out, we will be heading towards Lent, a time when, as a Church, we reflect, but I often feel it is a way of reflection as well as giving up things for Lent.

As a Church, we will be joining with St Mary's Playford and All Saints Kesgrave to do a Lent course, which will be on zoom. Details of this can be found in the Church Warden's report, but I recommend you, if you are able to join in, there will be part of a film shown each week, followed by a discussion. Last year, we had very good numbers and we welcome everyone to join in this event.

On Ash Wednesday, there will be a service of the imposition of ashes at All Saints Little Bealings at 10am, all are welcome.

Details of Easter Services and our APCM will follow in the next edition.

So, whatever you are doing for Lent, whatever your preparations are, I will remember you all in my prayers and indeed prayers for all our Church communities as we look forward to Easter Sunday when we will witness to the risen Christ.

I cannot think of better words to reflect both Christ's ministry and Her Majesty who so richly embraces it, in the words of that hymn "Brother, Sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you."

Every Blessing.

Reverend Gary Jones



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CHURCH NEWS

Our new service days and times at Playford St Mary are the First and Third Sunday of each month starting at 10.00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome and there is usually coffee and biscuits after the service.

Grass cutting. After many years of service Brian Buckles has finally had to relinquish his volunteer job of cutting the grass in the front of the church.

What a fantastic job he made of it as well. He never had to be asked or reminded, he just drove up there on his "sit-on" and got on with it.

What a debt we owe him.

We all hope both he and Wendy enjoy their new home. We will miss them.

So, we are looking for a volunteer! Have you a sit on mower? Would you be prepared to do some grass cutting up at the church?

Please contact the Churchwarden on 738468 if you think you may be able to help in some way.

We are also looking for at least two people, ideally three, to join the Parochial Church Council. We need a PCC in order to run the church.

Please think about it. We are getting to the desperate situation. I am not being melodramatic- your church needs you!

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

RON HURLOCK

It is with much sadness that we heard of the death of Ron Hurlock a long-time member of the Playford congregation.

His funeral will be at Playford Church on the 16th March at 1300.

PLAYFORD WI

Thanks to an East Suffolk Community grant for a zoom license to keep our WI going last year, we are now running 'hybrid' meetings combining in-person and zoom. This is proving popular with all members, old and new!

Our varied 2022 programme got off to a flying start when we welcomed Joan Moon for a captivating talk on Australia in aid of East Anglian Air Ambulance. Her entertaining tales of intrepid travel to all corners of the country included both climbing up- and flying over- Ayers Rock.

In February we debated topics shortlisted for future national campaigns by the WI. Our final votes went to initiatives for 'Appropriate sentencing of non-violent women offenders' and 'Better diagnosis and support for women and girls with ASD and ADHD.' Well done to the members who 'pitched' those topics! We wait to hear the results of the national vote.

Our March 1st meeting will be more relaxed but equally enjoyable with guest speaker Kieron Brown showcasing skincare treatments. Looking ahead: on April 5th we plan to be hands-on with 'Everyday First Aid' by St John's Ambulance; then watch out for more details of our May 5th meeting "The walls of Playford Church: a cabinet of curiosities".

New members and visitors are always welcome, please contact playfordwi@gmail.com for details.

Playford WI

We are looking for volunteers to help organise a
Playford village event to celebrate the Queen's
Jubilee in June.



With plans at an early stage, a meeting will be held
on Thursday 10th March at 7.00 p.m. in the Village
Hall.

Do come along if you would like to be involved or
contact suelister56@googlemail.com

BINKY AND CO.

Binky was thinking; he had been doing a lot of thinking lately. Much good it did him.

Should he continue in his very successful career as an author or change direction completely and embrace a new way (Or 'Reach Out' to a new beginning as the namby pamby bid us to say). Perhaps he should look for something new in the future. (or 'Going Forward' as the new namby pamby would bid us to say).

You can see where this is going can't you dear reader?

Binky reflected on his position of one of the most successful authors in the parish, 3,000 books sold in the last twenty years bringing £326.40. Not to be sneezed at. (Or 'Retrospectively Disparaged' as the nam.....etc etc.)

Meanwhile Binky had to turn his thoughts to the major problem of the day, his boiler had broken down. It was one of those 'on demand' gas boilers, which unfortunately had stopped working in the middle of his wonderful wife Indigo, having her morning shower. The screams from the bathroom were blood curdling. Binky did not know whether to console or run. As it was pouring with rain outside, he decided to console. "Is everything all right my dear?" was probably the weakest thing he could say although in retrospect the safest. There then followed a full throttle and very loud three-minute resume of Binky's usefulness to the human race. Binky suggested she warm herself by standing close to the towel heater. The bathroom door opened. It is fair to say it had been twenty

- five years since he had last seen his wife naked. He promised himself it would be another twenty- five. This dripping, red faced, thirty stone, quivering head of a space hopper looked at Binky, screamed and slammed the door. Action this day, thought Binky. He went downstairs and sat in front of his personal computer. Now where to start? Plumbers and gas engineers within five miles of this house, he typed into his browser. Well, he went for the one that said no job too small, although afterwards Binky did think how he might know if it was a big job or a small job. Never mind thought Binky I will give them a ring and at least I can tell Indigo that everything is in hand.

He rang up and a very helpful young voice commiserated and booked him in for the first slot available. Three weeks away. Oh! Nora, thought Binky this will cause ructions, the old tin bath in front of the fire. Will she still fit in? Binky relayed the message to a still furious wife. She stomped off with a "Men! They are useless"

The phone rang. "Hello, Binky the great author speaking" he said in his poshest of voices. "Oh

Mr Binky" came the soothing voice, "I'm afraid I have had to cancel our plumbers' appointment as we do not deal with that model anymore" "What!" exclaimed Binky "Why not?" "Well," said the soothing voice, "They are not made any more and we cannot get spare parts for them. Manufacturing ceased in nineteen fifty-six"

Right said Binky full of fear and foreboding for the moment he told his wife. Well thank you for letting me know," said Binky. "Oh, that's OK, no worries!" said the happy soothing voice. "No worries.

NO WORRIES" exclaimed Binky. "Not for you maybe but I've got a pile of them now. You have left me with no plumber. No worries indeed!"

Why do people say 'No worries' thought Binky. He discussed it with himself. He thought it was originally an Australian saying. Well thought Binky what can you expect from a people that venerate a cow with huge legs that hops all over the place and every young they produce is called Joey.

We live in a weird world. No worries indeed. So, Binky had to start again. He eventually found a plumber that would visit in three day's time. Wonderful thought Binky. The day arrived and Binky felt very relieved as the plumber started work. "You look very tired," said Binky. "Well," said the plumber "I find this work very draining."

"If that's the case" said Binky "Why don't you pull the plug on it?"

By this time Binky had had enough, just like you.



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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

ANNUAL PARISHIONERS AND PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

On Wednesday 23rd March at 10.30 a.m. the above meeting will take place following the Holy Communion Service at 9.30 a.m. All those on the Church and Parish Electoral Roll are eligible to attend the meeting, where details of finances and activities for the year 2021 will be available. Please join us if you can.

REVISION OF THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Two weeks prior to the Annual Meetings (see above) a revision of the Church Electoral Roll will take place. A notice, providing details, was available on the Parish Notice Board since the 21st of February and will remain until the 7th of March 2022. If you are already on the Electoral Roll and wish to continue there is nothing more for you to do.

Margaret Gornall

FUTURE EVENT - CULPHO CRAFT FAIR AND PLANT SALE

This event will take place at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho IP6 9DH on Saturday 16th April 2022 from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Admission is free so why not come along and enjoy tea and cake, a lovely selection of craft items and plants for sale. You will find items for the home, jewellery, toys, artwork, and a range of other crafts. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

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customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk or phoning 0345 606 6171 In an emergency contact the police.

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<https://www.csduk.com/CSD/Transportandstreets/Public+Rights+of+Way>

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