

Fynn - Lark News

MAY 2022



MINGLED MUSINGS FROM PLAYFORD

It's funny as one gets older and looks back to those halcyon days of youth. Every Easter seemed to be sunny. Every visit to the seaside was warm, happy, ice cream laden and exciting. But as one gets older the number of times it rains on a bank holiday seems to increase. "Will it be different this year?" is the question we dare not ask just in case we annoy the god of holidays.

But if one looks back over the last fifty years of weather records there is not much difference between then and now. Except of course for the long hot summer of '76 and the mega storm of '87.

The real test is to watch small children playing on the beach. Come rain or shine they are happy, smiling and seem not to have a care in the world. Perhaps adults should be more like children. We have a lot to be thankful for, never mind the weather.

THE WAR IN UKRAINE

The horrific scenes from Ukraine are sometimes so repulsive that it is difficult to comprehend. Some scenes are so emotionally upsetting that one finds it difficult to watch. A father putting his hand on the train window as it moves off with his

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

little boy inside crying. Or a young woman telling of her rape by a number of soldiers and is now pregnant. What should she do?

Is it time we stopped making films glorifying war? Whoever thought we would see another war in Europe? But the old saying is true. The price of peace is eternal vigilance.

GARDENING QUESTIONS

•Why ave slugs eaten all but one off my six broccoli plants?

•Why after three weeks have my spring onions not appeared?

•Why are my potato plantings doing so ridiculously well this year?

THE HOUSING CRISES

As the population of this country increases so we need more housing. The figures for 2019 (170,000) for 2020 (125,000) and 2021 (184,000) fall far short of the estimated 315,000 per year required up until 2030. Should we build more Council houses? The consensus is yes, but where? If a Council does not own any land, it is difficult. Should the price of a new house come down? Yes, but how? We could pay less for land. We could go back to the early 1950's where say a farmer is paid agricultural rates for his land rather than development rates. We could go back to the 1940's and compulsory purchase. There are lots of building initiatives which bring down the costs. It's will power though. The planning process is complicated and lengthy. Until that changes, we are stuck in a never-ending race to catch up.

NATURE

Sitting here typing this up, I look out of my window and watch a robin just a few feet away that has made a nest in a thick green creeper growing on the Victorian red brick garden wall. He goes off to collect food darting between branches on the newly blossoming trees. He comes back, proudly, with a small worm in his beak. Before going into the nest, he stops on a short length of stick that marks a line of seed in the raised bed. He looks left and waits. He looks right and waits. Is it all clear? I make a small unintended

movement with my arm. Spotted! Danger! He flies a few yards away, luring the perceived danger far from his nest. He waits, checking. He's taking no chances. All seems well. He moves forward to his original check point. He looks left. He looks right. He waits. All seems safe. He makes a mad dash into the creeper. All is silent. Minutes pass, then suddenly he leaves the nest and flies out of sight. Two minutes later he arrives back and takes up his position on the stick, his observation post. The ritual begins again, left, right, no movement, all clear, go! He is in the nest with food in his mouth. He does this time and time again throughout the day. Never tiring from the monotony of finding food and staying alive, feeding the young so that they can grow up and take their turn to look left, look right and dash for safety.

AND...

Its seven o'clock in the morning and the sun has just started to shine through the morning cloud. The robin has started his day. Two pigeons are dancing about on the conservatory roof making a heck of a row. The cat is stretched out on some warm concrete outside sleeping peacefully. A seventy-five-ton lorry passes by the bottom of the garden wall, the cab not visible below the top of the wall, just the roof of this slow-moving box going down a very narrow country road. Lost? Maybe. Satnav? Probably. A loud crash and ping. Ah! Another wing mirror bites the dust. I go out to the road to retrieve the pieces which are definitely irreparable. I then wonder whether the driver has the cost of damage taken from his wages and if so, the effect that will have on his families' budget. I walk back up my drive and breathe deeply the fresh morning air.

Now, what can I write about that will interest anyone? I haven't a clue. I sit down in front of the computer. A very hesitant finger presses the letter M...

Colin Hedgley

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

HON. JILL GANZONI

It is with deep regret that I have to announce the death of my beloved Godmother, the Hon. (Mary) Jill Ganzoni, sister to the late John Belstead, on 21st April 2022. I was with her a few hours before her death and she slipped away peacefully at her care home in Grove Court, Woodbridge.

She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Marian Jill Hedgley

particular, can not only be spotted but also heard as they wheel across the skies in squadrons that become ever larger as the breeding season progresses, screaming and squealing in apparent delight at their formation acrobatics, dispersing, and then coming back together again on low level sorties above our rooftops. With the predictable departure of the swallows in early August, our skies become quieter, and one is left with the uncomfortable feeling that summer is on the way out. Our swallows are the symbols of high summer.

BEALINGS PLANT SALE

The organisers of the joint Bealings Plant Sale can but apologise for the fact that there will be no full-blown Plant Sale this year. Sadly, this is the third year in a row, the previous two having been disrupted by Covid, the impacts of which are still being felt, not only in terms of on-going caution, but also in terms of old habits which are slow to pick up again.

The 2022 Plant Sale is a victim of that, but, even so, we hope that the various lists available, both of suppliers and of potential buyers, will help to keep the spirit of the sale going. The future of the event is a nettle to be grasped.

NATURE NOTES - SWIFTS

Some time, usually around the middle of April onwards, our skies become alive with our summer migrants, the swallows, swifts and martins. The swifts, in



But as we now know all too well, this species is under threat. Fewer and fewer of them make it back to these shores. Hazards lurk on the journey, and nesting sites become ever scarcer. The latest issue of the RSPB's magazine highlights the danger. Swifts are on the red list – seriously endangered. But what can we do? For a start really appreciate them while they are here, and more

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fundamentally ensure that they return to a habitat and nesting sites which are attractive to them, and which replace those which have been lost. There are organisations which can help you do this. Seek them out.



king, and that his reign marked the process of conversion from beliefs in the old Germanic gods to Christianity. His non-Christian burial site may have been the outcome of a family quarrel.

Norfolk and Suffolk were the major areas subject to invasions from the Angles and the Saxons across the North Sea, and evidence survives in place names, and unearthed treasures, most dramatically at Sutton Hoo. The quality of artefacts and jewellery found in this county, and, indeed, locally – see the depiction on the village sign of the Saxon sword discovered in a Little Bealings field by Great Bealings resident, Major Moor - tend to give the lie to the idea that these were primitive people.

HISTORY CORNER

THE ANGLO-SAXONS AND US.

BBC2 is just into an eight-part series called *Art that Made Us*. It presents a history of the British Isles, told through art. The first programme, shown recently, was particularly relevant to these parts, with our Anglo-Saxon heritage. The centrepiece was an item called “*Spong man*.” The figure was described as an ornate earthenware figure, probably once on top of a cremation urn.

This urn lid was found during excavations at Spong Hill, North Elmham, Norfolk, within the largest known Anglo-Saxon cremation cemetery. It had become separated from its urn, but when complete, the decorated urn and its lid would probably have stood about 35 cm tall. One is easily led to speculate on the attitude and expression of the figure, and its relevance to contemporary beliefs. Awe, wonder and puzzlement are displayed. Even though these Anglo-Saxon years from the fourth through to the mid-eleventh century, are retrospectively called “the dark ages”, that term may well stem from Christian writers who controlled the writing of history and could retrospectively determine how the age that preceded them might be defined. Raedwald was probably the first Christian



Spong man is unique among surviving examples of Anglo-Saxon pottery. Although called “Spong Man”, the figure has no features to define its sex. It is one of very few three-dimensional representations of humanoid figures from the entire Anglo-Saxon period. Our county and many villages owe their names and much else to the Anglo-Saxons. It is easy to forget the legacy of those 600 years after the Romans and before the Vikings.



Returns to Little Bealings Churchyard,
Wednesdays
3:10 - 3:45pm
from 4th May

Fun activities for all ages that benefits the wildlife and people who use the churchyard.

An after school group for primary aged children and their families, by Little Bealings Church, Lightwave & the East Suffolk Community Partnership



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Are you over 65, live in Suffolk and would like to learn about mindfulness? In partnership with the Gatehouse charity, clinical psychologist Adele Pacini with a wealth of experience gained in the NHS is delivering a free 10-week online mindfulness course for people who would like to learn about managing stress, anxiety, low mood and ease pain. The course feedback has shown improvements in overall wellbeing as well as memory, attention and concentration and is a great way to take care of yourself and meet other people. The course will run on Tuesdays between 10 am -12 noon from 3rd May. Courses for carers or former carers who are over the age of 65 are also available. Places are free but limited and can be booked via:<https://www.adelepacini.co.uk>

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Leah also offers adult classes on Tuesday evenings.



All classes are all back to normal and if you would like to join, just contact Leah for more details.on 01473 735880.

GREAT BEALINGS

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Bealings Village Hall

7.00 p.m. Tuesday 10th May 2022

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any issues. We hope that you will be able to join us.

All community groups are also invited to attend and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will take place immediately afterwards.

For further information please contact
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outcome of Easter, and its coinciding with the new life of Spring that now need to find their counterparts in Ukraine. It is difficult to identify with the mental contortions of the Russian Orthodox church, as it finds reasons to support the war. As this piece is being written there are all too many signs of possible escalation. Let us hope that the voices of moderation, indeed of eventual peace, prevail. We are now very much aware of those possible wider effects of conflict, even as we enjoy the peaceful idyll which is life and in and around the Fynn-Lark valleys.

LOOKING BACK

Our Easter Service took place at a later time than usual – 10.30 – on a glorious sunny day. We are grateful to Rev Peter Wintgens for standing in at the eleventh hour, taking the place of Rev Dr John Hare who had been struck down by Covid. It was good to see a sizeable congregation, including a number of families, and to enjoy singing favourite Easter hymns, accompanied by stand-in (but it didn't show!) organist Farran Douse. Appropriate candles were lit in the course of the service and there were Easter eggs for all at the end. It felt like a proper village celebration of this Festival, and we are grateful to John Hare who had put the whole service together.

LOOKING AHEAD**WORKS**

All is set for refurbishment of our five bells in readiness for the Jubilee Service on June 5th. One of the bell ropes had broken, others were frayed, and the bells were in need of general repairs. The work will be carried out in May, and we are

**ST MARY'S
CHURCH NOTES**

Last month Covid seemed to be merely lingering. This month it seemed to come back with a vengeance, and most of us know of several people who have fallen victim. One of those affected was Rev Dr John Hare, who was to have taken our Easter Service. Happily, his place was taken, seamlessly, by Rev Peter Wintgens, and we were able to celebrate Easter as we should, that Festival symbolising, as it does, the very antithesis of the war in Ukraine. Well, perhaps that's not quite right. The reality of a man nailed to a cross and the terrible human suffering in that war-stricken country are of a piece. It is the joyous

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grateful to Viridor for a grant, and to the Pritchatt family for a generous contribution to make this work possible. Our bells are of fine provenance and deserve this little bit of TLC – our Jubilee project, with the bells' ropes set to be coloured red, white and blue.

SERVICES

Our service at **9.30 am on Sunday 1st May** will be followed by our **Annual Parish meeting**, with reports available on this year's activities, and elections for various PCC positions, including Churchwarden. We do urge people to stay behind and to contribute to this important meeting.

A sign-in sheet for the Platinum Jubilee bell-peal will be available from this date, together with a platinum-bound book for people to write their memories and tributes to Elizabeth, our Queen for the last 70 years.

Our mid-month service of Morning Prayer is at **10.30 a.m. on Sunday 15th May**.

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

The wildflowers are growing in profusion: cowslips, buttercups, daisies, bringing out all the butterflies and insects – well worth a wander around.

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

SPECIAL MEETING – VILLAGE HALL – 31ST MARCH

Our grateful thanks to the three dozen or so people who came along to this special event to discuss the future of our Village

Church, and the challenges it faces. Fr Nigel Prior chaired the meeting and outlined the challenges, with supporting presentations from churchwarden, Norman Porter, and Treasurer, Will Self. There were also significant contributions from the floor. There was no shortage of ideas and suggestions. These are all being collated, and digested, and we hope to have ideas for possible implementation in time for the Annual Meeting on May 1st.

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

As has been previously advertised, 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.

During the day there will be an on-going chiming of bells, and people/families are invited to sign in for a 5-minute slot during the course of the day. A sign-in list will be available at the back of the church as from May 1st. Outline instructions – very simple – will be given. Tower visits will hopefully also be possible, escorted. It will be made visually obvious that celebrations are afoot - bunting etc.

OPEN GARDENS

We are still hoping to organize something similar to last year's Open Gardens on Saturday June 25th. With the scaling down of the Spring Plant Sale, this could well be an opportunity to buy and sell plants. The Platinum Jubilee is something to be celebrated over a period of time, so the end of June is still very much within appropriate parameters.

Please make a note in diaries about the return of The Illuminati in concert at St Mary's, Great Bealings, on **Saturday July 9th**.



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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of matters considered at the Council meeting held on 11 April:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident spoke against planning application DC/22/0566/OUT.

Esc COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Mr Garnham had attended the March meeting and would attend again in May.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The shared SAVID SID would be displayed at the Village Hall and in The Street during April. Funds had been received from SAVID for a new SID, which was on order and would be shared with Playford.

FOOTPATH 18

A meeting had been held with SCC and the landowner and it was established that the footpath ran to the north of the vehicular track. The landowner had agreed to the route being cleared by the Footpath Wardens, and SCC would provide new signing. SCC was also arranging for the bridge to be inspected.

REPLACEMENT OF DOG FOULING SIGNS ON FOOTPATH 3

The sign at the southern end had been vandalised and it was agreed to purchase further signs and replace, as necessary.

NOTICEBOARD IN PLAYFORD ROAD

The Council was pleased to accept an offer from the local Plymouth Brethren of funding for a new noticeboard and its installation, and

to add £57 to the cost to enable a green rather than silver aluminium finish.

MINK RAFTS ON THE RIVER FYNN

Suffolk Wildlife Trust had reported sighting of mink on the river near The Street and had asked the Council if mink rafts could be installed for capture. This would be considered by the Trust and the landowner.

Esc COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND CORE MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed that the Council wished to be a Core Member and that Mr Ransome would represent the Council at meetings.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

SCC/0071/19/SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund

SCC/0097/21C: Sinks Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 2PE.

Part retrospective erection of a wooden close boarded fence along part of southern site boundary.

These applications had been approved by SCC, but concerns about implementation would be raised with SCC.

APP/X3540/X/21/3270081: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

ESC had advised that it was awaiting information on the lease of alternative premises for the business activities.

DC/22/0896/FUL: Construction of a summer house in front garden and additional driveway access to create an in/out driveway: Camelot 9 Beacon Lane

There was no objection to the development.

SINKS PIT

A Joint Advisory Liaison Group meeting was arranged for 13 April.

FINANCE

The Internal Auditor was appointed. It was agreed not to pursue a new Premium Account with Barclays as charges were likely to be introduced. Ms Saagi would be added as a signatory on the NS&I Account, and new mandates were in hand for the Barclays account signatories.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

The owners had advised the Council that the car park was not for sale other than with the main pub building. It was agreed to carry out a resident and visitor survey to see if there was support for pursuing a compulsory purchase of the car park with ESC.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 3 May in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

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

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

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Website: <https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/>

JUBILEE FLOWER FESTIVAL – UPDATE

All Saints church will be celebrating the Queen's 70 years of service Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th June with a beautiful Flower Festival. Come enjoy the celebration, rambles, creams teas and light lunches; dress posh or get your walking boots out, there's something for everyone!

In addition to our main advert:

ADDITIONAL WALKS

There are now TWO Fynn Valley walks led by Francis and John. *Francis says*, 'To coincide with the festival, our regular walking group invites you to join us on a 'royal ramble' around Bealings and

Playford. To add a bit of fun we'll be revealing various local 'royal' connections and stories we have uncovered, which we hope will entertain you on the way round. The walks will be about 4 miles in length and will take place on Thursday 2nd and Saturday 4th June, departing All Saints Church, Little Bealings at 10.00 a.m. Everyone welcome!

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE QUEEN

On the Thursday, we invite children to bring their flower arrangements for the Queen. Bring them in a jam jar, or perhaps buy a block of Oasis (available from Hobbycraft) to make a beautiful arrangement in an ice cream tub. As arrangements come in we will make a children's garden fit for the Queen. A photo will be sent to the Queen on behalf of the children. We are also offering a children's 'Make a Crown' activity, with all materials supplied.

Queen's Garden Party

A reminder to dress like royalty (if you wish) for our Queen's Garden Party 12.00 – 4.00 p.m. on the Friday. It's nice to dress up sometimes, so let's get our posh frocks out, hats and fascinators. Children we'd love to see you dressed up as princes, princesses, Beefeaters, and anyone brave enough as royalty lookalikes! Let's celebrate our Queen in style!


GRAND FINALE

Saturday's [grand finale](#) closes with a 5.00 p.m. Songs of Praise singing the Queen's favourite joyful hymns in thanks for her long service before a 6.00 p.m. Family Fun Evening with Right Royal Quiz.

We're so looking forward to this weekend!

If you would like to help at the event or donate a flower arrangement or flowers, please contact Helen Wittgreffe on 07825 004585 or

helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com



All Saints Little Bealings

Platinum Jubilee Event

Thursday 2nd to Saturday 4th June 2022

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Saturday: 10am Fynn Valley Walk (4 miles)

5pm Songs of Praise

6pm Family Fun Evening

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NEWS & EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL MAY

Wednesday 4th Gardening Club Quiz 7.00 p.m.

Friday 6th Social Friday 7.00 p.m.

Saturday 7th Classic Film with Tea & Cake 2.30 p.m.

Friday 13th Fish & Chip Friday 7.15 p.m.

Please note: there is no Social Friday on Friday 20th May

JUBILEE CELEBRATION! 'HAPPY & GLORIOUS' Friday 3rd June

Champagne & Smoked Salmon Bar 6.00 p.m.

Show: 'Happy & Glorious' 7.30 p.m.

For details of all events and the classic film, please call: 01473 735153
or email: margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk

LENT SOUPS LUNCHES

£630 was raised and sent to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped and supported these events.

NB. ACH is available for Charity Fund Raising Events

Details...01473 620213

COMMUNITY LUNCHES

The monthly lunches start again on the first Tuesday of the month.

The lunch on Tuesday 3rd. May at 12.30 is a Spring Celebration Lunch.

Chicken, roast potatoes, vegetables etc.
Vegetarian option can be available.

Followed by Sandra's Christmas Pudding (at last!)

Tea/Coffee etc.

The lunch on Tuesday 7th. June at 12.30 will be a special Jubilee Lunch.

There will be a variety of salads and a 'Special Dessert'!

More information and bookings...01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com

REPAIR, REUSE, RECYCLE

The Local Council is encouraging community to find ways of reducing waste and saving money.

Do you have a skill or knowledge that could be shared with others to forward these aims? Eg. Clothing repairs, China mending, Small woodwork

It would be hoped that a group could meet at the Hall monthly to offer help when needed. A Saturday morning or afternoon with coffee/tea might be a suitable time.

Suggestions and ideas grateful received
...01473 620213

HALL BOOKINGS AND ENQUIRIES

The Angela Cobbold Hall is available for hire for private and educational use, including the use of china, cutlery and glasses etc.

All bookings & information from 01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com

Please note that all regular groups, clubs etc are listed on the Activities page at the back of this publication.



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Friday 3rd June

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6.00 p.m. - Champagne & Bar 7.30 p.m. - Show

Free entry - for more details please contact 01473 735153 or margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk

LITTLE BEALINGS CHURCH - THE REDECORATION, AT LAST!

As I write this, we are about to embark on the repainting of Little Bealings Church. It is such a wonderful space, with grand windows in the North Aisle casting a wonderful light, the surprising and enchanting interior arches, an audacious tower, and the beautifully painted East Window. I simply love the space and I think we are so blessed to have it as our own for the village... and it deserves to be freshly decorated. By the time you read this, it will have started at long last!

It has been years of planning to get to this point! The conditions for painting historic churches have tightened up stringently, to the extent that planning rules dictate that we are only allowed to use traditional painting materials, i.e., limewash. Gone are the days of being able to use emulsion and masonry paints. We are not allowed to use any preps, sealers, or modern paints or treatments of any kind, they are forbidden. If it were my own house, it would have been done in a jiff-replaster problem areas, sealer, primer, masonry- there you go. Not for our church though which is grade 2 listed.

To complicate matters, at Little Bealings we have a range of surfaces which are in contention with the edicts placed on us. A long time ago, possibly when the North Aisle was constructed in the 1850s, some of the interior walls in the South Aisle were re-rendered with sand-cement render, rather than lime plaster. This has left a legacy of problems. It has led to flaking paint and a surface which is pitted, and sand/cement is coming off in places. Also, the Northwest wall suffered damp (hopefully now resolved) which led to similar problems.

A few decades ago, however, the church was repainted. The team worked really hard to find the best paint at the time, a special masonry paint that had to be imported, that was breathable, at some expense. It did a great job for a while although it could never be expected to last forever and now the church needs a good refresh. We are not allowed to use this paint again!

So, I took up the mantle of trying to refresh our church once more. However, the edict from the C of E to use Limewash simply wouldn't have worked in our case. After approaching our decorator and architect with this condition, they both informed us that we would have to strip off entirely the existing paint, chip out all the sand/cement rendered walls, re-plaster and then re-paint, potentially causing damage in the process. This would also have taken rather more funds than we have even with grants. Simply painting limewash over the existing paint and surfaces without this extensive preparatory work would have caused flaking everywhere in a few years as it could not bind properly to the existing surfaces.

Our architect looked at this in detail and recommended instead a limewash called "Interlime", in an attempt to meet the edict to use a limewash mix whilst trying to find something that would work for us. This contains a small percentage of a bonding polymer, which helps it stick to existing paintwork and multiple surfaces such as the sand/cement render, whilst otherwise breathing and behaving like a regular limewash.

After a lot of persuasion - initially to me

with visits to other churches and test areas, and then in turn me to church planners... and a lot of determination, we finally gained permission to proceed, initially for the North Aisle and the worst affected areas in the South Aisle. We also have a "faculty" (planning permission) in process for the remainder of the church, which is 90% there, but it gives us a chance to make sure we are 100% happy with the other works before proceeding further to the heart of the church and its sanctuary.

This first phase commences on 27th April, and we will take it wall by wall. The sanctuary and remaining areas will follow when the final faculty is in place, hopefully in the holiday period mid-late summer.

It is a bit of a labour of love, but I am committed that our Church will look as beautiful as it can be, as are our whole team and our decorator. Our flaking walls will be consigned to history, at least for a few years anyway!

In terms of alternatives, we have exhausted them. Our hands are tied, and we can't use any modern paints with a nice "sheen". I have colour matched the paint and it will be refreshed, and we trust it will look so much better when all those flaking areas are gone. Limewash however has no "sheen" and is quite a different surface, so be prepared for a slightly different look, a medieval matt finish in fact, as the church will have presented through most of its history- limewash paint is in fact a thin coat of coloured plaster. I am doing my very best to make sure it feels light, airy, warm and homely amidst all the restrictions!

If you have any queries about the

repainting please contact me john.wittgreffe@btinternet.com, or you could always come and see me on our Saturday opening mornings between 10am and 12:30 in the church, and look at the test patches!

With every best wish

John Wittgreffe, Elder

<http://littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net>

BENEFICE UKRAINE RESPONSE

"I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35

Our Benefice is opening the Fred Upson Hall, beside All Saints Church Kesgrave, two days a week to offer support to Ukrainians coming into our parishes and their host families.

We aim to build a Ukraine community where we will offer friendship, listening, kindness, hot drinks and snacks, and support of all types. It will be a safe place where our Ukrainian guests can sit and have coffee with their own country folk, alongside us; speak their language while learning ours; and share their culture with us. We hope this will prevent our guests feeling isolated from their language, people and culture.

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into the darkness. Our Ukraine hub launches Saturday 30th April and is supported by members of all three parish churches, along with volunteers from the wider community.

If you have applied to host and want to know more, please contact me on helen.wittgreffe@btinternet.com

Our Easter Sunday service raised £68.50 for Ukraine through the sale of friendship bracelets made by Natalie, Kesgrave church's administrator. Natalie's family are still in Ukraine. The money has been sent directly to Ukraine to help feed hungry babies and hungry soldiers in the towns around Lviv/Tremenets. Should anyone wish to purchase a bracelet, these will be available at Little Bealings church on Saturday mornings between 9.30am and 12pm, and at services. Thank you all for your kindness.

Helen Wittgreffe

WORD FROM THE STUDY

A Happy and Blessed Easter to you all.

We are in the season of Easter well and truly. Looking back and recollecting on our services, it is encouraging to report that our numbers show an increase year on year at Easter and that is very encouraging; and it is always lovely to welcome new people.

This year we did a Passover meal at Playford Village Hall, an evening enjoyed by approximately 30 people. Our thanks to Corinne and her team for the preparation of the meal.

Good Friday at both Little Bealings and Playford was well attended.

St Mary's Playford opened its doors for a time of quiet prayer, we had a lot of people come and it was wonderful that the Church was used for a time of prayer and reflection. Natalie, our Parish Administrator, sang a song in Ukrainian, a very poignant and reflective moment indeed. The Angela Cobbold Hall raised money at the soup lunch for the Ukraine as well.

Kesgrave is opening up the Fred Upson Church Hall to welcome those from the Ukraine to meet together. If you would like to help, please contact Helen Wittgreffe, who is co-ordinating volunteers.

Every little thing we do that makes a difference to peoples whether abroad or here at home.

An outpouring of love and generosity for fellow human-beings reminds us that is the true message of Easter. Christ gave his life for us, our future secure and our response to that love is by showing and sharing our bounty, which makes the world a better place. Thank you to all those however much or however little you do; makes a difference to our community and to the world in which we live.

Please note that our ACPM at All Saints Little Bealings is having to be rearranged to **Wednesday, 11th May at 7pm** instead of 26th April due to circumstances beyond our control. Please accept our apologies and we look forward to welcoming you on 11th May in the Church.

Every blessing.

Reverend Gary Jones



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PLAYFORD W.I.

As this issue of the Fynn Lark News arrives through your letterbox we'll be about to have our open meeting so hope you might come along. On Tuesday 3rd May at 7.00 p.m. we'll be at Playford Church for a talk by Martin Yates on "The walls of Playford Church: a cabinet of curiosities", all about the unexpected stories of the stones and rocks used in our Church's walls. Refreshments will be available - as you'd expect from the WI!

There'll be more baking next month as part of our group's contribution to Playford's Jubilee celebrations. We're delighted and grateful to have received shopping vouchers for this from the East of England Co-Op Community Fund which invited applications from local groups' Jubilee events.

We've also engaged recently with St John's Ambulance and their 'Ask Me' campaign. In April, their Community Advocate Jan Mitchell shared her experience and gave us updates on the latest best practice for everyday first aid.

Looking ahead we will be researching the

WI's 2022 resolution being voted on at the National AGM in June: preparing Playford's entry for Suffolk East W.I.'s summer Creative Show, and perhaps getting in some practice ahead of our annual Boules challenge. Our varied 2022 programme continues!
playfordwi@gmail.com

ST MARY'S

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

Sunday 1st May Family Communion.

Sunday 15th May Morning Service.

On 16th March at Playford Church the funeral was held of Ron Hurlock.

He was known to many people far and wide firstly as "Ron the Optician" and secondly as "Ron the Artist".

He was a loyal and regular attender at our churches, especially Playford.

He was laid to rest in Playford churchyard in a spot of his own choosing or as he said to me "Yes this will do fine, it's a good view!"

Rest in peace Ron, our old friend.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

... for the village which, when complete, will be used by East Suffolk Council when deciding planning applications. Work is at an advanced stage and we're holding a drop-in session at Playford Village Hall on

Saturday 30th April 2022 between 10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

... to provide information on neighbourhood plans
and get your feedback on our work to date.

We hope you'll be able to pop along and see us

Marian Hedgley, Parish Clerk playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

BINKY AND CO.

Binky was livid. Not only had he had a bad experience last month with his online shoes order but now he was having trouble with his food order. Not the delivery from the supermarket, no that has always been first class. In fact, it occurred to Binky, why is it we can run a supermarket delivery service so well and yet running a country efficiently seems to be beyond any politician at present. Binky began to dream of setting up an apprenticeship scheme for MPs, one years' training at Tesco's as delivery drivers with all the inherent problems associated with getting to work by 8 am, loading the van making twenty deliveries before you can have a break, and then doing exactly the same in the afternoon finishing at 5pm. That would sort them out, thought Binky, especially when they have to deliver to old Mrs Bankspit who would regale anyone and everyone regarding her bowel problems.

She was the world's expert on colonoscopies. In fact,..... no, I will not go any further but if any reader wants to know about her lower bowel and it's 90 degrees turn, please give her a ring, especially if you have four hours of your life to waste.

Binky had long endured the pleasure of his wonderful wife Indigo's cooking. I say endured because as far as Binky was concerned it was three times a day a "poison avoidance" exercise. In fact, there were two separate occasions when he had near death experiences after partaking of one of her culinary delights. The first was her Elephant's Footprints with salad. Now what could possibly go wrong with spam fritters? Well, she made them at lunchtime and then re-heated them at five o'clock by putting them on to the radiator to warm up. It was the only time that Binky had a common item of conversation with Mrs Bankspit. The other time was when his lovely wife made some very small cupcakes using glace cherries. Except they were not cherries but their

son's marbles. So, Binky managed to upset his wife and son at the same time, a difficult feat at the best of times, by spitting out the marbles and shouting at her that she had overcooked the cherries.

It reminded Binky of his friend Spiffy from down the road. He was sitting at home and a police officer knocks on his door. The officer asks him if he is married and Spiffy replies, "Yes I am." He then asks him if he has a recent picture of his wife. "Sure, hold on a second." He said, as he went for a photo. The officer looks at the picture, and in a sad voice says, "I'm sorry, but it looks like your wife has been hit by a train." Spiffy says, "I know, but she has a good personality and is an excellent cook as well.

But back to his original gripe. Binky had decided to send off for one of these meals by post in order to overcome his wife's cooking abilities. Or disabilities. Whatever. It was a one meal trial offer. He was pretty pleased with the first one, a very simple sausage and mash with fresh green peas and gravy followed by spotted dick and custard. The next day another meal arrived. Binky thought that was very odd because the advert definitely stated, "One meal Trial Offer." He opened it up in a sort of excited but cautious manner. Sausage and mash again. Odd thought Binky but well it will not hurt to have the same again and at least I haven't paid for it. He considered e mailing the firm but thought better of it. It would only confuse the issue. The next day the same thing happened, and the next. E mails started to fly from Binky's computer. But the more Binky complained the more sausages were delivered. He phoned, he e-mailed, he wrote letters. After three weeks his fridge and freezer were full. He told his postie not to deliver any more. "Got to mate, more than my jobs worth" replied the postie. At this point Binky's wonderful wife came in. "Don't worry" she said, "I'll cook you a nice dinner." "Alright" said Binky as he reluctantly switched on the smoke alarm.

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

CRAFT FAIR UPDATE – HELD AT CULPHO CHURCH 16TH APRIL

Grateful thanks go to all who provided such a wide-ranging display of crafts for sale, including handmade cards, household linens, woodturning, a variety of bags and stuffed animals. All beautifully presented, including a selection of donated plants for sale in support of the Ipswich Choral Society. Also benefitting were the Charity FIND (the chosen charity for the I.C.S. for 2022) Thank you to those willing volunteers and to the considerable number of visitors who made the day so successful. Your support was very much appreciated.

CULPHO MUSIC- EVENTS 2022

The following events will take place in Culpho Church. The different genera of music, provides something for everyone, and it would be lovely if you are able to join us. The Church is renowned for its wonderful acoustics.

- ◆ **Saturday 14th May** Tickets £15 including interval refreshments

Hazel Brooks (violins) and Robin Walker (harpichord and organ)

Music Ancient and Modern - solo and duo music from the Renaissance & Baroque contrast with newly written works. As the days lengthen this programme will inspire, delight, and even challenge you in what promises to be a magical evening of music

- ◆ **Saturday 2nd July at 3pm** Tickets £15 including refreshments

Suffolk Singers, under the direction of Claire Weston, will perform a varied and beautiful programme of songs, followed by tea and cakes

- ◆ **Saturday 10th September at 7.30pm** Tickets £12 including refreshments

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Tickets for all events are available by contacting Chris Pearce
cmp0601@hotmail.com <https://culphomusic.uk/>

More events to come, so watch this space.

Best wishes,

Chris Pearce

CHURCH SERVICES AT CULPHO CHURCH DURING MAY 2022

Sunday 22nd May 2022 Evensong – commencing at 3 p.m.

Traditional Evensong service. Book of Common Prayer.

Thursday 26th May 2022 Ascension Day Service – commencing 9.30 a.m.

The celebration of Christ's ascension into Heaven will take place at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho with a **Carlford Benefice** Holy Communion service starting at 9.30 a.m. You will be most welcome to join us, where a warm welcome awaits.

(Please note this service replaces the Holy Communion service on Wednesday 25th May)

Margaret Gornall

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Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

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Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
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