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NOVEMBER 2021



FARMING BRIEFINGS

There is always something happening on the farming scene. Farming has been in the news, not least because a multitude of challenges have arisen over the last few weeks. Thankfully there have been some positive outcomes, particularly with this year's harvest.

So, firstly, some good news. This year's harvest has been described as "the wettest dry harvest I can remember." What this means is that the weather through August was overcast and drizzly, without any measurable rain, but with enough moisture to keep the grain wet. That came with a lack of the sunshine which would make the corn dry enough to combine. Happily, September came along with a spell of good weather so the job could be completed. Thankfully,

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

after the disastrous yields of harvest 2020, this year, 2021, eventually produced 5-year average crops. Rather better than was originally expected. The fields are now very visibly turning brown and green once again, as crops are established in readiness for harvest 2022. Arable farmers enjoy this time of year as it gives them a chance to make a fresh start and forget the mistakes they may have made in the management of the previous year's crops! But over-all the outcome this year has been satisfactory, if not without a bit of concern on the way. The potato harvest is a case in point.



Local potato harvest

Rather less reassuring is the pig situation. If you are out in the Suffolk countryside, especially anywhere east of the A12, you cannot fail to see the large contingent of outdoor pigs scattered across our fields. Suffolk is 2nd only to Yorkshire in the size of its county's pig population. The problems within the pig industry have been well documented in the media of late. Tales of pigs having had to be culled because of a lack of butchers have been widespread, with the more lurid reports suggesting that some pig farmers will go

out of business. On top of the lack of butchers there comes the dramatic increase in feed costs, particularly cereals and soya which make up a large proportion of a pig's diet. Additional labour and storage facilities are now in the process of being provided, but the results of this will take time to filter through. Now, as ever, farmers in the pig industry will require all the resilience they can muster. The situation will be challenging for some time yet.



Yes, farming is a stressful job. Economics and the climate make it unpredictable. The psychological consequences for the mental health of those involved can be devastating. Thankfully there are farming charities such as FCN (Farm Community Network) who can offer help in these uncertain times. Some readers may have seen me at the Suffolk Show, representing this charity. If you, or anyone you know is struggling, do please contact me. I am now retired but have spent all of my working life in farming, so understand the problems.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

REMINDER TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

Christmas is coming! may we remind all contributors that the next edition will be combined to cover December & January. *Deadline & publication dates are on pg.36*

Advertisers are reminded that the December/January issue will be the final edition of the year. We are very grateful to our advertisers for their invaluable and continued support which enables us to deliver this magazine free to every household in our 4 villages.

DIANA HEARLE

Passed on the 13th October 2021 aged 98years.

A resident of Bealings for 56 years and a former WREN at Bletchley Park.

A mother to Jeremy and Mandy, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

she has been in touch and intending to buy a copy of the Walking through History – in which she features, not least in the item about the 2000 Millennium Pageant. Christine is now living in Pembrokeshire, enjoying much walking, (picture below) and company of family, including great grandchildren. I do have her current address and can pass it on to anyone who would like to contact her.

Norman Porter

REV CHRISTINE EVERETT

Those readers who remember Rev Christine Everett might like to know that



CHURCH SERVICES

The four churches covered by this Magazine are no longer a Benefice. In fact, there are now three separate allegiances for the four churches. In those circumstances it seems appropriate to list the services alongside the parish news, rather than list them altogether, as a composite church item, at the end.

We are giving that a try this month but are happy to revert to the old system if too many readers think it is inappropriate.

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BURGLARIES

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SPY JERRY

Readers may remember that our July/August issue carried an article from Norman Finch about a spy story which would have slotted quite nicely into a work by the late John le Carre. Evidence of the readership of this Magazine reaching way beyond its natural borders came in the shape of an extensive communication from a relative of spy Jerry, the contents of which seemed to confirm all that Norman had written, plus further tantalizing trappings. In the interests of national and local security we must refrain from divulging further detail, but here is a copy of a 1996 Sunday Times article with news of the outcome and confirming the national notoriety of the affair.



HISTORY CORNER - Supply chains and all that

Supply chains are much longer than they used to be. They are also much more complicated, more liable to disruption, and in recent weeks have become a symbol of just how intricate and complex modern society has become. And how dependent we have all become on outside sourcing, often on goods from the other side of the world. We have been made aware of just how vulnerable we are.



Fresh from putting together the local history I cannot fail to be struck by how simple things used to be. We had our local carriers - Boggis being the major one - and they operated from next to the Admiral's Head, never travelling much outside the county, making journeys to and from shunting yard at the station,

and, in due season, off to the sugar beet factories in Bury St Edmunds or Sproughton, or nearby maltings. The supply lines otherwise seem to have been conducted by local vans or even bicycles, and rarely to have extended outside the county, apart possibly from London, where most of the traffic was from our farmers sending their produce to the big city.



Villages seem to have more much more self-sufficient. Of course, the range of

supplies on offer was much more limited, but most of it was sourced locally.

So that leads us on to the antidote to ever more complex supply chains – more local sourcing, as promoted in recent years by our farm shops and environmentally-aware restaurants. The absolute self-sufficiency that comes from growing or rearing much of one’s own produce is made ever more difficult by the lay-out of new estates, with the distinct lack of cultivable garden space, and by the assumption, seemingly, that all needs will be met by Tesco-like stores, with their extensive supply chains, rather than from one’s own resources.

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NATURE NOTES

Walking through History - An illustrated History of Great and Little Bealings

This past week will have seen a range of launch events – in the Village Hall, in St Mary's Church Shop, Woodbridge, and at the Grange Farm Shop. If you have somehow managed to miss all these and are still interested in buying a copy of the book @ £20 please email nhp@rillcott.co.uk, or Tel 01473 735565 and he will be pleased to deliver locally – or send distantly @ £25 to include packaging and postage. This really is a one-off, and supplies are limited.



THE ORB WEB GARDEN SPIDER

Gary Farmer photographed this spider which is resident in the garden of the Old Post office. She is female and apparently such spiders usually die after the first frost. They can, however, live for several years in mild weather.

Orb-weaving spiders are three-clawed builders of flat webs with sticky spiral capture silk. The building of a web is an engineering feat, in itself, rarely fully appreciated by human beings. The spider floats a line on the wind to another surface. The spider secures the line and then drops another line from the centre, making a "Y". The rest of the scaffolding follows with many radii of non-sticky silk being constructed before a final spiral of sticky capture silk. The third claw is used to walk on the non-sticky part of the web. The prey insect that blunders unsuspectingly into the sticky lines is stunned by a quick bite, and then wrapped in silk. If the prey is a venomous insect, such as a wasp, wrapping may precede biting and/or stinging. Much of the orb-spinning spiders' success in capturing insects depends on the web not being visible to the prey, with the stickiness of the web increasing the visibility and so decreasing the chances of capturing prey. This leads to a trade-off between the visibility of the web and the web's prey retention ability.

Many orb-weavers build a new web each day. They tend to be active during the evening hours and hide for most of the day. Generally, towards evening, the spider will consume the old web, rest for approximately an hour, then spin a new web in the same general location.

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GREAT BEALINGS

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Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings

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ST MARY'S

This has been a busy month. Not only did we have a highly successful clearing up of the churchyard the day before our Harvest Festival, but we also had a Burial of Ashes and a Pet Service. Sadly, our proposed concert had to be cancelled for covid-related reasons – happily not local. However, the over-all effect was one of increasing activity and of the church getting pack to a more purposeful way of life. This is as it should be – not just services, but other community related activities loosely or directly linked to the church.

That pattern of activity continues into the future, with the Remembrance Service coming up in mid-November, the Benefice Christmas Market at the end of November, and our Christmas activities, with the carol service now underpinned by the participation of the choir from St Mary's, Woodbridge. The church is very much part of your community, and deeply rooted in it. Do join us, however irregularly.

LOOKING BACK

BURIAL OF ASHES – JOHN PRITCHATT

This took place on September 24th. Some readers may remember that John was the husband of the late Joy, and that the two of them, with deep roots in the parish and church of Great Bealings, had for some years, and before increasing fragility took its toll, come across regularly from Felixstowe to join us in our services.



They had arranged a special service in the church to celebrate 60 years of marriage, having originally been married in St Mary's, an example of the kind of historical continuity that we so treasure.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This took take place on **Sunday October 3rd**. Our thanks to all who provided beautiful floral arrangements to embellish the windowsills, and other parts of the church. Thanks to for plentiful offerings of food suitable to be donated to the local Salvation Army food bank. The service began at 11.30, so was timed to fit in with a lunch-time picnic – a good opportunity to catch up.

BENEFICE PET SERVICE

This took place at 3.00 on Sunday



17th.October. The service was followed by tea, cake and dog biscuits. Humanoids and canines were perfectly behaved, and this is a service we very much recommend for years to come. It was very special, and we were reminded of how important our pets are in our lives, maybe and most recently, particularly in the dark days of lockdown. They also accompany us on so many of our walks through the local countryside, and, indeed, are so often the motivation for taking those walks.

LOOKING AHEAD - SERVICES

Sunday November 7th – 9.30 a.m. - our regular first day of the month Service.

Carol Service: For those who like to think well ahead to the date of this year's Carol Service, we are pleased to confirm that **Friday 17th December at 7.30 p.m.** is the time to put in your diary. We will be joined by the Woodbridge Choir on this occasion. Other services are provisionally planned as below:

Christmas Eve:

4.00 p.m. Benefice Crib & Christingle Service @ Woodbridge.

8.00 p.m. Christmas Night Family Communion @ Great Bealings.

11.00 p.m. Sung Parish Mass for Midnight @ Woodbridge.

Christmas Day:

8.00 a.m. Said Eucharist @ Woodbridge.

10.00 a.m. Benefice Festival Eucharist @ Woodbridge.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

It is planned to hold a Benefice Christmas Market in St. Mary's, Woodbridge, on Saturday 27th November -4 -7 pm in aid of our two churches. If you would like to set

up a stall with appropriate merchandise, we would be pleased to hear from you. This promises to be a lively pre-Christmas occasion, so please make a note of it in your diaries – a very good opportunity to show support for the partnership between our two churches.

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

CHURCHYARD

The annual clear-up took place on the morning of Saturday 2nd October. Around a dozen people devoted much energy to clearing the churchyard, and such was their devotion to the task that everything was cleared by 12.00 – the time forecast for the arrival of heavy rain – which did duly arrive, almost to the minute. Huge thanks to all who made this such a successful occasion, not only in terms of the work completed, but also as a good opportunity to chat and enjoy one another's purposeful company. We can hopefully now look forward to 6 months vegetal hibernation, all now safely prepared for the long winter months.



We can also confirm that the overflow car park has been regularly mowed over the summer, and that it will be called into service once we can get back to organizing larger scale events.

Norman Porter. Churchwarden (

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Last year the Great Bealings Act of Worship at 11 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday was led by the Rev Andy Todd, and we very much hoped that he would again officiate. Sadly, this will no longer be possible, due to his untimely death in July.

Our Rector, Father Nigel is very much caught up with his civic duties in Woodbridge at that time, so in the circumstances he, the PCC and Parish Council have jointly agreed that, rather than move the ceremony to another time when Father Nigel could be actually available, we shall maintain past tradition and hold the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11.00 a.m. This will be a community affair, led by our Church Warden, Norman Porter, with contributions from members of the Parish.

Everyone is warmly invited to join in the ceremony to remember the fallen of Great Bealings during two World Wars. [There will be refreshments in the church to follow.]

Given the unusual circumstances, prior to the commencement of the formal ceremony, there will be a short tribute to Rev Andy Todd.

Fr Nigel Prior (Priest-in-Charge)

Sue Prentice (Chair, Great Bealings Parish Council)

Norman Porter (Churchwarden),

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23rd September

TALKING BENCH

Sally Johnson(SJ) advised that the proposed three steps leading up to the bench need concreting in, she will find a local contractor to do this, and also install a handrail. Colin Hedgley (CH) confirmed that the money remaining in the Parish Planters can be used for this purpose.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACONS

Sue Prentice (SP) confirmed that the PC would not be having a beacon, but instead a joint celebration event will be organised with Lt. Bealings PC who have nominated a representative for a Steering Group. Caroline Saunders (CS) and SJ volunteered to be involved with this.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT SCHEME

Anthony Sheppard is working with St Marys Woodbridge PCC who are taking over the New Horizons Club which will be available to residents of Gt. Bealings

REPORTS

County Councillor, Elaine Bryce – EB had submitted a report which had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. She advised Cllrs that she is on a Policy and Development Panel to discuss fire response times and asked for any feedback on this matter.

District Councillor, Colin Hedgley – a report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on the householder who was fined after fly-tipping of black plastic sacks, and complaints that have been made about

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/3993/FUL – Regency House, Lower Street – Retrospective application for timber outbuilding for storage of garden maintenance equipment - SP reported on comments received from two residents. The building is on a flood plain and not within the curtilage of the property. It was unanimously resolved to object to this application on the basis of prospective harm to neighbouring properties and the possibility of environmental pollution.

DC/21/4194/FUL – Holywell, Grundisburgh Road – Erection of new fence on front boundary - It was resolved to support this application

Decision Updates:

DC/21/2671 – Brookend – application permitted by ESC

DC/21/3045 – Land next to Lavender Cottage – awaiting decision

Other Planning Matters - A resident has expressed concern about the state of two construction sites in Lower Street. As this is 'work in progress' there is no action the PC can take at the moment, but the matter will be kept under observation.

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SP reported that the requested grant has been received and the report by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust is due by the end of September, then the drafting can begin. The money must be spent by the end of March 2022.

HIGHWAYS

SAVID/SID – SP has completed the ANPR form and located a suitable position for the camera but this needs the permission of the nearest householder. EB reported that she has made enquiries

about the possibility of extending the 30mph limit in Lodge Road and has been advised by SCC Highways that it is unlikely to meet the necessary criteria. She will find out what these are and advise the Clerk. A report and speed survey would be needed. CH attended a Community Partnership meeting on road safety. It was concluded that the needs of small villages are getting swamped by the requirements of larger communities. There will be a further meeting, solely for the smaller villages. It was noted that the inertia from SCC Highways is problematic.

QUIET LANES

SP has received a map of where the posts will be which is being progressed by SCC

FOOTPATHS

A resident has reported a problem concerning fly-tipping on bridleways, which have not been actioned by ESC despite having been reported. The PC will also submit a report. The website will be updated with details of how to report fly-tipping. SP is in communication with SCC about the Discover Suffolk scheme, in which plaques will be attached to fingerposts. A risk assessment must be completed first.

TREES - QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

CS reported on the briefing she had attended with SALC. John Carter-Jonas has ordered 3packs of 50 trees from the Treewarden's Network – these are a variety of native trees, and will be planted along Rosery Lane. These come with stakes and guards. Volunteers will be needed to assist with the planting and upkeep. SP reported that Charles Barrington has some self-sown native field maples growing in his garden which

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FINANCE AND ADMIN

Eight payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and expenses, the Data Protection Fee, the Insurance Renewal and some Cllr training.

Bank Reconciliation – this was approved and signed

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

There have been no enquiries regarding this

MEET YOUR MP EVENTS

An invitation has been received from Dr Poulter's office for the PC to host a virtual "Meet your MP" event. The Clerk will circulate a message via the e-newsletter asking residents if there are any particular issues they would like to raise.

Summarised notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/4327/FUL – Barn B, Former Woodbarn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – Demolition of Barn B and concrete hard standing to the North East and South East and reinstate as meadow - The Council resolved unanimously to support this application

AP/21/0044 – Barn A, Land adjacent former Woodbarn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – Appeal against ESC refusal of planning permission for conversion to dwelling house -The PC had submitted strong objections to ESC regarding the Planning Application, and these will be forwarded to the Inspector by ESC. It was decided that the PC had nothing further to add for the Inspector.

DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

Tuesday 9th November at 6.00 p.m.

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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POSTPONED CONCERT

We apologise for having had to postpone the planned concert by Duo Hellier. A case of Covid in the musicians' family made it impossible to go ahead. We hope that it will be third time lucky, and that the next time we plan such a concert it will escape the stultifying clutches of Covid.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Together with our partner church, St Mary's, Woodbridge, we are holding a Christmas Market, in Woodbridge, in the church on Saturday 27th November -3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

These are now being published under the separate parish headings, for the sake of local convenience.



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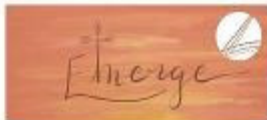


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COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ACH

Grateful thanks to all those who shared the Community Lunch in October. We raised £120 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall. Also, many thanks to all those who helped to clear away and wash-up, and to Tracy Herrington for flowers, serving and making sure everything runs smoothly. The next Community Lunch is on Tuesday 2nd November 12.30 p.m. We shall be serving

Sausage & Bean Casserole (Ann Tate's recipe from the Village Cookbook)

French bread/ Brown bread

Pumpkin Pie & Ice cream

Tea/ Coffee

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FIND

FIND is a local charity running a foodbank to support those in need in the Ipswich area and the Community of Little Bealings wholeheartedly supports this cause with both practical and financial donations. All Saints Church is an ongoing collection point. Throughout Advent (1st December onwards) the Porch at the Angela Cobbold Hall will be open for donations and there will also be other collection points at Broom Bank, Sandy Lane, the Village Hall. (Times, dates and places to be confirmed.) The monies raised by the Christmas Community Lunch this year will also go to FIND, as have contributions from the showing of Sky Fall.

Knit & Natter

This group meets on alternate Mondays at Angela Cobbold Hall from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday

1st.November. No need to knit just natter!
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BEALINGS BELLES

Informal ladies group meets on the third Wednesday of each month.

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SMALL WORLDS - EACH Treehouse Appeal

There will be an exhibition of dolls houses, room boxes, dolls and vintage toys at the Angela Cobbold Hall with seasonal refreshments. There will be a collection for the EACH Treehouse Appeal. Saturday 27th. & Sunday 28th. November 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. daily. If you have any items you would like to exhibit or can help with the setting up, stewarding or serving refreshments your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact 01473 620213.
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Fourth Thursday of the month 2.15-2.45 p.m.

IF WALLS COULD TALK!

Tony and I were having our usual after-work chat in the summer house discussing the imminent festive season and all the events in the Church, when one of us said: "If walls could talk"! This got us discussing the said phrase and after a look at good old Google the meaning of the phrase states "Used for saying that many interesting things have happened in a room or building although you don't know all the details". This led us to ponder the many services, events-- both happy and sad--and everything else

that the Church has witnessed in its more than 700 years of life.

Just in the last four weeks, the Church walls have seen 2 christenings, 6 services, 4 morning prayer sessions, 4 Fynn Valley guided walks, 4 Pilates classes, 8 theatre group workshops and 4 choir practices. On top of that, there's been a boiler service, an oil delivery, cleaning and replacing of all the light bulbs, supply deliveries, maintenance inspection, and the general pre-winter tidy of the cupboards and the general sweeping and cleaning that goes on every week!

Given the past month's activities, if the Church walls could talk, I'm sure they would say, "What a wonderful time the last 4 weeks have been--seeing the Church come to life with all manner of events going on. Churches are the heart of our communities and bringing our Church to life with the help of others makes Tony and I proud to be part of our ever-growing house of God.

Looking ahead, we have lots coming up this month and next, including 3 Sunday services in a row! Please see our separate "What's on Diary" for complete calendar details. Two special services of note:

CAKE SALE IN AID OF ALL SAINTS FLOWER FUND

We are very lucky to have the amazing talents of Helen Wittgreffe who has taken on the role of our church flower organiser! Over the last couple of months Helen W has been busy making sure we always have beautiful flowers displayed in our lovely church. It brings such a sense of joy and peace to walk in and see the wonderful array of colours on display by Helen W. To boost our flower fund and enable Helen to continue producing her wonderful flower displays we are going to hold a cake sale fundraiser in the church on Friday, 3rd of December from 3.00 p.m.-4.30 p.m. and again on Saturday the 4th of December from 2.00 p.m. through to 9.00 p.m., (this will take place

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alongside our wreath workshop and festive Christmas drinks evening). We hope you will pop in a buy a slice of cake to support the flower fund at All Saints,

Any donations towards the fund are also very much welcomed our general account details are... sort code 20-98-07 Account number 10583898, please reference this with "flower fund". Also, if you wish to sponsor the church flowers for a special occasion or to remember a loved one, please do get in contact,

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 14TH AT 10.15 A.M.

A service will take place in the Church from 10.15 a.m. followed by an outside service around the War Memorial from 10.50 a.m., we look forward to welcoming all.

STIR UP SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 21ST AT 10.00 A.M.

We are pleased to bring back our "Stir Up Sunday" event this year, which will begin with a very short service of reflection on its meaning, followed by the making of the Christmas puddings! Please contact Corinne on 07810 355511 or corinnejarvis@hotmail.co.uk to book by Wednesday November 17th so we have enough supplies. A suggested donation of £5 per family will cover the costs of the ingredients.

DECEMBER SERVICES AND EVENTS

Please see our separate "What's on Diary" for complete information on December's services and events, including the very special Carol and Crib Services, and we look forward to seeing you in Church for this wondrous season in the life of our Church.

With every blessing, *Corinne & Tony*

WORD FROM THE STUDY

O Lord, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

This is a prayer that we often use at the end of an evening service in Church. It was originally from The Book of Common

Prayer for those whose life was coming to an end, but over the years, the Church has adapted it as a prayer to be used at the end of the day. It is letting the body and the soul relax and entrust ourselves to God.

Autumn, now slowly drifting into winter feels like the days are getting shorter, nights longer, gardens starting to look a bit sorry for themselves after the vibrant summer/autumn colours. So now we will spend a bit more time indoors, perhaps tidying up our study (100% agree with that), doing things that we have been putting off, or even spending a bit more time with the family. Either way, we are keen to do the things that have been on our list.

Looking after ourselves is something a lot of us are guilty of not doing, such is the busyness of our lives. As we come into November, which is known as the season of remembrance, we will stop and pause as we remember those who have died defending our freedom, followed by All Souls Day, when we remember those nearest and dearest to us.

Both at St Mary's Playford and All Saints Little Bealings will both hold services on Remembrance Sunday, 14th November, please do come along and join us. Please feel free to light a candle to remember a loved one, or just to say "thank you" and yes, light one for yourself and bring your cares and concerns before God. Time spent with God is not a waste, it is an investment. God welcomes the time we spend with Him, because He created us and knows us.

You know, we take a car to a garage because garages know how cars run, so what better way than to bring our concerns before the one who created us, as He probably knows us better than we know ourselves.

So as the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, Lord grant us refreshment and our true rest we find in you.

Every blessing.

Reverend Gary Jones

WHAT'S ON AT ALL SAINTS LITTLE BEALINGS

NOVEMBER 2021

1st 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

3rd 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

4th 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

8th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

10th 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

11th 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

14th 10:15 a.m. Remembrance Service

15th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

17th 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

21st 10:00 a.m. Stir Up Sunday

22nd 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

24th 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

25th 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

28th 10:00 a.m. Communion

29th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

DECEMBER 2021

3rd 3:00 p.m. Cake Sale

4th 10:00 a.m. Suffolk Cinema Club

4th 2:00 p.m. Wreath Workshop and Cake Sale

4th 6 p.m. on Festive Christmas Drinks Evening and Cake Sale

6th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

8th 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

9th 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

13th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

15th 9:45 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

16th 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

17th 7:00 p.m. Carol Service

20th 7:30 p.m. Pilates with Didi

22nd 10:00 a.m. Service of Morning Prayer

23rd 10:30 a.m. Guided Fynn Valley Walk

24th 4:00 p.m. Crib Service

26th 8:30 a.m./10.00 a.m. Communion (All Saints Kesgrave)

You're invited to join

The Suffolk Cinema Club

First showing **Saturday, December 4th at 10am!**

Now that All Saints Church has great heating, a giant screen and a super sharp projector, we will be hosting classic matinees, children's films and cartoons, and special events at the Bealings Community Hub, beginning with a family-friendly Christmas film on Saturday December 4th at 10am!

Refreshments will be served and all donations gladly received but there will never be an entrance fee.

To find out which film we will show and to join the club, please send an email to:

SuffolkCinemaClub@gmail.com

We are indebted to the East Suffolk District Council for their support and proud to be the pilot venue for their initiative to reduce rural isolation and loneliness.



STIR UP SUNDAY



SUNDAY

21st NOVEMBER

10.00 A.M.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH LITTLE BEALINGS

Sunday, 21st of November is 'Stir-up Sunday', so put on your apron and gather family and friends to make a Christmas pudding. It's the day when wishes are said to come true, so get stirring! It is a tradition that dates back to Victorian times when the family would gather together to stir the Christmas pudding five weeks before Christmas,

We will provide everything to make a Christmas pudding to take home and enjoy on Christmas day, a short service will be included,

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Enjoy hot mulled wine, festive drinks &
mocktails, delicious bar snacks,
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**Wreath-making Workshop led by
talented local artist Maggie Davis!**

Saturday, December 4th, 2021

from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All Saints Church, The Street, Little Bealings IP13 6LJ

Join us in front of the woodburner to soak up the festive spirit and create a wonderful decoration for your home – or a great early Christmas present for lucky friends and family!



A few great wreaths from our workshop in 2019!

All supplies (wreath, ribbon, berries, foliage, pine cones included), along with a glass of mulled wine or a non-alcoholic beverage!

A variety of refreshments will also be available.

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LITTLE BEALINGS BORROWERS

In the September sunshine a few families and several children from Bealings Primary School were exploring the long grass in Little Bealings churchyard, on their knees collecting wildflower seeds in plastic pots. Waves of crickets were hopping away. Two of the children came running back saying they had found a wasps' nest at the base of a tree. Everyone wanted to see! When children are free to explore it is great to share in their excitement at each new discovery. At the end of the session, we looked at all the different varieties and shapes of the seeds we had collected and asked the question 'What made you go WOW?' We wondered how something so small can grow into something so big, without us really having any part to play.

The following week we had clipboards in one hand and mobile phones in the other for a BioBlitz – to record species that have already made their home in the church-

yard. Among all the crickets, we also found perfectly camouflaged spiders, harvestmen, ladybirds and snails. We could identify them with a phone App and keep a log online, so that we can build up a picture of biodiversity in the churchyard over time. Like many who visit the churchyard, we reflected on the beauty of nature, God the creator and his creation.

Our group, 'Little Bealings Borrowers,' was formed by Lightwave in partnership with East Suffolk Community Partnership, Bealings School and Little Bealings Church. Our strapline is 'Do something small to be part of something big.' We are helping children and their families to see that caring for the natural world begins in a small way, on our doorstep, near our home or school.

Little Bealings Church is part of the Eco Church awards scheme and already actively managed by kind volunteers to benefit people and nature. As well as enhancing biodiversity in the churchyard, we will have fun, discover new skills and learn together, which all benefits our physical, spiritual and mental health and well-being.

Building a hibernaculum to provide shelter for reptiles, amphibians and insects, involved a lot of digging which the children loved while the adults could have a chat! We learned that it is easier to build a hi-ber-nac-u-lum than to say it!

The group is for children of any age and their parents, after school on Wednesdays, 3:10 – 4pm in Little Bealings churchyard. Please come and join us, we would love to see you.

For more information, contact Ben Wale (Lightwave Hub Leader) on 07769183638, ben.wale@cofesuffolk.org

LITTLE BEALINGS CHURCHYARD, WEDNESDAYS 3:10-4:00PM

Bring a coat, drink & snack. Parents please stay to support your children.

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

WHAT'S COMING UP...

Wednesday 3rd Nov Bulb planting along the path (bring a small trowel if you have one)

Wednesday 10th Nov Building bird boxes (inside the church)

Wednesday 17th Nov Painting bird boxes (inside the church)

Wednesday 24th Nov Preparing to lay a hedge for wildlife

Wednesday 1st Dec Planting a hedge for wildlife

Wednesday 8th Dec Fire pit and marshmallows!

Wednesday 15th Dec Making winter lanterns for the lantern parade on 19th Dec

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

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the relaxation of the Covid -19 restrictions we have been able to resume work in preparing our Neighbourhood Plan.

We received a revised draft plan from our consultant which we sent to East Suffolk Council for comment. Following their review, they returned the draft revised plan with many negative comments that will need extensive amendments to the revised plan.

For many reasons we have now parted company with our consultant and are now in discussion with another consultant who can redraft the plan so that the works to date are consolidated and that the policies are properly worded and drafted so that they will not fail public examination.

In addition to the above we are pleased to be able to confirm that our application to AECOM for them to produce a Village Design Code has been accepted and we look forward to working with them in the very near future, their work will form a valuable part of our plan and will be incorporated into the NP by our team.

Further updates will follow as we progress our discussions with a new consultant and AECOM.

*Keith Carson
Playford Parish Council*

BINKY AND CO.

Binky was absolutely furious. The local council had just released plans for a nuclear power station to be built only one hundred yards from his back gate. Why had he not been consulted? Why did he first read about it in the paper?

Binky went into overdrive. He sat down and started to compose letters to the Prime Minister, his MP, all the national dailies and his local newspaper. Well, it was called a newspaper but really it was a headline followed by ten pages of adverts. Nevertheless, they did have a letters page.

He read that the construction company was going to use a yet untried method of electric cable called Titanium Transmission Yarn. Well, thought Binky, that is bound to fail. But that was not the point. He was not having a nuclear power station at the end of his garden.

The next step was to start a pressure group.

As he would be the founder, he thought it best that his name should be 'in the mix' as is now so often said. So that day gave birth to Binky Against Construction Of Nuclear Buildings Using Titanium Transmission Yarns. (Dear reader, you work it out).

Next, he had to organise a protest march which would start in his back garden and march all the way to the local council offices about 500 yards away. Well, he had to think about the older people who

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would want to take part and the fact that they would want to stop halfway for a cup of tea. Plus of course the comfort break, so a diversion through the park via the lavatories was essential.

Binky was pleased at the number of letters of support he was receiving in the run up to the 'Great March'. Sometimes as many as two each day. His inbox was deluged with messages, many of which gave him most unhelpful advice and he was quite sure that putting a keyboard there was medically inadvisable. However, he was not dissuaded. Indeed, it spurred him on. His lovely wife Indigo set about making placards and nailing them to broomsticks and any old piece of wood she could find.

She had made over a hundred before Binky told her to stop.

The day of the 'Great March' came. Binky could feel the adrenalin running down his legs. Nerves were jangling. Heartbeat racing. Cometh the hour, cometh the man. How would he react when he opened the front door and five hundred people exploded in rapturous applause?

He eased the front door open. "Allo Binky, I've brung me grandson wiv me" said a toothless Mrs Wingnut from next door. "Mrs Adjustable sez she'll be along later". Binky was visibly moved.

Two people, just two. What does it take to get people off their backsides thought Binky, they are so apathetic? "Well," said Binky to no-one in particular. "I'm off down the pub".

He went into the main bar of the 'Just one More' which was absolutely full of people all laughing and joking and raising their glasses to no one and nothing in particular. "Huh" exclaimed Binky. "You won't be so happy when there is a nuclear power station on your doorstep"

"Oh yes we will" said the hairy armed, tattoo chested weightlifter big Burt, who owned the needlework shop. "Did you not read the small print Binky?" "It states free electricity for 60 years to any household that signs up in support by midnight tonight."

Binky thought for a while. Then a while longer.

"Anybody got a pen?" asked Binky.

PLAYFORD CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 7 th November	10.00 a.m.	Family Communion
Sunday 14 th November	10.15 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday
Wednesday 17 th November	11.00 a.m.	Communion Service.

ADVANCE NOTICE.

Candlelight Carol Service is on Sunday December 19th at 6.00 p.m.



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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

SOUNDCAPES 10th October at St Botolph Church, Culpho.

Sunday's CulphoMusic event 'SOUNDCAPES', with performers Stevie Wishart and Els van Riel was most definitely a very different kind of event from previous concerts and recitals.

For this Premiere we combined a film on the history of research into light created by Els van Riel, and Hurdy Gurdy music inspired by the church itself and improvised on the night. In the second part of the event, Els filmed the interior of the church and projected the images onto a screen (created for the purpose with the help and generosity of Richard Garnham and Robert Chapman). These memorable images allowed us to see the Church in a unique way.

Thank you to everyone who came, and to all those who helped make this special event happen: Matt Clarke for being our photographer, Edward Morgan for his skilled video work, and Christobel Garnham for those delicious biscuits.

Chris Pearce, Culpho Music

CAROL SERVICE

This will take place on Sunday 19th December at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome and we will again have the pleasure of a small group of choir members, arranged by Christine Pearce, and made up of friends from the Ipswich Choral Society. We are very grateful to them all for giving up their time and exceptional talent. We sincerely hope that this year's Carol Service will now feel more 'normal' and we have much to celebrate. Please join us if you are able.

NOVEMBER CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday 24th November and Evensong at 3 p.m. on Sunday 28th November 2021.

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DECEMBER - JANUARY 2022 NEWS

Contributions for the December - January 2022 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 23rd November.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 4th December.**

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