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REMEMBRANCE

November is upon us and at 10.00 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday, 13 November there will be a short wreath laying service at Little Bealings War Memorial in All Saints churchyard. Playford will hold a similar service at 11.15 a.m. and Great Bealings has a Remembrance ceremony at 10.55 a.m. Please do come and join in.

Poppy wreaths will be laid at each of our War Memorials, as they will be at Memorials across the country, and the names inscribed upon them, those who lived in each village and died in the First and Second World Wars, will be read out. Culpho has no War Memorial. It is a 'thankful' village, losing no one during the First World War.

**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

The War Memorial in the churchyard at All Saints, Little Bealings is looking especially fine this year. Originally unveiled in 1920, it has recently undergone cleaning, repair and conservation, a project which started in 2020. The lettering on the monument had become faded and indistinct, to the point where the names inscribed on the stone were in danger of being lost. Parts of the Memorial were covered in lichen and patches of moss, perhaps due to its site in the shadow of a yew tree.



Little Bealings Parish Council, with the help of a grant of £680 from the War Memorials Trust Grants Scheme, which is supported in East Anglia by voluntary donations from funder Denbury Charitable Trust, formerly Hopkins Homes Foundation, has organised and part funded the work, with the co-operation and support of All Saints Church. The process has taken two years from initial enquiry to completion of the work, partly due to Covid restrictions.

Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said, "War memorials are touchstones to our past. Preserving them maintains the link between those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and later generations who benefit from the freedoms for which they fought. War memorials also remind us of the full cost of war so we can hopefully learn the

lessons which help us avoid conflict, and further loss, in future. War Memorials Trust is pleased to assist this project to improve the condition of the war memorial.

If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help, please contact us or, if you believe in the importance of our work, support us as we are a charity so can only give further grants if we raise enough money."

Now the Memorial has been gently scrubbed clean using only water, repointed and the names of 13 villagers lost during two World Wars repainted. Over 100 years from its erection, we can again



clearly see the names that are read out each year. With current conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere in the world, it is perhaps more important than ever that we do not forget the link between events on the global stage and the very real impact on individual families and communities.

The Little Bealings Memorial carries the names of nine villagers lost in the First World War. We sometimes forget that our village communities were much more tightly knit and interconnected a hundred years ago – everyone knew each other, many worked and socialised together within the village and so the loss of these young men would have been keenly felt and mourned by all.

Many young men enlisted together, joining the same Regiment. This was the case with two Bealings boys who enlisted on the same day – Thomas Clarke from Little Bealings and Wilfred Mutimer from Great Bealings, who both joined the Suffolk Regiment. They were of a similar age - they had known each other since

childhood, went to school together and were good friends. Their families knew each other well - Tom was from a family of 12 and lived in Heath Cottage, Little Bealings, while Wilfred lived in Barrack Cottages, Great Bealings and had 4 siblings.

On 28 April 1917, Wilfred Mutimer was killed in action at the Battle of Arleux in northern France. As the fighting continued, Tom died in action the very next day. Two young men who had grown up and joined up together, had lost their lives within a day of each other. One can only imagine the effect on their families and the wider community within the villages when news of this came through.

Many families were left to mourn their losses during the conflict and for these two families in particular, the war was to deal a particularly cruel blow. Early on during the war, in June 1915, the Clarke family had already received news that another son, George, had died in the conflict. For the Mutimer family also, further tragic news came in May 1918 when Wilfred's younger brother, Arthur, died in a military hospital in northern France, just two days after his 19th birthday.

The Clarke family would be dealt a further grievous blow in the Second World War when Ted, a younger brother of George and Tom died from hepatitis at his Kesgrave home in 1944 after serving in the Merchant Navy.

The loss of each and every man named on our War Memorials left lasting impacts on these closely knit village communities and families. Those who returned carried on with their lives as best they could, rarely speaking of what they had seen and endured. The villagers who remained did their best to ensure that the memory of their lost friends and family members would be honoured and so they erected the Memorials to the fallen, around which we still gather every Remembrance Sunday over a century later.

In Great Bealings, Laura Mutimer, sister of the two Mutimer brothers lost in the

conflict, was given the honour of unveiling the War Memorial in 1919. A few years later, Laura married Frederick (known as 'Tubby') Clarke, another of the Clarke brothers who had served in and survived World War 1 - perhaps it was a shared grief which brought them together.

You can find a list of all the names on each Memorial, and some information about each person at <http://www.roll-of-honour.com/>. Why is the name Richard Spruytenburg on the Little Bealings Memorial? – Google will tell you how the surname came to be in Little Bealings in the 1940s.

Do buy your poppy, as a symbol of remembrance and to help men and women who have served in our Armed Forces in more recent conflicts. Do come and join a simple service of Remembrance in one of our villages on 13 November.

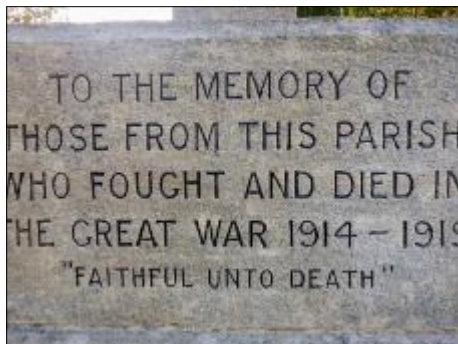
Perhaps, when we read those names on the War Memorial, we can pause and reflect that we have at least done our bit, however small, to honour and remember those lost villagers from a generation whose lives were so different to ours.

We shall remember them.

Francis Mutimer

Carol Ramsden, Clerk to Little Bealings Parish Council

Reverend Gary Jones, Priest in Charge, All Saints Church, Little Bealings



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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.40*

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.

ESC - SUPPORTING RESIDENTS TO GET ONLINE

Residents who need extra support to use online services can receive help from one of East Suffolk Council's dedicated Digital Champions, at locations across the district.

To help residents who have difficulty using online services, fully trained 'Digital Champions' are available to help in person at the Council's Customer Service Centre in Lowestoft and at desks within local libraries, by appointment.

Digital Champions can help residents to use the Council's online services, such as reporting a missed bin collection or making a payment, and can also help with other digital needs, such as navigating social media, staying in touch with loved ones, online banking or making medical appointments.

Introduced earlier this year, the Digital Champions have already helped many

people to become more confident online. This includes learning how to use their smartphone to take photos and send to friends and family, set up an email account, book a supermarket delivery slot and complete their online grocery shopping, use a search engine to find local leisure activities and apply for a Blue Badge.

Cllr Stephen Burroughes, cabinet member for Customer Services, ICT and Commercial Partnerships said: "We now live in a digital world with the majority of information and services based online however we know some customers find using the internet a challenge and need additional help. No-one should be digitally excluded, and our Digital Champions are available for anyone who needs support to get online, not only to learn how to use our own online services but to also feel more comfortable with online shopping, banking, using email and connecting with others."

If you need help getting online, or know someone who would benefit from some help, our Digital Champions are available by appointment on Wednesdays at Woodbridge Library between 10am and 4pm. To make an appointment, please call 03330 162000. Residents can also visit during Library opening hours on a 'walk in' basis.

HISTORY CORNER

- SEWAGE, THEN AND NOW

Sorry to pollute the idyllic country air with this subject, but sewage is a perennial problem, particularly the disposal of human waste. This is a theme which runs through History and still concerns us today, even though it is not readily talked about.



We can still recoil with repugnance at thought of medieval folk in castles depositing unpleasantries from upper apertures. The toilets of a castle were usually built into the walls so that they projected out and any waste fell below and into the castle moat, sometimes, even better, waste went directly into a river and floated away with the current. Moving on, we can celebrate the extraordinary feat of Joseph Bazalgette in

giving London a sewage system that has lasted through to the present day.



In quite recent times, locally, horse-drawn carts, known as honey carts, used to bring the night soil out from our towns and spread it over surrounding fields, helping to produce tasty vegetables. Woodbridge waste found its way on to the vegetable fields of Bealings.

Animal waste does the job well, so why not extend the practice to human waste, as the thinking went. The stuff has even been imported from London, in special ships – see illustration.



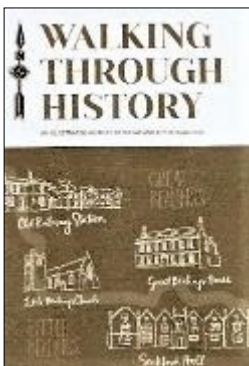
Older readers will remember chemical toilets, Elsans, thunderboxes and holes in the garden. Disposal of waste has always been a problem.

We have made great progress, but, in remote and not that remote rural locations, we still have to deal with septic tanks, emptying them quite frequently.

We still have to deal with pollution and sewage leakage in our waterways, making them sometimes unfit for swimming, certainly for drinking. Septic tanks can leak, and impurities leak through into those waterways, hence a tightening up of regulations concerning the construction of new sewage treatment plants to replace them. Our rivers need constant monitoring, to ensure that impurities are not being released into them, so we applaud citizen science attempts, including those of our own Parish Councils, to demonstrate that our rivers are still unclean, still potentially hostile to wildlife, still incompatible with human immersion in them. The days when inhabitants of Kiln Lane in Great Bealings could happily draw drinking water from the rill, and still live on well into their 80s have long gone, as residues of fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides etc filter through into such streams.

Sewage is, and always has been a messy business. Those who deal with it deserve our help and encouragement – perhaps to do better.

WALKING THROUGH HISTORY – A HISTORY OF BEALINGS



If you missed out on getting a copy on

launch last year you might like to know that all the initial 500 copies have gone, but there are still some over-prints left @ £20. 320 pages fully illustrated.

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NATURE NOTES – POPPIES

November is the season for the second flowering of poppies. Artificial ones. Real poppies come out in profusion in early summer, producing broad splashes of bright red along our hedgerows, and in the fields. They are prolific, and seed generously. The seeds of the poppy can lie buried in the soil and suddenly burst into flower when that soil is disturbed, as happened in Flanders fields during what became known as World War 1. The numerical classification became necessary once we realized that the horrors of World War 1 had not prevented a sequel in the shape of World War 2. It was the multiple explosions of the battlefields from hell which, ironically, gave the poppy seeds fresh life, profuse flowering, alongside the spilling of blood, and which led, eventually, to their adoption as symbols of remembrance.

The beauty of poppies has captivated artists. Poppies were to Monet what sunflowers were to Van Gogh, and he painted them extensively. They enjoyed an innocent beauty in those pre-war times. That beauty has become impregnated with poignancy since poppies have been inextricably linked with the remembering of the slaughter on the battlefields of World War One, and the

extension of that to remembrance of all our fallen soldiers.

fimsy poppies. We give thanks for their beauty. We give thanks for their poignant symbolism. They help us to remember.



Many will remember for a very long time the filling of the area around the Tower of London with a blood-red sea of ceramic poppies. (*Picture front cover*) Indeed, some people may still have one at home, as a reminder of that commemoration of WW1. We give thanks for those fragile,

SLHC RECORDERS

The following have volunteered to act as local recorders.

Great Bealings Jon Fieldsend

Little Bealings Jon Fieldsend

Culpho Ally Walker

Janette Robinson
Secretary to SLHC Recorders Scheme

An advertisement for Island House Dental Care. The top half has a blue background with a white logo of three stylized teeth in a circle. To the right of the logo, the address "5 Quay Point, Station Road, Woodbridge, IP12 4AL" is listed, along with the email "reception@islandhousedentalcare.co.uk" and telephone number "01394 388008". Below the logo, the text "island house DENTAL CARE" is written. To the right, the website "islandhousedentalcare.co.uk" is displayed. The bottom half of the advertisement shows a photograph of several sailboats moored in a harbor at dusk or dawn, with their reflections in the water.



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GREAT BEALINGS

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PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 1st September 2022

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Sally Johnson (SJ) declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Application DC/22/2871 regarding Stone Cottage. She will not take part in the vote.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

A resident spoke about speeding traffic in Grundisburgh Road, and requested that, now the road has been designated a Quiet Lane, a request be made to SCC to impose a 20mph limit.

SJ was given permission by the Chairman to address the PC at the start of item 9(ii)

REPORTS BY

County Councillor Elaine Bryce (EB) EB was unable to attend the meeting but had submitted a report, a full copy of which is attached to the minutes on the website.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley (CH) - A report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported on the damage being caused to the wall outside Annesley House in Boot Street. He is liaising with EB regarding having special white lines painted on the road in this location. A site inspection by SCC is awaited.

QUIET LANES

Grundisburgh Road – Sue Prentice (SP) reported on a meeting with residents regarding location of the posts. SCC require written household permission for

metal posts to be concreted in on their land. It has been suggested that wooden posts be erected. A Sub-Committee comprising Regan Scott (RS) and Trevor Harris will take this forward with residents. Following the request for the speed limit to be reduced to 20mph, SP suggested that we should wait until the Quiet Lane posts and notices have been put up then the traffic must be monitored. Evidence must be provided to SCC.

Lower Street – discussions with local residents are ongoing

Footpaths – RS reported on the complaint about barbed wire on the footpath by Cherry Tree Farm. This issue will be raised with the SCC Footpath Officer

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/22/2330/FUL – Cherry Tree Cottage, Seckford Hall Road – erection of extension to dwelling and erection of detached garage with annexe/holiday let above.

The PC repeated their support of the extension to the house, but still have serious concerns about the size of the garage and the access to it. It was resolved to support the application for the extension to the house but to object to the erection of the detached garage

DC/22/2871/FUL – Stone Cottage, Lower Street – Retrospective application – siting of one domestic treatment plant

SJ, who resides at the neighbouring property, advised the meeting that she is experiencing two types of noise resulting from the installation of the new tank. She provided the meeting with a copy of a report from an ESC Environmental Health Officer recording a visit made to the property which confirms the noise and

states that further mitigation measures should be undertaken. It was resolved to object to this application on the grounds that adequate noise mitigation measures are not in place - SJ did not take part in the vote.

DECISION UPDATES

DC/22/1517/CLE – Regency House – Cllrs expressed their dismay that ESC has permitted this application.

Enforcement Matters – ENF/22/0069/USE – Water Meadow, Lower Street

ESC has confirmed that the change of use of this site is unauthorised, and an enforcement letter has been sent to the landowner

REVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

SP reported that the pre-consultation draft is being prepared for forwarding to ESC by mid-September

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Trees – many of the trees planted in the Spring have been lost due to the extreme weather. John Carter-Jonas will arrange a meeting with landowners to discuss planting of new trees on their land.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Insurance Renewal – The Clerk had obtained three quotations from CAS Ltd, BHIB and Zurich Municipal. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Zurich, which was the lowest.

Payments - Seven payments were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and expenses, the Data Protection Fee and the insurance premium

Bank Reconciliation – This was approved for signature

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th November at 6.30 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 in the Public Participation session. Full draft and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website. The agenda is

published approx. a week in advance of a meeting.

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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

This is written against a backdrop of major national uncertainty. Monetary uncertainties are swirling around. The war in Ukraine is lurching backwards and forwards. No-one quite knows how hard we are going to be hit by energy bills. The NHS is under pressure. How severe will the winter be? How do they cope with the backlog of 7 million operations.

Where are the certainties? The consolations? Surrounded by all this bleakness, amplified, as it is, across the media, it is sometimes salutary to seek the antidotes closer to home. Time we can still spend with our friends and family. Walks we can still take in this lovely Suffolk countryside. Making the best of such health as we have, to enjoy it all. Community activities, bringing us together – including meeting up in your local church, a place to count your blessings. There may be plenty on the horizon, distant, middle or imminent, to keep us watchful, worried even. But there is still much in life that we can enjoy as we move towards that joyous festival, which is Christmas, a bright celebration, set incongruously in the dark depths of winter.

LOOKING BACK

PCC MEETING. 27TH SEPTEMBER

A meeting was held in the church on this date, and the main points emerging were:

1/ The Rector produced draft plans for services until the end of the year, including the Christmas period. (See below)

2/ It was agreed that a small group of PCC members, from both parishes, should have a closer look at ways in which joint working could be streamlined.

3/ Measures for ensuring compliance with Safeguarding regulations needed to be taken.

4/ Plans for planting trees as part of the creation of the “Queens Canopy” were discussed. It was hoped that there would be planting ceremonies after the Harvest Festival.

5/ It was agreed that we should firm up plans for creating and formalising Support Groups.

6/ Expenditure now regularly exceeds income, and the position is unsustainable. Further efforts should be made to engage more people in offering financial support to the church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AND TREE PLANTING – 2ND OCTOBER

This took place the day after an energetic team of helpers had prepared the churchyard for winter. Sites had already been prepared for the planting of trees, two provided by the Bishop, both of them personally grown, and one by Michael Crimp, in memory of his late wife Sarah, sister of Julian Haywood Smith.

Our Harvest Festival, supported by a small but enthusiastic band of villagers, included the offering of gifts for the local Salvation Army foodbank. We must acknowledge, ruefully, that this was not a Harvest Festival as in those times when the village and its residents were deeply rooted in agriculture and when the harvest had real meaning to those involved in it. The favourite hymns were sung, but a full church would have been a more fulsome expression of thanksgiving for all the bounties of harvest which we enjoy, perhaps now taking them more for granted than our ancestors once did.

EVENSONG WITH THE JUBILATE CHOIR - 16TH OCTOBER

We were privileged to have the 16-strong Jubilate choir leading the singing at Evensong on Sunday 16th. The choir performs more or less monthly, around the county, and is specifically brought together to sing Evensong. The result was a beautiful service, fine singing, and

an atmosphere enhanced by early evening floodlighting.



This also coincided with Stewardship Sunday, the time of year set aside to rally people to give generously to support the church and its activities. We have letters from our Treasurer showing how this can be done, and we will be pressing these into the hands of people who might find that they would be prepared to contribute to keep the church going and maintaining a meaningful presence in our village. If YOU would like to pre-empt that, and ask for one, please DO!

WORKS AND PROJECTS

We have heard that grant funding has been agreed from the charitable arm of the Waste Disposal company Viridor, for the repair of our splendid stained-glass windows. This is great news and enables us to preserve a set of windows which must rank as amongst the best in this area. Do have a close look at them next time you find yourself in the church – their glorious colours, the names of those whose lives are celebrated, and the complexity and significance of the designs. We hope that the work will be able to begin shortly.

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Harvest Festival weekend. Three of them are around the observation cabin, and we have a maple and hornbeam generously nurtured and provided by the Bishop in support of the cause.

The bird feeders are well used – if there is food in them. If you happen to have any spare seed or suet balls do please help to maintain supplies through the winter. We are very grateful to Liz Prior for the gift of a stone bird bath, now placed in this area – it will need filling up from time to time!

The double gates opposite the main entrance have fallen into acute disrepair, and we are looking at ways of making them operational again, allowing direct access from the Boot Street footpath.

CLEAN-UP MORNING.

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER.

We had an excellent turn out for the annual autumn clear-up and can report that all the strimming had been completed by coffee-time, and most of the resulting rubbish and dead vegetation burned by lunchtime. We also managed to prepare the ground for tree-planting and demolished two dead elm trees. Thank you so much to all who gave up their time and brought along a full range of kit to ensure that all these tasks could be completed, leaving the churchyard ready for hibernation, and perhaps tidier than it has been for some time. The pictures



show men at work – Jonathan Keer is operating as tree surgeon, not playing war-games!

The bonfire, as yet unlit, had virtually



burnt itself out by lunchtime. Job as good as done.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Our next service is on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6th at 9.30 a.m.**

There will be a **Remembrance Ceremony** at the War Memorial on **Sunday 13th November at 10.55 a.m.** followed by coffee in the church. Whatever your faith, please join us for this community Act of Remembrance.

Our mid-month service of **Morning Prayer** is at **10.30 a.m. on Sunday 20th November.**

CHRISTMAS

To help you make plans for Christmas here is an outline of what is planned for the Festive period:

The Benefice Christmas Market will take place in St Mary's Church, Woodbridge from **4.00 p.m. on Saturday November 26th.** We are looking for people to set up stalls for this occasion. Last year proceeds were divided between Great Bealings and Woodbridge, so it is well worth making a special effort to be involved. Do get in



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Sunday December 4th at 9.30 am. St Nicholas Family Communion – with donation of toys. Gifts of toys will then be passed on to EACH (East Anglian Children's Hospices).

Sunday 18th December at 6.30 p.m. Carol Service, with the Benefice Choir. The choir can be specially boosted for this period. If you are interested in singing with the choir, and in participating chorally in the Christmas period, please contact the Parish office.

Saturday 24th December at 4pm. Benefice Crib Service + Christingle at St Mary's, Woodbridge.

Saturday 24th December at 6.30 pm. Christmas Communion

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

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CHRISTMAS FAIR - TOMBOLA STALL – donations please

A Christmas Fair is planned for Saturday November 26th from 4.00 p.m. until around 7.00. This is the second year of the Fair, organised by St Mary's, Woodbridge, with the support of their sister church, ourselves, St Mary's, Great Bealings. Our own church benefits from a share of the takings so it is important that we are seen to be supporting the event.

We would like to suggest that we run a

tombola stall – cans, bottles, tins – as our major contribution, in a way that means as many people as possible in Bealings can feel that they are contributing to the occasion, and, indeed, have a reason to attend. Last year's launch event turned out to be very successful.

If you would like to contribute anything that is appropriately packaged - bottled, canned, tinned – please deliver it to Norman and Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane and they will put the stall together in appropriate festive fashion. We can also collect if you email nhp@rillcott.co.uk or ring 01473 735565.

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IS A CHARITY HELPING YOU OR A RELATIVE OR FRIEND IN LITTLE BEALINGS?

The Parish Council receives regular requests from charities for donations to help with their work. These can range from national charities, such as Age UK, to very local ones like the Disability Advice Service (East Suffolk).

The Parish Council's policy for many years has been to give a donation only where we know that a charity is actively supporting residents of Little Bealings. In the last few years we have given grants, typically of £25, to local Citizen Advice Bureau branches, Headway and Homestart, when they have confirmed that they are helping residents.

It is of course very difficult for us to know which charities are supporting residents and we are ever mindful of our data protection responsibilities. Sometimes we can establish that a charity is active in Little Bealings by asking them directly – but this only works if they contact us initially of course.

I am therefore asking that you let us know if a charity is supporting a resident. We certainly do not want to know the details or any personal information – just which charity it is and a very brief outline of the support they give or have given.

We set our annual budget in November and in the last few years we have included up to £100 to enable donations to be made to charities active in Little Bealings. However, we are very mindful of increasing costs for everyone and want

to be sure that any donations we do give are appropriate and beneficial use of Parish Council funds for Little Bealings residents.

Do get in touch if you can provide any information, or indeed if you think the Council should review its policy regarding charitable donations. We welcome your views.

Please email to

littlebealingspc@btinternet.com

Or if you would like to discuss then do give me a call 07885 073925

Many thanks

Ian Ransome

Chairman

Little Bealings Parish Council

ROADS IN THE VILLAGE

Over the last few months, the Parish Council has become more aware of problems with road signs and white lines in the village. Some signs are so faded that it is hard to see the 30-speed limit within the roundel and others are obscured by overhanging vegetation. We are also aware that some of the white lining at junctions is in need of replacement.

As many of these issues as possible have been reported to SCC using the online reporting system:

<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/>

In some cases, there has been prompt work carried out, but we also need your help:

REPORTING PROBLEMS YOU KNOW ABOUT

Please don't leave it to someone else to do – it is the best way for SCC to be aware of what is needed and to keep our roads safe for everyone. If you don't want to do so online, you can phone months it could be that new potholes 0345 606 6171.

BEING AWARE OF YOUR PROPERTY

Please consider whether your hedge or tree needs attention to keep growth from obscuring road signs, or even making it difficult for traffic to pass.

As we approach the winter will appear too. These will need to be reported and repaired before they become a major hazard. Please help by reporting them.

Many thanks

Ian Ransome

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KNIT & NATTER

Just wanted to update you all on the Knit & Natter group that meets at the Angela Cobbold Hall. 1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. We have all agreed to meet every Monday, so now we don't have to remember which week we have to put on our social calendar.

We do not expect you to attend every Monday if you prefer to come once a month or just when your free to attend. No problem if you would like to just pop in for a cuppa and biscuit (we often have some delicious home cake too) and Natter for a spare half an hour or hour. You will be most welcome. Though you may prefer to join us, for the full-time. You can bring any craft of your choice.

We may be called Knit & Natter but, some of us sew, embroider, crotchet, quilting

Make soft toys a variety of crafts so please feel free to do a craft you enjoy. You could get some of us, having a go at some craft we have yet to try.!

At the moment we have a project. Making poppies to decorate the church porch for Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday.

We are also still making baby hats for our local hospitals.

Need more info call Eileen on 01473 623133

Yvette Robinson

COMMUNITY LUNCH @THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thanks to everyone who supported September's Community Lunch. £125 was raised for the upkeep and maintenance of the hall. Special thanks to the Herrington family for providing apples for the apple pies and pansy plants for table decorations and the for the outside containers. All greatly appreciated.

The next lunch is on Tuesday 1st November 12.30 p.m.

Spicy Sausage Casserole with French Bread

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LOCAL RESIDENTS' LIVES CONTINUE TO BE BLIGHTED

After thousands of complaints over the years from local residents with regards to Noise, Dust and Light pollution from the TRU 7 Group of Companies located at Sinks Pit, Kesgrave; East Suffolk Council (ESC) finally took action and issued a 'Noise Abatement Order' against TRU in Aug 2021.

As a result, Dr Dan Poulton MP called for a cross Agency (CLG) approach to deal with the issues with this being chaired by Elaine Bruce, County Councillor for Carlford Division. The Environment Agency (EA) subsequently directed TRU to produce a 'Noise Pollution Plan,' leading to the production by TRU of a 'Voluntary (Noise) Improvement Plan (VIP).

Following the third meeting of the CLG on 6th October the voluntary changes in the VIP have now been completed and should the EA decide that the changes made to the site regarding machinery and working practices are sufficient, it is likely that the CLG will be wound down at the next meeting in January 2023. This decision will have a direct impact on the two pending applications TRU have, which are to:

- Increase working hours 06:00 to 19.30 hours Mon – Sat (32% longer)
- Increase from 350K to 500K tonnes (143% increase in the quantity of concrete/rubble crushing and processing)

However, despite these voluntary changes, local resident's lives continue to be blighted in their homes and gardens. It has been the persistent complaints by LB residents which has made an impact and influenced the Agencies and Politicians. We now need your URGENT help to maintain this pressure by making your complaints/concerns known EVERY TIME you are disturbed by:

- Noise / Vibration disturbance
- Light & Dust Pollution
- Traffic Issues
- Out of Hours Working

Please email a formal complaint to ALL 3 agencies EVERY TIME the quiet enjoyment of your home or garden are disturbed by workings at the TRU 7 Group, Sinks Pit site:

- (EA) Environment Agency: ics@environment-agency.gov.uk (primary channel for complaints) Tel 0800 80 70 60
- (ESC) East Suffolk Council: environment@eastssuffolk.gov.uk
- (SCC) Suffolk County Council: planning.enforcement@suffolk.gov.uk

We kindly encourage you to copy in svepg@btinternet.com to keep us informed. Anonymity is assured

Together we can make a difference

*Thank you for your support,
Sinks Valley Environmental Protection Group (SVEPG)*

EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 2nd 7.30 p.m. **Gardening Club 'BOTANICAL ART'**
Refreshments Free Entry (donations welcomed)

Friday 11th 7.15 p.m. **Fish and Chips** Licensed Bar
Please place your order by phone or email (see below)

Friday 18th 7.00 p.m. **Social Friday** Licensed Bar
Snooker, Table Tennis, Darts, Chess, Board Games,
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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Roger Roseboom on his 90th birthday, a landmark attained on October 25th. Over the years Roger has channelled much energy into all kinds of village projects, and his continuing commitment to various enterprises belies his achievement of nonagenarian status.

Many Happy Returns, Roger!

WARM ROOMS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL—WINTER 2022/3

The Angela Cobbold Hall has received a grant from ESC to create a “Warm Room” facility for 22 weeks from Wednesday 26th October. The hall will be open from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. every Wednesday and Friday.

The facilities will include free refreshments, including hot and cold snacks and drinks etc. use of the hall’s equipment including, table tennis, darts, board games puzzles etc. together with the television and Wi-Fi access.

The Reading Room stock will be available for use or loan including both adult and children’s books.

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

The main phase of re-decorating the church is now complete and it is looking so beautiful and fresh. All the interior walls have now been restored and repainted. A big thank you goes out to everyone who helped in the working parties for the redecoration - to help move things out the way and back again for the decorators and scaffolders, which is easy to say but so much careful carrying and effort.

There has been a lot of work in the churchyard in the last month. You will have seen the article in this month's edition covering the restoration of the magnificent War Memorial, in addition there has been a lot of work to tidy/cut back all the growth of grasses, trees, and bushes. The war memorial can once again be clearly seen from the road and the churchyard is very pleasant to walk around. A huge thanks to Francis Mutimer who organised the churchyard tidy and to the 15 people who rolled up their sleeves

to work on the churchyard on Sat 15th, which has made a huge difference. Many hands enabled so much to be done in such a happy atmosphere, accompanied by wonderful refreshments.

The afterschool group, the Borrowers is held on Wednesdays and is now running again with its Autumn programme. The children have been having a great time on their eco-projects and pancake making. A walk around the churchyard reveals some of their projects, where little signs prepared by the group explain their purpose. The next sessions after half term take place again every Wednesday from 2nd November, 3.10 p.m.-3.45 p.m. until 14th December.

The Ukraine Hub for refugees run by our Benefice had a short 2 week break after the English Lessons over the summer and the employment workshop and is now open again. The Ukraine Hub is well attended by regulars and also some new refugees joining recently- many thanks go to all the volunteers from Little Bealings,

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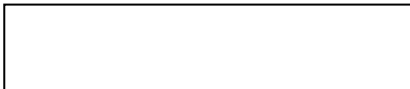


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Playford and Kesgrave who help to make this happen, with so much help behind the scenes also to help our refugees.

The walking group which leaves the church at 10.30 a.m. each Wednesday has now been running for 3 years this month and is enjoyed by many, each week enjoying the wonderful walks and changing flora, fauna and views of the Fynn Valley and surrounding area. The Ride and Stride event last month was also well enjoyed with people joining our organised Saturday walk, with visitors enjoying refreshments in the church, and several of us taking to wheels and cycling our own routes.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY, 13TH NOVEMBER

There will be short service at 10.00 a.m. The church will be open throughout the day until 4pm for visitors to drop in and see our Remembrance flowers. There will be a special display created by the Bealings 'Knit and Natter' group, with crocheted poppies to commemorate the fallen, including a special tribute of purple poppies to represent the animals that were lost in service too. We'd love to see as many villagers as possible. Please do join us for coffee, quiche, crumble and good company from 10.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

STIR UP SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

This will take place at the Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings (due to the ongoing kitchen refurbishment). £5 per person. Spaces are limited. Please email Jackieransome@aol.com to reserve a place.

The church continues to have a service every other Sunday, mid-week ministry at Little Bealings on Wednesdays and every Saturday morning the church is open for private prayer.

LIGHTING up the Church for Special Occasions

If you would like the church walls to be lit up for your special anniversary or occasion, please contact Paul on 07768 195867 or Paul paulbyrom@gmail.com. The church looks spectacular when lit,

especially now the churchyard is so neat and tidy, and this is a wonderful way to celebrate. We ask for a donation to cover costs for each use of the lights. You can find out all the latest news and events at our Website littlebealingschurch.onesuffolk.net or catch up search Facebook for our new All Saints Church Little Bealings page.

UPDATE ON THE BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB AND KITCHEN AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH

At long last, we see the project started more than six years ago moving towards completion. The kitchen will be installed this month and we hope to have it available for use at all our Christmas services and activities in December but watch this space for news of our official opening date! New chairs are also on their way, and we hope they will also arrive in time for Christmas!

We are indebted to all the local residents, Diocese staff, and many building experts who have worked so hard to bring much needed repairs and upgrades to the Church. In particular, it has been a great pleasure to have Elizabeth Sinha as our lead architect since she grew up in our village and has many years of experience in restoring and improving historic buildings in a sensitive manner. From the screen and projector--to the repainting, wood burner and new heating system among other improvements—we have now polished our jewel of a Church to a shine and look forward to welcoming many more visitors to services and events for many years to come.

Last month, we were delighted to welcome the Director of the Prince's Countryside Fund, Keith Halstead, to All Saints Church. Keith has had many years of experience in working with Church buildings and he was very impressed with the work to date, in a post-visit note writing, "I do congratulate you on such a sympathetic adaptation of All

Saints to establish the Community Hub and Café. Such projects in churches are never an easy journey, but you seemed to me to have accomplished everything in such a pragmatic way and I am sure that parishioners, if they had any doubts, will be pleasantly surprised on seeing the outcome.”



L to R: Keith Halstead: Director of the Prince's Countryside Fund, Corinne Jarvis-Fear: Churchwarden, Elizabeth Sinha: Director/Architect Mullins Dowse, Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend: Project Lead

The Prince's Countryside Fund has donated significant monies towards the kitchen and the establishment of growing boxes and sacks for herbs and vegetables which we will use in preparing meals. I am sure the Bealings Borrowers and their families will have a wonderful time cultivating the provisions and caring for God's green earth! let's all look forward to seeing our beloved Church in all its glory as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Submitted by Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend

Project Lead, Bealings Community Hub and Kitchen on behalf of the PCC Subcommittee

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND AT ALL SAINTS KESGRAVE AND RETIREMENT OF REV ROBIN SPITTLE 23 YEARS AS OUR VICAR

There will be a Remembrance Exhibition and services at All Saints Kesgrave over this weekend:

Friday 11th November

7 .00 p.m. - 9 .00 p.m.

SATURDAY 12TH NOVEMBER

10 .00 a.m. - 4 .00 p.m.

SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

08.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

10.00 a.m. Remembrance service in the Church Hall with Robin *please book as numbers are limited

10.00 a.m. Remembrance Service in main Church

11.15 a.m. Remembrance Service in main Church

2 .00 p.m. - 4 .00 p.m. Exhibition

4 .00 p.m. Remembrance Cafe

5 .00 p.m. Songs of Praise *please book as numbers are limited

*Booking via Natalie, our Parish admin: allsaints.parish@outlook.com

To mark Robin's retirement, we are making a collection for his leaving present and making an appeal towards meeting the Parish Share:

To donate to Robin's present please put money in an envelope marked "Robin" and hand in at any service; cheques can be made payable to Kesgrave PCC but please write 'Robin' on the back of the cheque; if you would like a cheque collected, please phone me Sally Wainman on 07807 984589

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This weekend will give people a chance to chat to Robin, to wish him well and to thank him for all his years of service

If you would like to send him a card, please post to Rev Robin Spittle, 4 Wades Grove, Kesgrave, Suffolk IP5 2EF

Thank you in advance to everyone for your support: we look forward to welcoming you for this special weekend.

Sally Wainman
07807 984589

JUST A THOUGHT

The summer is over, and Autumn has begun, in fact it got started early because of the dry summer we had the trees started to drop their leaves in August. But every year it's the same and we all have our favourite seasons my personal favourite is Autumn if only because by then the hay fever season is finally coming to an end, phew. No more sneezing or blocked up feeling, at least until next Spring then it will be a case of here, we go again. But thinking about the seasons of the year brings to mind the seasons of man (person sorry pc world). I heard one person put it quite depressingly like this, 'we get born, we grow up, we get old, and we die.' A bit depressing, I must admit but look at it another way, Spring we get born, we are full of vim and vigour, we have a spring in our step. Summer, we have grown up, well some of us grow up others seem to retain a certain childlike charm (you know who you are), but we are looking at jobs, university maybe even a future partner. Autumn comes and we are starting to feel the effects of age, the joints creak, we feel stiff in the mornings, and we start to make that strange noise whenever we sit down or get up. Winter,

we have got older, we have joined the 'now what did I come into this room for?' club. In some men there is more hair on their chest than on their heads, and for us ladies the hairdresser makes an absolute fortune with the colour and perm, at least my mother's hairdresser must have as she was there every week.

But what I find reassuring is that God is with us every step of the way, whether our steps are slow and stumbling or quick and lively. This seems to be a bit like when we first start to read the Bible, at first, we are slow and stumbling, all those strange names and words, dare I say that is Spring we are born into the faith, everything is fresh, new, and exciting. Then we get the hang of it, and we are a bit quicker we are more sure of ourselves and the pronunciation of those funny words, perhaps that's Summer. After a while we are a long-standing member of the church and pillar of the community and we know our Bible inside out or so we think, but we still read it, so maybe that is our Autumn. Then comes the time when we read the Bible because all of a sudden, it's fresh and new to us all over again, if only because we have forgotten what we read before, this must be Winter. But let's take this as a challenge the Winter years can be the best as we have time to be, to relax and enjoy grandchildren perhaps even reading the Bible with our grandchildren.

Whichever season of the year we are in let's enjoy it to the full because that's why Christ came so that we can 'have life and have it to the full,'. *John 10; 10*

Christine Bryer

WORD FROM THE STUDY

Wow! What a difference. Last week, a working party consisting of members of our Church, the local communities of Little Bealings and Great Bealings met in the Church yard and spent a day just working tirelessly and made such a difference. The same can be said about St Mary's at Playford. Local volunteers



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keep the Church yard so lovely. **My heartfelt thanks to everyone involved at both Churches and communities.** It makes such a difference. Two communities with amazing people doing amazing things.

And, talking of amazing things, last month we had a stewardship drive to continue the work are doing at both our Churches. Robin, our Rector is leaving us in a couple of weeks and work on his replacement has already started. The good thing is that the Diocese have approved us as a benefice to have a full-time replacement. This means that I will still be able to spend the majority of my time serving both villages, along with Sally, Mike and the Reverend Chris Nunn. And, of course, from time to time, we will see the new Rector. This can only happen with your ongoing support, and if you are one of the people who have signed up for the parish giving scheme in either Playford or Little Bealings, I say a great big heartfelt thank you.

The parish giving scheme is organised by the Diocese, every penny given is used to support ministry, for example, the cost of a Vicar. So far, we have had an encouraging response. If you would like to join the scheme and help our Church of St Mary's or All Saints, please contact Colin Hedgley who will point you in the right direction, or John Wittgreffe who is the Local Giving Officer and they will be only too please to assist.

Remember, remember the fifth of November. For me, I can hardly forget it, as it was my mam's birthday, and as the saying goes, you only forget once!

November, in the life of the Church becomes the season of remembrance. We begin the month with All Saints Day, followed by All Souls Day, Remembrance Sunday, St Andrew's Day and then, of course, Christ the King. Each one of these festivals is important. The Remembrance Day is when we remember those who fell in war defending our freedom. There will be a service in all our Churches when there will

be a service to mark those who gave their life in the service of others.

This year's commemorations as well as remembering past conflicts we will be concours of the ongoing situation in the Ukraine and those who suffer on going effects of war. As a community and as a nation we can all play our part by just pausing for a moment either on the Sunday or Remembrance Day itself, to remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice. Jesus said "Greater love hath no man, than to lay down his life for his friends".

As the autumn leaves begin to fall and the seasons change, and yes, the clocks go back, it reminds us that as in life, situations change, but our focus on our daily lives should remain the same. The hymn; Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy; sums it up perfectly, though we are facing things that are out of our control, God ultimately remains in charge.

When we pause for a moment, in spite of the many difficulties we face at the moment, the blessings we receive at God's hand, far outnumber the negative ones in our lives.

If I look back on my ministry over the last year, I can look at it through two lenses. One of Robin's sayings is "If you look through prison bars one will see stars, the other will see mud". You could say that the mud has been the energy crisis; the increase of foodbanks and so on, that have been placed on us, or do I look and see stars and see what a real privilege and a blessing it is to be the local minister of three beautiful Churches, and ultimately, serving the people in these communities. Yes, definitely the second one!

With every blessing.

Reverend Gary Jones



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Playford Parish Hall

The 2022 Annual General Meeting of Playford Parish Hall will be held in The Parish Hall at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10 November.

Do come and join us to find out more about this important village asset.

*Sue Lister
Secretary*

to facilitate another community get-together soon.

November sees our AGM followed by a British Sign Language lesson from Liz Royle, continuing the challenge we have set ourselves for our centenary year. We'll also be finalising plans for Christmas, when we decorate the tree for the Village Hall, followed by our own meeting when we will be playing 'New Age Kurling,' an indoor version of ice curling - without the ice but with all the competitiveness! If you'd like to give it a try, join us on 6th December at 7.30 p.m. in Playford Village Hall! Visitors are always welcome, contact us on Playfordwi@gmail.com.

PLAYFORD WI

'99' ice creams, cream scones, chocolate cake and party games: we marked 99 years since Playford WI was formed with a special party kindly hosted by Gina for our October meeting. We enjoyed a memorable evening as we entered 100 years of having a WI group in the village.

With so many recent house moves in Playford we decided to host a 'Welcome Neighbour' social evening inviting everyone to meet up over coffee and cake. We were pleased to welcome both new and existing villagers on the night and based on the positive feedback hope

PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

Sunday 6th November

10.00 a.m. Morning Service

Sunday 13th November

10.30 a.m. Remembrance Service

Sunday 27th November

4.00 p.m. Christingle Service

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Binky was really pleased that he had gone up to London to witness the Queen's funeral. He had written to the vicar of Westminster asking for a ticket to the cathedral but he received such an offy reply that he considered never going to church again, but had second thoughts when he realised that that would put the mockers on his own funeral which to be sure would be a grand affair, or ought to be when you think what a great asset he had been to the community. Well old Mr Pikespan had once said to Binky, "Binky my old son, what would this community do without you?"

Mr Pikespan later explained to his wife that every community needed a standard on which to measure idiocy.

Anyway, Binky walked down The Mall after the procession had passed busily smiling and chatting to anyone who would listen but there were not many of them.

He walked across Green Park to the underground station in order to make his way to Liverpool Street station. Binky really enjoyed travelling on the underground, reading all the adverts, about six times each because there was nothing else to look at, listening to the announcements of the next station, Hyde Park, Knightsbridge, South Kensington, Gloucester Road and mind the gap.

A cold sweat overcame Binky. He suddenly realised he was going the wrong way. He alighted at Gloucester Road and made a mad dash for the "Trains going

East" platform. Binky knew time was tight. He was due to catch the last train to Ipswich, would he still make it?

He eventually made it to Liverpool Street and was immediately faced with half a dozen escalators. Again, cold sweat overcame Binky. He walked along to the escalator, on the escalator it is written, "Dogs must be carried on the escalator." he thought, "Oh my goodness, where am I going to find a dog at this hour of the night?" He thought he would make a dash for it anyway and hope no one noticed. There was no time to get a cup of tea or a sandwich. He ran across the concourse and just managed to get onto the Ipswich train as the doors were closing.

He settled into his seat for a cosy one hour and fifteen-minute journey. About half an hour later the train suddenly stopped and the driver came over the intercom. "Sorry for the hold-up but there appears to be a man walking along the adjacent track". Binky jumped up and went to the door and lowered the window and watched the man, bent double, walking in the middle of the track. The man was obviously drunk. "What are you doing?" shouted Binky. "I'm trying to get up this escalator" shouted the man, "but the handrail is too low". Idiot, thought Binky as the train made a sudden lurch which threw Binky onto the floor. He got up and settled back into his seat. Not long to Ipswich, he thought.

He felt the train stop. He looked out of the window and could just make out the station name "ich" as he screwed his neck round. I must have dozed off, he thought. He alighted from the train and stood in front of a sign that stated "Welcome to Norwich".

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Although we have enjoyed some rainfall through September and October the soil is still very dry; let us hope we have some significant rain to refill our reservoirs over the winter. Despite the dry weather the community managed to forage and glean a wonderful array of produce and flowers to decorate St Botolph's for Harvest Festival. Unfortunately, our organist succumbed to Covid on the morning of the Harvest Service, many thanks to our visiting choristers from Grundisburgh who helped lead our harvest hymns with gusto. The vegetables from the harvest display have been recycled into soup to be donated to groups and individuals over the coming months. The fruit was passed on to the Carlford Food Pantry in Grundisburgh Church

After many dedicated years of writing the articles for Culpho Margaret Gornall has decided that it is time for her to put her pen to one side. Margaret we are all extremely grateful for the time and thoughtfulness that you have given to writing the monthly news, thankfully I understand that you will still be an active member of our church and community.

CHURCH SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

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| Wednesday 24th | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| Sunday 27th | 3.00pm | Benefice Advent Evensong |


DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Sunday 18th December | 3.00 p.m. | Christmas Carol Service |
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Richard Garnham



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12:45 & 2pm

Thursday mornings

9:15am, 10:30 & 11:45am (gentle chair based)

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Little Bealings:

Please see the parish website for information: www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

Playford:

For Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

- lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments
 - getting prescriptions
 - minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
 - short term help with pets
- phone 01473 345400 and leave a message – someone will call you back.

For those who need regular transport, the Coastal Accessible Transport Service is a charity which provides lifts. Tel 01728 830516 for details.

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

To be added to the growing number of residents who receive regular emails about local news, events and services send your email address to:
bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

BUSES

Timetables for the 70 and 70A services serving the local area are available at:
<https://www.suffolkonboard.com>

LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at
<https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/police-connect-sign>
Report Anti-Social Behaviour call 111 (Police) or 03330162000 (ESC)

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<https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/> or by email to:
customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk. or phoning 0345 606 6171 In an emergency contact the police.

Public Rights of Way Footpath **problems** can be reported to Suffolk County Council
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Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall AS: All Saints ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

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| BALLROOM DANCING | VH | Tue 7.30 p.m. | <i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i> |
| BEALINGS BELLES...LADIES GROUP | | | |
| | ACH | 3RD Wed of month 2.00 p.m. | <i>Info 01473 626845</i> |
| CARPET BOWLS | VH | Wed 2.00 p.m. | <i>Kathy Price 621419</i> |
| DANCE CLASS | VH | Wed 9.30 a.m. | <i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 0773811169</i> |
| FYNN VALLEY WALKS | AS | Wed 10.30 a.m. Walks leave from the church | |
| JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT | | | |
| | Subscribers | https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/6622 | |
| | Non-Subscribers | http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or Volunteer Administrator:07925 181390 | |
| KNIT & NATTER | ACH | Mondays 1.30 p.m.—4.00 p.m. | <i>Info Contact 01473 623133</i> |
| LIBRARY | | Thu (every 4th Thur) 2.15—2.45 at Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings | <i>07809594685</i> |
| PILATES | VH | Tue 9.30 a.m. | <i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i> |
| PILATES with DID! | AS | Mon 7.30 p.m. | <i>Helen 07889 907615</i> |
| READING ROOM | ACH | Sat 10.30-12.30 - or by arrangement | <i>Info 01473 620213</i> |
| | | Books for all ages, jigsaw puzzles, DVDs etc to borrow. Drop off for FIND donations. | |
| SNOOKER | VH | Any day <4 hours | <i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i> |
| SOCIAL EVENING | ACH | Fri 7.00 p.m. | <i>Info 01473 735153</i> |
| | | Licensed bar, pub games etc. and other events | |
| STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS | VH | Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. | <i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i> |
| VILLAGE HALL BOOKING | | | <i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i> <i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i> |
| YOGA | VH | Sat 9.30 a.m. | <i>Caroline Boggon 07850683196</i> |

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PH: Parish Hall

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| PILATES | PH | Wed 7.30 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. | <i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i> |
| TODDLERS | PH | Fri 9.30 a.m. toddler group | <i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i> |
| WI | PH | Tue (1st in month) 7.30 p.m. | <i>Sue Bruce 738265</i> |



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