

# *Fynn - Lark News*

OCTOBER 2020



**Community** It is a word we read and hear a lot these days and its meaning seems to vary according to where you read or hear it. With fewer distractions available over the past few months, I have occasionally pondered on the meaning of *community* and how it relates to those of us who reside in the four parishes covered by this magazine.

Typing the word 'community' into my laptop produces the following definitions:

1. *A group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.*
2. *The condition of sharing or having certain attitudes and interests in common.*

To take the first definition. Taken literally, it would suggest that living in the same village, or group of villages makes us a *community*. However, when

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it comes to 'having a particular characteristic in common' things get a little more tricky. For me, one of the pleasures of village life is getting to know and appreciate the diverse range of personalities, characters and abilities of those who make up our *community* and keep the village alive. To say all those people, have a particular characteristic in common would be stretching things a little.

Strictly speaking, the only characteristic we all have in common is that we chose to live here, presumably because we like it. However, that in itself does not create a *community*.

The second definition above, does perhaps provide a clue. While we may not all share the same attitudes, it could be said that many of us do have a particular interest in common – namely to make our villages and neighbourhoods a better, safer and more pleasant place in which to live.

Having recently returned to Bealings after an absence of over 30 years, the village *community* is certainly different to that of my childhood in the 1960s and indeed to that of my Grandfather. Born in Lower Street in 1889, he would have known virtually everyone in the village, which at that time, would have been a far more self-sufficient, self-contained *community*. The majority of residents would have worked, shopped and socialised within the village, making for a closer, some would say more insular, *community*.

When I arrived on the scene some 70 years later, Bealings was already a very different place. Gone were the village blacksmiths, smallholders, carriers and other tradesmen who in previous generations had provided the residents with many of their day to day needs. The railway station had closed, and many people no longer worked in the village. At the beginning of the 1960s, the villages of

Bealings and Playford could between them count three Post Offices, two pubs and an off licence, several local farmers, an active cricket club, weekly church services and a school. The next twenty or so years saw most of these closed or lost. This was becoming a very different *community*.

By the time I and my contemporaries reached school leaving age in the 1970s, there was little or no work available in the village, the pubs had all closed and the possibility of buying or renting a house here was remote to say the least. Put simply, there was little to keep us here, and one by one we all left, perhaps no longer feeling part of the *community* that we had grown up in.

So how does The Bealings I left in 1983 compare with that to which I returned in 2017? Physically, little has changed. The beautiful countryside is largely the same as that which I freely roamed and played in as a boy. The Fynn and the Lark still wind their leisurely way through the villages and the old hump backed bridge where we used to gather and play, still stands. The houses, lanes and footpaths are still recognisable as those of my youth, as the villages have been spared the large-scale housebuilding and development which has afflicted some. The old school (scaffolding notwithstanding) and the churches still look much the same.

But what of the *community* - does it still exist? Well, yes it does, albeit in a somewhat different form. While the shops and pubs may have all gone, there is still a core of willing volunteers and helpers who keep village life ticking over. These are the people who run our parish councils, churches, village halls, clubs and societies, playing fields and numerous other events which provide vital opportunities for people to meet and socialise - an honourable mention here

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should go to this august publication too. They do not (usually) shout about what they do, preferring to quietly do their bit for the *community* without expecting lavish praise or rewards, as is the Suffolk way.

The school is, thankfully, still thriving. It is a different beast to that which I attended 50 years ago, when all the pupils lived within the three parishes of Bealings and Playford. The school now draws from a much wider area, with a large proportion of pupils living outside the original catchment area, often several miles away.

Recent events have enabled many to spend more time at home, giving them

more time to get to know their neighbours and fellow villagers. Village life continues to change and evolve as it always has done. Some residents now run small businesses from home, the Friends of the Admiral's Head continue in their efforts to re-open our last village pub, the churches have changed and adapted as they have probably done many times over the centuries. While there may be occasional disagreements over the means of achieving it, many villagers still carry on doing their bit to make our villages better places in which to live, all working towards a common goal, a common interest, for the good of the *community*.

*Francis Mutimer*

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## ***NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST***

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### **EDITORIAL NOTICE**

Readers will know that this Magazine is contributor-led. The Parish Councils regularly contribute Minutes of meetings. The churches submit regular details of their (currently all-too-limited) activities. Most of the rest of the material is submitted by individuals and we are very grateful to them all. But there are too few of them.

We always welcome new contributors, particularly under our regular headings: Nature Notes, History Corner, Profiles and Obituaries and Reviews. If YOU have an item, a thought, an insight you would like to share with others, please put it in writing and send it to us.

This Magazine is only as good as the contributions it receives.

### **NATURE NOTES**

#### ***Extinction: The Facts***

Our "Nature Notes" title, completely belittles the frightening significance of this programme shown on BBC 1 in mid-September, which this item now highlights.

96-year-old Sir David Attenborough investigated the devastating effects of climate change and habitat loss on wildlife and plant life, and how it is also impacting humanity and the planet. He detailed how a million different species are at risk of extinction due to the



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biodiversity crisis, which is also putting us at greater risk of pandemic diseases like COVID-19.



This item is not just to urge readers to watch this programme, if they missed it, but also to invite them to turn the telescope round to see whether there is more that can be done at local level to help retrieve the situation. Most people living in the countryside are aware of the damage that is being done to wildlife: this Magazine and others carry items about the value of wild-flower meadows and gardens, about the need to encourage bees and insects, about keeping an eye open for stag-beetles, for encouraging hedgehogs, about feeding the birds, about safeguarding hedgerows – but is there more we can do as individuals? Is our voracious appetite for development, small though each incidence may seem, contributing inexorably to the demise of our living planet and the loss of millions of non-humanoid species? Are there things that we, as individuals, could refrain from doing which would help, and, conversely, are there things that we could undertake to do, to the benefit of other species. Every individual amongst us who is concerned that future generations should enjoy life as humans on this richly diverse planet of ours should ask themselves these questions.

This extraordinary man deserves to be the lead voice in a mighty, ever-swelling chorus, not just a voice crying in the wilderness.

Norman Porter

## HISTORY CORNER

For many years it has been a tradition to hold village fetes some time over the summer, usually in aid of the local church. This year it was impossible, owing to restrictions made necessary by the Covid virus. The nature of these fetes has changed over the years, but to fill the vacuum left by this lack of fetes to report on, it seems appropriate to resort to an account of a village fete held some 45 years ago. What is remarkable – and in tune with the sense of community highlighted by Francis Mutimer in the lead item, is the way in which our villages co-operated in a joint objective; a Little Bealings fete, held in a large Playford garden, with a resident of Great Bealings officially opening it, and a Great Bealings auctioneer raising much of the money. The fete took place on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1975 and was in aid of All Saints Tower Fund.



*“The fete was opened by Lord Belstead on a gloriously sunny day. Mrs Storey (Playford Mount) had kindly offered her garden as the venue for the fete. What a garden! It was very extensive, filled with shrubberies and rolling lawns, which slope away to a little valley and stream, the sides of which were covered in nettles and rosebay willow herb. The pony rides for the children were at the bottom of this slope, while further along there was the “toss the bale” competition. One of the*

*more energetic competitors cleared almost 13 feet! There was a very wide range of produce and side-stalls scattered about the garden. The crowning spectacle was the performance of dancing and singing given by the "Coop Juniors". Their dresses portrayed both ancient and modern themes, from the late nineteenth century to the present day. Everybody present was amazed at the colour and variety of those dresses. The garage was used as a picture gallery to show paintings by local amateur artists. Several of them were sold. Together with the sale of tickets the sum raised was £580.*

*The fete winds up a series of events and appeals to raise money for the restoration of the tower of All Saints Church. It had started with general house-to-house appeal, followed by an auction, with Mr Haywood Smith of Great Bealings as auctioneer. This single event raised over £1100 in one single afternoon. The Auction was followed by a Flower Festival and display of old photographs, organised by Mr Fleck. Coupled with this was a Buffet Lunch served in the Angela*

*Cobbold Hall, raising over £400.*

*All of this in an age when Christianity is supposed to be on the way out and in difficult economic times. There must be something in village life or depth of feeling for things past to be treasured and restored, which is most welcome to find, particularly when it is in your very own village."*

So: A Little Bealings fete, opened by a distinguished local resident, held in a Playford garden, with a Great Bealings auctioneer, a wide range of activities, much enjoyment and a large sum of money raised for a much-cherished church. What could be more typical of the best of village life? We don't have any pictures of that event but we do have two nostalgia-inducing pictures from the Great Bealings 2002 Diamond Jubilee event held in the field beyond Kiln Farm which pick up on two items mentioned above; the opening by Lord Belstead and pony rides, plus the traditional whole-village photograph. Let us hope we get back to such times sooner rather than later.



## DAD'S ARMY

Reading the History Corner section in the June issue about the local Home Guard, I thought I should expand on the characters involved in the highly successful TV series, Dad's Army, still running after 40 years. In 1970 I became manager of Midland Bank, Brompton Road. One day I was advised "Mr Lowe is outside and wishes to see you". In came Arthur and presented me with his request for finance to rebuild a Victorian Steam pinnace lying on the Shoeburyness mud flats. He presented me with a large scroll, which he unwound and lay on my desk, being upside down from my side, I moved round to get a better perspective and appraise the planned repairs etc. I looked up and there was Arthur Lowe sitting in my chair!, Little did I realise that a long and personal friendship would follow, including the whole of the Dad's Army crew, when they came aboard the finished boat at the Lensbury Regatta the following year. Also invited were Peter O'Toole, Jack Hawkins and Sian Phillips. During the usual "bonhomie" that followed, one thing struck me, their characters were the same on board as they were on TV. Clearly there was no need for any "character building" or to that matter, direction. This intrigued me to wondering what these characters were really like in real life. We all watch Dad's Army with its comedic situations piling on each other, true, and you will recall some serious moments when Capt. Mainwaring reminds his ancient troop that "Come on lads, we'll beat these German Boche, mark my words". But what were their own war records and experiences like? Let me explain a few.

Arthur Lowe- Capt. Mainwaring: Born in 1915, When WW2 began, he tried to join the Merchant Navy but was refused due to his poor eyesight. He then joined the Army and served in the Middle East with the Duke of Lancaster's own Yeomanry. He was then transferred to R.E.M.E. as a radar technician and discharged at the end of the war reaching the rank of Sergeant

Clive Dunn= Cpl Jones: Born 1920: In 1940 served as a trooper in 4<sup>th</sup> Queen's Hussars, who were ordered to stop the German advance in Greece. Despite putting up a brave fight, the German tanks were superior to our own. The regiment was forced to surrender, and he was taken prisoner with 400 others and imprisoned in Austria until his release when the war ended.

John Laurie, Scots undertaker Frazer; Born 1897 Joined the army in 1914 in the Honourable Artillery Company and was particularly haunted by his experiences. In WW2 he joined the Home Guard, the only member of the cast that did so., apart from Ridley.

James Beck, Pvt Walker: One of the key cast members as Pvt Walker. He did his National Service as a Physical Training Instructor, his death in 1973 was a great shock to his cast friends. He lived very near to me in East Sheen and I had the very sorrowful task of comforting his wife. His character was never replaceable.

William A. Ridley: Private Godfrey – probably the one character that attracts the most sympathy. Born 1896, he volunteered for service in the British Army 1914, but was rejected with a hammer toe. In 1915 he tried again and was accepted into the Somerset Light Infantry, he saw service in the Battle of the Somme, sustaining several wounds in battle, his left hand was useless and his legs riddled with shrapnel, he received a bayonet wound to the groin. The legacy of a blow to his head by a German rifle butt led to black outs after the war and he was medically discharged as a Lance Corporal in 1916. But he was not yet finished, he re-joined the Army in 1939, 43 years old as a second lieutenant. His role was to control and ensure the safety of the numerous journalists reporting the war in France. He returned to Britain in the overcrowded destroyer Vimera, which was the last ship to escape from the harbour during the battle of Boulogne. He relinquished his commission as Captain on 1 June 1940 and immediately joined





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the Home Guard in his Hometown of Caterham.

My question to them all,” What do you think of the Home Guard then and your portrayal now? “. TO a man they believed they had done their bit when younger and now in their later years they could indulge in some “self-mocking” of the characters they portrayed in Dad’s Army “. Perhaps that is why the TV series continues to be such a success?

*Roger Roseboom, Lance Corporal,  
Royal Signals, Canal Zone 1951-1953*

## **NEW EAST SUFFOLK PARKING TARIFF**

Following a delay caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, East Suffolk Council is now nearing the end of rolling out new parking tariffs across the district - including a simplified pricing structure and free half hour parking across a number of sites.

Reducing over 50 different price points to just three or four main ticket types across the district, the new price structure will see prices reduced or frozen in over 70% of cases. Additionally, the council has introduced 30 minutes free parking in a number of car parks to support people who said that they make regular short visits. This will also support local businesses who will benefit from drivers making quick turnarounds in our car parks.

East Suffolk Council are introducing the new tariffs in a staggered roll out, with signs erected to indicate the new charges this started in Bungay in August. The roll out then continued through the district.

Cllr Norman Brooks, East Suffolk’s cabinet member for Transport, said: “Our new tariffs have been led by the data we have received from historical

parking information and we are determined to make the process as simple and reasonable as possible. We know that the range of different charges has been inconsistent, and we also know that the tariffs to date have not necessarily suited the vast majority of people who park in our towns.

“The prices for longer stays remain competitive and our data tells us that around 75% of all users will pay just £1 or £1.50 for a two-hour stay. These changes are not about making money – in fact, we will not be making a penny of additional revenue from them, with more than 70% of tariff levels reduced or stay the same for a two-hour visit. This is about continuing to invest in improving the parking experience in East Suffolk, making it easier for everyone.”

East Suffolk Council is also continuing to make the best use of technology to improve services by making them more efficient, and has seen an increase of 129% on contactless payments in its car parks as visitors take advantage of the simple RingGo app to park with ease and confidence.

Available in all East Suffolk’s car parks, RingGo is a quick and easy to use mobile phone service which lets people pay for their parking with a credit or debit card, via an app, rather than using cash at the machine. This means that drivers no longer need to queue at the machine or handle cash to pay for their parking.

Whilst there used to be a convenience fee of 20p to use the app, East Suffolk Council covers this cost, so drivers do not get charged extra for using this payment option. There is however a small extra charge if drivers choose to opt in to receive SMS reminders, of when your time is running out.

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Parking management moved from the police to East Suffolk Council in April 2020, to improve parking locally and tackle nuisance and unlawful parking, enabling the Council to address the parking problems that are affecting communities the most.

Cllr Brooks continues: "Our role is to support local communities and manage parking demand by enforcing existing regulations and ensuring there are parking opportunities for residents and visitors alike. Key to this is tackling inconsiderate and illegal parking which can impact on businesses as well as pose a danger to other road users and pedestrians."

Alongside this, the Council also

reviewed how it administrated on-street parking permits, exemptions and dispensations. As a result of this, a new digital system has been put in place, enabling residents and others to apply for and manage permits online. The system also recognises valid permits from a vehicle's registration number, meaning that permit holders will no longer need to remember to display their permits.

For more details, go to <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/parking-places>

and [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/permits-exemptions-and-dispensations/](https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/visitors/parking-services/permits-exemptions-and-dispensations/).

## SUFFOLK DOMESTIC ABUSE HELPLINE

Anglia Care Trust (ACT), in partnership with Suffolk County Council have launched a free, 24/7 Suffolk Domestic Abuse helpline: 0800 977 5690. The National Domestic Abuse helpline reported recently that, since the start of lockdown, they have received more than 40,000 calls and contacts, with an 800% increase in June. Working with our partners we want to offer a more direct, local solution enabling victims in Suffolk to get direct support, advice and action.

Domestic abuse takes many forms - similar to COVID-19 it's a hidden danger, and sometimes a hidden killer. Although domestic abuse is usually synonymous with violence, often physical abuse is not a factor at all. Many survivors suffer coercive control: their abuser will isolate them from friends and family and will make them feel as if the abuse is their own fault. Financial abuse is another form - the perpetrator will take control of all household income and will restrict access to any money. Psychological abuse takes many forms and, very often, the survivor hides the abuse just as much as someone that's been physically harmed, as they are made to believe they have caused the behaviour.

The Suffolk Domestic Abuse helpline is there for everyone - sufferers/survivors of domestic abuse; friends, family or colleagues of survivors; and for professionals needing advice - please pass the number on and let people know that they are not alone - this may just be someone's lifeline: **0800 977 5690**

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# ***GREAT BEALINGS***

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## **ST MARY'S**

The new chapter in the life of St Mary's has opened. The new united Benefice with St Mary's, Woodbridge, may not yet be a legal entity but the first joint enterprises have taken place. Rev. Nigel Prior was installed in an actual live service in St Mary's, Woodbridge on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Just 30 people were allowed to attend, but Great Bealings was duly and fully represented in the ceremony. Members of both churches attended a special patronal service on Sep 6<sup>th</sup>, celebrating the fact that both churches have Mary as their patron. There will be future occasions when many more people to get to know Father (as he likes to be called) Nigel, and his wife Liz. The first will be the joint all-age Harvest Festival to be held on the last Sunday of September at 11.00, hopefully outside in the churchyard, but with provision made for moving indoors in case of inclement weather. Hopefully bring-your-own picnics, with all due bubble distancing, will still be possible.

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**

There were plenty of striders, but few reports of riders, apart from Rev Dr John Hare who, heavily helmeted, took to his sturdy bicycle in aid of our church. A wonderful gesture from him at the end of a lengthy period when he has creatively seen us through the interregnum.

A group of walkers did gather at St Mary's, with the objective of following a circuit that would include all four churches of our former Benefice. The Great

Bealings group met up with a larger group from Little Bealings, and then the total group of around 30 walkers took some 3 hours to return to base. There was a range of countryside sights en route, including, distressingly, a dead calf by the gates of St May's. Compensation came in the form of grazing cattle, ponies, juicy blackberries, warm dry weather and cheerful, chatty company.

We were delighted to welcome in our midst Father Nigel Prior and his wife Liz, plus Labrador, Poppy – a good opportunity for them to stake out the territory! Our warmest thanks to Francis Mutimer and John Wittgreffe for over-all organisation and marshalling, and for ensuring that the lengthy risk assessment documents did not need to be referred to.

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

### **PATTERN AND TIMING OF FUTURE SERVICES**

We hope to continue with our pattern of holding services on the first Sunday of every month. Father Nigel is keen to divide his time between both churches for which he is responsible, but obviously cannot be in two places at the same time. This will need flexibility on the part of both congregations, particularly as regards the timing of 10.00 services. Views would be welcome as to whether 9/9.30 or 10/30.11.00 would be preferable alternatives. Also, might an occasional Evensong be a welcome alternative to the normal morning Holy Communion Family Service? Decisions remain to be taken about the Remembrance Service – whether we go it alone, or whether we join up with either Woodbridge or revert to



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### **PCC MEETINGS**

We have kept things going during lockdown by collective email, without having to resort to zoom. This has been helped by a relaxing of requirements to meet, particularly by delaying deadlines for reports and Annual Meetings.

We now have two meetings planned - one for October 6<sup>th</sup>, the first meeting with Father Nigel in the Chair. This will probably take place in the church, and we will have an opportunity to discuss the project of reorganising the pews at the back. The second, the Annual meeting, is planned for Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Officers and PCC members for the next year will be elected. If you feel you would like to contribute by being part of your PCC, a group which sees its function as not only to keep the church open and flourishing but also to represent a certain set of community values, do please have a word with one of the current members: Norman Porter, Virginia Porter, Eric Barnett, Julian Haywood Smith, Will Self or Jonathan Keer.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our Harvest festival was moved to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 11.00 am, so will be taking place the weekend, this Magazine appears. We are pleased that we will be joined by families from St Mary's, Woodbridge, as this is a joint all-age celebration.

### **CHURCHYARD**

The churchyard is scheduled for its autumn clear-up, so we are hoping to prepare it for winter by getting together a work party for Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup>. If that has to be cancelled because of bad weather, then the following two Saturdays are held in reserve. We hope to deal with

the overflow car park at the same time – hoping that, one day, we may be able to hold events which actually need an overflow.

And a plea: please remember that the Council binmen do not get down to our refuse bins, and that church volunteers have to sort them out before they are put by the roadside for collection. Compostable greenery is relatively easy to deal with, but general rubbish can be a nightmare, particularly when it contains glass, wreaths held together by wire, and, worst of all, dog mess. Please be considerate where this is possible.

*Norman Porter  
Churchwarden  
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## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

The church and churchyard remain open to visitors, subject to current restrictions and precautions. Do please visit – the church is much diminished without people – and – for some casts of mind – people are diminished without the calm tranquillity that can be offered by a church – a quiet place, to escape from the trials and tribulations of the world around us.

But these times have been financially challenging, and costs have not been reduced. If we are to keep the church open, and active – and, even, improve what it can offer to the village, we still need financial support from all who care about this beautiful space and building. We can't tempt you in with events, because of current restrictions, but do feel ever welcome to enjoy the treasures of the interior, and to enjoy a walk with nature and history around the churchyard – and if you have the opportunity to donate something towards costs please take it.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

**Summarised notes of the meeting held on 3rd September**

### **DELEGATED POWERS**

Following the success in holding virtual meetings, it was proposed that the delegated powers currently held by the Clerk be revoked. This was seconded and agreed by Cllrs.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

#### **DC/19/4066 – Rosery Cottage Barn –**

The appeal has been allowed by the Inspector. Charles Barrington (CPB) has written to the Head of Planning thanking him for supporting the PC in objecting to this application. Martin Cripps raised the issues mentioned by the Inspector concerning the approach taken by ESC. It was agreed to send a letter to the appropriate Team Leader at ESC regarding the deficiencies in their objections submitted to the Inspector.

**DC/20/1684 – 1 Rosery Cottages –** Extensions and alterations – application permitted by ESC

**DC/20/2215 – Lodge Road – Access –** application refused by ESC

**DC/20/2257 – Croft Cottage –** Re-siting of new dwelling – application permitted by ESC

**DC/20/1898 – Land to north of Lavender Cottage, Kiln Lane –** Stable room and hay loft – application refused by ESC

### **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

Following the complaint made to the PC, which was discussed at the last PC meeting, a letter of response had been approved by Cllrs and sent by the Chairman to the complainant. However, the complainant was not satisfied with this and has made a further complaint direct to ESC.

## **HIGHWAYS**

### **BOOT STREET – EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT**

Following conclusion of the initial consultation, SCC have proposed extending the 30mph limit further up Hasketon Road to cover all the properties. Cllrs were very pleased to approve this amendment. Martin Cripps has received a message of appreciation from the residents of Hasketon Rd for the PC's persistence in pursuing this matter.

The funding deficit to be raised by the PC is £2000. Offers of donations have been received from some residents, the PC will contribute a sum from its reserves and an application has been made for some Community Partnership Funding which will be discussed at a meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> September which CPB will attend.

### **QUIET LANES**

This project has been resurrected by the Quiet Lanes Suffolk Group who will be applying for funding. The PC has nominated Rosery Lane and Hasketon Road to be included, and on recommendation from the Group our previous nominations of Seckford Hall Road, Lower Street and Grundisburgh Road will also remain on the list.

### **OTHER HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Martin Cripps has received an email from a resident about missing finger posts on some footpaths. The PC's Footpaths Officers have investigated this, and a report has been sent to ESC.

### **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

Seven cheques were authorised for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses, the Data Protection fee and

the Annual Insurance renewal. Cllrs noted that there had been a small national salary increase for Clerks from 01.04.20

The Bank Reconciliation was approved for signature

### **Grant Acceptance**

ESC has approved a grant of £2000 from District Cllr Colin Hedgley's Enabling Communities Fund for compilation of a book entitled "Walking through History (a history of Gt Bealings)" which will be organised by Norman Porter.

### **Sizewell C**

To be able to make further comments on the Sizewell C application, it would be necessary for the PC to register as a Council who had an Interest. Cllrs agreed this should be done and CPB will arrange

### **Resignation**

CPB announced with great regret that Anthony Sheppard has decided to resign from the PC. His last PC meeting will be in November. On behalf of all Cllrs, CPB expressed his thanks to AS for the support and commitment he has given to the PC during his term of office.

**Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 18th November 2020 in the Village Hall at 7.00pm **NB.** This is a change of date from the 10<sup>th</sup> November

Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website.

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## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is continuing to hold remote meetings using Zoom, and met on 7 and 21 September. The public are able to attend remotely and participate as usual during the Public Participation Session of each meeting.

The main issues considered were:

### DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS AND NEWSLETTERS

Andrew Reid introduced himself as the 'acting' Councillor for the parish, until a new election is held in May 2021. Both his and District Councillor Hedgley's reports are available to view on the Council's website:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/district-and-county-councillor-reports/>

### WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY

The Chairman thanked the webmaster for the tremendous amount of work undertaken to achieve website compliance within the government's required timescale. Provision would be made in the 2021/22 budget in anticipation that further work may be necessary. A 'sense' review of the webpages would also be carried out.

### PLANNING POLICY

The council adopted a new planning policy.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**DC/20/2730/FUL:** Construction of single storey domestic annexe at Broom Bank, Sandy Lane

This application has been approved.

**DC/20/0199/FUL:** Conversation of Existing Barn to create 4 x 2 bedroom dwellings: Beacon House Playford Road

This application has been withdrawn.

**DC/20/1909/FUL and DC/20/3387/FUL:** Erection of a two-storey dwelling and formation of vehicular access to Martlesham Road: Bealings Holt Martlesham Road

The Chairman spoke at the ESC Planning Committee and the first application was refused. The applicant has submitted the same application again, in anticipation of the new Suffolk Coastal Local Plan being in place and approval being granted as a result of the new policy SCLP5.4 relating to Housing in Clusters in the Countryside. The Local Plan was found to be sound, with modifications, by the Inspector on 8 September. The Council resolved to maintain its objection to the development on the grounds that approval would lead to other infill development along Martlesham Road and Playford Road which would have a negative cumulative effect on the area, given the resultant increase in traffic. The Chairman would attend a future meeting of the ESC Planning Committee to put forward the Council's view.

**C/20/3340/FUL:** Extension to create single storey garden room with minor internal alterations plus roof lights – Beacon Ridge, 24 Beacon Lane, Martlesham Road

There was no objection to this application.

**ENF/2019/0303/USE:** Enforcement Action at The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

Service of an Enforcement Notice was still awaited and it was resolved to make formal complaint to ESC about the delay.

**SCC/007/19SC:** Erection of Noise Attenuation Fence at Sinks Pit

This application remained undetermined. Residents had been pressing ESC and SCC to act over continuing noise, dust and operating hours issues. The Environment Agency had visited and carried out noise and dust tests.

**DC/20/1471/FUL:** Erection of a self build

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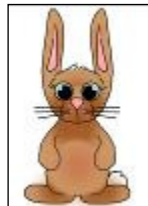
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three bedroom detached dwelling and detached garage and store within garden amenity land: No 1 Holly Lane

The applicants have appealed against the refusal by ESC.

#### **SIZEWELL C**

It was resolved to become an interested party in the determination of the application and make representation in respect of the potential impact of the transport strategy on the parish.

#### **THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD**

The public were excluded for the Council's consideration of this matter at its meeting on 7 September on the grounds of commercial sensitivity. At the meeting it was agreed to form a Working Group with members of the Friends of the Admiral's Head to pursue purchase of the pub. A planning application has since been made by the owners for change of use of the pub to a private dwelling:

**DC/20/3514/FUL | Change of Use of a Vacant Public House to Residential Use | Admirals Head Inn Sandy Lane Little Bealings Suffolk IP13 6LW**

The Council has been granted a short extension to respond to the consultation and will be determining its response at a meeting to be held on 5 October. **Public comments are due to be submitted by 1 October, but the planning officer has advised that he will generally consider comments made after that date, until the application is ready to be considered. Details of how to make a comment on-line are here:**

***<https://publicaccess.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/online-applications/>***

The Working Group reported that it had written to County Councillor Reid to ask for support and was working on a flier to start public consultation on a purchase of the pub.

#### **SALC PLANNING TRAINING**

Dr Hopkins and Ms Head would attend two sessions remotely.

#### **SAVID (SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING)**

SCC hoped to deal with the application for approval of poles for the installation of shared SID devices in the village by November, with a view to installation by February. The Chairman would attend the next meeting of SAVID on 7 October.

#### **STANDING ORDERS AND POLICIES**

Revised Standing Orders issued by NALC and policies in respect of Donations, Health and Safety, Equal Opportunities, Sickness Absence, Grievance, Disciplinary, Expenses, Complaints, Data Protection and Freedom of Information were adopted.

#### **FINANCE**

Revised Financial Regulations for 2020/21 issued by NALC were adopted.

#### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

The following expenditure had been incurred: Clerk's salary and PAYE for August and September, including national pay award backdated to 1 April, donation to SAVID, payment to webmaster for website accessibility work. Mr Hunter had undertaken the Bank Reconciliation for the first and second quarters.

#### **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 5 October and will use Zoom. The following meeting is scheduled for 2 November. The Council has considered the Covid-19 arrangements in place for use of Bealings Village Hall, and has resolved to continue to meet using Zoom for the present.

Please visit our website for further details of meetings:

*<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/dates-of-meetings/>*

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## ALL SAINTS

We hope that in spite of the Covid-19 virus that you have enjoyed the glorious September weather in our peaceful little corner of Suffolk. We see signs of a return to more normal times, but we are very aware of the continuing threat posed by the virus and the challenges of working according to government and diocese guidelines.

### SERVICES ARE BACK!

We are fortunate that we have been able to begin services again on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month at 10am and we have also begun to hold activities at the Church in a socially distanced manner. We are, of course, adapting the Church and our protocols to ensure that we keep visitors to All Saints Church as safe as possible and we may need to adjust or postpone our in-person services and activities as the situation evolves.

In the meantime, we have been delighted to be able to join our sister churches, All Saints Kesgrave and Playford Church, for online services every Sunday at 10am and we encourage you to also be part of the weekly services (see [littlebealingschurch.org](http://littlebealingschurch.org) for more details).

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 7.00 p.m. on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at All Saints Church in Kesgrave

In order to allow participation both in person and via Zoom, we have had to move our APCM to All Saints in Kesgrave. All parishioners are welcome to attend the Vestry meeting where Churchwardens are elected and any person on the Church Electoral Roll is invited to the APCM. Please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at [lbpcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lbpcsecretary@gmail.com) or 078899 07615 to reserve your place or receive Zoom details.

### BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB

#### Monday evening Pilates classes resume

We are delighted that we have been able to welcome Didi Kamfer back to run our Pilates class at 7:30 p.m. We are grateful to the Council's FitVillages programme for

getting us up and running at the beginning of the year and we will continue to hold classes as government and Diocese guidelines allow. Please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend (details above) if you would like to join us.



We also hope to open the Tearoom soon beginning on Thursdays all day and Friday afternoons, however, in the interests of safety, we are not yet open. Please check the website ([littlebealingschurch.org](http://littlebealingschurch.org)) for the most up to date information.

Please note that All Saints Church is open to all and available for rental at £6.50 per hour – we are delighted to have a wonderful new energy efficient heating system in place thanks to generous donors including Sports England, and we will continue to use the woodburner occasionally since it is such a lovely feature of the Church.

### WE WILL ALWAYS BE HERE FOR YOU

While the creation of our new Benefice has been delayed due to Covid-19, we are hopeful that the parishes of Kesgrave, Little Bealings and Playford will be joined together soon. In the meantime, we recognise these continue to be difficult times for many in the village and if anyone is in need of assistance or just a friendly chat, please contact Gary Jones at [gary.jones590@ntlworld.com](mailto:gary.jones590@ntlworld.com) or 07714 614095/01473 412329.

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## GEOFF DUNNETT FINALLY RETIRES!

A full feature was written on Geoff in the September 2018 issue of this newsletter detailing his work and his family's long connection with the village. His was the third generation to have worked on Hill Farm with his brother, father and grandfather all having done some 50 or more years there. At the end of his working life Geoff cared for the Hill House garden for 25 years but, now that the house has finally been sold, his services are no longer required and he has stepped aside. An earlier 44 years on the farm makes his a remarkable total of 69 years service surpassing the rest of his family by a mile.

Although it is 140 years since his grandfather Walter arrived in the village from Little Bealings, it is less well known that on his mother's side the Playford connection goes back considerably further. Geoff's mother Eva was a Robinson from a large family of market gardeners who rented land at Branson's from 1863 until around the turn of the C20. Samuel, the father of the three brothers who worked the garden, had come from Framlingham in the early 1800s, had married in Playford church in 1816 and had found work with old Thomas Clarkson on Playford Hall Farm. Eva's grandfather however never joined his other brothers but moved away, working on various farms in the district and finally ending up at Warren Houses on the Felixstowe Road now long since built over. It was from Warren Houses that Eva went into service with Miss Rosa and Miss Emma Crisp at Playford Hall and where Geoff's father Fred met her

when delivering milk from Hill Farm where he worked as a cow man.

Within the last 20 years there have been three or four other such people with similarly deep roots living here in the village. There was Frank Mann whose great-great-grandfather had been born at Colonel's Cottages in 1801, Anne Woods whose great-great-great-grandfather had come from Rushmere in 1776, José Booker whose great-great-grandfather had moved from Ramsholt sometime before 1822 and there was Owen Goldsmith whose great-great-grandfather, Arthur Biddell, had moved from West Suffolk in 1808 and whose family had dominated village life and farmed every Playford acre throughout the C19. Geoff's retirement adds to this illustrious list though it is to be hoped that we have still not seen the last of him. Living in Whitton, he will surely continue to find a way to visit his beloved Mere... and maybe even to cut the grass while he is down there! We shall see.

*Brian Seward*

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> August 2020 in Playford Church. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mary Evans is standing in as Co. Cllr for Playford following Robin Vickery's resignation from SCC - new councillors will not be elected until May 2021. Mary has been sending in regular reports from SCC since the beginning of lockdown. She is aware of the many Highways issues not resolved in this parish and

asked the clerk to send details/reference numbers to her so that these can be followed up. SCC is looking to spend money to promote Quiet Lanes in Suffolk for walkers, dog walkers and horse riding. Mary's special responsibility is with children's services and she has been organising holiday schemes for them since March. Current legislation whereby parents cannot be prosecuted for not sending their children to school is likely to be reversed soon. Home/school transport needs to be better organised.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Colin Hedgley and Tony Fryatt have sent in regular reports from East Suffolk Co. And updates on the Covid-19 situation throughout the pandemic. Colin further stated that ESC has taken over all car parking in East Suffolk, that all District Council meetings were being held via Zoom for the foreseeable future and the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan will likely be received back from the Inspectors sometime in September. The Hardship fund started at the beginning of the pandemic has been provided by each District Cllr contributing £2K from their respective budgets - this has been very much appreciated by many disadvantaged people in the district who have benefited from it.

#### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Progress on footpaths is on hold until after the Covid pandemic has eased as we cannot get hold of the ROW Footpaths Officer to discuss.

Signs to be installed in Church Lane to deter heavy vehicles from using the route are similarly delayed until easing of social distancing will allow the work to be carried out.

A site meeting is needed to discuss remedies for maintenance of the drainage ditch near the entrance to the Village Hall car park and a barrier may be required at the edge of the ramp.

Dead oak tree close to the carriageway on C324 is not thought to be an imminent danger but will be monitored regularly.

Two new grit bins in Church Road

should be filled before the winter months.

Part of the pavement in Spring Meadow, damaged by the water issue in FP7 has been re-tarmacked.

More potholes at the southern end of Butts Road have been reported, also the removal of silt built up on C324 has been requested again.

Blue algae on the long pond in the water meadow on the Fynn Valley walk has yet to be confirmed by the Environment Agency.

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

#### **FINANCE**

Payments were authorised for clerk's salary from April to July, to HMRC for tax due on clerk's salary, annual subscription to SALC, annual donation to FLN, to CAS for annual insurance renewal, a donation to Grundisburgh Baptist Church in respect of the internal audit carried out by Colin Grimwood and the annual subscription to the ICO. Credits received: First half of the Precept £4000.00 and reclaimed VAT of £806.73. A bank reconciliation was carried out. The budget for 2020-21 and the pricing of Assets were reviewed. The internal audit has been carried out by Colin Grimwood and his report together with the Certificate of Exemption (from external audit), the AGAR (Annual Governance and Accountability Return) and the Accounting Statement were agreed and accepted by an email vote taken in May.

#### **HIGHWAYS ISSUES**

Silt/drain clearances on the C324 and road signs etc in Church Lane have been covered in Action Point review (above). Also a site meeting will be arranged to discuss remedies for the drainage ditch around the playing field as above.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The completion certificate for the Groundwork grant received in this tax year has been received and a decision must now be made as to when NP will be finalised and put out for referendum. It



may be advantageous to wait until after the new Local Plan is adopted later this year.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DC/20/0894/VOC – variation of condition of planning permission DC/19/2217/FUL at Heath Cottage, IP5 1DA** - Playford PC supported this application.

**DC/20/1732/FUL Conversion and extension of existing agricultural building to form a dwelling (following prior approval of DC/19/4256/PN3 for change of use of an agricultural building to two residential dwellings) at Archway Piggeries.** - Playford PC supported this application.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Website Accessibility issues have been addressed in line with new legislation effective from 22nd Sept 2020.

The newly proposed Code of Conduct has been circulated to all councillors for comments and should be approved by the LGA later this year.

Ipswich Ramblers have donated a bench which has been installed next to the water meadow on the Fynn Valley walk commemorating Mr Geoff Pratt, one of their late members.

Following a unanimous vote, Martin Hill was co-opted onto the parish council as a new councillor. One more councillor is still required to serve – please contact the clerk or any councillor for details if you are interested.

Joan Metcalfe thanked Colin Hedgley as Churchwarden for arranging the meeting in the Church.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Weds 4th November 2020 (provisionally) in Playford Church at 7pm.

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## **MEMORIAL BENCH**

Playford Parish Council was contacted by the Ipswich and District Ramblers in May of this year to ask permission for a memorial bench to be placed near Playford's Footpath 1, which runs alongside the north side of the water meadow and forms part of the Fynn Valley walk. The landowner, John Fenton was in full agreement and a suitable site was chosen, with a pleasant view facing south across the water meadow.

The bench is to commemorate their late member Mr Geoff Pratt, an engineer, whose books on local walks are well known and whose work in making walking more available was spread over several decades.

The following is taken from the Ipswich & District Ramblers' website (with their permission).

“Geoff and his wife Jean, also an engineer, were a force in developing the Ramblers Association in Suffolk. They had met on the engineering course at Bristol University where Jean was the only woman. Her bench is at Melton Picnic Area.





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The dedication on the bench reads:

*Geoff Pratt 1928-2018. Engineer, walker and author.*

*His books and writings celebrated the Footpaths of Suffolk.*



Let us hope the bench provides rest and enjoyment for local walkers for many, many years to come. Walking is our heritage and is FREE – all you need is a suitable pair of shoes and appropriate clothing. We are so lucky in this little corner of England to have so many footpaths to choose from and many of them are near rivers which we can admire and explore. The Fynn and the Lark are almost literally on our doorstep and the Deben, Orwell and Stour (the big boys!) are all within a short drive. It's good to know that local footpaths have all been enjoyed by so many people during the lockdown period and in the main, they have been respected by walkers and social distancing rules been obeyed as far as possible, though it is regrettable that the latter should have to be necessary.

We have fought back the Ipswich Northern Relief route and will continue to deter the development of our local rural

havens for as long as possible so as to preserve somewhere tranquil to enjoy the countryside which has largely been unchanged for centuries.

*Marian Hedgley*

## **PLAYFORD WI**

In September we welcomed our speaker via Zoom, Chris Turland talking about Suffolk motoring through the ages and at our birthday meeting in October we will be joining Erik Punak for a talk and possibly a singalong relating to Comic Verse in our own homes too. After our speaker has finished we will continue our meeting and all members will join together remotely with a glass of wine & cake to celebrate 97 years of Playford WI. Let's hope we can reach 100?

*Sue Bruce*

## **PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS**

Restrictions governing how we may lead our lives and those regarding the use of Churches etc. seem very uncertain and subject to frequent change. So, in view of not knowing what the future may hold and how long we may be in this strange situation, Colin Hedgley, Church Warden of Playford Church has very kindly given me permission to start taking requests to sponsor the Church Lights:

Saturday, 26th September Sponsored by Hilary Legard and Felicity Devereux in memory of Charles Bunbury whose Ashes were buried in Playford Churchyard that afternoon.

Please make requests to sponsor the lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford Telephone 01473 623366

email: [vronxbunbury@gmail.com](mailto:vronxbunbury@gmail.com).

If unable to contact Veronica please contact Colin Hedgley.

## **CHARLES BUNBURY – INTERMENT OF ASHES**

We buried Charles' Ashes in Playford Churchyard on Saturday, 26th September 2020 almost two years after his death in November 2018.

It has taken a while to come to the decision to bury his Ashes here but eventually we realised that the answer was on our doorstep and Playford Churchyard seemed the right and obvious place.

Born into a Military family, and then becoming a soldier himself, there was no one place Charles could claim to

"come from" and the many countries around the world to which he had travelled, lived and served in and to which he had become very attached were just too numerous and too distant. And so he has been laid to rest in the place that became his final home and where we, his

family, will continue to live.

I don't think I would have found the strength at Charles' funeral service to have stood up and adequately expressed my love for and admiration of him, and utter sadness at his loss; it was not until some months later that I came across these few words, which describe in a wonderfully succinct and appropriate way (Charles was a talented cricketer), the man Charles aspired to be ... and, indeed, was.

### **An Epitaph for Charles**

"Lord, The Umpire of our lives

Help us play our innings with a straight bat

Accept life's yorkers without complaint

And when, at last, our wicket falls

May we have notched up a worthy score."

*Veronica Bunbury*

## **Playford Church**

### **ALL CHURCHES HARVEST SERVICE**

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH AT 3.00 P.M.**

We intend to hold an open air Harvest Service on the above date  
(weather permitting)

Bring your own chair and any refreshment you think you may need.

Social distancing rules will apply so there will be quite a spreading out  
across the front churchyard.

Favourite Harvest Songs will be sung (unaccompanied by music!)

Come along for a community celebration!

(Weather at present is forecast as cloudy with bright intervals, may be  
a light shower)

***Anyone wishing to attend the Harvest Service please phone  
Colin Hedgley on 01473 738468 and leave your names for  
attendance records***

## BINKY AND CO.

Binky was getting totally frustrated. He had in his hand an appointment for the Covid testing station at 1645 that day. It was now 1520 and he was in a two mile traffic jam on the ring road.

He guessed, although there was no empirical evidence for this, that most of the cars were on their way back from the beach and so were blocking a very important and perhaps life- saving operation.

He surmised that there were dozens of staff at the testing station just waiting for him to come in after his frantic call to 111. It had taken him an hour to get through but when he did a very helpful young lady took him through his symptoms, which were a sniffy nose and forgetfulness. The nice lady said that sniffy noses were not an indication that one had Covid. She then asked him if his forgetfulness was more than usual or about the same. "I can't remember" replied Binky testily. The nice lady asked for any more symptoms. Binky thought. After a while Binky's eyes lit up, yes he replied I have an ear ache and an ingrowing toenail. "Mr Stickleback" responded the nice lady, an ingrowing toenail is not a symptom of Covid. "Well it should be" replied Binky "because I didn't have it before Covid struck". "Mr Stickleback" replied the nice lady, who was getting less nice by the second, "Mr Stickleback, you know you can be fined if one of our marshals thinks you are wasting our time?" "What" replied Binky. "You are going to send one of those yellow coated Stasi look- a- likes to my house! With me suffering from Covid. What sort of person are you?". "Mr Stickleback" retorted the now not very nice lady. "You are not suffering from Covid, you are suffering from Missenbrayns syndrome by Double Proxy". "Ah" said Binky "I knew it was something pretty serious. So what should I do now?"

The definitely not very nice lady told him to go to Covid station 26 up the ring road where he would be dealt with. "There are some lovely Army boys there to help you." She insisted.

As the traffic jam eased the excitement began to build in Binky. He entered the very large car park. He was ten minutes late but he was sure he would be seen. He stopped his vehicle and wound down the window. "Name please sir" asked the corporal. "Stickleback" replied Binky "I'm here because I've got Missenbrayns Syndrome by double proxy" said Binky with all the authority he could muster.

"Oh yes, we've heard all about you said the corporal in a knowing sort of way." "Right sir I want you to put your arm out of the widow palm downwards. I will then bring out a large plaster with a small tablet in the centre. I will attach it to your wrist. You are not to remove it. Don't get it wet. Keep it on for at least three months, ok?" "Right" said Binky.

The corporal retired to his medical hut. Once in there he took down a large glass jar labelled Ministry of Defence, Inter Service Salt Tablets. The corporal took one tablet out and placed it in the centre of a large plaster. Treading carefully outside he placed it on Binky's wrist and made sure it stuck firmly. He then bandaged over it all so that it looked as if Binky had something seriously wrong with him.

"That's it sir, you can go now and good luck, take it very easy." Binky was impressed with the efficiency and started his drive home. "Missenbrayns Syndrome by Double Proxy" he said to himself "Wow!"

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## *CULPHO*

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## **ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH**

### **APPOINTMENT OF REVD MARK CRESWELL**

The Right Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has announced that Revd Mark Creswell is to be appointed as SSM Interim Priest in charge of the Benefice of Carlford and the Parish of Culpho to cover the current vacancy for a period of up to six months. Mark will be licensed on the 30<sup>th</sup> September and on behalf of Churchwardens Richard and Guy, and all associated with St. Botolph's, we offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to him and his family.

### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Annual Church Meeting was cancelled in April and Church Officers were obliged to continue in post until such a meeting could be held and appointments confirmed for 2020/21. Under Government Guidance, the Church Representation Rules and the Churchwardens Measure, meetings of more than six persons are allowed in Church provided they are safe; social distancing is upheld, and face coverings are worn. In this respect we are pleased to announce that we shall be holding our APCM at 10 a.m. on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

All persons on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to attend together with residents whose name appears on the Local Authority Electoral register.

In order to ensure everyone is safe, there will be an exist and entry system in place, with hand sanitizer in the Porch. Chairs will be positioned to ensure social distancing and there is a need to wear a face covering. In this way the meeting will be conducted safely. The Churchwardens will have conducted a Risk Assessment prior to the date of the meeting. Details of all attending will be recorded and kept for 21 days in accord with Track and Trace directives.

Regardless of the uncharacteristic conditions under which the meeting will be held, a warm welcome awaits if you are able to attend. Details of appointments will subsequently be posted on the Notice Board.

There are vacancies for Parochial Church Council members and still time to make application if you feel this is something you would like to be part of. There are certain criteria to be met, notably that you are over sixteen years of age, have been baptised and attend Church, either at Culpho or elsewhere. Please contact either Churchwarden if you would like to apply.

*Margaret Gornall*

*Secretary*



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## CHURCH NEWS

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### WORD FROM THE STUDY

As we begin to leave summer behind and autumn is on the horizon, we reflect on what has been a strange time to say the least. Beginning of summer, we started the steady climb out of lockdown and now find ourselves on the dawn of new restrictions, which will last for some time.

Hindsight is a wonderful thing! As we reflect on what we could have done different, should we have taken action sooner? Who knows? These are all questions we will never have answers to. For me, one of the things that has come out of this is the community spirit shown by people and how we all come together to work for the common good. So much has been achieved in such a short space of time.

Our beautiful Churches of St Mary's at Playford and All Saints, Little Bealings, if they could tell a story, what a story that would be! The ups, the downs, the good times and the lean times. As the Local Minister, one of the things I am anxious to see is the Church being very much part of the community in which we serve.

As it currently stands, we have one service a month in each of our Churches, and my hope is that in the not too distant future, we will be able to increase this further. The Church is at the heart of the community in which we serve and I want to see that develop even further. We have lots of exciting things that we would like to do when restrictions allow us, but we will do what we can within these restrictions, so please, come and join us, come and give the Church a fresh look. You will be assured of a warm welcome and it is an

opportunity to either join in worship or just spend a few moments in quiet, away from what has become a busy world. One of the things that is planned is the Harvest Festival at St Mary's Playford at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4th, when we are able to have an outside service, subject to the weather. We are able to accommodate up to a maximum of 30 people. Please do come along and join us for this Festival, as we thank God for our harvest. Please give your names for track and trace to Colin Hedgley, Corinne Fear or myself.

We would love to welcome new members, as well as those who, perhaps haven't been for some time.

Can I also say at this time, a very warm welcome to Nigel who is the new Vicar of Great Bealings and Woodbridge, and his family as they start a new chapter in their lives. I look forward very much to seeing him and I am sure on behalf of us all, as the community, we wish them well.

My prayers and my love for the community in which we all love and for which I along with other ministers have the privilege of serving. Please be assured that both communities are always in our prayers, and if you need to speak to a minister, both formally or informally, please don't hesitate to contact me; Reverend Gary Jones, 07714614095 or email me at

*[gary.jones590@ntlworld.com](mailto:gary.jones590@ntlworld.com)*

Blessings to you all.

*Reverend Gary Jones*

## SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE. SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

The footpaths of our villages were well trodden on this fine September day, and in aid of a good cause. A group of walkers (with dogs) set out from Great Bealings, joined up with a larger group at Little Bealings Church, making a total of around 30, walked up the valley towards Playford, where they crossed paths with a group walking from Kesgrave, then across the fields to Culpho, and then back towards Great Bealings, where some partook of a welcome picnic lunch.

Some five and a half miles in all, spent in affable company, and taking in the sights and sounds of the local countryside. Our picture depicts the main group showing a clean pair of heels as they stride purposefully forth. Hopefully, a decent sum was raised, collectively and individually, in aid of the Trust.



## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

### GREAT BEALINGS

All-age Communion. **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**Either 11.00 a.m.** Regulars will be notified by email, and a notice put at the top of the church path. Please note the following:

Our **Remembrance Service on November 8<sup>th</sup>** is a matter of uncertainty. It will definitely not be an ex-Benefice occasion, but current restrictions make it difficult to foresee how we can best dovetail in with St Mary's, Woodbridge.

There may be occasional adjustment of times, as we juggle with Woodbridge timings, trying to ensure that Father Nigel personally takes as many services as possible, as he very much wishes to do. He cannot be in both churches at once.

Would 9.30 a.m. as a timing for our regular services in the future be an acceptable alternative? Is there an appetite for an occasional service of Evensong – just by

way of a change? *Please let us have your views.*

### PLAYFORD

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am** for Family Communion

In addition, there is a service on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 p.m.** This will be an **All-churches Harvest Service** outside. Bring your own chair and any refreshment you think you may need. All weather dependent, of course.

### LITTLE BEALINGS

**Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>.** Family Communion at 10.00 a.m.

Little Bealings and Playford will hold a joint **Remembrance Day** service at Playford at 10.00 a.m. with 2 ministers, followed by an act of remembrance at both Playford and Little Bealings at 11.00 a.m.

### CULPHO

Remains closed for all services.





## NOVEMBER 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the November 2020 News to be submitted by:

**5.00 pm Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.**

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

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