

Fynn - Lark News

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These pictures formed the first cover of the Fynn Lark News in June 2016.—Ed



OUR RIVERS

(WRITTEN IN THE SWELTERING MIDDLE OF THE RECENT HEATWAVE)

Hopefully, you realise that the title of the Magazine you are reading refers to a couple of beautiful rural rivers. Cool, shady, maybe not over-full with water at the moment, but fringed still with vegetation that is greener than most of the sun-baked, parched land around us. So – in this heat-fuelled torpor what could be more natural that to look for a verbal antidote down by the riverside, with a few tales from the river's edge. Cool, cool, hopefully clean water.

Our two little rivers spill into the Deben, which in turn spills into the North Sea. So, putting that journey into reverse, these were probably the waterways that led to the primal settling of these lands, as our Neolithic and Anglo-Saxon ancestors took to their boats in search of fertile terrain, and found suitable sites in Bealings and Playford, rising up from the river

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Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

banks. If anyone would like to beef up speculation with hard facts or scholarly certainty, please do!

Rivers often support fish. For many years the Finn* and Lark Angling Club stocked the river with trout. The interests of the gentlemanly anglers probably clashed with those of adventure-seeking children, and certainly with the interests of herons, of which there were many, notably from the 48-nest-strong heronry in nearby Orwell Park. We have on file a letter referring to the stocking of the river with 50,000 fish (at a cost of £150), but that all too many of the “fry” were eaten by the larger fish, or by eels and kingfishers. (Are they still there?) Good fishing requires proper maintenance of the river, and that became difficult, and the Angling Club fizzled out. Despite that, we have it on uncertain authority that this fish, as illustrated, came from the Lark. It is being displayed in the back yard of the old Live and Let Live. Anyone seen a fish of this size recently – proof required!



For young children rivers and riverbanks mean adventure. In less H and S armoured times parents were quite happy for their children to splash around to keep cool. Small rivers demand to be dammed up. Sticks need to be floated along the stream. Stepping stones asked to be stood upon. These pictures taken from the Fynn Bridge in Little Bealings in the



1950s and the Humped-back bridge in Great Bealings showing children doing what children do in rivers.



Not a sight you see very often nowadays, and please do not take this an invitation to venture into streams which may well have become unsafe, and possibly less clean than they used to be. As early as the 1930s there were plaintive complaints that the river was being poisoned by tarmac draining off newly laid roads.

But when you are sweltering there is nothing that is quite like water – to drink, to splash around in, or just to look at. So are not we lucky to have a couple of rivers on our collective doorstep! Feeling cooler?

Norman Porter

** Fynn/Finn: both spelling variants appear over time*

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

EDITORIAL NOTICE

If you can cast your minds back to July, you may remember that our leading article was about landscape artists who have painted scenes from this area. We were rightly taken to task for not having mentioned in any context, Anna Airy. While not primarily known as a landscape painter, she was certainly an artist with a reputation that deserved a mention. We compensate for this by including a Profile of Anna in our History Corner.

And that reminded the editor that a Kiln Lane neighbour, Valerie Irving, is another artist who has been moved to paint local landscapes, in a style very different to Anna's. Here is a picture of a scene in Kiln Lane itself, showing the old (now demolished) barn around which the village celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002.



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NEWS ITEMS

AGE UK – ENDING OF SERVICES

Age UK Suffolk ceased all operations after the 23rd July. During the Covid response they supported lots of people with their befriending scheme – weekly calls by volunteers to reduce the feeling of isolation or loneliness. The organisation will have been contacting all their clients and signposting to other services where possible. However, they point out that we may well see an increased need for similar services within localities, so please be alert to the possible increased isolation of the elderly. Some residents that have had support with shopping or medication collections may have been using Age UK for the befriending.

NEW 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN GREAT BEALINGS.

Following representation to County Highways and County Cllr Andrew Reid, Suffolk County Council are proposing to introduce a new 30mph speed limit from Boot Street into Hall Farm Road up to Rosery Lane. This will also include lengths of Lower Street and Bealings



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Lane, heading towards Grundisburgh. The Parish Council have worked hard over a number of years in pursuit of this objective, seeking the greater safety of residents from speeding traffic, and deserve our collective thanks.

NATURE NOTES

GRASSHOPPERS

One of the joys of dry, uncut meadows and churchyards at this time of year is to witness the swarms of grasshoppers that leap away at every footstep you make. Crackly dry grass and grasshoppers go together. And trying to capture one of these elusive creatures, and then keep it, tickling, in the palm of your hand is one of the challenges of inquisitive childhood. What do we know about them?

Grasshoppers are what is probably the most ancient living group of chewing herbivorous insects, dating back to around 250 million years ago. They are ground-dwelling insects with powerful hind legs which allow them to escape from threats by leaping vigorously. They hatch from an egg into a [nymph](#) or "hopper" which undergoes five [moult](#)s, becoming more similar to the adult insect at each developmental stage.

At high population densities and under certain environmental conditions, some grasshopper species can change colour and behaviour and form swarms which devastate crops. Grasshoppers are, as is evident, plant-eaters. Some species become serious [pests](#) of cereals, vegetables and pasture, especially when they do swarm in their millions, as locusts, and destroy crops over wide areas. They are well camouflaged, and that protects them from would-be predators. Swarms of locusts can have devastating effects and cause famine. They are then known as [locusts](#), (*Locusta* in vulgar Latin means "grasshopper!") and plagues of them occur in the old testament. The bible is not the only holy book to mention them. Locusts

and grasshoppers are essentially the same species – the friendly little grasshoppers that jump at your footfall become locusts when they gather together in large numbers. Maybe hotter climates are more conducive to swarming – drought followed by a period of rapid vegetation growth - in which case there is another reason for us to put the brakes on climate change.

Conversely, they are themselves used as food in countries such as Mexico and Indonesia.

We are told that the study of grasshopper species is called [acidology](#). Any keen acidologists out there who would like to add to the above?



MOTHS IN LITTLE BEALINGS

Friends, who are moth enthusiasts, set up traps in our garden over two nights this summer. In the morning they counted 638 moths over 146 different species – some very rare in this country.

Most moths are regarded as being brown and boring which is far from the truth.

Check out these below – all caught in Little Bealings, photographed and released without harm.

There are approximately 160,000 species of moth worldwide (around 9 times more



PEACH BLOSSOM



SWALLOW-TAILED MOTH



BLACK ARCHES



PRIVET HAWK MOTH

than butterflies) and about 2500 species can be found in this country.

Most moths are branded as being destroyers of clothes and carpets etc. but less than half a dozen species are responsible for this.

Moths are essential because they are great pollinators, although a few species have no mouth parts and rely on fat reserves to sustain them until they mate and die.

Some moths are becoming extinct in this country due to environmental factors but others are moving north from Europe (due to climate change) and colonising southern counties, whilst some moths are migrating north to cooler climates.

Approximately 35 billion caterpillars are produced to sustain broods of young birds. A typical brood of Blue Tits will consume 15,000 caterpillars during the nesting season.

However, moths are under threat. Intensive agriculture uses pesticides to kill the moth or herbicides to kill the plant that the moth relies on. Urban development destroys green spaces for habitat. Climate change is causing moth life cycles to be out of kilter with their larval food plants, which then delays the emergence of caterpillars for bird chicks to feed on.

The best conditions for setting night traps are after a hot day which overclouds at night, giving hot muggy weather and no rain or strong winds.

Dick Thornborrow

(Unfortunately limited space has allowed us to print only a few of the wonderful illustrations submitted Ed)

HISTORY CORNER

ANNA AIRY 1892 – 1964

Anna Airy was born in Greenwich, London and was the grand daughter of the Astronomer Royal Sir George Biddell Airy. From the age of thirteen he made frequent visits and often stayed with his uncle, Arthur Biddell who lived and farmed at Hill House Farm, Playford. Sir George fell in love with the village and the surrounding Suffolk countryside. He purchased 'The Cottage' Playford in 1846.

Anna entered the Slade school of Art in 1899. At seventeen won various prizes for portraits, figure and other drawings. Latterly her outstanding talent and ability was soon recognised by various art institutions, being elected as a member of the Pastel Society, Royal Society of painters and etchers, Royal Society of Portrait painters, the Royal Institute of watercolour painters and many more.

During the first world war she became the first female war artist and exhibited at the

Royal Academy summer exhibitions over 50 consecutive years. In 1933 Anna and her husband, the artist Geoffrey Buckingham Pocock moved into 'The Cottage' Playford from their studio in Hampstead, London. She lived and worked there until her death on October 23rd. 1964. Thereafter 'The Cottage' became known as Airy's Cottage. Her work was purchased by Queen Mary, Queen Mother and exhibited in Rome, Paris Salon, and Vienna along with works in the RA, V & A Museum, British Museum, Imperial War Museum and Canada. Some of her work can also be seen at Christchurch Mansion in Ipswich.

Although Anna was well known for her portraits and figurative work, she produced some fine and interesting studies of the hedgerows and wildflowers in the Playford and Bealings area, most of which were used for etchings. The watercolour illustrated was painted when she first lived in Playford (circa 1934/1935) depicting some farm workers at Hill House Farm taking their lunch break.





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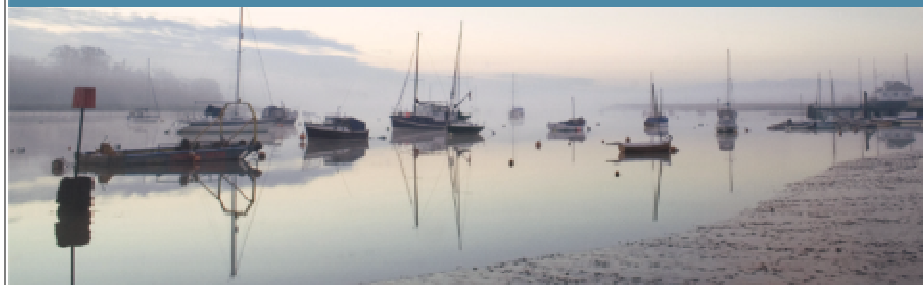
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RIDE AND STRIDE

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH.

This annual event is taking place, despite challenges, as a major fund-raiser for Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, but also with 50% of money raised through sponsorship going to your local church. (funds now needed more than ever!) We invite riders and striders from our villagers to take part in what is always an enjoyable day of exploration and friendship, whatever the weather.

Some people will prefer to be involved independently, either on foot or on two wheels, and follow an itinerary of their own. The day always offers opportunities to explore our beautiful local countryside, and to put together a route to suit. There may be some who would enjoy following an itinerary that links the four churches of Playford, Culpho, Great and Little Bealings.

The route could be followed at a pre-arranged time, taking a couple of hours or so, possibly coffee en route, maybe some sort of picnic lunch, self-provided. The event organisers suggest that refreshments will probably not be provided by churches.

All Covid19 precautions should be taken – social-distancing, with masks available for any interior visit.

All four village churches will be open. If you are interested please contact your village representatives to let them know of your intentions, and to get any available documentation or information about timings.

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ST MARY'S

We are on the verge of a new chapter in the life of St Mary's. In the many centuries of its history the church has faced many challenges, that posed by lock-down and Covid19 being just the latest. We have in our midst a very special building, but it struggles ever more to assert and promote its special meaning to our community. It has kept going, just, through the months of lock-down. Now with the new link with St Mary's, Woodbridge, an adjusted sense of purpose needs to be established, a sense of direction that includes our friends from Woodbridge.

It is not often that your churchwarden ventures into the realm of gentle evangelism, but our embarking on this new chapter seems to offer the opportunity to explore and promote the role of the church in our community in the 21st century. Yes, it is a place where those of a Christian persuasion can meet and worship – albeit very occasionally. Yes, it is a place which all members of community can see as their own, and where, under normal circumstances, gatherings of wide-ranging intent can take place in beautiful surroundings. But the church in the wider world? What can it offer that is unique?

People of the 21st century are mostly very well catered for materially, certainly in this part of the world. We enjoy material things on a scale that is probably beyond even the dreams of our ancestors. Despite the set-back represented by schools' closure our broader population has probably never before in history been better prepared intellectually and culturally for life in the wider world. But for those of us who think that there is another

dimension – beyond that of the material and the intellectual – namely the dimension of the eternal, and our place within it, and that of our planet and humanity's long-term responsibility for it – then we move into a different realm, that of religion, religion in all its manifestations.

Our church is one expression of that dimension, albeit in one particular geographical and historical context, that which has evolved within the context of the Church of England. St Mary's is OUR church, bequeathed to us by generations gone by. It is the one place we have, within its beautiful interior, or outside in the churchyard, have which can serve as a focus for that dimension beyond the material and beyond the intellectual.

It would be my humble contention – arrived at as the years pass inexorably by - that without that extra dimension we are incomplete and perhaps impoverished. Material and cultural contentment may not be ultimately sufficient for human fulfilment, so let us keep that extra dimension going, both within ourselves and in the form of the building which represents it.

LOOKING BACK

WOODBIDGE – JUNIOR CHURCH GATHERING



We have enjoyed wonderful weather. That has allowed us to enjoy the opportunities offered by the churchyard and the wide outside, away from a mask-wearing interior. All three services of the past month have been held outside. Woodbridge Junior Church enjoyed an "Away Day" with us on 19th July and enjoyed it so much that they will be returning on August 16th.

LAMMAS COMMUNION SERVICE

On August 2nd we had a foretaste of our Harvest Festival, again outside. This was a "Lammas" service, with a special bread used to commemorate an old North European Festival celebrating the bringing in of the wheat harvest. Over half of those present came across from Woodbridge and lingered long over coffee afterwards. (Under current restrictions, people have to bring their own!).

This was officially the final regular service to be conducted in our church by Rev Dr John Hare, as the initiation of our new Priest-in-Charge, Nigel Prior, takes place on 24th August. This gives us the final opportunity to thank John for his unstinting support of our Parish during the two years of Interregnum. Such has been his commitment to our Parish that the sense of "Interregnum" virtually evaporated, so we thank him (together with his hugely supportive wife, Mary) for all that he has done to provide not only continuity, but also an on-going sense of belonging, and a broadening and deepening of the religious understanding of those of us who have enjoyed his temporary ministry in our midst. The service ended in a round of applause.

BAPTISM

On Sunday 9th August there was a double-baptism, again outside in the churchyard. Mother, Jessica (née Major), presented for baptism one-year-old Henry Cummings. Henry was joined by his father, Matthew, in a very special ceremony which brought together members of the Major family and friends.

Once again Rev John Hare kindly officiated, so that gives us the opportunity to publish two photographs, one of the family at the celebratory lunch afterwards, and one of John officiating.



IN MEMORIAM – EDWARD CHARLES (GINGER) PORTER

Sunday 16th August saw the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. We should perhaps remember that Great Bealings' only victim of World War Two was Edward Charles Porter, of Boot Street, who was killed in Burma in 1944 while serving with

the Devonshire Regiment, part of the so-called forgotten army.



LOOKING FORWARD

Rev. Nigel Prior will be installed in an actual live service in St Mary's, Woodbridge on August 24th. In line with current regulations only 30 people are allowed to attend, so given the significant number of clergy who will have to be on the list, that leaves limited space for representatives of Great Bealings. But we WILL certainly be represented, not least by the churchwarden and his wife, plus others. There will be a future occasion, to include many more people, and giving us all more of a social opportunity to get to know Nigel and his wife, Liz.

OUR NEXT TWO SERVICES

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL - SUNDAY 6
SEPTEMBER - ST MARY'S, WOODBRIDGE AT
10.00 A.M.**

Our Harvest Festival was scheduled to be on Sunday September 6th, but this date is the patronal celebration of St Mary and our new Priest is very keen that this be celebrated jointly in St Mary's Woodbridge, given that both churches have the same patron Saint. We therefore invite, urge, even, everyone to join with our Woodbridge partners in Woodbridge at that special service, as this will be the first opportunity for the two congregations

to come together.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest festival is accordingly being moved to **Sunday 26th September, at 11.00 a.m.**, to allow the service to be followed by as bring-your-own picnic lunch. It seems that restrictions are likely to be still in place, so an outside service allows us to avoid mask-wearing. Do join us.

Churchyard

The churchyard is very parched. At least it keeps grass-cutting to a minimal level. Our new car park extension has yet to be used this year, but it remains a valuable asset, one which needs to be managed in terms of keeping down the nettles and thistles.

*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

The church is open again to visitors, subject to current restrictions and precautions. Do please visit – the church is much diminished without people. So far, we have only managed outside services, but with the onset of autumn and winter temperatures will force us to be inside. That could still mean masks, and canned music, but we do have a large collection of CDs so we will do our best to ensure that we have a musical dimension. Visitors are always welcome, both those enjoying the treasures of the interior, and those enjoying a walk with nature and history around the churchyard.

**SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND
STRIDE - SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH**

This is certainly taking place, between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. There are significant changes this year, which make it much easier to administer, but hopefully, not significantly less enjoyable. So many people have taken up walking and cycling during lock-down that we hope that they might see this as an

opportunity to extend those healthy habits in support of a good cause.

Please note that:

Not all churches will be open. There will be no-one to sign in visitors, either at Great Bealings or anywhere else, so you sign yourself in. Visitors should sign both their sponsor form and the register of visitors and should use their own pens.

There will not be any food or refreshments available, so please carry your own; toilets may be unavailable; visitors should touch as little as possible if they enter a church. SHCT recommends that participants should also carry a hand sanitiser

But please do not let that put you off. If you would like to spend the day riding or striding, please contact Norman Porter who has all the necessary documents: list of churches, stickers, sponsorship forms. nhp@rillcott.co.uk – 01473 735565

Francis Mutimer is planning to lead the Little Bealings walking group around the four churches of our old Benefice. Maybe each of the four churches could do something similar, and walkers meet up somewhere suitable - outside – at the end of it all.

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE COUNCIL

A letter had been received concerning the Parish Council's handling of a recent planning application. This was discussed and details of a response were agreed.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Anthony Sheppard stated that the current model Code of Conduct is unsatisfactory in the way it deals with Conflicts of Interest. This has been recently amended

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by NALC and a revised version is currently out for consultation. The PC will respond to this consultation by the due date, following which the matter will be further discussed at the next face-to-face PC meeting at which Cllrs can agree to modify the final NALC document to suit our needs.

AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES

5 cheques were authorised for the Clerk's salary and expenses

BOOT STREET – EXTENSION OF SPEED LIMIT

Following the estimate from SCC that the scheme would cost the PC over £12,000, representation was made to our replacement SCC Councillor Andrew Reid, and this resulted in SCC deciding that they could allocate £8,000 to the scheme. Furthermore, because it was now going to be an SCC expense, it would not be necessary to charge overheads or VAT, reducing the overall cost to £10,000. The PC has undertaken to raise the balance of £2,000. In June SCC agreed to the PC's proposals to extend the 30mph limit as far as the Rosery Lane junction and to include Lower Street and Hasketon Hill. A full statement of the history of the scheme is detailed in the synopsis report attached to the minutes on the website

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications had been determined under delegated authority:

DC/20/2257/VOC – Croft Cottage, Lower Street – Proposed replacement dwelling – relocation of the dwelling 1.75m to the side (west) to that already approved to allow easy removal of the static caravan on completion of the dwelling

This was supported, subject to confirmation from ESC that the new siting should not be any closer to the verge of Lower Street than the currently approved ground plan, and that the new site should not result in the new building being any higher than the existing proposal

DC/20/2215/AGO – Lodge Road – wider field

entrance providing safer access from Lodge Road public highway onto arable field

The PC had not been consulted by ESC about this application and the Clerk is trying to find out why. The application was supported, but it was pointed out that the drawings were incorrect, and that such an access should not be used as a basis for further agricultural development on the site. *(NB. ESC have subsequently refused this application)*

SUBSEQUENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/20/1898/FUL – Land North to the Lavender Cottage, Kiln Lane – The owner is planning to build stable room and storage room plus hay storage under the roof

Following the PC's initial indication of support for this application, the applicant submitted a set of revised plans and a new Design and Access Statement which the PC was not prepared to support unless several concerns were addressed. ESC was notified accordingly.

DC/20/2575/FUL – The Boot, Boot Street – Erection of detached garden building and detached greenhouse

The PC considered a neighbour objection to this application, together with a response from the applicant, and as a result three Councillors abstained from voting and four Councillors voted to support the application. One Councillor declared an interest and did not vote.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 3rd September at 6.00 p.m.

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 has carried out 'business as usual' over the summer and met on 6 and 20 July and 17 August. It has also responded to some planning application consultations using established delegated authority. Meetings have been held in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020. This means members are in 'remote attendance'. The Council has subscribed to Zoom and will continue to hold remote meetings using Zoom for the foreseeable future. The public are able to attend remotely and participate as usual during the Public Participation Session of each meeting. Please contact the Clerk if you would like further details on how to join a meeting.

The main issues considered have been:

CONSULTATION ON MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE SUFFOLK COASTAL PLAN

It was noted that all references to an Ipswich Northern Route had been removed from the Plan.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE

DC/20/0748: Erection of annexe at Broom Bank, Sandy Lane

There was no objection to the principle of the development, but concern about the impact of the height of the annexe. The application has been withdrawn.

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

There was no objection to this application.

DC/20/0710: Extension of toilet for new boiler and new shed - All Saints Church

This application has been approved by ESC

DC/20/1248/FUL: New double-glazed windows: The Angela Cobbold Hall, The Street

There was no objection to the application which ESC has approved.

DC/20/1751/FUL: Construction of single storey outbuilding for recreational use. Windows to south, east and north facing walls. Doors to east facing wall: Marydene Cottage Martlesham Road

There was no objection to this application which ESC has approved.

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

There was no objection to the principle of the development but the Council wished to see access to the site from Playford Road and not Hall Road as proposed, for road safety, to enable a large oak tree to be retained and for safe refuse bin collections.

DC/20/2032/FUL: Proposed rear single storey extension, garage conversion and extension to form link between the main dwelling and the garage to be converted: Homewood 17 Beacon Lane

There was no objection to this application which ESC has now approved.

DC/20/1471/FUL: Erection of a self-build three-bedroom detached dwelling and detached garage and store within garden amenity land: No 1 Holly Lane

The Council objected to this application for reasons including it being unsustainable development outside the village settlement area and ESC has refused permission.

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

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The Council has objected to this application, for reasons including it being unsustainable development outside the village settlement area.

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

ESC has advised the owners that the business required planning permission, but it was unlikely to be granted given the location in the countryside and site restrictions. Service of an Enforcement Notice was awaited.

The following appeals against refusal to grant planning permission by ESC have been permitted:

DC/20/0139/FUL: Pipits Hill - Proposed two storey side extension and reconfiguration of adjoining areas to existing dwelling, incorporating a hip to front elevation of the extension

DC/19/3562/FUL: Proposed Alterations and Side Extensions: 1 Holly Lane

SIZEWELL C

The application to build Sizewell C has now been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Full details are here:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/eastern/the-sizewell-c-project/>

FINANCE

Financial Regulations for 2020/21 were adopted.

REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT AND ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS FOR 20192020

The Council considered the internal auditor's report and its internal finance control in accordance with the Annual Governance Statement requirement. It approved the Annual Government and Accountability Return and has submitted the exempt status certificate and published the accounts online as required. The public inspection period has been advertised as required.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The first half of the precept, £4,500, has

been received from ESC. The following expenditure has been incurred:

Clerk's salary and PAYE for April, May, June and July, Clerk's annual allowance, internal auditor gift, membership of Community Action Suffolk and the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, donations to the Fynn-Lark News, Bealings Village Hall and the John Belstead Playing Field, AGE UK and the Citizens Advice Bureau

CONSULTATION ON MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

This consultation ran between 8 June and 17 August and enabled Councillors to respond individually if they so wished.

SAVID (SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING)

Mike Garnham represented the Council at a remote meeting of SAVID. SCC was being chased for approval of poles for the installation of shared SID devices in the village.

WOODBIDGE AND DISTRICT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Colin Hopkins represented the Council at a remote meeting held on 16 July.

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

The Chairman represented the Council on 13 August at the first of planned bi-monthly remote meetings held for representatives of parishes in the Carlford and Fynn Valley wards.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 7 September. Please visit our website for details of meetings:

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

Draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Council's website.

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UPDATE ON THE A.C.H. NOTICE

The Charity Commission have enquired about the parking of cars in front of the Hall.

To clarify the availability of free short-term parking and that permitted under the legal rights noted in the Deeds:

Please read the notice posted on the Hall's entrance door.

WHAT'S NEW?

Following the necessity to shut down the Hall due to the Pandemic Virus, we have been busy attending to the long overdue repairs of the A.C.H. Thanks to our BIFFA AWARD GRANT of £16.4K we have completed the following:

- ◇ The interior of the Hall has been re-painted – it looks great.
- ◇ The old flat roof has been re-felted, thankfully in time before the winter rains begin, as part of the underneath flooring was rotten. The roof is now secure as well as the new guttering, an old part of the original guttering was found buried beneath the back area, causing a problem to our neighbour, this has been corrected.
- ◇ Planning permission for the new Double-Glazed windows to replace the existing problematical 1939 Crittal windows has been approved. All Glass will now attend to the replacement in the next few weeks.
- ◇ Garfield Weston have “accepted “our application for a grant to enable the building of an outside storage unit to accommodate our new mobile stage and lighting equipment. A decision is expected shortly. In addition, such funds will include the building of a new kitchen in anticipation of the mains drainage that has been promised.

We very much regret the necessity to continue closure of the Hall, but it is essential that we secure the protection of our village supporters, many of whom are of “ mature age “, a feature that I applaud due to my own “ High Score “ qualification ! You may rest assured that your Trustees will always make decisions in your best interest, as without doubt your donations enabled Ropeth to buy the Hall, cover all related costs and triggered the repairs we have made so far. In addition, our success in obtaining £35K in grants has been achieved due to this fact.

Now here is a thought you may like. When the Hall does re-open, let us have another Village Party (82 came to the last one) to celebrate the re-opening of your Hall, now recognised as a prime Community Resource in your village!

Best Wishes

*Roger Roseboom,
Chairman of Ropeth.*



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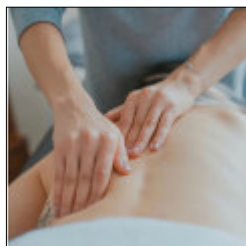
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ST MARY'S

We have now begun regular church services again on the second Sunday of each month starting at 10am. Obviously there are still restrictions in place such as social distancing, the wearing of masks and an "in" and "out" system of entering and exiting the church. Also, the two doors must remain open during the service to allow for fresh air. Communion takes a little longer as participants must go up to the alter rail one at a time. However, so far so good. The church is cleaned regularly, and we always leave 72 hours between services. The proposed all benefice service at Playford on Sept 6th is now not going ahead. The first port of call for weddings, funerals, interment of ashes and baptisms remains Rev Gary Jones on 01473 412329 or 07714 614095. Any other queries or problems please phone the churchwarden on 01473 738468.

Forthcoming services are: -September 13th at 10.00 a.m.

We look forward to seeing you. Remember, the moment you are born or step foot in this country you are automatically a very welcome member of the Church of England – it is your church.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

CHURCH LIGHTS

The church lights have not been turned on but with the Churchwarden's agreement they were lit on Saturday (15th August) night for VJ Day as a one-off.

Veronica Bunbury

PLAYFORD W.I.

On July 7th we welcomed Anne Reeder who spoke to us via Zoom about the history of hats which was most enjoyable.

Unfortunately, there was no time to conclude our business and we then had our meeting via zoom on 14th. July.

Catherine Thornber reported that she has now raised a substantial amount selling plants from her house in Playford for the Blossom Appeal.

There will be no WI meeting in August due to 2 meetings in July.

Sue Bruce.

VJ DAY COMMEMORATION AT PLAYFORD

The church bells rang out to mark both the beginning and the end of the two minutes silence in Playford and Little Bealings and the Kohima Epitaph was read. But 25 years ago a much fuller commemoration was held and was recorded by Peter Billett in the September 1995 edition of the 'Community Newsletter of the Bealings, Playford & Culpho'. It has been suggested that it is included here for readers' interest.

On Sunday 13 August the Village Hall was filled to near capacity for a Commemoration of and some reflections on VJ Day. This took the form of a selection of readings, reminiscences and observations interspersed with hymns and music, and a few moments of silence.

Averil Wilkinson gave us an account of a visit she and Peter had made to the War Cemetery at Kohima [in north-east India].

Basil Willis described his time as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese. He felt strongly that had it not been for the dropping of the Atomic Bomb, he would not have been here to recount his experiences since, had an invasion of Japan taken place, Allied prisoners would not have survived. [*Basil Willis died in 2014 aged 94*].

Some well-chosen texts and poems were read by Freda Dowie and José Booker and a description of Japan today was provided by David Heard who has recently returned after domicile there. This account was read to us by Paddy Haywood Smith.

On the subject of 'Peace in our Time', Colin Hopkins gave us an account of his service when assigned to United Nations peacekeeping duties in Cyprus in the 1970s. He compared his work there where the peacekeepers knew they were wanted by all the different factions, to that of the peacekeepers in Bosnia today where the requirements of the different factions are not so easily defined.

The Rector posed the question of how necessary or important it was for us to have our own small commemoration in view of the extensive media coverage in recent weeks and considered it was the right thing to do. As one who had no part in arranging the event, I felt it had struck exactly the right tone.

After a collection for the Burma Star Association we adjourned to the Playing Field to enjoy a Ploughman's lunch with wine and coffee to follow and much discussion ensued.

Our thanks are due to Ina Barker and the Entertainments Committee [of the Village Hall], the Benefice Choir and everyone else who put so much thought and effort into making the occasion such a success.

A cheque for £140 (raised by the collection and including profit on the lunches) was sent to the Burma Star Association.

Regrettably, I had to miss these commemorations as I was in Australia at the time and, among other commitments there, I was the guest of a Japanese customer at their somewhat ageing malting plant. Across the country the commemorations were all-pervading: from touch down in Perth to take off in Melbourne they could not be avoided. Australian like British servicemen had suffered terribly at the hands of the Japanese yet for Australians the day also marked the end of the Second World War as VE Day had done for us. As a visitor I felt privileged to be there at that time and able to share these bittersweet memories.

Brian Seward

BINKY & CO

Binky was now really fed up. It had gone on too long. It's got to stop and soon. He knew all the reasons and the technical side of things, after all he did have GCSE in chemistry and physics (failed).

But one has to call a halt at some time and get on with life. No, he thought, my wife taking to her bed since March 26th or whatever it was for fear of contacting Covid 19 was a travesty. He worked out that he had climbed the stairs 2462 times. Strangely he had only come down 2461 times but at that moment he was downstairs. So really he should now be upstairs. But if he went up now he would still be out of balance. Very strange. He decided to get his slide rule out.

Anyway he would have to demand that his wife left her "sick bed". He would have to be brave and bear the onslaught. So up he went with a nice cup of tea. And that's another thing. Why do people ask if you would like a "nice cup of tea"? Would you be expected to want a horrible cup of tea? Or a poisoned cup of tea? No wonder foreigners find our language strange. And what about our bus drivers? If too many people are at a bus stop and they all get on, what does the driver say to the last person? "Come on, get off." So what is Johnny foreigner supposed to do? Get on or get off?

Binky was ruminating on these world problems when the strangled cry of his dearly beloved came ringing along the landing. "BinKKYYYYY!" "Tea!" He strode purposefully into the darkened bedroom which resembled a cheap American mortician's laying out room

complete with plastic flowers and framed sickly poems on the wall exalting the reader to look forward to poppy strewn hills and woodlands of the next world. Or Ipswich on a Saturday night depending on one's religious outlook. "Binky I need a good hearty breakfast because I think I will get up today" stated the lumbering giant that was Mrs Stickleback. "Darling" started Binky. But was interrupted by Mrs S. "Don't darling me I know what you are up to, you want me to stay here forever because it suits you". Binky pondered a while. Was there some truth in that? Could I deep down really want that? Was this another slide rule moment? He quickly calculated his options and consequences. "I think that's a great idea" he heard himself saying as if from another being that was standing beside him. "I will run you a bath with lots of your favourite bubbles" "I don't want bubbles, and not too hot and not too cold" she demanded. "And I want my big fluffy towel". She demanded. "And change the sheets while I am having a bath." Mrs S stood up and then sat down again. "Binky, I feel all dizzy, I think I will go back to bed." She did so. Binky sighed, went downstairs and started to read the paper. One article caught his eye. "Readers, What positives did you experience during lockdown?" Binky smiled to himself and began to write furiously. Dear Editor.....

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

CHURCH UPDATE

I am writing on behalf of Churchwardens Richard and Guy to keep you informed as to what is, or what is currently unable to take place at Church. Unfortunately, until government restrictions are lifted, the Church will remain closed until such times as we are able to welcome everyone safely and hold services without constraints. This has meant that other events have also had to be cancelled.

THE HARVEST WEEKEND

This was scheduled for the 18th, 19th, 20th September, which included the Harvest Supper, flower festival, and service, but now will not take place. It is sad that this notable event in the Christian Calendar has been cancelled but it would be impossible to hold in the current climate.

OUR ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This was cancelled at the end of April and we are still unable to hold this to appoint church 'officers' for 2020/21. We have been given an extension until the end of October 2020, but this may also have to be moved. We shall keep everyone informed if we identify a suitable date following the lifting of restrictions.

There is however, one event which will take place on the 12th September 2020. **The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust** will hold its annual Ride and Stride fund raising event between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. St. Botolph's Church will be receiving cyclists/walkers in the Porch only, where they will self-complete the necessary registration forms. In keeping with safe practices, no refreshments will be available and no Church staff on duty. This is in accordance with recommendations from the organisers to keep everyone safe whilst ensuring the event can go ahead. Details will be posted on the Parish Notice Board outside the Church prior to the event.

Finally, you will have noticed that the grass in the Churchyard and car park has been cut, together with hedges around the perimeter of the Church. Richard and Guy are most grateful to the small, but very efficient, band of helpers who kindly gave of their time and significant energy on the 15th August to ensure the Church remains looking at its best.

In closing, the Churchwardens wish to record their thanks for your continued support, both tangible and financial, it is very much appreciated and although unable to open at present, your help is important in ensuring the Church remains both viable and sustainable.

Margaret Gornall

Secretary

CHURCH NEWS

EDITED ACCOUNT OF ITEM IN THE EADT –

REVD NIGEL PRIOR IS TO BE THE NEXT RECTOR OF ST MARY'S WOODBRIDGE AND PRIEST-IN-CHARGE OF ST MARY'S, GREAT BEALINGS

Picture by courtesy of Janice Poulson



He follows the Revd Canon Kevan McCormack, who retired in February after 20 years in the parish and six years as a chaplain to Her Majesty the Queen.

“I am very excited to arrive, if a little later than planned,” said Revd Prior. “I look forward to serving both churches (soon to become a United Benefice) as faithfully and imaginatively as I can.”

Revd Prior comes from the parish of Mayfield in East Sussex, after spending more than 20 years in post there. He originally comes from Loughton, Essex and is married to Liz from Irlam, Manchester, who was headteacher of Our Lady's RC Primary School in Rottingdean before retiring recently.

“It is important to keep the rumour of God alive by every means of communication and contact possible,” said Revd Prior. “Even if social distancing still feels awkward, we all need to feel and know the ‘still, small voice of God’ in our midst, and that we are each valued and loved by Him despite all the challenges we face. “Suffolk is a very lovely place, the home of Benjamin Britten and Maggi Hambling, so I'm in good company. “Woodbridge is a buzzy, diverse market town while St Mary's Great Bealings is a country church which serves what is still a close-knit rural community.”

Revd Prior will be formally licensed and Inducted on St Bartholomew's day, August 24, by Mike Harrison, the Bishop of Dunwich.

WORD FROM THE STUDY

By the time you read this, we will be coming towards the end of our summer. Where on earth has this year gone? So many people have yet to take any sort of holiday this year, I do hope that you have managed to take some time for yourselves. So many people will be staying at home due to the way that things are. If we go back to the original meaning of the word holiday, it comes from the Holyday, meaning break from the normal day to day to concentrate on a day of religious significance, for example Good Friday and Christmas Day.

Over the years it has become an opportunity to relax and recharge before returning to the normal routine. Everyone should be taking some time out, it's not about going away, it could be going on a different walk each day somewhere, doing something different from the norm. Perhaps spending a bit of time with family or a friend. Although we are made in the image of God, we are human-beings and we need rest.

In the Gospels, we read Jesus takes time to rest, tries to get away, time to pray, time to gather thoughts, so if that's what Jesus did, why don't we?

The last few months have been testing times for everyone, the like we have never seen before and the near future is going to be a challenging time, so taking time for ourselves is essential, reading a book that we have been meaning to for some time, spend time looking after ourselves, not only physically but for our own mental wellbeing also. Taking time with our own spiritual wellbeing, time spent with God is an investment. Recharging ourselves spiritually is a must if we are going to face up to the challenges of the future, because in Christ we find refreshment, nourishment and peace, a perfect rest. The words which we find in St Matthew's Gospel which we also use in our Book of Common Prayer "Come to me all you who are weary and I will give you rest", reminds us that all the burdens and worries we gather and the pressure that modern life puts on us, an opportunity to can find our true refreshment in the words that Jesus offers.

Jesus' ministry took place in a country that was hot and where the most common way to travel was on foot, Jesus our Lord knew what it was like for the need to seek rest.

So, my message today is look after yourselves, take time out, not only will you feel better, but face the future refreshed.

As you may have seen, our Churches are slowly opening back up, we are resuming the normal pattern of Playford on the second Sunday of the month and Little Bealings on the fourth Sunday. These services are lasting about 30 minutes, and it is an opportunity to come and spend some time with others as we enjoy a said service. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible at either or both these services. If you would like to come, please could you contact Colin Hedgley, Church Warden, Playford and Corinne and Tony Fear, Church Wardens, Little Bealings, or myself, just so we know numbers due to track and trace.

You will be most welcome and it would be lovely to get the opportunity to meet you face to face.

God bless you all.

Reverend Gary Jones



OCTOBER 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the October 2020 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday, 22nd September.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 3rd October.**

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