

Fynn - Lark News

September 2016



The Fynn and Lark valleys are rich with hedgerows where blackberries, sloes and wild plums thrive. Gooseberries grow well in village gardens, crab apples and quinces too. Who harvests hedgerow fruit nowadays?

It was different in the dark days of World War 2 when in 1941 Bealings Jam Centre was set up in a disused cottage in Sandy Lane (since demolished). Bealings WI records show this well organized effort as part of a Government scheme to provide sugar (then strictly rationed) for jam making. Under the guidance of Mrs. Clifford and members of Bealings WI nearly 800lbs. of jam and jelly was produced in the cottage and sold to local grocery stores such as Hewitt & Son, Ipswich, International Stores, Woodbridge and Burton Sons & Saunders. The meticulously kept records kept by Mrs. Clifford and audited by Mr. T. Crane show costs of £12.13.8d for repair and cleaning of cottage, purchase of sugar £12.6.2d and a profit of £8.2.8d was made. Nothing was wasted! Fruit still may be found in the local hedgerows. How fortunate we are in 2016.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

DO YOU WANT KESGRAVE TO DETERMINE THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PLAYFORD & LITTLE BEALINGS?

The production of a Neighbourhood Plan is a way for councils to shape how their communities develop in the future.

Kesgrave is currently keen to influence the environment and land use of villages beyond their boundaries, including parts of Playford and Little Bealings.

You can see the paperwork, plan and map on:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-areas/kesgrave-neighbourhood-area/>

This is your chance to comment on the suitability of the proposed area which includes Kesgrave and parts of Playford and Little Bealings.

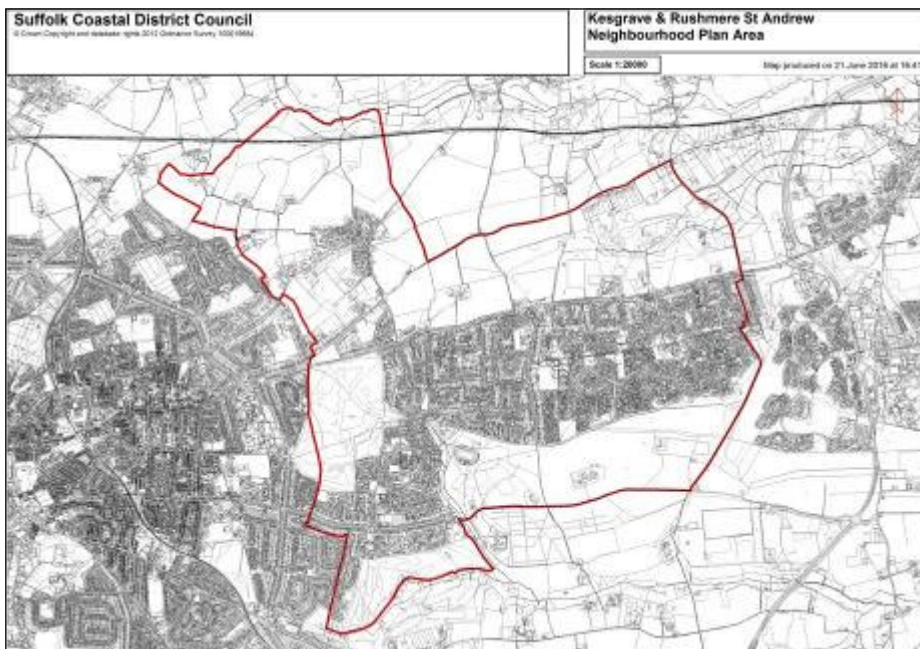
We are villages, not a continuation of Ipswich or Kesgrave, and we want to keep our identity. We believe that Main Road, A1214 forms a suitable boundary.

Please object to the proposed boundary of the Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan **before 2nd September** by email suffolkcoastallocalplan@eastsuffolk.gov.uk with the heading *Kesgrave Neighbourhood Plan* and add your name and contact details.

If you would like further information, please contact:

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UK POWER NETWORKS

On 6th September a new national phone number "105" will be launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area.

Key points to note about this service are:

- * Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.

- * 105 is just one of the ways that customers can contact their electricity network operator. They can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.

- * 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.

- * Customers can call 105 no matter who they choose to buy electricity from.

- * Customers can also call 105 if they spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there is a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.

BEALINGS WI

The worst nightmare of a WI programme secretary is when the booked speaker is ill and unable to come. So it was in July when Alexander Bass came to Bealings at short notice and delighted members with his amazing "A Year of Wildlife at Minsmere". Stunning photography accompanied his presentation of birds and animals as well as lesser known areas of the reserve – an absorbing and delightful journey.

The WI has enjoyed spring and summer with indoor and outdoor coffee get-togethers, visits and a superb "Tea in a Suffolk Garden" with the promise of fish and chips at Dunwich later.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 15th September in Bealings village hall at 7.30pm when Mr D Moore will give an "Insight into the Prison Service". Visitors and new members

are always most welcome.

Jennifer Cook

THE FYNN-LARK NEWS

The Magazine for the parishes of Little and Great Bealings, Playford and Culpho.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

We continue to be encouraged by appreciative and supportive comments on the re-vamped Magazine. Thank you for those comments. Our first new-look editorial appears this month. It should be in good time to get you out rooting around the hedgerows.

PICTURES

Do please send your pictures in the usual way to the editors, who will forward them to the picture editor. Pictures of events, local scenes, landscapes wildlife, people – please send us what you think might be of interest to readers. We are asked to encourage you to send pictures as soon as they are available, in advance of deadlines, so there is time for them to be prepared for purpose.

OTHER PLANS

Things have gone rather quiet over the summer months but we still have aspirations as before viz:

- ★ Finding an adult editor for a regular children's page
- ★ Obituaries and Profiles editor.
- ★ Bealings School correspondent.
- ★ Young editor for young people's Section.

We would welcome volunteers for these posts And don't forget that there is scope for all sorts of miscellaneous items: puzzles/jokes/crosswords, cookery items, occasional write-ups/critiques of personal visits. If you are not sure that your proposal is suitable, then just try us. We can only say yes or no.

Norman Porter - Co-ordinator

GREAT BEALINGS

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CHURCH WARDEN

ST. MARY'S

The mid-Summer Garden Party seems long ago. Remember those June days of much damp and showery rain? Now the grass is brown. Most of the crops have been harvested, and fields and gardens are dry and dusty. We have witnessed once again the evolution of the seasons, as of the weather. The Magazine editorial reminds us of the rich bounty of the hedgerows, an added bonus to the harvest of our fields and gardens. We are lucky to live in a country where the climate allows us to more or less take these things for-granted. Just in case you

are tempted to do just that – take our harvests for granted - a reminder that this year's Harvest Festival is on Sunday October 30th. It will be a Benefice Songs of Praise Service, held in Great Bealings Church, and followed by lunch in the Village Hall.

GOOD FINANCIAL NEWS

We have recently been high-lighting the financial challenges facing our church, and describing ways in which we have been trying to meet them. Readers may have heard on the grapevine, or indeed seen the article in the EADT how St Mary's has been fortunate enough to

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have been awarded £51,000 by a government-sponsored Listed-Places-of-Worship Fund, to help with repairs to the roof. There were 42 applications from churches across Suffolk but only 12 were successful. The total amount awarded amounted to almost half a million pounds. Your PCC was hugely excited to have been successful in their application for help, and this has given us the incentive to move ahead with much greater confidence.

You may remember that our 2015 Inspection report identified close to £100,000 worth of necessary repairs, a large proportion of which was the cost of repairing the roof. We were, as evident from the above, delighted to receive news of this grant, and have taken the first steps towards identifying an appropriate architect to oversee the project, but are very much aware that significant sums remain to be found. This has to be done quickly as there is a time-limit for the deployment of grant funds, and they have to be complemented by money from other sources. The PCC is holding a strategy meeting in the near future to decide on the way ahead.

LOOKING BACK

There have been three weddings and a Memorial Service in the past two months, all three filling the church to capacity. The weddings which have taken place have been those of Fizzy Klug and Will Sheppard, son of Judith and Anthony Sheppard of The Homestead, Boot Street, on July 9th. That was followed by the wedding of Jessica Major (daughter of Alan and Nicky Major of Croft House, Lower Street) to Matt Cummings, on July 30th. That wedding was followed by a reception in the grounds of the house and by what was, by all accounts, a firework display of Olympic proportions. Then, a week later on August 7th the third wedding was that of Alexandra Pilc and Sam Chater, both living locally. On all occasions the flower arrangements in the

church were beautiful, the latter two master-minded by Jenny Dow. By general assent, the church and its surrounds provided a perfect setting for such happy occasions.

The Memorial Service was that of Joy Doble, widow of the late Peter. They had previously lived for some time in Boot Street and had been supporters of the church and village even after their move to Woodbridge some years ago.

For those with roots in and associations with the village there can be no better setting than St Mary's Church for special celebrations and commemorations. The opportunity to do this is something we can be proud of, and something we must cherish.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Annual Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride is now imminent. It takes place on Saturday September 10th between 9.00 and 5.00. We welcome offers to church-sit, during those hours, for periods of just one hour, ensuring a warm welcome to visitors and offering them the usual refreshments. And of course we are looking for striding or riding participants – individuals, family groups, meanderers or pedal-powered, lycro-clad Olympic dreamers. You can visit two or three churches, or set out to make it four or five dozen. All the better if you can get someone to sponsor you to do it, bearing in mind that the Trust have given a recent grant to St Marys and that we may well be looking for more! Just contact Norman Porter at the usual address for the “kit” – stickers, list of participating churches, sponsorship sheet etc.

CHURCHYARD

This has been a wonderful summer for the growth of wild flowers and grasses. We even think that we may have spotted a couple of orchids. There is definitely an increase in the number of teasels. What is also beyond dispute is that we have had barn owls nesting and fledging in the

Suffolk Wild Life Trust box. Not only that, but a team from the Trust came and inspected the nest, took down one fledgling, measured and weighed it and gave it an official identity.

Not exactly in the churchyard, but the hump-back bridge is visible from it. Just in case you are wondering what's happened to that bridge: in the early hours of Sunday July 3rd a car travelling towards the bridge suffered a blow -out, which hurled it and its young driver into the hedge beyond the bridge, having first demolished a large chunk of the bridge, leaving the waters of the stream open to all observers, hence a major safety hazard. No news as to when repairs will take place, and we gather that the driver was not seriously hurt, despite his headlong propulsion into the hedge. It could have been worse.

Our churchyard is both a haven of peace, and a (literally) hive of wildlife activity. There are a number of beehives on the east side of the brick wall, and another one just on the churchyard side of the wall. With bees in decline over-all, we are doing our bit – well it's not exactly us, but the ironically named Mr John Wasp who looks after the hives.

Our churchyard has great potential to serve not only a place where visitors can visit the graves of their loved ones in peace and tranquillity but also a place for outdoor contemplation and enjoyment surrounded by grazing cattle and water meadows. We will do our best to maximise its potential in this respect. We are not well positioned to be anything of a social hub, but we can make the very best of our rural location.

Churchwarden

THE LIGHTS WERE ON

In July, thank goodness, as our Churchyard owls have been complaining that their evening meals have not been visible!

On 14th, for Charles Barrington's

grandfather, Guy Meades, who died in 1956. Guy was commissioned in the Royal Horse Artillery – a regiment long associated with Great Bealings during Sir Augustus Fraser's active service with Wellington's Peninsula Campaign and the Battle of Waterloo. Guy however had probably the more difficult experience, being with the B.E.F in the First World War, fighting the retreat from Mons to the Marne, the First battle of Ypres followed by The Somme at Fromelles, designed to distract the Germans but which similarly suffered great loss of life. His brother, Horace, led the life of an Edwardian young gentleman, not alone in that ominous pre War period. Horace was commissioned in the Royal Sussex regiment, arrived in France in late 1915 and during the Battle of the Somme was part of the assault on Trones Wood, where he, like so many of his comrades died on 19th. Guy did not hear of his brother's death until much later - a story that many families suffered throughout this dark period of our history.

On a more peaceful note, our daughter, Henrietta celebrated her 20th birthday on the 29th with a pre-arranged trip to Salamanca for a further 4 week hard study, for her Spanish language degree, which seems to take place in various Tapas bars!

Then on 30th for the joyous wedding of Jessica Major and Matt Cummings. The Church lights shone gallantly in support of the "major" Olympic firework display in joint celebration of this happy occasion.

August has arrived but so far "Nil Points" – Is this an omen for I.T.F.C.?

Come book your lights by contacting – 01473 735153

Roger Roseboom.

**FRIENDS OF
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ANNUAL CRICKET AFTERNOON – SUNDAY
JULY 24TH**

Our sincere and grateful thanks to the

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE LOCAL RECORDER FOR: GREAT BEALINGS?



The Suffolk Local History Council runs a Local Recorders Scheme throughout Suffolk. We administer a network of volunteers to ensure that the 'present' is adequately recorded at local level for the 'future'.

A Local Recorder will note significant happenings in their parish and collect their local parish magazines, leaflets, election pamphlets and newspaper cuttings. At the end of each year, they are asked to submit a short report summarising the activities of their parish. The reports are deposited at the Suffolk Record Office and available to future researchers together with the collected items.

If you are interested, please look at the Recorders Pack by visiting www.slhc.org.uk, click on Recorders, then click on Recorders Pack in the text on the left hand side to acquaint yourself with the guidelines of the scheme. You do not need to be a historian; you do not need any qualifications other than an interest in your parish. In return you will receive a copy of the SLHC Newsletter and be invited to the annual conference specifically for Local Recorders. To volunteer to help in this important

Douse family for once again organizing our village cricket day. Much work is involved: mowing (if not flattening) the pitch and surrounding outfield, setting up the marquee, preparing refreshments and ensuring a good turn-out. And not only do those joining in, young and old, have the opportunity to display their (developing, burgeoning, declining) cricketing skills, but this is also a discrete fund raising event. Once again, thanks to the efforts of all who supported the event, over one hundred pounds was raised for the cause of FOGBC. Once again, warmest thanks to all concerned.

ANNUAL WORKING PARTY MORNING

We are looking at the morning of **Saturday October 15th** as a possible date for getting together to carry out the various tasks that need to be done before the churchyard goes into hibernation. This a fortnight before the Benefice Harvest Festival is held in the church. There are the usual strimming tasks, but also one or two jobs involving painting and digging, so please set aside this date, if you would like to offer us a morning's hard labour,

duly rewarded at the end of it all by the annual Ploughman's Lunch. Not wishing to be sexist about this, we need to stress that Ploughwomen's lunches will be similarly available. All skill sets warmly welcomed.

The Friends

PARISH COUNCIL

**NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON 5th July**

**REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR
COLIN HEDGLEY**

This report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. Cllr Hedgley verbally reported on the updated situation regarding devolution and advised that four Norfolk Councils have rejected the proposal. He will report further at the September meeting.

PLANNING

**DC/16/2010/FUL – Kiln Farm House, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings – construction of cart-
lodge**

This matter had been dealt with by email, and ratification was given to the decision

agreed that the PC has no objection to this application.

BOOT STREET BRIDGE

This has recently been semi-demolished by a speeding motor vehicle. Colin Hedgley will draft a letter to be sent to the Head of Highways asking that the bridge be re-instated as it was, using as much as possible of existing material.

QUIET LANES

There have been no objections from the residents, Police or Fire Service. We now need to write to SCC and tell them we would like this scheme to proceed. However, it is understood that currently there are no funds for this.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Charles Barrington has been to see SCDC and they will appoint an independent examiner when the formal consultation period now launched by SCDC has concluded. Charles Barrington has written an introduction to the Plan and amended two paragraphs of

the basic conditions document.

GOVERNANCE ITEMS

There had been no comments on the documents which had been circulated to Cllrs, therefore approval was formally given to the current Model Standing Orders, Code of Conduct, Risk Assessment, Model Publication Scheme

EMERGENCY PLAN

Anthony Sheppard will circulate the Plan to Cllrs and include them as volunteers. Charles Barrington thanked him for his work on this.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Six cheques were authorized for salary, expenses and PAYE

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The sum of £150 in the budget has not yet been allocated. Sally Johnson nominated the East Anglian Air Ambulance but it was decided to hold this money until we know more about the constitution of the new Fynn Lark News,

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RETENTION OF DOCUMENTS

The Clerk advised Cllrs that she had taken some very old minutes to the Suffolk Records Office and she asked Cllrs to decide how long paperwork should be kept, and how long minutes and accounts should be displayed on the web-site. It was agreed to keep planning documents for current year plus previous year, accounts for current year plus six years, and web-site minutes etc. for two years. Hard copies of minutes must be retained until they are taken to the Records Office.

TRANSPARENCY FUNDING

The Clerk had circulated two quotations for supply of a laptop, software and scanner/printer for which funding can be claimed. It was agreed to accept the quotation that included free security software which cannot be claimed for. It

was also agreed to fund the purchase of a separate hard drive for back up of files.

DEFIBRILLATOR

Charles Barrington had received the opinion of a local doctor that purchase of a defibrillator would be a good idea. A grant can be applied for from British Heart Foundation, which would require a contribution of £400 plus the cost of a case. Other PCs have received funding from the local Councillors' locality and community budgets. Colin Hedgley will investigate this possibility. In the meantime, the Clerk will ask Little Bealings if they would fund half the cost if no contribution can be acquired.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

This has been advertised and to date there has been one response. If no applicants come forward as a result of the current piece in the Fynn-Lark News, he

LITTLE BEALINGS

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CHURCHWARDEN

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Thank-you to everyone has requested the "lights" at All Saints Church during July and August. We have had 14 occasions remembered in this way!

If you would like an occasion or anniversary marked in this way please contact Peter Carr, the Lamplighter, on 01473 620213 or drop a note into Corner Cottage, The Street.

For a donation of £5 you can light the lights for two hours of your choice.

In July the lights shone on five occasions.....

On 10th. Joan Moon wished her daughter Sally Pamberger in Little Grove,

Western Australia, a very Happy Birthday. Joan also remembered with love and pride the whole McMaster family on 12th. Chris, Julia and Nathan Dowrick remembered, with much love, Connie Dunn on what would have been her 85th. Birthday on 17th. On 20th. Richard Stone, late of Finn Valley Cottage, was lovingly remembered.

On 25th. July there was a special service in honour of Private Charles Mower on the 100th. Anniversary of his passing, a victim of the Battle of the Somme, and who lies here in Little Bealings churchyard. The lights shone for four hours sponsored by both Joan Moon and Chris Dowrick. Melanie and Robert

Hollinsworth requested the lights for both 28th. July and 30th. August.

On 6th August and 24th September newcomers Sarah and Paul Byrom have requested the lights. We welcome them to the village and hope they will be very happy here.

Margaret Wilson has four special occasions to celebrate during August. On 14th her granddaughter, Jasmine has her 18th birthday followed by Margaret's own special birthday on 17th and her daughter, Jeanette, who also has a special birthday. Finally on August 30th Margaret's uncle, Private Arthur Blaxall of the 4th. Battalion Suffolk Regiment who died on the Somme on this day in 1916 aged 20yrs.

There will be 4 hours of lights on that evening as they have also been requested by Mr. & Mrs. Hollinsworth.

Peter Carr

COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ ANGELA COBOLD HALL

Thank-you to all 25 people who shared the Community Lunch on August 2nd
The donations, after expenses, raised £115.00 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall.

The next Lunch will be on Tuesday September 6th. 12.30-1.30pm.

We shall be serving

Chicken Curry (mild) and Rice etc.
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Tropical fresh fruit Salad. Cream/ Ice
Cream

Tea / Coffee

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THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME TALK

Many thanks to those who came, few in number but generous in spirit. My thanks also to Peter Kidd, Jonathan Keer, Will Self, Norman Porter and my dear wife Margaret, all gave heart felt readings from the diaries

and letters of those incredibly brave young men who gave their lives to no avail. My thanks also to Tom Newman's professional skills in producing a moving film of the battle itself, which created a real sense of the suffering and agony of the Pals Battalions who were "2 years in the making, 10 minutes in the dying". A most worthy plate contribution of £130.00 was given to the All Saints Roof Fund Appeal.

Roger Roseboom

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the meetings held on 4 July and 10 August 2016

MEETING 4th JULY 2016

MAIN SEWER FOR THE STREET

The Environment Agency had undertaken a comprehensive site inspection on 23 June with Anglian Water, and visited various residences and the existing plant at the end of Sandy Lane. Mrs Wilson had attended for the Parish Council. The outcome is awaited.

PLANNING

SCC\0086\16: Laying of block paved hard standing (retrospective), erection of flood lighting and temporary stockpiling of aggregate material to assist in reorganisation of stockpiling: Kesgrave Quarry

SCC had approved this application allowing a period of 5 months from 13 June for the temporary storage of aggregate and with conditions regarding lighting and an inspection by SCC in six months' time.

Application IP/16/00608/OUT: Land North of Railway and East of Henley Road Ipswich: An outline planning application for a mixed use development comprising up to 1,100 residential dwellings (use class C3); a local centre (to accommodate up to 250sqm (net) of convenience floor space (A1), up to 300sqm of comparison floorspace (A1), up to 250sqm in use classes A1-A5 and up to 500sqm community centre (D1)); provision of land for a primary school (D1); provision of sports facilities, Country Park (including visitor centre (D1)); open space (including amenity space, children's play areas and allotments) and sustainable urban drainage systems; associated landscaping,

infrastructure and engineering/earthworks; creation of 2No. new vehicular accesses from Henley Road, 1No. vehicular access from Westerfield Road (to serve Country Park only), and provision of access points to allow for pedestrian/cycle bridge over railway and vehicular bridge over railway. An Environmental Statement has been submitted with the application under the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 (as amended).

Details of this major application to Ipswich Borough Council are available here: <https://ppc.ipswich.gov.uk/searchselect.asp>

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

Funding of £5,500 had been received from SCDC Councillors. The new County Councillor, Robin Vickery, had a meeting with SCC officers arranged in August to decide on the allocation of his local highways budget.

FOOTPATH AND TREE WARDEN

It was agreed to appoint Jenny Cavell Shaw to this position.

FINANCE

The following expenditure was authorised:

Balance of Annual Subscription due to SALC: £8.08

Balance of Annual Subscription due to SPC: £5.00

Clerk's Salary for June and July and expenses and HMRC PAYE for June and July

PENSION PROVISION

The Council had enrolled with the Pensions Regulator as required, but would not reach the salary threshold for providing any employee pension.

MEETING 10 AUGUST 2016

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Ian Ransome was co-opted to the Parish Council.

KESGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION APPLICATION

Representatives of Kesgrave Town Council and Playford and Rushmere St Andrews Parish Councils attended, along with local residents, in view of the inclusion of part of the parish of Little Bealings and Playford in

the proposed area for the plan - the land in Little Bealings being that between the A1214 and Playford Road. The Kesgrave Town Councillors were advised that there had been no prior consultation on the inclusion of land in the parish in the application, and that there was strong objection to doing so. A more logical boundary was the A1214. The Kesgrave Councillors apologised for the lack of consultation and agreed to reconsider the boundary, including whether it was possible to withdraw the application. SCDC had advised that there was no need for Little Bealings to consider that it needed to propose a counter-Neighbourhood Plan, the prime purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan being to set out what and where development was preferred to take place in a parish. No development was intended by the parish and in any event the land in question was protected from development by the SCDC Core Strategies and Development Management policies. SCDC would be advised of the Council's strong objection to the inclusion of any land in Little Bealings in the designated plan area and that the Council would not agree to Kesgrave acting in the parish in any event.

(If you support the Council's objections please see pg.3 and 'voice' your support - Ed)

NOISE AT SINKS PIT

Increased noise had been reported to SCC. It was considered to be due to the installation of soil washing equipment, which should not be noisy once installed. SCC had arranged for noise monitoring in September and would provide the Council will further updates on noise attenuation at the site.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 5 September.

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

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Our churchyards this summer have been a visual delight, carpeted in wild flowers and grasses, brought on by the June rains.

These two pictures of Little Bealings churchyard were taken by Sue Foster.



*New residents i(left) n Great Bealings
Picture by John Midwinter*

See - Churchyard notes—page 7



Wedding joy at St Mary's, Great Bealings

Above, Matt Cummings at the wheel of the vintage car that was to take him and his bride, Jessica Major to their reception at Croft House.

Just a week later (left), another happy couple, Alexandra Pilc and Sam Chater, emerging from the same church.

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Friday 16 September 2016

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COMMUNICATION?

For those who have embraced the new text technology and those who wish to keep up to date and text their family and friends here are some possible additions to your 'knowledge base'.

ATD	At the door
BFF	Best Friend Fell
BTW	Bring The Wheelchair
BYOT	Bring Your Own Teeth
FWIW	Forget Where I Was
GHA	Got Heartburn Again
LMDO	Laughing My Denture Out
MGPBL	Must Go Pacemaker Battery Low
OMMR	On My Massage Recliner
ROFLACGU	Rolling On Floor And Can't Get Up
TTYL	Talk To You Louder

PLAYFORD

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CHURCHWARDEN

ST. MARY's

PLAYFORD RAFFLE

I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Playford Church Roof Raffle. We made an amazing £849 with Ticket Sales and donations. This is after we've taken out printing costs. Not bad.

Well done to the following prize winners:

1st Royal Albert Hall Proms Tickets

Paul Clifford

2nd Case of Wine

The Melrose Family

3rd Hamper

M Rosling

Charles Bunbury

Mr R Kennedy

Mr Brian Seward

Katherine

Mrs B Dunnett

Liz Royle

Eileen Stennett

The Hammond Family

K Ashton

Elizabeth (c/o Ashton's)

Jo Burrows

We hope to have another Raffle around Christmas time that will be Benefice-wide and we will hope to get some equally fabulous prizes donated.

Any and all offers of help gratefully received. Thank you again and God bless

Jos Saunders

CHURCH NEWS

One of the things that have been uppermost in our minds over the past year has been the church roof. There are a number of faults with the capping stones, the cross at the west end and the flint work on the gable ends. The total cost for

repair is approximately £23,000. Now we have gone some way to raising this by using some of our reserves and receiving a number of very generous donations and gifts. Plus of course the tremendous fundraising efforts of Jos Saunders. We still need a lot more and at the time of writing we are still applying for grants. Anyone who is willing to make a donation of any sort please let me know!

Finally a very big thank you to the grass cutters and strimmers who have worked so hard in the churchyard in recent weeks.

BINKY AND CO.

Binky is thinking of changing his name. Stickleback causes problems. Person to person it always raises a wry smile (raucous laughter sometimes) in the person that hears it. Secondly he can never quite manage to complete form filling without going over the space allocated for second names. Government forms being the worst.

Binky has spent a considerable amount of time thinking about this problem. So much so that it nearly spoils his annual family holiday to Felixstowe. Mrs S preferred staying in a five star hotel. Whereas Binky thought a static caravan behind the railway lines was more than adequate. After five days of intense argument a happy compromise was reached and they stayed in a four star hotel.

The first day on the beach did not go well. Mrs S wanted to sunbathe on her Li-Lo about fifty yards from shore.

Binky was happy with that. In fact he often encouraged his wife to go just that little bit further. About a mile or two. However

blowing up the Li-Lo was problematic. Due to the abundance of body weight carried by Mrs S the Li-Lo was in fact a top of the range ex-army "Transporter, River, Rubber, Tank for the use of; NSN 5495-99-120-3969".

Even after an hour of hard blowing Binky could not get the float even half inflated. Consequently a few days before setting off he had invested in an all singing all dancing state of the art electric air pumping machine.

It was mains or battery operated. Now it doesn't take a genius to work out that mains operation on Felixstowe beach is not an easy option. Therefore it had to be battery operated. The instruction handily specified "batteries not included" but should they be required twenty five D type would be required. Of course Binky as a general rule does not carry twenty five D type batteries on his person. So after a good hour scouring shops in order to collect enough batteries Binky returned joyfully to the beach and populated the power unit with said batteries.

During this time Mrs S had got changed into her swimming costume, a mammoth and time consuming task as one could imagine. It was a one piece with an integral frilly skirt drawstrings and leather support braces. The colour was blotchy, spotty pink which picked up her skin tone perfectly. Binky referred to it as her camouflage suit.

Anyway Mrs S was getting mightily short tempered with Binky's fumbling's with the air valve and air pump and shouted (a tadge too loudly) "Binky for goodness sake get the damn thing inflated" and "Binky, blow it up"

Binky thought he would like to blow it up, with TNT, and as a bonus with Mrs S on it at the time. However, all was ready and the great lumbering beast was taken down to the waters' edge, along with the Li-Lo.

The launch went surprisingly well and Binky gave a huge push as the next wave started to recede and Mrs S was launched into the murky waters of the North Sea.

Her rescue by the Special Boat Service, the Army Diving Unit and a Hercules aircraft guided in by Fylingdales Early Warning

System is another story and is of course covered by the thirty year rule.

Binky is still thinking of changing his name but the reasons for it have now changed.

Colin Hedgley, Churchwarden

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

25th June sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for Geoff Dunnett on his 80th Birthday. Love Barbara, Jacqui and Steven, Evie and Elliott and Dylan and Antigone

2nd July sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. For Jose Booker, remembered with much love and affection by all her family on the 14th anniversary of her passing.

7th August sponsored by Wendy Wilson for Brian Buckles on a Very Special Birthday. Love from Wendy

Requests to sponsor lights to : Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

please note new email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home but please be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in Time

HISTORIC CHURCHES BIKE RIDE – VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

This sponsored bike ride arranged by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust is an annual event to raise money for churches of all denominations across Suffolk. There are 500 churches open for cyclists to plan their own route around our beautiful county on Saturday 10th September. Money raised is divided between a church of your choosing and a central county fund from which donations are made to specific churches across the year to help with their building repairs.

Once again Playford Church will be open and welcoming cyclists. If you would like to cycle

and raise some money for our roof repairs, please pick up a sponsor form in the back of the church or speak to Alison Baker who has all the details. We are also looking for volunteers to spend an hour sitting in church signing visiting cyclists sponsor forms and offering suitable refreshments throughout the day. There is a signing up sheet in the back of the church so please add your name if possible to one of the empty slots. Finally if you would like to sponsor a cyclist, please speak to Alison and she can put you in touch with cyclists from the village.

Thank you for your support.

PLAYFORD WI.

On 4th.August, 15 of us visited the new SITA plant at Great Blakenham which is one of the greenest buildings in the country. The site is at the forefront of technology generating enough electricity for 30,000 homes. 50% of us undertook the whole tour which included over 300 steps and the rest of us enjoyed a part tour taking in the ¾ hour introduction and then on to the control room where we saw our grey bin waste grabbed and dumped into the incinerator creating a fire and cooled by water from their own lake, which subsequently produced steam and goes on to produce electricity.

We all enjoyed an enlightening experience.

At our next monthly meeting on 1st.September at the Parish Hall, Andrew Little will be our speaker, talking on the subject of Digital Photography. Anyone wishing to join us at 7.30 pm for a small charge is most welcome.

Sue Bruce (Secretary)

PLAYFORD PARISH HALL

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'Strictly' is coming to Playford Village Hall. Now is your chance to take part in the world of Ballroom and Latin American Dancing. From Beginners to the more advanced dancer – all standards can be catered for! Sharon and Graham Skingley will be bringing new dance classes/lessons to Playford Parish Hall on Thursday evenings from 15th

September. Improver's 7.15 whilst Beginner's will be welcome from 8.30. As well as a lesson there will be chance to practice at the end of the evening from 9.30 to 10.00. Sharon and Graham are both qualified dance tutors with the ISTD and have been teaching for a number of years. Learning to dance will not only help to keep you fit but will bring you a whole new social life! Whatever age you are 16 or 86 it is a great pastime for everyone. For further information please contact:

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 6th July 2016. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Byway19 issues held over until next meeting.

Still awaiting permanent fix for temporary repair to broken tarmac at the junction of Butts Road/ Brook Lane.

Debris left from fallen laurel tree in Spring Meadow – this will be cleared away in Oct/ Nov by SCC Norse Ltd who will also trim back the whole of the laurel hedge.

Build-up of silt on C324 still awaiting clearance although an interim removal of sand/silt in Church Lane has been carried out.

Overgrown vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13: this task is still with the contractors.

Safety issue over children entering Church Lane from the FP to the playground area: SCC Highways have been informed but do not consider this a high enough priority to take action.

Blocked drain at top of Church Lane has been reported to Highways.

Wooden support surrounding the bottle bank at the village hall is in need of repair and hardstanding cracking up – clerk to report.

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

COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

In the absence of a County Councillor, District Councillor Robert Whiting reported that a discussion on Devolution has taken place amongst all districts in Norfolk and Suffolk and that this would be taken to the next stage, despite four Norfolk districts not being in favour. A further discussion will take place in October - it is proposed that a mayor would be appointed as the 4th level of government. Education in SCC seems to have improved and a school in Beccles has won School of the Year award. New powers are to be put in place to tackle fly-tipping. It is hoped that the new SCC website will improve communications. £90K has been invested in part-time lighting for the county. A "World of Planning" event took place in July to update councillors with the latest information on planning rules.

FINANCE

Payments have been authorised for the clerk's expenses and to HMRC for tax in Q1. The Bank reconciliation was verified and agreed. It was also agreed that the Budget was on track.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The speed of traffic and behaviour of drivers in Butts Road is still causing concern among residents and a suggestion of priority signs being placed at either end of the narrowest part was made to SCC Highways dept. They do not however, consider it dangerous enough to warrant this. Concerns over the state of repair of the edge of the carriageway in Butts Road is also a problem and this has again been reported to SCC Highways. Drainage issues continue to be voiced and it was resolved to ask SCC Norse Ltd to clear ditches in Butts Road more frequently and not to leave debris in them to rot. Also Clarke & Simpson will be asked to clear the ditches in Hill Farm Road again and to ensure that they can flow smoothly into the drainage channel to enter the river.

OUTDOOR PLAYSPACE PROJECT

The new basketball post has been installed

but the backboard fixings have failed and need to be replaced – this may have been caused by undue strain from incorrect usage by users pulling down on the hoop. The residual funds for the installation have now been received by the clerk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Potential problems have been revealed with Kesgrave Town Council who is trying to include parts of Playford within their Neighbourhood Plan. It would seem that Playford may need to act quickly to prevent this boundary violation, possibly by adopting our own Plan.

OTHER MATTERS

The village is looking tidier thanks to SCC Norse Ltd who are now responsible for grass cutting and hedge trimming. Most house-owners also contribute by keeping their gardens and frontages tidy and this makes a difference to the general appearance of the village.

It has been pointed out that the sign marking All Saints cemetery in Doctor Watsons Lane is misleading as it implies that this is on Kesgrave land and not Playford. Clerk to write to PCC All Saints Church, Kesgrave to ask them to consider changing the signage.

There is still a vacancy for another Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk if you are interested in this.

PLANNING

Unsuitable kerbstones and shingle around the boundary wall at Airys Cottage are to be removed and a retrospective planning application is awaited for the landscaping, which has already been commenced. There are concerns about excavations on site which are close to a neighbouring property and also concerns about whether the drainage/sewage on this site is adequate.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 7th Sept 2016 at 7.00pm

Marian Rosling – Clerk 01473 738648

e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

website: www.playford.org.uk

Do you remember the 11th June when the rain halted our celebrations for the Queen's Birthday?

We promised to organise a follow up - here it is!



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Richard Garnham, Wood Farm, Wood Farm Rd, Grundisburgh

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Sadly, this July we said goodbye to Parochial Church Councillor, **Harry Hedley**. Harry and his wife, Christine, have been associated with St. Botolph's for a great number of years and played an active part in Church life up until the time Harry became ill. Licensed to serve at Holy Communion, Harry was a respected member of the P.C.C. and his experience of life and work ensured that he had much to contribute.

We also said farewell to **Hugh Jefferson** a dear friend of Culpho Church. Hugh and his wife Wendy, first visited the church some four years ago, attending services on a regular basis. Hugh had a special affiliation with Culpho Church, enjoyed the traditional services, and was a joy to be around.

Their presence will be missed by us all.

Our sincere condolences are offered to all family members whose loss will be felt so greatly. We also extend our thanks for the generosity and support willingly given to both to the community and the Church.

AN EVENING OF DESSERTS

Whilst the submission of this contribution precedes the event (due to be held on Saturday the 20th August) Churchwarden Richard Garnham and his wife, Christabel, will have played hosts to an 'Evening of Desserts' at their home, Wood Farm, in Grundisburgh and The Shingle Street Trio will have entertained some sixty guests. Our grateful thanks go to Richard and Christabel for their kind hospitality and all who gave freely of their time and talent in support of the event. A full account of proceedings will be published in the October issue of the Fynn-Lark News.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES

CYCLE RIDE

In its 35th year the Cycle ride and 'stride' will take place on Saturday 10th September, 2016 and St. Botolph's will be open between 9a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive visitors. Sitters will be on hand to serve drinks and register the cyclists as they call in. The Historic Churches Trust provides funding for Church projects and if anyone would like to sponsor 'sitters' then donations would be appreciated and the necessary forms are available within the Church. Any money raised is shared between the Trust and the Church. We have also notified several Cycle clubs that the Church will be open, and although they may not be part of the event, they are welcome to call in and share in the refreshments.

HARVEST SUPPER

This popular event will take place at 6 p.m. on Saturday 17th September in the Church. Christine Pearce on telephone 01473 738324 is once again acting as co-ordinator, both for those wishing to attend and for refreshments. There is no charge for the supper and whether you attend Church or not a warm welcome awaits. As the event is time-honoured we would advise that you contact Christine to book your place. Celia and the Churchwardens would be delighted if you are able to join them for this notable celebration.

HARVEST SERVICE

Again this important date in the Church Calendar, the Harvest Service, will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Sunday 18th September where thanks will be given for a safe and productive harvest. Everyone will be made very welcome if you are able to attend.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

PRIEST in CHARGE

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Great Bealings



MESSY CHURCH RETURNS!

LITTLE BEALINGS

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

SUNDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

4-5 PM

ALL WELCOME!

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

2 nd June	Paul Antony Martin & Angela Claire Adams	Great Bealings
4 th June	Douglas Ian John Cook & Penelope Jane Alexander	Little Bealings
25 th June	Samuel Nicholas Warren & Paris Natalia Stanojevic	Playford
9 th July	William Anthony Sheppard & Felicity Ann Klug	Great Bealings
30 th July	Matthew Peter Cummings & Jessica Michaela Major	Great Bealings

SERVICE of THANKSGIVING

28 th July	Joy Doble	Great Bealings
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CHURCH DIARY - SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 4th

8.00
10.00

15th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SUNDAY 11th

8.00
9.00

16th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Family Communion

Great Bealings
Playford

SUNDAY 18th

10.00
3.00pm

17th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
Evensong – Harvest Festival

Little Bealings
Culpho

WEDNESDAY 21st

9.30

St Matthew – Apostle/Evangelist

Holy Communion

Culpho

SUNDAY 25th

9.00
4.00pm

18th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
Messy Church

Playford
Angela Cobbold Hall

OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2nd

8.00
10.00

19th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511
	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.15	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	07809594685
PILATES	VH Tue 11.00	Pauline Mursell-Head 07870926980
	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		Margaret Wilson 07769195132
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar
		7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

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PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	Mary Spillett 01394 385295
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	07809594685
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat	Dairy Crest 747272
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PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	playfordtoddlers@gmail.com
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
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Contributions for the October News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday 20th September

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Saturday, 1st October.

If you like what you see in the new style of the 'NEWS', or if you don't, please let us know.

Also if you would like to see different items included, or if there are items we have omitted, please let us know.

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