

Fynn - Lark News

JULY - AUGUST 2026



COMMUNITY TECH HUB

We include the following item, not as an advertisement, even though it may serve as such, but because the content is of widespread interest, if not concern, to many people living in our villages. We are lucky that this Tech Hub, having been set up in Grundisburgh, is making itself accessible to more and more local people from surrounding villages. Such is the extent of cyber-concern and on-line security worries that we think the contents of this article could be of interest to many.

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

COMMUNITY TECH HUB NEWS

The Community Tech Hub congratulates the Fynn Lark News on their 10th Anniversary. The Tech Hub has just celebrated its second Anniversary, and seems to be growing from strength to strength with a membership of nearly 70 people. This is both encouraging and sad; encouraging in the sense that people value our work, but sad in the sense that the digital fraud problem is obviously expanding and causing much harm. We have helped a lot of people feel safer with their devices and are viewed as an important support service whilst reducing isolation.

Our primary objectives are to help people:

Know they are doing the right thing

Be comfortable with their devices and can use them to do what they want to do

Be able to contact someone for advice and help

Have a trusted call out support service



Membership is still very open to all newcomers, and you do not have to be a Grundisburgh resident to join. People are coming in from as far out as Hollesley to seek help and attend our warm and friendly sessions. Core club member benefits for an annual fee of £50:

- * Quarterly briefing & awareness workshops where all sessions are video recorded and uploaded to the members website,
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- * Heavily discounted Classroom style training to address specific subjects, e.g. password management, device security MOT's
- * Regular scam and fraud alert emails
- * "How to" guidance sheets.
- * Drop-in sessions at a local café to get hands on support or 1-2-1 guidance.

The main principal behind the club is to create a "trusted" community that serves each other. For more information or to join: <https://CommunityTechhub.org>

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

HOLLY LANE

Along with the email news service, we have been asked to clarify that Richard and Marion Lyon wish to make it clear that they are not responsible for the green signs which have appeared on verges in Holly Lane nor for the unsightly fly tipping of branches. Parish Councils have been alerted to this issue.



We need passing places in the lane. Perhaps whoever is responsible would remove the signs and the branches to prevent further damage to the hedge.



NEWS

Ed Sheeran didn't quite make it to the Fynn-Lark valleys for an off-the-cuff concert, but a local resident did make it to the Ipswich waterfront where Ed was actually performing and took this picture of our local world music icon. entertaining the crowds.



(Picture - Gary Farmer)

It wasn't that long ago that he was filling Portman Road stadium with crowds from around the country, and beyond. So here we all are, in this lovely county of ours, rubbing shoulders with a (probably) billionaire musician. Not only beautiful landscapes, but also a cradle of popular culture.



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SPECIAL CONSTABLES

Special Constable's baton, and a group of unidentified Special Constables



This picture is a story all in itself, a story rooted deep in the history of Great Bealings, but hopefully of interest way beyond that one village. Any idea what the object is? Probably not! It is actually the baton of a World War One Special Constable. During World War One, special constables were volunteer police officers who stepped in to maintain public order and to secure the home front. Many regular police officers were conscripted into the armed forces, so there was a shortage of law enforcers. The force was formalised under the Special Constables Act 1914.



These special constables were responsible for infrastructure protection, Air Raid Duties – remember this was the time of Zeppelin raids - and some Civil Law Enforcement. The force consisted of men who were either deemed too old for military service or who worked in occupations considered too vital to leave. Some served full-time and received pay, but the vast majority were unpaid volunteers, fitting one or two four-hour shifts a week around their regular civilian jobs. Volunteers were initially issued just an armband, a warrant card, and a

truncheon, just like the one pictured. This truncheon belonged to Charles Edward Moor, the son of Canon Moor, Rector of Great Bealings. He had served in the Indian Army, was aged around 50, but by the time war broke out, was deemed too old for active service, so was given a prominent role in the local Special Constabulary.

Many later received formal uniforms. Large numbers served in this capacity. The Special Constable framework was so successful that the government passed the Special Constables Act in 1923, maintaining the force permanently. Today's Specials trace their lineage directly back to these wartime volunteers.

NATURE NOTES

– FORGET ME NOTS

As we take a two-month summer break it is perhaps appropriate to use this item as a temporary taking of leave, trusting that you will remember that we will be back with our next issue at the end of August. This article about these omnipresent little blue flowers, which happily self-seed and hopefully reappear again next year, can serve as a floral farewell to spring, and as a link with the future.



Forget-me-nots, professionally known as *Myosotis*, are beloved spring flowers known for their cheerful, five-petaled azure-blue blooms with sunny yellow centres. These hardy plants thrive in moist, well-drained soil in partial shade,



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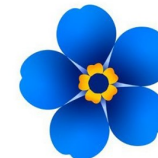
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making them perfect for woodland gardens, borders, and underplanting beneath taller spring bulbs like tulips. True to their name, they have symbolised enduring love, fidelity, and fond memories since the Middle Ages.

This image is, fittingly, the symbol of Alzheimer's Society, UK. *Myosotis* is known by many names: Mouse's Ear, due to the velvety soft foliage resembling a mouse's



ear and Scorpion Grass, because the rolled buds resemble a scorpion's tail. But it is the name FORGET ME NOT which dominates. This name is both a request not to be forgotten and a promise never to forget. The flower is represented in many cultures, but the name 'Forget-me-not' is possibly from a Medieval German tale in which a knight, while picking the flowers for his beloved from a riverbank, fell into the water. Due to the weight of his armour and the strength of the current, he was swept away. As he was drowning, he tossed the flowers to her and cried, "forget me not!" This sentimental story has captured the hearts of many over the centuries and formed the flower's association with remembrance and enduring love.

These flowers change colour after pollination: The bright yellow or orange centres of the flowers are nectar guides, meant to attract bees and insects. Once a flower is pollinated, this centre turns white, and the petals often shift from pink to blue. This signals to pollinators that there is no more nectar left, saving the insects' time and ensuring that the plant focuses resources only on unpolinated blooms. The seeds of the forget-me-not develop in small, tulip-shaped pods along the stem. These pods have tiny hooks that easily attach to your clothing when brushed against, helping the plant spread its seeds to new areas. They do indeed proliferate, and need minimal care. Once established, they are yours forever, living up to their name.

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WEDNESDAY CARPET BOWLS	14:00 - 16:00	Kathy Price 01473 621419
FRIDAY DANCE CLASS	09:30 - 11:00	Debbie Watkins-Jones 07711161522
FRIDAY PILATES	12:30 - 15:15	Kelly Steventon 07919377855
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Friday 2nd October 16:00 - 22:30

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All proceeds towards the installation of safety surfacing around all the Play Equipment

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FORGET**

The Bealings Villages Fete will be on **Sunday 30th August** on the John Belstead Playing

Field or inside the Hall if inclement weather, please see the advert for full details. Who will win the Tug of War this year?



Finally, I'd like to thank Francis Mutimer of Little Bealings for helping to saw up a fallen tree on the Playing Field Zip Line, removing the debris and repairing the fence. It is acts

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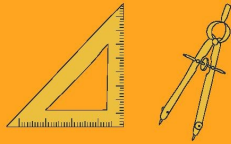
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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

We remain in a state of what might be called limbo. Meetings and discussions as to the future status of our church are being considered, but without definite decisions being taken. According to Church of England procedural guidelines, consultations with the community should take place. That consultation has still to happen. In the meantime, we understand that our Rector, Rev Nigel Prior, is expected to retire some time in the New Year.

Being in a state of transition in a number of ways, it will be good to rediscover a form of stability. In these fluctuating circumstances, perhaps we can just enjoy the ever-recurring beauties of an English summer, with the range of wonderful flowers in our gardens and in the fields and hedgerows around us. We should rejoice too, that the rains have come, possibly in time to rescue crops which, after a lengthy rainless period, were beginning to look decidedly barren. Our birds too, seem to be enjoying a good breeding season, with propitious winds and climatic conditions speeding them back to these shores from Africa, and the recent rains having promoted new bursts of growth, together with all the buzzing of insect life. We are blessed in many ways.

As we take leave in anticipation of a two-month break we wish our readers the kind of summer season that they would wish for themselves

LOOKING AHEAD - SERVICES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Sunday 5th July.

9.30 Parish Communion
Service – followed by coffee.

Sunday 19th July.

10.30. Morning Prayer.

Sunday 2nd August:

Parish Communion.

Sunday 16th August.

10.30. Morning Prayer.

All to be confirmed in the weekly emailed newsletter sent out by the Benefice Office. If you are not currently a recipient, do get yourself on the list – just email: parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org

Do check up on the Woodbridge website for other possible services.

Parish Office: this is the hub of activity and communications for the United Benefice. Linda is our Parish Administrator. The Rector too, can be contacted through this office.

Tel: 01394 388820 – and Linda's office hours are: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

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It has been difficult to plan ahead with any degree of certainty. We need to rediscover the kind of entrepreneurial spirit which brings activities and events into our church, in addition to the services which take place there. Any offers?

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY.

COMMUNITY TECH HUB

Paul Finch spoke about how the Hub came to be set up. He explained the membership benefits which include a Community Support Group, weekly advice emails about scams, email support and advice, and quarterly workshops. In addition, drop-in sessions are held weekly in Grundisburgh Deli to enable problems to be discussed with an expert. He stated that it is hoped to launch Basic Device Training sessions with the aim of boosting peoples' confidence. He also outlined some ideas for the future.

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL'S 20MPH ROAD SAFETY GROUP

Sue Prentice advised the meeting that the

PC has been approached by the Suffolk Parishes Road Safety Group with a view to joining forces with other Councils over road safety matters. SCC has now issued details of its new 20mph policy, a summary of which was read out. The major challenge for smaller Councils is that they will be required to fund all costs of implementation themselves and would also be required to conduct expensive speed surveys.

The following discussion centred on whether there is a perceived need, who are the vulnerable people, how do we raise the money and who would police it? CH advised that speed bumps can only be installed where there is sufficient street lighting. It was decided to take this matter forward for discussion at the PC meeting in July.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – REVIEW OF YEAR

Sue Prentice summarised the work that the PC has been involved in during the year including the Self-Help Scheme, Planning matters, Emergency Planning, Water Quality in the River Lark, and the Village Fete, plus issues regarding the National Planning Policy Framework, Local Government Re-organisation, Flooding, roads and traffic issues. She expressed thanks to Rob Munn for setting up the Self-Help Scheme and his work on flood prevention, to Charles Barrington for maintaining the village sign, to David Munn and Sally Johnson for repairing and clearing the phone box and to Regan Scott and Farran Douse for river quality work. A full copy of the Chairman's Report is attached to the minutes on the website.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Reports have been received by County Cllr Elaine Bryce, District Cllr Colin Hedgley (CH) and District Cllr Dan Clery. All have been circulated to Parish Cllrs and are attached to the minutes on the website.

CH verbally recapped the last 12 months and mentioned the proposed Westerfield quarry, which will not be decided until after the new SCC Cllr training has taken place. He said that the new County Cllrs may challenge the recent Local Government Reorganisation decision to have three Councils. He also spoke about the major changes to Planning laws, problems with Planning Enforcement, the roll-out of the new Recycling Bins, funding for the 1st Light Festival in Lowestoft, and a new grant scheme for cycle racks. He urged residents to report any issues with potholes to SCC via their online reporting tool. He said that the recent Call for Sites had not revealed any in Gt Bealings. He also confirmed that once again he has some funding available for local projects.

COMMUNITY REPORTS VILLAGE HALL TRUST

Peter Prentice presented a report for the Bealings Village Hall Trust. He thanked the two Parish Councils for their donations, also the two District Cllrs, together with all other donors and supporters of the various events. Following completion of the Roof and Doors project, the interior of the Hall was refurbished with new heaters, curtains and redecoration. Four working parties took place during the year doing site maintenance. PP thanked all those who took part, in particular Andy Mayhew for use of his digger on the car park work. The two major events – the Plant Sale and the Village Fete – were very successful. Pop Up Pubs were popular, together with other fund-raising events. The full report is on the PC's website.

FYNN-LARK NEWS REPORT

Norman Porter presented a report for the Fynn Lark News. He said that a 48-page publication is now regularly produced, almost entirely in colour at a cost of over £400 per issue. The financial position has improved since last year due largely to

advertising revenue. He commented that it is not purely a commercial operation, but aims to bring together the rural community. The recent 10th Anniversary party was well supported and a 10th Anniversary FLN edition is available. He thanked all the supporters, with a special mention to the Parish Councils and Churches for their donations, Peter and Vicki Carr for organising the distribution and Tim Llewellyn for his design work. The full report is on the PC's website.

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FROM Chairman GBPC

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ACH News

WATERLOOPRESENTED BY MARGARET AND ROGER ROSEBOOM.



On the evening of Saturday May 23rd. the Hall was transformed into a model battlefield, complete with buildings, trees and soldiers drawn up in battle lines. Wellington's strategy was explained as

was Napoleon's and the circumstances surrounding the battle were illustrated on the model.



The addition of contemporary accounts, read by members of the audience, highlighted the effects that the battle had on those present. Particularly moving was

a leading officer's letter home showing his deep regret at the loss of so many brave men, many of whom were his friends. A display showed pictures of some of those involved and other memorabilia.

Thanks to Margaret and Roger for putting together this very special event, making history come alive with both its triumph and tragedy and providing delicious canapés to enhance the evening.

GARDENING CLUB

On Wednesday 3rd June Margaret and Roger with Tracy Herrington explored the wonders of the Chelsea Flower Show. Tracy, who works at Katie's Garden was able to share her experiences as an 'insider'. Artist Brie Harrison had a stall displaying her work complemented with plants from Katie's Garden. Plants were also supplied to Addleshaw Goddard for the Flourish in the City small show garden which won a gold medal, and to Rhino Glasshouses Trade stand which achieved 5 stars.

Thanks to everyone who made this such an interesting evening.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The lunch on 2nd June was a shared Pick and Mix Summer Buffet. Among the many contributions to the meal there were quiches, potato salad, green salad, fruit salad, mini pavlovas, trifle, cake, mousse and strawberries and cream. Grateful thanks to ever who made this a 'delicious' social occasion. The tables were decorated with little potted strawberry and tomato plants ready to be taken home and grown on in the summer months. Our thanks to Tracy Herrington and Katie's garden for this great idea.

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TIME FOR TEA

Cream Teas will be available again on Sunday July 19th from 3.00 - 5.00 p.m.

No booking necessary....just come and enjoy.

THE KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

This group meets every Monday afternoon from 1.30 – 4.00 p.m. Drop in anytime

All welcome....no need to knit....just come and enjoy a cup of tea and a friendly chat.

FRIDAY SOCIAL

Each week between 7.00 – 10.00 p.m. there is an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones in a relaxed atmosphere with a licensed bar and pub games. Special events such as Fish and Chips and Barbecues are advertised on social media.

THE READING ROOM

Books to Own or Loan for adults and children are available on Mondays and Fridays when the Hall is open for Knit and Natter and the Friday Social.

More information about booking the Hall: contact 01473 620213 or email ach.ropeth@gmail.com

KNIT AND NATTER

We have had some great conversations whilst we knit, crochet and sew. As well as any other crafts that have been brought in. We all enjoy seeing some new craft, but we also get great enjoyment from anyone who has worked on a project for ages. Then it comes in completed.

One lady had been working on quilt for a long time and has completed it. Her time with us is "as and when" due to her other commitments. But it is always a pleasure to see her. This time, she brought her project. She was doing the final touches. The quilt was beautiful. Everyone thought it was wonderful and praised her work. I, for one, could not have achieved that project. Though it gave me such joy to see her amazing work.

You can come and enjoy our company at Knit and Natter on a Monday from 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in the Angela Cobbold Hall. We travel the world with our interesting stories of family living and our trips abroad. Or we just catch up on a TV programme we missed or the mystery that may be accruing in a drama!

There is always a table full of some tasty treat and cup of tea or coffee to relax. See you soon.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH COMMUNITY HUB

As we write this article, interviews are taking place to find a suitable incumbent for our benefice. By the time you read these words, we hope there will be joyful news to share. Our thoughts and prayers are with those responsible for finding that person to lead and guide our churches towards greater things. May this appointment strengthen our benefice, and enable us together, to grow in faith, hope, and love as we seek to serve Christ in our communities.

UKULELE CONCERT

Our PCC Secretary has organised for the Brightwell Ukulele group to perform in All Saints Little Bealings on **TUESDAY 30th JUNE at 2.15p.m.** This wonderful group has already given two concerts in All Saints Kesgrave with both being very well attended and received. The group makes no charge for their performance, and it has been suggested that this excellent concert is well worth a £5/head donation which will go directly towards the maintenance of our wonderful historic

church. Parking available at the Village Hall courtesy of the Trustees.

CHURCH CAFÉ

open Wednesdays 10.45 a.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Our café continues to provide the ideal place 'to meet and chat' for residents, friends and relations, as well as the necessary refreshment for those undertaking the Fynn Valley walk. A member of the ministry team is always available for that private word.

Why not join us at 10.00 a.m. on a Wednesday for Morning Prayers before staying for that cup of coffee or joining the walking group. You are sure of a warm welcome. All are welcome.

Future Services

Regular services commencing at 10.00 a.m. are held on the second and fourth Sunday of the Month.

Sunday 28th June

Family Communion

Sunday 12th July

Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th July

Family Communion

Sunday 9th August

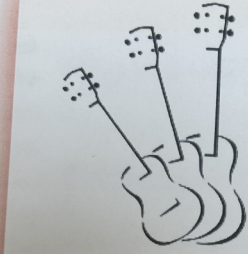
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AUTUMN AND WINTER SERVICES

We still have the summer ahead, but thought we would be super organised and publish our programme of services (also available on our website). Do add these dates to your diary. (See pg. 25 - Ed)

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Carl Cornish & Ian Ransome
Churchwardens



Brightwell Ukuleles

Brightwell Ukuleles
Summer Concert 2026
All Saints Church
Little Bealings

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

A couple of weeks while preparing for Trinity Sunday I thought it is one of those Sundays that makes interesting sermons from Ministers and Clergy alike. Over the years, I expect like me, you have countless ways of expressing the three in one God which we serve, from clover leaves to Olympic rings, to a can of three in one oil. The triune God has and always will be at the heart of our worship. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Three persons in one God but all in unity together. Jesus said, "To have seen me is to have seen the Father" and then promises His followers "I will never leave you as orphans."

The Holy Trinity is significant because it expresses the deepest Christian belief about who God is; one God in three distinct persons - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This is not a mathematical puzzle, but a revelation of God's inner life and how God relates to humanity. The Church teaches that the Trinity is a divine mystery - not meaning "nonsense," but a truth beyond full human comprehension. We can understand that it is true, but not fully how it works. Jesus said, "Believe in me and believe in the one who sent me."

Sometimes our minds are too small to understand the vast complex of our creation. We live in an uncertain world at the moment, sometimes we wonder what is going to happen next. One thing is for certain; we don't know what the future holds - but we know the one who holds the future. When we talk about the trinity, do you notice one thing? Yes! Three persons in God, but all are in unity. When writing this I had a thought cross my mind. As a benefice we have been together only a short time, but as time goes on, we discover we have more that unites us than divides us. Yes, one urban church and two different rural church communities, yet each one has so much to offer. Just look at the parish profile that was created. As human beings we tend to dwell on negativity and sometimes that is understandable, but the breadth of God's love for us all shows even when we are not at our best, God is.

There is a funny story about a curate who was preaching his sermon. After the service, he asked his Vicar what he thought of the sermon. "Well," said the Vicar "It had its roots deep in scripture." "Really?" said the curate excitedly, "Yes" sighs the Vicar, "It was a bit like the peace of God, it passed all human understanding, and like the mercy of God, it seemed to endure forever."

We have so much to be grateful for and people who love us for who we are. We have more that unites than divide us, so in this season of Trinity, let us rejoice in a God who knows us better than we know ourselves, and show love for one another as He loves us.

With love and Prayers.

Rev Gary Jones

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All Saints Church Little Bealings



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(with Family Communion)

Sunday 11th Oct. – 10am Morning Prayers

Sunday 25th Oct. – 10am Family Communion
(Canon Katy Cunliffe officiating).

Saturday 31st Oct. – 7pm All Saints & All Souls

Sunday 8th Nov. – 10am Remembrance Service

Wednesday 11th Nov. – 11am War Memorial prayers

Sunday 22nd Nov. – 10am Family Communion

Sunday 13th Dec. – 10am Morning Prayers

Monday 14th Dec. – 3.15pm Christingle

Thursday 17th Dec. – 7pm Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 24th Dec. – 11pm Midnight Communion

Sunday 27th Dec. – 10am Family Communion

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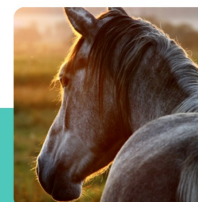
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A SPECIAL SERVICE AT PLAYFORD CHURCH

This July, Playford Church invites everyone to join a Service of Commemoration for one of the village's most remarkable figures — Thomas Clarkson (1760–1846), the great abolitionist who dedicated his life to ending the slave trade and who is buried here in our churchyard.

The service takes place on Sunday 5th July 2026 at 11.00am and will be led by Revd Canon Sharron Coburn, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry, alongside our local vicar Revd Gary Jones. All are most welcome. We are also looking forward to welcoming the Mayor of Ipswich—Councillor Pat Bruce-Browne—and John French, the Suffolk Constabulary's Modern Slavery Vulnerability Advisor — a powerful reminder that Clarkson's cause remains as relevant today as it ever was.

It's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on Clarkson's extraordinary legacy and to mark his connection to this corner of Suffolk that he called home. In the week leading up to the service — from Monday 29th June — the church will be hosting an exhibition exploring Clarkson's work, the slave trade, and the abolitionist movement. It is open every day from 10.00am to dusk and offers a fascinating chance to learn more about the man and his mission — do come along and take a look.

After the service, you are welcome to stay for a light lunch and refreshments. For more information about the Clarkson

service, call 07889 907615.

We will also be holding our regular monthly service on Sunday 19th July at 10.00am — all are welcome as always.

PLAYFORD POP-UP YOUTH GROUP

Great news for young people aged 10–16 — the Playford Pop-Up Youth Group, hosted by Emerge, is back! Drop in to Playford Village Hall between 3:30 and 5:00pm for toast, a make-your-own smoothie bar, board games, outdoor games, and creative activities — a brilliant place to hang out and make new friends. On 3rd July it's pizza-making — all are welcome, just turn up!

LIGHTS IN LOVING MEMORY

In June the church lights were lit in memory of two much-loved members of the Legard family. 17th June marked 60 years since the passing of Hugo Legard, who died in 1966 aged just 46 — beloved father of Hilary, the late Joanna, and Robin. 18th June marked one year since the death of Joanna Legard, aged 76, cherished sister to Hilary and Robin. In loving memory; never forgotten.

We love lighting the church for family occasions of all kinds — whether to mark an anniversary, celebrate a birthday, or remember a loved one. If you'd like the lights to burn bright for a special event, please do get in touch at playfordchurch@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you on July 5th,

Jon Fieldsend (Churchwarden)

playfordchurch@gmail.com

PLAYFORD WI

Everyone really enjoyed 'messy pour' creative session in June - thank you Yvonne! We also heard from visitors to the Suffolk Show who had seen - and voted for - Playford's entries in the WI recycling craft classes - there had been a very wide selection of high-quality entries. On July 7th we are having a talk from Suffolk's 'Bloodrunners', a volunteer group yet providing essential services to our local NHS, air ambulance, hospice and vulnerable patients by transporting blood products and medicines. For our August 4th meeting we have invited Rushmere and Kesgrave WIs to our annual Boules tournament, may the best team win! After the holidays we are already looking forward to September 1st when we will have a crochet teach-in run by Liv. Visitors and new members are

always welcome, 7.00 p.m. Playford Village Hall, playfordwi@sefwi.org.uk.

BINKY AND CO

Binky is the original nearly man and that's for sure. He nearly gained a 2.1 at his College of Mediocre Education, having to settle for what the Principal called "a very credible 2.2 without honours". Binky was also first reserve in his local pub's second darts team and had been for two years now, always waiting for the phone to ring on darts night, but it never did. But Binky remained optimistic.

One day it would happen and the world would stand in awe. Binky always bore in mind those people who soldiered on and then suddenly fame beckoned and the chance of a lifetime was thrust upon them, similar to his great friend Jim

Calling all Crafters

We are holding a Christmas Fayre in Playford Village Hall on Sunday 6th December. Proceeds will go towards the, much needed, Church repairs and refurbishment.

We are looking for cottage Christmas crafters who would like to buy a table to sell their wares.

Tables are only 1.5m and so are priced at £20/table, with a couple a 6ft (1.8m) tables available at £25. There is an extra fee if you require electricity. If you are interested, please get in touch with Jos Saunders jos@x10k.com or 07753903056 who can give you all the details, along with a form and how to pay.

Public Liability Insurance is preferred, as the organisers and/or village hall won't be held responsible.

If you are not a crafter, please still hold the date to come and join in and support us.

More details to come so please keep an eye out, both here in the FLN and the e-news.



Bottlebrush who for twenty five years worked at the Lower Bealings Sewage Works cleaning out the supply pipes and suddenly he was put in charge of the Inflow Control and Mashing Machine. What a turn up for the books that was. He was immediately supplied with his own shovel as well, in case the machine broke down. As Binky said at the time, "You never can tell". Or was it smell? Anyway, Binky recalled Jim's favourite joke that he told anyone and everyone who would listen when he was down the pub. "What do you call the best sewage monthly payment plan. Answer, pay as you go". It's not funny after the second time of hearing it but Binky always laughed out of loyalty to Jim.

However, one Friday morning the call came. Binky picked up the phone thinking it may be one of those infernal solar panel insurers, the ones Binky had told time and time again not to phone him. Indigo used much sharper words. Words that Binky had likened to a sailor spilling his rum or a Lance Corporal losing his teddy bear (well you know how roughly, toughly these soldiers are). Anyway, the voice at the other end explained that the darts second team were a man short, would he step up? Binky was beside himself with excitement. It was an away game at The Praying Mantis pub at Weakling-cum-Hardy, 'only about sixty-five miles away'. But Binky jumped at the chance of fame and free drinks and sandwiches. Major problem though, Indigo would have to do the driving because Binky would be expected to have at least a couple of pints during the game. 'It was tradition.' Also, a tradition but unknown to Binky, was that the Praying Mantis team would always spike the away team's beer with a shot of vodka. Whether that had any bearing on the home team always winning the match and, incidentally, coming top of the league for five consecutive years, no one dared ask.

This was mainly due to the fact that The Mantis team, as they were known, consisted of two amateur boxers, an ex-con, the local policeman and a Sumo wrestler. Skilled men all. (Oh, please forgive me, the Sumo wrestler was a woman). It was an uneventful drive up, that is to say Binky and Indigo did not speak. For sixty-five miles, silence. Oh, Binky did say "Stop here" when they arrived. The match started on time and in good spirits, except whenever Binky stepped up to the ochie the noise level and jeering became noticeably louder. Needless to say, Binky missed the dartboard with all three darts. He drank a pint. So did Indigo. The pub became what a local called 'a little rowdy' and what the magistrate later called 'a full-scale riot'. But opinions differ and we live in a democracy. There is no conclusive evidence that states what time the fighting actually began. Binky swears that it was when the policeman accused Binky of overstepping the ochie on the occasion of Binky scoring one hundred and twenty with his throw. Binky said he had not overstepped. The Sumo wrestler shouted, "Are you callin' my 'usband a liar?" Now Binky had been unaware of the marital status between the policeman and the Sumo wrestler. Neither had Indigo as her weighty handbag landed on the Sumo wrestler's head. Binky was also unaware of the status between the Magistrate and the Sumo wrestler (Father and daughter). Binky ended up being bound over to keep the peace for one hundred days. The whole evening was a disaster all round. Except for the landlord who reckoned his sales increased one hundred per cent. In fact, if you drive past the Praying Mantis today you will see the blackboard outside stating "Binky here on Friday at 8.00 p.m." Fame beckons us all in different ways. The trick is to recognise it when it comes and embrace it. Do a Binky.



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The long-awaited chevron road signs have been erected at great expense on the corner leading to Grundisburgh. Residents have also requested road markings to inform road users to slow down whilst travelling through the residential area. These markings have yet to be put in place.

Thankfully the month of June has brought welcome rains which have been very beneficial to both gardens and the farmers' crops. Much of the arable cropping within Culpho is maize, potatoes and sugar beet; all crops that will be harvested during the late summer and autumn months. Let us hope that conditions are favourable when these crops leave the field and we are not faced with mud on the road issues which have been a serious concern historically.

Church services at Culpho in July/August

July 22 nd	Holy Communion at 9.30am
July 26 th	Sung Evensong at 3.00 p.m.
August 23 rd	Sung Evensong at 3.00pm
August 26 th	Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m

Richard Garnham

Churchwarden

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