

Fynn - Lark News

SEPTEMBER 2026



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LITTLE BEALINGS

— OUR PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

What is Inside the Little Bealings Plan?

Rather than setting housing targets, our Neighbourhood Plan establishes strict frameworks designed to preserve the distinct, rural identity of Little Bealings. The submitted statutory documents feature several protective pillars:

The Design Guide: Tailored rules dictating the materials, scale, and architectural styles of future builds to ensure they match our traditional village aesthetic.

Landscape	Value	Statement:	Amended	Boundaries	Map:
Environmental	protections	for the	A newly	updated	map ensuring
surrounding	open	countryside,	the plan's	legal powers	perfectly
traditional	field	patterns, and	align with	our exact,	recently
local	wildlife	habitats.	(very minor)	shifted	parish
			borders.		

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

THE NEXT STEP: Independent Examination



Now that the public consultation window has shut, the local community shifts to the next phase of direct democracy.

Every single piece of feedback submitted by residents is now being collated by East Suffolk Council. This complete package will be passed directly to an Independent Examiner. The examiner's role is purely legal: they will review the plan alongside the community's comments to ensure it aligns with national planning frameworks.

If the examiner requires minor adjustments, the Parish Council will update the text accordingly before the document is cleared for the final stage.

THE FINAL STEP: The Parish Referendum

A Neighbourhood Plan cannot pass into law without the explicit consent of the village. Once the examiner gives the green light, East Suffolk Council will organise a formal, parish-wide referendum.

This process will operate exactly like a local election:

• **Polling Cards:** Every resident registered on the Little Bealings electoral roll will receive an official polling card.

• **The Vote:** You will be asked a simple "Yes" or "No" question on whether the plan should be used to decide local planning applications.

The 50% Threshold: If a simple majority (over 50%) of those voting choose "Yes", the plan is legally "made" and adopted into district policy.

The Parish Council extends its gratitude to the working group volunteers lead by Helen Saagi (Kathy Price, Peter Carr, Francis Mutimer, Liz Mutimer, Ian Seeley and Jenny Shaw) who spent years drafting this plan, and to every resident who took the time to submit their thoughts.

Look out for upcoming announcements regarding the referendum date later this year.

*Chris Cheeseman, Chairman,
Little Bealings Parish Council*



*The public consultation for the new **Little Bealings Neighbourhood Plan** officially closed on Wednesday, 26 August 2026. Over the past several weeks, residents have had their final opportunity to submit feedback to East Suffolk Council regarding this comprehensive document.*

Once officially adopted, this plan transitions into a powerful, legally binding document. East Suffolk Council will be statutorily required to use its policies when deciding any future planning applications or development appeals within our parish boundaries.

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

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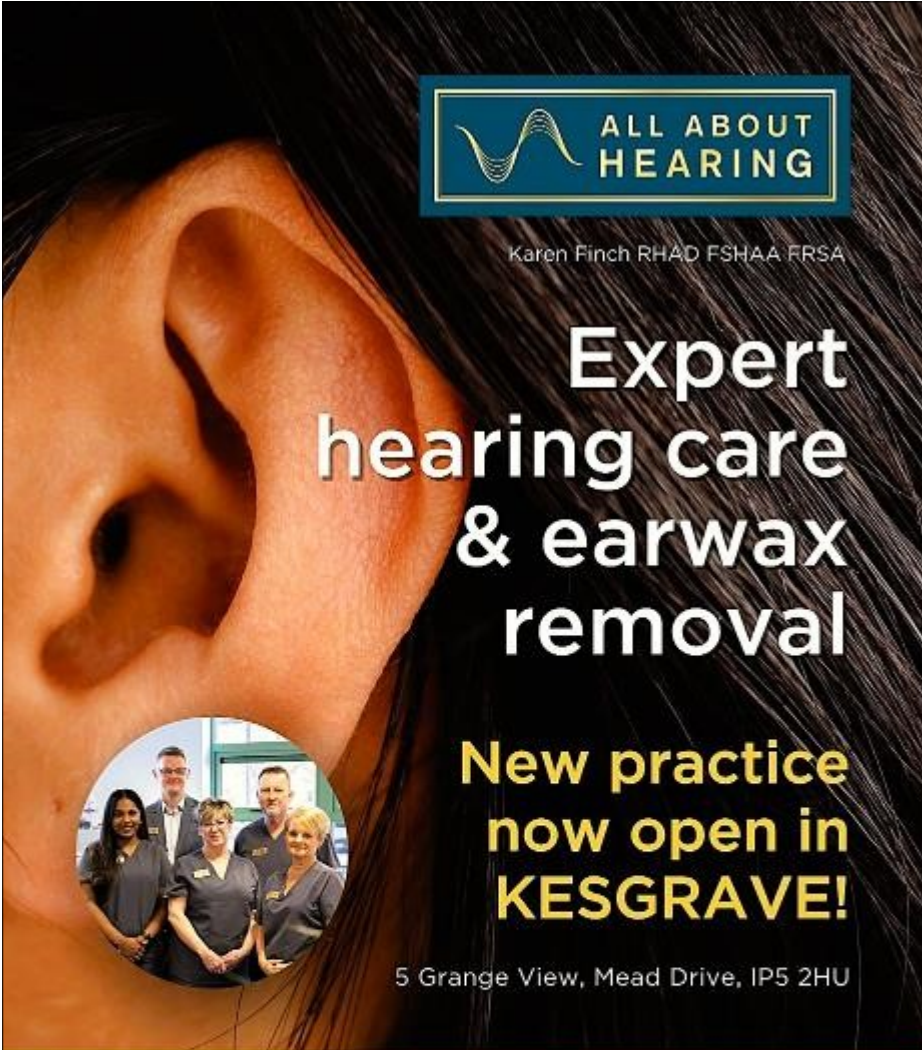
Little Bealings and Playford Parish Councils are delighted to announce that their Clerk, Wendy Cook, has successfully achieved the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), the nationally recognised professional qualification for local council officers. Awarded by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), CiLCA demonstrates a high standard of knowledge and competence in all aspects of parish council administration, governance, law, finance and community engagement.

The qualification represents many months of dedicated study alongside Wendy's day-to-day responsibilities as Clerk to both parish councils. To achieve CiLCA, candidates are required to compile an extensive portfolio of evidence demonstrating their knowledge and practical application of local council law,

procedures and best practice. The assessment covers a wide range of subjects, including legislation, financial management, ethical governance, community engagement, transparency, meetings and policy development, requiring a considerable investment of time, research and commitment.

For Little Bealings and Playford Parish Councils, Wendy's achievement provides reassurance that both councils continue to benefit from professional, up-to-date advice and administration. It reflects her commitment to maintaining the highest standards of local government practice, ensuring that the councils remain well governed, legally compliant and able to deliver the best possible service for residents.

For local residents, this means they can have confidence that council decisions are being supported by sound professional advice and are made in accordance with current legislation and recognised best practice. It helps ensure that public money is managed responsibly, council meetings and decisions are conducted correctly and transparently, and policies are developed with the needs of the community in mind. A CiLCA-qualified Clerk is also well equipped to identify funding opportunities, support community projects, advise councillors on complex issues and help the councils plan effectively for the future. Ultimately, the qualification strengthens the councils' ability to serve their communities efficiently, openly and in the best interests of everyone who lives in Little Bealings and Playford.





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CHANGES TO EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL'S EMERGENCY OUT OF HOURS NUMBER

From today, 31 July 2026, the Council's out of hours call centre for emergencies will be operated by West Suffolk Council, rather than East Suffolk Services Ltd.

This means that the number has changed from OLD - 0800 440 2516 to **NEW - 01284 776100**.

ROS AND HANS FLECK

Readers of the Fynn Lark News may remember that earlier this year, there was mention of a celebration of Ros' and Hans' (Fleck) lives. This is going to be on Saturday 26th September 2.00 p.m. at the Angela Cobbold Hall. We very much look forward to seeing old friends there, and/or at the service at Little Bealings Church on Sunday 27th September (Ros was a regular attendee). All the best, from Stephanie, Robert and Andrew Fleck.'

NEWS

Gary Farmer kindly provides us, on a regular basis with picture-stimuli to news events. We are grateful to him for so many of the pictures which appear in this Magazine. Here are three of them. First, the range of activities put on in the Angela Cobbold Hall continues to amaze. Here's a picture of a Karaoke evening.



Second, another social occasion in the Village Hall when Rev Trevor Harris from Great Bealings took to the microphone and revealed talent hitherto unknown to many.



And finally – good news for sufferers from 'pot-holophobia' – a picture of a local pothole that has been filled in.



Of course, the picture could have been taken anywhere, but it *IS* local.

Really. Nice-looking job too. Encouraging.

HISTORY CORNER

WASTE MANAGEMENT - GETTING OUR WHEELIE BINS INTO PERSPECTIVE

Waste management – and that includes sewage and sanitation - has been a concern for human civilisations throughout history. Human beings produce a lot of waste. The more human beings there are around, the greater the problem. Waterways, bonfires and holes in the ground were so long seen as suitable depositories for the disposal of human waste, some of it even long ago, biodegradable. Even those sophisticated Romans dumped sewage into the River Tiber. The contamination and pollution of



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what should have been drinkable water was a problem even then and has inevitably become even more of a problem since, with our ever-increasing human populations.

The growth of cities exacerbated the problem – large populations produced a great deal of rubbish and waste, with very limited refuse disposal possibilities. Urban life became intolerable because of the smells. Horse manure in the streets didn't help. Diseases spread. Sewage systems were built. It was also easier to export unpleasant substances out into the countryside – as it still is. It was also difficult to install mains sewers in remote rural areas. Does anyone remember those outdoor Elsan chemical toilets? The company is still going strong!

It has been recorded that Woodbridge horse-drawn carts used to bring out the nightsoil (as it was discreetly called) to spread, as fertiliser, on to the fields of Bealings. No wonder those fields produced wonderful vegetables.

The Night soil man and the Honey Cart

As pressures grew, we then moved on to water treatment plants, to dustbin collection – the dust and ashes from domestic fires had to go somewhere – and that was the start of a collection service and of the now outdated term "dustbin." In more recent times so much more rubbish, and a much wider range of it, has had to be collected – in order to be disposed of. Hence the development of a complex collection service, incineration

plants and recycling centres, all organised by local Councils, trying to cope with the complexities of modern packaged life, and with all the challenges of having to recycle materials which are in increasingly short supply. Hence that



impressive range of variously coloured wheelie bins, which visually pollute many an urban street, and even clutter up our country lanes, but which do serve their purpose. All of this to deal with unprecedented amounts of waste brought about by modern living. It's not something to be proud of.

So, in conclusion, we could still have diseases, smells, bonfires, pits in the garden – or, as we have now - visual pollution, maggots in the food waste containers, and getting very muddled about collection times. Which do we prefer? The wheelie bin is almost certainly an improvement on the “Honey cart.” The waste that we collectively produce has to go somewhere. We should all try to produce less of it.

NATURE NOTES

– A WELCOME BACK FROM NATURE'S GENTLE CREATURES

So many species on this planet of ours, both flora and fauna, as well as ourselves, have some kind of inter-dependence. Plants and animals, like us, go through the various stages of life, growing, wilting, suffering, thriving and dying, according to surrounding conditions – including an increasingly unpredictable climate. It does not take much imagination to see that animals respond to surrounding circumstances in similar ways to ourselves – splashing

happily around in bird baths, hunting desperately for food in dry conditions, fleeing from wildfires, even migrating.

As we all return from the summer break - trusting that you have all enjoyed the best of the summer - we thought we might include a chorus of happy-looking, welcome-focused animals to join our re-focused editorial team in welcoming everyone back. Our ever-alert Culpho nature correspondent came up with 25 cheery-looking animals to join that chorus, but space restrictions mean that we have to limit our item to just six of them: three aquatic, three terrestrial. So: welcome back, as we move forward on to the doorstep of autumn, from this chorus line of six animals, all exuding peace and kindness, with many others waiting in the wings. Not to mention all those wonderful, loving dogs that we keep as permanent pets. We include the following friendly-looking animals in our welcome pack:



The **QUOKKA** is known as the “world's happiest animal.” It is famous for its friendly nature. Often seen with a smile, these small marsupials live in groups and are charming and resilient.

GIANT PANDAS are celebrated for their gentle and solitary nature which, together with their black-and-white colouring,



makes them one of the most beloved species world-wide. Pandas play a significant role in their ecosystem by spreading seeds and facilitating plant growth.

DOLPHINS are renowned for their intelligence and playful behaviour, often



seen riding waves and leaping gracefully through the ocean. They are known for their friendliness towards humans, sometimes aiding swimmers in distress. Found in various oceans worldwide, these marine mammals are social creatures, living in pods that exhibit complex communication skills.

ALBATROSSES are majestic birds known for their extraordinary wingspans, which allow them to glide effortlessly over vast oceanic distances and play a critical role in marine ecosystems as apex predators.



These seabirds are monogamous, forming lifelong bonds with their mates, and are renowned for their elaborate courtship dances.

KOALAS are solitary and territorial, yet their presence is a comforting sight in the



Australian Landscape. Koalas continue to capture hearts with their endearing appearance and serene lifestyle.

SEA OTTERS are known for their playful behaviour and tool use as they crack open shellfish on rocks balanced on their bellies. They are social animals, often floating in groups known as rafts, while they groom their thick furs' waterproof qualities.

Sea Otters play a crucial role in their ecosystems by controlling sea urchin



populations. That helps maintain kelp forest health. Their charm and ecological importance make them beloved icons of the ocean. This one may initially seem to be waving goodbye. Inappropriate. But, if you look closely, he is beckoning you back in with his forepaw. Very appropriate.

May we, too, share in the joys of life and living in the approaching months of autumn and winter. Welcome back, after the summer break, to this edition of your local magazine.



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- ◆ Understand tenant rights, repairs, and eviction processes.

However, we understand that not everyone uses the internet and that is why we are available by telephone and face to face in our local offices and outreach sessions.

If you need more help on any problem, we are in the Kesgrave War Memorial Community Centre, Twelve Acre Approach, Kesgrave, IP5 1JF on the third Tuesday of every month between 9am and 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary and there is plenty of free parking at the centre.

For further information about the advice session or about volunteering, call Citizens Advice East Suffolk on 0808 278 7866

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

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MONDAY PILATES	19:30 - 20:30	Helen Clarkson Fieldsend 07889907615
TUESDAY PILATES	09:30 - 10:30	Caroline Boggon 07850683196
WEDNESDAY DANCE CLASS	09:30 - 12:30	Debbie Watkins-Jones 07711161522
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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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD NEWS

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THANK YOU to Carl Cornish and his team for repairing pot holes and the entrance to the car park. Please look out for the new sleepers across the centre line, these were added to deter drivers from performing 360° donuts around the car park late at night and disturbing neighbours.

JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD



A very big thank you to Andrew Davis and Steve Foster who helped dig out the old rotten sleepers around the Boules Court and to Liz and Francis Mutimer, Helen Saagi, Peter Taylor, Sue and Peter Prentice, Andrew Davis and Peter Wilmot



who helped unload the heavy new sleepers

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13TH JULY

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The applicant for planning application DC/25/4783/FUL spoke briefly about the application to be heard at agenda item 11 (i), and answered some questions from Cllrs.

HIGHWAYS

SID – John Carter-Jonas and Julian Haywood-Smith have identified a location for a new SID on Hall Farm Road. The quotation was for £3668 but both Colin Hedgley(CH) and Elaine Bryce (EB) report that they have limited funding in this financial year. EB said she will investigate further and advise what level of funding she can obtain. Depending on the result of this, CH may be able to provisionally put aside a small amount.

Annesley House – Following further damage to the wall, this matter has again been referred to SCC Highways. EB said she will progress the possibility of white lines along this stretch of road

Other Highways matters – Sue Prentice has been informed that SCC Highways do not often respond to reports made on their reporting tool. They need to be more pro-active with this. EB said that she will feed this information back to them

REPORTS

County Councillor Elaine Bryce (EB)– EB reported that work is continuing regarding

the opposition to the proposed Westerfield Quarry. It is likely to be discussed at SCC's Committee meeting on 1st September. SCC have confirmed that comments will be accepted right up to the date of the meeting, 400 additional comments have already been received. A consultation extension has also been agreed for the Easton and Letheringham Solar Farm. SCC have launched a legal challenge against the Government's decision on Local Government Reorganisation in Suffolk. EB was pleased to announce that SCC has welcomed the Care Quality Commission's latest assessment of their Adult Social Care services, which has once again been awarded an overall rating of "Good." She also reported that Suffolk businesses will benefit from an expanded apprenticeship support scheme. EB's full report is attached to these minutes on the website.

District Councillors Colin Hedgley (CH) and Dan Clery – reports have been received and circulated to Cllrs and attached to these minutes on the website. CH verbally reported that he has received dozens of complaints regarding the new bin collection system, which has been ongoing for a well over a month. All complaints have been forwarded to the relevant officers.

Self-help Scheme – as reported previously, the Lodge Rd bridge railings have been cleaned - thanks were expressed to Eric Barnett for use of his rain water butt to fuel the jet wash machine. The new PC noticeboard in

Lower St has been 'planted' – thanks were expressed to David Munn. The detritus from the water problems on Kiln Lane has been cleared from the junction with Lower St. Clearing of the verge vegetation on Lodge Rd bridge area, Lower St and Hall Farm Rd will commence when the weather is cooler.

SCC 20mph Policy - Rachel Lamb (RL) has drafted a questionnaire to circulate to residents to get their opinions on speed restrictions. Suggestions were made for some amendments, and it will be discussed further at the September meeting. Sue Prentice thanked RL for compiling this.

ESC Thriving Places Fund - Due to the minimum expenditure level required for revenue funding, Cllrs are not aware of anything to apply for at the moment

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/4783/FUL – Farm Buildings North West of Great Bealings Hall, Hall Farm Road –Change of use of traditional farm buildings to form two dwellings with new detached garages and associated works - It was unanimously resolved to support this application. Cllrs were of the view that it is a sympathetic conversion of the historic barns, and the creation of new homes will both improve the immediate appearance of the barns and help preserve them for the future.

Decision updates –DC/25/3338&3410 re Hakewill House and DC/26/0177 re Cherry Tree Cottage have all been permitted by ESC. The Planning Inspector has dismissed the appeal in respect of **DC/25/3380 – Croft House**

ESC New Local Plan – The Clerk had attended a forum on this where it was suggested by ESC that it is anticipated that Ipswich will be liaising with East Suffolk in respect of those parishes that are to be transferred to Greater Ipswich, and that there will probably be another Scoping Consultation to cover the new

area. The PC agreed to defer commenting until further plans are drawn up.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Water Sampling – Following a request from the Deben Climate Centre for donations from Parish Councils for water sampling consumables, Cllrs agreed to donate £100 this year, to be reviewed next year as future payments will be dependent on seeing the DCC's accounts.

Bealings Flood Project – An application to fund the engineering project for flood mitigation for the amount of £240,000 has been submitted with the full support of SCC and the Environment Agent. Adjudication is awaited.

Other matters – Regan Scott has received a reply from Anglian Water to his request for information about Great Bealings Water Recycling Centre. He will circulate this to Cllrs.

FOOTPATHS

Work to repair the bridge on FP12 will commence on 20th July with an intended completion date of 24th July. Complaints have been received about the overgrown state of Hasketon Bridleway 23. SCC report that the contractor has been chased to cut back the surface vegetation, but this will not include the clearance of hedges and side growth which will be dealt with separately outside the bird nesting season.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

HMRC Mileage Allowance – Following the Government's announcement that standard business mileage rates are to be increased to 55p per mile back dated to 5th April, Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should be paid this rate.

Authorisation of payments – 6 payments were authorised for office expenses, and Clerk's salary and PAYE for July and August.

Defibrillator in Phone Box – it was decided that this idea is not practical at the current time due to cost and maintenance issues, plus it would need a mains electrical connection. It will be kept under review for future consideration.

Bank Reconciliation - This was approved and signed.

Risk Assessment – this was deferred until September

Correspondence – Regan Scott has received information about an LGA website referring to Great Bealings. This will be discussed at the next meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st September at 6.30 p.m.

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the agenda in the Public Participation session. Full draft and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website. The agenda is published approx. a week in advance of a meeting.

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ST MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES

These are, I am sorry to say, the last notes I shall be writing as churchwarden. Even these notes are only unofficially so named, since, as some readers will know, I have resigned from the post of churchwarden, for reasons that best go unprinted. Future contributions to this item are likely to come from a range of sources, sometimes, even, perhaps, myself, but they can no longer be described as Churchwarden's notes. Perhaps "Church Notes" will be a more

appropriate title in future issues.

It goes without saying, that this was not an easy decision, coming as it has, at the end of well over 25 years in the role of churchwarden. This has brought so many deeply fulfilling experiences, all rooted in having been responsible for a beautiful church, rich in history, wonderfully cared for by our predecessors, and a place which has been for so long one of the focuses of village life.

Your PCC has done much in recent years to ensure that the building remains fit for purpose. Modernising improvements include the re-organisation of the vestry, with running water, plus extensive cupboarding and kitchen facilities. A toilet and storage block was built. Half the tiled roof was replaced. The stonework, particularly high up on the tower, repaired, with extensive scaffolding. A sound system was set up, path lights installed, and new electric heating panels fitted. Bells, stained glass windows and monuments have been refurbished. A wildlife observation cabin was set up. The church is now a building fit for modern use, meeting modern standards and requirements. We would have liked to have done more, but finance and the obtaining of the necessary permissions is not always easy. My grateful thanks to all who, over the years, have contributed to this huge modernising effort.

St Mary's is a building still cherished by many, churchgoers or not. It has been a privilege to have served in the churchwarden role for so many years, and to have been engaged in the lives of so many supportive and friendly people. The church is the building traditionally associated with so many rites of passage, births, baptisms, marriages, funerals and burials so it brings with it engagement in the lives of many, often at times of high emotion, both sadness and happiness. As many will know it has also been the focus



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of many events: concerts, commemorations, exhibitions, talks, festivals. Its life goes way beyond the function of being the place for church services. Long may all that continue.

The St Mary's PCC has been particularly supportive, and I thank them, including a number who are no longer with us, for all for their support over so many years. Members of that PCC will now be taking on various aspects of the churchwarden's job, so I wish them well in that, particularly as the church is now set to assume Festival status, hopefully playing a different kind of role in the life of the village. They will need every support, so I hope you will give them that support as they negotiate the transition. As things evolve, there may still be some kind of other role that I might still be able to play, as and if appropriate, alongside and with them. We shall have to see how the future plays out.

Good luck and may the spirit, whatever the form it may take, be with you, and with us all.

Norman Porter

LOOKING AHEAD

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 6th September

9.30 a.m. Patronal Service
– followed by coffee & croissants

Sunday 20th September.

10.30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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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*Norman Porter. Churchwarden
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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

(in partnership with Friends of St Mary's Church, Woodbridge)

The annual Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event is set to take place, as usual, on the second Saturday of September viz Saturday 12th. The timings are 9 am - 5 pm.

Jonathan Keer has all the necessary documentation, including sponsorship forms, event stickers, and a list of which churches are open – that is almost all of them!

The church will be open 9am - 5pm with volunteers providing a welcome and refreshments will be available.

Just to remind you: in recent years, the event has raised each year around a quarter of a million pounds for the county's churches. Sponsorship money received from specific villages is divided: half to the fund over-all, half reverts to your local church. St Mary's has often, in recent years, been a beneficiary of the fund.

To contact Jonathan just phone 07962 114378 or email:

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PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES OF MATTERS CONSIDERED AT THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2026

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No member of the public wished to speak.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/26/1668/FUL, Mulberry House, Sandy Lane, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 6LW. Single storey rear extension. After a brief discussion - There were no objections to the development

Approved

DC/26/0891/FUL Woodside Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, IP13 6LX Retain single out building within residential curtilage – Dealt with under delegated authority

DC/26/0103/FUL Galleon House Martlesham Road Little Bealings IP13 6LX, Rear extension creating orangery with bar and dining space, internal modifications to create larger kitchen and additional toilet. External addition of an outdoor kitchen with landscaping and fire pit.

DC/25/3774/ARM | Approval of Reserved Matters for Parcel W2; compliance with conditions 8,10,24,30a,67 and partial discharge of conditions 13,14,16,25,26,27,28,32,42,49,50,62 of DC/24/2810/VOC (as varied from DC/23/3984/VOC as varied from DC/20/1234/VOC) (original planning permission DC/17/1435/OUT - Outline planning permission for up to 2000 dwellings, an employment area of 0.6ha (use class B1) primary local centre comprising use class A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3, 02) secondary centre (comprising possible use class A1, A3 and A4), a school, green infrastructure (including Suitable Accessible Natural

Green space (SANGs) outdoor play areas, sports ground and allotments/community orchards), public footpaths and cycleways, vehicle accesses and associated infrastructure), Land East Of, Adastral Park, Martlesham Heath, Martlesham, Suffolk

Pending

DC/26/1259/FUL | Sinks Pit Main Road Kesgrave Suffolk IP5 2PE, Proposed Lay-by

DC/26/0786/FUL, High Rigg The Street Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LT Retrospective Application - Erection of close boarded fence to South boundary of property High Rigg The Street Little Bealings

DC/25/4851/FUL 10 Holly Close Little Bealings IP13 6PL, Retention of Change of use of outbuilding to part time holiday let

DC/25/4773/FUL | Detached garage and cart lodge building. The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road, Little Bealings, IP13 6LX - Pending

SCC/0170/25SC | Transport improvements to the A12 from Junction 58 (Seven Hills, Ipswich) to Woods Lane Roundabout, Woodbridge including the upgrade from a single carriageway to dual carriageway between A12 / B1438 and the A12 / B1078, Construction and operation of a Mobility Hub and Associated Infrastructure, Construction of a new pedestrian bridge and other highways and pedestrian improvements. A12 between Junctions 58 (Seven Hills) and Woods Lane Roundabout, Woodbridge

Refused

DC/24/2759/FUL | Proposed extensions & alterations. (ground & first floor side extensions, first floor alterations & second floor (roof space proposal) | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX (Previous application DC/21/4162/FUL valid until 2 November 2024)

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Outstanding Enforcement:

DC/25/4656/VOC | Variation of Condition Nos. 2, 4, 8, and 14 of DC/22/2984/FUL - Construction of one detached dwelling and garage. - Change approved drawings to reflect amendments to design and layout. | Woodside Martlesham Road Little Bealings Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6LX.

Following enforcement action and planning officer action a revised permission was approved under DC/25/4656/VOC. This permission included the following condition -

17. Within six months of the date of this decision, the sections to be demolished as set out in the approved plans, shall be demolished in their entirety, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

A large outbuilding also requires removal as part of enforcement action. Commencement of the demolition works required under DC/25/4656/VOC.

Other:

DC/22/0566/OUT The Orchard Holly Close (building plot in rear garden)

A resident has made the council aware of a possible breach in an application. Contractors have arrived on site and at times access has been blocked etc. Enforcement have been notified and have said that no breach has happened. Enforcement have stated that works are likely to cause some inconvenience to the residents of Holly Close for the foreseeable, the first and best course of action towards addressing any immediate concerns will be for residents to approach the site manager and/or contractors directly in an attempt to resolve matters amicably before involving the Council.

Two applications were received by ESC at the end of June allied to the discharge of the various conditions attached to both **DC/22/0566/OUT** and **DC/24/4287/ARM**. However, these are currently awaiting validation prior to publication and have not yet been received by the Parish Council therefore the Parish Council are unable to comment on them at this stage.

LOCAL DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley was absent from the meeting. The Clerk mentioned the issues with the new Recycling collections that were in his report. Cllr C Hedgley's full report can be read online at www.playfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

ESC COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Cllr P Carr was unable to attend the recent meeting however he noted that the ESC Community Partnership had donated £2500 to Bealings School for a new school library. Cllr P Carr will attend the next meeting on 4th August 2026

VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr H Saagi reported that there have been no meetings since the last Parish Council meeting. She said that the damaged walls had been replaced with new sleepers and that the Village Hall Committee are getting quotes for carpark repairs. She also mentioned that the next 'Pop Up Pub' will be on 2nd October

SAVID

Cllr M Garnham was absent from the Parish Council Meeting so no report.

SINKS PIT COMMUNITY LIAISON GROUP

Cllr I Ransome attended the Sinks Pit Liaison Group meeting he reported that;

♦ East Suffolk Council had failed to analyse the data recorded in February and that this will need to be redone

♦ There have been 52 complaints logged with East Suffolk Council about the site however, TRU have said that they only received four. Tru have said that they are going to review the complaints process and once the new complaints process is in place the Sinks Pit Community Liaison Group will circulate to residents.

♦ The recent planning application for the new layby is so that TRU can hold and check third party vehicles and so freeing up the roundabout on main Road Kesgrave.

♦ Work at the site is now being done in the old building. TRU have asked that any complaints should be made them directly (contact details will follow when new complaints process is in place)

Cllr I Ransome will attend the next meeting on 26th November 2026

CLERKS FORUM

The Clerk has now completed all of the learning outcomes and referrals for CiLCA and is just waiting for her qualification to be confirmed. She also mentions new guidelines for Councillor declarations of interest.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Saagi reported that copies of the Neighbourhood Plan have been distributed. The plan can be viewed online via East Suffolk Council, or in hard copy at Kesgrave Library, Woodbridge Library, the Church, the Angela Cobbold Hall, or by contacting Cllr H Saagi (helensaagi@littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07787 535592). The consultation is open until 5pm on Wednesday 26th August 2026

HIGHWAYS

Holly Lane - The Parish Council has been made aware of some unauthorised signage and blocked "passing points" in Holly Lane. This comes under Highways who have been informed and are dealing with the situation.

FINANCE

Public Notice of Accounts for 2025/26

All relevant paperwork has been filed with external auditor PKF. Little Bealings Parish Council notice of public rights runs from 17/6/26 to 28/7/26. All documents and full accounts are available on the Parish Council website. The Parish Council expressed thanks to webmaster Jenny Shaw for her help.

Income of £37.39 (Bank Interest), Expenditure for the Clerk's salary for July and August were approved. Payments were also approved for the internal auditor.

THRIVING PLACES FUND

East Suffolk Council have launched a new £1.5 Million Thriving Places Investment Fund. To support projects that strengthen local communities, improve access to services and create more vibrant, inclusive and resilient places across Suffolk

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council will be on Monday 7 September 2026 in the Angela Cobbold Hall, but a meeting will be held on Monday 3 August 2026 if required by business to be transacted.

Please visit our website for further information, including reports, draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings:

www.littlebealingsparishcouncil.gov.uk

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ACH News

COMMUNITY LUNCH

The two lunches this Summer had Holiday themes. The lunch in July was a reminder of the Seaside with Fish and Chips and Pick & Mix ice Cream Sundaes, masterminded by Sally and Tracy Herrington and greatly enjoyed!



Red and white tablecloths—red, white and blue flowers and Suffolk bunting, the latter a gift from Joan Moon's daughter in Australia, all set the scene.... and

reflected hopes for the World Cup and Wimbledon!

The lunch in August had a hint of Italy with pasta, tiramisu and views of Italy, via U Tube on the big screen and bright sunflowers on the tables.

As always grateful thanks to everyone who helped set, wash up and clear up so efficiently!

The next lunch is on Tuesday 1st September.

Cottage pie & veg. Yvette's fruit flan with cream and ice cream. Tea/ Coffee

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TIME FOR TEA

Cream Teas will be available again on Sunday September 20th 3.00 p.m.-5.00 p.m.

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

KNIT & NATTER GROUP

This group meets every Monday afternoon from 1.30-4.00 p.m. Drop in at any time. All welcome....no need to knit ... just come and enjoy a tea, cake and good company.

FRIDAY SOCIAL

The Hall is open from 7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m. each week. There is a licensed bar and snacks.

On the evening of 26th June The Buskers came to entertain and a barbecue was cooked. A happy, relaxed atmosphere was enjoyed by all.

The Karaoke Night on 7th August was a great success.... hidden talents were discovered.....and everyone enjoyed another barbecue.

Not forgetting the Fish and Chips evenings that are very successful.

Thanks to everyone involved in setting up these happy social occasions.

Look out for news of upcoming events is advertised on social media.

SEWING GROUP

Toni Cornish has just established a sewing group in ACH.

More use of this 'creative space'!

See Toni's article this month and look out for information on social media.

GARDENING CLUB

July Gardening Club enjoyed a bee briefing by Paul Martin who stepped in at very short notice. Paul lives in Great Bealings and is the founder of Bee Cafe CIC. This is a community lead project focused on creating a corridor of bee-friendly planting to address the problems facing pollinators. The route runs from Rushmere via Playford and Bealings to Woodbridge/Sutton using both. private gardens and public spaces. An interactive map of existing planting is available at beecafecic.org. Thanks to grants from local councils larger bee cafes in Woodbridge, Rushmere and Martlesham have been established and are maintained by volunteers. Katie's Garden has supplied many of the peat free perennials for this project. Paul's work has recently received an award as DEFRA Bees Needs Champion at RHS Wisley. Congratulations.

The next Gardening & Wildlife Club is on Wednesday 23rd. September 7.30 p.m.

MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS



The generous donations from the Knit and Natter Group have helped towards the installation of a new cover on the kitchen hatch by Cooke's Co Ltd. The fitting was neat and tidy and is a good addition to the hall's facilities. Thank you.

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There is now a diary in the kitchen to note any maintenance issues that need attention and works completed. This is for the use of all Hall users and will be regularly checked.

READING ROOM

Books to own or loan for adults and children are available on Monday afternoons, when the Hall is open for Knit & Natter and Friday evenings when the Hall is open for the Social Evening. Other times can be arranged by ringing 01473 620213.

Information about Booking the Hall or borrowing crockery etc. contact

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MORE THAN JUST A STITCH



Some of our fondest childhood memories are stitched into the clothes we wore, and for me, quite literally so.

When I think back to primary school, I remember the clothes my mum made for me and my three siblings. There was something rather special about wearing something that had been lovingly made at home. Mum would choose the fabric, spend time cutting and sewing, and somehow overnight she would turn lengths of material into clothes that made us feel smart and special.

One memory has stayed with me particularly strongly. I can still remember the pride I felt when my primary school teacher looked at what I was wearing and

asked, "Did your mummy make that?" I was so proud to say yes. It wasn't just a piece of clothing; it was something my mum had made especially for me. Looking back, I realise how much love and care was sewn into every stitch.

Perhaps that is one of the things I love most about sewing. It is about so much more than making clothes or creating something useful.

Sewing is good for the soul. There is something wonderfully relaxing about sitting down with fabric, thread and a needle and allowing yourself to become absorbed in the process. In a world where we are often rushing from one thing to another, sewing gives us permission to slow down.

It also brings out our creativity. A piece of fabric can become a dress, a cushion, a bag, a quilt or something completely unexpected. We can experiment with colours, textures and patterns, make mistakes, change our minds and try again. There are no limits to where a little imagination and some sewing skills can take us.



And sewing is even better when it is shared. An informal sewing group can be a wonderful way of bringing people together—not only to sew, but to make friendships, exchange tips and share ideas. One of the lovely things about sewing is the breadth of knowledge that exists across different generations.

Someone who has been sewing for decades may have a solution to a problem that a newer 'sewist' has never encountered, while someone younger might introduce a new technique, pattern or way of doing things.

Everyone's experience is valuable. We learn from one another, encourage each other and, quite often, have a good laugh along the way.

Our sharing table is another part of the group that I particularly enjoy. It is a simple idea with a lovely purpose: bring along things you no longer need and give them the opportunity to be loved and used again. Fabric, patterns, haberdashery and all those useful little sewing treasures can find a new home rather than being left forgotten in a cupboard.



It is amazing what can spark someone's imagination. A piece of fabric that no longer inspires one person can be exactly what another person has been looking for.

One especially memorable donation was Auntie Brenda's sewing box. When it was brought along to the group, its contents were received with great delight. There is something very touching about seeing sewing things that have belonged to someone else begin a new chapter.

Every reel of thread, button, pattern or little piece of haberdashery carries a sense of history, and passing these things on means that the creativity continues. A vintage Singer sewing machine screwdriver brought unbelievable delight to one sewing. A vintage button fastening hook was exactly what I needed in my own kit, for when my daughter was married earlier this month. So many buttons down the back of her pre-loved wedding gown, which were just too fiddly for my fingers.

Perhaps that is the real magic of sewing. It connects us—not only to what we can create today, but to the people and memories that came before us.

My mum's handmade clothes gave me some of my earliest memories of the joy and pride that sewing can bring. Years later, sharing sewing with others has shown me that those feelings can be passed on. Through friendship, creativity, shared knowledge and a simple table of things waiting for a new home, we keep the tradition alive.

And somewhere, perhaps, another child is proudly wearing something handmade and waiting for someone to ask:

"Did your mummy make that?"

Keep a look out on social media or for an email from Bealings and Playford News for when we're next meeting up at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Toni Cornish from Little Bealings (I sew stuff)

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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Friday 4th (& every Friday unless an event on)	7.00 p.m.-10.00 p.m.	SOCIAL FRIDAY Licenced Bar Snooker, Darts, Table Tennis, Chess, Board Games, Subbuteo
Saturday 5th	2.30 p.m.	CLASSIC FILM Tea & Cake
Monday 7th (& every Monday)	1.30 p.m.-4.00 p.m.	KNIT AND NATTER
Saturday 12th	10.00 a.m.—2.30 p.m.	SEWING GROUP
Friday 18th	7.15 p.m.	FISH & CHIPS Please place your order on 01473 735153 or margaretroseboom@yahoo.co.uk
Sunday 20th	3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.	TIME FOR TEA
Wednesday 23rd	7.30 p.m.	GARDENING & WILDLIFE CLUB Free Entry. Refreshments. Donations welcomed
Thursday 24th	1.45 - 2.30 p.m.	LIBRARY VAN
OCTOBER		
Saturday 3rd	2.30 p.m.	CLASSIC FILM Tea & Cake
Saturday 17th	7.00 p.m.	OPERA NIGHT Wine + Antipasti
Friday 30th		HALLOWEEN SOCIAL

ALL SAINTS

As we put this article together our parish is still awaiting a rainfall to quench our needs.

The lawns resemble desert, some trees are shedding leaves, all crops are seriously affected (so spare a thought for our farmers) and the hosepipe bans means finding a car wash or using a bucket and watering can. You cannot say we have not had a summer!

APPOINTMENT OF VICAR FOR BENEFICE OF KESGRAVE, LITTLE BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD

The Right Revd Dr Joanne Woolway Grenfell, the Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Revd Rhiannon Wilmott has been appointed to be Vicar of this benefice.

The Collation, Induction and Installation of Rhiannon Wilmot as our new vicar will take place on Thursday 8th October at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints Church Kesgrave. The service will be led by Bishop Joanne and Archdeacon Rich Henderson.

UKULELE CONCERT

Our PCC Secretary organised for the Brightwell Ukulele group to perform in All Saints Little Bealings. On the 30th June over 40 attendees were able to enjoy this wonderful performance and over £240 was raised towards church funds.

CHURCH CAFÉ OPEN

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WHAT'S ON IN SEPTEMBER

Sunday 13th Sept.

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Sunday 20th Sept.

3.00 p.m. Family Pet Service
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Sunday 27th Sept.

10.00 a.m. Harvest Festival with
Family Communion

*Carl Cornish
Ian Ransome
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ROGER COWLING

- COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

It was wonderful to see so many people gather recently for the dedication of a new plaque in memory of Roger Cowling, former Headteacher of Bealings Primary School, which has now been placed in the churchyard. The original plaque had sadly gone missing, and we are very grateful to have been able to restore this tribute to Roger's memory.



Roger fell ill very suddenly in 1989 and sadly passed away, leaving a great void

in the school and wider community. Although he was Headteacher at Bealings for only a short time from 1987, he touched the lives of many children and adults through his warmth, enthusiasm and boundless energy. He had a particular love of music and art, and his creativity inspired those around him. Many former pupils still treasure the paintings he created for each Year 6 leaver.

The dedication brought together former pupils, colleagues, friends and members of the community, many of whom shared fond memories of Roger and the lasting impact he had on their lives. Several spoke of how important it felt to let Roger know where their lives and career paths had taken them, recognising how much his encouragement, kindness and belief in others had helped shape their futures. It was a touching reminder of the inspiration he provided as a truly wonderful headteacher. Roger's legacy also lives on through the beautiful kneeler stitched by the children in his memory (pictured below).



The occasion also prompted discussion about creating a more lasting and interactive tribute to Roger. One idea was to plant a commemorative shrub, with a place nearby where former pupils, colleagues and friends could share memories, achievements and life journeys that were influenced by Roger's encouragement and guidance. It would be a fitting way to celebrate not only the man himself, but also the many lives he helped shape and inspire.

If you have memories of Roger that you would like to share, or ideas for a lasting tribute we would be delighted to hear from you and help keep alive the story of a much-loved Headteacher, colleague and friend. Email lbpcsecretary@gmail.com

WORD FROM THE STUDY

Andy Burnham installed as new prime minister. I saw a caption which saw Larry the cat speaking to Andy Burnham saying, "Listen sunshine, the rules are simple, when I need feeding you feed me, if you don't, remember there have been five prime ministers before you and you will quickly be number six." No pressure then!

Every new prime minister starts off with a speech "I hear you, I feel your pain, for many not the few, this is what it going to be like and so on. How we long for continuity a time without constant upheaval. if you like a sense of normality. Although this year the weather has been anything but, this year has been the hottest on record and the effects of global warming becoming more evident. Our rivers and reservoirs are at a low point and gardens looking more like desserts. Let's pray that our Autumn will bring the rain we desperately need.

I do hope that you have managed to take some time for yourselves to switch off. 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

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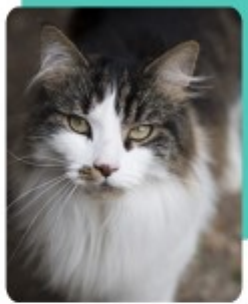
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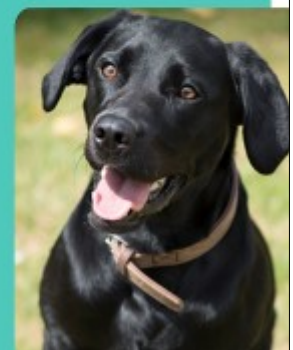
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should be taking some time out, it's not about going away, it could be going on a different walk each day somewhere, doing something different from the norm. Perhaps spending a bit of time with family or a friend. Although we are made in the image 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?

So, taking time for ourselves is essential, reading a book that we have been meaning to for some time; spending 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, it is an opportunity for us to find our true refreshment in the words that Jesus offers.

Jesus' ministry took place in a country that was hot – (we know that feeling) 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 we begin the month of September,

activities in the Church kick back into action. Our harvest service this year at Little Bealings is on 27th September at 10am, when we will celebrate the harvest, the harvest service at Playford is on the first Sunday of October which is the 4th. Please do join us, it will be lovely to see as many of you as possible.

Looking forward, Rev. Rhiannon Wilmott will be joining us as our new incumbent on 8th October; we look forward to welcome Rhiannon, Stephan and her family more about this in next month's issue.

We will be holding a service at Little Bealings on All Saints Day on 31st October at 7pm to remember those we love who have died, an opportunity to light a candle, there will be list in the Church so people can write down the names of their loved ones. Again, there will be more about this in next month's edition.

With love and prayers.

Reverend Gary Jones



The advertisement features a collage of four images showcasing hand-painted signs. Top left: A wooden sign with 'Iced Coffees', 'Hot Chocolates', and 'Milkshakes' in cursive. Top right: A wooden sign with 'Key West Cottage' in a decorative font. Bottom left: A white sign with 'BANK HOUSE' in bold, block letters. Bottom right: A person in a pink shirt writing on a wooden sign that says 'Welcome'. Below the images, text reads: 'TRADITIONAL HAND PAINTED LETTERING FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS', 'ANNA HART | WILDLIGHTSIGNS.UK | 07432594501 | LITTLE BEALINGS'.



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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the Playford Parish Council Meeting held on 1st July 2026. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playfordparish.gov.uk

ACTION POINT REVIEW

C324 – Traffic Priorities and drainage – Works have not yet commenced, the Clerk has emailed County Cllr Bryce for an update. Cllr B Evans to seek approval for the placement of the spoil from the ditch. Water running down Church Lane – There is no update and the Parish Council have not heard from County Cllr Bryce. The Parish Council noted that due to the hot weather the flow of water has ceased. Drainage issues FP20 near Alder Car – The Clerk has visited the site and taken some more photographs to send to highways. Work still hasn't been completed, and the spring has increased in size. Overgrown footpath between Church Land & Spring Meadow – Cllr Bryce is aware of the issue with this footpath. The Clerk has emailed the housing association who owns the property with the broken fence.

REPORTS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley spoke at length about the new recycling bins and that he has received dozens of complaints regarding the new bin collection system. He thinks and hopes that the consistent emailing of the top people at ESC has brought results. They now admit that vast swathes of caddy collection were missed continually and that they are short staffed and have now come up with a plan including weekend

working to get the schedules back on track.

He also spoke about the be fire aware campaign. A new grant funding scheme has been launched by East Suffolk Council as part of efforts to increase cultural engagement and boost growth in the creative sector. The Arts Core Fund will provide vital core funding to established, registered charities and registered not-for-profit cultural organisations for 2026-2027. East Suffolk Council is delighted to announce the launch of a new community energy programme. The programme will support delivery of community-owned and led renewable energy projects – empowering communities to take control of their energy future and contribute to a more sustainable energy system, alongside offering local benefits. A copy of the full report can be found at www.playfordparish.gov.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/26/1443/FUL 2 Brook Cottages, Brook Lane, Playford, IP6 9DZ, Side two storey Extension and front single-storey extension to supersede previous DC/25/1310/AME application

After a brief discussion there was no objection to the planning application

DC/26/2019/FUL Finn House, Church Lane, Playford, IP6 9DR. Construction of 2 bay cart lodge plus log store

After a lengthy discussion, the Parish Council expressed a number of concerns regarding the proposed development. In particular, it considered that the proposed cart lodge would extend beyond the established building line and would be positioned too close to the highway. The

Council also noted that the parking for the building would be located in close proximity to an existing passing place, which it believes could give rise to highway safety concerns. Furthermore, it considered that the scale of the proposed building could have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties and queried the proposed height of the structure. In light of these concerns, the Parish Council objects to the planning application.

PLANNING UPDATES

DC/25/3410/FUL Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe - Approved

DC/25/3338/LBC Hakewell House, Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH Listed Building Consent - Alterations to existing house and conversion of existing outbuilding to an annexe - Approved

FINANCE

Payments were authorised for the clerk's salary in May and June and for HMRC Employer Contributions. Interest on the Savings account was received from Barclays Bank. **Public Notice of Accounts 2025/26** - The Exemption

certificate has been filed with PKF. Playford PC notice of public rights runs from 17/6/26 to 28/7/26. All relevant paperwork has been uploaded to the website

HIGHWAYS

An email had been received from a resident with concerns about the speed of motorists in Butts Road. The Clerk will contact the Community Police Liaison Officer and pass on these concerns

THRIVING PLACES FUND

The Parish Council had a brief discussion about the new Thriving Places Investment Fund launched by East Suffolk Council to support the district's towns, villages and rural communities. Cllr Metcalfe will talk to the Village Hall Committee to see if this new fund could help pay for improvements at the Village Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd September 2026
at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Wendy Cook – Clerk 07867 973504
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on Thursday 17 September.

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Sue Lister
Secretary

Advance Notice for your diaries

Saturday 28th November

**Stumpy Oak Ceilidh Band
at Playford Village Hall**

The Stumpy Oak ceilidh band boasts an unusually 'large' sound and will be four strong including a friendly, patient caller!!

Sets will be 19.00 till 20.15 and 21.00 till 22.00
Tickets will be charged at £5.00 with all the proceeds going to the church restoration fund.
Payment by BACS - Details to follow

Please make a note of the date and keep it free in your diaries.

It should be a great night!

More details in next months FLN

PLAYFORD WI

We have kept going during the summer months, meeting up to practice for and then host our annual August Boules tournament against Rushmere WI - thoroughly enjoyed by all. We might have politely lost the match but thanks to Eileen's stunning canapés and desserts plus Sue's Pimms we are definitely champions of delicious refreshments! Our thanks also to the family teams who weeded the boules piste in advance, and umpire Yvonne. From the raffle held in the evening, we are making an extra donation to Suffolk's Blood Runners, speakers at our July meeting. We were shocked to learn that this vital service transporting blood/medicines etc. between NHS locations is provided entirely by volunteers who do not even receive expenses for their services provided daily, often at anti-social hours, in all weathers. We are grateful for their dedication. July also saw the Clarkson memorial service when we were pleased to provide a couple of the floral displays thanks to flowers from Lynn's garden.

We are now looking forward to Crochet Coaching by Liv at our Sep 1st meeting, while Oct 6th sees us celebrating 103 years since Playford WI's first meeting...in the same place: Playford Village Hall, 7.00 p.m. playfordwi@sefwi.org.uk

ST. MARY'S

CHURCHWARDEN UPDATE

After a wonderful celebration of the life of Thomas Clarkson on July 5th (See separate article) we've all been sweltering

in the heat this summer and I want to remind you that Playford Church is open every day and is very quiet and cool. Come, sit a spell, and enjoy the serenity!

We are looking forward to welcoming our new vicar, Rhiannon Wilmott whose Induction and Licensing Service will take place on Thursday, October 8th at Kesgrave Church at 7:30pm. We invite everyone to come and meet Rhiannon and her family and welcome them to the Benefice.

Our Sunday services continue as usual on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am and all are welcome. In addition, there are several opportunities to join us for special events taking place in the Autumn. They include:

September 12th

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE (for more details please contact me at Jonathan.fieldsend@gmail.com)

September 19th

COFFEE MORNING at the Church 10:30-12.00 p.m. Free refreshments and bring cash for the raffle

October 10th

QUIZ NIGHT at Playford Village Hall starting at 7pm. (To register your team, please contact helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com) (Yes, I will be making my world-famous chili again!)

November 22nd

STIR UP SUNDAY FOR THE BENEFICE at Playford Village Hall (To book your place, please contact helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com)

December 4-6th

CHRISTMAS FAIR AND WREATH

WORKSHOPS (To book a table for the fair, please contact Jos@x10k.com)

We have recently received the first estimate for repainting the Church interior and I will provide more details soon for our upcoming major fundraising campaign as we need your help to ensure our Church looks as beloved as it feels. I am grateful to local resident experts who are assisting us in ensuring we use the most appropriate materials in the best possible way to preserve the Church for generations to come. Any additional participation is welcome to help me tidy the Churchyard—everyone is a valued member of our Playford Church community!

Next month we will have details of our Christmas services to share but in the meantime, please come and visit the church when you can and I hope to see you soon.

Jonathan Fieldsend, Churchwarden

PLAYFORD CHURCH CELEBRATES THE LIFE OF THOMAS CLARKSON, A SUFFOLK HERO!

On Sunday, July 5th, Playford Church celebrated the life of Thomas Clarkson, one of England's most important historical figures and a leading abolitionist. The special service was led by the Revd Canon Sharron Coburn--Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry--and Rev Gary Jones--Local Vicar--and it was wonderful to see the church so full!

We were delighted to welcome many special guests, including Pat Bruce-Browne--the Mayor of Ipswich--who read from Isaiah and John French--Suffolk

Constabulary's Modern Slavery Vulnerability Advisor--who explained how we need a new Thomas Clarkson for today's modern slavery crisis in England and around the world.



Elma Glasgow--Heritage Producer and Engagement Specialist--recited the late British poet Benjamin Zephaniah's homage to Clarkson entitled "The Rebel from Wisbech," and Ivy Scott--Suffolk Windrush Exhibition Lead and a Black History Consultant--enlightened the congregation with a wonderful speech highlighting not only Thomas Clarkson's service but also the many men and women who worked alongside him to end slavery.

The service concluded with a homemade lunch al fresco and we look forward to next years' service which will be held on Sunday, 4th, 2027 and we will host several other events to which all are welcome.

For more information, or to volunteer to help plan next year's events, please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend on 078899 07615 or helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com.



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Binky was hot and bothered. He had tried doing everything to keep cool, from standing under his hose pipe (now banned) to walking his local footpath naked (now banned).

He had made a valiant effort to go swimming in the River Deben, (now banned) but he drew back from that when he spotted some pollution that had obviously come from one of those big rich man's yachts.

As his old mate Fred, the farmer said at the pub that night, "Well Binky even rich, posh people have to poo, just like my cows. Your round, get 'em in."

As a last resort he went down to the fine sandy beaches of Felixstowe armed with his large sunshade umbrella and his li-lo. He also took some sandwiches and a bottle of fizzy water. It was a scorcher of a day, 32.2 degrees centigrade in the shade. Binky preferred Fahrenheit because 90 degrees sounds so much more apocalyptic and hotter.

He spread out his large beach towel, with a picture of Paddington Bear on it, and sat blowing up his li-lo, a feat that took him half an hour due to his leaving the foot pump at home. He slowly pulled his Li-lo down to the water's edge and lay down. Pure bliss, the hot sun beating down and the sound of the waves breaking alongside him. He dozed. He slept. He was in a deep sleep.

When he awoke, he looked around and all he could see was sea. Mild concern passed through Binky's body followed one second later by all-consuming panic. He tried to stand up on the flimsy piece of plastic. He immediately slid off. Using superhuman effort he stood up. And promptly fell into the sea again. He felt in his shorts pocket for his idiot's lantern, or mobile phone as some people call it, and then realised he had left it on the beach with his sandwiches. Idiot. Binky knew the drill, don't panic and make yourself visible. He stood up, and immediately fell over. He scrambled madly in the water as

his li-lo seemed to move further away as he swam ever nearer towards it. Eventually he managed to clamber on to it, exhausted by the superhuman effort of swimming six feet in a mild swell of millions of tons of seawater. Well, he thought, I will soon be missed. But by whom? And when? Would his wonderful wife Indigo raise the alarm or see his demise as an opportunity?

What was that noise? It was a sort of rumble, no something more. It was a boat's engine.

He started to shout and wave his arms above his head. "God bless the Lifeboats" he shouted as this large hulk hove into view with "Border Force" painted on the side and some very officious men leaning over with ropes and poles aimed dangerously at Binky. He was hauled aboard. "Where you from, mate?" enquired a bearded six-footer. "Bealin" answered Binky in a weak and pathetic voice. "That's near Syria" interjected another. "We will hand him over at Dover and they can take him to one of those ex-army barracks; they will sort him out." Binky continued to make loud and continuous pleas to the totally uninterested boatmen who with startling efficiency brought their vessel alongside at Dover and handed Binky over to a clip board wielding government official who took Binky's name whilst keeping an eye on a vivacious young lady handing out cups of tea and sandwiches to a never-ending line of men from distant shores. At the reception centre Binky soon found himself in a police lineup of about ten other poorly dressed foreign looking types, the sort that one would not necessarily make friends with. A door opened and in walked Indigo. Binky's heart raced. "Now Missus, can you identify your 'usband from this lot?" Indigo looked closely at the line of sun kissed, lithe, handsome, twenty somethings from far off lands. She then looked at Binky. "Well now, let me see" she said as something stirred inside her.

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CULPHO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Culpho Music arranged a concert on July 19th featuring Shingle Street. Having played at the church before, the group once again delighted the audience with a new programme featuring a wide spectrum of arrangements. Refreshments featuring strawberries were served after the performance which were much appreciated by those attending. Culpho Music are arranging further productions for later in the year.

The working party set up to explore the possibility of installing a toilet and kitchenette within the church grounds have received sketch drawings from the architect for their attention. The drawings alongside a budget building cost are currently being evaluated alongside possible funding streams.

CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 23rd September Holy Communion @ 9.30 a.m.

Sunday 27th September Harvest Festival and Sung Evensong @ 3.00 p.m.

*Richard Garnham
Churchwarden*



OCTOBER -2026 NEWS

Contributions for the October 2026 News to be submitted by:

5.00 p.m. Tuesday, 15th September.

The News will be ready for distribution by

Saturday, 26th September.

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