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Attending a study day recently, one of the topics for discussion was 'Vocations;' and as we were a gathering of clergy it was limited to a discussion on vocation to the Ministry of the Church. Vocation Sunday within the Church of England calendar follows shortly after Easter Sunday.

So often we tend to associate vocation with those who serve as priests, missionaries, and overseas aid workers, with those involved in medical care, teaching and social work. The problem with this from a Christian standpoint, is that it excludes a great majority of humanity. What about farm labourers, shop assistants, factory workers, bartenders, cleaners, office workers, bankers, estate agents, and yes, even the school caretaker? Of course, it is true that some people have a strong sense of vocation and choose to pursue their chosen career with varying degrees of selflessness. But most people have limited choices open to them and are only too glad to have work of any kind; mundane and hard work and often with little reward.

That wonderful example of Priesthood, the 16th/17th century George Herbert, captured the truly Christian sense of vocation when he wrote: 'A servant with this

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	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Jay 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
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	noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
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	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
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PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH Thu 6.15 - 7pm	Teresa Jay 07929310480
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WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar
		7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

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ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	Mary Spillett 01394 385295
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road:	
	noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
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WI	PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 pm	Sue Bruce 738265
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00	Astrid Llewellyn 610635

CHURCH DIARY – APRIL

SUNDAY 2nd	10.00	Lent 5 Holy Communion – Benefice	Great Bealings
SUNDAY 9th	9.00 10.00	PALM SUNDAY Family Communion Family Communion	Playford Great Bealings
THURSDAY 13th	7.00	MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion	Little Bealings
FRIDAY 14th	2.00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY Service of Reflection	Great Bealings
SUNDAY 16th	10.00 3.00 p.m.	EASTER DAY Holy Communion Evensong	Little Bealings Culpho
WEDNESDAY 19th	9.30	Holy Communion – said	Culpho
SUNDAY 23rd	9.00 4.00 p.m.	2nd Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Messy Church	Playford Angela Cobbold Hall
SUNDAY 30th	10.00	3rd Sunday of Easter Benefice Songs of Praise	Playford
MAY SUNDAY 7th	8.00 10.00	4th Sunday of Easter Holy Communion – said Holy Communion	Little Bealings Great Bealings

clause makes drudgery divine; who sweeps a room, as for thy laws, makes that and the action fine. This is the famous stone that turneth all to gold.'

True vocation, as far as employment is concerned, is to be found not only in what we do, but also, and more critically, in how we do it, the attitude which we bring to it.

Secondly, we can think about vocation as something outside the jobs we do, and many of course will no longer have jobs anyway. Vocation is something we bring to the organisations we belong to, the groups or communities of which we are a part, formally or otherwise. The church, and its many events, groups, and communities, is very much one of those organisations. Looking back over the last ten years of my involvement with this Benefice, is to realise how much vocation has gone into the community and churches, both by those of faith, and those who might well deny to themselves and others the presence of any faith at all – but that's perhaps a discussion for another day! Denise and I pray that the

same spirit of vocation will be evident in our new Benefice of Badwell and Walsham.

I have been blessed to have worked alongside two very supportive and inspiring Incumbents in Pauline and Celia, as well as countless others of the Benefice with all their varied sense of vocation. Denise and I are immeasurably thankful for having been part of the communities and churches of Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho.

As we approach Easter, it is to do so with hope, because as Christians we rejoice in the knowledge that the risen Lord Jesus has overcome death and brought forgiveness into the world. Such a message has resonated down the centuries and can bring solace to all those who are finding life difficult, and it is our vocation as Christians to share that message with our friends and neighbours.

We both wish you all a very joyful Easter, and every blessing for the future.

Philip and Denise

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

APRIL

Sunday 2 nd	Chocolate Fair	Playford Parish Hall
Saturday 22 nd	Bealings Plant Sale	Bealings Village Hall

JUNE

Saturday 24 th	Playford Village Fete	Playford Hall
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This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.

It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

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REVD. PHILIP AND DENISE MERRY

It is with sadness and heartfelt thanks that we say goodbye to Philip and Denise Merry. Since they arrived in the benefice 10 years ago, they have blessed the churches with their loving service, generosity, and warmth. Despite his day (and night!) job as caretaker at The Abbey, Woodbridge School, Philip committed himself to the role of churchwarden at Culpho and then ordination training and a vocation to the priesthood. He has been a humble and faithful priest, taking services, visiting the sick and elderly and assisting me with the running of the four churches. Denise too, as an Elder, has given so much, particularly in her work with children across the Benefice, providing activities at services and workshops throughout the year. I couldn't have started Messy Church last year without her.

Philip and Denise's farewell service will be on 2nd April at 10am at Great Bealings, followed by a bring and share lunch at Little Bealings Village Hall to which everyone in the villages is invited.

Philip will be licensed as Priest in Charge of the Badwell and Walsham Benefice on 24 April 2017 at 7.30pm at Walsham le Willows Parish Church by Bishop Mike Harrison.

Philip and Denise, we will miss you and hold you in our prayers, especially in the coming weeks as you begin a new chapter in your ministry and lives.

Revd. Celia Cook

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

GOODBYE TO PHILIP AND DENISE MERRY

Sunday 2nd April sees the last service by Assistant Curate Philip Merry as he takes up his appointment as Priest in Charge at Walsham-Le-Willows and we wish him and Denise well. Life in the four parishes will not be the same without them. Philip has been part of the congregation for such a long time, both whilst in training and latterly as our Assistant Curate. Philip and his wife Denise, herself an Elder within the Benefice, have worked tirelessly on our behalf and whilst so much will have been written by Celia and Churchwardens, the residents and church family within this small community of Culpho wanted to record their sincere thanks for all that they have done for us. They will be missed so much. Philip will be responsible for six Churches within his new Benefice which will, no doubt, embody many new challenges as it represents another chapter in their lives. It is a wonderful opportunity for them both and we know they will succeed in their new rolls and accomplish much. We thank you for your friendship, your kindness, patience and your ministry and you are wished every happiness in your new posting.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday

9th April, 2017 in the Church where the Election of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod Representative and members of the Parochial Church Council will be appointed. Details of the Financial situation for 2016 will be received together with the Annual Report. If you are on either the Electoral Roll of the Church or the Parish Register you are eligible to attend and a warm welcome awaits if you can join us. Please note there is no service on this date.

EASTER SERVICE

On Easter Sunday, 16th April, Evensong will be celebrated at 3.00 p.m. and everyone is welcome to join us. It is not often that Easter falls on a date when Culpho holds its service so it becomes more special when we can celebrate the Resurrection of Christ.

Margaret Gornall

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

WILL OUR POWERLINE BE SAFE FOR THOSE NEARBY?

This is a question no doubt many have wondered, as some are concerned over public information on low frequency Electro-Magnetic Fields (EMFs). I have been in discussion with Scottish Power on this issue and I am also part of the Bealings monitoring team for the powerline development, living in Little Bealings. The good news is that there should be no concern, as modern techniques are employed in this development resulting in very low EMFs. For those interested in more information, please read on.

All powerlines and power sources emit both electric and EMFs arising from the electrical currents they carry. Whilst electric fields can be shielded, low frequency EMFs permeate easily through walls and soil and so they are sometimes the subject of public controversy especially with overhead powerlines. However modern buried cabling techniques will be used through Fynn-Lark, where not only are the electric fields shielded, the EMFs are also cancelled out by using closely adjacent wires with opposing currents.

There is a recognised threshold for an acceptable level of EMF from the ICNIRP which is used by planners, this is 100 μ T. μ T means micro-Tesla and is the standard unit for measuring the strength of the EMF. Below 100 μ T, effects can no longer be detected in the human body for short term exposure. Scottish Power have now provided us with a distance profile of the low frequency electromagnetic field (EMF) strength for the development. This shows that when standing directly over a trench, the EMF is 7 μ T (micro Tesla) at 1m above ground, dropping off to around 0.2 μ T at 30m away and diminutive from 40m. i.e. the EMF will be significantly less than the ICNIRP threshold.

The very EMF health conscious tend to use a different threshold which is 0.4 μ T for very long term exposure (years). This is the level put forward by the World Health Organisation above which some effect is statistically noticeable in a small % of population and hence give this a Class 2B rating. This was originally a cause of query for me, however again the good news is that at just 30m away, the EMF is less than even this very stringent level. Given the boundary of the development is 30m-40m from the two central AC powerline cables at any point, as far as I am aware this puts little or no impact even on the closest of homes.

We live in EMFs all the time from our home wiring and electrical appliances. The average EMF in a typical home is 0.07 μ T and can be much higher a few cm from running appliances such as shavers or vacuums (e.g. above 2 μ T)! A personal viewpoint is that I would only be concerned if EMFs in my home were substantially above the WHO level continually.

After looking into this in detail, I am reassured by the data relating to our powerline. If you would like any further information on the above, please do contact.

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EAST ANGLIA ONE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORKS

The main archaeological works along the East Anglia ONE onshore cable route are due to start shortly. Therefore, I wanted to give you a brief summary of what you might see happening in your local area.

The works include a metal detection survey in areas identified to contain archaeology. This will identify any finds in the near surface (topsoil). Anything found is logged, excavated, and recorded. These metal detection surveys

have been alluded to in a previous email to yourselves and are already underway along the route.

The next stage is mobilisation i.e. the setting up of temporary site compounds to provide welfare for site teams and installation of temporary track way for accesses.

This will be followed by an archaeological site strip, whereby the topsoil/subsoil is stripped under supervision by an archaeologist to get to the archaeology horizon, a term used to denote a series of stratigraphic relationships that constitute a phase, or are part of the process of determining the archaeological phases of a site.

Once the archaeological horizon is exposed then archaeological excavations will take place. This is the logging, exposure, and excavation of any archaeological features. There will be teams of up to 30 archaeologists on each archaeological site.

Once all the areas have been excavated to the satisfaction of the Suffolk County Council County Archaeologist, the subsoil will then be reinstated prior to the main constructions works going ahead.

It should be noted that there are eleven public rights of way that interact with the archaeological sites and, while these works are in progress, it will be necessary for temporary closures and diversions to be put in place. The duration of the works and, therefore, the closures, are dependent on what is found.

We understand that the temporary closure of some public rights of way may cause some concern and, therefore, I will be issuing a separate email with further details on this.

I will also send out a further notice when the archaeological works are about to start.

*Joanna Young
Stakeholder Manager
Scottish Power Renewables*

BEALINGS VILLAGE SIGN

Following the approach of Maureen Midwinter and her generous offer to design and create the sign, four members of Bealings WI, acting independently, began the process of raising money for the wood and other requirements.

Fundraising came in different shapes and sizes but mainly, if memory serves correctly, in the shape of jumble sales – remember them? The support was keen and generous.

Rosalind Fleck, now living in London, together with the late Babs Hicks and Joan Churchyard were the hard-working fundraisers.

The metal frame was made by George Ball, sourcing the wood from Norfolk for the supports and ably assisted in the assembly of the sign and preparation of the site by Ivan Jowers and the late Richard Stone. Their hard work, freely given with interest and good humour, was much appreciated.

The unveiling of the sign by two members of Bealings School, encouraged excitedly by their peers, was followed by a blessing from the Reverend Frank Hollingsworth – a very happy occasion.

Funds allowed for insurance and a reasonable future when responsibility was handed over to the relevant authority.

Joan Moon

Playford Easter Chocolate Fayre

Sunday 2nd April

2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Playford Village Hall

£2/Child (includes the egg hunt) Parents **FREE**

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Blown Egg Competition

Easter Themed Cake: Over 18's 11-18yrs & 10yrs & Under



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impressive. Emerging from the main tent Binky bumped into the little boy who lived next door. He was eating a slug. "Good heavens" said Binky "What on earth does that taste like?" "Like worms" said the little boy without so much as missing a chew. Binky felt faint.

However, home he marched with his demijohn of beetroot wine and presented it to Mrs S with great pride and satisfaction and following Binky's instructions, she laid it down in a warm room with direct sunlight.

Binky and Mrs S were sitting down having tea in their conservatory overlooking the A14 watching all the cars go speeding by with the lorries overtaking at seventy miles per hour and the drivers waving at the very large lady in the conservatory. Mrs S thought them most friendly. One lorry that went past was full of turfs. "Why

don't you do that then" enquired Mrs S of Binky. "Do what" asked Binky. "Send your lawn away to be cut" she replied. Binky sighed.

The noise was unbelievable and they both looked at each other fearful of investigating. It had been like a gun going off. Binky summoned up the courage to go to the epicentre so to speak. On entering the dining room he was met with dark red juice dripping from the ceiling and walls similar to those of a slaughter house. The demijohn had fermented beyond its containment point and even a tight fitting cork could not hold back the crimson tide. The whole dining room was ruined, including the white shag pile carpet.

And so began the vendetta between Mrs Stickleback and Mrs Wallace.

investigations. A presentation by Scottish Power Renewables is being held at Lt Bealings' village hall on 6th March when answers to questions will be sought.

OTHER MATTERS

Restriction of right hand turns at peak times at the junction of Dr Watsons Lane and the main A1214 have been proposed by SCC Highways. Responses have been received from parishioners and comments forwarded to Kier Services/Highways and these have been noted. If the scheme proves viable, we should be notified of any consultation which may take place.

It was proposed that funds received from Robert Whiting's budget for use with speeding issues should be used to purchase a mobile vehicle-activated sign and for two mounting posts.

It was noted with sadness that local farmer and landowner Charles Lofts had died on 27th January 2017. He was a former Parish Councillor for many years and his funeral took place at Seven Hills Crematorium on 24th February.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting Weds 3rd May 2017 at 6.30pm followed immediately by Annual PC Meeting. Refreshments will be served.

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BINKY AND CO

Binky was not a keen gardener but by going down to his allotment from time to time it did get him away from Mrs Stickleback at times of grave danger.

She often asked Binky if she could come too but Binky reminded her that Mr and Mrs Wallace had the allotment next door to his and Binky knew that Mrs S was at daggers drawn with them since the beetroot wine fiasco.

But Binky had made some good friends

down at the allotments especially old Mick who was a mine of good information and used to supply the little shop at the main entrance. Only the other day Binky called in to do the veg shopping and old Mick was duty salesman. "What can I do for you?" asked old Mick, who actually felt sorry for Binky because Mick had on one occasion met Mrs S.

"Well" said Binky "my wife has asked me to get some organic runner beans, her favourite, have you got any?" "Yes" said old Mick "how many do you want?" "Well" said Binky "have they been sprayed with any of those dangerous chemicals?" "No" said old Mick "you will have to do that yourself". Binky didn't have a sense of humour, that was one area that he and his wife had in common.

However Binky had recently redecorated the dining room with a brilliant white ceiling and beautiful

daffodil yellow walls and dark green skirting board. The carpet was white shag pile and even Mrs S could find no fault with it. "You have done a good job Binks" said Mrs S. She hadn't called Binky "Binks" since their honeymoon twenty five years ago. He felt their relationship may be on the cusp of change.

The following week Binky went to the Allotment Holders Annual Show. He had put in quite a few entries for the competitions but without much hope so he was most surprised to win the smallest carrot competition. The prize was a demi john of Mrs Wallace's beetroot wine, still fermenting. "I've put a cork on the demijohn" said Mrs Wallace "but be sure to keep it in a warm room".

Binky was quite impressed with some of the entries. The longest pea was most

THIS MONTH'S PROFILE

PAUL BRUCE



The blue plaque commemorating Anna Airy and her grandfather, Sir George Biddell Airy, set up on Airy's Cottage, Playford, in October 2014, the 50th anniversary of Anna's death. Left to right: Elizabeth Amati, a cousin of Anna; Nicola Lillywhite, householder; Paul Bruce, Ipswich Art Society; Kristian Perry and Nicole Swengley, great-great-grandchildren of Sir George.

Paul studied at the Ipswich School of Art in the early 1960s and after he had gained a place at St. Martins School of Art to take a degree in Sculpture, the opportunity arose to enter the Fine Art and Antique business with Green and Hatfields in Ipswich. After spending 7 years with the firm he decided to start his own business and worked with the antique trade, collaborating with interior designers & decorators worldwide. Having decided to retire from this business he then moved to Culpho in 2000.

Since then he has been concentrating on painting and sculpture, exhibiting widely throughout East Anglia and at the Mall Galleries in London. He also co-wrote a book on the History of the Ipswich School of Art. His interest in fine art and furniture encouraged him to become a member of the Friends of Ipswich Museum and during his time as Chairman he helped with the acquisitions of some important works of art and artefacts to enhance the collections. He is currently Vice-President.

In 2006, he was approached by the Grundisburgh Parish Council to form an art group which holds an annual exhibition, taking place at Grundisburgh Church. The members work in any medium and subject matter of their choice and the group also encourage complete beginners. Paul also organises trips to major exhibitions to the London galleries and an annual cultural trip both at home and abroad.

His passion in fine art and furniture design has led to his giving various talks to local organisations.

The most recent illustrated talk was on William Kent 'Designing Georgian Britain' at Playford Parish Hall with all proceeds going towards roof repairs at Playford Church. This evening was very successful and well attended.

Another of his passions is for the preservation of village churches, as these are very important ancient monuments for future generations to enjoy. We are very lucky that his energies and expertise are so often channelled into these causes

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PLAYFORD WI

On 7th March our speaker Davinia Watson gave us an interesting talk on the benefits of Aloe Vera along with her products which she promotes.

In April Sheila Harrison is talking to us on the subject 'Diary of a Norfolk Parson'.

Visitors as usual are very welcome to join us.

Sue Bruce

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 1st March 2017. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Co Cllr Robin Vickery was unable to attend the meeting.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dist Cllr Robert Whiting reported that the local element of Council Tax would rise by 3.5% as government funding was dwindling and there is a need to maintain services at a reasonable level. The Deben Leisure Centre is undergoing refurbishment. Suffolk Coastal & Waveney Dist. Councils have voted in favour of merging and this will be finalised in 2019. The Consultation on Sizewell C has ended and responses being considered by EDF Energy. Beach hut rents in Felixstowe are under review but no decision has been made yet. Implementation of Parking Enforcement in SCDC is being transferred to East Suffolk together with a deficit of £1¼m – it is hoped that this can be re-couped from future parking revenue. There are issues with parking at East Suffolk House in Melton and parking facilities at Riverside, Melton (opposite side of road) are being enhanced to compensate for this. Funds are available in the Enabling Communities Budget and Playford PC will apply for funding for two new dog litter bins.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Arm missing from signpost at junction of C324 and Church Road – repair being prioritised.

Clearance of vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13 has at last been completed.

Ash tree in Butts Road near Lux Farm entrance has been noted but clerk to ascertain whether this is to be removed.

Build-up of silt on C324: responsibility for this still remains unclear, Co. Cllr is trying to progress this along with repairs to tarmac at the junction of Butts Road & Brook Lane.

FP1 - boggy section where springs flow through, remedy being discussed with contractors, correct alignment of path needs to be established and landowner to agree type of surfacing to be used – work cannot be started until area has dried out later in the year.

Clarke & Simpson to be reminded re: hedge-cutting in Brook Lane.

Faded white road markings at the junction of Butts Road and Playford Road to the south of the parish will be reported to SCC Highways.

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

FINANCE

Payments have been authorised for clerk's expenses and salary. NS&I annual interest has been received, also refund of VAT for previous two years has been claimed. A bank reconciliation has been signed. The Budget for 2016-2017 is on track and requirements for 2017-2018 discussed and agreed.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The clerk has obtained an application form for the Neighbourhood Plan and will complete this and submit together with an OS map showing the parish boundary, which is the extent of the area relating to the plan.

EAOW CABLE ROUTE

Enabling work due to start on the cable route has been delayed due to traffic diversion plans being held up at SCC and non-completion of archaeological

PLAYFORD

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CHURCHWARDEN

CHURCH ROOF FUND

Paul Bruce's most interesting talk on the many artistic talents of William Kent (1685-1748) was both well attended and well received. The Church Council is grateful to him for offering this different approach to our fund raising, one that brought in many people from outside the village. Particular thanks to him for securing the raffle and auction prizes which, with takings on the door, raised the very pleasing sum of £400. With half the proceeds of the Chocolate Fair on 2 April and the fete at Playford Hall on 24 June, we should be in a position to give the builder the go-ahead to start work in the autumn.

Brian Seward

CHURCH NEWS

QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION.

The five-yearly inspection is due to take place on Monday 20th March so by the time you read this it will all be over. Let's hope there is nothing major to report such as the church roof repairs required from last times report. We are still working towards that!

WILLIAM KENT TALK

Many thanks to Brian Seward for organising the William Kent presentation. Brian is writing an article for this magazine so hopefully you will get all the information elsewhere in these pages.

TREES

We have at last got a date for the tree lopping along the church path. April the 17th is the start date and should take about a week.

FETE

Plans are now proceeding and firmed up. June 24th is nearer than we think. We are

still looking for volunteers to help with moving tables etc. the day before and of course returning them on completion.

Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden

CHURCH LIGHTS

23rd February - sponsored by Nathan and Catherine Ashton for the First Birthday of their daughter Tabitha.

24th February - sponsored by Wendy Wilson and Brian Buckles on the Funeral of Charles Lofts.

10th March - for Trish Durant's birthday

12th March - sponsored by Hilary Legard. In memory of my mother, Eve Hughes, born 12 March 1923, with love and thanks, from Hilly

16th March - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Remembering Geoff Booker on his birthday - a wonderful Father, Granddad and Great Granddad.

26th March - MOTHERING SUNDAY. Sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Remembering with much love dear Mum, Jose Booker, on Mothering Sunday.

12th April - sponsored by Jos Saunders for her Dad on his birthday
Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

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A PHILOSOPHICAL WALK IN THE SPRING!

Thought I would go for a walk-through idealism* this perfect spring morning.

Down the drive, along the lane, wave to our lovely postman, over the brook and up on the hill where the larks are ascending en masse, so many I cannot count them, wave after wave of joy.

Up flies one just a metre ahead of me ... up, up, up, up it rises ceaselessly singing its song, smaller and smaller to the size of a dot. I would have lost it had I not kept my eye on it. It hangs for a moment.... then drops.... in one long fall.

Later, along the track by the wood, I startle a woodpecker which startles me – yak, yak, yak, bounding away. Creatures other than humans use this path: in the damp mud, the flawless imprint of a muntjac's pointed hooves.

Something glints in the sky moving slowly across the blue, a silver plane two centimetres long. No trail, no sound, yet perhaps a couple of hundred people on board flying to God knows where. Impossible.

Past the Fountain pub in our neighbouring village and back home along the little river on whose banks primroses have opened their creamy petals to the sun, and sheep turn to stare.

How blessed AM I to be alive. **

Of possible interest:

* *Idealism*, as I mean it here, is a metaphysical doctrine that all is dependent on mind/consciousness. I contributed this down-to-earth piece as a little light relief on a web forum whose participants are on a mission to change the prevailing world-view of *scientific materialism* promoted by Richard Dawkins and others. Contrary to

idealism, this claims that all is reducible to matter.

** The capitalised "AM I" is a nod to mystical Christianity (the many I AM sayings of

Christ). This is entirely compatible with the form of idealism I am interested in, which requires spiritual insight and commitment for its realisation.

Anne Seward

'MUSINGS FROM LILY'S PAD'

(Trials and tribulations of a Bealings' gardener)

Moss A 'friend' recently reminded us (with evident glee) of the abundance of moss in our front lawn. Stung by the (I have to say, accurate,) observation, I decided that something needed to be done. The trouble is our front garden provides the perfect growing conditions for moss: compacted soil and shade. The grass hardly stands a chance. Basically, to eliminate moss, the grass has to have perfect growing conditions so that it will out perform its competitor. This basically involves sun, well-drained soil, water and food. The sun is up to Mother Nature, but I could do something. Aided by a scarifier borrowed from a sympathetic neighbour who happened to need some moss for hanging baskets, I raked up enough to fill five bin bags. I then aerated the soil using a garden fork which I dug into the grass and wiggled around a bit. This was followed by a scattering of lawn sand and multi-purpose compost brushed into the holes and over the surface of the lawn. I then re-seeded the bare patches (of which there were plenty), watered the seed well and sat and watched the birds descend. Whatever the grass is coated

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with to deter the birds seems to have the opposite effect. Still, I sowed enough for the birds and us so, hopefully...

Actually, I think that the whole exercise will prove to be a triumph of hope over experience. But it is not likely to be any worse than my attempts with moss killer (a black lawn until the moss re-appeared) or a combined weed and feed (ditto, because of a spreader malfunction). Friends with healthy, green lawns swear by those nice men who come around with a sprayer a couple of times a year. I might try that. But perhaps the best option is to let Mother Nature do her

thing and respond to observations about the state of the lawn with a smile, pointing out that the lawn is an evergreen area of biodiversity in the garden.

Thought for the Day. Another friend of mine manages to combine gardening with immaculate, manicured nails. Her secret is wear two pairs of nitrile gloves, either on their own for fiddly work or under gauntlets for the prickly bits. If manicured nails are not your thing, they are also useful for keeping your hands clean and dry when holes appear in your gardening gloves.

With best wishes, Lily'

LONDON MARATHON

Sam Chater from Little Bealings is running the London Marathon on 23 April 2017. It is his first ever marathon and he will be running 26.2 miles to raise money for Ormiston Families. His goal is to finish in under four hours.

Ormiston Families is a local charity who support children and families facing challenging and often traumatic circumstances in the East of England. Sam has raised £1,300 of his £1,800 target so far. If anyone is able to help him raise the final £500 please visit Virgin Money Giving and search for "Sam Chater" or alternatively we have a good old fashioned paper sponsorship form at Piriac, Sandy Lane if you prefer, so do pop by. If you are watching the event Sam will be wearing a yellow Ormiston Families vest on the day so easy to spot!

STILL MISSING - CHINA

Male Pharoah Hound - Brown – Tagged and chipped
He has 'settled' in land between Black Tiles Lane /Bealings Road, Martlesham since Jan 4th and there have been regular sightings of him looking fit and well.

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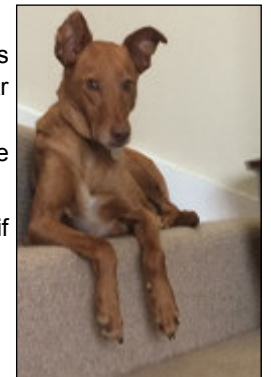
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Please just contact asap, thanks.

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HISTORY CORNER

THE PLAYFORD V2

The recent mentions of the Playford V2 on Radio Suffolk would have benefited from a little more background information. The V1 and V2 are often confused. The V1, known as the buzz-bomb or doodlebug because of the noise that it made in flight, was the world's first operational cruise missile. It travelled at 350 mph, could be seen in flight, and shot down by anti-aircraft guns. The V2 was a rocket which travelled at ten times the speed and made its presence known only when it hit the ground. It was a V2 that landed in Playford just to the south of New Buildings leaving a crater 'big enough to bury a pair of cottages'.

V1s were initially fired from fixed launch sites in northern France but these were



put out of action after D-Day. With a range of only 150 miles, any that landed in England after that would have been launched from the air. Fixed launch pads were also constructed for V2s in northern France but were destroyed by Allied bombing before they could be used. They were all launched from mobile pads, mostly in forests hidden from enemy aircraft. But following the failure at Arnhem in September 1944, it was to be another eight months before Holland was liberated and V2s were launched with impunity from the north of that country until the end of March 1945.



The V2 that landed in Playford was launched from one such site in Rijsterbos in the north-east of the country and, too distant to target London, fired at the east coast towns of Ipswich and Norwich but without success. Only four landed in Suffolk. The Playford V2 was launched at 1419 GMT on Wednesday 11 October 1944, a time of day that accords with two eye witness accounts: Anne Woods (née Page) and Jean Durrell (née Grimsey), young girls straight from school, in service at Archway House were 'washing up the dinner things' when many of the windows there were blown in. The shop, on the corner of Church Lane, suffered similar damage with Susie Gray the shopkeeper being thrown to the floor. Yet another witness was comfortably seated on the bumbie (outside toilet) when the door flew open. Closest to the impact however were two young lads ploughing in the adjoining field: Jim Woods, 17, who was to spend 57 years on Lux Farm and Frank Mann, 22, a well-known villager remembered by many at Lower Lodge. Jim was refuelling his tractor from a 5-gallon can and, standing on the front wheel in order to reach the tank, was blown to the ground. Thinking that the fuel had ignited and 'never having heard a thing' he was

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The October 14th. was marked with lights to welcome Madelaine Emma Webb, a great granddaughter for the late Peter Moon, born on this day in Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

On October 28th. lights shone to commemorate the birthday of the late Sylvia Chenery on behalf of her husband and family.

Lights marked the patronal feast of All Saints.

Lights shone on November 3rd. at the request of Melanie Hollinshead.

The wedding anniversary of Joan Moon and her late husband Peter, was remembered with lights on November 7th. Joan also marked Remembrance Day, November 11th. remembering the sacrifice of Eddie Butler R.N. Lost on HMS. Royal Oak at Scapa Flow and Reg Butler R.N. lost on the HMS. Barham in the Mediterranean and their brave mother.

Sam and Alex requested lights for November 20th.

Natasha Coward has requested lights for December 9th., to celebrate her father's birthday and on December 30th. their 5th. Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

The lights shone to mark the Sundays of Advent and the twelve days of Christmas, thanks to the generous donation of Mrs. Perkins, in whose husband's memory the lights were installed.

On January 25th. the lights shone to celebrate Rosemary Clements birthday at the request of John Clements. Australia Day on January 26th. was celebrated, with lights by Joan Moon.

Lights shone on 14th March in memory of Richard Stone late of Fynn Valley Cottage.

On the 16th. March the funeral of Ron Chenery was marked with lights by his family.

Mother's Day lights are lit by Marilyn Rodrigues, now living in America who still misses her mother, Margaret Cable.

During Easter lights will shine, as at Christmas, through the generous donation of Mrs Perkins

If you would like lights to mark a special occasion please contact Peter Carr 01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com. A £5 donation gives 2 hours of light at a time and date of your choice. Payments and requests can be dropped into Corner Cottage (next to Angela Cobbold Hall

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thank-you once more to everyone who supported the last Community Lunch.

£60 profit is going towards the upkeep of the Hall.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 4th April 12.30-1.30pm

We will be serving two recipes from the Village Cookbook,

Anne Tate's Sausage Casserole with rice

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information about planning permission for the project can be found here:

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The Annual Parish Meeting approved the minutes of last year's meeting. Reports were given by the Parish Council Chairman, Margaret Wilson, the local County Councillor, Robin Vickery, local District Councillor Colin Hedgley, the Reverend Celia Cook, Helen Clarkson (Church Cafe hub Project) and Margaret Wilson (Bealings Village Hall Trust). Noise and dust pollution from the development at Sinks Pit and the future of the Angela Cobbold Hall were discussed under Any Other Business. The reports and draft minutes of the meeting can be found on the parish website:

<http://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/>

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 March 2017

PLANNING

Angela Cobbold Hall: Identification as a Non-Designated Heritage

In response to the Council's request to SCDC to identify the Hall, SCDC had advised that, as a result of pre-planning enquiries last year, it had already identified the building as meeting six of the relevant criteria: Representativeness, Integrity, Aesthetic Value, Association, Social and Communal Value and Landmark Status.

Sinks Pit

Residents had encouraged SCC to consider the matter proactively with some success. The results of noise testing, to be followed by a planning application for bunding, were awaited. A meeting with Dr Poulter on 24 February had been cancelled due to illness.

DC/17/0150/FUL: Proposed New Office Unit at Station Yard, The Street

DC/17/0343/FUL: Erection of attached Garage/Store to side of Property (Renewal of Planning Permission C07/1296/FUL) at Homefield, The Street

The objections raised had been considered material objections, but SCDC had approved these applications.

PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

The Environment Agency had advised that it still required further information from Anglian Water before it could issue a decision.

FINANCE

The following expenditure was authorised:

BVHT for hire of Hall during 2016/17: £82.50

DPA registration fee: £35

Clerk's Salary for March and expenses and HMRC PAYE for March

Shaw & Sons – minute book binding: £105

It was resolved to apply for a refund of the Onesuffolk website hosting fee of £50 for 2016/17.

It was resolved to appoint Helen Quantrill as internal auditor for 2016/17.

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on 4 April, but the Agenda may only relate to Planning Applications. The next scheduled meeting is the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on 22 May.

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

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amazed on turning round to see soil spewing towards Rushmere and that some half dozen corn stacks had been set on fire. He immediately realised what it was. All the windows of New Buildings cottages, where he lived with his parents, had been blown in and for some 20 years the crater, known as the Rocket Pit, served as a landfill site for the farm. Long since filled in, the precise spot can still be made out by the differing soil colouration at drilling time.

Brian Seward

NATURE NOTES

Our garden has enjoyed an invasion of pheasants. It's not the first time. The longer-in-the-beak pheasants seem to understand that when there is gunfire all around it's best to seek refuge in private gardens. When the danger is past, the

cock pheasants get involved in territorial disputes – we've seen them fighting in the garden. The next phase saw one gloriously arrogant cock pheasant strutting his stuff around the garden, with a dozen hen pheasants just hanging around, and invading the ground beneath the bird feeders. Now there is just one pair. Final relationships established and presumably prospecting for nesting sites in the vicinity. These two come right up to the windows, apparently unfazed by humans who they well know are not at the other end of a gun barrel. They are, however, slightly suspicious of cameras, so it's difficult for an amateur to get a close up. Sorry.

But it does all rather add to the colour in the garden, and to the consumption of bird food.

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AN EVENING ON BROADWAY

"A good time was had by one and all". A trite expression and not always true but, from my observations on the night, BYAT really did delight the audience by trans-fusing the players' own enthusiasm and humour into the body of the village hall for the best part of two hours. 'Evening' was



a mixture of song, dance and sketches performed by Teen Dancers, 'mature' performers and, for the first time, ten 'Young Byats', all produced and directed by Roger and Margaret Roseboom. Clearly, the couple's experience in directing and choreography showed in the expression put into voice and movement - particularly dance and at least one Teen looked to me like a professional in the



making. I particularly enjoyed the sketches - Life of Brian and Streuth (a good example of so-called coarse acting which, I'm sure, is not quite as easy as it might appear - for example remembering

to apparently forget or fluff your lines!).

One of BYAT's aims is to instil confidence in children and I think they succeeded well: the youngsters got richly deserved cheers and vocal support from the very appreciative audience which must have reinforced their confidence to, literally, get on the stage and perform in public.

Who knows, if the youngsters develop



their talents, they, too, could be treading the boards in future performances.

Perhaps it's an age thing but I did find the acoustics of the hall a little challenging at times, with the music occasionally overpowering the singers. But that's a minor grumble and it didn't significantly spoil my overall enjoyment of the show and I'm looking forward to BYAT's next production later this year: In the meantime, BYAT are looking for several new adult members to add to their active group. As 'Evening on Broadway' showed, they explore all aspects of theatre related to compilation shows and like to include a variety of dance, singing, comedy and drama from well-known previous productions. Interested? Please give BYAT a ring on 01473 735153 and they will tell you more of what they've done over the past ten years.

Mr. E. Wrighter

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CHURCHWARDEN

CAFEHUB Update Number 2:

The proposed plan for the reworking of All Saints Church is now with the relevant historical and heritage societies for their review and comment. Once we have received their feedback, we will update the plans to incorporate any comments before official submission to the Parochial Church Council for further review, comments, and approval. Afterwards, the revised plans will be submitted to the Diocese, who must approve any change to Church property and buildings. We will then be able to share the proposed plans with the Parish Council, Bealings School, our friends and neighbours and any other interested parties.

In the meantime, we invite you to get involved in one of 2 ways:

1) Name Competition: By submitting your favourite names for the CafeHub to our naming competition, bearing in mind that we would like to create a welcoming space for quiet reflection, church services, community use (such as intergenerational activities, toddler and children's clubs, community lunches, music recitals, a refuge for walkers, movie nights), and—of course—for breakfast, lunch, afternoon teas, weddings, and other celebrations! Name suggestions should be sent to Ms. Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at hellionese@yahoo.com, along with a short rationale if you'd like to explain your suggested name.

2) Volunteer: By joining the CafeHub committee. We are always happy to welcome those who are interested in making the Cafehub a success. We meet about once a month, generally during the weekday, and we are currently focusing on

finalising the design and logistics and will then turn to fundraising. Please contact Helen at hellionese@yahoo.com if you would like to join us.

And in other news from Little Bealings All Saints Church: On March 15th, the PCC met to discuss the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall, which was originally scheduled to be held in May and had been approved by the Bishop. However, we recognise that there are members of the Benefice who regularly use the Hall for their events, and we want to provide a seamless transition from the Hall to the CafeHub to minimise inconvenience. We have therefore decided to delay the sale until the CafeHub is up and running. It is our fervent hope that this accommodation to the wishes of those who have a very strong attachment to the Angela Cobbold Hall will foster good will and encourage everyone to work with us to make the Church a beautiful and valuable place of worship and of fellowship, and a well-used community resource.

Finally, we invite all members of the Benefice to the All Saints Annual Parochial Church Meeting which will be held on April 23rd at 11a.m. in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 6 March, preceded by a presentation from Scottish Power about the impact on the local villages of works resulting from the EAOW1 project. Further information has been requested from the developers with a view to including a Q&A article in a future edition of the Fynn Lark News. Details of the first step, archaeology work, is included elsewhere in this edition. Full



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At the March Meeting members heard of a special day at the Annual Meeting of Suffolk East Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting at Trinity Park. Delegate Joan Moon gave a comprehensive report. The guest speaker was BBC Coast presenter Mark Horton. The next WI meeting is at Bealings Village Hall on Thursday 20th April at 7.30pm when Janet Dann will make a welcome return visit - her subject is 'In Other Words'. For more details contact Jennifer Cook on 01473623985.

The date is Saturday 29th April from 1.30pm.

If you are interested in playing bowls or would like to try before joining the club please come. You will be assisted by an experienced bowler. The only equipment you will need is to wear some flat-bottomed shoes or trainers. Bowls will be provided on the day.

Afterwards you can enjoy a drink of tea or coffee and chat to the club members or the other visitors.

If you have any questions or would like some more information please call one of the following: -

David 01473 621419

Len 01473 626638

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number of pigs which were raised to help boost the household income. Their marriage of 63 years exemplified the secret of simple domestic happiness.

Doris had a number of domestic jobs in the village. She was reliable, hard-working and cheerful, and became more of a friend than an employee. She finished her working life at The Grove Residential Home in Little Bealings. A colleague paid tribute to her ready wit and sense of fun.

Their holidays took them to many parts of Britain, and were taken with childhood friends Peter and Vera Girling from Grundisburgh. Each holiday was carefully researched, and always included visits to stately homes and National Trust properties. When she retired, Doris joined the carpet bowls club and became a very good player.

She took a keen interest in the wider world, was a staunch royalist and loved pageantry. She also loved sport and was for many years a season ticket holder at Portman Road. She also loved – and was

knowledgeable of cricket. She became an ardent fan of Andy Murray. Above all she was a homemaker, caring and tireless. She was an excellent cook. Her husband George needed much care in his latter years, and despite her own advancing years and health problems, she always ensured that George was cared for. She was a ready support for family and friends who needed help.

After George passed away in May 2014, Doris lived quietly at home, supported by Neil. She appreciated the help she received, but always fretted that she could not do as much as she used to do. Having worked hard all her life she could not accustom herself to having things done for her. After a difficult few months Doris was diagnosed with bowel and kidney cancer in 2016. She underwent radiotherapy treatment but was advised that an operation would be too traumatic to be beneficial. She accepted this diagnosis stoically, and passed away at Ipswich Hospital on January 6th, a month short of her 90th Birthday.

**GREAT BEALINGS
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
7.00p.m. Monday 8th May 2016
Bealings Village Hall**

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any Issues. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been voted through in the referendum, its future use will be discussed. There will also be an update on the plans for the construction work through the village in relation to the Windfarm cable,

All community groups are also invited to come and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this.

Refreshments will be provided after the Annual Parish Meeting

For further information please contact Dee Knights, Clerk

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BEALINGS PLANT SALE

Saturday 22nd April: 10 - 00 – 12- 00

GENERAL APPEAL

With just over three weeks to go, we now need all our helpers and supporters to focus on this event. Do make sure that the date is firmly in your diary and that plants and produce are ready and waiting. This event attracts people from far outside our villages, so we need to maintain our hard-earned reputation. For over 20 years the income from this event has been vital to the financial well-being of our two churches. We need to keep up the standards of previous years and send our customers home happy. This is a collective enterprise, with collective benefits.

PLANTS

We do urge you all look around your garden to see whether you can produce plants that we can sell: self-sown plants, seedlings, split clumps, cuttings, shrubs etc. We do need to continually identify fresh sources of plants. We will collect, if necessary – contact Norman Porter, otherwise deliveries of good, healthy plants will be gratefully received on Friday 21st April at the Village hall between 2-00 and 5-30. We do still have spare pots, by way of an incentive for you to do this. The pots can be delivered to your home.

Do please label all plants if you possibly can.

LICENSED DRAW

This is being run by Faith Chapman. This year we have specially printed tickets, with a fine range of prizes, including a Star prize of A flight in a light aircraft or £100 cash. You don't have to come to the Plant Sale to buy tickets!

CARDBOARD BOXES

Do please collect these, as available, from stores, and deliver them to the Village Hall on the Friday –they are invaluable for people taking away large numbers of plants.

PRODUCE

Please let us have any produce (cakes, rhubarb, jams, chutneys etc.) for our cake/produce stall. This is usually the first

stall to be sold out, so the more produce the better. Please deliver to the Village Hall on the Friday afternoon, or between 9.00 and 10.00 am on the Saturday, or deliver in person to Margaret Martin or Virginia Porter.

GARDEN PARAPHERNALIA

Last year we managed to recycle or re-consign to happy homes a considerable number of gardening implements and accessories. We shall again be pleased to receive any such items for resale. If you have spare seeds, we can also sell those.

CAR PARKING

Our car parking team will be on duty, maximizing the space, and doing their best to ensure that most people can park close to the Hall. There will be spaces on and just off the drive leading to the Manor House, and a good number at the Village Hall, with priority being given to anyone with mobility problems. If you are collecting or delivering plants, please drive in and out around the turning circle. Helpers are urged to park along the drive at the Ruffords home, the Manor House.

PLANT SALE PLUS

Once again there will be all sorts of exciting activities and competitions on and around the stage of special interest to children. Do bring them along.

LUNCH

Once again, a picnic lunch will be provided behind the village hall at round about 12.45. This keeps helpers on site, so we can get the site completely cleared by early afternoon. Baguettes, cheese and ham, pork pies etc. will be available, together with a glass of wine or a can of ale. Do come and join us after the sale. Helpers and buyers equally welcome. For £5 a head we'll bring in supplies, but do please let Norman Porter know if you would like to join us, so we have a rough idea of numbers. All help with the final clearing away at 12-00 and immediately after the picnic lunch will be greatly welcomed.

YOUR SUPPORT

Do come and support us on the day. The

playground facilities will be open for children to enjoy while you browse through what is on offer and/or enjoy refreshments and catch up with your friends – all for the price of a programme @ just £1, which includes refreshments.

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BEALINGS PLANT SALE DRAW

Readers will see that we are becoming ever more ambitious with our Draw. This year's star prize is a very special one. Colin Hopkins is once again offering a flight over the local country side, not just to the winner, but also to a friend of the winner. And if you are not particularly keen on flying (and not particularly needing the £100 alternative) then you could probably offer it to a friend as a very special present. Please try to sell tickets beyond the village – nothing like bringing in money from outside!

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This offer is open to all. You don't need to be a Plant Sale supporter, that's why we've enclosed tickets with this Mag. All you have to do is send stubs (suitably filled in) and payment to Faith/Toby Chapman, The Dower House, Little Bealings. Tel: Faith Chapman: 07957360294

And that's not all. Faith has had a fantastic response from local businesses offering generous tokens for their wares, so you might also win tokens for: Notcutt's; Seckford Spa; Happiness Store; Anchor Inn, plus a Gressingham Duck package and a dozen more great prizes. We are really grateful to local businesses for their support, so if you have any opportunity to express that gratitude please enhance our cause by doing so.

FAREWELL TO LES BARRON



Les had lived for some twenty years in Stone Cottage, Lower Street, Great Bealings. This delightfully gentle, unassuming man had actually spent several years working in London as Team Manager with Social Services, carrying out a very tough job. Les originally came from Liverpool but decided to commute from Suffolk to his job, spending shorts periods of time in both locations. Unmarried, he retired, and used his new-found freedom to travel widely. He loved Spain, and spent much time there. He has now moved to Devon, the edge of Dartmoor, to be closer to other members of his family. In his unassuming way Les was a good friend and neighbour to people in this hidden away part of Great Bealings, and quietly supportive of much that went on in the village. He takes with him a black cat – one that had adopted Les as a sort of guardian. Unusually, Les could occasionally be seen out walking, with the cat faithfully following him. We wish him –and the cat - well.

DORIS GLANFIELD

Doris was born on 1st February 1927 at her Grandmother's house at Grundisburgh Corner. She grew up in Vine Lane, Grundisburgh. The financial depression of the 1930's made life a challenge. Despite this Doris had, along with her brothers, a happy childhood. She attended Grundisburgh School, and joined the local Brownies pack.

Doris often recalled hearing a young Humphrey Lyttleton practising his trumpet-playing as they passed his house in the village. Humphrey's father was Headmaster at Eton, and on his retirement the family lived in Grundisburgh. Doris's father Billy was allowed to borrow the Lyttleton family's pony and trap to take Doris and her brothers for rides in exchange for tending to the Lyttleton's cow.

The Second World War started when Doris was twelve. The Americans arrived and East Anglia became a gigantic aircraft carrier. Debach aerodrome was built, and Doris recalled watching the formations of aircraft setting out for raids on Germany, and arriving back in dribs and drabs.

At the age of 14 Doris left Grundisburgh to go to London. On return to Grundisburgh she went "Into Service" with Miss Rowe in Burgh. Later, Doris worked for General Gurdon and became a firm favourite with the General's children. Contact was maintained with General Gurdon's son, Adam, throughout her life.

Doris then started work at Anglesea Road Hospital, cycling to and fro every day in all weathers. She recalled times when the snowdrifts were as high as a double-decker bus. She married George Glanfield on April 28th 1951, and they set up home in Great Bealings, the village where George and Doris lived for the rest of their lives. She helped George with a flock of some 200 chickens and a

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Diary of activities

22nd April - Plant Sale – Draw tickets

You should have received with your Magazine a book of officially licensed Draw Tickets. This is a significant departure from recent years when our Plant Sales raffles have been held exclusively on the morning of the Sale itself. The initiative allows us to sell tickets far and wide, and before the day. Do please do your best to sell the book of tickets that has been delivered to you – and, of course, additional books of tickets can be obtained from Plant Sale Draw organiser, Faith Chapman 07957 360294. Whether you are a gardener or not, whether you attend the Plant Sale or not, you can still take part. You will see that we are offering a special STAR prize, with

several very attractive supporting prizes. Both Bealings churches are in real need of extra funds, so do please support us, if you can. Extra tickets can be obtained from anyone else helping with the Plant Sale and can be returned to those same individuals.

Friday May 12th. Talk on Charles Dickens and East Anglia by Professor Jeremy Tambling. Tickets £5, to include a glass of wine. This is the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, so we are fortunate to have engaged this acknowledged world expert on Dickens to talk to us. Jeremy edited the Penguin edition of David Copperfield, and invitations to this event will be sent way beyond the Benefice, to local bookshops, schools etc.

The Friends

GREAT BEALINGS

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ST MARY'S

There has been a surge of activity. We are engaged with funding bodies – see below – and are fast approaching the daunting financial target required to go ahead with repairs to the roof and tower. Please note that these projects are entirely independent of the annual costs of running the church – now about £13000 pa. These latter operational costs have to take priority, following a directive from the Diocese, if we are to keep the church fully open. Happily, we are currently meeting the challenge on both fronts, thanks to the support of parishioners and funding bodies.

Most people will know that Charles Barrington has been leading this project, and we are pleased to report that good progress is being made with the architect and builders. The Faculty allowing us to proceed with this work has finally been received, and it is hoped that the work will take place over the summer. The total bill is around £80000 but the bulk of this money has come in two grants (from Viridor and the Government's Listed Places of Worship scheme). We still need a bit more money to top this up, from other sources, including activities of FOGBC, but we proceed with confidence and are grateful to Charles for his expertise in this area.

We are also making progress in negotiations to find alternative car parking space, without always having to intrude on the generosity and forbearance of private individuals. Lord Cranworth has kindly agreed in principle to help us find a solution, and we have met up with a representative of his Land Agents, Strutt and Parker, on site, and had a

constructive discussion.

Normally there is no problem, but funerals and weddings can be a real challenge. A maximum of three vehicles can park close to the church, and exiting on to the main road is a real challenge. To find a relatively inexpensive answer to these challenges has exercised our collective minds for some time. A solution needs to be found if the church is to increasingly be a centre not only for church services, but also for more FOGBC-sponsored activities, without which we will struggle to survive.

LOOKING BACK

We had a special service on 12th March, entering into the spirit of Lent. It was not so much about giving something up, but more about giving something away, in support of people less well off than ourselves. Rev Philip Merry made a special presentation, supporting our own diocesan Lent Appeal on behalf of the diocese of Kagera, in Tanzania. The background to this appeal was printed in the February edition of this magazine and Philip underpinned the need for support of people struggling with problems which most of us can hardly imagine.

LOOKING AHEAD

FAREWELL TO PHILIP AND DENISE MERRY

Our farewell service for Philip and Denise Merry is the very weekend of the delivery of this Magazine. The service is being held in St Mary's at 10.00 am and is to be followed by a "contributory" lunch in the village Hall. Hopefully all those intending to come have already registered their interest and responded to a request for offerings of food for the occasion. Obviously, no notice is needed if you would just like to come to the service,

ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREAT BEALINGS Friday 12th May at 7.30 pm



DICKENS AND EAST ANGLIA

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THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday April 9th – 11.15 approx.

This is the meeting at which a retrospective report on the year just past is presented, and at which the churchwarden and PCC members are (re) elected. The meeting takes place after the 10.00 am service, with appropriate time for coffee. People attending the service will be able to have coffee, but those NOT attending the service are equally welcome to join us for coffee – and a biscuit – before the Annual Meeting. It would be wonderful to have a turn-out beyond the usual core, to give those who take on responsibility a good injection of motivation for the year ahead. It is a busy one, and a demanding one too, so the more shoulders there are to bear the load, the easier it will be. And there is no shortage of enjoyment in it all either.

CHURCHYARD

We have received an enthusiastic response to the suggestion that the mellow red brick wall – formerly part of the old Great Bealings Hall, could be an ideal site for some espalier fruit trees. There is probably space for 4 trees and we have already had two potential “takers.” There would be the opportunity to place a small plaque at the foot of the tree, in memory of a loved one. An exploratory visit to a nursery suggests that the costs of such trees could be around £30, plus any costs related to setting up the supports and an appropriate plaque. The wall was clearly part of the walled garden of Great Bealings Hall, and the west side of the wall (ours!) is suitable for this purpose. Do have a word if this is of interest.

The Faculty application for the setting up of a small observation cabin, combined with facilities (maps) for those visiting graves, has been submitted.

Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th March

MATTERS ARISING

Water Meadow: The Environment Agency have confirmed that the exemption specified is appropriate, but no registration has been requested. The Planning Department at SCDC are sending an enforcement officer to inspect the site. If the work being undertaken is deemed an engineering project, it will need planning permission.

Quiet Lanes: Robin Vickery will raise this issue at a meeting this week with SCC.

Defibrillator: Colin Hedgley has been successful in securing funding of £1500 from his SCDC Community Budget. The PC expressed their thanks for this funding. This amount is expected to be paid this week, then the defibrillator can be ordered.

EAST ANGLIA ONE WINDFARM

It was agreed that the presentation given by Scottish Power on 6th March was unsatisfactory and did not deal with any specific details. As traffic is a critical issue, the PC needs to get its views expressed to SCC urgently, as they are currently liaising with Scottish Power on a Traffic Plan. Robin Vickery will try to arrange a meeting with the SCC Portfolio Holder, James Finch, and a Liaison Group was appointed to take this forward. John Carter-Jonas confirmed that he has photographed and videoed all affected roads in Gt Bealings. Charles Barrington intends to revert to Scottish Power and request a second, better, presentation at a meeting chaired by the PC, to answer questions specific to our villages, which we will submit to them.

COUNTY COUNCILOR'S REPORT

Robin Vickery reported on the forthcoming County Councilor elections to be held on 4th May. SCC have finalised their budget for 2017-18 and there will be a 3% rise in Council Tax to cover social care. A further £10 million is to be spent on road surfacing concentrating on preventative rather than reactive work.

Education standards are improving due to the “Raising the Bar” initiative. Better broadband is gradually being rolled out by BT.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley's report covered the following items: Deben Leisure Centre Redevelopment, Felixstowe Pier Plaza, Beach Hut Review Consultation, Support Armed Forces Day, New Volunteering Website, Standards, Litter Pick, NHS Equipment. His full report is attached to minutes.

PLANNING

Wood Barn Cottages: The appeal in respect of DC/16/2216 has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector. A new appeal has been submitted in respect of DC/16/3427. A letter detailing the PC's objections has been sent to the Planning Inspector.

Footpath Diversion: An Order has been made by SCDC for diversion of the footpath alongside Meadow Cottage.

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge: Robin Vickery has asked SCC Highways to extend the 30mph speed limit to the Woodbridge side of Rosery Lane. SCC have proposed a priority system at the bridge in favour of westbound vehicles and Cllrs debated which way would be preferable. It was agreed that SCC must inspect the level of traffic on that road at peak times, and that once the extended speed limit is in place, it would be best to not have a priority system, especially given the particular concerns of the residents at the bridge end of Boot Street. A letter will be sent to SCC.

Hasketon Road: Martin Cripps has spoken with Richard Garnham who had already set up meetings with Anglia Water. They have resurfaced and filled in potholes and the rest of the damage will be repaired

Junction of Lower St/Kiln Lane: Rob Munn reported the problem of cars parking here. He will write to SCC Highways about this.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The referendum result of 96 voting in favour and 3 against, was a welcome

endorsement of the work done by the Working Group and the Parish Council over the last four years. The Plan will now be “made” by SCDC and will become part of the development plan for the district with additional policies specific to the NP area.

REPORT ON STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT MEETING

Rob Munn had attended this meeting held recently by SCC. He has succeeded in getting the Water Meadow in Lower Street added to the Strategic Flood Risk Register.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Seven cheques were authorised and signed for salary and expenses, PAYE, hall and room hire and web hosting and the Bank Reconciliation was signed. £150 has been allocated for expenditure next year for charitable donations. It was agreed to keep this in hand against the cost of installing the defibrillator

WW1 BEACONS OF LIGHT

Charles Barrington advised Cllrs that the PC has registered to be involved in this event which will take place on 11th November 2018. It will be a joint PC/PCC event.

OUT OF CONTROL DOGS

This is a problem which has been highlighted in the parish and is caused by one individual. Cllrs were advised that if anyone sees this happening, they should contact the Police

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 8th May, followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

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

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