

Fynn - Lark News

DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018



The story of the nativity in Luke's gospel has a group of ordinary people, coping with extraordinary events. God sends a message to Mary and Joseph through an angel and a dream; a baby was conceived and then there was silence. They presumably made the normal preparations for an impending birth at home. Then, just as Mary should have been putting her feet up and resting, the Emperor's census forces them to take a 90mile trip to Bethlehem.

There is silence from God.

Mary and Joseph see no more angels: they are left holding their new born baby in a stable, perhaps wondering where this is all going to end. In the trauma and anxiety of a birth far away from the comfort and security of their home and village, God appears absent.

The angels meanwhile are busy disturbing the night watch of some shepherds, for whom God was probably the last thing on their mind. They had to keep a 24-hour watch over their sheep who were in permanent danger of being attacked by

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wild animals. The shepherds had no time for worship (and were therefore social outcasts in their community as a result). However, despite their fear at the sight of a terrifying angel, something compelled them to risk their livelihood and leave their sheep, in search of a baby. They were the answer to God's silence for Mary and Joseph as they arrived at the stable to see the Saviour of the World. As they returned to their flocks rejoicing, Mary and Joseph knew that they had not been abandoned.

God's silence was not God's absence.

We never know how or when God might appear to us: whether alone or in

company; at home, school or work; through music, art, literature or simply a stunning winter sunset. We may often feel his absence more than his presence, even when we try and pray.

But God **is** with us, in spirit and through the love of others, which supports us through all our ordinary and extraordinary times.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the faith of Mary and Joseph and the peace of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas and may you know God's presence in the coming year.

With every blessing,

Revd. Celia Cook

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2018

A very Happy Christmas to all our readers, contributors, advertisers and sponsors.

From The Editorial Team

THANK YOU

At this Christmas Season, we are saying a big 'thank you' to all the gallant volunteers who make sure the Fynn Lark News is delivered safely to your home. These are the collectors who collect the boxes of magazines from Corner Cottage, count and bundle them and deliver to the distributors who deliver to your home. We thank the collectors Margaret Gornall, Wendy Wilson, Veronica Bunbury, Jim Newbold, Sally Herrington and Faith Chapman.

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Please note that to avoid any further confusion the email address for submission of articles and correspondence is:

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We shall continue to monitor the old address for a limited time.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of interested parties took place in the ACH on Thursday November 16th. Those attending were: Peter and Vicki Carr; Jennifer Cook, Margaret Gornall, Jane Hartley, Colin Hedgley, Marian Hedgley, Tracy Herrington, Colin Hopkins, Astrid Llewellyn, Tim Llewellyn, Francis Mutimer, Norman Porter (In the Chair), Brian Seward, Bob Tate. Apologies were received from Sue Prentice and Faith Chapman.

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed those attending, and thanked all those who had been concerned in so many different ways with the Fynn-Lark Magazine, as it had evolved over the previous 18 months. Parish Councils, subscribers, contributors, teams of distributors – all were important to the success of the Magazine. He welcomed feedback, both positive and constructively critical. The increased secular emphasis had helped to increase readership, and had indeed brought in more helpers.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR: much had happened over the previous 18 months since the revamped version had been launched. Feedback on the whole had been positive, although there had been occasional issues revolving around the non-receipt or occasionally non-publishing of material. It was agreed that a brief acknowledgement of receipt would be very helpful. The change of generic email address to Fynn-Lark News would possibly be more distinctive than the Benefice News address, as the

latter might be more widely used by other benefices around the country.

Topics of general local interest had been covered in such a way as to encourage people to read the magazine, and to find it relevant to their concerns.

FINANCE: In June 2016 the Magazine had been close to bankruptcy, with funds available for just two more issues. The Yorkshire BS account now held funds totaling £1771, with just two more issues to be paid for. The policy of the committee is to ensure that there are enough funds to cover costs for one full year. We are very close to achieving this objective. Some 3-dozen people had set up standing orders, for which we are very grateful. Other donations had been received, including one from BYAT. Advertising income and grants from Parish Councils remained crucial. Such was the state of finances that we might now consider additional colour pages.

ADVERTISING: income from this source is healthy, but can be unpredictable. All are encouraged to engage with tradesmen and businesses if they can identify a gap in our advertising offer. £50 for a quarter page for one full year. *No rise in advertising rates expected for 2018. The Magazine offers a circulation of 430 households/subscribers. This plus its high frequency as a monthly publication has been acknowledged as valuable exposure by existing advertisers.*

PERSONNEL: The Chairman noted that those with major responsibilities represented just themselves, rather than local organizations, and that the

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd Concert: *Gippeswyk Singers*, with a quintet Great Bealings
Tue 5th Community Christmas Lunch Angela Cobbold Hall

2018

January

Tue 2nd Community Left-Overs Lunch Angela Cobbold Hall
Sat 27th 'Rabbie Burns and Beyond' - Shingle Street Folk Band
St Botolph's, Culpho

April

Sat 21st Annual Plant Sale Bealings Village Hall

JUNE

Sat Jun 23rd Playford Fete Playford Hall

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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responsibility for ensuring continuity of the magazine was not clear. New blood needed to be recruited, understudies who knew how things worked and who would be prepared to help and perhaps eventually take on more major roles.

CONTENT: It was generally agreed that content was very readable. Editorials offered a range of different perspectives, but did not represent any angle of editorial policy. Editorial policy generally was to channel opinion rather than to try and shape it. More profiles were needed, particularly of people who, often unsung, contribute to community life. More pictures too were needed. It was agreed that the "What's On" page was of major importance, and that every effort should be made to ensure completeness. It was regretted that it was still proving difficult to get material from Bealings School, particularly as it was perceived to be a successful school, with good news to promote.

Other points made included:

- A request to reintroduce the church calendar of colours and readings.
- A suggestion of offering 'hatched/ matched/despached' 'announcements' - perhaps as listings – currently these are included exclusively under Benefice (church) news.
- A suggestion that 'Letters to the Editor' could be a more transparent way of airing possibly controversial issues
- Pagination/rotation of village content was considered. This would also ensure fairer allocation of colour pictures as these tend to always fall on the same pairing pages.
- There is no 'editorial panel' as such. Should/could there be a 'news scout' for each village to ensure that all events were being covered? Should there be an official contact per village particularly for the assignment of the rotating lead Editorial article.
- There has been a request for inclusion of reviews of local plays etc. Over to those who read/attend events – let us have your thoughts.

AOB:

Helpers: It was agreed that the 35-strong army of helpers/distributors deserved tangible recognition and that this might take the form of a small gathering for drinks some time after Christmas. They should also receive public thanks – so – for the time being – THANK YOU ALL.

Thanks: A Vote of thanks was proposed by Bob Tate, seconded by Astrid Llewellyn for the huge and constant commitment from the Committee: Norman, Tim, and Peter.

Size of Mag: the consensus was that the current A4 (current size is A5) size was distinctive and preferable. There might, however, be a case to be made for a trial run of an A4 Mag for one of our double issues – an A4 Mag is easier to design.

'Google news': there is currently no tie up with the email 'google news' service. This is run separately and for short term reminders, and may have a bigger circulation /generational reach. Perhaps closer liaison is possible between the two.

THE BIG DIG

– talk by Dr Richard Newman

Bealings Village Hall

Saturday 18th November 2017



Some 80 people crowded into Bealings Village Hall to hear this authoritative talk by the man responsible for co-ordinating

the whole archaeological operation associated with the AngliaOne offshore energy project. That work started in February and has to be finished by this Christmas.

As Richard confirmed at the outset, he is charged with the responsibility of engaging with the communities involved. This he did to informative effect, delivering a fully illustrated talk, (but no actual artefacts), covering the whole of the 37 kilometer-long planned cable route from Bawdsey to Bramford, taking in Waldringfield, Woodbridge, especially the Kingston area, Little Bealings – most specifically Holly Lane, Playford and Tuddenham. In all some 63 hectares were designated as sites, 235 archaeologists have been brought in at various stages, 11 sub-contractors have been engaged, 7000 environmental samples taken and 5 metric tons of finds put aside. The cable to be laid is very heavy and will be 1.40M underground. The constraints of Health and Safety regulations had been moderated eventually by common sense. Richard conceded that, with some competition from the A14 project near Cambridge, this was indeed currently the biggest undertaking in Europe, but waiting to be dwarfed by the works associated with HS2.

Much of the area under excavation has been heavily ploughed since WW2. These areas have been arable for centuries but only since the replacement of horses by tractors has ploughing been deep enough to cause such destruction. Latterly de-stoning for potato growing has been particularly harmful. As a result it is only in the sub-stratum some 60cm below the surface that intact finds are possible – alongside untouched ancient hedgerows and ditches. Soils from accumulated hill-wash may also change surface levels. Metal detectorists – mostly male and over 50! – have been busy in the affected area and have effectively turned up much of what was near the surface. Items had been found along the length of the route,

and had dated back to Neolithic times, with fragments of pottery and flints, then moving through the bronze age, Anglo-Saxon, Romano-British, Anglo-Scandinavian periods through to medieval times.

Richard conceded that none of the finds



was of potential British Museum standard, but the range of finds was impressive indeed – as was the scholarship which had identified what they were and how they were used. As Richard explained, it's a bit like fitting together a jigsaw when most of the pieces are missing. Discoveries included: a broken antler-



pick, a merchant's stamp, a medieval halfpenny (literally a penny cut in half) a crocal bell, rattles/rumblers designed to fit on harnesses to warn people of approaching animals (a bit like today's

truck-reversing beepers!), evidence of an iron age crouch burial (no body - the stains left in the sand), some bronze age pottery fragments (a bit like digestive biscuits - as soon as they come into contact with moisture they crumble away - but less so in these parts). The bottom of a bronze age pot found in Playford was the base of a pot some 2 or 3ft tall. Other findings have included a skull (Bawdsey), loom weights and spindle stone (from pottery activities), roman coins and a roman razor, Anglo-Saxon girdle-hangers and a strap end, a Nurnberg "jeton", a buckle from an Anglo-Scandinavian sword, plus a ditch which had clearly been used for military purposes (Waldringfield). At Tuddenham 2m deep defensive ditches have been found - these could only be from the Anglo-Scandinavian wars.

Richard dismissed the validity of the term "Dark Ages" used to describe the period after the Romans left. Almost certainly skills and trades would have continued to be plied. A letter had been sent from Rome stating that the Romans would no longer be responsible for the protection of the land, but most people would have been unaware of this and would have carried on as before - dealing with occasional raids from Northern Europe as they occurred. The term was a retrospective one, based on evolving criteria of judgement.

Probably the most significant findings, locally, were in respect of the Holly Lane site. Clear evidence was discovered of the site of a Romano-British villa, with holes left by decayed timbers clearly visible. This is a discovery of national significance and endorses the importance of previous discoveries, including Anglo-Saxon relics unearthed when the Village Hall foundations were being dug. In Woodbridge close attention was paid to Kingston, with its echoes of the suggestions that Rendlesham may well have been the seat of Anglo-Saxon kings, including Raedwald. Kingston means in effect "King's Estate". Further afield, there is significant evidence of the strategic importance of Bawdsey as a major port at

the mouth of the River Deben, together with the relative wealth of this part of England. Bawdsey, with intensive evidence of settlements over the ages, was almost certainly a major port, engaged in the provision of victuals for soldiers serving in France, particularly in Calais. There may well also have been links with Gascony and the wine trade.

Over-all those present were persuaded that they are living in an area rich in history, an area which has been the site of settlements through the ages. We all owe a debt of gratitude to Richard Newman for a talk which was not only authoritative and full of insights, but also delivered with both enthusiasm and humour. Those present were privileged not only to have been given a special insight into the historical antecedents of the area in which they live, but also to have enjoyed a talk which was historic in its significance and bringing into focus the richness of our archaeological past. Anyone who had been unsure as to the reasons for the digging up of large swathes of local countryside will have been reassured that it has been well worth it. Our thanks to Jim Pawsey for liaising with Richard to ensure that the meeting took place - and thanks too to those who helped with serving refreshments. Such was the attendance that we have been able to pass on a donation of £25 to the Village Hall. Many thanks for such broad and enthusiastic support.

Norman Porter

MONTHLY PROFILE

No profile this month (we've devoted extra space to the archaeological item) - but may we use this as an opportunity to put in a plug for this profiling space to be used. Anyone can supply us with a profile: just identify someone who flies under the radar, has led an interesting life, does unsung work, contributes to our community etc. Profiles will be written in the third person, so will respect the modesty of the subject. Suggestions of potential profiles to the editors, please.

NATURE NOTES

It is only in the last two or three years that buzzards have become a common sight – and their mewing call a common sound in these parts. We featured a picture on the front page of a recent issue of this magazine, but for those who are interested in the behaviour of this bird here are a few pointers:

The common buzzard breeds in [woodlands](#), usually on the fringes, but



favours hunting over open land. It eats mainly small [mammals](#), and will come to [carrion](#). A great opportunist, it adapts well to a varied diet of pheasant, rabbit, other small mammals to medium mammals, snakes and lizards, and can often be seen walking over recently ploughed fields looking for worms and insects. When available, common buzzards feed on their preferred prey species, field voles, in relation to their abundance. When the abundance of field voles declines, common buzzards switch to foraging on a diversity of prey items typical of farmland habitats.

Buzzards do not normally form [flocks](#), but several may be seen together on [migration](#) or in good habitat. Buzzards are fiercely territorial, but dominant displays of aggression will normally see off the interloper. Pairs mate for life. To attract a mate the male performs a ritual aerial

display before the beginning of spring. This spectacular display is known as 'the roller coaster'. He will rise high up in the sky, to turn and plummet downward, in a spiral, twisting and turning as he comes down. He then rises immediately upward to repeat the exercise. The call is a plaintive *peea-ay*, similar to a cat's [meow](#).

HISTORY CORNER

Gargoyles came into gothic architecture in the early 13th century and are defined as "a waterspout, projecting from an upper part of a building or a roof gutter to throw water clear of walls or foundations." The idea of dispersing water well away from the walls of a building conforms with best practice in modern guidelines for church maintenance. The potential for water damage is minimized.

The origins of the word 'gargoyle' are derived from the old French word 'gargouille' meaning throat. Gargoyles are sometimes referred to as "grotesques"- and may take the form of ugly human faces, animals, mythical or imaginary creatures. As well as performing a functional purpose, the ugliness of the gargoyles was also used to ward off evil, and indeed to represent it.



The image here shown is that of a gargoyle at the top of Great Bealings tower – the gargoyle is not normally so closely accessible, but the scaffolding required for repairing stonework on the tower gave this privileged close up view of a rarely glimpsed example of a gargoyle.

BEALINGS WI

A very extraordinary Meeting

THE PLAN

- Village Hall booked for 12.30pm
- 12.30 p.m. Set up hall for Jacket Potato Lunch
- 1.00 p.m. Members arrive for lunch
- 2.00 p.m. More members arrive for meeting
- 2.00 p.m. Speaker arrives, bring equipment, historical documents, medals and display boards to illustrate his talk.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT

- Mid morning **HELP!**
- **NEWS!** Break in and damage at Village Hall
- **NO ACCESS** Police and Forensics!

Angela Cobbold Hall to the RESCUE!

Hall opened and set up; tables, chairs, cloths, cutlery, glasses napkins etc. ready for Jacket Potato Lunch.

Tables in place for WI business and meeting, sales, notices, fund raising.

Area set up for Speaker's display boards, WWI medals and memorabilia.

Everything ready for tea and coffee.

This all ensured a most successful meeting for members and speaker.

The Angela Cobbold Hall is a community asset. This is the base to help raise funds for Church repairs and maintenance.

Jennifer Cook

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BEALINGS WI

The meeting on 16th November saw the AGM take place with the existing committee re-elected and a decision taken to start the monthly meetings 30 minutes earlier in 2018. The subject of the speaker was Wildlife and Landscape of the Brecks, provided by Alexander Bass who always gives a most informative and interesting talk.

The next meeting on December 14th at 2.30pm will be a Christmas celebration with seasonal culinary delights to enjoy

and musical entertainment provided by our own members.

2018 has a full and varied list of speakers starting on January 18th at 2pm. John Lapsley will talk on the subject of "White boy growing up in Jamaica".

Winter meetings start at 2pm and are preceded by a lunch of jacket potatoes. Meetings between April and September start at 7pm.

If you would like more information please contact Jennifer Cook on 623985. New members are very welcome



BE WINTER READY - UK POWER NETWORKS

UK Power Networks is working with the other Electricity Distribution Networks and our trade body, Energy Networks Association, on a new national campaign called Be Winter Ready.

Be Winter Ready aims to encourage people to prepare in case they experience a power cut or gas emergency this winter.

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Keep your eyes open: Keep an eye on the weather forecast and, if you have a power cut or a gas emergency, check on your neighbours

COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Many thanks, as ever, to all those who supported the November Lunch. The profit of £88 goes towards the maintenance and upkeep of the Hall

ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Tuesday 5th. December 12.30 p.m.

Traditional Christmas dinner with Sandra Banham's special Christmas Pudding,

Sally Herrington's amazing mince pies and Betty Slim's tasty stuffing.

Gill Peck and the Humming Birds will be providing music and song to share and enjoy as they did last year.

'LEFTOVERS' LUNCH

Tuesday 2nd. January 2018 12.30pm -- 1.30 pm.

Chicken Broth & fresh bread

Stuffed Baked Apples. Ice cream/ custard

Tea/Coffee

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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BE

JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT ADMINISTRATORS

We currently need just two more volunteers to help administer the John Belstead Sports Court at Bealings Village Hall/Playing Field

Duties would be limited to one/two months per year when the "administrator" has the Sports Court mobile phone and answers enquiries from potential customers wishing to book the John Belstead Sports Court.

99% of customers use the on-line booking service and do not need the services (telephone advice/information) of an administrator.

Full training given and other volunteer "administrators" are available for advice / help during your chosen month.

Anyone interested in volunteering, could you please contact:

Keith Beaumont

Church Lodge, The Street, Little Bealings

Email: keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com

BEALINGS BADMINTON CLUB

Bealings Village Hall

Thursday evening in from 7.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

We have space for a few new members. We are a small, friendly club playing badminton socially.

Membership is open to all from ages 11 upwards, beginners or more experienced, and new players are welcome to come for a free session before making any commitment.

For more information please contact Julia on 07742 371183.

SMILES

I had a cup of coffee the other day at M & S and couldn't help, but hear a group of Senior Citizens talking about all their ailments.

"My arms are so weak, I can hardly lift this coffee" said one

"Yes, I know" said another "My cataracts are so bad, I can hardly see my coffee!"

"I couldn't even mark an X at election time because my hands are so crippled, volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? – I can't hear you" said one elderly lady

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck" said one, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My Blood pressure pills make me so dizzy" exclaimed another

"I forget where I am, and where I'm going" said another

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old" winced an old man as he slowly shook his head

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well count your Blessings" said a woman cheerfully

"Thank god we can all still drive"

Roger Roseboom

GREAT BEALINGS

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ST MARY'S

We are delighted to report that re-roofing work is now as good as complete. The stone work on the tower was completed in mid-November, the scaffolding was due to be removed shortly after that, allowing the roofers to complete their task by re-tiling the porch. It has been worth the wait.

The new roof looks stunning, and close examination of the replaced stonework



shows the high level of craftsmanship that has been deployed. The church should be in superb condition for Christmas – and festive celebrations should include a grateful sub-text of gratitude that not far short of £100000 has not only been raised from various and generous funding agencies, and that the outcome has met our best expectations.

LOOKING BACK HARVEST FESTIVAL

A joint service with Little Bealings was held in All Saints Church on October 29th. Please see the report under the Little Bealings heading.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Benefice Remembrance Service this

year was held in St Mary's, Playford. Gt Bealings was represented by Charles Barrington who read out the names of those men of Great Bealings who gave their lives in two World Wars.

REFLECT AND REFRESH

This month's service was led by Roger Roseboom on the theme of remembrance and how the current traditions of remembering have evolved. As on previous occasions, these services offer opportunities to reflect on a whole range of themes, but we have yet to manage to attract large attendances. We will continue to think as to how to make the best of the time available to us for discovering new ways of exploring our faith, concerns, contemporary issues etc. The canvas is far from being indelibly marked, so your suggestions are very much welcomed.

CHURCH CAR PARK

Steps are now in place down from the car park to the road. Safety remains our major priority, so the steps will not be available for use until we are satisfied that all due precautionary obstacles are in place. The landscaping of the area is settling down, with freshly seeded areas now light green, the seed having germinated in the warmish late autumn weather.

CHURCHYARD

The base for the observation cabin is due to be laid down in late November and the cabin will then be put together. It will provide an outdoor refuge for those visiting the churchyard and subject to the provision of bird food, give people the opportunity to watch out for wildlife. Bird

food will be supplied from time to time to increase the chances of positive sightings.

Tel: 01473 735153 – or pop your cheque and details into out letter box – Now CoCo proof.

Roger Roseboom

SEASONAL GREETINGS – AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN ST MARY'S.

We have much to celebrate this Christmas, not least the successful conclusion of a variety of projects. St Mary's is a building at the heart of our community, and has been a focus of village life over the centuries. Even if you are not a committed believer you may still enjoy coming along to our Carol Service – with refreshments afterwards - on Thursday 21st December at 7.00. Our Christmas Service is the midnight communion service, beginning at 11.15. May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a really happy Christmas, and a New Year which matches up to your hopes and aspirations.

Churchwarden

LIGHTS 2

Perhaps in sympathy to my personal "Glow Occasion" on St Crispin's Day, there has been a plethora of requests to celebrate in November.

Firstly, for Mervyn and Zena Decker, carers of a wonderful pair of Husky dogs, who celebrated (Not the dogs!) their 50th wedding anniversary, a golden moment in their lives – Carry on the good work!

Then on Thursday 23rd, a Happy Birthday to you Marcia from husband Paddy Heywood Smith.

Then, continuing the Wedding Anniversary theme, on Sunday 3 Dec, the 23rd anniversary of Julian and Leah Haywood Smith's marriage, swiftly followed by young Leah's Birthday, years unknown – but then everyone is younger than me!

Why not join in the Fun? Only £5 per glow for the dark winter hours.

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH CONCERTS

You may be just in time to be reminded of another very special Advent concert coming up this weekend: December 3rd at 7.30 by the Gippeswyk Singers, plus quintet. Tickets are available from a member of the choir – but you can still ask Gill Peck (Lt B) and Norman Porter (Gt B), as joint organisers, who will procure tickets on your behalf. Tickets are £10, and refreshments will be available in exchange for donations to church funds. (Proceeds to be shared between the two Bealings churches)

OUTLINE PLANS FOR 2018

A full programme is planned provisionally for next year, including:

The Progressive Supper on Saturday February 3rd – details out in early December – have a word if you would like to be involved, as a newcomer.

Concert with Rose Hinton – a tribute to her jazz-violin-playing grandfather, Cyril Hellier. March 25th. A full 8-page programme is being put together and this programme will not only serve as a ticket but will also give you full details of the historical precedents of the performance. Incidentally, Rose was spotted playing at the Ipswich Corn Exchange on Sunday November 12th in a special Remembrance Day concert.

The Annual Plant Sale – with Little Bealings. In the Village Hall. Saturday 21st April.

Try to keep those plants alive during the winter months!

A second talk by Prof Jeremy Tambling – Friday 11th May. Shakespeare and East Anglia. Those who attended his talk on

Dickens and East Anglia will endorse the view that Jeremy is an expert in his field – comparative literature – and that his talks really do provide the kind of intellectual stimulus that can be elusive to those beyond formal education.

Mid-June – thinking continues to evolve as to how we might proceed. The latest idea is to hold a car boot sale on a local field, in conjunction with a special vintage car display. We are told that there are all sorts of fine classic vehicles lurking in local garages, and that the owners may well be keen to give them an airing and to show them off.

Finally – and make a note of this now: a commemoration of the end of World War One. To be held on the Kiln Lane Meadow (by kind permission of Melissa Procter). This is in partnership with the Parish Council and will include the lighting of a special beacon. Sunday November 11th.

The Friends

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th November.

MATTERS ARISING

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Martin Cripps asked if Colin Hedgley would have to declare a conflict of interest in a planning application if he is scheduled to be on the SCDC Planning Committee. Colin Hedgley said that he does not always know if he is going to be on the relevant Planning Committee, but if so he declares at the start of that meeting that he has voted at the Parish Council meeting. He has taken advice from the legal officer at SCDC and has been assured there is no conflict. Charles Barrington considers it is an advantage to have Colin Hedgley on our PC so that he can represent the views of the PC at SCDC and on the Planning Committee. For the avoidance of doubt, Colin

Hedgley's role as a member of SCDC should be noted at each PC meeting.

TREES

Martin Cripps advised Cllrs that the PC has been given permission by Lord Cranworth to plant trees along the Millenium footpath between Gt Bealings and Grundisburgh. He detailed some terms and conditions. The trees must be maintained by the PC until they are established. He will source a supplier and arrange for them to be planted.

EastAngliaONE

John Carter-Jonas confirmed that all issues regarding the highways access point have been resolved and that work is nearing completion. Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to Sarah Carter-Jonas for her assistance in this matter. A public meeting will be held next month for residents of Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford for Scottish Power representatives to give a localised explanation of current and future works. *NB. This has been arranged for 7th December at Playford Village Hall*

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY

This report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. Cllr Hedgley verbally reported on the updated situation regarding the closure of Woods Lane, Melton. Charles Barrington said that the PC will write to SCC lamenting their abominable decision to allow the closure which has had a knock-on effect across the district including Gt Bealings.

PLANNING

Regency House - SCDC Planning Committee have refused this application and the property is now on the market..

Rosery Farmhouse – SCDC have refused our request to refer this application to the Planning Committee and it will therefore be subject to officer decision. We will have no right of appeal.

DC Local Plan Consultation – Cllrs ratified the response sent to SCDC, following email agreement to the wording.

Wood Barn Cottages- The two appeals relating to the conversion of Barn C (DC16/2777 and 2808) had been conditionally allowed by the Planning Inspectorate. The redetermination of the appeal relating to the erection of a dwelling and re-siting of Plot 2 (DC16/2216) is still pending. Following the PC's referral of the matter to SCDC, the illumination has been removed from the sign at the entrance to the site.

Footpath 11 – Rosery Farm Cottage The PC had written to SCC about the proposed diversion and fencing of the route. However, it has now been fenced along the previously used route albeit this does not follow the registered path as per SCC's records. A letter will be sent to the landowner asking him to consider the creation of a "permissive path" at the far end of the field.

Rosery Farm Cottage- Following comments received from a number of residents, the PC wrote to SCDC regarding the use of an agricultural building for domestic purposes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Report by Charles Barrington on SALC AGM – The PC had proposed a motion seeking a strengthening of the procedures in the context of the consideration of Neighbourhood Plans by the relevant local planning authorities as required by the Localism Act 2011. CPB had attended this meeting on 7th November at which the motion was passed unanimously. SALC must now approach NALC and the DCLG to seek enhanced guidance about Neighbourhood Plans.

Other Matters – Charles Barrington had met with Joe Blackmore, the SCDC

Planning Officer for this parish, and had given him a tour of the parish and talked through the Neighbourhood Plan

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street bridge – the PC is no further forward on this matter, and Charles Barrington will write to Robin Vickery.

Road Safety (SID) – Colin Hedgley reported that SAVID had met on 29th September and were still awaiting clarification of the insurance situation.

Other Highways Matters – MC reported on a number of missing road signs and public footpath signs. He will report these on the SCC website.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Seven cheques were authorized for village sign insurance, training, office expenses and the Clerk's salary and PAYE

Data Protection Legislation – The Clerk had attended a course at SALC which was provided by an external Data Protection Organisation, who had implied that there may be a cost imposed on PCs of providing a Data Protection Officer. SALC have advised that they are awaiting advice from NALC but it is unlikely that the Clerk can be the DPO owing to a conflict of interest, neither can a Cllr.

Draft Budget 2018/19 – Cllrs considered that in the current economic climate they could no longer provide support to charities which operated outside the community, therefore it was agreed that the £100 allocated for Charities in both 2017/18 and 2018/19 should be re-allocated to training. It was agreed to maintain the precept at £4545.

External Audit and Approval of Accounts – The letter from the external auditors confirming that there were no matters requiring attention, has been

circulated to Cllrs. The Annual Return and Audit Certificate for 2016/17 were approved and accepted

Other Finance Matters – The second half of the precept has been received and the Bank Reconciliation was approved and signed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Beacons of Light 2018 – Charles Barrington updated Cllrs on plans in place for Sunday 11th November 2018, which would be held jointly with the PCC.

Creation of a Super District Council – The PC has advised that the Secretary of State has announced his “minded to” decision for creating a new council in East Suffolk. The PC will respond to the consultation.

DATES OF MEETINGS FOR 2018: The following dates were agreed:

Tuesday 16th January

Tuesday 13th March

Monday 14th May – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting,

Tuesday 3rd July

Tuesday 4th September

Tuesday 13th November

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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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

GROVE FARM RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Bonfire Night

We held their annual bonfire night on Saturday 4th November. New and older neighbours were able to share drinks and snacks while watching an excellent firework display, our thanks to Chris Dorwick for this and for organizing the event. There are not many opportunities to meet neighbours these days so much appreciated. True, Guy did not attend this year as he was treated badly last year (*he'll try harder next year – Ed*) but as a finale a large armchair was placed on the fire, we did of course check that Mrs. Stickleback was not sitting on it.

M.P. Lacey.

LET THERE BE LIGHTS AT ALL SAINTS

The late Sylvia Chenery was remembered by her family with lights on her birthday, 28th. October and again on 13th. November.

The lights shone on 11th. November to mark Remembrance Day and honour all those who have died in conflicts of two world wars.

Peter Moon was fondly remembered on 21st. November by Joan Moon.

Looking ahead, Marilyn Rodrigues, now living in America, has asked for lights to remember her late mother, Margaret Cable, on 1st. December and 2nd. Janu-

ary.

Happy New Year to everyone as the lights shine for Australia Day on 26th. January.

If you would like to light the lights for a special occasion or anniversary please contact Peter Carr at Corner Cottage, The Street. 01473 620213. A £5 donation will secure 2 hours of light at a time and date of your choosing.

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19 October 2017

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

The Council received information from the Rev Celia Cook and the PCC Secretary, Helen Clarkson, during the period of Public Participation about the CafeHub Project for All Saints Church and the future of the Angela Cobbold Hall. It was resolved to apply to SCDC for the Community Asset Listing of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application DC/17/3903/FUL Woodside, Martlesham Road: Proposed 4 bay cartlodge with studio above

This application had been approved by SCDC.

SCDC LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

A meeting had been held with SCDC to discuss issues and options and a response to SCDC on the future of the parish was agreed.

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SAVID/SID: TRAFFIC SPEED MONITORING

It was agreed to ask SCDC for data regarding the speed of traffic from use of the equipment in Martlesham Road and Playford Road.

FOOTPATH 17

SCC would be asked to install a new signpost at the entrance to this footpath by the level crossing.

FINANCE

Mr Ransome had carried out the bank statement/cheque book reconciliation for the second quarter. The following expenditure was authorised: Clerk's salary and PAYE for November and December.

BUDGET FOR 2018/19

The budget for 2018/19 was approved, as was the risk assessment for 2107/18.

TRANSPARENCY CODE FUNDING FOR IT EQUIPMENT

It was resolved to apply for funding to enable the PC to purchase its own laptop, software and scanner.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council would be on Monday 8 January 2018. Draft and approved minutes of Parish Council meetings are available on the Council's website.

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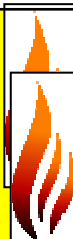
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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please see the Church services for Christmas in the December/January Fynn Lark News. We have the traditional Candlelight Carol Service on the 17th of December at 1800. Remember, do not leave it too late to arrive. We usually get 100 people in the congregation, they come from far and wide, the later you leave it the less chance you have of sitting together, although no-one will be turned away!

Crib service and Posada on Christmas Eve at 1500. This is a great service for children. But children are allowed to bring their mums and dads.

Church Roof. Many thanks to Brian Seward for overseeing the church roof repairs. We are now safe and watertight.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

16th October - sponsored by Brian Buckles for Wendy's birthday.

18th and 20th October - sponsored by Mark Krishna

19th October - sponsored by Charles Bunbury

15th November - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood on the anniversary of her Mother, Jose Booker's, birthday.

25th November - sponsored by the Bunburys

10th December - sponsored by the Bunburys

Requests to sponsor lights to : Veronica

Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com
Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home but be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time

PLAYFORD W.I.

Our Annual General Meeting was held on 7th.November 2017. All current Committee members were voted in for another year.

Also voted in were Sally Herrington as President, Liz Royle as Treasurer and Sue Bruce as Secretary.

After the formal business had concluded we went on to have a demonstration of 'How to play Ma-Jong' which was eloquently given by Fang Westbury.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

FOOTPATHS & CYCLISTS

There have been a number of complaints and safety concerns raised by residents and walkers about cyclists riding on footpaths.

Cycling is not permitted on footpaths. And cyclists are reminded of the following:

- Footpaths are rural rights of way ***specifically restricted to pedestrians*** and the right to walk along them is legally protected.

- Cycling on a footpath in England and Wales normally constitutes trespass.

PARISH COUNCIL

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

There was no report from either the **COUNTY COUNCILLOR** or the **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Build-up of silt on C324: clearance of this should be dealt with week commencing 11th Dec 2017. A site visit was held on 31st Oct to check condition of FP's 1, 3 & 20 and to discuss the redirection of FP20 – this may be achieved if certain improvements on FP1 & 20 are agreed by present landowners. Water trickling down FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow is hazardous – blocked drains in Church Lane will be flushed out by SCC Highways to alleviate this and a permanent remedy sought, progress to be reported to the clerk in due course. Overgrown verges and ditches in Hill Farm Road to be cleared by Clarke & Simpson, clerk to chase action on this. See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments authorised for clerk's expenses and for daffodil bulbs to be planted at the entrance to the Village Hall and on opposite bank. Second installment of the Precept has been received and grant money for a new bench in memory of the late Chas. Lofts. Budget for 2017-2018 is on track. Budget for 2018-19 was discussed and allowances made for increased costs. Presentation of audited

accounts for year ended 31st March 2017- these were approved and accepted although the audit was "Qualified" due to the List of Assets not having been dealt with in the same way as the previous year. Next year's audit will be conducted by a new firm of auditors and a fee of £200 may be incurred for their services. Details to be notified to the PC by SALC in due course.

HIGHWAYS

A hedge in Butts Road has been damaged by the vehicle of an unknown contractor. It has been suggested that 30mph roundels be painted onto the road surface of the C324 where the speed limit commences from the Tuddenham direction, clerk to enquire of SCC Highways about feasibility.

APPOINTMENT OF A DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

New laws coming into force on 25th May 2018 require a DPO to be appointed for each parish – it may necessary to outsource this post. Keith Carson will attend a briefing seminar regarding this in November and report back to the PC.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Meetings with the Planning Officer have taken place at SCDC. Terms of reference for a steering committee have been proposed and discussions will take place to agree on finance required and to make grant applications. Neighbourhood Plan website to be updated and an entry to be placed in the Fynn Lark News to update parishioners and to ask for further volunteers for future tasks.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/17/3587/FUL **Playford Grange, Playford Mount** – Retrospective planning permission has been granted for this application.

OTHER MATTERS

Quotes have been obtained for a Welcome to Playford sign with a 30mph speed limit – this would be part funded by grant money obtained for Speedwatch project which was not used. Enquiries have also been made regarding costs of obtaining/installing a defibrillator in Playford. Clerk to enquire about funding help from Co. and District Council budgets for both of these projects. It has been suggested that “No Cycling” signs should be purchased and placed on posts along local footpaths to deter cyclists who should not be using these routes. Retrospective permission was granted for hire of the playing field on 15th October 2017. Dates were agreed for PC meetings to be held in 2018 – please see

website for more details. New padlock and key to be obtained for the playing field gate. Problems with the lid of the new dog litter bin at the entrance to the village hall are to be reported to SCC Norse. A diversion of traffic due to a temporary road closure in Tuddenham is to be investigated by the clerk as no official notification has been given by Highways.

We still require another councillor to serve on Playford PC - please contact the clerk if you feel you could help.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Weds 19th January 2018 at 7.00pm

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Binky was never sure if he liked Christmas or not.

At his house it usually ended up with three people just about putting up with each other for six or seven hours before eventually retiring with relief and joy that it was all over for another year. Although to be fair last year was a disaster simply because Mrs S had invited Auntie Bessie to stay for Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Binky quite liked her except at meal times. Bessie insisted on eating everything with a spoon as “these knives and forks are too heavy for my weak wrists” although it never prevented her from lifting a pint of Guinness. But trying to cut into her meat and four veg with a spoon usually resulted in her spilling it all into her lap. She then complained of “slippery plates”.

At which point Mrs S would ask Binky in a controlled and authoritarian voice why he had given Auntie Bessie such a slippery plate. Binky’s retort that he could line it with sandpaper if requested did not go down well at all. Although his daft son did smile. Silence then reigned for the rest of the meal except when the Christmas pudding was being devoured and someone squealed with delight on finding a fifty pence piece in their portion. Binky then realised that the other five he had secreted in the pud had been swallowed as only the one had been identified. It put a completely new meaning to the term “passing the buck”.

However that was last year and Binky was determined to make this year a success. He knew what Mrs S had always wanted and was determined to get it for her. Frying pans were out. Even a recipe book was off the list although Binky knew that most wives would have died for a copy of “101 recipes for the start-up cook”. (or their husbands would have died, not sure which).

So ol’ Binks sat at his computer and trawled the web. Or in his case checked out a couple of websites.

Colour was not a problem. Either bright yellow or black. No, the problem was size. Now Binky knew she was a size xxxxl. But Mrs S insisted she was a xxxl. So Binks had to be ultra careful here. A size too big and his life would be hell. A size too small and it would be tears before bedtime. Binky was not daft though. So one day when Mrs S was out he rifled through her wardrobe and checked every garment for the size label. He noted it down. Fifteen dresses at XXXXL, fourteen at XXXL. Twenty pairs of knickers at xxxl and nineteen at XXL. One pair at M. Binky wondered about them but in the end decided his brain should, for the best, stop whirring. The bra’s he decided to leave he had plenty of shopping bags anyway. So he ended up with an average size of XXL. Right he thought, let’s go for that. He put his order in via his debit card and rubbed his hands with glee. All sorted and with four weeks to go. Binky strode upstairs with a spring in his step for a celebration bath. With bubbles. With a glass of red wine. He lay there luxuriating in the warm water enveloping him and the warm glow of the red wine coursing through his arteries. Unfortunately whilst placing the wine glass on the bath side after only one sip, the glass slid off and into the bathwater. Which puts a new twist to the term “coq-au-vin”. However this time Binky was really looking forward to Christmas. To see his wife’s face as she opened her present, all smiles with a tear in her eye. Binky would hug her and tell her he loved her. He would wish her a very happy Christmas as he did to everyone he knew or knew of him or read about him. And that was heartfelt.

Poor Binky.

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

The magnificent amount of £128.48p was collected and Lyn Chapman thanks all those who contributed so generously to such a great cause. As Lyn reminds us, as a Thankful Village, we have much for which we are grateful, and your support was very much appreciated.

ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

FLOOD LIGHTS

The Parochial Church Council have agreed that the Church outside floodlights will be switched on following the Sunday Evensong service which takes place on the third Sunday of each month. The lights are inward facing and will remain lit between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. This is in keeping with other Churches in the Benefice and surrounding villages and will not only enhance the appearance of the Church, but provide an element of safety on the unlit road within the village.

Sponsorship of floodlights remain available should anyone wish to celebrate that 'special occasion' and Churchwardens will be pleased to help.

CAROL SERVICE

This will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday 17th December where traditional carols will be sung. A popular, and important event in the Church Calendar, you will be

made most welcome if you are able to join us. A glass of mulled wine and mince pie will be available following the service.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Celia, Churchwardens Richard and Guy, together with members of the Parochial Church Council send sincere good wishes for a peaceful Christmas and happy New Year to both the Church and Resident community. Grateful thanks are offered for the help and support so willingly given throughout the year.

SHINGLE STREET FOLK BAND – 'RABBIE BURNS AND BEYOND'

Saturday 27th January 2018 730 p.m.

Shingle Street Folk Band welcomes you to another evening of song, verse, good company and refreshments. The programme will warm up a drek Winter's night with some familiar songs and poems, and we'll introduce you to a few less known, but enjoyable pieces as well.

Tickets: £10 (including refreshments) from Chris Pearce;

cmp0601@hotmail.com

or telephone 01473 738324 / 07925 251802

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Committee will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7th February 2018 at Culpho End House.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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LAY ELDERS

Great Bealings

Mrs Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings

01473 735565

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WELCOME

Many thanks for the warmest of welcomes we had last month when we moved into Playford Rectory (5 Brook Lane). We are so grateful for welcoming flowers, cards, cakes and even a drinks party which was absolutely wonderful.



A little bit about us - We are the Gaze family. I (Sally) am the priest in the family and am working for the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich across Suffolk. Before moving here I was Team Rector of six villages in rural Norfolk.

My official title of my new job is "Dean of Rural Mission Consultancy". Lots of people have asked me what that means

- it involves encouraging outreach and Christian service in rural areas across Suffolk: My first focus is to listen to what God is doing in the Suffolk countryside and to feed that into the Diocesan plans. My second task is to develop a network of small groups across the county where people can explore their faith informally and find ways of serving their local community together. If anyone reading this would like to find out more about these small groups, please give me a ring tel.01473 635113 email sally.gaze@cofesuffolk.org The third is to help with the application for a large national grant for church growth in the countryside. So I will be working in other places quite a lot... but I hope that I will also have a little time (mainly on Wednesdays) to help out locally - especially in Playford and working with teenagers. We are all looking forward very much to getting to know you all better in the months ahead.

Sally, Chris, Matthew (18) and Katie (8) Gaze

COMBINED BEALINGS HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 29 October

A combined Harvest Service for Little and Great Bealings was held at All Saints Church, Little Bealings this year on Sunday 29 October and was well attended by parishioners and families from both villages. Many thanks are due to all those who helped to decorate the Church, which included 2 enormous pumpkins grown by Paddy Bills. We were also fortunate to have extra flower arrangements, which were generously provided by Alan and Sally Lingley, who celebrated their 50th



Wedding Anniversary with a service on Saturday 28 October.

The Service was followed by a “bring and share” Harvest Lunch at the Angela Cobbold Hall, which was very much enjoyed by all. Many thanks are also due to all those who made a contribution to the Lunch and to those who prepared the Hall, particularly Vicki and Peter Carr and Betty Slim for the lovely flowers.

Bob Tate

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Farran Scott Douse (Gt Bealings), Jake Cartwright (Lt Bealings) and Josh Lamb (Playford) who were confirmed on Weds 8th November at Great Bealings Church. Bishop Mike Harrison led a joyous service attended by families, friends and well-wishers from the villages. Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, whether to the music, the service or the refreshments.

If anyone is interested in being confirmed at Easter next year at the cathedral, please let me know.

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

All Saints Church, Little Bealings will be displaying a number of Christmas trees in its windows this year, decorated by members of the community, including the WI and Bealings School. If you would like to be involved either as an organisation or individual, please get in touch. We will be blessing the trees at our Advent service at 8am on 3rd December.

CHURCH DIARY – DECEMBER 2017 - JANUARY 2018

Sunday 3rd	8.00 10.00	Advent Sunday Holy Communion Family Communion	Little Bealings Great Bealings
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Sunday 10th	9.00 5.00	2nd Sunday of Advent Family Communion Evening Service of Light	Playford Great Bealings
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Sunday 17th	10.00 3.00 6.00	3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Christmas Carol Service Christmas Carol Service	Little Bealings Culpho Playford
Tuesday 19th	7.00	Christmas Carol Service	Little Bealings
Wednesday 20th	9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
Thursday 21st	7.00	Christmas Carol Service	Great Bealings
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Sunday 24th	3.00 5.00 11.15	CHRISTMAS EVE Crib Service Crib Service Midnight Communion	Playford Little Bealings Great Bealings
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Monday 25th	10.00	CHRISTMAS DAY Family Communion	Little Bealings
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Sunday 31st		No Services	
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January 2018 Sunday 7th	8.00 10.00	The Baptism of Christ Holy Communion Family Communion	Little Bealings Great Bealings
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Sunday 14th	9.00	Epiphany 2 Family Communion	Playford
Wednesday 17th	9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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Sunday 21st	10.00 3.00	Epiphany 3 Family Communion Evensong	Little Bealings Culpho
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Sunday 28th	9.00 4.00	Epiphany 4 Holy Communion Messy Church	Playford Angela Cobbold Hall
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February Sunday 4th	8.00 10.00	Candlemas Holy Communion Family Communion	Little Bealings Great Bealings

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	<i>Martin Yates 07710187722</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	<i>Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511</i>
	VH Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	<i>Gill Peck 625077</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	<i>Jo Saggi 01394 448846</i>
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		<i>http://bealings.ibooka.com/</i>
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Thu 10.00	<i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	<i>07809594685</i>
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	<i>Dawn Maile 07876506327</i>
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH Thu 6.30 - 7pm	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
	:	<i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar 7.30 Apr - Sep <i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS		<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING	Book on line: <i>bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</i> or contact via voicemail <i>01473 487215</i>	
PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
WI	PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 pm	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>



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