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DECEMBER 2013 - JANUARY 2014

When the vicar leaves it is always unsettling, however I hope that the following information will help you feel confident that in fact you can manage if you work together. There is a lot of experience within the four parishes, Churchwardens for whom this is not the first vacancy, residents who bring professional skills to village life, and a Ministry Team of Elders, Reader and Ordinand who have been trained within the benefice and so understand the local situation. I feel confident that with the help of the Rural Dean Clare Sanders, and the Lay Chairman of the Deanery you will be absolutely fine.

Rural Dean

The Revd Canon Clare Sanders, 01473735183, revclaresanders@tiscali.co.uk

Clare temporarily takes the place of the parish priest and requests for baptisms, weddings, funerals and the reading of banns, must go to her. She will also keep a kindly eye on things and so if you think someone needs a visit from a priest rather than one of the Ministry Team, then that request also goes to Clare.

Deanery Lay Chairman

Mr Tony Allwood, 01394 384575, avmm38@dsl.pipex.com

Tony is happy to help with matters such as being an independent chairman for a meeting, should you want one, he is also very good with financial matters and understands the parish share system.

Mrs Gill Peck - music matters *see page 2 of this newsletter*

Local church matters - contact the churchwardens or treasurer of the church concerned, *page 2 of the newsletter*

Benefice Newsletter *see page 2 of the newsletter.*

During 2013 there have been several requests for a more simple service rota. I hope the following will be of help, although to ensure that everyone has their fair share of different services it is not possible to fix everything. Sundays 1, 2 & 4 every month will be fixed; Sunday 3 & 5 will rotate so you will still need to keep an eye on the back page of the benefice newsletter.

Family Communion service is moving to the 3rd Sunday of the month, but will continue to rotate around the churches. There will also be one non communion service a month at 10.00 a.m., for venues of both see the newsletter back page church diary.

1st Sunday 8.00 a.m. Little Bealings, 10.00 a.m. Great Bealings

2nd Sunday 8.00 a.m. Great Bealings, 10.00 a.m. Playford

3rd Sunday 8.00 a.m. Grundisburgh, 10.00 a.m. Family Communion (*see church diary*), 3.00 p.m. Evensong Culpho

4th Sunday 8.00 a.m. Playford, 10.00 a.m. Little Bealings

5th Sunday 8.00 a.m. /10.00 a.m. *see benefice newsletter*

I wish you all the best for a joyful Christmas and a healthy New Year

Pauline

BENEFICE REPORT FOR 2013

It always seems difficult to remember at the time of the Annual Meeting that the year under scrutiny is the one that finished three months ago. My retirement takes place from the 31st December 2013, which is why this report is in my name. Making the decision to retire has been a difficult one, like all good things in our lives that come to an end, the ending is bitter sweet. It will be lovely to have the freedom to visit the grandchildren who moved in the summer to Wales, and to spend more time with the family as a whole, and I must say that I will not miss those 8 o'clock services on dark freezing cold mornings. I will however miss the friendship and welcome that I have received over the last 10 years as your parish priest and the 3 years prior to that as your curate. I have enjoyed working with you all and among you.

I have enjoyed putting together special services for momentous occasions, my first official service as Rural Dean in 2006 when we packed Little Bealings Church to overflowing with churchwardens of the Deanery and their supporters, much to the surprise of the then Archdeacon, the service in Playford church celebrating the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Slave Trade Act in 2007, the Diamond Jubilee Service in Great Bealings in 2012, and in 2013 the service in Culpho church to celebrate the "Thankful Villages" run, and yes the Motor Bike really did make it into the nave! It has been a privilege to be present at those important family occasions and try to craft a service that reflects the occasion and family for whom it was written. Baptisms, Weddings and Funeral services are part of the core work of a parish priest.

One of my priorities over the time spent with you has been to encourage the four parishes to work together. This was something that had already been started before I came with Sunday services being held in a different church each Sunday, amazingly I can count on the fingers of one hand the times that someone went to the wrong church and arrived somewhat breathless as the first hymn was beginning! The financial support for the Angela Cobbold Hall and for the benefice account which now funds corporate purchases such as wine, wafers, and candles and the priest's travel expenses bears testimony to co-operation and the generosity of parishioners when we needed funding.

In 2013 we added another layer to our collaborative working through the generous offer of Adrian Melrose and Derek Wilson, treasurers of Great and Little Bealings. They agreed to take on the same role for Playford & Culpho. The scheme set up with the help of Fran Hopkins is still a "work in progress". To enable two busy people to take on the extra financial responsibility your churchwardens are overseeing the collecting and banking of the monies, and Emma Knight, a self employed book keeper has joined the team to keep the records straight. It is an innovative way of working and a possible pattern for others to follow.

At the beginning of 2013 a new system was introduced by the Diocese for the collecting of occasional fees. I am grateful to Fran Hopkins (benefice treasurer) for taking over the responsibility of collecting and paying out the fees to the relevant parties. Her funeral templates are now being used by most of the clergy in the area.

Our music thanks go to Gill Peck and our organists, Andrew Clarke, Elaine Strouts, Jane Hartley and Maurice Jones; is very much a welcome part of services. There are not many churches these days that can produce a choir anthem each Sunday, and turn out special services on Good Friday and over Christmas to such a professional standard.

A priority for me over the last five years or so has been that of building collaborative ministry - to enable people who feel that they are called to offer others their God given gifts both within and outside worship to do so. For nearly 10 years we have had

dedicated Elders working across parish boundaries, visiting when asked, preparing All Age workshops and taking part in services, to name but a few of their tasks. During 2013 Diana Gardiner was licensed as a Lay Reader by the bishop, to preach and teach among you. She underwent three hard years of study and spiritual formation for that to happen. Philip Merry will be ordained deacon in the summer of 2014 and priest in the summer of 2015, not to take over as priest in charge, but to assist with priestly work alongside the rest of the Ministry team. The Elders, Alison Baker, Denise Merry and Virginia Porter along with the Reader Diana Gardiner, and Ordinand Philip Merry form the Ministry Team and, God willing, in due course they will be joined by a new Incumbent.

If I have done my job properly the machinery should tick over without major problems until a new Incumbent is found to take you on the next stage of the Christian journey. My thanks go to those who hold office within their church particularly as Churchwardens. As a non resident Incumbent I have been very reliant on them keeping me informed of the ups and downs of parish life. And I would also like to pay tribute to people from the villages who while not necessarily churchgoers, or who worship elsewhere, see their parish church, churchyard, and the Angela Cobbold Hall as an important part of community life and put a lot of time into keeping things in good order. I hope that in the fullness of time you will extend the same welcome and generosity that you have shown me to my successor. Every Blessing for your future together.

Pauline Stentiford

Curate July 1st 2000 - 7th September 2003

Priest in Charge September 8th 2003 - December 31st 2013.

BENEFICE

DEANERY

LENT COURSE 2014

The 2014 Lent Course for everyone who is interested, will be held at St Felix Rendlesham, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Themes to be confirmed at a later date.

The four sessions will be led by the The Very Revd Frances Ward, Dean of our Cathedral.

The dates are:-

Thursday 6th March
 Thursday 13th March
 Thursday 20th March
 Thursday 27th March

BENEFICE CHOIR

Are you a singer?

If so would like to join us for our Carol Services?

We would welcome all voices but particularly tenors and basses.

Rehearsals are on Friday evenings from 7.30pm.

Please contact Gill Peck on 01473 625077 for further details

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERAL

26th November	Irene Crane	Cremation	Little Bealings
27th November	Peter Moon	Cremation	Little Bealings

KEY ITEMS WOODBRIDGE DEANERY SYNOD NOVEMBER 2013

- The Diocesan Environment Group facilitated three workshops on the themes of the Environment; Churchyards; and Shrinking your church's carbon footprint, generating a tremendous amount of thought provoking interest.
- Synod recorded their thanks and appreciation to Revd Canon Pauline Stentiford who will be retiring at the end of 2013.
- Look out for 100 Treasures, a Centenary celebratory book detailing fascinating things in the Diocese.

Diary Dates

27 November 2013 Commissioning of LGAs at 19:30 in Woolpit.

Notable Dates 2014

Deanery Lent Course

Each Thursday in March starting March 6th at 7.30pm St Felix Rendlesham,
Speaker: Dean Frances, Theme to be announced nearer the time!

29 March 2014 Archbishop Justin Welby will visit the Cathedral

20 May 2014 Archdeacon's Visitation in Grundisburgh

6 July 2014 Ipswich Regent

major celebrations at 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

23 November 2014 Cathedral Centenary Celebration event.

Deanery Synod Meetings - 2014: Topics to follow:

Wednesday 12 March St Mary's House, Woodbridge

Thursday 19 June Playford Parish Hall

Wednesday 12 November Sutton Memorial Hall

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BRITISH RED CROSS-ACROSS SUFFOLK- AUTUMN/ WINTER SNAPSHOT OF WHAT WE DO NEAR YOU

Suffolk Mobility Aids loan service has gone mobile. We can now deliver medical equipment such as wheelchairs or commodes to your home! We found that vulnerable people across the county often could not get to a local Red Cross centre and so we have introduced a new delivery service. The equipment loans are still free but there is a charge for delivery. Borrowed items can still be collected free of charge from: Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill, Ipswich, Woodbridge, Newmarket and Southwold.

We also sell second hand wheelchairs and other equipment. So far this year we have raised £50,000 locally for Red Cross services in Suffolk.

This winter we need to raise £3,000 to teach life-saving first aid skills to homeless people in Suffolk. Would you recognise the signs of hypothermia, and know what to do?

We are out and about in Suffolk schools at the moment with the Crucial Crew team. This brings together agencies such as Police, Fire and Red Cross to teach junior children how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency. A ten year old child may be able to put you on

your side in the recovery position, a simple action which could save your life! Each school visit costs the Red Cross £50.

Our Open Gardens raised over £10,000 for Suffolk services this summer and we're looking for people to help run the scheme. If you are good at organising, baking or like to meet new people, get in touch – join the team and you could help us to raise £15,000 next year.

Newsflash Philippines Typhoon Appeal - British Red Cross volunteers raised £12,000 at Tesco's collections across Suffolk at the end of November - this is a tremendous result and goes to show what a warm hearted county we are.

We spend more on helping people in Suffolk than we raise.

If you would like me to talk to your local group about the work of the Red Cross (or for anything else) contact Jane Dow on 01284 727247

Thank you for your support.

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ADVERTISING

Advertisers are reminded that this is the final edition of the year. We have been very full this year, and are very grateful to our advertisers for their invaluable and continued support.

Renewal notices have been sent out, with an absolute deadline of 10th January for re-committing. We are always open for more business, particularly if you are offering a product or service which does not currently feature.

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READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS — DECEMBER

1st December

OT Lesson 8.00 am/10.00 am
NT lesson 10.00 am only
Gospel 8.00 am/10.00 am

ADVENT SUNDAY

Readings change to year A

Isaiah 2.1-5
 Romans 13.11-end
 Matthew 24.36-44

PURPLE

RCL pg. 1

8th December

OT lesson 8.00 am /10.00 am
NT lesson 10.00 am only
Gospel 8.00 am/10.00 am

ADVENT 2

Isaiah 11.1-10
 Romans 15.4-13
 Matthew 3.1-12

PURPLE

RCL pg. 4

15th December

OT lesson 10.00 am
Gospel 10.00 am

ADVENT 3

Isaiah 35.1-10
 Matthew 11.2-11

PURPLE

RCL pg. 8

22nd December

OT lesson 8.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am

ADVENT 4

Isaiah 7.10-16
 Matthew 1.18-25

PURPLE

RCL pg. 12

24th December

OT lesson 11.30 pm
NT lesson 11.30 pm
Gospel 11.30 pm

MIDNIGHT MASS

Isaiah 52.7-11
 Hebrews 1.1-4 only
 John 1.1-14

WHITE

RCL pg. 23

25th December

NT lesson 10.00 am
Gospel 10.00 am

CHRISTMAS DAY

Titus 3.4-7
 Luke 2.8-20

WHITE

RCL pg. 21

29th December

OT lesson 11.00 am
NT lesson 11.00 am
Gospel 11.00 am

CHRISTMAS 1

Isaiah 63.7-9
 Hebrews 2.10-18
 Matthew 2.13-23

WHITE

RCL pg 27

READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS — JANUARY

5th January

OT Lesson 10.00 am only
NT lesson 8.00 am / 10.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am

EPIPHANY

Isaiah 60.1-6
Ephesians 3.1-12
Matthew 2.1-12

White
RCL pg. 38

12th January

OT Lesson 10.00 am only
NT lesson 8.00 am / 10.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am

BAPTISM OF CHRIST

Isaiah 42.1-9
Acts 10.34-43
Matthew 3.13-17

White
RCL pg. 42

19th January

OT lesson 10.00 am / 3.00 pm
Gospel 10.00 am / 3.00 pm

2ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah 49. 1-7
John 1.29-42

White
RCL pg 45

26th January

OT Lesson 10.00 am / 3.00 pm
NT lesson 8.00 am only
Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am / 3.00 pm
Psalm 10.00 am

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

Isaiah 9.1-4
1 Corinthians 1.10-18
Matthew 4.12-23
27

White
RCL pg. 49

2nd February

OT Lesson 10.00 am only
NT Lesson 8.00 am / 10.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS)

Malachi 3.1-5
Hebrews 2.14-18
Luke 2.22-40

White
RCL pg. 61

To: All Readers and Contributors

***HAPPY CHRISTMAS
& BEST WISHES FOR 2014***

From: the Editorial team and Distributors

HOME CARE & COMMUNITY MEALS CONSULTATION TAKES TO THE ROAD

On Monday 14 October 2013, Suffolk County Council (SCC) began a 12-week consultation on the future of home care and community meals in Suffolk. With more than 300 responses received so far, the consultation is well under-way, and with a number of information events announced people have a greater opportunity to get involved. The information events are being held to give residents an opportunity to speak to representatives from Suffolk County Council about the consultation. Events are being held at the following times and locations:

- Wednesday 20 November,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Bury Library
- Thursday 21 November,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Brandon Library
- Friday 25 November,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Sudbury Library
- Tuesday 26 November,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Leiston Library
- Thursday 28 November,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Ipswich Library
- Tuesday 17 December,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Bungay Library
- Wednesday 18 December,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Hadleigh Library
- Thursday 19 December,
10.00 - 12.00 noon Lavenham Library

The questionnaire, along with full details about the consultation, including, the consultation booklet, information about how to take part, FAQs and relevant Cabinet reports are available on the SCC website, through: www.suffolk.gov.uk/consultations

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THE ADMIRALS HEAD'S LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM!

Can the Admiral's Head be saved? We believe so, but we still need your help. So far 73 people have visited our website www.admiralshead.com and completed our simple survey. The nature of the responses has been very encouraging. Please visit it yourself if you would like to see a pub operating in Bealings once again. Have your say on the future too.

In mid 2012, the Admirals head stopped trading as a pub. In 2013 the parish council had the pub registered as a "Community Asset". This means it has to be offered to a local group to bid to buy it if it is to be sold on the open market. This new legislation effectively stops it being used as anything other than a pub, if there is enough local interest to buy it.

A community group has been beavering away gathering information in preparation for when a bid may be required in response to a formal offer of sale. We do have to make sure that there is enough interest in the local villages to give any new business a chance of success. The number of responses we get to the questionnaire will obviously give an important indication of interest levels. We have heard some pub history from Fred Boggis, whose father was born there. We have put it on the website for your enjoyment. Let us know if you have any stories to share. We can then add them as well to make it more informative. Contact details are on the website. Just visit www.admiralshead.com and complete the simple survey.

Patrick Keep



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Thursday 12 December 2013

1.00pm to 1.50 pm

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TOWN LECTURE

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Ipswich

Thursday 9 January 2014

1.00pm to 1.50pm

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For the concert and the lecture the kettle will be on the hob at 12.30pm for tea and biscuits (for the concert, mince pies). Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £2.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series.

More details can be obtained from secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk

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BEALINGS

POPPY APPEAL 2013

Thank you very much to all those who carried out the door-to-door collection in Bealings and Playford this year and to all those who donated.

The total raised in Little Bealings was £309.08, a little up on last year's £287.95.

In Great Bealings a collection raised £104.85.

In Playford the total was £185.45 plus the Lux farm static collection which raised £35.57, bringing the total that Playford raised to £221.02.

Next year, the centenary of the start of World War 1, it is hoped there will be collections in all of Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford. A booklet about the names on the parish War Memorials is also being considered - please let one of us know if you have any information you would like included about a family relative.

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CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Angela Cobbold Hall

Tuesday 3rd December

12.30—1.30pm

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01473 620213

BEALINGS WI

2013 was a time for WI opportunities offered and taken – coach trips, federation holidays and short breaks, and closer to home, rambles, pub lunches, theatre visit, fish and chips at Dunwich, lunch at Seckford Hall and a behind the scenes visit to Waitrose, Ipswich.

Regular WI meetings, some offering light lunches were well attended and in-

formal coffee get together remain a vital way of keeping in touch. Bealings hosted the Seckford WI Group meeting with author and broadcaster Charlie Haylock- a very successful evening.

A Stitch-up to make knitted squares into blankets for the Ukraine and a knit-in to provide woolly hats for seafarers, as well as the long running Book Group were all helped along by a welcome cup of tea.

We look forward to the Christmas meeting on Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm with entertainment from Don's Melody Makers followed by a festive tea.

Looking ahead to 2014, Thursday 16th January at 2.30pm in Bealings Village Hall Dr Paul Williams will present "Water Aid" a vitally important subject.

Visitors and new members are always most welcome.

Contact Jennifer Cook 01473 635985
Jennifer Cook

PETER'S & ROGER'S
GRAND CHRISTMAS SALE
of
" ART and ARTIFACTS "

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THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Saturday 7th December

11.00 am - 4.00 pm

Free entry with Tea and Peter's scones too!

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

So we are back to our final double issue of the year, and the end of yet another series of Magazines. Firstly that means that we have to look way ahead beyond Christmas towards February, but secondly it is time to take stock and reflect on the past year. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who, in their many and various ways, have contributed to the life of St Mary's over the past year, by coming to services, helping with the churchyard, arranging flowers, locking and unlocking, serving on the PCC, supporting FOGBC – possibly all of those things. It may be the case that the church is only full for weddings and funerals, but it does have an unobtrusive day-to-day life and that can only be sustained by the unsung efforts of many people. Thank you all for all that

you do to sustain the presence and significance of our church in an ever more secular world.

LOOKING BACK

We are delighted to let you know that Suffolk Wildlife Trust have fitted up two barn owl nesting boxes – one in the lime tree next to the entrance gate, the other in the beech tree by the shed. This comes after a survey which suggested that this was ideal barn owl territory. We are very grateful to the Trust for fitting these up.

BENCH END REPAIR

One of our ancient bench ends was damaged, insofar as a carved wooden bird had lost its head. The cross section of the break gives some idea of the age of the wood. Despite that, John and Maureen Midwinter have effected an excellent repair on the carving, so hope-

fully it will now be good for many years to come. Our thanks to them both for their concern and for their expertise.

CHURCHYARD

There was one victim of the gale-force winds in late October –a very tall holly tree keeled over, falling inwards into the churchyard. It needs to be cut up and removed. There were also a considerable number of large branches in the car park. A way has been cleared through them, and a large bonfire will be needed once we have a dry spell..

LOOKING AHEAD

100 YEARS – 100 TREASURES

This wonderful little 120 page book has been published to commemorate the 2014 Centenary of the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. It contains splendid illustrations of 100 selected treasures from churches across the county. Sadly our own wooden carvings don't quite make it, but that gives you some idea of the quality of those treasures which have been chosen. A journey through the book takes you on an armchair tour of a wide variety of treasures in a wide range of Suffolk churches.

The book costs just £5, £2 of which reverts to the parish, and a limited number of copies are available from Norman Porter. Additional orders may be placed through him. 2014 also marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War 2. If sales go well, it is intended that a significant donation should be made by the Diocese to the Royal British Legion. The book is dedicated to the Ganzoni family for their steadfast support of Suffolk churches over the years.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Even if you are only an occasional churchgoer do come along to our services over this period – you can be assured of a warm welcome. Our Carol Service will be on **Sunday 22nd December at 3.00 pm**, and will be followed by the serving of mulled wine. The other service is our **Midnight Mass**

at 11-30 on Christmas Eve. There are, of course, other services held in the other churches of the Benefice.

Finally –as most people know, the final service of Pauline's ministry amongst us will be held at **11-00 am on Sunday 29th December**, so do try to come along and give her the send off which her 13 year ministry deserves.

Churchwarden

LET THERE BE LIGHT

After last month's lack of exercise, CoCo is now becoming a sleek mature lady. I wouldn't say that I am following suit, but one cannot have everything. This month's illuminations show a record 8 occasions.

Kicking off on Nov. 30th they were lit for Eric Barnett who numerically celebrated either a very decent golf score or prudently followed my reasoning on saving on the candles for his cake !

Then arrived a Barnett Fest of requests (quite a fertile lot the Barnetts). 1st Dec : Sharon, their daughter-in-law, 2nd Dec, Harriet, their granddaughter, coupled with James, a grandson, and Ena, another granddaughter.

On Dec 6 for Caro Newland's mother, Monica Bowling, who for many years was an active member of the old Bealings Drama Group.

On 14th, for Miriam's mum – Edith's birthday, who is also coming to the concert, a double benefit of greetings and music to enjoy.

The same day, a celebration for Caro Newland's sister's – Ana Nash, golden wedding. As the church will be lit for the concert the lights will continue on 15th and 16th –we give value for money !

Please keep the celebrations coming – if you do I may be able to resume my football coaching at The Abbey!.

Roger Roseboom
01473 735153

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

FAMILY BONFIRE EVENING

Despite a forecast of possible high winds we were able to go ahead with our bonfire, organized to an untried format. Well over 100 people, including many young families, came along and enjoyed a very full 2 hours' worth of community fun. The hefty bonfire had accumulated over a lengthy period of time, and was sited on the top of a hill on Rosery Farm, so was visible for all to see. What was billed as a "modest" firework display turned out to be a wonderfully effective, varied and well-synchronised treat, thanks to the efforts of Peter and Sue Prentice. One superb guy, built by... and winning a prize, came to a quick and fiery end.

The FOGBC committee had rallied round to produce drinks, hot dogs and cakes, all of which were consumed eagerly and in significant quantities. Particular thanks to Adrian Melrose, not only for the loan of the field, but also for the acquisition and use of a second hand ex-ebay army field kitchen, which served to mull wine, cook sausages, heat soup etc. Adrian also supplied large quantities of sausages from the farm –if you haven't yet tried his Rosery Farm pork then it comes highly recommended – and you know exactly where it comes from! Sue and Mirjam Southwell between them ensured that we had plenty of cakes to follow on from the main course.

Thanks to everyone who came along to support the occasion, and to those who paid out for what was on offer, particularly to those who dropped donations into the collection buckets. Thanks too, to all who helped in a variety of capacities. As a result of much goodwill and generosity, we were able to break even on the night –quite an achievement, considering that entry was free.

CONCERT

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14TH AT 7-30

The Friends have agreed to help with the staging of a very special concert to be performed by four young musicians, all students at the Royal College of Music. The concert will be held in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, and will include items by Beethoven and Haydn in the first half, to be followed by Christmas music in the second half, after an interval during which copious refreshments will be served, with wine.

The main contact is Rose Hinton from Little Bealings and she will be joined by 3 very cosmopolitan-sounding string players. The group comprises two violins, a viola and a cello.

Tickets are priced at £10, (£8 in advance), with children free, and can be obtained from Vivien Hinton or Norman Porter (01473 735565 – nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

These fine young musicians, one of them very much a local girl, deserve your support, so please come and join us for what will be a very special occasion.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Don't forget that around-the-village carol singing is planned for **Friday December 20th - 6.30 – 8.30**. There will be two groups, starting from opposite ends of the village. All have generously been invited to The Lodge by Charles and Ann Barrington for a "stirrup cup"/larynx loosener at 6.00 pm.

One group will then head down Lodge Road towards and along Lower Street, while the other group will head off for Grundisburgh Road, meeting on the corner at 6-30 pm. We will meet up for refreshments at the end of the evening in Alison Calvesbert's studio at No 1 Boot Street. Many thanks to Alison and Paul for kindly agreeing to this. Do bring along the youngsters and make it a proper family occasion. Proceeds will once again be sent to a local charity, probably EACH.



**Christmas Greetings
and every blessing
for the coming year**

from
**The Revd Canon Pauline Stentiford
and the Churchwardens
of Great & Little Bealings
with Playford & Culpho**

Christmas Services 2013

Sunday 15th December

10.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
3.00 pm	Carol Service	Culpho
6.30 pm	Carol Service	Playford

Sunday 22nd December

8.00 am	Holy Communion	Playford
3.00 pm	Carol Service	Great Bealings
6.30 pm	Carol Service	Little Bealings

Tuesday 24th December

4.00 pm	Crib Service	Little Bealings
11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Great Bealings

Wednesday 25th December

10.00 am	Family Communion	Playford
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Sunday 29th December

11.00 am	Holy Communion Farewell to Pauline	Great Bealings
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PROGRESSIVE SUPPER PARTY

This is well established on the village social calendar – the tenth anniversary of this event, our attempt to banish the dark, early February blues cannot be far off. Essentially this is a village on-the-hoof get-together, going around the houses, with each of the participants offering one course, and all meeting up together at a mystery venue at the end of the evening.

Norman and Virginia Porter will once again be organising the event, and will be emailing all the regulars, hoping that they will once again be up for it. For those recently arrived in the village, do email nhp@rillcott.co.uk or call 01473 735565 and a full explanation will be provided as to how it all works. There is no better way of getting to know your fellow villagers. As ever the date is the first Saturday in February, so make sure that **Saturday February 1st** is boldly entered in your diaries.

The Friends

ST MARY'S CHURCH GREAT BEALINGS

The Friends of Great Bealings church invite you to a

CONCERT

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER at 7.30 pm

THE STELLA QUARTET

4 students of The Royal Academy of Music



Rose Hinton (UK) - Violin
Lara Sullivan (Ireland) - Violin
Chloe Vansoeterstede (France) - Viola
Tatiana Chernyshova (Russia) - Cello

Programme to include music by Beethoven, Haydn and Christmas Music

Tickets: £10. (£8 in advance). Children free

- to include generous refreshments from:

Norman Porter 01473 735565 nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Vivien Hinton 01473 623037 vivien@vhinton.plus.com

Everyone welcome - do join us

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on 12 November 2013. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

REPORT BY POLICE

FROM COLIN HEDGLEY, 12PT REP

PCSO Justin Moss reported that there had been 1 crime reported – a theft - which is being investigated. Residents were reminded to keep an eye on their heating oil. A speed check has been carried out on Boot Street however there were no prosecutable offences to report. There was some confusion over whether cars were legally allowed to be prosecuted down Boot Street because there is not enough “conviction distance” . PCSO Moss said he would look into this. He was also asked to request that the mobile speed sign be deployed for use along Boot Street. The mobile police station will be visiting the village on the 3rd December at 2.15pm. Cllr Colin Hedgley reported that he had sourced the “Think 30” sticky signs for wheelie bins along Boot Street and Lodge Road.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Community Action Suffolk has reported that 63 of the 110 surveys were returned. We are now awaiting the analysis and report. Great Bealings have received the official notification letter that the Neighbourhood Plan has been accepted from Hilary Hanslip, SCDC.

EAST ANGLIA ONE WINDFARM

The final deadline for submissions for any outstanding matters is approaching – 26 November 2013.

PLANNING

DC/13/3204/FUL

Woodend, Grundisburgh Road, Great Bealings

Erection of extensions, chimney, plinth and associated alterations

Councillors were concerned about what

would happen to the two mature trees, the Horsechestnut and the Lime and the Clerk was asked to obtain additional information before a comment could be submitted to SCDC

HIGHWAYS

Derek Oldham reports on the condition of Lodge Road:- *“there is a 50m length of the edge of the carriageway which has deteriorated and would benefit from strengthening. I will review budgets to see if we can fund this this year.”* Mr Oldham also gave the approximate cost for having the earth bund on Boot Street repaired.

We now have 10 volunteers for Speedwatch and are waiting for Malcolm Gooch to deliver the paperwork for completion to Suffolk Constabulary.

Jeremy Hearle has made the frame for the Notice Board and is awaiting the arrival of the glass. Once this has arrived he will position it on the corner of Grundisburgh Road/Boot Street – with the assistance of Cllr Colin Hedgley – and remove the existing Notice Board located in Boot Street.

FINANCE

Cheques for Community Speedwatch and insurance for the village sign were signed and authorised. The draft budget was reviewed – to be adopted at the January meeting.

Peter Bellfield was formally thanked for funding the full cost of the new notice board for Boot Street at a cost of £496.

CORRESPONDENCE

A new 2013 model of Standing Orders has been received which the Parish Council may want to adopt.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Julian Haywood Smith will be standing down as a Councillor and asked that a replacement Councillor be found as soon as possible.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

14 January 2014

Sarah Cartwright – Clerk
01473 621050

Email: greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

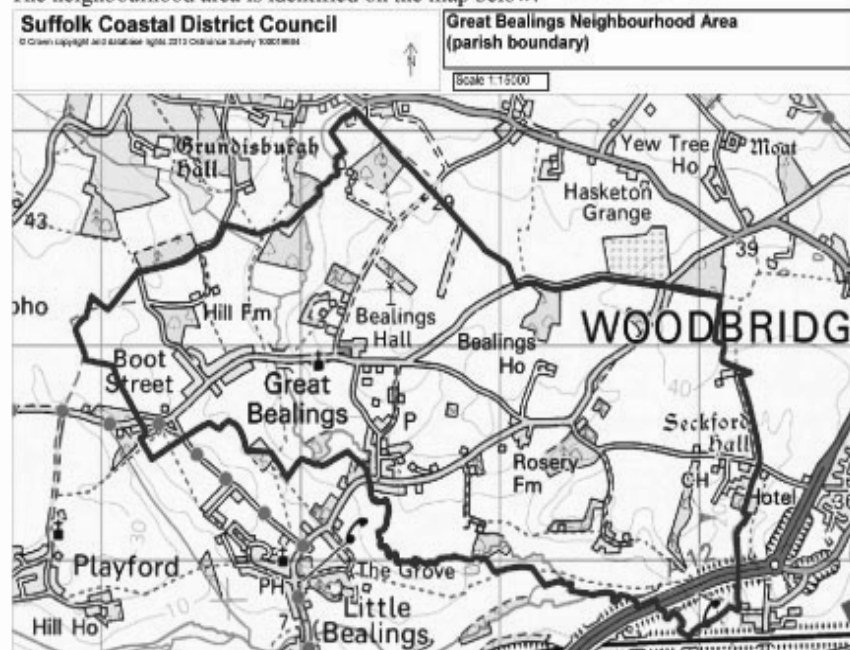
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING NOTICE

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Article 7)

In accordance with the above Regulations, notice is hereby given that Suffolk Coastal District Council has **APPROVED** the following neighbourhood area:-

Name of neighbourhood area **GREAT BEALINGS**
Name of "relevant body" **GREAT BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

The neighbourhood area is identified on the map below.



Signed

Date: 29/10/2013

Philip Ridley - Head of Planning & Coastal Management Services

Re Neighbourhood Area – Great Bealings

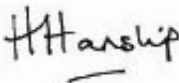
I am pleased to inform you that on 29th October 2013 Suffolk Coastal District Council approved the designation of the Neighbourhood Area for Great Bealings.

Details of the designated neighbourhood area can be viewed on:

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/assets/Documents/District/Planning-policy/Community-led-planning/Decision-Notice-Great-Bealings.pdf>

In addition to publishing the information on the Council's website, this Council is also required to bring this information to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area. I would be very grateful therefore if you could include a copy of the decision notice in your next parish newsletter. Could you also place copies on your town notice boards and provide a link or copy of the decision on your own town website. I have provided 10 hard copies with this letter. I have attached a separate pdf file of the decision notice with the electronic copy of this letter for you to use.

Yours sincerely



Hilary Hanslip
Principal Planning Officer - Policy

LITTLE BEALINGS

ALL SAINTS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

- 10 NOVEMBER

It was a beautiful sunny day when representatives from all our four parishes came together at the war memorial in Little Bealings churchyard to remember those from our villages who gave their lives during the two Great Wars.. Their names were read and wreaths of poppies were laid from all four parishes. This followed on after a special remembrance service in the church, where candles were lit to the memory of all soldiers, sailors and airmen who fought in two wars, It was a very moving occasion.

CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS

You will find a full list of all the Christmas services at our Churches elsewhere in this magazine, but this is just to welcome every one to our Christmas Carol service in Little Bealings church which will be held on Sunday 22nd of December at 6.30pm. This will be a service with readings, prayers ,your favourite carols for everyone to sing and the Benefice choir are already rehearsing a few numbers of their own which we hope you will enjoy

The Crib service for all the very young, the young and the young in heart will be celebrated at Little Bealings church on Christmas Eve , December the 23rd at 4.00pm

If any one would like to help decorate the church for Christmas with holly, ivy, candles and berries, I would be very glad of some help. Perhaps some of our families would like to decorate the small tree we have in the porch. This will be done on Saturday December 21st. Please let me know if you would like to join in. Tel 01473 610219

FALLEN TREES

The recent gales brought down two very large oaks in the north of the church-

yard. Thankfully they narrowly missed several grave stones nearby and stopped short of falling into the road close by. So we were thankful for that, but it is very sad to loose two such large and beautiful trees. We were very grateful to Eddie Howlett, a tree surgeon from Great Bealings, who came so promptly and made the tree safe, before felling it and sawing up all the wood.

CHURHYARD CLEARANCE

Several days after the storm there was a small party of helpers led by Bob Tate, who turned up to do a final clearance in the churchyard and make ready for the winter months. Branches and debris that came down with the high winds have made a large bonfire and a last mowing of the grass around the war memorial enabled us all to make a smooth crossing on Remembrance Sunday.

THANKS

This being the last magazine for the current year and not another till February, I have been reflecting on all the wonderful support that has been flowing to our church this year. Some are regular churchgoers, some friends of the church who have contributed to both the worship and the everyday running of our village church. We are so grateful to you all, particularly to Bob Tate who has taken over the maintenance of the churchyard, as an extra to being a sidesman and heating expert! My very grateful thanks also to Fran Hopkins for taking on the management of the church building which, as churchwarden, I am grateful to be relieved of. This is on going work and will be a busy time next summer when there will have to be work done on the tower and probably retiling of the northern roof.

We really do appreciate all those who have come forward to be involved in whatever way and offer your skills to

help look after our church. Some are first timers this year and some have been working together for some time. It may be flowers at the altar, cleaning, polishing brass, locking and opening the church, singing in the choir, leading worship, setting up services, mowing the churchyard, the list can go on forever. It is good to have you all on board looking after your church. If any anyone is interested in joining in please contact your churchwarden

Paddy Bills tel: 01473 610219 or email: paddybills@gmail.com

Paddy Bills - churchwarden

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The lights shone "on Friday, November 1st for the Patronal Feast of All Saints, with grateful thanks for 10 happy years in Little Bealings, from Peter and Vicki Carr of Corner Cottage."

Thanks to the loss of power on Monday, October 28th, the birthday of the late Sylvia Chenery was marked in light on Monday, November 4th.

Melanie's father was lovingly remembered on his birthday by Melanie and Robert on Sunday, November 3rd.

Joan and Peter Moon celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary on Thursday, 7th November.

The memories of the fallen were honoured by the light on Remembrance Day, Monday, November 11th.

The lights will shine for Tom Field, in Sydney, Australia, as he celebrates his 12th birthday on Wednesday, November 27th.

PLEASE NOTE - Requests for the lights for December and January should go to Vicki Carr of Corner Cottage, Little Bealings. 01473 620213.

Light up the dark evenings by celebrating for the small price of £5 – note or cheque payable to Little Bealings PCC.

Joan Moon

MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

I would like to extend my thanks to all the folk in Richards Drive, Little Bealings for their kindness and generosity in donating £73.13 to the recent house to house collection in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Ian Craig

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 30September and 4 November 2013

POLICE

There had been no reported crime in the parish during October. It was advised to secure oil tanks against theft of oil. Anyone concerned at 'cold callers' or licensed hawkers should contact the police via 101 at the time of the call.

The police were continuing to liaise with Bealings School over road safety advice.

Data had shown an increase in average speed along Martlesham Road over the last year. Speed checks had been carried out in Playford Road and in Martlesham Road by Dan's Meadow, but other locations in Martlesham Road were not considered safe for this.

It was agreed to consider attending 12PT (12 parishes together) Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings again. Mrs Rogers and Mrs Cornish were appointed as join-representatives of the Council.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH TEAM FOR LITTLE BEALINGS

Further consideration would be given to forming a Community Speed Watch, whereby local residents used a speed camera to record vehicle speeds and note vehicle details. Full training is given – please contact the Clerk if you would like to become part of a CSW Team in the village.

EXPOSED KERB IN THE STREET

SCC had agreed to remove the kerbstone, but had no funding for works this year. It was thought it may be more cost effective to remove the kerbstone when The Street was resurfaced in 2015.

STORM DAMAGE ON 28 OCTOBER

Various trees had been blown down around the village. A resident who belonged to the Plymouth Brethren Rapid Response Team had arranged some of the clearance work. It was noted that some trees and branches had rested on live cables for some time after power was restored, and other trees fell after the storm was over.

The Parish Council would like to ask all residents to consider the care of trees on their property, especially where trees and high shrubs are near boundaries, roads or footpaths. Some trees have a great deal of ivy on them and may be vulnerable to damage in high winds.

SANDBOX REPLACEMENT AT THE LEVEL CROSSING

This would be provided in due course.

PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

A meeting of interested residents had identified several properties in The Street in need of sewerage improvements. However, the Council is unable to proceed with an application to Anglian Water for a public sewer without written details of the problems for each property including, ideally, a professional assessment. Residents are asked to contact the Clerk as soon as possible with such information if they wish their property to be included in an application; it may be possible to arrange a joint assessment to lower costs. Residents are also asked to consider whether their system is able to cope assuming full occupancy of the property. Once information is available a meeting will be arranged with Anglian Water and SCDC's Environmental Health Officer to discuss the application.

SCDC PLANNING

SCDC Cllr Tony Fryatt reported that SCDC intended extra funding for the planning service over the next four years to improve performance.

The legal challenge to the Core Strategy (in respect of Adastral Park housing) meant that the district was vulnerable to applications for housing, on the grounds it did not have enough sites allocated.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL\0231\13: Installation and Operation of Small Scale Electricity Generation Plant: Land Adjacent to Sinks Pit, Hall Road
It was agreed to withdraw the Council's objection to this following the receipt of more information about noise levels.

DC/13/2799/FUL 6 Holly Close: Proposed Single-Storey Side Extension

DC/13/2976/FUL Finn Toft Martlesham Road: Erection of Single Storey Side Extensions and Alterations

It was agreed there was no objection to these applications.

C12/2483: Finches Hill, The Street: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD): For a swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law previously attached to dwelling but since 02/12/12 not attached: refused
SCDC had deferred consideration of a report in respect of enforcement action and in any event was recommending that no action be taken. SCDC's attention had been drawn to the history of the site and enforcement action requested.

DC/13/2384/FUL: Marchwood, Martlesham Road – Insertion of dormer windows and rooflights to facilitate provision of first-floor accommodation

C12/2414: Leawood House, Sandy Lane

Installation of solar photovoltaic panels on the flat roof of a garage within the curtilage of Leawood House

DC/13/2558/FUL: Woodside, Martlesham Road: Erection of a single storey side extension to form self-contained one bedroom annexe

DC/13/2448: Grove Farm Cottage, Sandy Lane

Erection of two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension, detached outbuilding and alterations to drive/parking area

SCDC had given permission for these developments. There was concern that the application for Grove Farm Cottage had been approved without Committee consideration in view of objections from the Parish Council and neighbours. SCDC Cllr Tony Fryatt explained the criteria which resulted in referral of an application to Committee and that SCDC was trying to decrease the number of applications not determined by officers.

EAOW1, 3 AND 4

It was noted that a draft Development Consent Order had been published for EAOW1. More details are available on the planning portal website: <http://infrastructure.planningportal.gov.uk/projects/eastern/east-anglia-one-offshore-windfarm>

It seemed unlikely that consent would be given for the installation of the ducting for EAOW3 and 4 at the same time, meaning that the disruption would be repeated for each project. It was agreed to repeat the Parish Council's objection to EAOW3 and 4 on the same grounds as for EAOW1.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

It was noted that the community group looking at a possible buy-out had set up its own website and was undertaking an on-line survey.

FOXHALL STADIUM

SCDC had advised that a draft Operating Licence was not yet available for parish council consultation.

FINANCE

The second half of the precept had been received from SCC (£3012.61) together with payments from SCC for footpath cutting (£162.78) and from Great Bealings PC for half of the insurance premium for the shared

wooden village sign (£9).

Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary and PAYE.

The budget for 2014/15 was approved and can be seen on the Parish Council's website.

Mrs Wilson had considered the Council's insurance provision and confirmed that it was appropriate. Premiums had reduced as a result of a more competitive market and taking a 5 year commitment to the policy.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

It was agreed that there was currently no need for the Council to have such a policy as events involving children were not arranged by the Council. Mrs Cornish agreed to be the contact point in the event a need for a policy arose.

REPRESENTATION AT OTHER MEETINGS

It was agreed that Mrs Rogers would represent the Council at the SCDC Town/Parish Budget Review Meeting and Mrs Wilson would attend the East Suffolk Partnership Forum Conference.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 6 January 2014. During the first 15 minutes of all Council meetings the public are welcome to raise any matters of concern with Councillors. The public may also speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item.

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

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01473 610088*

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Website:
www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net*

PLAYFORD

PLAYFORD CHURCH NOTES

Well the long winter nights are now drawing in and work in the church yard is coming to a halt and internal work will take over. You may have noticed the improvement in the general state of the churchyard over the past six weeks. This is due to a working party we had from a local establishment and they worked very hard indeed: strimming, mowing and collecting fallen branches, twigs and leaves. We are hoping for more of their visits but we will have to negotiate on that one.

We had a visit, as did other churches locally, from The Silver Society to examine, photograph and record any silver we had in the church, which as most of you know is very little. They thought our church was “delightful and much loved” which of course it is.

It has been reported to me that the Loop System is not working properly and so that is being investigated.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

15th November Sponsored by Glenda Grimwood for the birthday of her Mother, Jose Booker, with love from all her family

19th November Sponsored by Gina Corani in memory of her Mum, Jean Corani

2nd December Sponsored by Gina Corani for Tina’s Birthday, granddaughter’s 1st Birthday and expected granddaughter on 26th.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage
Tel: 01473 623366 or email:
vronx@btinternet.com

NB if the request is for the same day or at very short notice, it is advisable to telephone, or ring the doorbell if posting

a request, to ensure that Veronica will be at home to switch on the lights.

CHURCH LIGHTS AT CHRISTMAS

As I am sure everyone knows, it is a Playford tradition (as indeed, I am sure, it is for most other villages) to put on the church floodlights during the Twelve Days of Christmas starting on Christmas Eve. We are hoping to cover the cost by asking for sponsorship from Playford residents. It is suggested that £5 per night would cover the cost of the electricity. Coming home to Playford at night time during the Festive Season it is a lovely and heart warming sight to see across the fields our lovely little Church all lit up. Please let me know if you would like to sponsor a night.

I have always been a little puzzled by the expression “Twelve Nights of Christmas” as when I have counted up it always came to thirteen. In the current edition of ‘The Lady’ magazine it says:

“Christmas Eve is **not** the first day of Christmas” (*as the writer and me too, had always thought*). “Christmas Day is, but that means that Twelfth Night is 5th January. Forget that: 6th January is Twelfth Night, as it always has been, even though it is really the 13th Night”.

It would be a great shame not to have the Church floodlit on Christmas Eve, I believe, and also on Twelfth Night so we are looking for sponsorship for **fourteen** nights!

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceeding of Playford’s Parish Council meeting held on

6th Nov. 2013. A full version of the minutes appears on the website:
www.playford.org.uk

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Tim Llewellyn has been co-opted on to the Council.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- The two grit bins which were smashed by SCC roadside verge-trimming operations are to be replaced by yellow plastic ones in due course.
- The drainage ditch outside the village hall has still not been cleared of nettles but this should be done with the next hedge-trimming.
- Footpaths no.s 1 and 20 are still badly overgrown with weeds at the Playford entrances – Clerk is awaiting an update from SCC Highways dept on this.
- The white railings over the river bridge in Butts Road were checked for safety in Aug 2012 – SCC do not have funds for re-painting these and a risk assessment package would need to be submitted to SCC before they would sanction the Parish Council employing anyone to do the work.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Peter Bellfield reported that BT's contract with SCC would not be renewed and that CSD, HR, IT & Finance Operations would be dealt with in-house, thus creating another 400-500 jobs but saving money overall. Planning Permission has been granted for a new council office for Waveney DC in Lowestoft – this should save £3m in running costs. The County Council must save £156m from their budget of £590m in the next 4 years; education will not be affected but carer's schedules and visiting routes may be re-organised and the running of children's homes may be passed over to the voluntary section. Broadband coverage is to be scrutinised carefully and the creation of more apprentice jobs is being considered.

POLICE REPORT

There were no reported crimes in Playford during October.

FINANCE

Cheques were signed for grass cutting services, tax on clerk's salary and expenses.

Mrs Veronica Bunbury was added as a signature to the NS&I account, replacing Simon Hanson.

The budget is on track - this will be fully reviewed at the next meeting when the budget for 2014-2015 will be agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning permission has been granted for alterations at 1 The Courts, Playford, ref: **DC13/2224/FUL**

EAST ANGLIA ONE WINDFARM AND CABLE CORRIDOR

In September, various councillors attended hearings at Ipswich Town Hall and the clerk attended a site visit to view the proposed cable route. It seems that no compensation for disruption during the cable-laying will be forthcoming but that 1700 jobs would be created by the process.

UPDATE OF STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

These have been revised by Joan Metcalfe: New Standing Orders and Code of Conduct have now been adopted by the council and amendments to the Financial Standing Orders will be approved at the next meeting. A Complaints Procedure has also been drawn up and will be discussed at the next meeting and the Risk Assessment schedule has been updated.

OTHER MATTERS

- Five paintings of Playford scenes by Pocock are to be made available to the village. It will be discussed at the next meeting whether these should be auctioned to parishioners or purchased for the village as a whole.
- The possibility of joining Great & Little Bealings in a joint showing of the live theatre production, Beauty's Legacy was discussed but it was felt that not enough interest would be generated.

•After the recent power cuts, it was decided to urge parishioners to check any trees on their property to ensure they were not fouling any BT cables as this could possibly help to avert further disruptions to BT services.

•SCC is to be approached to provide a Dog Litter Bag dispenser in the village hall car park to lessen the possibility of *Toxocara Canis* in surrounding areas.

•Mr Matthew Percy of Kesgrave has again expressed a wish to be co-opted on to the council but it was felt that a Playford resident should be co-opted if

possible if/when we needed an extra member of the council.

•Quotes have been obtained for an outdoor table tennis table – these will be discussed at the next meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.00pm, Wednesday, 8th January 2014

- dates of other meetings in 2014 will be available on the website shortly.

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SPONSORED LIGHTS

The lights were sponsored by Alan and Jenny Walters on the 10th and 12th November, in loving memory of Jenny's Dad and Step-mum.

On the 11th November, the lights were lit by John and Shirley Grey to commemorate Remembrance Day.

The lights will be lit again on the 18th December, in loving memory of Margaret Gornall's Mother.

Shirley Grey

CAROL SERVICE

The Christmas service will take place on Sunday 15th December, 2013 at 3 p.m. when the Benefice choir will be in attendance. This will be the last Sunday service taken by Pauline, at Culpho Church, before her retirement at the end of the year. It would be lovely to see the Church full and as always, if you able to be present, you will be made very welcome.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

On behalf of Pauline and all members of the Parochial Church Council, grateful thanks are extended to both the Church and Resident community for all the support received throughout the year and with sincere best wishes for a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

INTERREGNUM

Following Pauline's retirement on the 29th December, the Church will be some considerable time before a new Priest is appointed. During this period Churchwardens Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall together with the Rural Dean, Canon Clare Sanders, St. Mary's, Grun-disburgh, will assume responsibility for St. Botolph's. Please do not hesitate to get in touch on any matter relating to the Church; they will be only too pleased to help. Services at the Church will continue as at present; Evensong on the third Sunday of the Month at 3 p.m. and Holy Communion 10. 30 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

NEXT P.C.C. MEETING

This will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12th February, 2014 at Culpho End House by kind permission of Churchwarden Guy Hartfall.

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CHURCH DIARY - JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 1st 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 5th
 8.00 Holy Communion **Little Bealings**
 10.00 Sung Eucharist **Great Bealings**
 WEDNESDAY 8th 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 12th
 8.00 Holy Communion **Great Bealings**
 10.00 Sung Eucharist **Playford**
 WEDNESDAY 15th 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 19th
 8.00 Holy Communion **Grundisburgh**
 10.00 Family Communion **Great Bealings**
 3.00 Evensong **Culpho**
 WEDNESDAY 22nd 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 26th
 8.00 Holy Communion **Playford**
 10.00 Choral Matins **Little Bealings**
 WEDNESDAY 29th 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 2nd
 8.00 Holy Communion **Little Bealings**
 10.00 Morning Prayer with Hymns **Great Bealings**

CHURCH DIARY - DECEMBER

January Diary—see page 35 (inside back cover)

SUNDAY 1st		ADVENT SUNDAY	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Little Bealings
WEDNESDAY 4 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 8th		2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Playford
WEDNESDAY 11 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 15th		3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	10.00	Holy Communion with hymns	Great Bealings
	3.00	Carol Service	Culpho
	6.30	Carol Service	Playford
WEDNESDAY 18 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 22nd		4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	3.00	Carol Service	Great Bealings
	6.30	Carol Service	Little Bealings
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TUESDAY 24th		CHRISTMAS EVE	
	4.00 pm	Crib Service	Little Bealings
	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Great Bealings
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WEDNESDAY 25th		CHRISTMAS DAY	
	10.00	Family Communion	Playford
		<i>No service at Culpho today</i>	
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SUNDAY 29th		1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	
	11.00	Sung Eucharist	Great Bealings
		<i>farewell to Pauline</i>	