

Fynn - Lark News

FEBRUARY 2018



TIME FOR A GOOD BOOK

Short days, long nights: the perfect time to find a good book. I concede the Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting Minute Book is not the obvious choice for many, but winter has provided an opportunity to take a look at what has concerned the village down the years, since the first Parish Meeting held on 9 March 1896.

Meetings got off to a slow start: *“Parish Meeting called March 6th, 1898: No one but Chairman Mr J.T. Littleford attended, Clerk to Council ill.”*

By **1922**, things were hotting up: 12 candidates stood for election as Parish Councillors, with 35 residents there to vote 5 of them in: William Bailey, Charles Edwards, William Edwards, Herbert Knappett and Ernest Porter.

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In **1925** problems with traffic were starting:

...complaining about the dangerous corners of the four crossways, at the junction of Beacon Hill and Martlesham Road...that several accidents have occurred there....a letter be sent to the Clerk of the County Council concerning the dangerous corners in the village. It is estimated that between eighty and hundred motors go through the Parish every day and request that danger posts be erected warning motorists of the dangerous and concealed corners by the Admirals Head Inn leading to the School and also to the Grove.... complaining of the dangerous corner at the junction of Holly Lane and Church Hill, requesting that it be altered without delay as several accidents have already occurred at this point..."

During the **1930s** meetings considered celebrations for the Silver Jubilee of George V and the Coronation of George VI, with ideas including mugs and a village history booklet for children. But in **1937** discussions turned to 'the present chaos' with a talk on air raid precautions, a first aid post - 'The Red Cross have arranged to lecture to all Women's Institutes' - and dispatch riders - 'Col Meadows suggested that the older school-children should be trained in this cause'. Questions were asked:

"What is our subcentre? Witnessham at present, owing to lack of life in Woodbridge

How to obtain Gas Masks? These are distributed to members of Government School, who will circulate them to various centres

What is cost of protective clothing and of what does it consist? Consists of an oilskin outfit with rubber boots."

Woodbridge was clearly not making preparations!

In the latter **1940s** items included building Bealings Village Hall (with Great Bealings), obtaining two bus shelters, a telephone kiosk, and better postal facilities. The water supply for new houses in Holly Close was of concern: *"there would not be surplus water, [but] provision had been made for a supply that would be sufficient to meet all reasonable needs. It was hoped that in 3 to 4 years the main would be laid through the parish".* They also *"expressed concern at the antiquated sanitary arrangements at Bealings School."*

Housing was wanted but a meeting *"held out very little hope that Bealings would get any new houses in the near future."* Someone was moved to complain about the *"unlevel level crossing"*. Tinned food resulted in a request *"for the clearance of refuse from the Council houses thus eliminating the unsightly heap of tins in Holly Lane"*.

In **1946**, an impressive 78 residents attended. There was rejection of any WWII Victory Celebrations, presumably on financial grounds:

"Capt. Crane Chairman of Great Bealings Parish Council gave details of the proposed celebrations in his parish, these were to take the form of a tea and social gathering in Mrs Dewing's garden for the aged and the children. Mr Jenkinson raised the question of finance to cover the cost of any celebrations and pointed out that any contribution from the R.D.C. [the SCDC of the day] would be a charge on the Parish rates. Proposed Mr White that Little Bealings should organise similar celebrations to those proposed for Great Bealings, there was no seconder for the proposition."

But by **1953** there was great enthusiasm

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for ideas to celebrate the Queen's Coronation: *Woodbridge.*"

"Bonfire and fireworks in the evening

Sports

Coronation Mugs and nuts (?) for children under school age

Old age pensioners to be taken to see the Coronation film

Beer to be free

A pageant to be held

Flowering trees to be planted

Dancing on the lawn

A cricket match to be held

A television set to be hired"

In the **1950s** parish representatives ventured to London, fighting to keep the railway station open, as: *"The Doctors which served Little Bealings were mostly in Woodbridge and that patients visiting their Surgery went by train. Quite often persons attending Hospital as out-patients had to go to the hospital on Mondays and Wednesdays, and as there were no buses on that day, it would not be possible for them to go if there were no trains. In bad weather the railway was used by a considerable number of people going to work in Ipswich and Woodbridge who sometimes cycle. The trains are used for going to Ipswich on a Saturday for football and during the summer by persons going to the seaside as the buses are usually full. It was understood that a number of children used the trains for going to Ipswich to school."*

After the station closure, Eastern Counties Omnibus Company provided more buses, but there were strong protests that a charge of "1/= was now being made for delivery of goods sent by Railway as they came from

In the **1960s** there were other, now familiar, concerns:

"...to see whether some form of Speed Limit could be placed on the Martlesham and Playford Road by reason of the large number of vehicles which now used the road. Various counts of the number of cars using the road had been taken by the County Council and the Police had radar checked over 500 cars and as result of this the County Council in conjunction with the Police Authority had informed the Parish Council that a Speed Limit could not at the moment be justified."

"The question of the extension of the Sand and Gravel Pit and the noise and nuisance caused by the present working had been under constant review by the Council and that two Members of the Council had attended with a Sub-Committee of the County Council on the site and had put the Council's views, namely, that they did not wish any extension to the Gravel Pit and that the present workings were already causing considerable annoyance."

And so, it continues, an annual snapshot of life in Little Bealings. All the minutes are now digitised and being uploaded to: <http://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/annual-parish-meetings/> The original hand written Minute Book will be deposited at Suffolk Records Office.

Is it a good read? Well, if you want some very local history about our village it's ideal!

*Carol Ramsden,
Clerk to Little Bealings Parish Council
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DIARY - WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Sat 3rd Red Cross Sponsored Walk & Fun Run Playford Village Hall
Sun 25th Concert - Rosemary Hinton St Mary's, Great Bealings

APRIL

Sat 21st 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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A THANK YOU TO ALL OUR HELPERS

We have not forgotten the promise made in the December issue that we would organize a get-together of all our many helpers and distributors as a thank you for their loyalty and commitment.

Somehow January has not seemed quite right for this but we will try to identify a suitable date and opportunity for doing this, as we move towards spring.

OBITUARY AND FAREWELL PROFILE – PADDY BILLS



In early December Little Bealings lost a beloved member of the community, when we heard that Paddy had died suddenly, a victim of acute double pneumonia. It came as a real shock as Paddy was still very active in the Benefice. The funeral service took place in All Saints, Little Bealings on Thursday 21st December and

it took the form of a carol service, as an unofficially dedicated tribute to Paddy's many years in the Benefice Choir, and in sad acknowledgement of her absence from this year's carol services.

The service was conducted by Rev Canon Pauline Stentiford, for many years Priest-in-Charge, alongside Paddy, and Paddy's late husband Geoff, as churchwardens. Pauline, in turn, read out words of tribute from the previous incumbent, Rev Christine Everett, who recalled that Paddy was not just a brilliant and dedicated churchwarden, but also a loving friend, an intelligent and wise person on whom she could rely when advice was needed. She was also a good listener. Christine also recalled how Paddy loved Little Bealings Church and spent many an hour caring for it, preparing for services, and praying in it. Her creative skills were evident not only in her paintings and pastels, but also in her lovely home and garden. She opened up her home to church meetings, and hosted an alpha course. Pauline warmly echoed those sentiments and added that Paddy and Geoff were exemplary churchwardens, and that they subsequently became firm friends.

Paddy had for several years been co-organiser of the Bealings Plant Sale – indeed, in the years when it moved to the Manor House from The Cottage in Great Bealings, she and Geoff had been prime organisers, determined to keep the traditional fund-raising event going. She continued to be a great source of energetic organisation when the event moved to the Village Hall, and provided pots, plants, encouragement, and ideas despite declining energy.

Paddy had, many years ago, been a founding member of the walking group, affectionately self-styled as the Boghoppers, and was an intrepid walker, not only with that group, but in her daily routines – a wonderful advertisement for walking as a means of maintaining good levels of health. She was also made a

lifetime President of the Bealings Indoor Bowls Club and enjoyed the game until the end.

Her membership of the choir, mentioned above, was special. She was loyal and steadfast in her support, and readily opened her house for rehearsals and choir parties.

Few people will know just how much Paddy contributed to the very fabric of village life in Little Bealings. Her support, both spiritual and practical for the village church was very much of her generation. It was an integral part of her life. She and Geoff were a wonderful partnership, and it says much for Paddy's indomitable spirit that she continued to channel her considerable energies into village and church life, even after she had lost Geoff. It is sometimes difficult to fathom the extent of the contributions of such people until they are no longer with us. Suffice it to say that Paddy is, and will continue to be, greatly missed.

Contributed collectively by Pauline Stentiford, Norman Porter, Gill Peck and John Midwinter

REMEMBERING PADDY BILLS.

At a packed church on 21st December, a moving service took place in memory of a special lady, Paddy Bills. Wherever she went and whoever she met, her presence was felt with a love and affection few of us achieve. She was also a positive person with firm views on many subjects, which she reached after listening to the opposite opinion. She was a true ambassador of life. The service reflected her contribution to our church, the Benefice, and our Community. A committed and loyal member of the choir, who responded with some beautiful singing. However, what did move me the most was the reading from Colossians 3 v.12-17 which I would like to repeat here:

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience,

forbearing one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive. And above all these put-on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

These words, as true today as they were 2000 years ago, reflect perfectly Paddy Bills' approach to life. Food for Thought?

Roger Roseboom

THE LATE VICKI BALL



The Ball family of Little Bealings most gratefully thank all the kind folk who came to Vicki's Wake on 20th January. Your great generosity in donating to her chosen charities enabled £490 to be shared between NSPCC Childline, St Elizabeth Hospice and Cancer Research UK. Many thanks once again for all your

kind support and help on the day.

George, Jo, Jess and Gem

HISTORY CORNER

Angels reborn – rehabilitation of the 16th century Great Bealings Angels

In 1966 the English Heritage listing for the Church of Great Bealings notes that –

On the Seckford porch of c.1520, surmounting the octagonal buttresses, are a pair of stone carvings of winged angels of early C16 date, that at right now much weathered, that at left holding a prayer book

The entries in Pevsner and Cautley also mention the angels briefly, but nothing earlier has so far been found.

Due to their deteriorating condition it was decided, in 1999, to replace them with new stone copies to mark the millennium, but the originals were unfortunately broken into a number of pieces when they were removed from the buttresses of the porch. Rather than see them lost, we offered to store the pieces at The Lodge until they could be properly restored and returned to a place inside the church. It proved very difficult to find anyone willing to work on them, but we finally discovered that Ray, from Suffolk Masonry Services, who had been restoring the stonework on the church tower in 2017, had previously done work of this nature for English Heritage. We asked him to assess the fragments and he subsequently pieced them back together with great skill and sensitivity, making secure bases for them from some of the discarded Caen stone from the tower. The restored angels came home again in time for Christmas and are now standing on either side of the Sanctuary, just inside the communion rail.

Stylistically they could indeed be contemporary with the porch but might equally have been made some time during the last quarter of the 15th century. It was noted when they were being restored that the backs are flat, which shows that they were originally meant to stand against a wall, as free-standing

figures would always have been sculpted in the round. This suggests that they were re-used, perhaps from the original porch which the Seckford porch replaced. As there appears to be no record of their origins, this must remain conjecture. They are made from Caen stone, a Jurassic limestone which is particularly suitable for carving, but famously does not weather well, which also argues for their having originally been intended for a more sheltered position, such as a niche. This, together with the possible attention of the puritan iconoclasts acting with William Dowsing in the mid-17th century, would account for their poor condition.

So, we now have four angels watching over us – and the outcome to what was once a problem is both elegant, and, in its way, inspiring. Do go and have a look.



These photographs show the angels before and after restoration. Most of the smaller fragments seen behind the two main pieces were able to be reset.



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NATURE NOTES

Following on December's note about local buzzards, we have news of another local predator: a sparrow hawk. These light brown birds, with speckled chests must have been hungry during those frosty days of late November. On several occasions we spotted a sparrow hawk, perched on our garden wall, in close proximity to the bird feeders, just a day or so after we had ruefully recognised a scattering of blue tit feathers on the ground. These agile and fast-flying predators are obviously not afraid of venturing into human space in search of prey – within 10 yards of our kitchen window.



BEALINGS WI

All are welcome to join the group and it is not necessary to be a Bealings resident.

Bealings WI enjoy monthly get togethers in Bealings Village Hall, meeting on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Winter meetings start at 2pm and summer meetings start at 7pm. Each month there is a talk which will be on many different subjects some of which involve the membership taking part, such as making decorative flower brooches for coats, bags etc as we did at a meeting last year.

Locally amongst other activities, we organise regular walks followed by lunch in a convenient pub, and there is a reading group for those who enjoy a good book and discussing it with others.

As a member you will receive a monthly magazine which details the activities arranged for members by the area organiser. These can include visits to London or the theatre, or a day out in places such as Cambridge, or sporting activities like Curling or 10 pin bowling.

If you are interested in joining please contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985 or come along on the 3rd Thursday of the month, February's meeting will be on 15th and meet some of the members.

SMILES

As a Senior Citizen (an old man) may I give my perspective on Facebook. For those of my generation who do not comprehend why "Facebook" exists, I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook by applying the same principles.

Therefore, every day, I walk down Lower Street and tell passers-by, what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later on, and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening, taking things apart in my shed, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around the village, having lunch at Southwold and doing what anybody and everybody does each day. I also listen to their conversations, giving them the Thumbs Up, and telling them with a big smile that I like them. And it works just like Facebook.! I already have 4 people following me, two police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist!

Happy New Year to all my Smiles readers

Roger Roseboom

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JUNE 9TH AND 10TH

The Hidden Gardens team in Grundisburgh are putting together an “Arty Crafty” weekend in June.

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COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

CHRISTMAS

Thank-you so much:

- ★ To everyone who made the Christmas Lunch so special this year!
- ★ To all those who contributed tasty food and extra treats!
- ★ To the WI for the loan of glasses.
- ★ To everyone who served, cleared, washed and sorted out!

A cheque for £100 has been sent to the Selig Trust who run the Ipswich Night Shelter.

NEW YEAR

Once again grateful thanks to everyone who supported the 'Left Overs' New Year's Lunch. Donations for the upkeep and maintenance of the hall was £65.00 after expenses.

The next Community Lunch will be on **Tuesday February 6th at 12.30pm.**

Shepherds/Cottage Pie & veg

Pancakes etc.

Tea/Coffee

All welcome to stay and chat, knit, play cards etc. after lunch!

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SPONSORED WALK AND 5K FUN RUN

3RD MARCH 2018 from 10.00 a.m.

The event will be raising money for the British Red Cross disaster fund. I wanted to make a fun event for all of the family of different abilities but for a crucial cause. As little as £10 can give 5 people meals for a month when a crisis occurs.

On the sponsored walk you will be able to choose from 3 distances, to cater for the different levels of capability. The walks are around Playford and the Fynn Valley and are approximately 1, 2 and 3 miles in length. If you choose the longest route, there is an option for a change of mind half way round if anyone gets tired! All 3 routes will be clearly marked on the day.

For the walk, registration will commence at 10.30 a.m. and the walkers can set off as soon as they have registered. At the registration desk we will collect all the sponsor forms at the beginning of the event and hand them back, signed, as proof of completion of the walk. If you would prefer to register your money on the 'just giving' page rather than bring it on the day here is the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising-edit/Playford-sponsorswalk>

The sponsored cross-country fun run will commence at 10.30 a.m. with registration opening at 10.00 a.m. This run is aimed at all age groups and abilities but times can be recorded if requested so you can try and beat your PB, or challenge yourself to complete it. To register and obtain an entry form please contact abigaimeganroberts@sky.com The race entry will cost £5 but additional sponsorship money would be great.

We would like to advise parents that children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Please note that if you wish to bring your dog it must be kept on a lead at all times, as there will be a large number of very small children on the walk. As you can imagine dogs are also not permitted either on the playing field or in the Hall. So please keep them to the car park before and after the walk.

At the end of the walk there will be tea, coffee and snacks.

After the event, please could all monies raised be deposited on the 'just giving' page.

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ST MARY'S

Having just navigated through the grey dreariness of Blue Monday it's easy to succumb to the feeling that January really is a time to hunker down, finish off the Christmas chocolates and nuts, read one or two of those books you were given for Christmas, watch some slushy TV programmes, maybe even tune in to some cricket from sunny Australia, and generally indulge in a bit of mental hibernation. But, in the same way that the bulbs and snowdrops are working to push themselves above the cold earth's surface, maybe this is, more constructively, the best time to be planning for the year ahead. In fact, if you don't start laying down plans now, you may find yourself overtaken by events. This is the best time of year for planning those events, for getting the dates in the diary, for making those initial contacts with those who will be involved – and, of course, for drawing up those various rotas for the year to come. So – our thanks in advance to those whose names will appear on those rotas, and retrospective thanks to those whose input over the year just past has kept the church alive and welcoming.

LOOKING BACK

CAROL SERVICE

This was held on Thursday 21st December, and it was wonderful to see a full church. Our thanks to Julian Haywood Smith for master-minding the offering of mulled wine at the end of the service.

On a personal note, it was deeply touching, and totally unexpected when your churchwarden was summoned from the back, and his wife, Virginia, from the ranks of the choir by Roger Roseboom to

receive substantial tokens of thanks, in the shape of a year's supply of special Adnams gin and tonic and a beautiful orchid, respectively. We wish to record our deepest thanks to those, both on the PCC and beyond, who contributed to this generous gift. The gifts and the presence of so many people at the carol service are perfect motivators for keeping going as long as body and spirit permit. In a hurriedly put together thank you response I was able to pluck from goodness knows where the word "ineffable" – sung blindly for most of a lifetime as a word in a hymn, but only recently discovered to mean "impossible to put into words". But it's a word which sums up perfectly how we both felt – so thank you.

Roger concluded by presenting to Celia a gift of flowers, both as a warm thank you for all that she does on our behalf, and also in recognition of the way in which she has engaged with the challenges of leading a rural benefice in the ever more secular 21st century.

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS

The re-roofing work is now complete, as are the repairs to the tower stonework. Unfortunately the inclement weather has meant that it has been difficult to get on with the dismantling of the scaffolding. Access to muddy meadows has been difficult, so we are still awaiting the final clearance for the scaffolding from the site. It has been a mammoth exercise, and we are immensely grateful to Charles Barrington for liaising with the contractors, and to our Treasurer, Will Self, for coordinating income, VAT refunds and outgoing payments that respect the challenges of cash-flow. Close on £100000 has been spent, most of that money coming from funding bodies, so it

is very much incumbent on us as a village to respect that investment in the future of our church and to ensure that it is fully used, in a way that is commensurate with the financial input, and, indeed, with the high quality craftsmanship that has been the hallmark of the operation.

PCC MEETING

The PCC met on January 17th. Main points emerging were:

Rev Celia was very pleased at the large numbers of people who had supported Christmas services across the Benefice.

Safe-guarding issues, including training, continue to present challenges – as with almost all other public bodies.

The costs of music/recording licenses are totally disproportionate to the size of our congregations.

It was agreed that completion of all the projects started last year need to be celebrated. A date some time in May was considered, and soundings will be taken to determine the best date and format for the occasion. There is much to celebrate.

One particular cause for celebration is the reinstatement of the stone angels in the sanctuary.

Charles Barrington (Co-opted i/c Fabric) and Treasurer, Will Self, have done a remarkable job in keeping control of our cash flow over the last year.

We are particularly grateful for the support given to our Priest by her family.

CHURCH CAR PARK

The steps down from the car park to the road remain closed until we can devise the safest possible way of approaching the crossing. Increased safety has been the driving motive for this work, so we must ensure that we get it right. The landscaping of the area is settling down well, and now complements the well cared for site of the War Memorial. It has been agreed with Lord Cranworth that the extension beyond the present car park can go ahead, probably within the next week or so. This will enable us to set up an overflow car parking area when we

stage major events or services in the church. Appropriate signs will be in place before any official opening.

CHURCHYARD

The base for the observation cabin is now due to be laid down in early February. Once again difficult weather conditions have delayed operations. The cabin can then be constructed on the prepared base, and over a period of time the interior will be appropriately laid out.

Churchwarden

LIGHTS AT ST MARY'S

The Northern Lights are called the “Aurora Borealis”, the Southern Lights are called the “Aurora Australis “. Here in Gt. Bealings the lights are known as the “Aurora Barnettosis |”. Once again they appeared locally in the region of St. Mary's on the following birthday dates: 12 Nov- James Barnett (grandson) -14 Nov : Edna Ayers (granddaughter) 30 Nov Eric Barnett (deliverer of payments) – 1 Dec : Sharon Barnett (Daughter in law) and 2 Dec : Harriet Barnett (granddaughter). This constellation, known as the “Barnett Eruptus “appears every year, much to the delight of the local owls who spot their floodlit pre-festive morsels and of course the Church Treasurer. Interesting to note that an Aurora is described as a Natural Electrical Phenomenon which lights up the sky – I know better than that – I turn the switch on and off!

To create your own “Aurora “please send £5 to me at Thorneycroft.

Roger Roseboom ,01473 735153

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

CONCERTS

On December 3rd the *Gippeswyk Singers*, plus quintet, performed before a large and appreciative audience in the church. Arrangements for the concert were such that the ticket price did not

include refreshments – and it was the profit from the refreshments which was to accrue to the church funds both of St Marys and of All Saints. The Singers had suggested that they should be responsible for the sale of the tickets and for the marketing of them, but in the event most of the sales were local and via our local outlets, so we thank most warmly those who did support the event – which was thoroughly enjoyable – but apologise for the fact that they had to pay twice. This was an experiment conducted at the request of the Singers but one which will not be repeated. The cost of future concert tickets will include the cost of refreshments.

OUTLINE PLANS FOR 2018

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

The Progressive Supper on Saturday February 3rd – we have around 40 people participating this year, so be on the look-out for extra pedestrian and other activity in the course of this evening.

WORLD PREMIER

Concert with Rose Hinton – a tribute to her jazz-violin-playing grandfather, Cyril Hellier. Sunday March 25th at 7.00.

Entry to this concert, which will take place in Great Bealings Church, will be by programme @ £10 to include refreshments. The programme will contain much fascinating historical information that you may wish to know before the concert, information about the performers and the musical background of the Hellier brothers, so you can do your homework beforehand, rather than try to read all about under the atmospheric but challenging church lights. Programmes will be available from Vivien Hinton or Norman Porter from early February.

As many people will know, Rosemary grew up in Little Bealings, so is a local musician made good. She is classically trained, so starring in a jazz concert really will mean the embracing of new musical dimensions. This tribute to her grandfather is a musical adventure, but

one that she has embraced in a spirit of family fascination – it is only recently that she became aware of these musical antecedents in her family.

Do come and support a young lady who represents the very best of local musical talent.

THE ANNUAL PLANT SALE – with Little Bealings. In the Village Hall. **Saturday 21st April.**

As ever we are on the lookout for helpers, in a whole range of capacities – do please offer your services, if you would like to be involved.

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 who have moved on past beyond formal education.

A CELEBRATION – THANKSGIVING SERVICE, LUNCH AND ACTIVITIES

May 6th or 13th – or perhaps one evening – plans are afoot to stage a major event to celebrate the completion of restoration works which have been on a scale which is probably unprecedented – certainly the PCC has never been faced with costs on this scale. June seems to be an action-packed month – locally there is the Playford Fete and an event at the Village Playing Field, so it seems prudent to give that month a miss and to look for an appropriate day in May. Opinion is being sought as to the best day and format – details in next month's magazine.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH. 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.

Friends of friends

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 30th November 2017

DC/17/4796/FUL – 1st Floor extension-Spring Meadow, Lower Street, Great Bealings - The Council resolved that there were no objections to this application.

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 4th January 2018

DC/17/5093/FUL –Proposed alterations, extension and raising existing single storey roof (amended scheme to planning refusal DC/2498/FUL)- Regency House, Lower St, Gt Bealings

It was felt that the difference between this application and the previous one was insufficient to warrant a change of decision. Therefore the Council unanimously resolved to object to this application.

DC/17/5034/FUL – Change of use of former Public House to residential use – Admirals Head, Little Bealings – Cllrs agreed unanimously that it was undesirable for these premises to be converted to residential use, as there could be a community asset application to re-instate them to a Public House.

Rosery Farmhouse – Charles Barrington reported that this application has been withdrawn. Cllrs felt that as the PC had objected for a number of reasons, and is a partner under the Neighbourhood Plan, the PC should ask the Planning Officer why it has been withdrawn. Given the detailed level of objection, and Neighbourhood Plan considerations, the PC should also be informed why the application was referred back for Planning Officer decision.

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 16th January 2018

TREES

Martin Cripps reported that he has agreed the sites for up to five trees along

the Millennium footpath, which hopefully will be planted by the next meeting in March. He has obtained some posts and rabbit guards. Sally Johnson will arrange to obtain the trees.

Some trees are also proposed for the North side of Lodge Road, but John Carter-Jonas said that we will need SCC's permission and confirmation that they own the strip of land identified. A letter will be sent to SCC.

REPORTS: COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN VICKERY

Due to illness, RV has been unable to submit a report. Charles Barrington is in touch with him regarding our outstanding matters, specifically the issue of a speed restriction between the bridge and the church.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY

This report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. CH verbally reported further on the plan to charge householders for collection of brown bins. A letter is to be sent by SCDC to all households which will include further instructions on what type of waste can be put in the brown bins.

CH confirmed that SCDC will be taking over on-street parking enforcement.

EASTANGLIAONE WINDFARM

Charles Barrington reported that the public meeting held with Scottish Power on 7th December had gone very well. Work will commence through the villages within the next two months. Cllrs agreed an earlier suggestion that Little Bealings PC and Playford PC should be asked for a 30% contribution to the £40 cost of hiring Playford Village Hall.

PLANNING

Wood Barn Cottages – The second appeal regarding DC/16/2216 has also been dismissed by the Planning Inspector, and it was pleasing to note that he had specifically referred to the PC's Neighbourhood Plan.

Rosery Farm Cottage – Footpath – Following the PC's letter to the

householder asking him to create a “permissive path” at the far end of the field, he has replied refusing our request. Alasdair McEwan explained to Cllrs that he intended to apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO) based on user evidence in relation to the old footpath that leads from Cherry Tree Cottage across the River Lark and connects with the main Fynn Valley Footpath. Cllrs supported this proposal and agreed a reply should be sent to the householder’s letter asking him to get the registered path (incorporating the dog-leg section) reinstated

Rosery Farm Cottage – use of agricultural building – The SCDC Enforcement Officer has advised that he has not yet been able to gain access to this building.

Rosery Farmhouse – Charles Barrington read the reply from the SCDC Case Officer to our recent letter. Martin Cripps was unhappy with the response. A letter will be sent to her requesting a meeting.

Regency House – The householder has lodged an appeal against the refusal of the original application DC/17/2498. This is to be fast-tracked and all previous comments will be submitted by SCDC to the Inspector.

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge – Due to Robin Vickery’s absence from duty, the PC is no further forward on this matter. However, Charles Barrington has been in touch with him and when he returns to work shortly, he intends to give this matter top priority and arrange a meeting with the PC and SCC Highways.

SAVID –Colin Hedgley reported that SAVID has a new chairman who is sorting out the insurance problem. They are waiting for Robin Vickery’s funding to come through in order to purchase the SIDs

Other Highways Matters – Paul Norris commented that the roads are in a dreadful state, mainly due to sugar beet

lorries as the Windfarm construction traffic has not started yet. He advised Cllrs to report every incident on the hotline number 0345 606 6171.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Five cheques were authorised for web site hosting, Clerk’s salary and PAYE

Budget 2018/19 – The amended budget was given final approval.

Data Protection Regulations – The Clerk advised that NALC have confirmed that the Clerk cannot be appointed as Data Protection Officer (DPO). She has registered the PC’s possible interest in the DPO service offered by the private firm that SALC are liaising with, but in the meantime other options will be explored. NALC are pressing the government to fund PCs for provision of a DPO.

Other Finance Matters - The Clerk confirmed that the VAT refund of £313 has been received. The Bank Reconciliation, which had been circulated, was approved and signed.

WATER MEADOW

Sally Johnson reported that tipping has recommenced on the Water Meadow land. Rob Munn will ask SCDC whether this can be pursued as an engineering matter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 13th March.

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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2018 PLANT SALE

This year's sale will be held **10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday 21st April**. Do please start thinking now about what you might be able to provide: potted cuttings, seedlings, self-sets which are surplus to needs – you would be amazed at what does sell. Last year vegetable plants were particularly popular. Do please contact me if you know you will be bringing along plants – it's good to know in advance what we might expect. We can collect if necessary.

The sale has now been going for over 20 years, so needs constant re-invigoration, both in terms of ideas and of people, so do please think hard as to what you could offer to this popular annual event, one which brings in people not only from surrounding villages, but also from Ipswich and Woodbridge. This is part of

our local reputation, and we need to keep that reputation brightly polished. Paddy Bills has for so many years been a major source of energy in this event, so her input will be missed -and, hopefully, celebrated by another successful occasion.

PRELIMINARY PLANT SALE MEETING

We normally get by on just one preparatory meeting a year, and confirm that the usual tasks have been successfully delegated. This year's meeting is in the **Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.30 on Monday March 5th**. Can we issue the warmest of invitations to our usual helpers, plus anyone else who would like to contribute in some way to come along and let us have your ideas.

*Norman Porter 01473 735565
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Sunday March 25th at 5.00 pm

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LITTLE BEALINGS

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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL Alan (Nobby).

A very big thank-you to Izzy Wilson, who cleaned all the scuff marks from the lower parts of the walls in the Angela Cobbold Hall. Izzy volunteered for this hard job as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme and achieved a great result! Well done and best wishes for the future.

Thank-you also to the late Paddy Bills' son and daughter for the gift of a pressure cooker for the Hall and a generous donation to the PCC Fabric Fund.

Ann and Bob Tate lit the lights on 20th. December to mark the reception of the body of the late Paddy Bills prior to her funeral on 21st.

On Christmas Eve the lights were lit by and for the Ramsden family.

If you would like to light the lights to shine 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 choice.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Volunteers needed to clean All Saints Church in Little Bealings. If you have an hour or two every other month and would like to contribute your time and talents, please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at hellionese@yahoo.com or call 078899 07615. Thank you in advance for your help!

LET THERE BE LIGHT AT ALL SAINTS, LITTLE BEALINGS

On 21st November, Alex Chater lit the lights in memory of her sister Ella, whose 31st. Birthday it would have been on that day.

Natasha Coward remembered her late father's anniversary with lights on 9th. December, and her 8th. Wedding Anniversary on 30th. December.

The lights shone in memory of three relatives of Margaret Bloom; on December 11th. Mary Elizabeth Churchyard, on December 21st. Agnes Chapman and on 25th. December Uncle

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 27 November 2017 and 8 January 2018

COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING

SCDC had advised that it was not possible to apply for listing of the Angela Cobbold Hall as it was an ecclesiastical building and the legislation did not apply. It was resolved to consider the status of the Trust further.

A decision on the application to renew listing of the Admiral's Head was due by 1 February.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/17/4766/FUL 9 Holly Close: Extension of existing single storey rear extension and provision of new roof over

DC/17/4940/FUL Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road: Erection of New Dwelling Adjacent to Bealings Holt

There was no objection to these applications. Application DC/17/4766/FUL has been approved by SCDC.

DC/17/5034/FUL The Admiral's Head, The

Street: Change of Use to Residential Use

There was strong objection to this application on the grounds the pub had not been put for sale on the open market as a business and it was potentially viable.

DC/17/3903/FUL The Bear Cave, Martlesham Road: Proposed two storey extensions

This application had been approved by SCDC.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The Chairman and Clerk had attended training on new legislation, which would require the Council to appoint a Data Protection Officer and meet new obligations, including reviewing data security and undertaking impact assessments of its datasets. The Council would opt for the most cost-efficient service offered by a provider.

NEW SEWER FOR THE STREET

The Environment Agency had allowed the Council's appeal in respect of Anglia Water's refusal to provide a public sewer in The Street, in respect of five properties. It was understood that other properties would be entitled to connect to the sewer at their own cost.

NOISE AT SINKS PIT

A resident had contacted SCDC about the level of noise from operations at the site. There were now no bunding proposals. It was agreed to contact the site operators to discuss plans for mitigation.

SAVID/SID: TRAFFIC SPEED MONITORING

The Council had been advised that the monitoring equipment did not record the speed of traffic. A separate survey had shown 17,000 vehicles a week using Martlesham Road.

20 MPH SIGN

A sign damaged by a farm vehicle would be reported to SCC.

PROPOSED FOOTPATH: BEACON LANE TO THE STREET

A resident had carried out some local consultation on a proposed footpath route

which would enable residents of Beacon Lane to access The Street via a tunnel under the railway line; walking along Martlesham Road was considered too dangerous. There was support for the project from some residents, but also against from affected landowners. It was agreed to obtain the views of other affected landowners and to explore further traffic calming measures along Martlesham Road.

FINANCE

The following expenditure was authorised: Clerk's salary and PAYE for January and February, Data Protection Regulation training and repair of the Playford Road noticeboard.

The Council's application for funds for the purchase of a laptop and scanner had been approved.

PKF Littlejohns had been appointed as external auditors for 2017/18.

Mrs Cornish had attended the SCDC budget setting parish liaison meeting on behalf of the Council.

DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council will meet on 12 March, 21 May (Annual Parish Council Meeting), 2 July, 10 September and 5 November in 2018 and on 4 March 2019 (Annual Parish Meeting). Other meetings will be arranged as necessary to consider planning applications.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VILLAGE REVIEW

It was agreed to ask SCDC to run a Village Review at 7pm on Monday 5 March in Bealings Village Hall. This would consult residents on the future of the parish. The Annual Parish Meeting would take place later the same evening.

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk

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HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LITTLE BEALINGS DEVELOP?

WHAT ARE THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO YOU?

Your views are important and you are invited to a consultation meeting to help decide how to shape the future of Little Bealings

7.00 p.m. Monday 5 March in Bealings Village Hall

This meeting will be about identifying the big issues which affect all our lives and it is important that you have a say in how the future of Little Bealings is managed.

- ◆ **Transport** – traffic, parking, walking, transport links to Woodbridge and Ipswich
- ◆ **Housing** – Do we need new housing? Should development be permitted – or encouraged?
- ◆ **Infrastructure** – Do we need more facilities? What about the future of the pub? The other meeting places and leisure facilities?
- ◆ **Will development at Kesgrave and Martlesham affect the village?**

And many more.....

The consultation meeting will be run by SCDC's Active Communities Team and will lead to a report setting out what matters to residents. It will guide the Parish Council to represent the parish effectively.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place after the review.

The Parish Council will report on its activities during the year and local groups are invited to present short reports on their activities. Residents can also raise any matter they wish with the Council.

For more details please contact:

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CHURCH ROOF

Work was completed at the end of November - more or less on time but definitely within budget. In fact there should be about enough money left to put right the damage done to the interior by the ingress of damp at high level - something that was overlooked in our original plans. Patches where the paintwork has lifted will take time to dry out over the winter months and will be tested by the architect with a damp meter on his final visit at the end of the rectification period next summer.

At its meeting on 10th January the Church Council expressed its thanks to the many people who had helped to make it all possible. Contributions to the Fund came in many forms - from individual donations to collective support for the numerous activities that went on in the village over a period of two years: a most successful draw in the summer of 2016, two Chocolate Fairs, the William Kent talk in March 2017, coffee mornings and above all last year's wonderful fete at Playford Hall where so many people worked so hard to make it such a success. To every one of them who made a contribution - a big thank you. Such sterling work brings other benefits: it goes down well with grant awarding bodies who look favourably towards those who help themselves. As form filler-in- chief I was gratified to be able to list the many functions that a village of our size had managed to put together.

Later in the year it is hoped to arrange a meeting in the church to celebrate the completion and to say thank you to

everyone who played a part in the success.

Brian Seward

CHURCH LIGHTS

The lights over the Christmas period were sponsored by the Baker family, Brian and Anne Seward, Wendy Wilson and Brian Buckles and Charles Bunbury whose continuing support every year enables the village to enjoy the lovely sight of our lit Church over the Christmas period. If anyone else would like to sponsor the Christmas lights, donations will still be gratefully received.

14th January - sponsored by Hilary Legard in memory of John B. Legard, much loved and greatly missed uncle of Robin, Joanna and Hilary. 24th November 1924 - 14th January 2017.

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 WI

The New Year began with our meeting in January, a week later than normal. After the business side of things, we were treated to a demonstration of various crafts incorporating shells from one of our members, Bridget Lapsley. The methods and use of shells was enthralling. Also, a Girl Guide, Amy Jordan came along to visit us and tell us why she is raising

money to attend the Girl Guides chalet camp in Switzerland this coming summer. Amy is very interested in crafts and has badges to prove it! She bought along some scallop shells which she started to make into a 'mobile' for her bedroom.

At our February meeting, on the 6th at 7.30 pm. Martin Yates will be talking on Bee Keeping and the challenges bees face. I'm sure that you will know Martin as a local resident. This should be an intriguing evening and anyone is welcome to join us and perhaps would like to join our little WI in the future!

Sue Bruce. (Secretary)

BISHOP TIM'S LENT COURSE

Woodbridge Wednesdays 21st & 28th February and 7th & 14th March at 7.30.

I will be going and am very happy to give any one a lift.

Just ring 01473 610 635 Astrid Llewellyn

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Christmas and new year are now fading into the past and as we look forward to Spring the Neighbourhood Plan steering committee is fully engaged in producing the Plan Questionnaire. We are planning to have this ready for distribution to all Playford residents in February.

We have engaged with consultants to determine the amount of finance needed to complete the plan and have been advised to wait until the new financial year before making our grant application as all grant monies have to spent before the end of March 2018.

This will give us time to distribute, collect and analyse the returned questionnaires.

We still need volunteers to help with the ongoing tasks. If you feel you could help, please contact us on 01473-622622 or by email krcarson@hotmail.co.uk.

INFORMAL ELECTORAL REVIEW CONSULTATION

Residents are encouraged to have your say in the ongoing Electoral Review

consultation. You will need to submit your comments **by 19th February 2018** to:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DJWC52S>

It is very important that everyone has their say on this otherwise we could end up being inappropriately tacked onto an urban parish such as Rushmere or Kesgrave, if we don't fight our corner.

It's eminently possible that Woodbridge, Grundisburgh and Fynn Valley wards will be amalgamated but in order to get the right number of voters in each of the new wards, places like Playford may be squeezed out and put with Kesgrave or elsewhere.

It is important that to stress that Playford has more in common with Woodbridge ward in that we work closely with both Bealings parishes (and to a lesser extent Culpho) and that we share boundaries with them and have geographic and economic ties. Also, all these parishes enjoy a much more rural existence than say Kesgrave or Rushmere. We don't want to be pushed into a corner and forgotten! **PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY.**

Marian Hedgley

Parish Clerk to Playford

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 10th January 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

There was no report from the **COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robert Whiting reported that the Secretary of State has given backing for the new super-sized District Council for East Suffolk comprising Suffolk Coastal & Waveney. Consultation period for future management of car parks has finished - responsibility will be transferred from Police to local Suffolk councils sometime in April 2019. Women on Wheels fundraising event rescheduled to Sunday 22nd April, funds to go to British Legion Poppy Appeal. Details of East Suffolk Photo competition have been announced.

Total capital investment for the district council expected to be £43-45M over 2018/19 – 2021/22, spending on Deben Pool renovations will be £3m. Charges of £43 pa to be levied on brown bin collections, details yet to be issued.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Build-up of silt on C324: clearance not yet dealt with, SCC once again investigating who is responsible.

Water trickling down FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow – blocked drains in Church Lane have been flushed out by SCC Highways but problem persists.

Overgrown verges and ditches in Hill Farm Road - Clarke & Simpson have sanctioned work on this but still not actioned, clerk to chase again.

30mph speed roundels sought for C324, clerk awaiting a report.

Re-routing FP20 and remedial work on FP's 1 & 3 has been agreed but not yet implemented, clerk to contact landowners and SCC Highways footpaths agent.

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

FINANCE

Payments authorised for attendance at SALC seminar on Data Protection, new padlock etc for playing field gate and payment to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary. A bank reconciliation was completed. Budgets for 2017-2018 and 2018-19 discussed and adjustments made for slight increases. It was unanimously agreed that allowance for the appointment of a paid Data Protection Officer was unnecessary and Joan Metcalfe has volunteered to undertake this task but funds to be set aside for extra insurance to cover possible breaches of the new Data Protection laws which commence in May 2018. Precept request for 2018-19 to remain at £7500, the same as previous year.

HIGHWAYS

Procedure for being notified of road closures in adjacent parishes has changed and information will in future be

available on www.roadworks.org.uk. SCC Highways has declined to address verge erosion in the centre of the village but Sam Webber has kindly offered his assistance to effect repairs in various locations with a team of helpers.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Questionnaire to be circulated to parishioners is almost complete, more help is anticipated soon. Ipswich firm Planning Direct has quoted for its assistance in producing a N/Plan and it was agreed to apply for maximum grant of £15K to fund this and other relevant tasks.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/17/0596/OUT within grounds of The Old House, Bransons Lane, Playford – Outline planning permission sought for erection of new dwelling and garage within garden amenity land and the creation of a new vehicular access onto Bransons Lane. Playford PC supported this application with reservations over extra traffic generated and possible problems with construction/delivery vehicles using Bransons Lane.

OTHER MATTERS

Speedwatch SIDS device from leftover 12PT funds still not forthcoming, clerk to chase up.

Funding for installing a defibrillator in Playford not yet received, clerk to chase. Purchase of "No Cycling" signs to be investigated to deter cyclists who should not be using footpaths.

Location of memorial bench for the late Charles Lofts not yet agreed with land agents but this will be pursued.

Playing field inspection has revealed minor work to be carried out to Boules Piste, 5-a-side Football pitch and Basketball equipment.

Barn roof at High Meadows is being replaced, SCDC Planning to monitor this and report to the parish council.

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 7th March 2018 at 7.00pm

Marian Hedgley – Clerk
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BINKY AND CO

Binky was not a very good driver. In fact he passed his test on the fourth attempt, the first three failures were down to sheer bad luck. I mean who could possibly have foreseen that woman stepping out into his path only fifty yards away? The fact that she was on a pedestrian crossing misses the point. The Highway Code states in black and white that pedestrians should not step out into the road without first looking left and right (disregard the fact that the little green man was illuminated) No, Binky new his rights. Case closed.

The second failure was down to a mechanical fault in that the handbrake must have become stuck “of its own accord” after Binky had released it. So, cruising at fifty miles per hour down Butts Road with the handbrake fully on and thick acrid smoke pouring from the two rear wheels caused the examiner to pass out due to the inhalation of poisonous fumes.

The third failure was a complete travesty of justice. The traffic lights were definitely at amber with a hundred yards to go and Binky knew he could make it with ease. Except he didn't. The examiner stated in a loud, demented gurgling way “you've just gone through a red light you maniac!” Binky replied to the effect ‘yes but only just’. Whether he meant to zig zag between the two 44-ton lorries we shall never know.

The old saying “there is never a policeman when you want one” was never less true than at that time. Blues and twos everywhere.

It was very difficult for the Magistrate to be tough with Binky, there he stood, pale, thin, dishevelled, a broken man. The Magistrate (who had been responsible for 5000 mobile bath units during his time in the Army) a Colonel Toby Lerone (R.A.B.C.), was an old flame of Mrs Stickleback and so was minded to be lenient with Binky only as a way of saying thank you to Binky for taking Mrs S off his hands. A dashed near thing for young Toby in those best- forgotten days. So, a

conditional discharge it was. Binky hated Toby with a vengeance.

However that did not get Binky out of his present predicament. Stuck in a foot of snow, with a conked-out car and a forgotten mobile phone some miles away. A country road at that, with no street lighting.

Binky opened the bonnet of his car and gave all the gubbins inside an extremely good looking at. He shook his head slowly in a knowing sort of way, after all that's what the garage mechanic always did prior to handing one a £500 bill. And that was for changing just one light bulb.

No, Binky would have to wait for a passing car to help him out, surely one would come along soon. It was getting darker and definitely getting colder. Obviously the car heater could not be used. He rummaged through the glove compartment for food and managed to find a fluff- covered cough sweet and half an apple that had turned a sinister blue and brown. Hardly a meal for a stranded man thought Binky as he shuffled through some very old and dilapidated black and white photos stuck up at the back of the glove compartment. He looked at one of Mrs Stickleback. But who was that with her he wondered. Well, he thought, if it wasn't that old cad and bounder Toby Lerone. What on earth was she doing keeping an old photo of him for? But no time to ponder, he heard a car coming up the hill. He jumped out and waved his arms frantically. “Stop, stop” he yelled. “I need help”. It was then that he recognised both the car and its driver. It was his beloved wife.

“Thank goodness you came by” he gasped in a deeply affectionate and relieved tone.

“Certainly was old boy” exclaimed the passenger as he leaned across Mrs S's ample bosom.

“Certainly was”. Binky cringed at the grinning Cheshire cat that was Colonel Toby Lerone.

Poor old Binky.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH,

Carol Service

Held on Sunday 17th December, the Carol Service saw the superb total of 53 persons in attendance, which was a record number in more than a decade. We were grateful to Gill Peck and the Benefice Choir who gave an excellent performance of traditional carols, along with some lesser known ones. After the service Mulled wine and snacks were served which set the scene for the forthcoming Christmas festivities. A big thank you to all who ventured out to share in the important event in the Christian calendar.

Parochial Church Council meeting

The next meeting 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

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The December issue contained an item about the Confirmation service held in Great Bealings Church, with Bishop Mike officiating.

We were unable to publish a picture then, but this image is so reflective of a happy occasion that we thought it ought to be included, even if belatedly.

MY MOTHER SAID

My mother said; "I want to tell you something very important: you may lose your faith but never lose the habit because if you do you may need your faith but without the habit you will find it difficult to find your faith again."

I have always remembered these words, many times my faith has dimmed, many times I have discarded the habit. I remember her words and retrieve and cultivate the habit and then examine my faith.

Faith is a very personal thing, but the habit is not and that is what I would like to examine.

The habit is partaking in a communal act. A 'coming together' on a regular basis to share a common undertaking. To be together in togetherness. You might find it very strange that I don't think, in this context, the level of each individual's faith is important. Some may have no faith, some may disagree with some of the words in the liturgy (*I know I do*) and some will be secure in their faith. The important thing is that you set aside one hour (*a very limited time*) each fortnight to be with your fellows and neighbours to contemplate something outside yourself in stillness and then to meet socially with your fellows to reinforce neighbourliness and wish each other well.

Woodbridge Deanery

“God and Politics”

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Wednesdays, 21 and 28 February, 7 and 14 March 2018

St Mary’s Church Centre, Woodbridge, IP12 4LP

7.30pm

CHURCH DIARY – FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday 4th

CANDLEMAS

8.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Family Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

Sunday 11th

Sunday next before Lent

9.00 Family Communion

Playford

Wednesday 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 Holy Communion

Little Bealings

Sunday 18th

Lent 1

10.00 Family Communion
3.00 Evensong

Little Bealings
Culpho

Wednesday 17th

9.30 Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday 25th

Lent 2

9.00 Holy Communion
4.00 Messy Church

Playford
Angela Cobbold Hall

March

Sunday 4th

Lent 3

8.00 Holy Communion
10.00 Family Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

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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>
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TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
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PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

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Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
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5.00 pm Tuesday 20th February

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