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## Happy Valentine's Day?



I have never been a great fan of Valentine's Day. It puts pressure on those who are in a relationship to make forced displays of affection, often with unnecessary expenditure. It excludes and isolates those who are unhappy at being alone. I can remember at school that Valentine's Day was an opportunity to humiliate and trick other classmates with joke cards rather than give sincere offers of love. However if we look at where this tradition originates, it might give us a little encouragement.

St Valentine was a priest who was martyred in Rome at the orders of the Emperor Claudius in about 269AD. Claudius persecuted the church and particularly objected to marriage as it interfered with the loyalty of his soldiers going into battle. He believed married soldiers were afraid of what might happen to them or their wives or families if they died.

It was a very permissive society in which Valentine lived. Polygamy would have been much more popular than a couple choosing to live together. And yet some young people were attracted to the Christian faith and to a monogamous way of life. The church certainly believed in the sanctity of marriage and the security, mutual support and love that it could offer. Valentine, in direct opposition to the state, encouraged couples to make their vows and was therefore eventually imprisoned, tortured and killed.

It is said while in prison, Valentine healed the daughter of Asterius, a Roman judge. Legend goes that the last words he wrote before he died were in a note to Asterius' daughter. He signed it, "from your Valentine," perhaps inspiring many millions after him to declare their love and affection.

I hope we can take heart in St Valentine's enthusiasm for committed relationships. Love is a wonderful thing and when offered sincerely and selflessly can be the greatest blessing in life. So give thanks for past relationships. Offer to God any heartache or pain and remember that the church is always here to support you whatever your circumstances. Make time to nurture and sustain those you love and always encourage our younger generations to love and be loved.

Our church doors, I hope, will be open for weddings and blessings for many years to come!

With every blessing *Celia*

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## BENEFICE

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### HOME-START BEAT THE POST-CHRISTMAS BLUES WITH A QUIZ NIGHT AND PUDDING NIGHT



Have you had enough of those dark evenings in? Home-Start Suffolk: East Ipswich & Coastal are organising two events for you to come along to and shake off the post-Christmas blues.

#### **Quiz Night**

Come along to a fun Quiz at the Bell Inn, Kesgrave, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 8.00pm start. Tickets will be £5pp to include a light supper (a vegetarian option will be available). Teams of 4. (Our thanks go to Debbie McCallum at the Bell for hosting us for this evening).

#### **Pudding Night**

There will also be the chance to enjoy an evening sampling a variety of delicious home-made puddings with friends: we are holding a Pudding Night at the Douglas Bader Pub on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. There will be lots of different home-made puddings for you to try with a chance to vote for the best pud! Tickets will be £5pp to allow you to sample these delights and a recipe booklet of all the puddings will also be available for you to purchase. (Our thanks go to Margaret Barrett at the Douglas Bader for hosting this occasion).

Tickets for both events are available from Home-Start, 8a The Square, Martlesham Heath, 01473 621104 or [homestarteastsuffolk.org.uk](http://homestarteastsuffolk.org.uk)

All monies raised from these events will go to the charity Home-Start Suffolk: East Ipswich & Coastal who during this year will support over 140 families in the East of Ipswich or Suffolk Coastal areas. These families will receive one to one or group support from trained volunteers because for them the pressures of family life have become too much to cope with alone this can be for a variety of reasons such as illness, disability, mental health problems, bereavement, isolation and multiple births.

*Ella Heaney*

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Visit [www.communitybuying.org.uk](http://www.communitybuying.org.uk) or call 01473 345400 for details.

## ADVERTISING 2016

Happily most of our advertisers have renewed so we must be getting something right, and they must have seen benefit from our form of local advertising. We do, however, have one or two spaces. The most glaring gaps for this year are the lack of any advertising for an electrician, a plumber, domestic oil deliverer, TV engineers, septic tank emptiers – all those people that might be needed in a hurry.

If you know of anyone or of any company that might fill these gaps please let them and me know. The free provision and delivery of this magazine is dependent on the number and quality of advertisements that we carry.

Norman Porter- [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) – 01473 735565 - advertising co-ordinator.

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**Museum Street Methodist Church**

**Thursday 11 February 2016 1.00pm to 1.50pm**



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Tea and biscuits are available. The kettle will be on the hob at 12.30pm.

Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £3.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series.

More details can be obtained from [secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk) or [www.ipswich-arts.org.uk](http://www.ipswich-arts.org.uk) or Tel. 01473 836973

## READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS - FEBRUARY

### 7<sup>th</sup> February

*OT Lesson* 8.00/10.00  
*NT Lesson* 10.00  
*Gospel* 8.00/10.00

### Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 34.29-end Green  
 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2 RCL p. 811  
 Luke 9.28-36

### 10<sup>th</sup> February

*OT Lesson* 7.00pm  
*Gospel* 7.00pm

### Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2,12-17 Purple  
 Matthew 6.1-6,16-21 RCL p.97

### 14<sup>th</sup> February

*OT Lesson* 8.00  
*NT Lesson* 9.00  
*Gospel* 8.00/9.00

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Purple  
 Romans 10.8-13 RCL p. 820  
 Luke 4.1-13

### 21<sup>st</sup> February

*OT Lesson* 10.00/3.00  
*NT Lesson* 10.00  
*Gospel* 10.00/3.00

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 Purple  
 Philippians 3.17-4.1 RCL p. 822  
 Luke 13.31-end

### 28<sup>th</sup> February

*OT Lesson* 9.00  
*NT Lesson* 9.00  
*Gospel* 9.00

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 55.1-9 Purple  
 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 RCL p. 827  
 Luke 13.1-9

### 6<sup>th</sup> March

*OT Lesson* 8.00/10.00  
*NT Lesson* 10.00  
*Gospel* 8.00/10.00

### Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10 Purple  
 Colossians 3.12-17 RCL p. 125  
 John 19.25-27



## DIARY - WHAT'S ON

### FEBRUARY

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. St. Botolph's Church, Culpho  
**'Romancing the Heart' music on the theme of Love  
with 'Shingle Street folk trio'**

### MARCH

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 12.00 noon - 3.00 p.m. Playford Parish Hall  
**Chocolate Fair**

### APRIL

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30 am. Great Bealings Church  
**Creating a Wood for Wildlife  
– illustrated talk by Malcolm Key**

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon Bealings Village Hall  
**Plant Sale**

### JUNE

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 5.00 p.m - 9.00 p.m. Playford Hall  
**Village Barbeque to celebrate H.M. Queen's 90th birthday**

## BENEFICE DIARY - 'WHAT'S ON'

It is apparent that there have been clashes of dates for events within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance and the coming months will see a number of fundraising events as well as celebrations for the Queen's birthday.

Therefore, we shall be re-instating the Benefice Diary to allow 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 and enabling the continued distribution of the newsletter free to every household in the benefice.

If you wish to put an entry in the diary please send it to [beneficemag@gmail.com](mailto:beneficemag@gmail.com) giving date, time, venue and title of the event as above.

*Editors*

## KYSON PROBUS CLUB

Kyson Probus Club had a friendly and highly enjoyable pre-Christmas party organised splendidly by our long-standing Asst Sec Denzil Cowdry. Many plaudits were received afterwards as everyone had such a good time. Our January meeting was held as usual on the second Monday of the month at 1230 at the Ufford Park Hotel, Melton and was very special. We were privileged to hear a fascinating talk by Robert Bradshaw, a senior Royal Naval officer who had spent much of his glittering career in submarines. We came away much better informed (within the bounds of security) about the Submarine Service and the pivotal role it plays in the nation's defence. Judging by the questions that followed the audience was very stimulated and much discussion ensued.

If you are a retired or semi-retired business or professional man and would like to spend a pleasant lunch once a month with friendly, like-minded folk, why not come along? For information about the Kyson Probus Club, please call the secretary Mr Ian McIvor on 01473 738866.

## **PLANT SALE 2016**

### **– preliminary meeting and advance information**

The preliminary meeting will take place in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.30 on **Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>**. It would be really helpful if as many helpers as possible came along to contribute ideas and to get the show on the road.

And just to remind you of what was written in early December: the mild autumn has been ideal for tidying up without feeling chilled to the bone. Hopefully you will have been potting up all sorts of items, ready for over-wintering, and for bringing along for sale in **April – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> - 10 – 12 midday**.

There have been many newcomers to our villages in recent months, so do please spread the message about the Plant Sale, and the part it plays in the life of our semi-rural communities. If you ARE one of those newcomers then there are few better ways of getting integrated. Just email [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk) and he will tell you all about it. - and maybe use a bit of gentle persuasion that you too, may have hitherto unused, green fingers.

The RAFFLE is being taken over this year by Toby and Faith Chapman. In welcoming them to the team we would also like to thank Peter and Vicky Carr mostly warmly for all that they have done to ensure the success of the Raffle over a period of many years.

We should add that Colin Hopkins has generously agreed that a special flight in his light aircraft will feature again this year as a SPECIAL RAFFLE PRIZE.

## **CREATING A WOOD FOR WILDLIFE**

### **– illustrated talk by Malcolm Key**

It is confirmed that this talk will now take place in Great Bealings Church on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** at 10.30am. Those interested in wildlife and ecology from across the Benefice are warmly invited to attend. As previously advertised Malcolm has spent 20 years turning a nearby area of relatively wildlife-hostile farmland into a haven for wildlife. Do come and join us. £2 a head for adults, to cover expenses; children U16 free.

### **St Mary's Church Great Bealings**

## **CREATING A WOOD FOR WILDLIFE**

**- AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY  
Malcolm Key**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10-30

Great Bealings Church

All who care for the future of  
wildlife are warmly invited

Cost: £2 per head, on the door,  
to cover expenses &  
refreshments

Children free

The speaker's fee will be  
donated to RSPB Woodbridge.

Queries to [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

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## BEALINGS

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### BEALINGS WI

The WI programme for 2016 has now arrived from the printer and there is much to look forward to, such as informal talks about

- ◆ BBC – Blackout, Bombs and Children’s Hour
- ◆ Churchill’s Secret Army
- ◆ Insight into the Prison Service

and on the lighter side .....

- ◆ Medieval Poetry – but not as you know it
- ◆ Suffolk Chapter and Verse
- ◆ Music of the 1930s and 1940s

and closer to home .....

- ◆ Sutton Hoo

In addition to meetings held at Bealings Village Hall there are regular Coffee Get-togethers, visits, rambles with pub lunches - and more.

If you would like further details come to the next meeting on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 2.30pm or contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985.

PS. We continue to support Tools with a Mission by collecting unwanted hand tools, garden forks, trowels and rakes etc.

### MOBILE POLICE STATION

The Mobile Police Station will be in Bealings Village Hall car park from 2pm to 3.30pm on the following dates

10<sup>th</sup> February

2<sup>nd</sup> March

23<sup>rd</sup> March

### THE “NEW” BEALINGS VILLAGE SIGN 25 YEARS ON, AN EXERCISE IN LOCAL HISTORY!

Soon after John & I moved to Great Bealings, the idea gained ground that we should have a village sign. I agreed to design and make one and the Bealings WI agreed to fund the cost of the materials and contracted joinery. The history of the villages of Great & Little Bealings stretches back to at least the Bronze Age and I felt it desirable to reflect this in the design. The work on it started in 1988 and culminated with the sign’s erection in 1990. It has two sides with one side devoted to each village, both of which featured in the 1066 Doomsday Book as Bealings Magna & Parva.

The central focus of each side is taken up with relief carving of the appropriate village’s church, each of which is an architectural gem. For Great Bealings, St. Mary’s Church is supplemented by the nearby Hump-Back Bridge over the River Fynn/Lark, two Red Poll cattle, a Moorhen & a Lime Tree.

The image of All Saint’s Church in Little Bealings is flanked by some Bronze Age Cinerary Urns, fragments of which were found in 1938, coins from a 4<sup>th</sup> Century Roman Treasure Hoard found in July 1934 at the new Village Hall site, a 10<sup>th</sup> Century Scramasax (single sided sword) found in the old ford in 1883 and now in the British Museum and two Suffolk Sheep, which were seen regularly in the valley and reflected the past importance of the wool trade.

The sign was designed and carved in relief from an English Oak panel originally about 3” thick and 30” square formed from two planks joined together by Mr Rob Corbett, a Cabinet Maker in Corpusty, Norfolk who also did the

joinery for the support post, the cross bar carrying the two village names and the roof for weather protection. The carving took me about 4 months of intensive work and was largely done while I was a student at the City & Guilds of London School of Art but could only be started after the completion of the historical research involving both the Ipswich & British Museums. I also visited the Tower of London for advice on the Scramasax and how it would have looked when new. Seeing the original artefacts and learning about them was absolutely fascinating. Finally, to establish exactly how all the various elements of the design would fit together, I made full sized clay models of each side of the sign.

The final assembly of the sign and its reinforcing metalwork was done by George Ball from Little Bealings using a design for the base by Hans & Rosalind Fleck. The unveiling ceremony took

place in March 1990, led by Rev Frank Hollingsworth, the Vicar at the time on its current site by the Fynn/Lark River Bridge on Lodge Road. He was aided by children from the Bealings School who removed the covering on the sign with enthusiasm! In the intervening 25 years, the oak has darkened under the influence of weather and light but apart from a few small cracks, the carving remains remarkably intact.

*Maureen Midwinter  
Woodcarver & Gilder  
Great Bealings*

## POPPIES

Thank you very much to all those who carried out the door-to-door collection in Great and Little Bealings in November and to all those who donated.

The total raised in Little Bealings was £266.24 and in Great Bealings £193.91. Thank you.

*Sarah Cartwright*

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## GREAT BEALINGS

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### ST MARY'S

Signs are that hibernation is coming to an end. Premature daffodils and snowdrops are pointing the way, but may have been stopped in their tracks by mid-January's spurt of genuine winter. So we look back to the past two months and the activities over Christmas, and forward to the Spring.

This comes against a background of statistics pointing towards ever-increasing indifference towards the activities of the church in this country, so it may be time to reassert the Christian values of community and neighbourliness, which are so much at the heart of our rural churches. Congregations across the country may be getting smaller but those large congregations which still turn out in our villages for Christian Festivals,

weddings, baptisms and funerals suggest that the church still has a significant role to play in underpinning the cohesion of communities and in promoting those shared values that are deeply rooted in our history. We look forward to 2016 by welcoming those families which have moved into the village and trust that they will see and experience those values in action.

### LOOKING BACK

**SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER –  
COMMEMORATING THE 500<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF  
THOMAS SECKFORD**

This special service was held to commemorate of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Thomas Seckford, together with the completion of our latest building works. We were joined by representatives of Viridor and of The

Suffolk Historic Churches Trust, both of which made a substantial grant towards the works. Patrick Grieve on behalf of SHCT both read a lesson and also told us a bit more about the work of the Trust. We were joined for the occasion by the Chamber Choir of Woodbridge School, itself a part of the Seckford Foundation. Led by John Penny, Director of Music, the choir made a wonderful contribution to the service, and we were pleased to welcome parents of some of the choristers. The service included a narrative, outlining both the religious context of the benefaction of Thomas Seckford, together with a brief biography, and outline of his links to St Mary's, the latter delivered by Charles Barrington, overseer of the works and whose generosity ensured that the occasion was celebrated in a sparkling fashion.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Our Carol Service was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> – catching some people by surprise, as it was rather early in the Christmas season, but it was the harbinger of a season of significant activity, collective spirits seemingly undampened by the soggy weather, and culminating in the New Year's Party in the Village Hall – congratulations to all concerned with an imaginative idea. Before that we had the usual mass congregation at the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

Perhaps the stoical spirit is best exemplified by Jenny Dow. She broke her ankle early in December but despite having her leg in plaster, still managed to get in to carry on with her flower business at Grange Farm Shop, and produced her usual splendid window display for us in the church. Our warmest thanks too, to all the other flower arrangers who once again did us proud.

#### **BAPTISM – OSCAR ROWLEY**

It is always good to report back when a St Mary's wedding is followed up by a

subsequent baptism. Young Oscar Rowley was christened on Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup>, some three years after his parents; Joanna and Tom were married there.

#### **DAVID MARTIN –SPECIAL SERVICE IN KING'S COLLEGE CHAPEL, CAMBRIDGE**

Those who remember David will be pleased to know that members of his family were invited to a special service in King's College Chapel, Cambridge to thank the families of those who had donated their bodies to medical research in the university. Margaret tells us that it was a very uplifting occasion, and very much a positive affirmation of David's own wishes.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

It's a quiet time of year, so nothing out-of-the-ordinary in the pipeline. Our latest Quinquennial inspection took place just before Christmas so we are awaiting the results. We do know that the roof will need significant repairs before too long. Easter is early this year, and Lent begins quite early in February, so no flowers then. The flower roster for 2016 has been published, which gives us the opportunity to thank publicly and most warmly all those ladies (no men!) who have done us proud with their floral arrangements throughout 2015, despite the disruption of significant closures.

#### **PCC AND ANNUAL MEETING**

Our next PCC meeting is sometime in February. If you would like to play a role in the life of the church, and through that, in your community, then we would welcome expressions of interest in serving on the PCC. Our Annual Meeting, at which elections for 2016 take place, will probably be in April, the date to be confirmed, but looking as it will be after the 10.00 am service on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **CHURCHYARD**

**Cherry Tree** - The churchyard is very green and very soggy! It has recently been enhanced though by the planting

of a cherry tree just beyond the shed in the area discretely dedicated to insect-friendly plants. The tree was the gift of Jan Houchell, celebrating her family's links with the church. Jan is one of two Creasey sisters who used to live in *Winton*, and the tree is planted in the vicinity of a family grave. We are grateful to Jan for this generous gift.

**Sheppard Memorial:** We have also been in contact with another family once associated with the church – the Sheppard family from New Zealand. A member of the family had noticed, when visiting, that the substantial stone cross on the north side was in need of a bit of TLC, so, at a considerable distance, we are arranging to have the work done on the family's behalf.

**Lantern:** The lantern over the gate is in a sorry state, with two glass panels smashed. Arrangements have been made for the blacksmith who made the lanterns alongside the path, to make a site visit and quote for a replacement.

*Churchwarden*

## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

### **LOOKING BACK**

#### **MAD HATTERS' TEA PARTY - SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER**

This joint venture, organized by Sue Prentice and Laura Keer duly took place in the Angela Cobbold Hall. Although the attendance was not massive, a jolly time, with games, hat-making and refreshments, was had by all, and a generous sum handed over from the proceeds. Well done to Laura and Sue for promoting this original initiative.

### **VILLAGE CAROL SINGING**

Carols were once again sung the village on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Charles and Ann Barrington very kindly launched the participants into the unseasonably balmy winter night with mulled wine and

mince pies. Our grateful thanks to them. The two groups of singers then split up into a Lower Street detachment and a Grundisburgh Road group. The final meet-up was at Barn Pightle, thanks to Farran and Jonathan Douse. Pat Keep kindly coordinated proceedings and provided carol sheets. In just a couple of hours the wonderful total of £195 was collected, and a cheque for this sum has been sent to EACH, and grateful acknowledgment received. Those who contributed to such a wonderful outcome not also deserve congratulations, but also a warm mention. They were:

Farran, Jonathan, Dominic, and Aidan Douse, Chris Chestnutt, Sue Prentice, Roger Roseboom, Pat Keep, Charles Barrington and Sally Johnson. Forgive us for any errors of identity and omissions.

### **2016 PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

Our annual progressive Dinner Party will be taking place next weekend on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>. The lists and arrangements are now complete and we have significant numbers signed up, so it is too late for definite inclusion. If you do find yourself free at the last minute, you never know, we may need emergency reserves, so it's worth a call, just in case, to Norman and Virginia Porter [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk). There are a number of newcomers to the village and we are delighted that several of them have signed up for the evening.

*The Friends*

## **“CURTAIN UP-LIGHT THE LIGHTS - YOU’VE GOT NOTHING TO GAIN BUT THE HEIGHTS! “**

So goes the opening line of a theatre musical chorus number – and did a chorus respond? It certainly did after my November plea.

Starting on Nov 23 they shone for Marcia’s birthday, wife of Paddy Haywood Smith, celebrated “en famille “, years unknown.

The Barnett flow followed, young Eric on 30 Nov, daughter in law Sharon on 1<sup>st</sup> Dec and then daughter Harriet on 2<sup>nd</sup>. Happy Birthdays to all – we could hear the corks popping here at Thorneycroft!

Then for Gina Mutimer on 7 Dec and her lovely twin grandchildren aged 2, Lola and Faith.

The 15<sup>th</sup> resulted in Steve Condon requesting them for his partner Sally of “ umpteenth years “ – she looks very young to me.

On 17<sup>th</sup> by Anne Barrett for her beloved late husband, Eddie, so greatly missed by all who knew him.

Finally on 21<sup>st</sup> we lit them in memory of Ian Craig of Little Bealings, on our return from his cremation, movingly conducted by our Rev Celia. Ian had spent many years delivering tape and disc books to the handicapped, one of many being my wife’s late mother. I only knew him as a quiet unassuming man carrying out his contribution to the community. His earlier years were a revelation, a party man “par excellence “ with a passion for rock’n roll and Mick Jagger impersonations! His picture on the service sheet showed him in a lady’s night dress entitled “It’s Party Time“, his opening music was Jerome Kern’s “ I won’t dance “ and the curtains closed to Bert Kaempfert’s “ Bye, Bye, Blues “ - Now that’s what I call style !

Thanks to all who requested the lights,

keep going – it’s great to see our church flood lit.

*Roger Roseboom  
01473 735153*

As I’m in a good mood – try these and smile – “When insults had class .....

*By Walter Kerr:*

He had delusions of adequacy.

*Winston Churchill:*

He has all the virtues I dislike but none of the vices I admire.

*Mark Twain:*

I didn’t attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.

*George Bernard Shaw to Churchill:*

I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend if you have one.

*Churchill’s reply:*

Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second ... if there is one!

*Oscar Wilde:*

Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go.

## **GREAT BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MEADOW COTTAGE - PROPOSED DIVERSION OF FOOTPATH 11**

The Parish Council has been asked for its views on the proposed diversion of the footpath that runs beside Meadow Cottage. The diversion would move the path to the other side of the existing hedge, along the adjoining field. Since this is a very well used path, the Parish Council believes that it should reflect the views of the residents of the village in its response, and thus would be grateful if any resident who has a view on this proposed diversion would contact the Clerk by email on [greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone the Chairman on 07880 736672 Responses should be made to

the Council before the end of February so the Council's response can be agreed at the next meeting on 8th March.

### **EMERGENCY PLAN**

The Parish Council are currently preparing a Community Emergency Plan.

Would you be willing or able to assist in the event of an emergency in our Community? It could be flooding, fire, gale, snow, road accident, aircraft crash, gas main burst, disease etc. etc.

We need volunteers willing to be included in the Plan including any special skills and contact details (preferably mobile phone). In particular we are looking for people with First Aid skills; Chain saw owners; Generator owners; Householders willing to provide emergency accommodation; Tractor and 4X4 owners. However anyone willing to help others in the event of an emergency is encouraged to register their willingness as this will greatly speed up the response time.

We are also anxious to be aware of any vulnerable people in the village who may be less able to deal with an emergency situation. If you are or know of any such people please advise them and ask them to contact us.

Contact the Clerk by email on [greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk) or telephone Councillor Anthony Sheppard on 01473-735850 or contact any other Parish Councillor.

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

Each year the Parish Council allocates £150 of its budget to be donated to charitable organisations whose work may benefit the residents of Gt Bealings. For the past few years the same four organisations have benefitted but this year the Council would like to receive nominations from residents suggesting the charity (ies) they would like supported. Please contact the Clerk by email on

[greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk) to make suggestions, or telephone/speak to any Parish Councillor by the end of February.

### **SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

#### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Broadband** –Great Bealings is listed in the next stage of the roll-out, probably in another 2 or 3 years.

**East Anglia THREE** – A map has been received which gives details of access sites to the route of the cable. Assurances have been given that these will be returned to their previous condition after the work has been completed. Photos will be taken of the condition of the roads before the work is commenced so we can be sure they are returned to this condition. Cllrs feel the PC has an obligation to monitor this situation, especially with regard to road width creep.

#### **PLANNING**

##### **Meadow Cottage – Diversion of Footpath**

The PC has been approached informally for their views on behalf of the owners of Meadow Cottage who are intending to apply for a diversion of Footpath No. 11. It was agreed that the PC should consult with residents, to ensure that the PC's response reflects their views.

**DC/15/5105/FUL** –Erection of single dwelling with garage/cartlodge (revised siting of Plot 2 approved under DC/13/3360) and the vacated approved land as an extension to the curtilage of Plot 1 approved under the same planning permission – Former Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings

It was resolved that the PC strongly objects to this application

**DC/15/4609/FUL** – Replacement Garage – Orchard House, Lower Street, Great Bealings

This matter had been dealt with by



email, and ratification was given to the decision agreed that the PC has no objection to this application.

**DC/15/5014/PN3 – Change of use from agricultural barn to dwelling – Barn C adjacent former Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings**

It was resolved that the PC strongly objects to this application.

Cllrs felt that in view of the number of applications already submitted for this parcel of land, it would be beneficial for representatives of the PC to have a meeting with the case officer at SCDC. Charles Barrington will enquire about arranging this.

**DC/15/4970/FUL – Works to existing outbuilding to form annex accommodation for use in conjunction with Kiln Farm House. This application should be read in conjunction with current application DC/15/1966/LBC – Kiln Farm House, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings**

It was resolved that the PC supports this application subject to there being a condition imposed to ensure that the annex cannot be used as a separate dwelling, so as to protect from any future proposal to develop it on a standalone basis.

**REPORTS BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY**

**General** - Cllr Hedgley reported on the SCDC Financial overview – 2015/16 and beyond, Devolution Update, Brown Bins, New SCDC HQ, Coastal Community Teams.

**SAVID**

SAVID are considering the possible joint purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign to be shared amongst villages. In order to investigate this further, including applying for a grant(s), they need PCs to vote in principle to go ahead. There is no financial commitment at this stage. Cllrs voted in favour of this.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> January. After this date the comments will be logged by the NPWG and a revised draft circulated. Then an independent

examiner will need to inspect it – Charles Barrington has a meeting arranged with SCDC in connection with this on 1<sup>st</sup> February at which he will also discuss the timetable and the referendum.

**HIGHWAYS**

♦ Hasketon Road – Charles Barrington has had a reply from the residents who are concerned about traffic problems on that road. He will respond informing them that the Quiet Lanes project may be resurrected and if so Hasketon Road will be included. He will advise that in future they should deal direct with SCC

♦ Colin Hedgley reported that SCC now has a new reporting web link so that anyone can report a problem direct rather than reporting via the PC.

**FINANCE**

Twelve cheques were authorised including Neighbourhood Plan printing, office and training expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE, web domain registration.

The budget for 2016/17 was set at £4620.

The precept was set at £4520.

The procurement process for external auditing will change from 2017. Smaller authorities can choose to have an auditor appointed to them by a new 'sector led body' to be set up by NALC or to opt out of the scheme and appoint auditors locally. As the latter option could prove to be much more costly, Cllrs agreed to remain opted in to the new scheme. The accounts will continue to be produced to the same standard and an internal audit will continue.

**COMMUNITY ASSET**

SCDC have said we can re-apply for registration if new evidence of previous community use is provided. The new evidence we have is not considered substantial enough, but Charles Barrington will contact SCDC to see if it is worth trying again

## **QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

Cllrs felt that any event should be arranged in conjunction with Little Bealings, possibly something in the Hall and on the field in June. The Clerk will write to the Clerk of Little Bealings and the Secretaries of the two PCC's to suggest a joint working group.

## **COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR**

The Clerk reported that she had learned of possible funding of defibrillators arranged by the British Heart Foundation. As there is an imminent deadline for this, after liaising with the Chairman, she has submitted an application having consulted the Bealings Village Hall Management Committee regarding the siting on the wall of the Hall

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The revised document had been circulated to Cllrs and no further comments had been received, therefore this document is deemed to have been accepted and will be published on the web-site.

## **EMERGENCY PLAN**

Anthony Sheppard reported on his progress with this. A list will need to be drawn up of volunteers prepared to assist in an emergency. The draft Plan will be vetted by the Emergency Planning Officer at Suffolk Community Resilience before being submitted to the PC

## **DATE OF NEXT TWO MEETINGS**

The next meeting will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk confirmed that the Annual Parish and Council Meetings will take place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall

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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# **LITTLE BEALINGS**

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## **LET THERE BE LIGHT**

Lights marked the death of Ian Craig on 7th. December at the request of his neighbour Chris Dowrick. Ian's funeral, on 21st December, was also marked with lights at All Saints.

Lights shone for Alison Cheeseman and her students on 10th. December, as they celebrated their musical skills in All Saints Church.

On 23rd. December the lights shone for Carol Ramsden and her family as they celebrated 25 years living at The Hollies, Little Bealings! Congratulations!

On Christmas Eve, Carol Skeates lit the lights in loving memory of her parents, Jean and Peter Smith who lived in Richards Drive.

The lights celebrated Rosemary Clements birthday on 25th January.

On Australia Day, 26th January, Joan Moon asked for lights to wish Little Bealings a Happy New Year from Australia

If you would like to mark a special occasion with lights at All Saints please contact Peter Carr, Corner Cottage. 01473 620213

## **UPDATE ON THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL AND CAFÉ-HUB PROJECT AT LITTLE BEALINGS**

The PCC would like to thank everyone for their ongoing concern and care for All Saint's Church and the Angela Cobbold Hall. It wants to reassure the community that everything is being done to ensure that the spiritual and social needs of the parish are met for many years to come.

We are a small parish, with no central funding. We therefore rely entirely on church collections and grant applications to cover the costs of the church and hall. We are currently running at an annual deficit of £5,000 (with only limited reserves). In addition you will be aware that there are urgent roof repairs to the church in the region of £28,000 and repairs to the hall estimated at between £20-25,000. Our first responsibility has to be to safeguard the church; otherwise both the church and the hall will have to close.

Having listened to advice from the Diocese and the personal views of those from the local community at the Open Meeting and through on-going correspondence, we have sadly concluded that without a very generous donation to cover not only the repair of the Hall and the Church, but also their respective upkeep well into the future, we have no choice but to sell the hall. The Cobbold family have confirmed that whilst they have no legal jurisdiction over the hall, they would prefer that the hall be sold and the proceeds used to fund a community hub within the church, rather than spend more money on the existing building. Bealings School is keen for us to provide a flexible space within the church building which they can use on a regular basis.

The Diocese likewise has advised that it is not prudent for the church to keep the hall, given the PCC's precarious financial position. The Diocesan surveyor has recently carried out an assessment of the hall and looked at the different options available to the PCC. The recommendation is that the PCC sell the hall with planning permission for a residential dwelling. An architect has begun to prepare the site for sale at no cost to the church. This process is likely to take six months and will of course include the usual public consultations and council approval.

This decision was not taken lightly and at this point we do not have a better alternative. If one should appear, the plans may be adjusted according to any additional resources that may be forthcoming. You are most welcome to contact us at any time with any concerns or suggestions and we thank you again for your understanding at this very difficult time.

*Little Bealings PCC*

## ANGELA COBBOLD HALL NEWS

### COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

A big thank-you to everyone who supported the Community Christmas Lunch. A donation of £125 was sent to UNICEF to help the refugee children of Syria.

The previous lunches raised £111 towards Angela Cobbold Hall funds, helping to defray the cost of utilities. Thanks again to everyone who has supported these events.

The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday 2nd 12.30-1.30pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall.

The menu will be

Fish Pie (potato topping) & mixed veg.

Marmalade Sponge pudding  
with custard/ice cream

Tea/coffee.

Bookings and enquiries 01473 620213  
*diana.carr01@btinternet.com*

### MONEY MATTERS

Grateful thanks to Roger and Margaret Roseboom who are renting the Office for storage. This will help to make up the shortfall that has arisen since the withdrawal of financial support from the churches of the Benefice.

It has been agreed that a small rise in the price of hire will help to balance the finances.

For those living within the Benefice a session (morning, afternoon or evening) the charge is now £20.

For those living outside the Benefice a session (morning, afternoon or evening) the charge is now £25.

An hourly rate of £6 per hour can be arranged.

All cheques should be made payable to Little Bealings PCC Fabric Fund.

The Angela Cobbold is available for hire for children's parties, play space, dancing etc. Crockery, cutlery, tables and chairs can be borrowed for a donation to funds.

All enquiries 01473 620213

### MEMORIES

Do you have special memories of events and activities that have taken place at the Angela Cobbold Church Rooms? A record of the history and role the Hall (Rooms) has played in village life is being collected. Memories of the Baby Clinic, Doctors Surgery, Playgroup, social events have already been gratefully received. More of the same would be much appreciated, including photographs etc.

Please contact Peter & Vicki Carr on 01473 620213 or drop ideas in at Corner Cottage The Street.

### RECIPES

Also, please remember to send in your recipes.

*Vicki Carr*

## PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 25 November 2015 and 4 January 2016

### PLANNING

#### APPLICATIONS

**DC/15/4385/CLE:** Swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law attached/abutting dwelling since September 2010. Enclosure built as a class E structure. Its use being incidental to the use of the main dwelling house: Finches Hill, The Street.

The applicant explained the background to the application and the advice he had received from SCDC in the past. It was agreed to advise SCDC that the Council was unqualified to comment on the lawfulness of the application for a Certificate of Lawful Development, but that the lack of enforcement action in the past had over-complicated the matter and a swift resolution was now required.

**DC/15/4908/FUL:** Erection of new headquarters building for vehicular hire operator comprising workshop, office, associated parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage, workshop and sales of machinery (revised scheme to

**DC/15/2107/FUL and DC/14/4251/FUL) at Kesgrave Quarry, and DC/15/5055/FUL: Change of use in Kesgrave Quarry from mineral use to associated parking and access routes for adjacent Trucks R Us headquarters**

Residents raised concerns about the applications and current operations at the site, which caused significant noise and dust. The applicant's agent responded in respect of the current applications, advising that the changes would move the approved headquarters building 10 metres further south and that the parking changes were to provide more car parking spaces and fewer van and lorry spaces. It would still be necessary to provide a tree belt. Another application to SCC, as the planning authority for minerals operations, would address current operations on the block paved area of the site. It was agreed that, while there remained concerns about the lack of a masterplan for the site and at the noise and dust, there was no objection to these two applications.

SCDC had approved the following applications:

**DC/15/4066/FUL: Replacement of existing outbuilding/shed by a larger outbuilding shed at Honeybees, Sandy Lane**

**DC/15/3746/FUL Refurbishment of the existing 4 bedroomed residential property and the addition of 3 extensions and associated landscaping. Removal of dilapidated garages attached to the house. To infill a pond and create a new pond in a new location. Garden alterations including change of use: Fynn Bridge Barn, The Street**

SCDC had refused the following application:

**C13/0393: Stables opposite Brimar, The Street: Change of Use to Riding Establishment**

**Complaints to SCDC on Planning Matters**

SCDC had replied to the Council's first complaint and it was noted that the planning application for the Stables opposite Brimar had been determined as result. SCDC had advised that it

considered it had dealt with the erection of a fence at The Grove appropriately. SCDC had also replied to the Council's complaint about lack of enforcement action at Sinks Pit (Kesgrave Quarry). It was agreed to write again to SCDC and refute its claim that it had only known of residents' complaints since October, as it had acknowledged receipt of a complaint in July.

**HIGHWAYS**

**20mph Speed Limit for The Street**

Denise Head reported that there had been no progress with funding opportunities involving the School, parent fundraising or grant applications. The shortfall, including the contingency figure, remained at up to £6,000. It was not known if further locality grants could be obtained from County and District Councillors for the project next financial year, or if allocated funding would be lost if not spent this year. It was agreed that the precept would not be raised to meet any of the shortfall and that fundraising and grant applications would be investigated further by Ms Head. Allocated locality funding would be claimed and held if it was possible to do so.

**SAVID**

In view of the 20mph initiative it was agreed not to participate in the group purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign to inform motorists of their speed.

**FOOTPATH CUTTING**

Mr Ball had advised that he would be retiring and would not be undertaking the footpath cutting during 2016. It was agreed to send Mr Ball a letter of thanks for all his work for the Council over the years. It was agreed to try and find a local replacement to undertake the cutting rather than to ask SCC to include the parish paths in its contract cutting.

**DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT**

Mr Hedgley's report included a financial overview, which foresaw an increase in Council Tax for 2015/16 of up to 2%.

## **POLICE**

Toni Cornish reported that she had attended a Local Policing Information Evening on 10 December, which had advised of cuts to police services. However, it was understood that the police funding settlement for the year had been received after the meeting and the situation was therefore under review.

## **FINANCE**

### **Income and Expenditure**

Payment had been received from Playford Parish Council for its share of the Councillor training costs. Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary for January and February and for PAYE, for £346.80 to SCDC for Parish Council Election Fees and for a donation of £25 to Homestart, a charity currently active in the parish.

### **Internal Audit**

It was noted that a new internal auditor was required for the annual accounts, Mr Gardiner having moved away. A new sector-led body was being set up to undertake external audits.

## **DATES OF MEETINGS**

It was agreed that the Council would meet in Bealings Village Hall on 14 March (also the Annual Parish Meeting), 23 May (also the Annual Parish Council Meeting), 4 July, 5 September and 7 November during 2016 and on 9 January and 6 March in 2017.

The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7pm on Monday 14 March. All parishioners are invited to attend, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village and opportunities which could be explored. Local community groups are also invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so. Refreshments will be served.

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

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# **PLAYFORD**

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## **ST MARY'S**

The Christmas and New Year festivities are now well and truly over and it is back to normal whatever your normal is. I don't do normal any more. If I were normal I would not be a churchwarden. That apart, how have things been going?

Well I can report on the total success of our new loo. It has been used in action on eight occasions plus one baby change. The Home Office have deemed it "Fit for Purpose".

Our next big task is the repair and maintenance of the church roof and more particularly the gable ends, gable cross and the stitching of some high end flint work.

This is being pursued by the PCC with

alacrity and we are now awaiting the clearance from the diocese for our faculty application. Then the fundraising starts. Running alongside this is our plan to create an area at the rear of the church as a "social space" which can be used as a children's' play zone and a seated meeting section etc. To enable this, we have changed a few things at the church door entrance in order to give the impression of more space coupled with a better display for notices and leaflets. The whole plan will entail the moving and repositioning of the rear three pews (but not disposing of them) and the moving of the font to nearer the main door. The church architect has visited, talked through the plans and with a few tweaks has given us the nod

to go ahead with a faculty submission. But of course everything takes time. The new loo took a nine month gestation period from inception to birth and I do not see the new area completion being any faster. I am progressing all with the speed of a striking sloth.

Finally don't forget to check the experimental dates and times of our church services. 2nd and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 9.00 am. Yes I know that's early but you will be out in time to go for a pub lunch or a visit to Peppa Pig world.

### **Binky and co**

The Sticklebacks had a wonderful Christmas. It was an old fashioned whole family occasion. All three were there. Binky's favourite part is the pulling of Christmas crackers and reading out the jokes which of course are never funny. Mrs Stickleback is renowned for her lack of a sense of humour. Humour as she once observed " is a condition of the lower classes " and she has a steely determination not to laugh it Binky's appalling reading from cheap strips of paper and constant guffawing at puerile and absurd drollery. Nevertheless lunch was good apart from the undercooked roast potatoes and runny mushy peas. The braised rabbit was sublime. There was a slight altercation (threats of divorce, solicitors, court appearances etc., this being deemed "slight" in the Stickleback household)

when it came to the Christmas pudding. Binky suffers from a degenerative disease know commonly as 'cream elbow'. This affects about one in every ten million people and it afflicts only males. Basically it can be described as having the inability to stop pouring thick expensive cream over ones Christmas pudding once the pouring has started thus leaving none for anyone else. Binky has taken advice about this terrible malaise after being prodded by

Mrs S. Alas it appears there is no cure. So my advice to all is always ask a Christmas guest if they suffer from cream elbow. Should they say yes then double the amount you intended to purchase. Job done.

On a final and uplifting note Mrs Stickleback, as Chairmanpersonthingy of the Woodbridge Sailors Welcoming Committee, received the wonderful news that the USS Franklin D Roosevelt (complement 5700) is dropping anchor for five days off Woodbridge Haven in February. Mrs S has already started planning for a major reception in the Turban Centre with tea and cucumber sandwiches. Mrs S prides herself on knowing exactly what sailors want after six months at sea.

*Colin Hedgley  
Churchwarden*

## **PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS**

**12th December** sponsored by Chris and Rosemary Cocksedge for their grandson, Ben's birthday

**14th December** sponsored by Chris Cocksedge to celebrate Rosemary's birthday and by Nathan and Catherine

Ashton to celebrate the 2nd birthday of Elizabeth and the arrival of Catherine's parents from Canberra, Australia.

**20th December** sponsored by Colin Hedgley

**23<sup>rd</sup> December** sponsored by Brian Seward to celebrate his and Anne's Golden Wedding anniversary earlier in the year.

**The Christmas Lights** were on from **Christmas Eve until Wednesday, 6th January 2016 inclusive.**

They were sponsored by: The Baker Family, Colin Hedgley, Brian and Anne Seward, Lilian Heard (in memory of her husband David), the Saunders family (the 26th and 27th), Wendy Wilson & Brian Buckles and Charles Bunbury.

£100 was raised from these generous people.

**2016**

**14th January 2016** Happy Birthday to Hilary Legard sponsored by friends

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

please note new email address: [vronxbunbury@gmail.com](mailto:vronxbunbury@gmail.com)

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home and be aware that short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time

## **PLAYFORD WI**

Playford WI and our visitors met at lunch time for our December meeting and learned how to make Christmas Trees from pieces of fruit. Serviettes were then turned into Christmas Trees and we made tiny ribbon bows, using a fork, to decorate the trees. After a light lunch of soup and garlic bread followed by mince pies we ate our fruit Christmas Trees and drank a mulled fruit punch. After lunch we learned how to make snowflakes from paper. No excuse for not having well decorated tables for Christmas.

In January we welcomed Kim Bilner who had worked on exercises for all abilities and ages and had started setting up Otago groups in Suffolk. These groups were mainly for post operative elderly people and produced fantastic results, increasing mobility and confidence and having fun. She was now the Development Co-ordinator for Active Ageing. This included gardening and various games-NewAge Kurling, Boccia, Short Mat Bowls, Walking Football, etc. as well as social events. Sport England and The Lottery Fund were funding these projects for three years and the projects were proving very popular. They were usually targeted at the more deprived areas of Ipswich. Kim then led us through some of the exercises she teaches and although for most of them we were sitting on chairs we could feel how our muscles were being used.

Our meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February will be held in Playford Parish Hall at 7.30pm when Davina Watson will be talking about Aloe Vera. We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meetings.

*Liz Royle*



## ***Playford Easter Chocolate Fair***

***Saturday 26th March***

***Playford Village Hall***

***12.00 noon - 3.00 pm***

*Children £2.00 - Parents FREE*

*Easter Egg Hunt                      Tea & Cakes*  
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## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to all those attended our drop in session.

For those who couldn't make it please visit [playfordvillage.co.uk/drop-in-online](http://playfordvillage.co.uk/drop-in-online) and sign up to receive the material we shared at the session. We will also give you the chance to give us your feedback and answer the several questions which we asked of Playford residents at the meeting.

Up until now Playford Parish Council has felt that drawing up a Neighbourhood Plan is a worthwhile exercise for the village because, in particular, it will enhance our ability to defend the parish from the encroaching development of the surrounding towns and have a greater 'say' in the future of our village,

This feeling was firmly supported by those who attended our drop-in session but we wanted to widen the pre-consultation online. Those who do not have online access are encouraged to contact any member of the Parish Council who would be happy to arrange the delivery of hard copy information.

We are holding an **Open Meeting** on **Thursday 11th February** at **7.30** in the **Village Hall** when we will report back on the feedback we have gathered. There will be a short presentation followed by a discussion as to whether residents wish to formally initiate the process for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

*For those who wish to preserve the character of the village this is important and all residents are invited to this meeting and to have their say.*

*Playford Parish Council*

## PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### ACTION POINT REVIEW

It was resolved that before a decision is made regarding the future of Byway 19, a survey of users should be conducted. Verges and ditch in Hill Farm Road are still untidy – SCC claims that it is not their responsibility – clerk to write to landowner to try and reach an agreement and a request is being made for locals to refrain from depositing grass clippings in the ditch as this seriously affects drainage.

Joan Metcalfe has received responses from several previous users of the unregistered footpath which links C324

to U3311 and evidence forms are being completed.

The temporary repair to broken tarmac at the junction of Butts Road & Brook Lane has been reported as unsatisfactory and Highways dept will reassess this.

An arm is still awaiting repair on the signpost at the junction of C324 and Church Road and the splay on the opposite junction has still not been cut back, there has recently been an accident here when a contract vehicle collided with a car – clerk to reinforce the need to attend to this situation.

The owner of field has been asked to trim back vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13 – Debbie Adams from Highways has reported that this will be done very shortly.

Blocked ditch in Spring Meadow should be cleared soon by contractors and fallen tree near the layby in Spring Meadow has yet to be cleared away,

clerk is currently awaiting a report on both of these issues.

Potholes at the junction of Butts Road and Church Lane will be reported.

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

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor, Peter Bellfield was unable to attend due to illness.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor, Robert Whiting also unable to attend due to illness.

#### **POLICE REPORT**

No reported crimes in Playford for September, October report was not available at the time of the meeting. Lack of Police presence at regular Parish Council meetings is causing concern but the Police claim that they do not have resources to do this and will only attend in an emergency or following a major incident.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

It is felt that Playford needs to draw up and adopt a Neighbourhood Plan to assist with the decisions regarding planning applications. In order to obtain consent from the village as a whole, provisional plans have been made for an open meeting to be held on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 – details to follow.

#### **FINANCE**

Payments have been authorised to Little Bealings PC for the councillors' course in October and to HMRC for 3 months' tax due on the clerk's salary.

The Bank balance is artificially inflated by grant monies received for the basketball project which has not yet been started and by the fact that we have not yet been billed for all of this year's grounds maintenance. It was resolved that £1500 should be earmarked for initial funding of a Neighbourhood Plan.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

A replacement rubbish bin for the Village Hall car park is to be ordered.

The village litter pick scheduled for Sat 7<sup>th</sup> November was cancelled due to bad weather – this will be rescheduled at the next meeting.

Work on the basketball project will commence as soon as the contractor can achieve this.

Speeding through the village continues to be a problem, District Councillor Robert Whiting has suggested we liaise with other parishes in the Fynn Valley ward to borrow and share equipment such as mobile flashing units to try to combat this and there are Locality and Community budgets to help with costs. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.

Non-Designated Heritage Assets in the parish need to be identified according to criteria adopted by SCDC, there are several buildings which would qualify.

#### **PLANNING**

Playford Parish Council has recommended approval of the following application:

**DC/15/3716/FUL –Replacement of flat roof at first floor level with pitched roof at Sevenoaks, Butts Road, Playford, IP6 6DF.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Weds 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.00pm**

## **PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

#### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

The temporary repair to broken tarmac at the junction of Butts Road & Brook Lane, reported as unsatisfactory, has still not been rectified –the clerk will chase this up.

The arm missing from the signpost at the junction of C324 and Church Road will be repaired when a technician is next in the vicinity, and visibility at the

splay on the opposite junction will be re-assessed shortly.

Overgrown vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13 –this task is with the contractors at the moment and Debbie Adams from Highways will chase it up. The fallen tree and loose ivy near the layby in Spring Meadow has yet to be cleared away, clerk is currently awaiting a report on this.

Potholes at the junction of Butts Road and Church Lane have now been dealt with.

Branches fallen from trees in the Alder Carr have been cleared to one side and will be removed soon and overgrown vegetation in FP4 (Pig Lane) has been attended to.

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

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor, Peter Bellfield was unable to attend due to illness.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor, Robert Whiting reported that the trial period of not using traffic lights at the roundabout on the junction of Ropes Drive and the A1214 had resulted in 50% reduction of traffic hold-ups therefore the lights would be removed in due course.

Work will commence soon to put in new soakaways at the top of Bell Lane. Kesgrave Town Council has received an application for 300 new dwellings in the Bell Lane area and Martlesham Town Council has received an application for 215 dwellings to be erected in Top Street. Both of these projects will of course mean extra traffic in the vicinity.

SCDC have decided not to charge residents any extra for emptying brown wheelie bins in the forthcoming tax year.

#### **FINANCE**

Payments have been authorised to HMRC for tax on the clerk's salary and to the clerk for expenses.

A grant application to NALC has been completed for assistance towards new computer equipment purchased by the clerk for parish council use.

The budget for 2016-2017 was discussed in detail and it was resolved to request the same level of Precept (£4500) for the coming year.

Final bills have yet to be received for grass cutting and ground maintenance and for hire of the village hall for meetings.

There are surplus funds earmarked for the basketball project and for emergency use. Funds are also reserved in the Savings account towards costs of adopting a Neighbourhood Plan.

The clerk has approached Mr. Colin Grimwood of Grundisburgh to carry out the internal audit of this year's accounts at the end of the tax year and this was unanimously agreed by the council.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

The current risk assessment document was amended to appoint Neil Tibble to monitor the entrance to the village hall grounds and playing field and the bottle bank area on a regular basis. Joan Metcalfe will continue to monitor trees on parish council ground regularly and to check the gate and breakglass unit between the car park and the playing field. The possibility of replacing the dog litter bin with a larger one was also discussed.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

An open meeting was held on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 in the village hall to discuss the adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan for Playford and to invite views from residents. Consent must be obtained by at least 50% of the electorate for a Plan to be made legal. Input from the meeting will be evaluated to take the project to its next level - further meetings will be called in due course and an interactive website will be set up for direct communications.

## **QUEEN'S 90<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS**

It was suggested that we should mark this occasion with a celebration in the village on Sat 11<sup>th</sup> June - this will be further discussed at the next meeting.

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Further evidence forms need to be completed before an application is made to re-open the unregistered footpath between C330 and U3311 to the north of the village – if you have used this path regularly in the past please contact Joan Metcalfe direct or via the parish council.

The Ramblers Assoc. will be contacted for their advice regarding downgrading Byway19 to a bridleway as this continues to be unfit for walkers during wet weather.

It was agreed to ask Suffolk Norse Ltd for a quote to tidy up the verges in Hill Farm Road before new growth starts in the Spring.

Work on the basketball project will commence as soon as a new contractor can be agreed upon.

We have been approached by Rushmere St Andrew PC with a view to a joint venture to combat the ongoing problem of speeding through local villages – there are funds available in SCDC's budget to help with the cost of equipment and volunteers to be trained to use the equipment will be sought in due course.

### **PLANNING**

A site meeting will be held soon with SCC Highways Dept. to resolve planning issues arising with Airys Cottage and Sonnet House.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Weds 2nd March 2016 at 7.00pm**

*Marian Rosling – Clerk 01473 738648*

*e-mail: [playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk)*

*website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

## **H. M. THE QUEEN'S 90<sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL BIRTHDAY**

There will be major national events taking place in London over the weekend of 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June in celebration, which will include a 'street party' style lunch for 10,000 guests in The Mall.

Playford will be marking the occasion with a village barbeque and music will be provided by The Original Caribbean Steel Band of Ipswich who proved so popular last year.

This event will take place on Saturday 11th June at Playford Hall (*by kind permission of Fiona and Adrian Melrose*)

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## CULPHO

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### ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

#### CHURCH LIGHTS

The lights shone brightly on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate the birth of Christ.

#### SHINGLE STREET FOLK CONCERT

Steve Harding, Michael Tyndale-Biscoe and Chris Pearce – the 'Shingle Street folk trio' invite you to join them for an evening of Music on the theme of Love, 'Romancing the Heart' on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m. Heart-warming refreshments will be available at the end of the evening with a Valentine Raffle. Proceeds will be shared between the British Heart Foundation and Culpho Church. Tickets are £7 including refreshments and can be obtained from Chris Pearce on 01473 738324 or email [cmp0601@hotmail.com](mailto:cmp0601@hotmail.com) and available at the door on the night. This will be the second occasion this popular trio have entertained us and if you can join us it will be good to see you. The evening promises to be very enjoyable.

#### CHANGES TO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Please note that the Holy Communion service has changed and will now take place on the third Wednesday of each month commencing at 9.30 a.m. The service lasts around half an hour and you are most welcome to join us.

#### NEXT P.C.C. MEETING

This will take place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, at 5.30 p.m. at Abbey Farm, Culpho.

#### CAR PARKING AT REAR OF CHURCH

In recent weeks the wet weather has meant that the car park at the rear of the Church has become saturated and unsuitable for cars to park safely. People visiting the Church have therefore been asked to park on the road and although Churchwardens will do all they can to keep the car park open, should you find the five barred gate closed on service days, this means the car park is temporarily out of use. You are thanked for your patience and hopefully the weather will get better and the car park conditions improve.

*Margaret Gornall  
Secretary*

### MARCH NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the March Newsletter should be submitted by:

**5.00 pm Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

The newsletter will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.**

**Please be aware that this magazine will be available online. Names of children 16 and under must have parental/guardian approval before inclusion in the newsletter.**

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## ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

### BEALINGS

**VH: Village Hall**

**ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall**

|                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| AGE UK                           | Village Representative   | <i>Jenny Shaw 07962087205</i>               |
| ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING      |  | <i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>                    |
| BADMINTON                        | VH Thu 7.30  | <i>Martin Yates 07710187722</i>             |
| BALLROOM DANCING                 | VH First 3 Tue 7.30  | <i>Teresa Rudd 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:<br>noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings   | <i>Catherine 07971970836</i>                |
| GUIDES                           | ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30  | <i>Jo Slim 01394 448846</i>                 |
| JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT       |  | <i>http://bealings.ibooka.com/</i>          |
|                                  | VH   | Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390 |
| KEEP FIT                         | VH Thu 10.00   | <i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>                 |
| LIBRARY                          | Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings | <i>07809594685</i>                          |
| PILATES                          | ACH Wed & Fri am   | <i>Dawn Maile 07876506327</i>               |
| REMOTE CONTROL TOYS ACH Bookable |  | <i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>                    |
| SNOOKER                          | VH Any day <4 hours  | <i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>          |
| TABLETENNIS                      | ACH Bookable   | <i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>                    |
| VILLAGE HALL BOOKING             |  | <i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>          |
| WI                               | VH Thu (3rd in month) 2.30 Oct - Mar<br>7.30 Apr - Sep   | <i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>                 |
| WOLSEY MINIATURES                | VH Tue (4th in month) 7.30   | <i>Tricia Pitcher 624580</i>                |

### PLAYFORD

**PH: Parish Hall**

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

## **NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

**Great Bealings:** For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

**Little Bealings:** Please see the parish website for information:  
[www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net](http://www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net)

**Playford:** A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

## **GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME** - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

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- getting prescriptions
- minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
- short term help with pets

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## **BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP**

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: [bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)

Please say which village you live in so that you can receive the most appropriate information. Your email address will not be shared with others. The newsgroup can also be used to send information that residents would like distributed. BUT-please note that the newsgroup does not distribute any information involving commercial ventures or for the sale of goods and services, other than for charitable fund raising relevant to the parishes.

## **LOCAL POLICING INFORMATION**

You can sign up to Police Connect to receive newsletters and information about local incidents at:

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/aboutus/ourservices/policeconnect.aspx>

## **NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?**

**Road Repairs and Maintenance** – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – contact the County Council and report on-line:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/> and click on Report

**If there is an immediate danger contact the police.**

**Public Rights of Way** – report problems on-line at:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/>

**Fly Tipping and Litter:** Fill in an online form at:

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourhome/waste/fly-tipping/>

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## CHURCH DIARY - FEBRUARY

### SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup>

8.00  
10.00

### Sunday next before Lent

Holy Communion – said  
Holy Communion

**Little Bealings**  
**Great Bealings**

### WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup>

7.00 pm

### Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion

**Little Bealings**

### SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup>

8.00  
9.00

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion – said  
Family Communion

**Great Bealings**  
**Playford**

### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>

9.30 am

Holy Communion – said

**Culpho**

### SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

10.00  
3.00 pm

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion  
Evensong

**Little Bealings**  
**Culpho**

### SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup>

9.00  
4.00 pm

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion  
Messy Church

**Playford**  
**Little Bealings ACH**

### MARCH

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

8.00  
10.00

### Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion – said  
Holy Communion

**Little Bealings**  
**Great Bealings**