

Fynn - Lark News

February 2017



Early 2017 conversations have tended to be short on optimism. The New Year has seemed beset by uncertainty, both nationally and internationally. How are we going to make Brexit work? Is Donald Trump really as much a threat to stability and civility as he seems to be? What is Russia really up to? How and when will politicians and populations ever manage to resolve the problems in the Middle East? Is the planet really heading towards catastrophic warming? Is our NHS really at crisis point? Is anywhere safe from terrorism? Even at the frivolous local sporting level our major football team seems to be beyond salvation. Gloom and uncertainty seem to pervade the air and the media. And how much can we, as individuals, in our lovely Suffolk villages do about it? The answer is probably: not much. We can join in the chorus of lamentations. We can pretend that by airing our opinions we can influence developments, but, for the most part, we are reduced to helpless impotency, and to the role of worried spectators, our uncertainties fed by the clamours of the mass media. So far, so gloomy.

But perhaps some sort of solution can be found locally. We may not be able to influence events across the world, but there is so much we can do to make our

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Voltaire's 18th century *Candide* roamed the world, coming across and enduring from all sorts of evil, horror, war, corruption, cruelty, slavery and natural disasters. A modern-day, resurrected *Candide* could follow precisely the same route – and might be even more horrified by what his travels revealed to him across the planet. The original 18th century *Candide* concluded that, in the face of all these challenges, the only solution was to “*cultiver notre jardin*” - in other words, concentrate on one's own locality and community. Cultivating the garden, for

Candide, rescued him from need (he grew his own vegetables), vice (too busy working!) and boredom (he was part of a community) and the hard work and collective spirit kept them all going. Perhaps there's a lesson in that for us today, something that spares us the



sense of impotency in the face of these wider challenges. And it even allows me to get in a pertinent plug for our Bealings Plant Sale on Saturday April 22nd. *Il faut cultiver nos jardins!*

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

THE FYNN-LARK NEWS

Welcome to the first edition of 2017. The Magazine is in good health, and we are immensely grateful to the large numbers of readers who have supported us with standing orders and donations. Thank you so much. The breadth of support means that this really is *YOUR* Magazine, and that its direction, particularly in terms of content, is very much in your hands.

Please feel free to contribute to the Magazine items of potential interest to others in our villages, particularly under the new headings of:

- 1.1. **Reviews**
- 2.2. **Wild-life anecdotes and pictures**
- 3.3. **Profiles of individuals active in the community**
- 4.4. **Local history**

There are clearly a number of good photographers in our villages, so please do

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not be shy or modest about sending in pictures of local scenes, landscapes, gatherings, events. The Magazine is itself a mirror of local history, and a chronicle of our lives, as well as being a basic method of communication within the community.

Norman Porter. Mag co-ordinator.

A LINK WITH THE SOMME

Many will remember that Ivan Jowers* was our District Councillor* from 1991 – 2007, having previously worked as an accountant with ICI. Last year we commemorated the 100th anniversary of start of the Battle of the Somme, but the battle continued into 2017, and it was in these latter weeks, specifically on 7th February 1917, that Ivan's grandfather, John Jowers, serving in the Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed on the Somme. He was just 36 years old. Even more poignantly, Ivan's father, again called John, similarly died at the age of 36, in 1942, while serving as a war-time policeman in Ipswich. He left behind him his widow, Elsie, and three young sons aged just 8 (Ivan), 10 and 12. Little wonder that Ivan recalls his father and grandfather with some emotion at this time, even though, as was often the case, he knows so very little about his grandfather and the circumstances of his death. It is time to reflect, and to rescue him from that anonymity, a fate sadly shared by so many others. The Jowers family marked the special year by all spending Christmas in the Cotswolds. Meeting up together with Ivan were: Meryl and family, an Architect, who lives in Sydney, Australia, Susan and Pip (twins) who live with their families in Hertfordshire. Interestingly Susan has two sets of twins (all girls). What a great deal to be thankful for. May Grandfather John and Father John rest in peace. February 7th 2017 is

a special day for the Jowers family, 100 years on.

*A long way from the meaning of the surname *Jowers* – the name comes from Old French *jour* 'day' - hence a nickname for a journeyman or day labourer.

HISTORY CORNER

THE VILLAGE SIGNS

Firstly, by way of justifying our back-page motif, a reminder as to what those Village Signs actually represent. Just take a moment to check out the detail – and do have a closer look at the signs themselves. They tell you something about our villages.

The Bealings sign, situated by the bridge on Lodge Road over the River Lark (often thought to be the Fynn) is two-sided, with one side devoted to each village. Both villages have roots which stretch back to Anglo-Saxon times and both featured in the 1066 Doomsday Book as Bealings Magna and Bealings Parva. The respective churches are central to each carved design. 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 and 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 4th Century Roman Treasure Hoard found in July 1934 at the new Village Hall site, a 10th 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.

This sign, beautifully created by local woodcarver, Maureen Midwinter, was

officially unveiled in 1990, with Rev Frank Hollingsworth officiating.



The design for the Playford sign was conceived and drawn by George Ditton, Parish Council chairman 1955 – 1980. It depicts a man ploughing with a pair of horses, a reflection on the association that the village once had with the Suffolk Punch. The Suffolk

Horse Society was founded in 1877 and is the oldest heavy horse society in Britain. Its first Secretary until 1889 was Herman Biddell and its first Treasurer was his elder brother Manfred. Herman farmed at Hill Farm from the time of his father's death in 1860 until his retirement in 1892 and has been described as 'the historian of the Suffolk horse' being responsible for compiling the first volume of the stud book, 'A History and Register of the County Breed of Cart Horses', The Suffolk Stud Book, 1880, Volume I. Manfred, who farmed for 52 years at Lux Farm from 1842 until his death in 1894 was a well-known breeder, exhibitor and exporter of the Suffolk horse, winning many awards notably first prize at the Royal Agricultural Society of England show at Chelmsford in 1856. Following his death, his famous stud of 46 horses was dispersed. Carved by Titchmarsh and

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Goodwin, the sign was renovated in 2015 and a new glass fronted notice board was made.

Coincidentally the following email has been received from Alex Ditton, Playford resident.—Ed

Playford's Village Sign was designed by my father, George Ditton, Chairman of Playford Parish Council from 1952- 1977. He was a commercial artist, well known in the 1940s and 1950s for designing the covers of magazines as well as for the illustrations. I did have the original design papers, but no longer have them.

Alex Ditton

Culpho has no village sign, but rightly celebrates its status as a "Thankful Village", with no victims of either of the world wars. Our villages are rich in history, and modern lives lived within those villages can be enriched by knowledge of our forebears and of our roots.

BEALINGS WI

January in Ipswich on a grey, wintry day, really cold and miserable, but there on a market stall a huge display of glowing Seville oranges. Action! and so on to marmalade making followed by jams, jellies, and autumn pickles.

So it is with Bealings WI. At our very happy Christmas meeting members and many guests ventured into the world of pantomime, ably assisted by Sue and Harry Parsons from Lakenheath.

January, and details of forthcoming coffee get-togethers were circulated. A visit to Norwich and the WI Annual Meeting at Trinity Park, where the speaker will be Mark Horton from BBC's Coast, are events to look forward to.

A Stitch-up Afternoon to create blankets from knitted squares for British Humanitarian Aid and another collection of baby hats for local neo-natal units will be arranged.

To find out more come to the next WI meeting on Thursday 16th February at 2.30pm in Bealings village hall or contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985.

HELPS! Knitting wool in double knitting or baby 4ply, full balls or oddments is always needed.

Jennifer Cook

BEALINGS LAWN BOWLS CLUB

Are you aware that in Little Bealings we have a superb Bowling Green? Visiting teams often comment on what a lovely quiet and pretty place it is.

We are a happy club and have achieved quite a lot of success in the past.

Whilst it is fair to say we are a thriving club we are always keen to increase our membership. There is plenty of opportunity to play as we participate in several leagues. We also play friendly matches and have internal matches at weekends.

To that end I will shortly be organising a "come and try" afternoon or evening where you can simply turn up and play. Bowls will be supplied if required and afterwards you are invited to enjoy a drink and the opportunity to chat with one of our regular bowlers. More information will be in next month's magazine.

If you would like any more information, please contact David Price 01473 621419 or e-mail mrdjprice@hotmail.co.uk.

Please note: you do not need to be a Bealings resident to join the club but it would be very nice if some of the residents apart from myself did play.

This Month's Profile

AN INCOMER'S TALE - Lynette Chapman



I was born in Surrey and spent my early childhood in Indonesia and late teens in Trinidad, where I met my husband, Robert. As a Naval wife, we had many homes and a family of three children. Passionate about education, I qualified as an adult education lecturer, Cambridge examiner and, in 1996, started an educational company with clients in Europe, Japan and South America. Upon Robert's retirement and on the coat-tails of a son and his wife, Toby and Faith, we moved to Suffolk in 2006.

The charms of this lovely and friendly county helped us to settle and find happiness. Joining the community and committees has given great pleasure, and involvement with charities and music has provided engagement and opportunity for creativity.

Since 2008, I've supported 6 concerts for Macmillan, NSPCC and Save the Children local branches and had varying involvement with 30+ musical events across East Anglia. In addition, I've donated 13 fully-funded concert programmes.

Other fundraising has included the Royal British Legion, bridge drives and lunch or tea for the Children's Society and British Heart Foundation and a team effort for Culpho Thankful Village (Royal British Legion). In 2012, I completed the Rotary Club of East Ipswich's 36th Orwell Walk with proceeds going to East Anglian Sailing Trust, a Levington-based charity providing sailing for the disabled. A further annual commitment is to produce 30+ raffle prizes from local businesses for the Grundisburgh Village Show, Disco and Garden Party

In all, I've raised £20,000+ since 2008 and my thanks go to all those who've made this possible. I would also like to thank our many friends who have made us so welcome in Suffolk.

Finally, a charitable thought for Jenny and Michael Taylor who run "Mrs Jenny's Ark" at Horseshoe Cottage, Manor Lane, Gosbeck, IP6 9SJ. Tel: 01449 760370. With a passion for wildlife, they provide free weekly therapeutic visits taking animals and reptiles to children's wards in Ipswich, EACH, St Elizabeth Hospice (Young adults). Their running costs are substantial and they welcome any support and contributions.

NATURE NOTES

This is an open space, waiting for contributions. This month we have just two offerings:

1.1. In anticipation of the spring antics of hares here's a wonderful picture taken by James Firebrace.



Keep an eye open for these fine creatures as you head “over the top” towards Grun-disburgh, and elsewhere. Catch them (with your camera!) if you can.

2. Please keep an eye on the Great Bealings column: we have an occasional Wildlife Group, with various activities planned, including an Open Evening with Suffolk Wild-life Trust and an away day, visiting other special locations of ecological interest. People from other villages are very welcome to join us

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Friday 17th Talk 'Designing Georgian Britain' by Paul Bruce
Playford Parish Hall

APRIL

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

JUNE

Saturday 24th Playford Village 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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ST MARY'S

This preamble is being written on what seems to have earned the sad name of Blue Monday – the pits of after-Christmas, mid-January despair. Our editorial urges more positive thoughts, as does this contribution. The darker days of winter are the best possible time to be planning ahead, and to get motivated for what the rest of the year has to offer. The tentative calendar of events set out below is an invitation to look out beyond the dark days of winter towards a wide range of events later in the year.

The imminent departure of Philip and Denise Merry to a full-time post in a West Suffolk Benefice is both a call to celebrate their talents and contributions to our community over the past few years, and a challenge to ensure that we pull together to cover as many as possible of the roles that Philip and Denise undertook within our villages. We thank them mostly sincerely for all that they have done to making ours a happy, cohesive community, and look forward to enjoying the last couple of months of their contributions and friendship.

LOOKING BACK

Our Carol Service on Wednesday 21st December was well attended. Mulled wine and mince pies were served after the Service. Notice has been taken of the concern that the timing of the service makes it difficult for those doing a full working day to attend. Next year the service will be a bit later.

Midnight Mass was celebrated on 24th December and some 75 people attended from across the Benefice.

We very much hope that you and your families enjoyed a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas, and that 2017 has

started in the same vein.

LOOKING AHEAD

SERVICES ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

Last year our service on this Sunday was an 8.00 Communion Service. While this service has been, over the years, much loved by devotees of the Communion Service in the Book of Common Prayer – and by those who enjoy combining that with the exhilaration of seeing the early morning sun streaming in (occasionally) through the stained glass east window, numbers have dwindled to the point where the PCC and Celia had to consider laying on a service which would have a wider appeal. In the event, and for a trial period, it was agreed that we would hold a 10.00 family communion service, revolving around various themes. These could be: outdoor services, with a nature theme, a pet service, a toys service, a special Mothering Sunday Service, and – rather more imminently a St Valentine's Day Service. This is a worshipping space which challenges our creativity, and which gives us the opportunity to bring people together in a way that embraces evolving spiritual attitudes.

Sunday February 12th is just a couple of days before St Valentine's Day, so we invite you to bring along someone or something that you love. It could be a special person, a friend who does not normally attend church, or it could be a favourite teddy bear – for young and old. Something special. Let's celebrate those special bonds of love.

Just for the record – or according to Wikipedia: English 18th-century antiquarians, noting the obscurity of Saint Valentine's identity, suggested that Valentine's Day was created as an

attempt to supersede the pagan holiday of [Lupercalia](#) (mid-February in Rome). Many of the current legends that characterize Saint Valentine were invented in the fourteenth century in England, notably by Geoffrey Chaucer and his circle, when the feast day of February 14 first became associated with romantic love. During the Middle Ages, it was believed that birds paired in mid-February. This was then associated with the romance of Valentine. Although all these legends may differ in ways, Valentine's Day is widely recognized as a day for romance and devotion.

PCC NEWS

Our Treasurer, Charles Barrington has been busy putting together applications for grants to help us carry out repairs highlighted in our 2015 Quinquennial Report. As people know, we are the beneficiaries of a significant grant from the Government's Listed Places of Work scheme, and a further application for a grant has been lodged with Viridor, who gave us significant help last time. Charles is working closely with our architects, KLH, to settle the timetable and schedule of work and to ensure that it is completed within the required time scale. We are also submitting the application for a faculty to enable us to carry out the work. Previous PCC discussions about our survival strategy have been followed up at an informal gathering in the church in mid-January of friends and supporters. A very constructive discussion ensued and we hope to firm up our survival plans, which, as should by now be known, revolve around the 4 themes of a/ Wildlife, b/ Local History, c/ Pastoral involvement, and d/ Concerts/talks.

We are fortunate that Charles has a particularly good overview of what is needed in the village, because of his dual membership of the Parish Council and of the PCC. So much of what Charles has worked towards with the Neighbourhood Plan can be underpinned and enhanced by what we do in the church, which, as is ruefully recognised by all parties is the only public building that is actually sited in

our village. Its potential role as a force for coordination and cohesiveness with the village is important, and needs to be strengthened.

CHURCHYARD

One year on, the memory of Andrew Keep has been kept very much alive by masses of flowers placed on his grave, and even a small Christmas tree with lights. The immediate pre-Christmas period always brings many visitors to the churchyard, coming with flowers to leave on the graves of loved ones. This year there were some three dozen fresh tributes laid over that period. To know that the churchyard is still a place of family pilgrimage is both a motivation and a justification of the work that goes into maintaining it.

It's not quite the season for picnic tables, but they are now in place, so as spring sunshine starts seeping through feel free to pop in for a moment's quiet contemplation.

Cycle Rack: you will see that a cycle rack is now in place next to the toilet/store. There are five slots, so it can accommodate a full family's worth of bicycles.

Floodlights: these are now fully functional. The damaged wires have been repaired.

AND FINALLY

A suggestion for a New Year thought, if not a resolution: do please feel part of the various plans both for the church and within your community. We can never have too much help. We are always on the look-out for new ideas, so let us have them. Villages are constantly evolving entities, and we can all contribute to, and help to determine the way in which they evolve.

Churchwarden

GREAT BEALINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REFERENDUM

'A Village in a Landscape'

We are delighted to announce that Suffolk Coastal District Council (SCDC) have arranged to hold a referendum on our Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) on:

Thursday 9th February.

This follows the successful submission of the Plan to SCDC and a review of the Plan by an Independent Inspector. The Inspector was very complimentary and recommended that the Plan should go forward to a referendum. He made a few amendments to the wording of the Plan policies, which have been adopted by the Parish Council. The revised wording can be seen on the Plan website: gbnp.co.uk. If you have difficulty accessing the Plan on the website, or would like a hard copy, please contact the clerk at the address below.

Assuming, as we hope, that you support it and that a majority of those who vote are in favour, the Plan is then formally 'made', which means it becomes an adjunct to SCDC's own Local Plan and will have the same statutory force in terms of future planning decisions. While the planning authority remains SCDC, they are required to follow the policies in the Plan in the same way that they are required to follow the policies in their own Local Plan. This is the culmination of four years' work by the Parish Council and in particular by the Working Group. We are immensely grateful to all those who have given so much time and effort to get us to this stage. We should be proud of the fact that we are the first rural village in Suffolk to get to this point, and that our Plan is a pathfinder for small villages who would like to see the importance of landscape and the environment balanced against development proposals in their community. It has been very encouraging to see the recent publicity about the value of the landscape to the County of Suffolk – of which the Lark Valley is an example – not just because it encourages tourism but also because it directly contributes to the health and wellbeing of those of us lucky enough to live here.

It is of course your Plan: the responses we got at the public meetings and to the questionnaire we circulated have all shown not only a high level of interest, but a clear desire to see these matters properly considered in the context of

future planning applications. The creation of a list of Non-Designated Heritage Assets and the identification of the 5 Landscape Protection Areas are all based on your various responses and comments.

The Parish Council fully supports the Plan and a letter will be written to all residents containing our recommendation. We hope that you will join us in voting in favour on 9th February. If you have any questions, please contact the Chairman on charles.barrington@ardachy.com or the clerk on greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk.

*Great Bealings Parish Council
January 2017*

NB: Voting cards will be issued with postal and proxy voting arrangements if you cannot vote in person on the day.

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

This is due to take place next Saturday, February 4th. Numbers were increasing sharply at the time of writing – mid-January – so be prepared for livelier-than-usual roads on that evening.

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

Once dates and events for the year have been finalised we hope to publish a handy reference diary. We already have:

Saturday April 22nd: Bealings Plant Sale. Village Hall. 10.00 – 12.00

Saturday June 3rd (half term): Wild life group visit to 2 venues: Framsdon Community Wildlife area and Poker Wood, near Winston. Bring-your-own Picnic Lunch opportunity!

Friday June 9th Open Evening at the church, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust Community Officer, Tracey Housley.

Sunday July 16th: Village Cricket at Barn Pightle

Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th September: Flower and Creative Arts Festival (see below)

Saturday October 7th: Churchyard working party 9.00 – 1.00.

Friday November 3rd Jazz Concert

with *JoySpring*

Those from other villages more than welcome to join us as appropriate.

FUTURE PLANS

We had a very constructive meeting of supporters on Saturday 14th January, and some very positive ideas emerged. It was agreed that we will go firm on our plans for a major event in early September – the weekend of 9th/10th September, alongside the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride. It was agreed that we would organise a Flower and Creative Arts Festival. We already have a number of potential exhibitors signed up, and Chris Chestnutt has very kindly offered to organise that side of things so please get in touch with him if you would like to participate as an exhibitor of any kind. We hope to have a full and continuous programme of events over that weekend,

including a special family church service on the Sunday at 10.00. We shall be looking to identify people prepared to take on specific responsibilities – such as refreshments, flower competition, publicity, programme etc. so if you would like to be involved in any way, please contact Norman Porter – nhp@rillcott.co.uk.

The weekend may also include an official launch occasion on the Friday evening, courtesy of Ben and Nicky Morton-Jones of Annesley Hall.

The Friends

LIGHTS – GREAT BEALINGS

Shine on , Shine on Harvest Moon

So goes the song, many of you will never have heard of, sung by Doris Day & Dan Dailey. Not to worry, because I had three requests for ignition late last month by

BYAT ON BROADWAY

MARCH 4 & 5 – BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL THEATRE

After last year's much appreciated show which raised over £500 for the All Saints, Little Bealings, Roof Appeal Fund, our members are treading the boards again with another compilation show entitled "**An evening on Broadway**". We aim to repeat the mix of popular and well known songs and scenes from Broadway shows such as Chicago, Sweeney Todd, Sister Act, My Fair Lady and Broadway Pirates, coupled with Monty Python's "**Life of Brian**" and "**Streuth**", a short play where Inspector Spring is called upon to discover the murderer of Henry D'Arcy, last heard of in Patagonia, but found lying on the floor of the lounge with a poker in his chest! Such a plot demands a high level of acting skills known as "Coarse" – a trait for which our actors are well known! Also performing will be our beautiful young ladies dance group in "**All that Jazz**" and for the first time our new "Young Byats" from Bealings School in Disney's "**Peter Pan**" and "**Jungle Book**". Add to this melange some Ronnie Barker sketches and we have a Fun Evening, perhaps nearer to Ealing Broadway rather than New York?

Our cause is to share the Show's net proceeds between The East Anglia Air Ambulance Service, who were called out last year to try and save one of Bealings sons and the Benefice Magazine to ensure their financial stability for the coming year. So have a look at your diaries – the dates are **Sat 4th March 7.30 and Sun 5th - a Matinee at 4.30. The Box Office is now open, call 01473 735153 or order from any member of the cast you may know. Tickets are priced at £6 for adults, £3 for those under the age of 13.**

There will be a fully licensed bar, not only aimed at relieving you of your money but also to oil your vocal chords as you will be required to join in support of certain numbers – OR ELSE!

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See you there – Roger & Margaret

Ann Barrett as follows: on 23rd October for Debbie, 50 years young, on 1st November for Ally and the following day for Nick. Now I couldn't help noticing the proximity of the three births within a 10 day span. Does this indicate a forward planning master plan or were Harvest celebrations in those days jollier than modern ones? Either way, as a mother, Ann had a wonderful family around her.

I decided to join in the celebrations, thanks to my Margaret, who reminded me of my birthday on Oct 25th, which she coupled with Henry V's win at Agincourt, I hasten to add that I was born after that particular event!

So far in November NIL points – is there anyone out there with an opportunity in mind?

2. Here comes the 7th Cavalry!

Following my Oct epistle came the plethora of Lights now known as the "Barnett Cork Popping Festival" – On 12 Nov – James B. grandson –and Ena Ayers, granddaughter, 1st Dec, Sharon B – Daughter in law, 2nd Dec Harriet B. – granddaughter then finally, in order of maturity, "young" Eric on 30 Nov, he of the multi-year score, somewhat like Joe Root edging his way to his century by taking quick singles?

On a more sombre note the church lights shone to commemorate the late Andrew Keep's birthday – Pat Keep put a photo on Face Book, taken on Andrew's arrival in this world – the number of responses give clear indication of the manner in which this young man touched our hearts – we offer our love and prayers to his family at this difficult moment in time.

Roger Roseboom 01473 735153

PARISH COUNCIL

Summarised notes of the meeting held on 10th January

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Water Meadow – Cllrs noted with satisfaction a letter written by an Environment Agency officer to the landowner, following site visits. However, some Cllrs thought that the exemption specified would not be applicable. A letter

will be sent to the officer.

Quiet Lanes – Colin Hedgley had written to Robin Vickery asking him to obtain an update on this initiative. Robin Vickery will find out and respond.

REPORTS

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN VICKERY

Boot Street Bridge – Robin Vickery spoke about SCC's planned improvements to the approach to the bridge. Cllrs confirmed their agreement to these proposals which has already been communicated to SCC. It was agreed to request that the 30mph speed limit be extended further than proposed to the Woodbridge side of Rosery Lane, or if this is not possible, to make this section 40mph. Robin Vickery will convey this request to SCC.

SAVID - Robin Vickery reported that he is funding SAVID to cover the cost of a mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID) to be shared amongst villages

Hasketon Road – Robin Vickery is also funding two new 'HGV Unsuitable' picture signs at the entrance to Hasketon Road. The PC has already been approached about this by David Chenery of SCC. He will be advised that the PC is fully in support of this.

Neighbourhood Plan – It was noted with satisfaction that SCDC have set the referendum date for 9th February – see separate item in this edition of the Fynn Lark News. A letter is to be sent to all residents by the Parish Council and a reminder will be circulated by email in due course.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR COLIN HEDGLEY

Cllr Hedgley reported on the following items - Capital Programme, Budget, Merger, Sizewell C meeting, Beach Hut Consultation, Enabling Communities Budget, Car Park Improvements – Melton Riverside. Cllrs questioned the latter item and the arrangements made for staff parking at the new SCDC HQ. Concern was expressed that this car park would be taken up by staff leaving no space for the public in this amenity area. Cllr Hedgley will report back to the next meeting. His full report is attached to these minutes.

PLANNING

Wood Barn Cottages – An appeal has been submitted in respect of DC/16/2216. A letter detailing PC's objections has been sent to the Planning Inspector **HIGHWAYS**-Anglian Water have caused damage to the corners of Hasketon Rd. Charles Barrington has their contact details and will forward a report to them. A report has been received of some tyres fly-tipped at the side of Lodge Road which will be reported to Suffolk Norse.

SPEEDWATCH - A request has been received from Westerfield PC (who are the new administrators of the scheme) for payment of £50 in respect of both this year's and next year's subscription – an increase of £25. It is hoped to reduce this amount for future years. This request was agreed. Colin Hedgley advised that he has given £500 towards the SID sign from his budget. Two volunteers will be required to put up and take down the signs. Some suitable places will need to be identified and submitted to the Police so they can decide where the posts should be fixed. Charles Barrington, Colin Hedgley and John Carter-Jonas will meet to decide this.

FYNN-LARK NEWS - Following the proposal discussed at the last meeting to increase the amount donated to Fynn-Lark News, Playford PC have agreed to do this but Little Bealings PC have declined as they had made a donation elsewhere. It was decided to proceed with an additional donation of £50.

DEFIBRILLATOR - The Clerk has circulated details of three models of defibrillators, plus two quotations, one of which is from the East Anglian Ambulance Service Trust (EAST). It was agreed to proceed with the quote from the EAAST for a defibrillator with universal adult/paediatric pads and a heated thermostatically controlled cabinet at a price of £1,455. An additional amount of approximately £200 will be needed for installation by a qualified electrician. Colin Hedgley will now apply for this amount

from his Community Budget.

FINANCE – 8 cheques were approved including salary and PAYE, office expenses, donations and a subscription. The proposed budget for 2017/18 was approved and the precept was set for £4545 which will show as a 0% increase on Council Tax bills.

EAST ANGLIA ONE – Charles Barrington had attended the local Information Event and as a result a letter will be sent to Scottish Power (SP) with some queries. SP will be arranging a joint briefing session with Little Bealings to be held in the Village Hall in the near future. John Carter-Jonas had also attended the event and had expressed his concern that no passing places are proposed for Lodge Road. SP are going to email him with their views on this point. He has done the photos of the roads and will now do the videos. Following the PC's request for volunteers to act as monitors of the scheme when it is in progress, five residents have come forward, a very pleasing result. Their role will be discussed at the next PC meeting and the Clerk will invite them all to attend.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held on 14th 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

*Dee Knights – Clerk 01473 624240;
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EMERGENCY PLAN

The Emergency Plan has been completed and can be viewed on the Council's website.

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CHURCHWARDEN

CAFÉ HUB UPDATE 1

Dear Benefice Neighbour,

I am writing to initiate the first of what will be regular updates about the progress of our CafeHub project. I have offered to serve as the Committee Co-ordinator but there are many members of the Committee throughout the Benefice and in future updates I will provide profiles of willing members so you get to know all of us better. I realise that there have been many theories and ideas about what is going on, without a lot of confirmation of the current status of our project and I apologise that there has been so little information forthcoming until now. However, we did not have informal approval from the Diocese for the overall scope of the project until December 21st, so it would have been irresponsible to brief you on a project that had no initial input from the controlling authority and might not even have been "green light"!

As we move forward, I am always available to answer questions or concerns via telephone at 078899 07615 or email hellionese@yahoo.com or over a nice cup of coffee! I recognise that sometimes providing information raises more questions than it answers! I also encourage you to join our CafeHub Committee, which is open to anyone who wants to contribute her/his skills and talents to the success of our community resource!

So here are a few answers to key questions you might have at this point, and please contact me for more information and/or to provide your input:

Q: Why has the CafeHub project been

initiated?

A: There are two major reasons for the project. The first is the need for a community resource –we have no staffed gathering place for the village residents within the Benefice – no shop, no café, no pub. The second major reason is that we need to ensure we have enough funds to maintain the Church going forward. It is a beautiful landmark in our Benefice, but is at risk unless we can generate sustainable funding.

Q: What will the Church look like in the future?

A: The Church is a Grade II listed building and the exterior of the Church will largely look the same. There may be a new glass door, to help conserve energy and to allow the facade to be more inviting, but all changes, both inside and out, will be approved by the Diocese in concert with many other governing bodies, including, but not limited to, Historic England, the National Church Buildings Council, and the Victorian Society. The current proposal for the interior of the Church provides for alteration to allow flexible use of the space and the plans will be displayed in the Church shortly after they are submitted to the Diocese, along with an Open Meeting to be held before any plans are finalized and submitted for planning approval.

Q: What will be in the Church after it is altered?

A: The proposal, which is still in development and has not yet been approved by the Parochial Church Council (PCC) or the Diocese, includes a quiet place for prayer, an open area for community use, such as school

gatherings, wedding receptions, cinema nights, social events, toddler groups, and a Café with a flexible seating area.

Q: How will the project be funded?

A: The initial funds that were required to submit the proposal to the Diocese were paid for by the PCC, however, all funding moving forward for all aspects of the project will be covered by donations and grants. No proceeds from the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall are going towards the CafeHub project.

I look forward to sharing more information as the project develops and, while I know that change is not always easy, I hope you will be encouraged that we are sensitive to the concerns of all members of the community and hope that as you learn more about the CafeHub, you will become as enthusiastic as we are about having a place to meet and enjoy each other's company, whilst ensuring a beautiful part of our Benefice is preserved for the future.

Sincerely,

*Helen Clarkson, on behalf of the CafeHub
Committee
Leawood House, Little Bealings*

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thank-you to everyone who shared and contributed to the Christmas Lunch, especially Gill Peck and the Humming Birds, who entertained so well! A sum of £200 was raised for the Ipswich Night Shelter. Once more thank -you all.

Vicki Carr



PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 28 November 2016 and 9 January 2017

PLANNING

Applications:

DC/16/4505/FUL: proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 4 Richards Drive

It was agreed to support this application.

Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission SCC\0086\16C to allow an additional 8 months for the removal of all aggregates/waste and materials from the temporary aggregate material stockpile area

SCC had approved this application, with amendment to allow a year for the works, subject to there being no removal of materials between 1 May and 31 August.

SCC had advised that works for the landfill site flare relocation to allow bank reprofiling and planting, and the required acoustic surveying, were on-going. Councillors had arranged with the owner of the minerals site to visit the site on 21 January.

EAOW 1 PROJECT IMPACT

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Cornish attended a public presentation event arranged by Scottish Power on traffic, construction and access arrangements for the cabling project. Scottish Power had been asked to propose dates to present more details to local residents in Lt and Gt Bealings before the works started in the spring.

REMOVAL OF BT PHONE BOX AT ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

No calls had been made from the box during the last year. The Council had no objection to its removal, but the proposal would be brought to the attention of residents via the enews group and parish noticeboards.

DEVELOPMENT OF ADASTRAL PARK, MARTLESHAM

Mr Hopkins reported on his attendance at a presentation given by CEG, the new developers of the land, who intended to

build 2000 houses, including affordable houses. They wished to work with local communities and would be carrying out public consultation shortly.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

SCC had provided a design for this and it was agreed to publicise the proposals to residents and consider the extent of the scheme once any comments had been received.

30 MPH FLASHING SPEED SIGN

It was agreed to propose sites to SCC for the erection of poles to support temporary speed signs, erected either by SCC or as a parish initiative, in Playford Road and Martlesham Road. Ms Head would attend a SAVID meeting in January to establish if a shared parish sign was possible.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Robin Vickery reported that some devolution for Suffolk was still be investigated by SCC. He had been

busy with Scrutiny Committee and highways work. He had allocated nearly all of the funding he had for locality and highways work for 2016/17.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported on budget setting, the proposed merger of SCDC and Waveney District Council, and consultation on Sizewell C and on beach huts.

FINANCE – EXPENDITURE

The following expenditure was authorised:

T Fear/Happy Garden Services: £25 – sandbox clearance

CAS Business Services: £60 – website hosting fee

Clerk's Salary for January and February and expenses and HMRC PAYE for January and February

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will follow the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 March.

Future Parish Council meetings will be held on 22 May (Annual Parish Council meeting), 3 July, 4 September and 6 November 2017 and on 8 January and 5 March (Annual Parish Meeting) 2018.

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk

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EXTENT OF PROPOSED 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET, LITTLE BEALINGS

As you may be aware, Little Bealings Parish Council has obtained funding for the provision of a 20mph speed limit along a part of The Street. The County Council will be consulting on the extent of the speed limit and so will contact various properties and organisations in Little Bealings in the near future.

Unfortunately it was not possible to print the plan showing the proposed extent of the limit because the format of the News is too small.—Ed

However, please note that in respect of the location of the signs, the County Council has advised that the "start and end points need to be able to accommodate new 600mm wide [20mph] signs on both sides of the carriageway. In addition to the physical size of the sign there needs to be 450mm sideways clearance from the edge of the sign to the edge of the carriageway to prevent vehicles striking the sign. Therefore verges need to be at least 1.05m wide."

The Parish Council would like the consultation to reach a wide audience and would be pleased to receive any comments you may have, especially on the extent of the speed limit, via email to: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com or by letter to The Clerk, Little Bealings Parish Council, The Hollies, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, Woodbridge IP13 6PW

Any comments you wish to make to the County Council regarding the consultation should go to Suffolk Highways Communication Team using Ref: 139042:

enquiries@suffolkhighways.co.uk

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CHURCHWARDEN

ST MARY'S

As many of you will have noticed the font has finally been moved. This, along with the pew changes gives us much more space for teas, coffees, children and tea dances. Thanks to Paul Beggs for sterling lifting job, with a couple of assistants of course.

We still have plans for some more improvements and we will keep you informed as things progress. Needless to say the roof comes first and we are closing in on our target total. We are still open for donations if anyone is so minded. There is no such thing as "just a small donation", every penny counts and we are grateful for them all.

We have experimented with leaving the church loo open on a continuous basis. There are quite a few visitors each week to the church and churchyard and sometimes, well, best laid plans and all that. So far there have been no problems. However if misuse occurs then we may have to rethink.

The lime trees are due for a "topping" soon, we are just waiting for the tree surgeon to recover from injury.

Colin Hedgley Church warden

PLAYFORD CHURCH ROOF FUND

We're getting there! December brought the good news that our final grant application had proved successful on top of which a well-supported coffee morning in the church kept the money coming in. We remain confident that, with people's continued generosity, our target figure is achievable before work begins in September. Three fund raising events

have been arranged between now and then:

◆ A talk on William Kent by Paul Bruce
Village Hall, 7.30 pm Friday 17 March

◆ Chocolate Fair
Village Hall, Sunday 9 April

◆ Playford Fete
Playford Hall, (*by kind permission of
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Saturday 24 June

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Brian Seward

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

10th & 23rd December: sponsored by
Charles & Veronica Bunbury

14th December: sponsored by
Katherine & Nathan Ashton for their
daughter, Elizabeth's, 3rd Birthday

19th December: sponsored by Richard
Lister for Sue's 60th Birthday

20th December: sponsored by John and
Sarah Royle for their 8th Wedding
Anniversary

Christmas Lights - 24th December 2016
- 8th January 2017 inclusive

The following very kindly sponsored the
lights over this period:

Sue Kennedy who sponsored 31st
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The Baker Family

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14th January 2017 In Loving Memory of

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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

Our AGM was held on November 1st 2016 and following the election of committee members and the adoption of the Annual Report Sally Herrington will remain as President, Liz Royle as Treasurer and Sue Bruce as Secretary. Astrid Llewellyn will remain on the committee and Bridget Lapsley has agreed to join as a committee member.

We erected as usual the Playford Parish Hall Christmas Tree on 29th. November.

Our December meeting on a Christmas themed craft meeting went extremely well. We had visitors from other WIs and served soup and rolls for lunch along with mulled wine. The day was enjoyed by all and we have had most positive feedback from everyone.

Our January meeting was enjoyed by members and visitors alike. Our speaker was an Army helicopter pilot and he relayed various exploits from his past (without letting out any secrets!) We dismantled the Christmas Tree after yoga on 3rd January.

In February we have Phil Holmes who is speaking on the subject of his African Safari. Many of us will know Phil who sings with the Benefice choir and lives in Great Bealings. Anyone is welcome to join us. Usual time, 7.30 pm start for the speaker at the Parish Hall.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 11th January 2017. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Keith Carson was co-opted on to the council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

This is appended to the full minutes on the website.

Co Cllr Robin Vickery has taken up several outstanding Highway's issues on our behalf, including repairs to tarmac at the junction of Butts Road and Brook Lane, the linear ruts in Butts Road and Dr Watsons Lane and the removal of silt from the C324. – he will try to negotiate some progress on these issues

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Robert Whiting was unable to attend the meeting.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Arm missing from signpost at junction of C324 and Church Road –repair to be chased yet again by the clerk.

Clearance of vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13 is still outstanding, clerk awaiting report on this.

Ash tree in Butts Road near Lux Farm entrance has been attended to and adjacent ivy clad tree has been removed.

FP1 - boggy section where springs flow through, remedy being discussed with contractors, clerk to ascertain progress. Clerk is still awaiting report from SC Norse Ltd on why work removing debris in Spring Meadow and trimming the laurel hedge has still not been carried out.

Clarke & Simpson are awaiting quotes for work clearing ditches in Hill Farm Road.

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

FINANCE

Payments have been authorised to SC Norse Ltd for annual grass cutting &

hedge trimming, the clerk's expenses, salary and tax to HMRC. It was agreed to increase the number of paid hours for the clerk, to reflect the actual hours she works – this will necessitate an increase to the Precept for 2017. The Budget was discussed and requirements for 2017/2018 noted.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Gillian Benjamin and Steve Brown from SCDC attended the meeting to advise on the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan for Playford. It was agreed to focus on conservation and protection of the landscape, non-designated Heritage assets and footpaths as a way forward, rather than housing development. There are funds available in the Locality Budget to assist with costs. An advert will be placed in the Fynn Valley News, asking for volunteers to assist with the large amounts of work involved in setting up the Plan. It was decided to postpone the public meeting provisionally scheduled for 25th January to discuss aspects of the Plan, until a more detailed approach has been formulated –new date to be advised.

OTHER MATTERS

Playford PC has put forward a volunteer to help monitor work being carried out on the EAOW cable route from Bawdsey to Bramford – Great Bealings PC is organising the monitoring to help sort out any issues as and when they arise. Work on the cable laying is due to commence in Feb 2017 and the diggers will start operating in Aug 2017.

Rushmere St Andrew PC has asked Playford PC to reconsider their refusal to agree to include Kesgrave TC in the joint Community Speedwatch project and has drawn up a policy document laying out terms. These were deemed unacceptable and it was unanimously agreed to uphold the original decision. Grant money received for this project will now be put towards a similar project to address speeding.

PLANNING

Planning application DC/16/5007/FUL Proposed roof extension and loft conversion (revised design) at Spindleberry, Church Lane, IP6 9DR. No objections raised, acceptance agreed by Parish Council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.00pm

PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following several meetings and consultations the Parish Council is now in a position to move forward with its application to develop a Neighbourhood Plan to protect the village and the landscape from major development and to preserve the beauty of the Fynn Valley for everyone. This is a community project and we are seeking support and commitment from village residents who are prepared to join the working group. If you would like to be involved in this project, please contact Marian Hedgley, Parish Clerk 01473 738468 or e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

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BINKY AND CO

Binky was discharged from A&E on Boxing Day with a black eye and a dislocated shoulder. The doctor said he had suffered a "catastrophic causal body surge". Binky didn't quite understand that. All he could remember was standing in front of Mrs S as she opened her Christmas present from him (a very expensive frying pan) the next thing he was on a trolley outside Catafalque Ward at the local hospital. But the nurses were wonderful. They at-

tended to his every need including a large bowl of Christmas pudding with cream and lashings of ginger beer. He did think he could have done with a tad less of the liquids for obvious reasons. However it seemed to raise a smile from Staff Nurse Glutinous when for the third and last time he screamed out "nurse, a bottle -please!". She thought he meant another bottle of ginger beer. But she was from Norfolk. Anyway after they cleaned him up they found a bed for him and stuck

needles and tubes in him and stuck two pipes up his nose. Binky was sure the nurses knew their job but he could swear that the end of one of his tubes was attached to the catheter of the chap in the adjacent bed. But Binky didn't want to cause a fuss and most certainly did not want to upset the old gentleman next door who, according to the whiteboard above his bed was suffering from "final death throws". That seemed serious enough to Binky to warrant extreme circumspection. The bandaging up of his dislocated shoulder reminded him of a First World War field dressing station in France except there the nursing staff actually cared about the patient. Well sooner mended sooner back at the front. But Nurse Glutinous was nothing if not cheerful and along with her assistant, Nurse Maximus, they had him bound up to such a state that he feared asking for another bottle. Best to learn to use his left hand he heard himself say. With Christmas Day drawing to an end he was convinced that Mrs S would visit him, after all she would surely want to know how he was and when he was to be discharged. But convincing oneself of things does not make it true, and so it passed. Christmas day that is. Mrs S did not come. On Boxing Day Dr Sarin gave him a packet of small oval blue pills told him to take two a day until his arm felt better. On the steps of the hospital aided by the only porter left on duty, a Mr Ricin, Binky was left to fend for himself. He felt abandoned. He had no transport, no phone, no money and no bus service. It was a long walk from the hospital to his house and it was starting to rain. All he had was his 'save the NHS' T shirt, his bright yellow corduroy trousers and a paper hat out of a cracker. He pulled the hat down further for warmth and stepped out with purpose. The New Year could only get better.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CULPHO

CAROL SERVICE

The Annual Christmas Carol Service took place on Sunday 18. December in the presence of a congregation of forty-seven. The Choir sang superbly and at the end of the service we all shared a genial glass of mulled wine and mince pie. We are most grateful to Choir leader Gill Peck and members of the Benefice Choir for agreeing to join us and all those who kindly attended.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Church shone brightly on Christmas

Eve and Christmas Day night to celebrate the birth of Christ. Without doubt the Church looks enchanting against the dark skies and the floodlights have a way of bringing life to this simple way-side Church. If you would like to sponsor the church lights please get in touch with either of the Churchwardens who will be happy to assist.

Next P.C.C. Meeting

This is scheduled to take place at 5.30 p.m. on the 1. February and will be held at the home of Christine Pearce, Abbey Farm, Culpho.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Great Bealings

LEAVING for PASTURES NEW – BADWELL and WALSHAM

After just over ten years of worshipping and serving in the Benefice, Denise and I are to shortly be moving along the A14 towards Bury St Edmunds to live, work and worship within the Benefice of Badwell and Walsham. It is a decision which encompasses both joy and sorrow. We have both truly loved working within the Benefice, and equally so working and living at The Abbey School in Woodbridge. However, I have increasingly felt a calling to full-time Ministry, and when Bishop Martin gave the 'green light' for that to be realised, I was not slow to answer the call.

Just before Christmas I applied, and with a sense of privilege accepted the post of Priest in Charge of Badwell and Walsham. The Benefice comprises of six churches; Walsham le Willows (including the Vicarage), Badwell Ash, Langham, Finningham, Westhorpe and Wattisfield, with a collective population of just over three thousand. There is a CEVC Primary School at Walsham with ties to the church, many community activities and active congregations to build upon. There are a few local shops, sport centres, pubs and businesses related to agriculture and building. Both Denise and I are very

excited to be given this opportunity of new challenges within our lives.

The towns of Bury St Edmunds, Diss, Stowmarket and Thetford are very close. The journey to the grandchildren in Norwich is nearer than at present, as is the trip to our other son living in Stoke on Trent.

Denise and I are both very mindful and grateful for all the support and love we have received since we first entered the Benefice through the doors of All Saints Church Little Bealings in the late summer of 2006. We will take many, many fond memories away with us. But as we move out of the season of Epiphany, with its central image of the three Kings, it is to realise how the three Kings embody our hope for a world that looks towards God in loving and joyful obedience, and how we are to be mindful of our own calling in life, whatever that may be in the reality of our own times.

A warm welcome will greet any of you who knock upon the door of our new home in Walsham le Willows.

With every blessing,

Denise and Philip

Readers will share Philip's and Denise's emotions of both sadness and happiness. They have been well loved figures within the Benefice, and it has been this

Benefice which has initiated and nurtured them. Be equally assured that that time Philip's ministry. That has been a will be creatively spent in working out how privilege. Be assured that in the next best the various jobs that they have so couple of months, while they are still in readily undertaken can be done by our midst, we will look for suitable ways of making the best use of resources expressing our thanks to them for all that available. they have done for our churches, and for they have done for our churches, and for the friendship that we have shared with

Celia and Churchwardens

KAGERA LENT APPEAL

BACKGROUND

Correspondence has been received from Bishop's Martin and Mike who are asking us to consider joining in a diocesan Lent appeal on behalf of the diocese of Kagera, in Tanzania.

For the last twenty-three years, the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has been in partnership with Kagera, helping them support people within their Diocese and the 1.5 million displaced persons they welcomed from Rwanda. Sadly, Kagera is once more in crisis, due to the gradual erosion of their ability to support themselves due to climate change and the consequent loss of reliable rains for their crops. This is having a devastating effect with people going without food, the Church income has fallen, funding is being withdrawn from the Church which provides support for education, agriculture and developing self-sufficiency. In addition, a recent earthquake destroyed some homes and churches in the north of the diocese.

HOW CAN WE HELP?

We are being encouraged to join in the Diocese Lent Appeal by praying for them and giving generously to support them in their needs. Initiatives are included in the correspondence, but it is perhaps easier and more productive if we keep to an uncomplicated means of raising money. The following is suggested throughout the Benefice and most grateful if you could offer your support.

'The 5p Lent Appeal', in aid of the Diocese of Kagera in Tanzania Throughout Lent, (1st March to 16th April) if, at the end of each day, you have any five pence pieces, in purses or pockets, please keep them on one side until the Easter Service, when they can be brought into Church and deposited in a collection Jar/box situated at the back of the Church.

To raise the amount necessary to support Kagera for a year, each Benefice would need to raise in the region of £100 and Secretaries are kindly asked to facilitate this initiative. With grateful thanks.

Celia

CHURCH DIARY – FEBRUARY 2017

SUNDAY 5th

4TH BEFORE LENT

8.00	Holy Communion – said	Little Bealings
10.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 12th

3RD BEFORE LENT

9.00	Family Communion	Playford
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings

WEDNESDAY 15th

9.30	Holy Communion – said	Culpho
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SUNDAY 19th

2ND BEFORE LENT

10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
3.00pm	Evensong	Culpho

SUNDAY 26th

SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
4.00pm	Messy Church	Angela Cobbold Hall

MARCH

SUNDAY 5th

LENT 1

8.00	Holy Communion - said	Little Bealings
10.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings

FROM THE REGISTERS – November 2016

BAPTISMS

27 th November	Harry William Thomas Gowen	St Marys Church	Great Bealings
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FUNERALS

22 nd November	Dorothy Bixby	All Saints Church	Little Bealings
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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511
	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Jay 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road:	
	noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.00	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
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	07809594685
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
Strictly Dance Fitness	VH Thu 6.15 - 7pm	Teresa Jay 07929310480
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		Margaret Wilson 07769195132
	:	bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar
		7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

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

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