

Fynn - Lark News

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"Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all be a little more gentle with each other, a little more loving, and have a little more empathy, and maybe, next year at this time we'd like each other a little more." -- Judy Garland

The holiday season is finally over. As we get back to our daily routines, it may be difficult to stick to the resolutions we boldly proclaimed when we were caught up in the enthusiasm of New Year's Eve. But if we listen to the great Judy Garland--not a philosopher perhaps, but a positive spirit in her own way--we can take the little steps, we can make the small efforts and let them build one upon the other. In this way, we can create a more wonderful family, community, village, country, and world, starting right here in our beloved villages.

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Even as the days continue to be cold and short and our flowerbeds look rather bleak, we are buoyed by thoughts of the coming spring. My own reminder is the pile of flower seed packets on my kitchen counter, ready to plant for the annual plant sale in April. The seeds fit in perfectly with my own New Year's resolution: more nature, less screen time—for my children, my husband, and myself.

What resolutions did you make? To be nicer, to work harder, to work less, to visit parents more often, to spend more time doing what you love, to use plastics less, to lose weight? All resolutions are worthy, but sometimes, even small-sounding challenges loom too large to achieve. By now, many of us have already broken them. (I admit it—my children spent way too long on their iPads today.)

But every day offers a fresh start,

another chance to work on becoming our best selves. After all, aren't we all works in progress? My mom says "trying gets in the way of doing" and in some ways she is right, but I have been thinking about this and would like to counter her stance with a more hopeful one: "If we try, we are on our way to doing."

As a community, let's move beyond New Year's resolutions and think about new day resolutions. What small steps can we take to strengthen our families, our community and our world? To plant the seeds for spring flowers, walk a neighbour's dog, share those extra biscuits you made? Whatever you decide, I hope, like me, you seize the chance to leave any missed opportunities, missteps or negative feelings firmly in 2018 and make 2019 a great year!

Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

FROM YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM

We are grateful for the steady stream of advertising renewals which are reaching us, and equally appreciative of the beginning-of-year Standing Orders which have come through. We are now poised to take on 2019 and wish all our readers a belated, but none the less happy New Year.

Please note: we unfortunately printed the wrong reference number for payments into our YBS account. Two options appear in the account book. We selected the wrong one - we should have advised would-be contributors that the Account details are:

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OBITUARIES

CHARLES BUNBURY (1941 - 2018)



Charles came from a military background and followed his father into the Duke of Wellington's Regiment (known as the Duke's) where in the 1950s he had commanded them in the Korean War. A little later, promoted to Brigadier, he then commanded a Brigade in Cyprus during the EOKA emergency. Much further back in history, his three times great-grandfather, Major-General Sir Henry Bunbury, Under-Secretary of State for War, was entrusted by the British Government to convey their decision on Napoleon's fate after Waterloo to Admiral Lord Keith, commanding officer of the Channel Fleet. Only Bunbury and Keith were present with Napoleon in the after-cabin of HMS *Belgerophon* on which ship he was being held in Torbay, when that judgement was read out to him.

Charles went to Rugby after which he never considered anything but the army for a career. He initially joined as a rifleman in the Green Jackets before going to Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Duke's in December 1961. In 1965 he left the 1st Battalion to become ADC to the Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe in Norway.

Back in the 1st Battalion he was posted to Hong Kong where he was Adjutant before returning to Sandhurst where he became an instructor. By then Northern Ireland was in full swing and Charles was sent not to the Battalion but to Brigade Headquarters in Londonderry where he took up a staff job. He became a sort of liaison officer to the disaffected part of the population that lived on the other side of the bridge over the River Foyle. Day and night, and frighteningly by night as this was during the height of the bombings and shootings, he crossed the bridge with his dog to go and talk to the various communities and associations, who were of course linked to the terrorists, to see what he could achieve to ease matters. And they welcomed him, an easy-going, friendly, listening, relaxed person who probably had a pint or two with them, introduced his dog, smoked a few cigarettes and was in no way threatening. He then came back, reported what he had learned not on an intelligence basis but from a community relations point of view. For this he was awarded a well-deserved MBE which in other circumstances some considered would have been nothing less than an M

In 1980 Charles was sent as an advisor and trainer to the Barbadian Defence Force and the family went with him. It was during this time that the United States suddenly invaded the island, a Commonwealth country, without informing the Brits. However, the US naval attaché had asked Charles for his opinion on the invasion plans and he had passed these on to the British authorities. Margaret Thatcher however never received that message and was understandably furious with the American's behaviour.

Another tour of Northern Ireland followed, this time with the Ulster Defence Regiment in Omagh, and then a posting to Germany. In 1988 he was dispatched to Berlin where he worked in the Olympic Stadium ensuring that the many prestigious British events and ceremonies that

were staged in the western part of the city went well. He was duty officer in the British Sector on the ninth of November 1989 the night that the wall came down.

In his twilight years in the army Charles got a job at the military prison in Colchester and he and Veronica bought a house in Creeting from where he commuted daily. They moved to Playford in 2006. Throughout his life - school, Sandhurst, Army - he was a keen sportsman and a famous leg break bowler. In later life he took great interest in horse racing and knew his horses and the odds, the trainers and the jockeys. He was also a keen gardener, a hobby that was well suited to his temperament.

ANN ORAM (1929-2018)



Ann and Geoff Oram had both been widowed and had only recently re-married when they came to live in Spring Meadow in 1986. Geoff had been Rector of East Bergholt and then Vicar of Aldeburgh and on retirement in 1980 he did what a lot of retired priests do: he helped out with services and that is how the couple came to meet. They spent over 20 years in Playford moving in 2007 to Clarkson Court in Woodbridge where Geoff died in 2012 at the great age of 98. Ann continued in good health and retained her spirit of adventure when, two years later at the age of 85, she joined her family for a Christmas holiday in Penang and Phuket....

and enjoyed her first and only ride on an elephant! Her love of travel had started early in life and a retiring collection for the Youth Hostel Association at her Service of Thanksgiving told its own story.

Ann was born in Ipswich and grew up in Sproughton. She was educated first at Amberfield and later at Ipswich High School and kept in touch with some of her class mates until she died aged 89. On leaving school she worked as a legal secretary in Ipswich but it was through the church that she met her first husband, Murray Smith, whom she married in 1961. Ann and Murray set up home in Witnesham where they had three children and it was during this time that she developed her love of gardening and her talent for painting.

On arriving in Playford both she and Geoff threw themselves into village life joining the Benefice choir from its inception and taking an active part in all church affairs. She was a member of the Church Council for many years and churchwarden with me throughout Michael Skliros' time. She was a keen member of the Playford Art Club, a member of the village WI, an indefatigable organiser of the annual Burns Night Supper and her great love of gardening led her to become a reliable contributor to the Bealings Plant Sale. Her great interest was Thomas Clarkson. She was at Westminster Abbey on 26 September 1996 when a memorial commemorating the 150th anniversary of his death was placed next to the statue of William Wilberforce. And she attended the service of Commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act at St John's College, Cambridge. It was in fact the St John's College service sheet that was copied for our own and subsequent Clarkson services, the Commemoration at Playford on 25 March 2007 being a hugely successful occasion: 220 attended including all the dignitaries from the County and District Councils, £500 was taken in the collection, 49 members of the Clarkson family were there and our own choir and that of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Rope

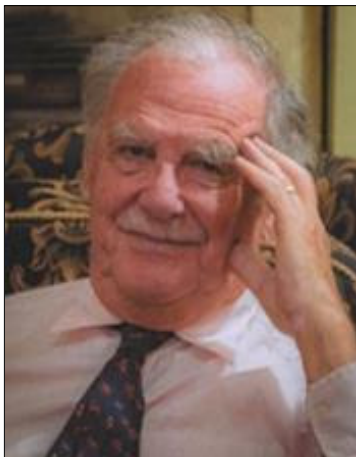
Walk both took part. Lunch was served to a hundred guests and tea to many more than that. Without Ann's boundless energy and can-do attitude, the event would never have got off the ground.

Both Ann and Geoff were greatly missed when they left the village.

Brian Seward

REV MICHAEL SKLIROS

As reported in the December-January



issue of the *Fynn-Lark News* Michael, rector of our four parishes from 1991 to 1995, died on 31 October. In the 23 years since leaving, he had unsurprisingly lost touch with the Benefice and, as far as is known, no one had ever made contact with him. Suffering from lung cancer in Peterborough Hospital, Celia Cook received an email from his wife Inge explaining that he had 'only a week at most to live' and asking for my email address as he wished to write to me before he died. Sadly he never made it and subsequent correspondence was with his widow. With Ann Oram I was churchwarden throughout the time that Michael was with us and the message that he wanted to convey was that 'he felt great regret at bringing notoriety to the best parish he ever ministered in and that they were glad to see me go'. I would love to have put him right on that. While there were indeed some who felt that way, the general feel-

ing at the time was one of regret that his departure was inevitable. People then, and a straw poll among some who remember him, speak of having lost a very capable, energetic, innovative and inclusive parish priest who made one think and are sorry that he will be forever remembered not for the good that he did in the parishes but for the reasons for his leaving.

An Editorial in the parish magazine, that Michael had already re-named *The Community Newsletter*, from the month in which he left, October 1995, reads:

'Since 1992 Michael has been this Newsletter's main Editor, contributor, typesetter, inspiration and latterly printer as well. Without his sparkle, energy, challenging wit and ability to pull the thing together, this will be a poorer publication and we are immensely saddened by his departure.... The vacuum is palpable already, Michael. We will not forget you.'

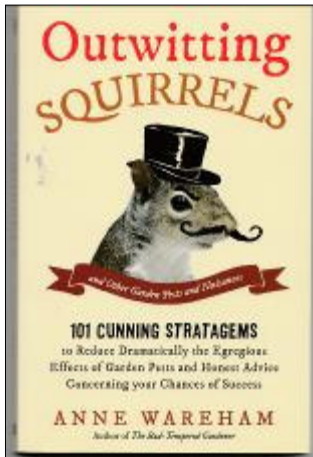
My wife Anne, a co-editor with Michael, could well have penned those words but so indeed could others. She and I and Astrid Llewellyn attended his Memorial Service in Northamptonshire at the end of November.

Brian Seward

NATURE NOTES

Gardeners have ambivalent views as to how best to deal with those elements of wildlife, large or small, whose existence competes with the production of healthy plants and vegetables. Squirrels, rabbits, deer, slugs, snails, moles, mice and aphids all induce dilemmas as to how to reconcile one's wildlife credentials with the protection of healthy, edible vegetables, pristine lawns, and beautiful flowers. Someone was well inside your editor's head when choosing a Christmas present entitled: ***Outwitting Squirrels – and other Garden Pests and Nuisances – 101 cunning stratagems to reduce dramatically the egregious effects of garden pests, and honest advice concerning your chances of success.***

The book is by Anne Wareham, published by Michael O'Mara Books Ltd. ISBN: 978-1-78243-370-5. We have no financial interest in promoting this book, but, be warned, your chances of being reassured about ultimate and definitive success are slim!



HISTORY CORNER

Resident Matthew Coward has set up a Bealings Facebook page. One of the consequences of this is that people from well outside our villages google the name of the village and make contact, sometimes with wonderful contributions to our collective village memories. One such contribution has come from Michael Spore. Michael lives in Tiptree, but his father spent much time living in Beacon House, Little Bealings, moving there in 1947. He went to Kesgrave School, but his sisters attended Bealings School. Michael posted the pictures and excerpts from his late father's autobiography, which make fascinating reading. It covers references to bell-ringing, pumping the organ, being paid for cutting grass around graves, Dick Barton (Special Agent – (6-45 radio programme most nights of the week), Kesgrave School Pig Club, membership of the Scouts, the Youth Club, the Church Youth Club, a £21 bike with dynamo lighting and three speed gears, collecting rubbish with back-of-bike trailers for the

November 5th bonfire, iconic old vehicles like Fordson tractors, Bedford lorries, Morris commercial vehicles – all now sadly vanished. Names that are mentioned include Mr Wyatt, Robert Dunnett, his close friend, Peter Felgate, Mr Freeman, his employer. Events include Point-to-Point, Newmarket Horse Sales, Village Hall dances and Woodbridge cinema visits and the 1951 Festival of Britain. And then there is reference to Kathleen Jarvis' book *Nightingale in the Sycamore*, life and seasons around the Rectory, but that is a story in itself.

And well done, Matthew, and Facebook, for opening up these new horizons. To join the group please visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/927588954095601> or search for 'Little & Great Bealings Community Page'.

FAR FROM HOME – LETTERS FROM A BYGONE AGE.

To occupy myself during the dark winter evenings, I've been sorting through the 'family archives'; a collection of old photos, documents and other ephemera handed down to me from my forbears, many of whom lived in Bealings.

Among them is an envelope with 'Letters from Australia' written on the front. It contains six letters sent to my Grandfather Frank Mutimer in 1907 and 1908 by two friends (and fellow Bealings boys), Walter Baker and George Crane, who had both emigrated to Australia in 1907. Walter and George were both born around 1886/7. My Grandfather was born in 1889, so these boys would have all grown up together.

In the 1901 census Walter, aged 14, was living in Cherrytree Cottage, Great Bealings with his parents and three brothers and working as a 'domestic gardener'. George, aged 15, was living in Lower Street with three brothers and three sisters and was working as an agricultural

labourer.

Walter and George arrived in Brisbane, Queensland on 31st May 1907. They both found work on the sugar cane farms in the area around Cairns, Queensland, which must have been a huge contrast to their previous lives working on the land in rural Suffolk.

The letters give an interesting glimpse into the new lives that these two young men had embarked upon on the other side of the world, as well as a few snippets of their old lives back in Bealings, (all the extracts quoted from these letters are as originally written, with spellings and wording unchanged).

In the first letter, dated 17th November 1907, George describes the conditions and some of the people he meets in the course of his work, "*The living is rough and it is just what I like we have to wash our cloths and mend them as well it come a bit hard at first we are getting use to it now, The work is not very hard and the hours are not long the same as they are at home but is better pay. I am cutting cane with some Irish men and some Scotch so all together there is some funny talk. I have got a good job I lay in the line and draw the loads out with a horse*". With typical Suffolk understatement, he describes the local weather, "*I like this place all right but it is a bit warm now,*" (average daily temperatures for Cairns in November are around 31°C).

He goes on to say, "*I think about having peace work, Next year when we can earn as much as 18 to 20 pounds in one month clear of everything, and it last about seven months in the year*". To put this into context, an agricultural labourer working in rural Suffolk would probably be paid about 14 shillings (70p) per week in 1907.

In his second letter, dated 8th December 1907, the local climate was still occupying George's thoughts, "*It is very hot here now and we shall soon have the wet season when it rains sometimes a week without stopping*". Life back home was clearly on his mind too, "*I have not regretted the*

day that I left Bealings yet, but I might before long the work here is quite different than at home. There is about ten hours difference in the time here than at home, I am working with a chap from Darsham his name is Fred lane, I wish to be remembered to all my old Chums and tell them that I have not forgot them, I heard about the supper that A G Smith gave to his men up at the old Boot and that Jack Denney leaving him..." Another check in census records for Great Bealings reveals an Alfred G Smith, farmer, residing at Hall Farm in 1901. By 1911 he had moved to Great Bealings Hall. The 1901 census also shows a John Denny - occupation listed as 'yard man on farm' - living in Rectory Cottage.

In Walter's first letter, dated 9th December 1907, comparisons with life back home are also apparent, "*By your fathers letter, market gardening has not been up to much again this year. This is the place for green groceries cabbages 1/- to 1/6d (5 to 7½p) each and these are as tough as leather and all other things such as lettuces are sometimes dearer. it is rather hot for these things... There plenty of sweet potatoes growing about here some farmers cultivate them and plenty grow wild, I like these potatoes better than the old stock. I have not seen any celery or several other things since I left the old country.*"

He goes on to describe the living conditions in some detail, "*I am getting use to this sort of life now it was rather strange at first you do not get clean sheets every week I have not seen any since I left the Omrah the boat we came by, roll your self up in your blanket and the bed is a common stretcher, our house is commonly called a bungalow raised off the ground by block's some have to sleep in tents this rough way of living you enjoy it once you are use to it. You do all your own washing and mending, and some times cooking, I see George nearly every night now he and his gang is in some barracks joining our place...*"

There is a brief description of the work

involved in harvesting and processing the sugar cane, "George is working for the mill the mill has several gang working for them and G gang is what we would call a cattle gang at home going from one farm to another. My work is general among horses I have a big job on now carting about 1000 loads of filter press from the mill yard, all this stuff comes out of the sugar, you would be surprised to see the filth what comes from the sugar, the cane cutting will finish in a fort-nights time for this season, and the mill will be closed down till the crushing begins again in June. You may bet we have sucked plenty of sugar cane since we have landed here it is a treat."

The following year sees the next letter, from Walter, dated 30th May 1908. Gardening continues to occupy his thoughts, "What sort of trade is market gardening I hope it is better this year, potatoes are very dear out here what is called English spuds some places you cannot get them under a £ a 1cwt. There is plenty of sweet potatoes growing uncultivated these are all right very sweet eating, once in the land these are as bad as spear grass you cannot not keep them down."

There is news of the impending cane harvest too, "We are having more lively times here now all the cane-cutters have arrived about 300 men are here at present and the cutting start next week. I am finishing up my place on Saturday night to get ready for cane harvest. George is gone to a place called Fresh Water Creek to help to clear some land but I expect him back here some time during the week." He also writes of the wages and accommodation, "wages for a manager are from 3£ and upwards a week and food, weekly wage for labourer if buying there own food is 32/6 (£1-62p) and 35/- (£1-75p) a week and if food found 10/ (50p) of that money is stop a plough-man wages are 27/6 (£1-37p) and 30/ (£1-50p) a week and food. They find you a place to sleep if it is only a tent or a tin humpy."

The last two letters are from George Crane. Both are undated, but were probably written the following year. In the first,

the local climate and living conditions are still uppermost in his thoughts, "I have just started on contracted cane cutting. We are getting fine weather out here now and we are at work from light till dark ... We are camping out in tents and we find it very cold in the morning and it is very hot in the day. Winter here is just like the spring at home."

It seems that life back home in Suffolk is still on his mind and suggests that he is not entirely happy with his new life, "Walter is working with me and we are always talking about old times and about old mutter Emmerson quoit playing. This is an unhealthy place for colds and sores. The sores break out and fester up in no time and turn to blood poison. I don't think I shall stop up hear after this harvest but there is a long time to wait the harvest here last about six months. There is two more Suffolk chaps working with me that come from Wortham near Diss."

In the last letter George strikes a more positive note while still remembering his old life, "We are in full swing cane cutting now and getting on first rate. It is pulling the fat off us which you will see by our photos... It is very fine weather here for working now and we are going from light till dark. There is no laying in bed now till nine o'clock now I am leading man in the gang."

He finishes the letter, "I see the old quoit club is not fell through since we left the old place we are very often speaking about the goings on. It is very rough living here but we are quite happy. Walter wish to be remembered to you all. So I must say, good bye this time. One and all. I still remain yours truly George Crane."

POSTSCRIPT

Walter Baker joined the Australian army on 25th January 1915. War records show that he was killed in action in Gallipoli on 8th August 1915 aged 29 years. Walter is commemorated on the Great Bealings war memorial.

Among the old photos I have is one captioned, 'Great Bealings Quoits Club 1911-13.' The team captain in the photo is

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

April

Saturday 27th Plant Sale Bealings Village Hall

May

Friday 10th "Evil in Literature." St Mary's, Great Bealings
Professor Jeremy Tambling

Sunday 12th 4.00 p.m. Ipswich Hospital Band St Mary's Churchyard

June

Saturday 15th Playford Fete Playford Hall

This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.

It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

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named as J. Emmerson, this is probably the 'mutter' Emmerson mentioned in one of George's letters. The 1911 census shows John Emmerson, market garden labourer, aged 22 and living in Rosery Farm Cottage, Great Bealings. War records show that John Emmerson was killed in northern France on 22 March 1918, aged 29 years.

As to what happened to George Crane, I am not sure what became of him. He may have returned to Suffolk. There are some WW1 medal records for a George E Crane in the Suffolk Regiment, although I don't know for certain if this is the same George Crane.

According to the census returns from 1891- 1911, George had at least nine siblings. Similarly, Walter Baker had seven siblings recorded in the census returns of 1891 and 1901. There must be plenty of relatives and possibly direct descendants of both these men who would probably be very interested in these letters.

I do remember one or two Bakers and Cranes still living in this area some years ago. Perhaps someone reading this can remember them or knows a contact who can put them in touch?

*Francis Mutimer
Little Bealings*

ARE YOU READY TO BURN?

As the colder months are now upon us many households will be looking to their open fires and wood-burning stoves for warmth. These have risen in popularity in recent years and may be an additional form of heating, an attractive feature or the sole heat source. Some people are unaware that use in the home increases domestic exposure to air pollutants and makes a significant contribution to our national emissions of airborne particulates. These are inhaled and transported around the body where they can become lodged in the heart, brain and other organs.

While we will never be able to eliminate all airborne particulates, there are simple steps that households can take to limit emissions both indoors and out that will make a big difference. **So what can you do?**

- ★ Consider burning less
- ★ Only burn dry (seasoned) wood including certified 'Ready to Burn'. Visit www.readytoburn.org for more information.
- ★ Burn seasoned (dry) clean wood rather than treated waste wood (i.e. old furniture, treated pallets) or household rubbish which emit harmful fumes
- ★ Consider using an approved smokeless fuel
- ★ If you are buying a new stove check it is Defra approved and installed by a qualified person, see www.hetas.co.uk
- ★ Check how to operate your appliance efficiently by controlling air supply etc. – this will save you money as well as reduce emissions
- ★ If you have a stove, regularly maintain and service it (i.e annually)
- ★ Get your chimney swept regularly (up to twice a year)

Sticking to these simple tips will help to keep airborne particulates and smoke down and ensure optimum efficiency and safety. For more information visit our air quality webpages at <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/environmental-protection/air-quality/biomass-and-wood-burning/>

*Denise Lavender
Environmental Protection Officer
Environmental Protection
Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils*

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL AND PLAYING FIELD

Bealings Village Hall started life in Sandy Lane, Little Bealings as a wooden building, on the site of the current school canteen, but the need for a bigger hall resulted in a new hall being built in 1956 in its current location, opening in May 1957.

A charitable trust, set up to run the hall, still continues today in its 62nd year.

Through extensive fundraising and voluntary help, the John Belstead Playing Field



was added in 2008.

The full story is available via the link on the Bealings website:

<https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/about-little-bealings/john-belstead-playingfield/>

The Bealings Village Hall Trust serves the communities of Great Bealings, Little Bealings, and surrounding areas – approximately 1000 inhabitants.

The charitable trust is responsible for the administration and running costs currently totalling over £14,000.00 p.a. (including a 3 hr./week contracted cleaner)

Donations from Little Bealings and Great Bealings Parish Councils total £1,500 p.a. The remainder comes from hire fees and fundraising events organised and run by the Trustees/Volunteers.

Some of this money, coupled with successful grant funding, has been used for example, to replace the front wall, install double glazed windows, install solar panels, replace slide and play equipment ladders, block pave the entrance to the car park.

The Hall is used over 360 days per year by numerous groups and individuals for events such as Women's Institute meetings and talks, Youth Action Theatre practice and productions, Bealings School productions, Carpet Bowls club nights and matches, Badminton, Snooker, various classes for Dance Groups, Yoga, Pilates, Pop Up Pubs, Birthday Parties, Plant Sales, Quiz Nights and inter-village Fun Days. It can be booked online via: <http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk> or through the Secretary – details at the back of this publication. The Playing Field and play equipment are used by children before & after school, Boules teams, Wedding/Birthday parties. The sports court is used for tennis, netball and private hire and can be booked via: <http://>

bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or through the Administrator – details at the back of this publication.

Volunteers manage all aspects of the Hall and Playing Field maintenance and administration. This includes daily inspection of play equipment and annual external inspection, weekly/monthly/annual fire checks, annual electrical safety checks, website maintenance, cleaning of gutters and paths etc.

We also use the Community Payback Scheme (offenders' community service) for painting, clearing leaves and general landscaping.

Additional volunteers are always welcome for a variety of tasks. If you have a few spare hours and wish to help in any way please contact the Secretary on 07769 195132 or email: bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk

The Hall is 62 years old this year and is in need of repair. The flat roof needs replacing and the car park requires resurfacing.

The Playing Field is over 10 years old and needs some equipment repair and resurfacing of paths and the sports court.

Some grants to help towards these expenses are available from national and local sources, but to obtain these much-needed funds **we need community input** to ascertain need.

This is where you come in....

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST NEEDS YOU

The Trustees want to find out what YOU want from YOUR Hall and Playing Field:

Update the Hall to modern standards to include new roof, improved toilets, with changing facilities for group sports, a new entrance with improved access and additional parking.

This will cost in the region of £300,000 and will require significant community support including volunteers to organise fundraising, donations and the input of locals' expertise/knowledge.

OR

Repair what we have at the moment: new flat roof, resurface car park/sports court & paths,

This will cost in the region of £65,000 and will also require fundraising, donations etc.

OR

Any other improvements/suggestions.

Please email your comments to:

bookingsrecord@bealingsvillagehall.org.uk

2019 PLANT SALE/FAIR 27TH APRIL 2019 -10.00 – 12.00

A preliminary meeting was held on November 30th. It was suggested that the Event should be called a Plant Fair, to show that it was about much more than just plants. Other proposals made at the meeting include:

PROGRAMMES: Programmes will be available in advance, hopefully by the end of February. They will be free. Suggestions for items to be included are welcome. The programme will be available on line. We are also looking at the possibility of offering “Tote Bags”, promoting event identity, as well as the usual cardboard boxes.

ENTRY: Entry too, will be free. No barriers will be needed, and that will leave space for more tables and possibly gazebos and/or a marquee.

PROMOTION: The event will be promoted by social media, as well as by the usual posters, plus, possibly, banners. Anest Hopkins has kindly agreed to help with this by setting up a Facebook page. We need to cast the net wider and engage younger families who may have aspirations to do more gardening but are looking for know-how and help.

You can follow us at

www.facebook.com/bealingsplantfair

RAFFLE: tickets will once again be sold in advance, as well as on the day. We hope that residents of Little and Great Bealings will not feel imposed upon to find a £5 book delivered with their April Mag, but will see this as an easy way of supporting this annual village initiative. Selling such tickets might be an excuse for small local coffee parties. Once again, the star prize is generously offered by Colin Hopkins: a flight in a light aircraft.

GARDENING INFO: Francis Mutimer (a professional gardener) has kindly agreed to man an “Info-zone”.

REFRESHMENTS: Tea, coffee and refreshments will no longer be free, but profits will contribute to funds. We need more space for this. Free health drinks may well be on offer for children!

PLANTS AND PRODUCE: We need to engage more people in supplying plants and seedlings. Some plug plants will be bought in. You are again warmly encouraged to offer produce – rhubarb, jams, chutneys etc and garden paraphernalia for sale. If you are a keen gardener and wish to get involved, please contact any of the following: Sue Prentice, Norman Porter, Fran Hopkins, Sharon Cripps, Francis Mutimer.

CAKES: There will be no cake stall as such, but we would – please - love to receive cakes that can be sold as part of the refreshments package.

ART: we are hoping to include a display of items for sale from both Gary Farmer and Ron Hurlock (who has previously displayed at Snape Maltings)

HELPERS’ LUNCH: Once again there will be a helpers’ lunch afterwards @£5 – please contact Norman Porter if you would like to join in.

PROCEEDS. Our two village churches stand witness to many hundreds of years of history. While recognising that not all subscribe to the Christian faith, there are many who would hate to see these churches fall into decay and decline.



The Plant Sale was set up in 1992 by Hugh and Monica Philbrick specifically to support church funds. The organisers think it is still valid to seek funds to ensure the maintenance of church **fabric**, and to

ensure the continued viability of these two beautiful, historic buildings.

The picture comes from the 2009 Plant Sale at The Cottage, when we invited Karen Kenny of BBC Radio Suffolk to join us.

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BEALINGS WI

Bealings WI meets every month in the village hall. At most meetings there will be a guest speaker on many subjects. The local group arranges visits to various cof-

fee shops to provide the opportunity to enjoy a cuppa and a chat with friends, as well as other places of interest. There is a reading group where friends can discuss a book which they are all reading.

In January we enjoyed a talk given by Andrea Powell from Idelo Travel who spoke about her experiences of exploring the Falkland Islands.

In February we will learn about what is involved in running a hospice shop.

Members receive a monthly magazine which is produced by the area group and this includes invitations to area activities such as carpet bowls matches, curling games, visits to places of interest like London or the theatre.

We are a small but very friendly group and would welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact the secretary Jennifer Cook on 623985 if you would like to attend one of our meetings.

POP - UP PUB

Did you miss the Pop-Up Pub at Bealings Village Hall in January? Then don't panic, there's more to come.

Put these Pop-Up Pub dates in your diary for 2019:

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All 6.00 – 11.00 p.m. at Bealings Village Hall

All of these Pop-Up Pub events are run by a collaboration of volunteers from Save The Admirals Head Pub Group and Bealings Village Hall Trust, with all the proceeds supporting Bealings Village Hall and The John Belstead Playing Field.

If you would like to volunteer with fundraising for Bealings Village Hall and Playing Field, please contact Sally:
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ST MARY'S

We are indebted to our Rural Dean, Rev Clare Sanders, for ensuring that our monthly service is covered. Not only that, but we are lucky enough to be able to welcome Dr John Hare to our services throughout the year. The services are held on the first Sunday of the month at 10.00 am and are Family Communion Services. Those who have attended these services will know that John has a wonderful way with children, and we are lucky indeed that he will be providing continuity throughout the year. He will also be officiating at our Easter Day Service. Please support these monthly services – it is the best indication possible to the authorities that our church deserves to be kept open.

LOOKING BACK

CAROL SERVICE – 16TH DECEMBER 2018

It was good to welcome back Rev Canon Pauline Stentiford to officiate at this service. In the absence of the now disbanded Benefice Choir we need a bit of musical muscle – to say nothing of expertise - and this was provided by a People's Pop Up Choir. Local volunteers were supplemented by singers recruited by Megan Peel from her own choir. Megan led the whole group and we were very fortunate to enjoy strong musical leadership, much appreciated by the congregation. Their strong performance was based on just 30 minutes warm-up before the service. Our warmest thanks to all concerned for jumping into what have been a significant breach. We may well be looking to repeat the experiment next year.

MIDNIGHT MASS

St Mary's hosted this year's midnight

mass, and it was reassuring to be able to welcome a large congregation from across the benefice, together with seasonal visitors. Our sincere thanks to Rev Martin Roberts, from Woodbridge, for officiating.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our one monthly service is the 10.00 am family communion service, so you have the assurance of predictability for diary entries. We are also hosting the 10.00 Easter Day Service on 21st April.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Similarly, we have to arrange our annual Parish Meeting. Rev Clare Sanders does her best to attend all such meetings in an interregnum, but on the date that looks most suitable – viz after our service on Sunday April 7th – she cannot be with us until 12.30. One possibility is that we move our 10.00 service to 11.00, allowing us to move seamlessly into the APCM after the serving of refreshments. Please keep eyes open for final decisions. Details will appear in the March Mag.

NEW CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Please see the Little Bealings item about entries. Precisely the same details apply to Great Bealings.

CHURCHYARD

These are the dormant months. But visitors still come in significant numbers, either to visit family graves, or just for the pleasure of enjoying a peaceful walk around the churchyard. A chance encounter with a mother and young son who had walked across along the valley from Woodbridge just to find a peaceful destination, was particularly exhilarating – and justifies the efforts of those who contribute to maintaining the church and churchyard for the pleasure of visitors

whom they almost certainly never meet.

We are told by our contractor that there are plans for the fencing for our new car park extension to be completed in the latter part of January.

There are still a number of pallets by the toilet block which can be picked up for free by anyone who can find a use for them – chop them up for kindling, even.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thank you once again to all who decorated the church for Christmas. Even though we only have one routine service a month, we did have two major Christmas services, and it is so important that the church displays all expected signs of festive cheer.

Churchwarden

Lights, Lights, Lights

The “Barnett Season” took off with a “Pop” as their annual Family Birthday Fest took place. Order of batting was as follows:

James Barnett, grandson 12 November.

Ena Ayers, granddaughter 14 Nov,

Eric “Pop” Barnett (Age Unknown) 30 Nov

Sharon Barnett, daughter in law, 1 December,

Harriet Barnett, granddaughter 2 Dec. I remain intrigued at the close proximity of the Barnett dates, is it an original co-ordinated Barnett function of their genes or a family occasion earlier in the year. Whatever, it presents a nice family get together in December, although belated in time for the December issue of the magazine.

Yet another senior moment for “our Norm”, who, reaching his “*quatre vingt*” status, lit the sky on the 31st Dec and then the 1st Jan. I suspect that “*quatre vins*” may have been more appropriate bearing in mind the current position of the Tractor Boys? Keep the Faith Norm, it’s going to be a long season!

If there are any more despondent Ipswich Town supporters, why not look on the bright side when you get your next win? Only £5 a shot, oops, I mean a donation. Be Positive, it’ll happen one day!!!!

Roger (Hammer) Roseboom.
01473 735153

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE – RETROSPECT.

We received a kind letter from the local organiser informing us that we had collectively raised £200, one of our best results in recent years. The Woodbridge area raised in total £7684.75, an increase of £169.25 over 2017. We were thanked for our efforts – and - for the benefit who like to plan well in advance, advised that the Ride and Stride occasion will take place this year on **Saturday September 14th.**

LOOKING BACK:

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND - THE NIGHTINGALE WIND QUINTET.

Some 50 people attended this concert and were rewarded with a programme of joyous music and beautifully executed readings, very much fitting the programme title: “*Music to warm a December evening*”. It was a wonderful way to kick-start the festive season. The Nightingale Quintet was formed in 2006 and is made up of experienced Suffolk-based musicians, several of whom teach their instruments locally, and that brought along some of the families who know them. Kate Helleur gave the readings. Kate grew up in a theatrical household and studied drama at Manchester University. And it showed! It would be lovely to have the group back again sometime in the future.

.ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE SUPPER PARTY - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2019

This will be taking place this Saturday. Some 40 people are participating and Alison and Will Self have made all the

necessary arrangements for this to go ahead as usual. What better way of relieving the mid-winter gloom?

LOOKING AHEAD

DO FOCUS ON THE WEEKEND OF 10TH/12TH MAY.

On **Friday 10th May** we look forward to the return of Professor Jeremy Tambling who will be talking about “Evil in Literature.” What better place for a talk on this subject than a church?! Tickets enabling you to broaden your experience of this fascinating topic will be available at a mere £5, and that will include the usual refreshments, so do come along and be prepared to enjoy a bit of intellectual stimulation.

On **Sunday 12th May at 4.00 p.m.** in St Mary's Churchyard we are hosting the **Ipswich Hospital Band**. This will be a tea-time open air picnic opportunity. Some refreshments will be available, but do bring your own, plus comfortable rugs/seating and enjoy an informal late afternoon programme of music. This will be advertised as widely as possible, and proceeds will be shared between the church and charities to be designated by the Hospital Band. It will also be an opportunity to explore and enjoy your wild-life-friendly churchyard. We expect the cost of tickets to be around £8, to include light refreshments – children much cheaper. And – of course – if the weather turns nasty, we have a ready-made Plan B – just move back inside.

PERKY & ME!

On the fourth of January 2019, my grandparent's Labrador Perky had to be put to sleep due to osteo-arthritis. He was twelve years old and it's him I'd like to talk about. I can just about remember my first meeting with Perky – I would have been seven, he just a puppy. He was very shy around this time and I accidentally scared him as a clumsy seven-year-old would, not the best start! However, after this, he quickly overcame his fear and soon regarded me as family.

Over the years we had with him, we created many wonderful memories – the hundreds of walks, the many sticks thrown, the tyre toy he was rarely seen without unless he was trying to find it: one of our favourite games. As he aged, he became less able to play at home, but once he worked out you were going for a walk, he'd always come bounding back and always amazed us with just how large a stick he could find, carry, then expect us to throw.

Growing up with Perky shaped me as much as any friendship did. He taught me patience & love, and spending time with him helped pick me up when I'd fallen down. He was one of my best friends and I'm never going to stop missing him nor will I ever forget the memories we made together and the lessons he taught.

Rest in peace, bud. You're with your brother now.

David Midwinter

SMILES

I called on an old classmate and asked him what job he was doing – He replied that he was working on “Aqua Thermal Treatment of Ceramics, Aluminium and Steel items under a constrained environment” I was most impressed. However, on further enquiry, I learned he was washing dishes with hot water under his wife's supervision!

The Children were lined up for their school lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The teacher had placed a note on the pile “Take Only One – God is Watching! “. Moving further along the lunch line at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note “Take all you want- God is watching the apples! “

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Corinne & Tony Fear, Green Close House, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 4 MARCH 2019

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. in Bealings Village Hall on Monday 4th March

Local community groups are invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village – and raise any concerns.

Carol Ramsden - Clerk

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 December 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two matters were raised:

DC/18/4763/FUL: Erection of Decking to Rear Elevation: 11 Richards Drive

The applicant explained the application.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

A neighbouring resident advised that the works would require the mirror that she used to exit her property safely to be moved and so she had objected to the application.

PLANNING

DC/18/4763/FUL: Erection of Decking to Rear Elevation: 11 Richards Drive

There was no objection to the application.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

It was resolved to object to the application

in view of the impact on neighbouring properties, and to ask SCC if there had been a change of policy regarding the creation of new accesses on to Martlesham Road,

SINKS PIT

The Council had received a copy of a letter from the Assistant Director for Strategic Development, Growth, Highways and Infrastructure at the County Council, sent to local residents in response to their complaints about alleged breaches of planning permissions and concerns regarding noise and dust. It proposed a meeting of all parties. It was resolved that the Council would be pleased to attend site liaison meetings and that it supported the creation of a new bund on the landfill site for noise attenuation.

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Two matters were raised:

Grit Bin at Hall Road Crossroads

A local resident offered to remove the bin and was thanked by the Council.

DC/18/5100/FUL: Erection of Detached Garage including Removal of Four Trees: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

A neighbouring resident advised that while he supported the building of the garage he was concerned at the felling of the trees. The trees were protected by an area Tree Protection Order and only two needed to be removed for the development to be carried. He was concerned that removal for 'shading problems would set a precedent. He drew attention to environmental considerations and the woodland character of the area. In response, a representative of the applicant said that the trees affected the setting and visibility between the house and new garage.

PLANNING

DC/18/5100/FUL: Erection of Detached Garage including Removal of Four Trees: The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

It was resolved that there was no objection to the development, but SCDC was asked to visit the site and exercise caution in determining whether it was necessary for all four trees to be felled.

DC/18/4896/FUL: Creation of a New Access from the Highway: Bealings Holt, Martlesham Road

SCDC had advised that the number of objections received had triggered its consideration of whether the matter should be put to its Planning Committee. It was resolved not to make any additional representations.

SAVID (SAFER VILLAGE DRIVING)

Ms Head advised that the AGM had taken place and a new constitution was planned, with the group having a more advisory role. The next meeting would be on 13 March in Bealings Village Hall and it was agreed that the Council would fund the cost of hire of the Committee Room.

MARTLESHAM ROAD AND THE STREET

As works were planned by SCC and resurfacing would follow it was agreed to

ask again for the faded white hatching lines to be renewed.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Colin Hedgley drew attention to the consultation by SCDC on the Final Draft of the Local Plan.

SCHOOL PARKING

Both SCDC and the School had said that a positive meeting had taken place; the School was doing all it could to advise parents to park appropriately and liaise with the Village Hall over use of the car park. The location of the School precluded use of the 'green cone' scheme. Mr Hedgley advised that he intended to bring two SCC Councillors to see the parking problems for themselves.

FINANCE

Mr Hunter had carried out the cheque book/bank statement reconciliation for the third quarter. Cheques were signed for PAYE for December (replacement cheque), January and February and for the Clerk's salary for January and February. £171 had been received from SCC for footpath cutting during 2018. A refund of VAT totalling £325.58 had been claimed for 2018.

DATES OF MEETINGS UNTIL MARCH 2020

The Council will meet on 4 March (also the Annual Parish Meeting), 13 May (the Annual Parish Council Meeting), 1 July, 9 September and 4 November 2019 and on 6 January and 2 March 2020.

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

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ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Our Donation Appeal to the Village produced the necessary funds to ensure the purchase of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

In order to maximise the benefit of our donors' funds, we set up a Company, limited by guarantee, named ROPETH, which has been registered at Companies House. ROPETH has applied for Charitable Trust status, thus giving a 25% increase to those contributions, who qualify. The procedure is twofold.

- First approval by HMRC, then approval by the Charity Commission. We expect to receive shortly the initial approval, thus enabling exchange to take place.

- However, in recognition of assurance to the PCC of our serious intent, we have instructed our Solicitors to hold the required 10% deposit ready for exchange.

- Once this happens, completion will quickly follow and the Angela Cobbold Hall will become a Village Community Resource, no longer linked to the Church/ Diocese, and able to seek grants for its redevelopment. Margaret and I are attending a meeting of the Suffolk Village Halls Event shortly, to assess the grant sources available, apart from those we already know.

- ROPETH's Committee have unanimously decided NOT to run a commercial Café, as it would not fit into the Business Plan we envisage, the very popular Luncheon Club, organised by Vicky and Peter Carr will of course continue

- After completion, we shall arrange a meeting to seek your views on the possible opportunities you desire for this new Village resource. We are slowly getting there, but should any further Donors wish to provide funds, specifically for the initial necessary repairs etc., to the ACH, you are most welcome to contact me.

*Roger Roseboom, Chairman ROPETH,
Tel: 01473 735153*

INDOOR BOWLS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

A group from The Caravan Club plays carpet bowls every Wednesday evening throughout the Winter. If you would like to join them you will be very welcome.

The group meets between 7.00 p.m. & 9.00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Drop in anytime.

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thirty people enjoyed a Christmas Lunch in the Angela Cobbold Hall on 11th December. Contributions of many tasty treats, entertainment and willing helpers all made this a very happy time. Thank you to everyone for making this a special occasion. Thanks also to the PCC for allowing the use of the hall and to Corinne Jarvis for opening and closing it.

At the "Left Overs" lunch on 8th January, Chicken Broth was served to 20 people making a happy start to 2019.

The next Community Lunch @ ACH will be on Tuesday 5th February at 12.30pm.

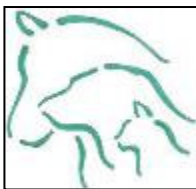
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CHURCHWARDEN REPORT, INCLUDING BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB UPDATE

I hope that you have all had a restful and joyful holiday and that the New Year will be a very good one for you. Tony and I are really enjoying our roles as Interim Churchwardens and are grateful to the other Benefice staff and to Peter Kidd who have been so good at “showing us the ropes” – including the right ones we need to ring the bells! It has been a challenging time, overseeing the church re-working and we are doing our best to keep services going and support the vicars who have kindly stepped in during the interregnum. Please join us in welcoming Paul Hambling and Penny Brown who will be conducting our services on a regular basis during this time. Paul is the Rector at Melton, and Penny also serves on the staff. We are very grateful to them for their help while the Diocese does its best to find a permanent priest for the Benefice and we thank Rev. Canon Clare Sanders for her leadership and guidance during this time.

A WONDERFULLY BUSY CHRISTMASTIME!

December flew by in a whirlwind of activity and we were so proud to introduce our new, flexible space and the cosy wood-burner! First, we had an amazing Candlelight Carol Service on Thursday the 20th, led by Rev Mark Cresswell. A beautiful service was held in the church, with loudly sung hymns and carols, and mulled wine with mince pies enjoyed by all. Thanks, as always, to Jane Hartley for her wonderful musical accompaniment all year long and especially at this very special service, which was quickly followed by a memorable Christmas Eve Crib Service

led by Rev. John Hare and the children did a wonderful job! We must also applaud the wonderful team, led by Alan Gamble, who organised Sing Christmas in the Village Hall. Everyone did—indeed—leave happy!

SHINING THE LIGHTS!

The church floodlights were lit in January on the 7th by Melanie Hollingsworth in honour of loved ones and on Saturday the 19th and Sunday the 20th Chris Dowrick asked for the lights to shine at All Saints Church in memory of his dad, Brian Dowrick, on what would have been his 81st birthday. The family came together for dinner on the Saturday evening at Richards Drive. As Chris recalled, “Dad always liked his desserts and would have loved Julia’s gooseberry crumble!” If anyone would like to honour a family member, commemorate an anniversary, celebrate a birthday, or just help the Church pay its bills, a £5 donation secures two hours of lights at the time of your choosing.

BEALINGS COMMUNITY HUB AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH UPDATE



We are pleased to let everyone know that the first Phase of building works has been completed and the Church will now be open for quiet reflection and available for community use by request. The asbestos-lined flues and the old, discontinued boilers have been removed, a woodburner has been installed, the majority of the pews have been sold and some wood has been stored to use for the kitchen counters and storage cupboard. We have laid the necessary

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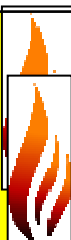
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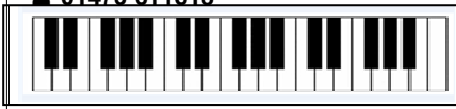
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- ♦ *GCSE practical music
performance*
- ♦ *Perhaps wanting to play piano
for pleasure?*

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Bealings.*

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cabling and pipes for updated electrics and new heaters and will be reworking 10 pews and putting them back in the church to be used for services and as general seating once the next phase of work is completed. While it probably would have been a mixed blessing for the specialist archaeologist to find some famous remains, there were a few items of interest and we have invited her to come and give a talk in the Spring to let us know more about what the excavations revealed about the history of our Church. There are still 2 large pews (approximately 14' long but can be adapted) for sale. If you are interested, please get in touch ASAP.

We are so grateful to Elizabeth Sinha and her staff at Mullins Dowse for their continuing dedication and project management, to Stowe Builders who have done a very good job, and to Viridor Credits for underwriting the first phase. We are delighted that we have also been awarded grants by Allchurches Trust, The LD Rope Third Charitable Settlement, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Enabling Communities Fund (Councillor Colin Hedgley), Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and Tesco Bags of Help.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold formal events in the Church during these colder months, but we hope to soon begin Phase 2, where the heating will be finalised, a screen and projector will be installed, and repairs and upgrades will be made to the walls, electrics and drainage before the final kitchen work starts. We look forward to having Tom Bullimore of Buhr Interiors start on the kitchen as soon as possible, since we know that many of you are very eager to see the Café open. As soon as we have more news, it will be on our website at www.littlebealingschurch.org and published in the newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28th: Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 7.00 p.m. in the Church. All members of the Electoral Roll are eligible to attend.

March and beyond: As the days get warmer and longer, look out for local fundraising events that we are planning, including music, art and social gatherings – we welcome any help you would like to give, either in the planning or implementation phase.

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 9th January 2019. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robin Vickery reported that Highways' manager, Mary Evans has set up a review of certain procedures regarding road repairs and it was found that of the days allocated to pothole repairs, only half of the time was taken up by mending potholes, the rest being swallowed up by travelling to and from sites and cleaning equipment etc. The procedure for road closures and diversions was also being looked at as this has increased by 20% in recent years and a self-help team is being set up to assist local parish councils in addressing road repairs themselves. Vital funding for the CAB is being drastically reduced in Suffolk though this is being staged over two years to allow them to explore other means of financing their services. The new Suffolk Records Centre will have its headquarters in Ipswich, and this will have full archive accreditation.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no District Councillor's report.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

Clerk to ask for update on unregistered FP between Butts Road and Church Road with Definitive Map officers as no progress on this for two years.

Robin Vickery's advice has been sought on issues with C324 having poor signage regarding traffic priority from Tuddenham direction and lack of silt clearance and

subsequent flooding – he is hoping to arrange a site visit with the community warden to demonstrate these problems.

Clerk will contact Frith Blake Consulting for an update on progress on fixing broken culvert near FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow.

Complaints have been received about the state of FP1 & FP3 as both have very soggy patches which are virtually impassable – Robin Vickery to contact Highways' Rights of Way officer to reinforce the need for action.

A report is still awaited from community warden regarding overhanging branches in Church Lane which are hindering the passage of traffic.

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

FINANCE

Payment to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary was authorised. Bank reconciliation was carried out and budget for 2018/19 was found to be on track. The NALC recommended salary increase from 1st April for the clerk was approved. Precept was set at the same rate as last year i.e. £7500

HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Co. Councillor Robin Vickery will fund two more grit bins in the parish, locations to be agreed with residents and approved by SCC Highways.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Suffolk Wildlife Trust's report on their survey of the parish has been well-received as an in-depth document and a valuable asset to the Neighbourhood Plan.

OTHER MATTERS

Co. Councillor Robin Vickery will fund an oak tree to be planted in the playing field to commemorate the end of WW1. The positioning of a cycle stand has been re-thought, to avoid posing a trip hazard and a free-standing one may be required instead. The clothing bank is now installed near the bottle bank in the village hall car park. Funding for the issue of a Playford History book has been received from District Councillor Robert Whiting's budget – we have a co-ordinator for this project and are hoping that volunteers from the parish will come forward to help with research and to provide material.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Revised application DC/18/4598/FUL for a new boundary wall at The Old Post Office, Hill Farm Road was refused again by SCDC planners and application DC/18/4960/FUL for rebuilding of porch, extension of bungalow and garage in Church Lane was approved by the parish council.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7.00 p.m.
Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk
website: www.playford.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

As part of our Neighbourhood Plan the Parish recently commissioned a wildlife survey to enhance and reinforce the views of the community that the landscape and natural beauty of our village is of prime importance. The report has now been received and has been posted on the Neighbourhood Plan website - playfordvillage.co.uk - for everyone to read; the report is comprehensive and will be of benefit to the community now and in the future.

Happy New Year to everyone.

*Keith Carson,
Chairman Playford NP*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

3rd December 2018 - sponsored by John and Sarah Royle. In memory of Charles Bunbury, whose funeral was held in the Church that afternoon

14th December 2018 - sponsored by Chris Cocksedge to celebrate Rosemary's 80th birthday.

14th January - sponsored by Veronica to celebrate Hilary Legard's birthday

CHRISTMAS FLOODLIGHTS

The lights were on over the Christmas period from Sunday, 23rd December 2018 to Sunday 6th January 2019 inclusive and were sponsored by the following, to whom very many thanks:

The Baker Family Brian and Anne
Seward Wendy Wilson Veronica, Victoria and Will Bunbury

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 and be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time.

PLAYFORD W.I.

On 5th. February our speaker will be Prof. John Midwinter from Great Bealings.

Most of our audience will know of him and he will be giving a talk on 'Climate Change' which of course all of us are aware.

The meeting starts at 7.30 p.m. prompt at the Parish Hall in Playford. Playford WI are not charging for entry but a donation would be appreciated.

You do not have to be a member of the Playford WI to join in.

Sue Bruce, Secretary

BINKY & CO.

Binky had had a good Christmas. That is to say it was not as bad as last year. Yes the Christmas tree fell over and killed the cat, but it could have been worse as they have three cats, so that was only a 33% casualty rate. Yes there was a little mix up with the bread sauce and the brandy bottle but as Binky said at the time as long as the brandy went into something does it really matter? That was just before Mrs S shoved a raw pig in a blanket into his mouth to shut him up.

The present fiasco was not of Binky's making. How presents all got mixed up no one really knows but watching Binky's idiot son grappling with a size 44e special uplift bra nearly caused Mrs S to pass out. But once the initial shock had worn off everything went according to plan.

But Binky still had not got over the Christmas embarrassment in the church hall. Yet again he had been pressured into playing Santa and giving toys to the lovely little children. He vowed last year never to do it again but the church hall committee insisted "as the children loved him". This was patently untrue and was reciprocated. He could put up with the little boy who wet himself with excitement and the horrible little boy that thought it was fun to stick an ice lolly up Santa's nose. No, the worst bit was the lovely little girl, surrounded by an adoring family who was asked by Santa what she wanted for Christmas. She then in a shrill voice

shouted at him "What do you mean, didn't you read my (expletive deleted) e-mail?" and promptly burst into tears. The family calmed her down and withdrew from the grotto with murmurings of "Disgraceful" and "Shocking".

Mrs S told him he was useless, the vicar tried to mediate between Binky and the parents only to be met with a huffy parent asking him "If he knew it was Christmas" and a caretaker a little worse for wear after consuming a bottle of the petrol station finest sherry asking who was going to clean up the mess.

However Binky felt warm and comfortable now in the bosom of his own home sitting in front of the fire with a mince pie and a glass of port. Binky was half dozing and did not readily take on board the fact that all the lights had gone out. Total electrical failure. The screams of Mrs S, who happened to be taking a shower at the time, could be heard in the next street. Not that anyone took any notice as they were used to Mrs S screaming. It was her backstop position as we now say.

Binky ran upstairs and burst into the bathroom. Binky fainted. So did Mrs S. It was after all the first time he had seen his wife naked since day two of their marriage. Mrs S came round and looked up. There was a kindly para medic speaking to her in a soothing way and reassuring her that her husband was fine. The opposite news would of course have cheered Mrs S up no end.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Grateful thanks to everyone who attended the Carol Service on the 16th December. The Church was almost full, and we were fortunate to have Christine Pearce and her very talented musical friends who kindly formed a last-minute choir. Their singing made the Service even more special and we sincerely thank them for providing us with such a memorable event. Thanks also to James Hall who kindly officiated at the Service.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Letters and applications for the New Church Electoral Roll 2019 will be sent to those residing within the Parish (subject to General Data Protection Rules) for return by the 18th March. Ecclesiastical rules require that every six years those on the roll need to re-register with new applications also being received. Notices have been posted on the Parish Notice Board in accordance with the criteria for completing the new roll. If you are resident within the Parish, over sixteen years and have been baptized you are

eligible to have your name included. This allows you to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and ask questions concerning church matters. We would be delighted for your name to be included and ever grateful for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW ARCHDEACONS

Our sincere congratulations are offered to Reverend Canon Sally Gaze who has been appointed Archdeacon with special responsibility for Rural Mission within the Diocese with the aim of strengthening and developing ministry within rural communities. Sally and her family will continue to reside within the Benefice, and we wish her well in her new role.

This appointment coincides with the selection of the Reverend Rhiannon King appointed the new Archdeacon of Ipswich. Rhiannon is currently the Director of Mission for the Church of England in Birmingham and hopes to move to Suffolk by Easter. We congratulate her on her appointment.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

PRIEST in CHARGE

Interregnum

LAY ELDERS

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

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Revd Canon Sally Gaze is now well known in our villages. She and her family are living in Playford, with Sally taking occasional services and playing a leading role in Messy Church.



We are delighted to join Bishop Martin in congratulating her on her appointment as the new Archdeacon for Rural Mission. To quote the Bishop: *“As Dean of Rural Mission Consultancy Sally has been working with us to strengthen and develop church life in our rural communities and she will now take on expanded responsibilities, including being the director for ‘Growing in God in the Countryside’ project’ with the support of national church funding.”*

Sally’s appointment was publicised in the EADT and on the diocesan website, with Sally quoted as saying: *“It means an immense amount to be chosen for this new post. My passion has been rural mission for many years, so this new and innovative role feels like the fulfilment of a dream. The role is simply about helping people to experience God’s love in rural Suffolk in all sorts of ways from creative worship to combatting isolation. This is not something I’ll be doing on my own though, I will be part of a gifted team.”.*

Sally will be made a Residentiary Canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral on 10 February 2019 but will continue to live and work in “a rural Suffolk location” – presumably Playford!

CHURCH DIARY – FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday 3rd

10.00am

Family Communion

Great Bealings

Sunday 10th

10.00 am

Family Communion

Playford

4.00 p.m.

Messy Church at 4pm (Theme: Love)

Angela Cobbold Hall

Sunday 17th

3.00 pm

Evensong

Culpho

Wednesday 20th

9.30 am

Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday 24th

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