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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

We have archival evidence stretching back many years of the way in which our villages have come together to celebrate national landmark occasions. There are pictures of gatherings of villagers stretching back to the coronation of George V in 1911. Such celebrations bring communities together and are part of the fabric of village life. We have learnt how to do it from the examples of former generations, and trust that our own efforts will be emulated by generations to come. The rows of youngsters sitting at the front of our photographs grow up, giggle at pictures of their former selves, and then find that it is their turn to do the organising. The populations of our villages may be more transient than they used to be, with fewer families rooted in them, but the continuity of traditions helps to bring people together in a common cause. You didn't have to be an ardent monarchist to enjoy the pageantry of June 12th. For the historical record this is how our villages celebrated the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth 11. Playford chose to have a Saturday evening gathering at Playford Hall – and had the worst of the weather. Great and Little Bealings came together for a Garden Party on the Sunday afternoon, and got away with nothing worse than an occasional heavy drizzle. Reports on these two events now follow.

PLAYFORD CELEBRATES THE 90TH BIRTHDAY

The steel band was playing, the barbecue was sizzling, the laughter and fun was all apparent on the delightful evening that saw Playford Village come together to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Kindly hosted in the beautiful gardens of Playford Hall, a superb evening was had by all. A delicious barbecue was provided by some very hard working chefs supported by an enthusiastic and jolly team sorting drinks and puddings. When

eventually the downpour came, everyone was generously invited inside where the celebrations continued unthwarted by the torrential deluge. A huge thank you to all those who worked so hard to put on such splendid evening. Here's to Her Majesty's 100th.

THE BEALINGS GARDEN PARTY

The thunder rolled across the leaden sky and the rain started to fall. The hands of the clock moved inexorably towards 1400 with the hopes and fears of the people of Bealings hanging on the tick of every tock. Would the rain stay away for four hours that afternoon? Would it be fun or a washout? Or just wet fun?

When the time came it turned out to be a brilliant day. The Lodge had been turned into a miniature Suffolk Show with smiling faces and enthusiasm of the best kind. Colourful outfits and extravagant hats adorned a Wembley Stadium of red, white and blue that met each visitor as he or she walked through the gate into another world. A world of fun, laughter, invention and craft, all the end product of vision and hard work.

Being met by a golfing legend was a stroke of genius and the challenge of putting a hole in one was the trickiest operation of the whole afternoon. Losing was expensive but two young fans were there exuding encouragement and support.

On to the tombola, where for a trifling £3 one could win (and did) a small tin of tuna. A nimble 180 degree turn and a glass of white wine was available served by a very French looking young lady.

The master of ceremonies then urged us all to visit the barbecue to savour the finest beef burger or hot dog this side of the A12. And what a culinary delight it was too as the tomato sauce and mustard trickled slowly through the fingers only to come to a halt as it hit the third

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button down on one's shirt.

The rain then made a huge effort but the good humour of everyone there soon made the rain gods change their mind and after fifteen minutes it stopped.

Onwards to the cake stall where for a mere £1 a red, white and blue sponge cake with a personally signed photo of the queen pinned to it could be enjoyed as a pudding with the added bonus of it having a lucky number incorporated on the photo for a later draw.

In due course Her Majesty arrived being transported in a smart Jaguar all the time waving royally to the crowds. The adoring public responded with a roof raising rendition of "Happy Birthday" followed by the National Anthem.

The Queen seemed very pleased with the day's proceedings and said so on many occasions, to the delight of everyone.

The afternoon continued apace as more people poured in via the signing in system which was seamless and efficient? The enjoyment of the crowds was palpable encouraged by the massed bands playing well know tunes that some people sang along with as the smoke from the barbeque drifted lazily towards an ever brightening sky.

It was a wonderful afternoon and the organisation first class.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to the organisers, stall holders and helpers that made the day so special.

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FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE FYNN-LARK NEWS – THE MAGAZINE FOR THE PARISHES OF LITTLE AND GREAT BEALINGS, PLAYFORD AND CULPHO

We have been immensely encouraged by a range of appreciative comments following on the appearance of the first issue of the re-vamped Magazine. Thank you for

those comments. It is also good to report that there have been positive responses to our outlining of the financial position of the Magazine, and that we now have stability at least until the end of this year. Our sincere thanks to various families for contributions to the cause: Chapmans, Elstroms (celebrating 42 years of living in Little Bealings), Balls, Rosebooms (proceeds from their Champagne tent at the Garden Party) and Carrs (proceeds from their delicious cream teas at the same event). We apologise if natural modesty is offended, but a public recognition of their generosity to a public cause seems to be in order. That bandwagon can continue to roll.... When our new financial year starts in 2017 we hope to be assured of contributions from the usual sources, but, given the perpetual uncertainty of the level of income from advertising, we would like to enjoy a degree of advance budgetary stability by knowing in advance that a certain number of our readers are prepared to support the enterprise by committing themselves to a standing order at the beginning of each year in support of the Magazine. To this end a form will appear with the November Magazine inviting you to commit to a small sum each year as a contribution to Magazine costs. We hope, in this way, not only to have the funds to continue to enhance the Magazine, but also, in time, to get back to a position of having a small surplus, thereby avoiding the (always controlled!) panic of the last couple of months.

CONTENT OF OUR MAGAZINE

As was written in the last issue, the content cannot change immediately. It has to evolve. The introduction of colour has opened up various possibilities, as well as making the Magazine more attractive to our readers.

PICTURES

We have identified a picture editor, who will help with selecting and preparing pictures for publication. Do please send

your pictures in the usual way to the editors, who will forward them to the picture editor (who wishes to remain anonymous). Pictures of events, local scenes, landscapes wildlife, people – please bombard us with what you think might be of interest to readers. Photographs can be submitted at any time; please do not wait until the deadline because that causes ‘overload’! Obviously not everything can be published – many pictures could perhaps be kept on file, and pulled out for use as appropriate.

EDITORIALS

There will be two editorials annually from each village, and two from a church perspective at Easter and Christmas. The editorialists are not necessarily expected to write editorials themselves, but to identify people with a view point that should be of general interest.

For the rest of this year we have:

July/August: Playford Colin Hedgley

September: Little Bealings “Iceni”

October: Great Bealings Norman Porter

November: Culpho Margaret Gornall

December/January Celia/Philip

A full year’s rota for 2017 will be published later this year.

Other plans remain aspirations; a shortage of time has inhibited further approaches to possible candidates to various jobs, but if you see yourself in any of the following roles, do please be proactive, and make contact. You too, could be part of this new venture! We need:

- An adult editor for a regular children’s page
 - Obituaries and Profiles editor
 - Bealings School correspondent
 - Young editor for young people’s Section
- And don’t forget that there is scope for all sorts of miscellaneous items: puzzles/jokes/crosswords, cookery items, occa-

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Norman Porter - Co-ordinator

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£25 1/4 page 9 cm x 6 cm

£40 1/2 page 9 cm x 12 cm

£70 full page 18 cm x 12 cm

These rates will cover 5 issues - colour a bit extra - negotiable.

Norman Porter -co-ordinator

LONDON TO PARIS 24 HOUR CHARITY CYCLE CHALLENGE for Alzheimer's Research UK

On 18 June at 18:30 three cycling friends, Steve Foster (Little Bealings), Pete Hurry and Matt Kerr, set off from Big Ben to cycle the Dr Donald Hirsch route to the Eiffel Tower over a mixture of roads and trails covering 184 miles.

The challenge was self-funded without any support crew

With a combined total cycling mileage of approaching 11,000 miles this year, including a recognisance ride from London to the Newhaven ferry port the riders were prepared. All was set for an epic ride that would be a true test of Teamwork, Fitness and Endurance and a serious challenge for the course record standing at 21hrs 30mins

After 25 miles the challenge for Matt was over. A small ticking noise from a crank rapidly developed into the crank bearings completely breaking up and ending Matt's ride. The only way Matt could have continued would have been on a replacement bike, through social media Matt received several offers of assistance from friends but it was an impossibility with the ferry boarding at 22:15 hours. It was the hardest part of the ride to leave Matt on the roadside all be it at a Pub where the locals soon raised Matt's spirits!

For Steve and Pete the journey continued, with the delays from the breakdown

they had to make up some time over the remaining 35 miles to Newhaven to keep the challenge alive.

Arriving at the port the bikes were secured on the car deck of the DFDS ferry, Steve and Pete refuelled in the ferry restaurant before trying to get some sleep in the reclining lounge seats which was a challenge in itself. Lack of sleep undoubtedly had an impact on the latter stages of the ride.

Arriving at Dieppe at 4am (BST) they were first off the ferry, after eventually finding their way out of Dieppe they joined the Avenue Vert, a disused tarmac railway line that meanders its way through green pastures and rural farmsteads. After 35 miles they were onto deserted country lanes, the first sign of community activity was 68 miles after departing the port. In the village of Bachvillers singing could be heard ringing out from the parish church and a small patisserie was open. After tucking into freshly baked tarts/ pastries and replenishing their water bottles the journey continued toward Paris. On route they were joined by local riders who were keen to hear of the challenge and passed on news to other club riders who Steve and Pete were overtaking. The course took them along lanes, forest paths in Parc Naturel Regional du Vexin Francais, and trails on the banks of the River Seine before approaching the centre though open park spaces and of course the Parisian cobble streets.

Arriving at 13:00 (BST) with the Eiffel Tower bathed in sunshine the journey was completed in 18 hrs 31mins (Moving time of 10hrs 56 mins) a new unofficial record.

The return journey was even quicker, 2hrs 20mins on Eurostar! Waiting at St Pancras Station was Matt the ever dependable team player who was in his van wanting to hear all about the ride, hatching a plan to complete the challenge over the coming weeks and breaking the new course record!

At the time of writing donations for Alzheimer's Research UK received (including gift aid) for the challenge total £1354.

If you would like to donate it is not too late. Donations can be made online via Just Giving website the entering Steve Foster in the search field to bring up the relevant page, or in person to Steve Foster, Cobbyns, Sandy Lane, Little Bealings.
Steve Foster

22.6.16 Hi Editors,

The course record has been accepted, see attached link

<http://www.donaldhirsch.com/records.html> and the sponsorship has grown to £1770

Thanks, Steve

COMMUNITY LUNCHEs

There will be Community Lunches on Tuesday July 5th. and Tuesday August 2nd.

12.30-1.30pm at the Angela Cobbold Hall.

All welcome !

On July 5th. we will be serving

Lasagne with green salad

(veggie option available on request)

Summer Pudding Cream/Ice Cream

Tea / Coffee

On August 2nd. We will be serving

Quiche

with new potatoes and green beans

Banana Split

with home made chocolate sauce

Tea/Coffee

For enquiries & bookings contact 01473 620213. pandvcarr55@gmail.com

BEALINGS COOKBOOK

Thank-you to everyone who has already contributed recipes for the Cookbook.

We hope to have the finished collection ready for sale at The Harvest Lunch in October and will be 'sorting' contributions out during August, but there is still time to share your favourite recipe or handy hint!

Please email ideas to pandvcarr@gmail.com or drop them in at Corner Cottage, The Street. Funds raised will help to repair the roof at All Saints.

BEALINGS WI

At the May meeting Mrs Janet Dann's "Suffolk Chapter and Verse" had mem-

One of our major advertisers, The Hearing Care Centre has asked that we draw the attention of readers to this edited version of their press release:

IPSWICH QUIZ RAISES OVER £1800

One of the biggest quiz events in the region has raised £1800 for charity. Local hearing care specialists, **The Hearing Care Centre** held their 11th Charity Quiz Night at Greshams Social Club. It was hosted by BBC Radio Suffolk presenter Lesley Dolphin and helped to raise money for the company's £10,000 puppy sponsorship appeal for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People. More than 260 people attended. This took the total raised at the company's now famous Quiz Nights to over £16,650.

The company also has a number of other fundraisers lined up in partnership with Adnams. Across the summer The Hearing Care Centre is organising a series of tasting experiences which will involve trying a bit of everything from the Adnams range with a selection of nibbles, all for £10. For details of other fundraising events visit www.hearingcarecentre.co.uk/news

GREAT BEALINGS

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ST MARY'S

Last month column opened with a frank outline of the challenges facing our village – the future of our local magazine, and the future of our church. Thanks to wide support, both in word and in substance, we seem to have met the challenge head-on and established a viable future. Our grateful thanks to all those in the village who, in their different ways, have shown confidence in the “renewal” project.

I wish I could be as positive in respect to the future of our church. The strategy of the PCC is dealing with this challenge will have been the main item on the Agenda at a meeting later in June. We hold an average of two services a month, with relatively small congregations, and face an annual bill of around £10,000 payable to the diocese to ensure that we continue to function as we have done over recent decades. That's £1000 a month.

We are delighted that there are to be a number of weddings this year. The church is there to be used and enjoyed. But we have spent significant sums of money in recent years to install modern facilities, such as the toilet, storeroom, and kitchen area. The use of these facilities by organisations and for purposes other than for church services has so far not really justified this expenditure. If the use of the building is for about 3 hours a month we have little chance of meeting

our expenditure demands. If YOU have any ideas as to other uses of this wonderful space – talks, concerts, exhibitions etc – then do please let us know – or, better still, organise something on those lines.

We are poised once again to go into the grant market, and our only chance of maximising our opportunities here is if we can demonstrate wide community use of the space. Hence this appeal. The church is the only public space in Great Bealings, so please use it, if you can. Your PCC will have discussed these issues and challenges by the end of June, and hope to have identified a strategy for addressing them.

LOOKING BACK

The first wedding of the summer season took place on Thursday 2nd June, when Paul Martin of Coachman's Cottage, married Angela. It is lovely to record that they were the first married couple to emerge from under our newly repaired lantern-topped Keer gate. We wish them every happiness in their married lives.

CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY.

Villages and communities all over the county and across the country celebrated the Queen's official birthday over the weekend of 11th/12th June. To see how we in Great Bealings celebrated see the FOGBC item below.

LOOKING AHEAD

All we can offer at this stage is the Annual Suffolk Historic Churches Bike Ride on Saturday September 10th. Pedalling practice is in order.

CHURCHYARD

We are sorry to report that there has been an attempt to break into the church shed. The lock was forced and items scattered around. The only contents of significance are our two relatively old mowers, together with a few gardening implements. At first sight, nothing seems to have been taken. The break-in reinforces the need for all who find themselves in and around the church to be vigilant. We are particularly grateful to two village residents who independently reported the damage.

The grass has grown at an almost exponential rate. That, combined with on-going

wetness, has meant that it has been difficult to find weather conditions dry enough to enable us to go ahead with the necessary grass-cutting. Please bear with us. We know it needs cutting!

This is written well before our schools break up. When the next issue appears at the beginning of September the new term will be about to start. In between there will be the time of summer holidays and all that goes with them. We wish our readers a happy summer, enhanced by the sort of weather you are all wishing for. It is too early to look forward to autumn!

Churchwarden

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IN GREAT BEALINGS

There is currently a vacancy for a parish councillor due to the resignation of Eric Barnett who has served on the Parish Council many years. Please contact the Clerk if you, or someone you know, might be interested in joining the Council. If you would like more information, please contact the Chairman Charles Barrington on 01473 735684

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley reported the recent death of Peter Bellfield and advised that he had represented the Parish Council at the funeral. He summarised the report submitted by County Councillor Christopher Hudson. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Colin Hedgley provided an overview of the SCDC key challenges and achievements for 2015/16, including the Devolution proposals for East Anglia, the sale of Melton Hill, SCDC's new offices, the new Customer Services in local libraries and the continuing free collection of brown bins. He outlined some of the projects supported by the County Councillors' Community Enabling Budgets. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Review of Year – Charles Barrington announced that Eric Barnett has resigned as a Parish Councillor and he thanked him for his valuable service and support over the many years that he has been both Councillor and Chairman. During the year

the Parish Council has reviewed the Standing Orders and all procedures. 21 planning applications were received during the year, 16 of which were supported and 5 objected to. Of these five, two were refused by SCDC. The Neighbourhood Plan is in its final stages, an Emergency Plan is being prepared and the Parish Council is involved in the Quiet Lanes initiative.

Neighbourhood Plan – This is now at Stage 4 out of 7. Stage 5 is the appointment of an independent examiner and receipt of his report, Stage 6 is the referendum which hopefully will take place in the autumn, and Stage 7 is for the Plan to be formally "made", at which point it becomes a statutory document. Charles Barrington expressed his thanks to all members on the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party for their tremendous input.

QUIET LANES - Neil Winship gave an interesting presentation explaining the concept of the Quiet Lanes initiative and the features and benefits. It is definitely "pro-walkers" but not "anti-motorist". If designated as a Quiet Lane, it is easier to impose a Speed Order or a Use Order. It does not change the legal status of the highway but encourages drivers to behave more considerately. SCC are the relevant authority. Notice will be sent to all residents living along the routes, also to the Fire and Police Authorities. Objections must be received within 21 days. Support has already been received from some residents of Hasketon Road, and Councillors expressed their own support for this initiative which will be formally discussed at the following Parish Council Meeting

COMMUNITY REPORTS

Village Hall Management Committee – Dee

Knights read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a busy year for the Village Hall including several completed and future refurbishment projects for both the Hall and the site. The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

BENEFICE NEWSLETTER REPORT – Norman Porter gave a comprehensive report on the commercial aspects of the Newsletter detailing the financial problems and the actions being taken to resolve them, following some recent meeting. A full copy of his report is on the Council's website

GREAT BEALINGS EMERGENCY PLAN

Cllr. Anthony Sheppard reported on the progress made in his preparation of an Emergency Plan for the parish. He outlined man-made risks and talked about natural risks. The Plan will basically be a Risk Assessment with action points and lists of organisations and individuals who can be called on to help in various ways in event of an emergency. People most at risk are the elderly and the disabled. When completed, the Plan will be made widely available and will be published on the Council's website.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th MAY

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Charles Barrington was elected as Chairman for the following year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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| Vice Chairman | Colin Hedgley |
| Footpath Officer | Martin Cripps |
| Tree Warden | John Carter-Jonas |
| Village Hall Rep | Sally Johnson |

PLANNING

DC/16/1735/FUL – Alteration and extension

to dwelling – The Cottage, Orchard Lane

Richard Burgess explained the details of the planning application for his property. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they had no objections to this application

Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 11(part) – Meadow Cottage

A formal application has been received from Mid Suffolk District Council acting on behalf of SCDC. Charles Barrington will prepare the Council's response in liaison with Paul Norris.

QUIET LANES

Following the presentation and discussion at the earlier Annual Parish Meeting, the Parish Council **RESOLVED** to proceed with this initiative for the roads listed. A notice will be sent to all residents living along the routes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the report at the Annual Parish Meeting, Charles Barrington advised Councillors that hard copies of the Plan were available to anyone who does not have access to the website.

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

The various documents have all been circulated and Charles Barrington asked Councillors to let the Clerk know if there are any comments so they can be formally approved at the next meeting. The 2016 Financial Regulations needed some specific insertions to be decided and these were discussed and agreed.

FINANCE

Authorisation of cheques

Twelve cheques were authorised, including some Neighbourhood Plan items, Clerk's salary and expenses, PAYE and some annual donations.

Benefice Magazine

The matter of an additional donation will

be discussed further at the next meeting

Statement of Accounts 2015-2016 and adoption of Annual Return

The Annual Return and Statement of Accounts 2015-16 were approved by Councillors. The Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statement were signed. The accounts had been internally audited and signed by Adrian Melrose and were now ready for the external auditors BDO Stoy Haywood.

Transparency Funding

The Clerk explained that, following the introduction of the Transparency Code, the Dept for Communities and Local Government has approved funding for Local Councils to purchase their own equipment to enable them to comply with the Code. As the Parish Council does not own any of the necessary items, it was agreed that the Clerk applies for funding to enable the PC to purchase them.

Precept - The first half of the precept for 2016-17 has been received.

CORRESPONDENCE

East Anglia ONE and THREE – an approach has been received from Bawdsey Parish Council to participate in joint initiative for collaboration between all Parish Councils affected by these works, and if we accept we need to nominate a representative. Charles Barrington was in favour of this idea and agreed to be the representative for Gt Bealings.

Defibrillator – The British Heart Foundation has advised that more funding is now available for a public access defibrillator. Successful applicants must contribute £400 and be prepared to train members of the community. The funding does not include a cabinet and Colin Hedgley will enquire whether this could be provided

from his Locality Budget. Details of people trained could be included in the Emergency Plan. Charles Barrington will contact the doctors in the Parish to get their views on this.

River Lark – a verbal report had been received of possible obstruction of the river in the Lower Street area. Sally Johnson reported that this was not an immediate cause for concern and there need be no action taken at the moment, but the situation would be monitored.

Election of Councillor – Following Eric Barnett's resignation, SCDC will commence the necessary action to enable a replacement to be sought.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15th JUNE

Planning - DC/16/2216/FUL – Former Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Gt Bealings - Erection of single dwelling with garage/cart lodge (revised siting of Plot 2 approved under DC/13/3360) and the vacated approved land as an extension to the curtilage of Plot 1 approved under the same planning permission (Re-submission of DC/15/5105/FUL)

This new application was discussed in conjunction with DC/15/5105/FUL to which the PC had strongly objected and which was subsequently refused by SCDC. It was **RESOLVED** that the PC strongly objects to this application (letter of objection attached to the minutes on the website)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 5th JULY 2016 AT 7.00PM

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that

item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Please refer to the report of the Royal 90th Birthday event at the front of this Magazine. Rather than duplicate the material our report is limited to thanking all those many people from both Great and Little Bealings who came and worked together to ensure the success of our Royal 90th Birthday Party. Colin mentions no names but we think it right to acknowledge various individual contributions, with apologies for inadvertent omissions. Space is tight!

Entry was free, but we were overwhelmed by contributions to our Tombola Stall. Although the event was primarily a celebration, various events/activities/stalls had a fund-raising dimension and we are delighted to be able to say that a significant sum was raised, to be shared by the Friends of Great Bealings Church and to The Playing Field Fund. In addition, two stalls donated significant profits to the Fynn-Lark News – another community enterprise. In all, we are delighted that the afternoon was not only an acknowledged social success, but that it also helped to contribute financially to local causes.

We acknowledge particularly the generosity of our hosts, Charles and Ann Barrington, for allowing us to roam around their lovely garden. We owe particular thanks to Rita Drake for exuding such regal

grace and charm, her husband Geoff for playing his discrete chauffeuring role, together with Lady-in-Waiting, Alison Self and Royal Equerry, Jonathan Douse, not forgetting posy-presenter, Emily Keer. We also thank *Joyspring* for providing the musical backdrop to the afternoon, and for entering into the spirit of the occasion. Roger Roseboom master-minded the villager quoits contest, but somehow neglected to make public the news that Little Bealings had hung on to the trophy. He also persuaded villagers to dig down into the depths of their lungs to produce a rousing patriotic choral finale. Our particular thanks to the providers of sustenance: the Carrs for cream teas, the Rosebooms for champagne, Charles Barrington for barbecued fare, Sally and Gary for running the bar. Eunice Mayhew and Leah Haywood Smith ran the cake department, judging the Bake-Off entries, and, uniquely running the 90-piece cake raffle. Similarly, Jenny Dow judged the various posies that were presented. Our thanks to those who kept the children happy with drawing, face-painting and various games. The Douse-run Nature Trail through the most secret parts of the garden was also a success. Finally, our thanks to Gary Farmer for his work as village photographer – he took close on 200 pictures in the course of the afternoon – as well as the final pictures of the whole gathering – our legacy to the pictorial history of Bealings.

Our final thank you is to all – and that was many – who helped with the setting up and the taking down. Many hands made very light (and quite short-lived) work. The setting was fit for a Queen, and the ample

LITTLE BEALINGS

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CHURCHWARDEN

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

7TH. JUNE 2016

A double celebration

Thank-you to the twenty people who shared the community lunch to celebrate the Queen's 90th. Birthday on May 7th. After expenses we raised £110 for the ongoing running costs of the Hall.



Celebration Lunch



Queen for a day!

CHURCHWARDEN HANGS UP HER STAVE!

After the Annual Parochial Church Council meeting in May, I have now resigned as churchwarden of All Saints Church, Little Bealings after 17 years in office. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who over all these years have encouraged and supported both my husband, Geoff and myself, during our years in office.

Together we had our "arms twisted" by the priest at that time, 1999 and with no experience of the workings of the PCC it was a huge learning curve. However, with much help and support we were able to make a number of improvements and refurbishments over the years, bringing the church up to date for the 21st century. Probably the most significant refurbishment was the bringing of the mains water to the church enabling us to build a toilet and make a disabled pathway and entrance to the church. We would have liked to have gone ahead with a number of other plans but like most good things they all cost money and there was never enough to go ahead with these plans.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Tombola ticket anyone?



At least we are dry!



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YOUR MAJESTY



And the band played on



Team work



Have we got enough food?

Party time



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A Day in the Life of a Phantom Pilot in the Cold War

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Friday 16 September 2016

7.30pm - Bealings Village Hall

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*There will be a retiring collection with a suggested donation of £5 per head
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Further details from Bob Tate 01473 622995 or robert.tate9@btinternet.com

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Of course there was the regular running of the church and this kept us both busy.

It was a very fulfilling and rewarding time to be custodians of this beautiful historical building, but after Geoff passed away 5 years ago, the years have crept up on me, I no longer have the energy needed to carry on.

There are new and exciting projects for this little church for it's future and I do pray that there are some of you who will pick up and support the new people in office and carry on all that has been achieved over the years. Please if you can help in any way either as a PCC member, a sidesperson to prepare the services, a flower arranger, cleaning or help in the churchyard, please contact either Celia or Philip. They will welcome your support.

I shall miss all the companionship and camaraderie that comes with working with such a great bunch of people but I hope I can still be of some use occasionally! Thank you all.

Paddy Bills

THE LIGHTS SHONE BRIGHTLY

On Sunday 29th May, the lights shone out at All Saints Church, as a special tribute to Paddy Bills as she retired from being Church Warden. They express gratitude to her and her late husband Geoff, for all the care they have given to this special place.

If you have an occasion you would like to celebrate with 'Lights', please contact Peter Carr on 01473 620213. For a

donation of £5 you can light the lights for two hours of your choice.

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23 May 2016

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2016 -2017

| | |
|---|--|
| Chairman: | Margaret Wilson |
| Vice Chairman: | Toni Cornish |
| Bealings Village Hall Trust Representative: | Denise Head |
| SALC Representative: | Attendance at SALC meetings would be ad hoc and no representative was appointed. |
| Footpath and Tree Warden: | Vacant |
| Webmaster: | Jenny Shaw with Margaret Wilson's assistance |
| Police Representative: | Toni Cornish |
| SAVID: | Denise Head |

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

This would be considered further at the meeting in July, with a view to co-option if no election was requested. ***Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor is invited to contact the Clerk.***

STANDING ORDERS

The National Association of Local Councils Standing Orders (2010) revised first edition, as amended, were adopted.

PLANNING APPLICATION

SCC\0086\16: Laying of block paved hard standing (retrospective), erection of flood lighting and temporary stockpiling of aggregate material to assist in reorganisation of stockpiling; Kesgrave Quarry

The Chairman reported on a meeting held with residents, District Councillor Colin

Hedgley and County Council representatives from Enforcement, Planning and Waste functions. Residents had expressed concern that SCC had not made enough effort to address noise and lighting issues at the site. SCC had asked the Parish Council to withdraw its objection to the application to enable it to proceed, and advised that issues relating to the building of a bund to mitigate noise and light pollution would then be dealt with separately.

During the period of public participation residents reiterated their concerns about the lack of commitment from SCC to dealing with the problems. It was agreed to withdraw the objection, but to ask for more detailed information on the height of light poles, and for SCC to test the stability of the existing bunding and consider seeking an application to increase the height of the bund. SCC would be asked to keep the Council informed of progress.

PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET

As part of its consideration of the Council's appeal against Anglian Water's refusal to provide a public sewer, the Environment Agency would undertake a site visit on 23 June, and would meet with affected residents.

EAOW 1 and 3

Bawdsey Parish Council had suggested collaboration by those parishes along the onshore cabling route to share information, give support on specific concerns and act as a pressure group as the project progressed. It was agreed to participate in the collaboration.

A resident's concerns about the change from the provision of HVAC current to

HVDC along the cables would be circulated to Councillors and considered further.

FINANCE

The internal audit had been completed and no issues had been raised. The Council considered that current arrangements for financial management were effective and appropriate. The accounts for 2015-16 and the return to the external auditor were approved.

The following expenditure was authorised:

| | |
|---|------|
| Annual Subscription to SALC: | £227 |
| Donation to CAS (in lieu of membership fee): | £30 |
| Annual Subscription to Suffolk Preservation Society: | £25 |
| Donation to Bealings Village Hall Trust: | £250 |
| Donation to Bealings Playing Field: | £500 |
| Donation to PCC for the Benefice Magazine: | £150 |
| Donation to Age UK: | £25 |
| Donation to Headway: | £25 |
| Donation to East Anglian Air Ambulance (in memory of Andrew Keep): | £25 |
| Gift for Internal Auditor: | £20 |
| Clerk's Salary for May and June, subject to confirmation of PAYE | |

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 4 July.

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

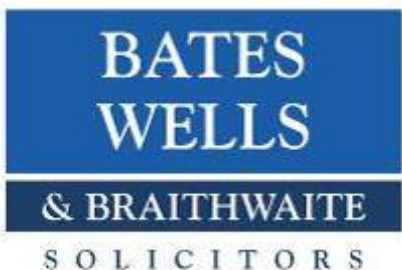
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PLAYFORD W.I.

On 7th June we were delighted to hear Michael and Priscila Carters' experiences on board Mercyship 'Anastasis' and how the wonderful volunteers help people, mostly in Africa, with medical problems. 'Anastasis' was scrapped in 2007 and a new bigger ship called the Africa Mercy was then commissioned and converted. The talk was accompanied by a slide show.

PLEASE NOTE that on the 5th July we are holding an 'open' meeting when we hope that friends, family (either male or female) and accompanied children of a suitable age will join us at 7.30pm prompt

to hear Governor Moore of Hollesley Prison and Young Offenders Institution talk to us.

There will be no entry charge but refreshments will be served afterwards and there will be a raffle.

We hope that Playfordians and others can swell our numbers and hear an interesting speaker.

On 2nd August our members are visiting the Police Museum at Martlesham.

Sue Bruce

CHURCH NEWS

There have been some comments recently regarding the state of the

churchyard especially the length of the grass.

Let me be quite straightforward. Grass grows in the summer. Also it sometimes rains. Sun and rain together makes things grow. Most of the time we are happy with this arrangement, particularly where vegetables and flowers are concerned. Unfortunately it has the same effect on grass. We do not like the result quite as much, therefore we cut the grass as and when we can. As far as the churchyard goes it needs cutting once a week from now until the onset of autumn and it takes four hours to complete the whole area. This is not a strong position to be in when you have limited resources. Additionally there are some graves that have raised surrounds and are impossible to cut with a lawn mower and also prevent cutting near adjacent graves. The job is made simpler because two volunteers come up from time to time and assist with the upkeep. More help would be very welcome. If you are so minded please go up and make a start at any time as the cutting areas are quite easily discernible and I am quite sure you will not need supervision.

Power to the Lawnmowers!

BINKY & CO

Binky was worried. Very worried. Mrs. S had volunteered and had been accepted as the chair (she insisted on that terminology) of the church fete committee. The new vicar had accepted Mrs. Stickleback's "kindness" with alacrity. "She'll learn" retorted Mrs. Newcoat from number 26 on hearing the news. But then Mrs. Newcoat considered that everyone was always on a steep learning curve, except of course herself. Her other helpful homilies are "there's no fool like an old fool" and "I bet they don't do that again". All very profound thoughts from an ex chicken gutter from the wrong end of Diss. However, Mrs. S was not deterred by

back biting and snide comments. She sailed on regardless. Her ideas for stalls included , throw a wet sponge at a parish councillor, throw three darts at a photo of Mr. Feeder's Staffi – it pooped everywhere and was visually dislikeable. A guess the weight of Daisy Blimber's Victoria sponge was thought to be too hurtful but the most sexually explicit carrot competition was considered a new, exciting and right on idea. (the last one made the vicar faint on the day as she was the judge).

Mrs. Stickleback's main problem was volunteers. Before she was made chair there were ten in the team. After the first committee meeting there were two. Something about clash of holidays, hair washing day and painting the white picket fence were offered in apologetic defence. Mr Toots, the Emergency Planner for the village, let it be known that he was quite willing to organise an emergency exercise that day if it would help the residents in any way to avoid the fete. A great fire or great flood could be arranged. Or the killing of the entire first born if they wanted to keep things biblical or "churchy" as his wife said.

However the chairman of the Parish Council gave emphatic thumbs down to this. A thunderstorm or torrential downpour would be acceptable but nothing violent. Mr Toots said he would think about it and went away to plan. Donations to the cake stall were coming in thick and fast. Unfortunately, the bakers had not put their names on each item and that proved a problem on the day as no one wanted to purchase Mrs. Cuttle's cake as she worked on the septic tank emptying lorry and her husband was the area Al man and had an unhealthy affinity to thousands of cows in the area. But that was all sorted out by Daphne Grinder's amazing nose. She could sniff out anything. Come the day what could possibly go wrong? The sun was shining and all the stalls were manned (or

'womaned' as Mrs. S pointed out). And the children's play area looked good. Bouncy castles were the norm for such an event but this being a rural area Mrs. S had plumped for a bouncy abattoir. Lifelike paintings adorned the sides. Some of the children left in tears and a couple were screaming and heavily traumatised. Probably scarred for life. But as Mrs. S said, "it's all part of growing up."

At the end of a fabulous day it was deemed a total success and raised £300 which was down £1200 on the previous year but then who else had volunteered to be fundraising chairman? No-one.

The vicar fainted.

Mrs. S sailed on regardless.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

4th June sponsored by the Bunburys

5th June sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for Grandson Elliott Coates on his Birthday, 5th June. Happy Birthday,

Elliott, on your 19th Birthday. Love from Grandma Barbara

11th June Lights were on for the Barbeque held at Playford Hall to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen

13th June sponsored by the Bunburys to welcome their Australian visitors

17th June sponsored by Hilary Legard. To mark 50 years since the death of Hugo Legard 26.02.20 17.06.66. In Remembrance and with love from his children, Robin, Joanna and Hilary.

19th June sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. In memory of my wonderful Father, Geoff Booker, on Fathers' Day from his daughter Glenda.

And the lights will be go on:

2nd July sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. For Jose Booker, remembered with much love and affection by all her family on the 14th anniversary of her passing.

Requests to sponsor lights to:
Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner

CULPHO

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

NETTUNO CORALE

On Saturday 28th May, evening sunlight shone brightly through the Church windows and the universal language of music and friendship was evident as the

Italian Netunno Corale regaled us with a beautiful recital. Their Director of Music, a talented flautist, gave a magical performance of classical and well known Italian film music. The Church was a proud host to such an accomplished

Choir, and the Church presented as an ideal location, complete with splendid Italian themed widow and flower displays, created by Denise Merry, Margaret Gornall, Rosemary Hartfall and Glennis Richardson.

The Church was full to capacity with all those present both moved and charmed by the quality of the choir's voices. Visiting Ipswich as guests of the Ipswich Choral Society, a friendship which has existed for a number of years, in addition to their concert at St Botolph's, Nettuno Corale performed in a number of venues during their four-day stay, starting with a concert for the Mayor of Ipswich Cllr Roger Fern; singing at St Mary Elms on Sunday and then for a wedding at the church in the afternoon, before their last performance in Christchurch Mansion. We are most grateful to Wendy Jefferson and the ICS team who made their visit possible.

A retiring collection produced £108.08 in aid of Church funds and grateful thanks go to all who supported the event.

Chris Pearce

WOOD FARM – SUMMER FETE

On Saturday 20th August, 2016 at 7 p.m. Richard and Christabel Garnham, of Wood farm, Grundisburgh will hold an 'Evening of Summer Desserts' to raise funds for St. Botolph's Church, Culpho. Music will be provided by The 'Shingle Street Trio' and tickets are £10 each for adults and £5 for children under 16 years and purchased by telephoning Richard or Christabel on 01473 738139 or by emailing rickgarnham@hotmail.com. The evening promises to be very enjoyable

and you will all be made very welcome.

SPONSORED LIGHTS

On Sunday 12th June, 2016 the lights shone brightly to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen. On the same evening the lights were lit for John Grey to celebrate his recent birthday. John is sent lots of love and good wishes from all members of his family and friends on this very special occasion.

HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

This popular and long standing Cycle Ride organized by the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust will take place on Saturday 10th September, 2016. The Church will be open between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to receive cyclist. Drinks and biscuits will be available and the Church open throughout the day should people wish to visit. This cycle/walking event does attract sponsorship and throughout August forms will be available on the Church table should anyone wish to sponsor those 'sitters' who man the Church throughout the day. Half of any sponsorship money is returned to each individual church.

HARVEST SUPPER/SERVICE

Date for Diary. On Saturday 17th September, 2016 the Harvest Supper will take place at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho commencing at 6 p.m. the Harvest Service will be celebrated the following day Sunday 18th at 3 p.m. This popular festival will follow the usual format with Chris Pearce co-ordinating the Harvest supper. Specific details will be placed in the September issue of The Fynn/Lark news and all are very welcome to attend.

Margaret Gornall

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Great Bealings

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

30th April Emily and Jake Smith

St Mary's Great Bealings

CHURCH DIARY - JULY - AUGUST

SUNDAY 3rd JULY

8.00
10.00

6th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SUNDAY 10th

8.00
9.00

7th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Family Communion

Great Bealings
Playford

SUNDAY 17th

10.00
3.00pm

8th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
Evensong
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Culpho
Culpho

WEDNESDAY 20TH 9.30

SUNDAY 24th

9.00

9th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Playford

SUNDAY 31st

11.00

10th Sunday after Trinity

Songs of Praise/Thomas Clarkson

Playford

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

8.00
10.00

11th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SUNDAY 14th

8.00
9.00

12th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion – said
Family Communion
Holy Communion

Great Bealings
Playford
Culpho

WEDNESDAY 17th 9.30

SUNDAY 21st

10.00
3.00pm

13th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion
Evensong

Little Bealings
Culpho

SUNDAY 28th

9.00

14th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Playford

SUNDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

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15th Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

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Also if you would like to see different items included, or if there are items we have omitted, please let us know.

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