

Fynn - Lark News

MARCH 2018



January and February have been damp, grey, frosty, occasionally shading into white months. There have been fleeting hints of real winter, complete with seasonal illnesses, flu, coughs, and general indisposition. A time to let the weather have its way and indulge in a spot of minor hibernation. Perhaps we have almost become inured to the possibility that winter might come back to assail us as winters often used to. Most of us of a certain age can remember those historically bad winters, when whole communities were cut off, sometimes for weeks at a time, and when clear roads were an aspiration rather than, as is now the case, an expectation. Climate change may or may not be directly attributable to the actions of humanity, but the evidence of it

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has been very clear in our changing weather patterns and the blurring of the seasons.

Pictures of years gone by can tell a story, a story that reminds us of how winters used to be. I have pictures in the village history file which perfectly illustrate the point. The winters of 1947 and 1963 are legendary, but, unless we forget, we have had some challenging winters much more recently. The image of horses pulling a snow plough along Boot Street, Great Bealings, obviously pre-dates the other images, but is a nostalgic look back at the age of the horse, and how important horses were in the lives of rural communities. One of the more recent images, from 1987, shows the Barrett family at work clearing away the snow, and the other is from as recently as 2010. So real winters aren't all that far in the past. We've had a few light dustings this

year in these parts, but nothing seriously disruptive – yet!

Our thanks to those who, by whatever means, at all hours, work so hard, keeping our roads open. The power of nature – in the form of gales, tempests, floods, blizzards – is always lurking, ready to remind us of the fragility of our human structures, and how dependent we are on the efforts of others to keep us as safe as possible from the consequences of meteorological extremes.

And – given current concerns, this must be coupled with a mention of all those working away in our health service to try to keep us all healthy through these winter months. We owe a huge debt to those who devote their lives to difficult jobs which help us to survive our winters, extreme or otherwise. Spring is something to look forward to as much as it ever was.

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FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Calling for energetic and younger contributors to this magazine

The current team is getting a little long in the tooth, and, with energy levels declin-



ing, is increasingly aware that too much work is being done by too few people. The best way to persuade the present team to keep going a little longer would be for more people to make occasional small contributions and to offer a little time to help with the magazine and/or to understudy the various roles. We need to identify people with a bit of energy and local loyalty to gradually take over responsibility for producing your magazine. The more people involved, the less work for each pair of shoulders. We know that there is so much talent in our four villages, so there must be potential contributors and “understudies” out there, just waiting to swallow their modesty and to offer to help to ensure the continuity of this magazine.

You can help in various ways:

- ◆ Offer to contribute occasional editorials of general and local interest

- ◆ Send in pictures of local interest. We live in an age when virtually everyone is photographically trigger-happy, so

there must be good pictures out there that we could use. Just send them in for consideration.

- ◆ Help with the preliminary editing, designing or distribution of the Magazine.

- ◆ Contribute items that might feature in our History Corner, Nature Notes, Reviews, Profiles.

- ◆ ◆ Co-ordinate and canvass (or just send in!) advertisements, the financial life-blood of the magazine

We can assure you that this is a fun undertaking, and one that has the ability to influence the quality of life in our villages, but the present team is only too aware how exposed they are, unless they can identify people in the wings prepared to take over. With so much talent in the four villages there must be some people who would consider “understudying” the various functions. Some computer skills are important, but if you do feel under-qualified, then we can remind you that the late Geoff Bills, who was so instrumental in establishing the original Benefice News, started as a complete novice, and learnt on the job!

ADVERTISING

Several of our advertisers have already renewed, and we are delighted to welcome a number of new advertisers. Do please support them, as appropriate, since advertising revenue is the lifeblood of our Magazine.

If you are an advertiser living in our villages, and have not yet renewed, please note that just one final reminder will be issued. If you are planning not to renew, it would be appreciated if you could let us know.

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Sat 3rd	10.00	Red Cross - Sponsored Walk/Run	Playford Village Hall
Fri 16th	7.30	Talk - "Madagaskar Revisited"	Bealings Village Hall
Sun 25th	5.00	Concert - Rosemary Hinton	St Mary's, Great Bealings

APRIL

Sat 21st		Plant Sale	Bealings Village Hall
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MAY

FRI 11TH	7.30	Talk - Shakespeare and East Anglia	Bealings Village Hall
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JUNE

Sat Jun 23rd		Playford Fete	Playford Hall
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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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NATURE NOTES

The mid-February sunshine has brought forth birdsong, as preliminary territorial rights are being established. That is always a welcome harbinger of spring. Some birds though are still flying around in their winter flocks – the most obvious of these being the huge flocks of pigeons, feasting on the tender shoots of emergent oil-seed rape, and rooks filling the sky like noisy flurries of black snow. Perhaps more unusual was the flock of around a hundred birds that looked like skylarks, swooping around “over the top”, along the Hasketon Road, and seemingly picking up food from the last patches of over-wintering stubble. Wheeling and turning, rather like flocks of seabirds, with the occasional flash of white, they are a wonderful sight. If anyone thinks they have been mis-identified as skylarks, and that skylarks really do not come together in large flocks, please let us have an alternative explanation. That area between Hall Road, past the gas station, and over towards Grundisburgh has for years been the home of many nesting skylarks, so that theory could make sense. With the ploughing up of the grassland one wonders where they will find alternative nesting sites. The British Trust for Ornithology notes that:

British breeding Skylarks are believed not to move far between seasons. They can then often begin to breed in March and continue into July, making up to three breeding attempts. In winter, they mostly use crop stubble and fallow fields, in which they forage for weed seed and spilled grain, often in large flocks.



HISTORY CORNER

I am toying with the project of writing something on the lines of “The evolving anatomy of a Suffolk Village or Three.” Having spent the first 18 years of my life (East Bergholt and Holbrook), plus the last twenty (Bealings) in Suffolk villages, I have accumulated quite a lot of material relating to our local villages and beyond – illustrations, memories, a degree of understanding as to how villages work, and, indeed, affection for our villages as treasures and attractions of our county. They have evolved over time, still are evolving, and not necessarily for the better. The textual element of the book would be analytical and thematic, looking back over historical evolution, rather than based on oral accounts, as with the wonderful *Akenfield*. Themes, still to be finalized, would probably include sections on the lines of: education, policing, communications, commerce, agriculture, houses and construction, wartime, role of the church, village activities and commemorations – and several more. Our local villages would feature strongly.

As one pictorial example here is an



image showing how our milk used to be delivered – not quite the same as Milk & More, ordered on line, but, happily, still delivered in these parts, despite the competition of much cheaper milk from supermarkets.

The proposed book could include: village signs, because those signs are often evidence as to how villages see themselves historically; images of houses

now residential but which have names recalling a different use in the past: Weavers Cottage, The Old Forge, Basketmaker's Cottage, The Old Boot, for example, as those very names are evidence of past history; images of now and then – e.g. an early 20th century image of Hall Road, Great Bealings, before it was made up, alongside a modern image of a dozen cars nose to tail using it in the morning rush hour!

If anyone could offer material which might fit somehow in such a project, I would love to hear from them: tales from the past, photographs etc. All due acknowledgement will be given. Suggestions as to content are equally welcome. It should be added that this project has been discussed both with the Suffolk Preservation Trust and with the recently retired Editor of the EADT, with positive reactions.

Norman Porter

2018 PLANT SALE

This year's sale will be held **10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday 21st April**. Please continue to build up stock that you might be able to provide: potted cuttings, seedlings, self-sets which are surplus to needs, together with the usual surplus garden paraphernalia. Last year vegetable plants were particularly popular. Do please contact me if you know you will be bringing along plants – it's good to know in advance what we might expect. We can collect if necessary.

The sale needs constant re-invigoration, both in terms of ideas and of people. This year we are producing an 8 page programme, with more interesting content, including advertisements from those who provide us with raffle prizes – a small recognition of their important contribution. The cost of these enhanced programmes will increase to £2, but, since this includes a hot drink and a biscuit it is still much cheaper than a commercial coffee! Our thanks to Faith Chapman for her tireless efforts to ensure

that the raffle is a major source of our income – do please support her by buying tickets – they will be available in advance of the actual sale.

The programme will have an item dedicating the occasion to the late Paddy Bills, for so many years a promoter and stalwart of this annual event.

PRELIMINARY PLANT SALE MEETING – CHANGE OF PLAN

This year's meeting was planned to take place in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.30 on Monday March 5th. Because there is a Little Bealings Parish Council Meeting on that night at 7.00 this is no longer convenient.

Rather than change everything completely may we suggest that the **Plant Sale meeting takes place at 6.00 on this same evening**. It will be primarily consultative, as there will be organizational email traffic well in advance which will hopefully sort out any outstanding problems. The meeting will end at 6.30, so Little Bealings residents will be able to enjoy two meetings in one evening, rather than having to put aside two separate evenings.

Do – on your way to the Village Hall - pop in with offers of help and suggestions as to how we can further improve the event.

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BEALINGS LAWN BOWLS CLUB

It's getting near that time of year again when we can look forward to another season of outdoor bowls. Bealings Bowls Club had quite a good 2017 season including winning the Triples afternoon league.

We are still looking for new members. We play friendly matches as well as internal competitions and enjoy practice sessions too.

If you would like to try bowls please come and join us and have a go. It will not cost anything to try it out. You never know you might enjoy it and get a cup of tea too!!!!

If you are interested please contact either the club chairman, Len Coles 07759 773315 or David Price "B" team captain 01473 621419 or mrdjprice@hotmail.co.uk

BEALINGS WI

The speaker's subject at the March meeting (15th), at 2pm is Wild Life Gardening. Every month we have a different speaker on a host of subjects varying from a person recounting their experience of growing up in Jamaica to Holiday Camp Life in the 50s and 60s to being informed about The Isles of Scilly. Apart from the monthly meetings with speakers as above we also arrange outings to places of interest and enjoy short walks in various locations before enjoying a meal. There is also the book club for those who enjoy a good read.

Meetings are held in Bealings Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Winter meetings start at 2pm and summer meetings at 7pm. New members would be very welcome and you are invited to come and listen to our next speaker on 15th March.

If you are interested in joining us please contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985.

MADAGASCAR REVISITED

On Friday 16th March in Bealings Village Hall, ex-Bealings resident and former professional photographer Malcolm Watson presents 'Madagascar revisited' - stories and photographs from his trip in August 2017 to the Big Red Island.

Find out if the country of lemurs and Baobab trees has changed since his first trip in 1991.

The talk starts at 7.30pm and costs £5 which includes a free glass of wine or beer.

All money raised goes to SEED Madagascar, the charity for which Malcolm did voluntary work in August 2017.

Book your place by emailing malx@malx.co.uk or ringing 01394 388530.

SMILES

Many thanks to all those who commented on my last month's Smiles, but I suspect I may have "peaked" too soon. Nevertheless, here's the March offering: The moral is "Always ask.... never assume!"

Given a possible scoop opportunity, the CNN News photographer quickly used a cell phone to call the local airport to charter a flight. He was told a twin-engine aeroplane would be waiting for him at the airport. Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger. He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut and shouted, "Let's Go". The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, "Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides"

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Thanks to all those who came to lunch on 6th. February.

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The next Community Lunch will be on 6th. March from 12.30pm

Fish pie & veg.

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Looking Ahead....

Easter Community Lunch will be on Tuesday April 10th at 12.30 p.m.

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GREAT BEALINGS

Spring is about to be sprung, and the welcome signs are out there, keeping us going through these final weeks of winter. That transition is not easy. There is so much gloom out there: the news is depressing, complaints about malfunctioning organisations are rife, the various darker aspects of human behaviour are under increasing scrutiny, the Church of England for all its founding principles of better lives, redemption and salvation is less and less influential in our national narrative. So what can one churchwarden of a small village church offer to dispel some of that gloom? As with any organisation the most positive reaction is to highlight ways in which we can feel good about ourselves, both as a village church, and as one of the focal points of village life.

What can we highlight? On the religious level we can look back on Christmas services which brought in large congregations. For many people these festival services still have real meaning. On the level of the church building itself we can reflect on the completion of almost £100,000 of repair works which will hopefully see us through for many years to come. On the community level we have a programme of events to look forward to, which not only show that we are an energetic village, but which also underpin the community life of the village. None of these things should be taken for granted – they do not happen without the commitment of many people – but they are reasons why we should feel good about ourselves, and reasons why we should embrace the coming months with optimism. Let's enjoy the rest of 2018 and

celebrate all that's worth celebrating!

LOOKING BACK

There are no out-of-the-ordinary events to reflect upon, but we do join with the Keep family in remembering the anniversary, at the end of January, of Andrew's tragic death in a road accident. Otherwise, and along with many other communities, February has for us been a month for lying low, hoping that there are some decent TV programmes, staying as clear as possible from the various germs and planning for the year ahead.

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS

The re-roofing work is complete, as are the repairs to the tower stonework. And – heyho -the scaffolding has at last been removed. We can now see just what a good job has been done by the contractors – and, thanks to various funding bodies and to the coordinating efforts of Charles Barrington and Treasurer, Will Self, we've managed to keep our funds in the black. As mentioned last month, expenditure of this magnitude is an investment in the viable future of our church, and we have a moral duty to ensure that £100,000 of external funding is not only appreciated, but also that the facilities offered by the church are fully utilised, not just by churchgoers, but by our community at large.

CHURCHYARD

The base for the observation cabin has been laid down and we are ready to construct the cabin. As has been previously explained, the cabin will double up as a centre for those visiting graves in the churchyard, so we need to design the interior so that it not only reflects its use as a wildlife cabin, but also as somewhere that is helpful to those visiting

graves. To those joint ends we have in mind: identification charts for birds, flowers, bees and butterflies (already obtained); a map of the graves, for identification purposes -draughtsman-type help with producing this would be greatly appreciated; churchyard-appropriate poems or words (Suggestions welcome). We also need a bird table. Has anyone a spare one – or prepared to build one? Finally: the cabin needs to be put together, so we need a working party. How about the morning of Saturday March 10th - 9.30 onwards? All skill-levels welcome. Refreshments available as motivators.

Apparently, there is a national eco-church scheme, very much in its infancy, so we are putting ourselves forward as pioneering candidate members of the scheme.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

This year's supper was held on Saturday February 3rd. Some 40 people participated, and the calorific intake for the evening was probably above national guidelines. We are grateful to all participants for their splendidly assorted culinary efforts. We are also indebted to debutants Caroline and Adam Saunders, of Grotto Farm, for plunging in at the deep and hosting the final gathering. They were splendid hosts.

We are delighted to report that Alison and Will Self have offered to take over the running of this event, so next year it will be a joint effort with the Porters and the Selves. The underpinning secrets of the organisational procedure of the event will be duly handed over to them. We do not yet know whether the new organisers will stick to the first Saturday in February as the perfect date for the event, coming, as it does, at a time of general mid-winter gloom, when the need to lift spirits is at its maximum.

JAZZ VIOLIN CONCERT

Rosemary Hinton, Jazz Violin, and Graham Holmes, accompanist

Do please ensure that we have maximum support for our concert on March 25th. 12 page programmes are now available at £10 and will serve as tickets. The programmes, fully illustrated, provide the historical background to the concert. The cost of the programme includes interval refreshments.

Rosemary will be well known to many as someone who grew up in Little Bealings and who made her talented way through to being a professional musician – essentially as a classical musician - so this concert will be for her very much in a cross-over style. Another professional musician, Graham Holmes, will be accompanist. Programmes are now available from Vivien Hinton or Norman Porter.

Please note that the concert is at 5.00pm, in St Mary's Church. One entry in the February Magazine put the time at 7.00. This is incorrect.

It may sound a bit over the top, but this is indeed a world premiere, and the programme has been specially put together for this concert.

FURTHER PLANS FOR 2018

The Annual Plant Sale – with Little Bealings. In the Village Hall. Saturday 21st April.

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

A second talk by Prof Jeremy Tambling – Friday 11th May. Shakespeare and East Anglia. Those who attended his talk on Dickens and East Anglia will endorse the view that Jeremy is an expert in his field – comparative literature – and that his talks really do provide the kind of intellectual stimulus that can be elusive to those who have moved on past beyond formal education. Tickets will be available at just £5, to include refreshments.

A celebration – thanksgiving service, lunch and activities

This has now been fixed for Sunday May 13th. We will be celebrating the completion of the repairs and the opening of various additional facilities in and around the church.

There will be a service of Thanksgiving at 11.00, and that will be followed by a picnic lunch, part provide, part bring your own. We will be running a barbecue to provide a meaty core to whatever salad you put together. Bring your own puddings. Drinks of various sorts will be on offer.

After lunch we will put on a range of activities: trails that help you to identify the work which has been carried out, guided tower visits (at your own formalised risk), music inside the church - any offers? – and something on historical lines to remind people of the rich historical legacy that we enjoy.

Sunday November 11th as part of the national commemoration of the end of WW1: a range of activities focused around the lighting of the village beacon. This will be held on the Kiln Lane Meadow (by kind permission of Melissa Procter. Charles Barrington, in his capacity of Chairman of the Parish Council is promoting this all-village event, with help from The Friends.

The Friends

LIGHTS AT St MARY'S

On 29th January, the lights were lit in remembrance of young Andrew Keep who tragically died 2 years ago. Family and friends gathered round in peaceful memory of him. The glow of the lights in the still silence conveyed the love and sadness of our loss.

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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

PARISH COUNCIL

Updates and Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 23 and 31 January 2018

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/17/5222/FUL 2 Holly Lane: Two storey extension to side of house and alterations to existing

There was no objection to this application, subject to a condition requiring construction traffic to park within the site and not on Holly Lane.

SCC\0235\17: Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit, Kesgrave Road, Kesgrave: Variation of Condition 1 of Planning Permission SCC\0215\16c: Extension of time until 19 December 2019 to permit removal of stockpiles and restoration of land to former levels

There was no objection to this application but work to remove the stockpiles should not be undertaken between May and September to avoid noise disturbance to nearby properties.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF FARM BUILDINGS AT GROVE FARM, THE STREET

An agent for the owners of the site had requested that they present proposals to the Council before making a planning application. They wished to apply for the construction of nine houses to replace the redundant farm buildings, three 2/3 bedroom houses, three 3/4 bedroom houses and three 4+ bedroom houses. They

did not know if any Affordable Housing would be included. The central access track and view into the valley would be retained and screening provided. Nearby residents raised the following issues: proximity and overlooking, access to the site from The Street and private rights of way, the availability of services, disturbance during demolition, especially if asbestos was present, and flooding.

The Council was aware that the site is outside the village envelope (ie the area within which housing development is, in principle, permitted) and that the Council had previously resolved to retain the envelope boundary. Previous permission for B1 use of the site (ie offices and light industrial units) had been granted but not implemented. Previous applications for residential use had been refused by SCDC, and one also refused on appeal. The Parish Plan (2009) and Village Review (2013) had also not shown any need for new housing in the village. Other concerns related to the very limited visibility at the site junction with The Street, the number of cars and traffic movements which would result, an increase in road walking, that Bealings School was full and that the development could result

in a 10% increase in the population of the parish. It was considered that the development of the site should be considered strategically before any proposals were commented on. It was agreed that the proposal should be included as a key issue for residents to comment on at the Village Review to be held on 5 March 2018 at 7pm in Bealings Village Hall.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

SCDC has refused planning application for change of use of the building from a pub to residential use. SCDC has also agreed to the Council's application for the re-listing of the Admiral's Head as an Asset of Community Value. This gives the community time and the right to bid to buy the property should it be marketed for sale.

NEW SEWER FOR THE STREET

Anglian Water has advised that it intends to provide the new public sewer in The Street as part of its April 2020 to March 2025 programme of works.

VILLAGE REVIEW

SCDC will run the Village Review at 7pm on Monday 5 March in Bealings Village Hall. It will ask residents for their views on the future of the parish. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place later the same evening.

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk
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LET THERE BE LIGHT AT ALL SAINTS

The Dowrick family lit the Church on Tuesday 23rd January remembering fondly Connie Dunn, much loved Mum and Granny.

On her return from Australia Joan Moon has asked for the lights to shine on Monday 19th February, as a token of her thanks for the warm welcome she received from Rev. Valerie Hoare of St. George's Anglican Church in Mt. Tamborine, Queensland, Australia.

The lights will also shine on Tuesday 20th February to thank Peter and Vicki Moon for another great visit to the mountain. Welcome back Joan!

If you would like to light the lights to mark a special occasion or anniversary please contact Peter Carr at Corner Cottage , The Street. 01473 620213.

A donation of £5 will provide 2 hours of light at a time and date that you choose.

To: ALL RESIDENTS OF LITTLE BEALINGS

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

VILLAGE REVIEW

WHY DO YOU LIVE IN LITTLE BEALINGS?

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

- ◆ **Transport** – traffic, parking, walking, transport links to Woodbridge and Ipswich
- ◆ **Infrastructure** – Do we need more facilities? What about the future of the pub? The other meeting places and leisure facilities?

Will development at Kesgrave and Martlesham affect the village?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE LITTLE BEALINGS DEVELOP?

The owners of the disused farm buildings at Grove Farm in The Street (ie along the track which runs between Grove Farm House and Finn Cottage) have recently presented proposals to the Parish Council to replace the buildings with nine new houses.

DO WE NEED MORE HOUSES?

THE PARISH COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR INPUT

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

Your views are important to help shape the future of Little Bealings

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

For more details please contact: Carol Ramsden, Clerk, Little Bealings Parish Council littlebealingspc@btinternet.com 01473 610088
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PLAYFORD W.I.

We very much appreciated an informative talk by Martin Yates on 'Bees and the challenges that they face' on February 6th.

There was much food for thought.

At our March meeting on the 6th March our speaker is Susan Harvey, who was Chair of Suffolk Coastal Council, who will be telling us about her year as Chairman.

Visitors are always welcome.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

27th January sponsored by Wendy Wilson and Brian Buckles in memory of our friend Charles Lofts on the first anniversary of his death.

2nd February sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her daughter's birthday. Happy Birthday Jacqui. Also for my niece, Lisa for her birthday on 3rd February and the anniversary of my Mother's birthday on 5th February.

5th February sponsored by Wendy Wilson for Harry's 21st Birthday from Grandma.

9th February sponsored by Glenda Grimwood to remember my dear Father, Geoff Booker who passed away six years ago.

13th February sponsored by Veronica Bunbury for Charles' birthday

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.

OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

This is now complete and is available to view and complete on-line via the following link.

<https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/X8H7LMQ>

Paper copies will be delivered if required later this month.

Please take time to complete the questionnaire and express your views to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the voices of those who live in the Parish.

*Keith Carson
Neighbourhood Plan Chair*

BINKY AND CO.

Binky liked to think of himself as a great world traveller. After all he had been to Ibiza, Calais and the Isle of Wight all in one year and returned home relatively unscathed, apart from the big toe on his left foot. But that was someone else's fault and anyway revolving doors should be banned especially when little boys think it is funny to push against the prevailing direction. Anyway the police let

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him go after a stern warning. Binky, not the little boy. Something about breach of the peace was mentioned in the same breath as “cuffing a lad around the ear is not done these days”. (More's the pity thought Binky).

So Binky's forthcoming trip to London should be a doddle. It all came about when Binky wrote to the Science Museum asking them if they would like to have donated some of Binky's original inventions which of course if truth be known, Binky no longer had room for. His Remote Telephone Receiving System, invented the day before Mobile Phones hit the streets would of course be the star of the show. It was just bad luck that mobile phones hadn't held back for about a year or Binky would have been a millionaire by now. The Erkmigraph was another invention before its time. Or was it after its time? Binky was never quite sure. However when Binky received a reply from the Science Museum's Department II Unit, he was thrilled and made immediate plans to travel down by train.

The journey to London was uneventful. On the Binky scale that is. He had reserved a table seat because he had brought his own sandwiches lovingly made by Mrs Stickleback comprising chilli pepper, horseradish and piccalilli with just a hint of spam. Why the woman that sat opposite him had to keep her dog on her lap we will never know but on removing his first sandwich from the plastic box the ugly mutt pounced forward and devoured the sandwich in one go. The dog responded in about five seconds. Other witnesses guessed at about four. The upshot was that the poor mongrel raced from carriage K to carriage B at

breakneck speed, only stopping to snarl at a cat in a carry-cage and continued down the centre aisle hotly pursued by its owner shouting “Come back my darling Pooky Wooky”. During this maelstrom Binky decided to move seats, he couldn't stand mixing with these demonstrative common people. Especially as she also spoke very loudly on her mobile phone telling her daughter Imogen that she got on at the train station instead, as is correct, the railway station. He settled himself in the first class carriage mindful to ask for an upgrade should the ticket inspector appear.

The loudspeaker system, as in all trains, was not very good but Binky could swear he heard a request for a man armed with a horseradish sandwich to present himself to “one of our staff” so that he could be helped off the train. Binky sat tight. Nothing to do with him.

On reaching Liverpool Street Binky made his way to the Underground and looking at the iconic map of the tube system Binky realised he had never felt so lost since that night in Calais when he entered a street that seemed to be populated by half-dressed young ladies sitting in shop windows. Binky couldn't see what they were selling so he didn't buy anything. I am afraid dear reader that is where we shall have to leave Binky for the time being because the poor fellow got onto a Circle Line train and fell asleep. He was found eight hours later somewhat confused, mumbling about the Science Museum, piccalilli sandwiches and a dog. He was taken to a church crypt, fed and watered and laid down on a camp bed. Next day he went to the Science Museum.

James Aldous

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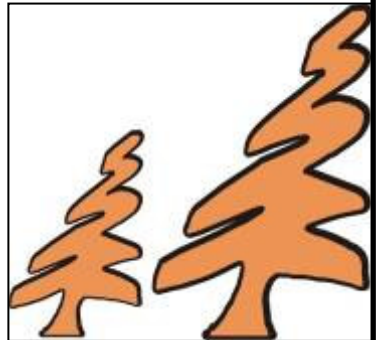
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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH



SHINGLE STREET FOLK

On Saturday 27th January the Church provided the venue for the Shingle Street Folk concert 'Rabbie Burns and Beyond'. Chris, Mike, Stephen and Jane provided great harmonies, excellent music, intertwined with Poetry provided by Elizabeth Soule from the 'Suffolk Poetry Society' all of which provided for a very pleasurable evening. The Church was full, with pro-

ceeds shared between the Charity Home Start and the Church. The refreshments were 'themed' and based upon a traditional Burns night celebration and enjoyed by all. Grateful thanks are extended to Shingle Street Folk and all those who kindly gave their support which made the evening so entertaining and enjoyable.

Diana Harding

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CAFEHUB - LITTLE BEALINGS

We have finally been awarded a faculty by the Chancellor and now work can start in earnest.

A huge Thank You to everyone for your support. More details will follow in the April edition.

Rev. Celia Cook

Helen Clarkson Fieldsend

LENT APPEAL: SUFFOLK REFUGEE SUPPORT

This year we are donating money to Suffolk Refugee Support in Ipswich. It's an independent charity giving practical support to refugees and asylum seekers in Suffolk. The staff, volunteers and trustees have helped many people to overcome past trauma and rebuild their lives as successful members of UK society. They can't do their work without the kindness and generosity of supporters and donors.

They help people who are fleeing war, famine and persecution in countries such as Syria and Iraq in a myriad of ways including finding accommodation and work, schools and healthcare, offering language classes and of course much needed pastoral care and support.

There will be a jar at the back of church at each of our services during Lent. If you are saving money by giving up chocolate, wine or snacks, why not donate what you save to this very worthy cause. You can read more about their work online: suffolkrefugee.org.uk

LIVE LENT PROJECT

The Church of England has produced a booklet to guide you through Lent recommended by both Archbishops Justin and John. There's a short reading, prayer, reflection and action for each day. I have already distributed 50 copies across the benefice but further copies are available from www.chpublishing.co.uk or as an app.

Visit churchofengland.org/Lent

LENT REFLECTION

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Pope Francis 2018



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Workshop

Playford Church

Friday 30 March

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

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

7.30pm

CHURCH DIARY – MARCH 2018

Sunday 4th

Lent 3

8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
9.00	Breakfast, worship, activities for all ages	Playford Rectory
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings

Sunday 11th

Lent 4

9.00	Family Communion	Playford
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Sunday 18th

Lent 5

10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
3.00	Evensong followed by APCM	Culpho

Wednesday 21st

9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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Sunday 25th

PALM SUNDAY

9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
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Thursday 29th

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.00 p.m.	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
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Friday 30th

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00-12.00	Messy Church Workshop	Playford
2.00	<u>Good Friday Meditation</u>	Little Bealings

April

Sunday 1st

EASTER DAY

8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
9.00	Easter service	Playford
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings
12.00	Wedding	Great Bealings

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DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road:	
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APRIL 2018 NEWS

Contributions for the April 2018 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday 20th March

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 31st March**

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