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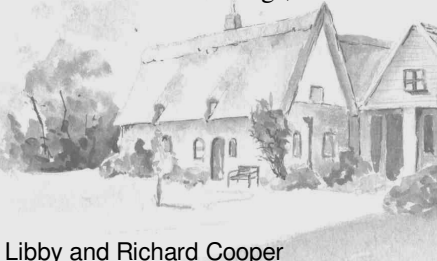
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How many of you followed the recent three part series about The Noughties" –with the inevitable subliminal, homophonic echoes of "The Naughties"? It was a fascinating retrospective assessment of the last decade, and a reminder of how much has changed since we celebrated the Millennium. Much of it was traced back to the promotion of "Cool Britannia", the rejuvenation of British society and the blowing away of dusty old ideas as the driving force of the exciting new surge ahead. What did it mean? How has it all turned out? The catalogue of phrases that kept recurring in those three programmes might provide a clue to the ethos of those years: credit cards and massive indebtedness, both individual and governmental, shopping therapy, chav, bling, the democratisation of luxury, typified by must-have designer handbags, the spread of the Internet and online shopping, Big Brother and celebrity culture, me-time - because I'm worth it - Premiership footballers and the Wags, "flying frivolously" with ever greater awareness of our carbon footprint, the search for perpetual youth, symbolised by "Botox", binge culture, the property boom, global terrorism, identity sometimes summed up in the phrase "we are what we consume". It was all superficially exciting, but watching these programmes induced a lurking and increasingly nagging sense of regret and nostalgia for different, less shallow values. This sense of unease was sharpened and crystallised at the funeral of the late Monica Philbrick, a wonderfully understated lady whose values were forged in a different era. Much of the progress witnessed by the last decade has been for the good, and there are many elements of the above which have been alluring to most of us, at various times. But do we feel any more satisfied with ourselves or happier

within ourselves at the end of it all?

If we see emotional, physical or material happiness as our ultimate human aspiration then our efforts are somehow eventually doomed to failure. These things are too fragile to endure. Human love can disappoint, physical attainment is ultimately threatened by physical decline, material happiness is transient and deceptive. All bring their moments of fleeting reassurance and a temporary sense that such happiness will last. It all too often doesn't. And that, surely is where religion comes in, whichever form it may take. Here are to be found values which pre-date our brief appearance upon the world's stage, values which can underpin our lives as we live them, and values which will endure long after we have gone. Perhaps too many of the values of the Noughties are superficial ones. The increasing secularisation of Western culture is leading to the erosion of something fundamental to our human sense of belonging, in a meaningful way, somewhere in the context of infinity. Maybe that is why so many people who, according to the criteria of our age have everything, are disappointed that they still do not feel fulfilled. They sometimes find that elusive fulfilment in religion.

Norman Porter

GOOD FRIDAY WORKSHOP APRIL 2ND

This starts in the Angela Cobbold Hall from 10am and finishes at 12 noon. Craft activities suitable for all ages. Everyone welcome, if you can't stay all morning then do please drop in for coffee and hot cross buns at about 11.15.

HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 3RD

This service starting at 7.30pm in Great Bealings church begins outside the church with the lighting of the Easter

fire, as the procession moves into the building more and more candles are lit. The service continues with readings and then moves into the 1st Communion of Easter. If you haven't experienced it do come, it will last about an hour and give you a chance to make your Easter Communion.

MONEY MATTERS

There will be a Deanery meeting for all Churchwardens, Treasurers and any interested PCC member on Thursday 22nd April in Sutton Village Hall. The Deanery Organiser will explain the current method of dividing the Parish Share between the benefices and the Diocesan method of calculating the same. There will be opportunity for discussion so that parish representatives can take the information back to their PCC's. There will then be a joint PCC meeting for Playford, Culpho, Great Bealings and Little Bealings on Thursday 20th May in the Angela Cobbold Hall, where each parish will have the opportunity to meet individually for further discussion. At the June Deanery Synod there will be a vote as to which method is employed for the 2011 calculations.

REPORT FOR 2009 FROM PAULINE STENTIFORD

As always my thanks go to those of you who support me by taking on responsibilities within your parishes. Many people help throughout the course of a year, with flower arranging, cleaning, switching on the floodlights, looking after the churchyard and building, by preparing the paperwork which seems to increase yearly, keeping and auditing the accounts, preparing the church for services, singing in the choir and all who are involved with the Benefice News, to mention just a few tasks.

We have faithful churchwardens, and Elders who are the eyes and ears of

their communities, they help me to keep in touch with the joys and sorrows of community life even though I do not live among you. This year Culpho had a change of churchwarden when Guy Hartfall hung up his keys and handed them over to Philip Merry.

My thanks to our choir, choir leader and organists for the music that they produce Sunday by Sunday, music can make or mar a service so we are very lucky.

In May we welcomed Bishop Nigel to Great Bealings to bless the Kersey room and commission Elders. He re licensed Virginia Porter & Alison Baker as Elder for another 5 years and Licensed Philip Merry as Elder for 5 years. Our Elders form the ministry team with me and we meet regularly throughout the year for prayer, discussion and study. Anyone engaged in ministry in the Church of England either has to be commissioned as in the case of Elders, or licensed as with Readers and Priests. We currently have 2 people engaging with the selection process for this authorised ministry. 'Occasional Office' numbers have been lower this year which on balance is a good thing, although we have still lost some good and loyal friends of our villages.

Our benefice has been approved as one that can prepare and admit children to receive Holy Communion before Confirmation. In the autumn we admitted three youngsters. There is currently a confirmation group of 6 young people preparing for confirmation in 2010.

A lot of my time in the benefice is spent taking Holy Communion to the household. This is something that is available to everyone, please ask if it is something you would like. Elders are also able to visit in this way.

We try to mark the major festivals with special activities and this year we have

included two All Age workshops one on Good Friday , and the other just before Christmas. This was so well attended that the Angela Cobbold hall was filled to bursting point and we ran out of resources near the end. Sadly our mums and tots group Tiddlywinks has not fared so well. A group of children have moved up to school and we have found that a lot of mums with pre school children now work and are not free to attend. In 2010 we will still meet between 2-3pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month but more as a drop in centre for a cup of tea and a chat with toys available for the little ones. Although I have been welcomed into the school, their life is so busy that it has not been possible to do all that has been planned, the snow at the end of the autumn term not helping as the school was shut!

Safeguarding is something that everyone has to be aware of and Lisa Wigmore, our benefice safeguarding officer, and I attended training in the autumn.

Several people from the parishes also attended a food handling hygiene course, which has also led to the improvements in the ACH kitchen.

The Angela Cobbold Hall continues to be well used. Thanks must go to Peter & Vicki Carr who provide us with delicious soups in Advent & Lent with profits going to charity and cream teas in the summer. A visiting group which also makes regular use of the hall is the Abraham Study group, a multi faith

group of people, Jewish, Christian and Muslim who meet together and share what they can of their faith.

As always our church life has a wider dimension and in September we welcomed our new Archdeacon, Dr Judy Hunt, to Playford for Morning Prayer before her tour of the surrounding parishes.

As a Canon of the Cathedral I am invited to preside at the lunchtime Holy Communion on "Red letter" days (saints days) and act as a chaplain to the visitors a couple of times a year. Last year the Cathedral welcomed over 70.000 visitors. If you haven't been to see it do go, it is well worth it. At the Maundy service just before Easter we were delighted to know that Norman Porter from Great Bealings was one of the recipients of the Maundy money. It was an incredible service to be at, something that happens once in a lifetime with luck!

Our church communities are delighted to welcome those who come to services and those who help in various ways to keep the building and grounds open and in good repair. Sadly we are losing members who are not being replaced and this makes the regular tasks more difficult to keep going, both in financial and practical terms. We pray that in 2010 we still have the resources to do all that we want to.

*Pauline Stentiford
January 2010*

From the Registers

Funeral

February 1 st	Rodney Read	burial	Great Bealings
February 5 th	Monica Philbrick	burial	Great Bealings

Easter Services 2010

Sunday 28th March PALM SUNDAY

08.00 am Holy Communion Great Bealings

09.50 am Sung Eucharist Playford

Meet at top gate of churchyard

Thursday 1st April MAUNDY THURSDAY

7.30 pm Sung Eucharist Little Bealings

Friday 2nd April GOOD FRIDAY

10.00 am Workshop & Worship Angela Cobbold Hall
Little Bealings

2.00 pm The Way of the Cross Great Bealings

Saturday 3rd April EASTER VIGIL

7.30 pm Easter Vigil Great Bealings

Sunday 4th April EASTER SUNDAY

08.00 am Holy Communion Playford

10.00 am Sung Eucharist Little Bealings

MARCH READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

7th March		3rd Sunday of Lent	Purple
<i>1st lesson</i>	10am	Isaiah 55: 1-9	RCL pg. 827
<i>NT lesson</i>	8am/10am	1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	
<i>Gospel</i>	8am/10am	Luke 13: 1-9	
14th March		Mothering Sunday Great Bealings	Purple
<i>NT lesson</i>	10am only	Colossians 3:12-17	RCL pg. 129
<i>Gospel</i>	10am only	Luke 2.33-35	
		4th Sunday of Lent Playford	Purple
<i>NT lesson</i>	8am only	2 Corinthians 5.16-21	RCL pg. 832
<i>Gospel</i>	8am only	Luke 15.1-3,11b-32	
21st March		5th Sunday of Lent	Purple
<i>1st lesson</i>	10am only	Isaiah 43: 16-21	RCL pg.835
<i>NT lesson</i>	8am /10am	Philippians 3: 4b-14	
<i>Gospel</i>	8am/10am	John 12: 1-8	
28th March		Palm Sunday	Red
<i>Gospel at the churchyard gate</i>		<i>Luke 19.28-40 9.50am only</i>	
<i>OT lesson</i>	8am/10am	Isaiah 50.4-9a	RCL pg. 840
<i>Passion Reading 8/10am</i>		Luke	
1st April		Maundy Thursday	White
<i>OT lesson</i>	7.30 pm	Exodus 12: 1-4 [5-10], 11-14	RCL pg.162
<i>NT lesson</i>		1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	
<i>Gospel</i>		John 13: 1-17, 31b-35	
2nd April		Good Friday	no hangings
Readings on sheet			
3rd April	Easter Vigil	1st Communion of Easter	White
<i>OT lesson</i>	7.30pm	Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a on sheet	
		Exodus 14: 10-end; 15: 20-21	
		Ezekiel 36: 24-28	
<i>Epistle</i>		Romans 6: 3-11	
<i>Gospel</i>		Luke 24: 1-12	
4th April		Easter Sunday	White
<i>1st Lesson</i>	8am/10am	Acts 10: 34-43	RCL pg.851
<i>NT lesson</i>	8am/10am	1 Corinthians 15: 19-26	
<i>Gospel</i>	8am/10am	John 20: 1-18	

WOODBIDGE DEANERY SYNOD – 11 FEBRUARY 2010

KEY ITEMS

Synod was delighted to welcome Archdeacon Judy Hunt who shared a warm and amusing account of her professional and spiritual journey.

Discussion on which chant goes with the 'Benedicteidicticus' is ongoing ...!

Finance:

Thursday 22 April 2010 19:30 in Sutton Village Hall - Meeting to discuss allocation of Parish Share - for Treasurers and Churchwardens but everyone welcome.

Licensing:

Revd Ruth Hatchett to the Wilford Team Ministry. Monday 15 February at 19:30 in All Saints, Hollesley.

Deanery Lent Course: Thursdays 25 February 4, 11, 18, 25 March at 19.30 in St Mary's House with Archdeacon Judy Hunt

Deanery Children's Workshop:

Saturday 27 March at Grundisburgh School. A feast of fun workshops – places limited - details available from Clare Sanders 01473 735183

Archdeacon's Visitation:

Tuesday 4 May, 19:30 at St Peter & St Paul, Aldeburgh

Alive Festival:

29 to 31 May – St John's, Woodbridge – more details shortly

Deanery Synods:

Thursday 10 June – Butley – Revd Nigel Hartley – Giving for Life

Thursday 11 November – at Hasketon

The funeral of Revd Michael Hamilton-Sharp took place on Friday 12 February at 12:00 noon in Tunstall. May he rest in peace.



Woodbridge Deanery

Lent Course 2010

Thursdays

4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March 2010

commencing at 7:30 pm

In

St Mary's House

Market Hill

Woodbridge

"Consider Jesus"

led by

The Venerable Dr Judy Hunt

Archdeacon of Suffolk

Everyone will be most welcome

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thanks to everyone who supported the Table Top Sale 13 February, when a profit of £58.95 was made. The next Table Top & Coffee Shop will be on 13 March, when there will be Mothers' Day cards and gifts, together with cards and ideas for Easter! Thanks also to everyone who 'bought' logs – the rear of the hall is now clear of them.

The major cracks inside the building have now been stabilized and repaired. Work on the roof will start soon. Lent Soup Lunches start on Ash Wednesday and continue throughout Lent. No need to book – just come along between 12.30 – 1.30pm and take pot luck! The profits will be divided between Hall Repair Fund and the DEC Emergency Appeal for Haiti (whose plight puts our structural problems into perspective). Thank you again for your support and encouragement - don't forget the hall is available for hire at £3 per hour for table tennis, playing space etc.

Fund raising activities will continue, including:-

**TableTop / Coffee Shop on Saturday
13 March 9 –12 noon**

**Lent Soup Lunches continue every
Wednesday until 31 March at
12.30pm**

Support for these events will be greatly appreciated.

Enquiries – Vicki Carr 01473 620213

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TOWN LECTURES/ CONCERTS 2010

**Museum Street Methodist Church
1.00-1.50pm**

11 March 2010

BELSTEAD HOUSE: HIDDEN LIVES

Janet Dann

For 60 years Belstead House has provided a centre for education, training and personal development, but what is known about the lives of those who inhabited the house before it was taken into public ownership? Janet Dann, for 10 years on the staff at Belstead, reveals some personalities whose lives and work have had an impact, both locally and further afield.

TABLE TOP & COFFEE SHOP

Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings

Saturday 13th March

9.00 – 12.00 noon

Enquiries – 01473 620213

GREAT BEALINGS, LITTLE BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD PARISH PLAN

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SUFFOLK OPEN WEEKEND

To All Residents,

Please put Saturday 24th July 2010 in your diaries, so you don't miss out on the next village event.

Suffolk Coastal District Council, has launched 'Suffolk Open Weekend' to enable parish or town councils, community groups and groups of individuals across Suffolk to hold small cultural and sporting events to mark London 2012 Open Weekend. Great and Little Bealings Parish Councils have together applied for a small grant to help organise a day of sporting activities on the John Belstead Playing field and Sports Court on Saturday 24th July. We want to get teams from each village to play each other for the Bealings Challenge Cup, which will be awarded by a well known sporting celebrity on the day. There will be a food and drink marquee, to keep you fully refreshed, and any funds raised will be put towards the running costs of the playing field and sports court.

Events on the day will include:

U.16 and over 16 5-a-side football, tennis and Netball matches, Boules, Penalty shoot out, and Tug of War.

We need volunteers from each village to organise their teams, help with catering and refreshments, and setting up and taking down marquees.

Keith Beaumont keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com on 610032 is looking for volunteers from Little Bealings, and

Julian Haywood Smith jhs@nigellawrence.co.uk on 735880 is co-ordinating the Great Bealings effort.

If you would like to participate, or help, please get in touch with them, so they can get you involved. There may need to be one or two meetings at a convenient venue, to help decide the best way of getting things done, but these will be very informal and usually part of the fun.

BEALINGS

PLANT SALE

RAFFLE

Last year, the raffle prizes were magnificent! We hope to do the same this year! Please contact Vicki Carr 01473 620213 if you can donate a prize. Thank you.

A RALLYING CALL

The Plant Sale may seem remote as we huddle indoors, looking out on to winter-ravaged gardens BUT if will be upon us sooner than we think. There are now less than two months to go. If the sale is to be a success we need to be doing the following:

HELPERS

◆For all those helping, please do your best to attend the preparation meeting at 7-30 pm on Monday March 15th. This is our ONLY preliminary meeting, and we must ensure that everything is under control, and that all preparations for the event have been made or are in hand, or emergency action taken to get things going

◆Could helpers please make a note in diaries that the setting up time from 12-00 on Friday April 23rd through to the evening will be crucial, as will be the early morning start on the 24th. By trying to concentrate all our efforts into a narrow time strip we do impose on ourselves that need for a maximum turn-out of helpers.

GARDENERS

◆Please check all those plants which you so carefully potted in the autumn and check them out for winter damage.

◆If your stock has been damaged, do look in the garden to see if there are other candidates for potting, even at this stage. It is always surprising just what DOES sell, if attractively priced and well presented.

◆If you are a supplier of seedlings, please check the timescales required for producing them on the 24th. Sorry if for some of you experts that's a bit like telling your Granny to go and suck

eggs, whatever that may now mean!

EVERYONE

◆Check out those bare patches in the garden where you will need to buy new plants. The frost has probably done a certain amount of damage.

◆Make sure that Saturday 24th April 10-00 to 12-00 is firmly in your diary.

◆See whether you would like to join us in the Admirals Head afterwards for lunch and a post-sale chat. Car parking will be available at the pub for those signing in. To do so just contact Norman Porter on 01473 735565 or email nhp@rillcott.co.uk.

This is the first year that the event will be held without a single Philbrick present. We need to do Hugh and Monica proud and maintain the tradition that they started nearly 20 years ago. It is the best way of honouring their memory.

Norman Porter and Paddy Bills

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There was a flurry of activity at the January meeting, when members signed up for the Federation Council Meeting, a visit to Kings Lynn and Jacket Potatoes at the February meeting. News was given of proposed outings and educational visits. A large quantity of wool was available for the on-going production of knitted blanket squares.

Members then settled to listen to the Revd Roger Dedman's illustrated talk on 'The Rise of the Post Office in the UK'. This meticulously prepared information included 'the mail must get through' and from early times, when teams of fast horses travelled through the night, then to the era of the Mail Coach, the arrival of the railways and travelling Post Offices to the present day. Included in the study were Post Boxes, but beware! Many of the much admired decorative Victorian boxes are replicas and identified by a small plate. A thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening journey.

Jennifer Cook

PLANTS

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&
ST MARY'S
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BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 24th APRIL

10.00AM - 12.00 NOON

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Hall, so bring the family

We need 'Loads' of plants,
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very welcome

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In aid of Great and Little Bealings churches

PLANTS

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

Our dull grey chilly winter drags on. The snowdrops in the Great Bealings churchyard are now at last out, at least a month later than they have been in recent times, while all too many plants in the garden look flattened, battered and bedraggled after the cumulative heavy snows and frosts. But let's not forget that this is Britain. We might well be enjoying a heat wave within a week of the above being written. And then –all of a sudden –panic –the Plant Sale is only a couple of months away. The numbers of songbirds in the garden don't seem to have diminished. The woodpecker is drilling into the old tree stump. The staccato call of the great tit can be heard in the hedgerows, Spring must be just around the corner– and your contributor is beginning to sound like Peggy Cole so it's time to get on with the meat of this contribution.

LOOKING BACK

RODNEY READ

The funeral service was held on Monday 1st February. A large congregation paid their last farewells to a man who had lived in the village for most of his life, and who was almost certainly the oldest surviving resident of the war years. Rodney had at some time been gardener at The Lodge, where his late wife Pauline who pre-deceased him in 1986, had been a housekeeper. His love of gardening and trees had remained with him to the end. Rodney was also a member of the sometime Bealings Cricket Club. In more recent times he will be remembered as the figure on the bike, and regular customer of the Village Shop while it was still open. The Read/Thurkettle family have been through tough times recently and we offer them our sincere condolences.

MONICA PHILBRICK

February also saw the funeral of Monica Philbrick. This took place on Friday February 5th, in a packed church, as people from the village and from across the county joined Monica's family to say their final farewells. Although she and Hugh had had to move into Woodbridge, they remained loyal to the village where they had spent so many years, as well to its church and to its Plant Sale which they had instigated and inspired.

Monica's daughter, Sarah, summed up her mother beautifully in her tribute.

"So what are my mother's very special qualities that have made her such a friend, such an admired and active member of the local community; such a profound influence on her family? I think she was the epitome of old-fashioned yet timeless values: loyalty, commitment, helpfulness, selflessness, courtesy and a quite extraordinary stoicism in the face of the many challenges that life threw at her – not least in bearing the considerable physical pain of the last several years, her dedication to caring for my father and the deep loneliness of widowhood. That strength, those sometimes exacting standards, that refusal to complain or give in; that unflagging cheerfulness; of getting on with things; that exceptional ability to deflect the question about her to make it one about you! I remember that in the same 24 hours that my father died, she dislocated her hip – yet again. As a true emergency, the hospital gave her just gas and air to put it back in place. I went to collect her – and what were her first 2 sentences – 'How very kind everyone has been at the hospital; what a nuisance I've been'; and 'How was my journey from London; I must be so tired!' Not a word about the agony she'd been thro'. And that was so typical – and, a truly tough act to follow.

It is all too easy to see just the person who survives through to the final years, forgetting the formative experiences that make a person what he or she is. Monica had led such a fascinating life, privileged, in some ways, but battered by tragedy and difficulties. It was instructive to hear, again from Sarah, about Monica's early years:

"Her early years – were only really spoken of in recent times. Before she was 5 she had lived in Copenhagen, Lima and Riga; her parents then divorced, and her mother and 3 brothers returned to England, living near Winchester. Happy enough times, albeit her father was a diplomat far away. Then the war – and for my mother a period of great stress, sadness and uncertainty – and of confined hotel living. Of her 3 adored brothers, one went to Kabul for 4 years, another went 'missing on operations' at Calais and was finally confirmed dead a year later and the remaining brother was killed in a Spitfire accident. If that wasn't enough, her mother became desperately ill with 2 blood clots on the brain – amazingly she survived brain surgery with my mother there as her carer and all this before she was 20. Living in London, her home was bombed and she had many difficult times with work shifts as a young secretary in the underground Cabinet War Rooms. My sister and I took my parents there a few years back – it was moving to see her recognize some of the original rooms – this is where we slept; the Map Room and so on. Immediately post-war, she went to Helsinki to be, in many ways, her then Ambassador father's 'first lady' – another very difficult period with every room in the embassy bugged and a private conversation possible only if you skated very far out on the frozen sea! And so on to married life and family – young parents utterly determined to give their children the security and stability that they had both missed out on. They did us proud."

PCC MEETING

A meeting took place on February 10th. The main business was the preparation of the Annual Report. It was noted that attendance at regular services has remained stable, while attendance at Special Services – Dedication Service, Harvest Festival, Carol Service, Crib Service - has been at an encouragingly high level. Perhaps it is not inappropriate to note that attendances at funerals has been particularly high – this is not to strike a morbid note, but to underline the importance of the role played by the church as a focal point for both grief and celebration on such occasions.

The Church Electoral Role has been updated for the report. New parishioners are reminded that application forms are available, should you wish to be included on the roll.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER – Saturday February 6th

This year we had the largest-ever gathering of villagers: 62 people participated in what has now become an annual jamboree. The weather was benign, insofar as frost, snow, wind, ice and rain remained on the sidelines. No-one managed to get lost, and everyone finally assembled in Hill House, puffing their way up the hill, to enjoy the hospitality of Zoe and James Firebrace. We are so grateful to them both for opening up their house to the late-night tramping hordes and for providing a truly welcoming ambiance for the conclusion to the evening. The timing of this event, coming as it does towards the end of the dark winter evenings, seems psychologically uplifting!

LOOKING AHEAD

St Mary's Church AGM

Once a year the workings of the PCC are opened to public scrutiny, the Annual Report on the activities of the church is presented, and elections take place. Please make a note of the fact that this year's AGM will take place after

the service on **Sunday April 18th**. Immediately after the service there will be refreshments, and these will be followed by the meeting at approximately 11-30 pm.

SUSAN MADEL

Those who remember Susan, formerly of The Croft, might like to know that a memorial service is being held in Blythburgh Church on **Friday March 5th** at 2 pm.

Churchwarden

THE LIGHT PROGRAMME

The lights were only on once since last month. Our church was illuminated on Feb 15th to celebrate Bertie and Jenny Shaw's Wedding Anniversary. Thanks for the reminder Jenny.

If you would like to see our beautiful church bathed in light to celebrate people or events close to your heart, please drop a note in through the door of Croft Cottage, Lower Street (opposite the phone box), along with the usual (inflation busting) fiver.

LITTLE BEALINGS

ALL SAINTS

Platform removal

After several years of tripping over the platform left after removing the pew in front of the organ, we have, at last, had it removed and brick pavers laid down to match the existing bricks. This had been a trip hazard for a long time and also prevented wheelchairs and buggies getting to the far side of the church. We managed to find the funding for this work and hope the congregation will all feel happier with the remedial work that has been done.

Churchwarden

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The lights shone out on Tuesday 2 February to celebrate Joe and Jeff Donnelly's joint birthday.

On Sunday 7 February the church lights shone in memory of Bill Boughton, who died a year ago - "In loving memory of a dear husband and father, on this the anniversary of his death, from Marguerite": "Remembering dearest Daddy and Dad- Dad. You are always with us. Margaret, Roger and Henrietta.

The lights will mark the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday and will be lit on Sundays and at Easter through the generous donation of Mrs Perkins.

If you would like 'lights' for a special

occasion, please contact Peter Carr, 'Corner Cottage, The Street 01473 620213.

PANCAKE SUPPER

We were delighted to welcome so many to our supper on Saturday 13 February – 40 in all. The usual mix of savoury and sweet pancakes were served, the quiz tested our brains and many went home with a prize from the draw. It was a good evening and our thanks to all who supported the event. We were delighted to be able to hand over £300, to help with the much needed repairs to the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Paddy Bills

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 February 2010

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

C09/1608: The Weald, Martlesham Road – Erection of extension and new roof structure to form first floor accommodation. Erection of cart lodge. SDC had approved this application.

C10/0196: Bridge Cottage, The Street – Erection of single-storey front and side extensions and construction of chimney stack. It was agreed there was no objection to this application.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr Beaumont had applied for a grant from Suffolk County Council's 'Open Weekend in Suffolk' budget. This would support the Bealings Challenge Cup events planned for 24 July to raise funds for the John Belstead Playing Field.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 8 March 2010** in the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall, immediately after the **Annual Parish Meeting**. During the first 15 minutes of all Council meetings the public are welcome to raise any matters of concern with Councillors. The public may also speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item.

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LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm Monday 8th March

Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall

**ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED
TO TAKE PART IN THE MEETING**

Come and enjoy free refreshments and hear about life in the village in the last year.

Jane Spivey, Waste Management Officer with Suffolk Coastal Services Ltd, will be available to answer any queries about the new wheeled bin refuse and recycling service

*For further information contact the
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PLAYFORD

ST MARY'S

FLOODLIGHTS

The floodlights were sponsored by the Harbottle family to mark the anniversaries of the passing of their mother, Audrey, on 8th January and their father, John, on 26th January. Barbara Dunnett sponsored them on 2nd of February to mark the birthday of her daughter Jacqui Coates, her niece Lisa on the 3rd February and in loving memory of her mother, whose birthday would have been the 5th February. Wendy & Lester Firkins sponsored the lights to mark the anniversary of the passing of their son Ellison on the 1st March.

Liz Royle

WI

Our monthly meeting was held on Tuesday February 2nd. This month our speaker was Mr Booth-Smith on 'The History of Tea. He began by showing us various types of tea and explaining the differences. Tea comes from a camellia bush, which grows 25-30ft high. It needs acidic soil to grow well. It was originally promoted as a health drink, going through various changes, and is now back to being extolled as a health drink. As we all know tea is graded by leaf size, the larger the leaf the better. However, all is used even down to the sweepings! At one time tea was extremely expensive and deemed a luxury, which led to smuggling. Apparently Hollesley was one place it was

brought into the country and then hidden in the Quaker Meeting House in Leiston! We then all related a tale on 'the most unusual place to have a cup of tea'. The best one is better left to your imagination!

Our next meeting will be on the 2nd March at 7.30 with a talk "The Fun of Bed and Breakfast." Everyone welcome.

Wendy Jary.

Playford WI

is planning an

AUTUMN EXTRAVAGANZA OF SCARECROWS AND PUMPKINS

**Saturday 23rd October 2010
Playford Parish Hall**

Please put the date in your diary.
Further details in next month's Benefice
Newsletter

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 21st January 2010.

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES Parish Plan

Googlemail is now up and running with 160 subscribers.

Affordable Housing

It was reported that Playford has been categorised as "countryside" which means no development can take place.

CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Mr Robert Coppillie has been co-opted as a new member of the Parish Council.

POLICE REPORT

As per written police report there were no crimes to report.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD'S REPORT

County Councillor Peter Bellfield sent his apologies and submitted a written report. This can be viewed at www.playford.org.uk/

[councilminutes.htm](#). His report commented on the recent bad weather and also its effect on the road surfaces. Other matters covered are the local government reorganisation, the Council's performance, Pension Fund and 2010/11 Council Tax rise.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

It was agreed not to pursue this. The on-line Neighbourhood Watch weekly newsletter detailing crime in the area will be "linked" to the Playford website.

HIGHWAYS

The very poor condition of Church Road was reported. The corner of Bealings Road/Church Road has been destroyed and the verges damaged. Mr Derek Oldman of SCDC was due to come and inspect it.

The road running from the Culpho crossroads to the B1079 Hasketon is going to be resurfaced in June/July 2010 and this work should take 10 days. It will be done under road closures in sections and it was suggested that some of the felling/cutting back of dead trees along this stretch of the road could be carried out at the same time thus causing the minimal disruption. (some of the trees pose a danger of falling into the road).

The litter tipping on Butts Road has been reported and cleared up.

Improvements to the Bealings to Playford Footpath are coming along nicely. SCC has started work on the footpath which involved taking down the barbed wire and erecting a wooden fence with post and rails in its place. Mr Charles Lofts informed councillors that there is possibly going to be one or two gates off this section of fencing which will be self closing and will allow dog owners to exercise their dogs in his field. The kissing gates will be removed from this route which will improve pushchair/bicycle access.

REGISTERING OF PARISH COUNCIL LAND WITH LAND REGISTRY

SALC have recommended registering land to avoid uncertainty in the future

and especially if there is a dispute over ownership. Quotes to be obtained from Birketts and Barker Gotelee

FINANCE

The budget was approved. Very little change has been made since the last year therefore the precept will remain the same at £3,500 for the year 2010/2011. The budget was formally adopted.

Cheques were written for grass cutting, equipment bought for renovating the bench and village sign, and for a printer cartridge.

CORRESPONDENCE

Information on "Suffolk Open Weekend" had been received. They are offering grants (up to £500) for events held in

celebration of the 2012 Olympics. The closing date for applying is 16th April and the event must be held between 23rd and 25th July 2010. Mrs Tracy Hanson has said she will make a bid for Playford. Possible ideas were a pub night and Mr Charles Lofts has offered Cricket Meadow to hold an event. To be discussed at greater length at the March meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, 3rd March 2010

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PARISH HALL EVENTS CALENDAR 2010

MARCH

Friday 5	Pudding Night	Playford Parish Hall
Saturday 27	Chocolate Fair	Playford Parish Hall <i>June Gosling 622039</i>

JUNE

Saturday 19	Family Barbecue and Pub Night	Playford Parish Hall <i>David Lewis 620259</i>
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SEPTEMBER

Friday 17	Pub Night with Jazz	Playford Parish Hall <i>Anne Day 735444</i> <i>Jos Saunders 620604</i> <i>Lester Firkins 611527</i>
In aid of Parish Hall and St Mary's, Playford		

OCTOBER

Friday 1	Harvest Supper	Playford Parish Hall <i>Gina Corani 620696</i>
Saturday 23	'Scarecrows & Pumpkins'	Playford Parish Hall <i>Playford WI</i>
Friday 29	Quiz Night In aid of the Ipswich-Beira Health Project	Playford Parish Hall <i>John Day 735444</i>
Saturday 30	Hallowe'en Party	Playford Parish Hall <i>Gina Corani 620696</i>

DECEMBER

Saturday 4	Christmas Party, and 'Playford's Got Talent'	Playford Parish Hall <i>Tricia Laws 622290</i>
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Not a Pub Night, but a
PUD(DING) NIGHT

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Saturday March 27th, 2010 at 2.00 p.m.

Playford Parish Hall

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CULPHO

LIGHTING THE LIGHTS IN CULPHO

19 th February	Leonora Chapman's sister celebrating her 80 th birthday
8 th March	Leonora Chapman's daughter & son in law's 35 th Wedding anniversary
12 th March	Leonora & the late John Chapman's wedding anniversary
14 th March	Mothering Sunday : for Leonora Chapman with love from her family
28 th March	Palm Sunday in memory of the late John Chapman
19 th April	to celebrate Leonora Chapman's 90 th birthday

WHAT'S ON – MARCH

2	7.30	WI The Fun of Bread & Breakfast	Playford Parish hall
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	12.30	Lent Soup Lunches	Angela Cobbold Hall
5	7.30	Pudding Night	Playford Parish Hall
13	9-12	Table Top / CoffeeShop	Angela Cobbold Hall
18	7.30	WI - The Fishermen's Mission Trawler men and Fish & Chips	Bealings Village Hal
27	2.00	Chocolate Fair	Playford Parish Hall

APRIL 2010 NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the April 2010 Newsletter should be sent to The Editor, Geoff Bills at geoffreybills@googlemail.com or, on paper, to 7 Richards Drive, Little Bealings IP13 6LR by **Tuesday 16th March**

The newsletter will be ready for distribution by noon **Saturday, 27th March**

Editor

REMINDER

- ◆ May we please ask contributors to submit items using **MS Word** with Spelling set to **English (UK)** and font **Arial size 9**.
- ◆ ***Please also ensure that you check your contribution before you submit it using the 'Spelling and Grammar' facility. (press F7 !)***
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- ◆ Similarly please test your item before sending it; if it contains too much illustration or detail remember that it will not always be effective when reduced to the magazine's A5 format.
- ◆ Please do not send items in .PDF format because this makes it very difficult to edit and adjust to our A5 format.
- ◆ If you are using graphics/logos please ensure that they are free of copyright

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING			<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
ART	VH	Wed 10.00 & 1.00	<i>Suffolk College 343628</i>
BADMINTON	VH	Thu 7.30	<i>Nick Marsh 735633</i>
BENEFICE CHOIR		Fri 7.30	<i>Gill Peck 625077</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Brian White 735143</i>
COUNTRY DANCING	VH	Mon 7.30 Phoenix Dance Group	<i>Richard Maslen 01502 478551</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Fri 9.30	<i>Kathy Wilkinson 623956</i>
EMBROIDERY GROUP		Home Wed (alternate) 2.00	<i>Sylvia Chenery 622477</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: pm Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
GUIDES	ACH	Fri 7.30	<i>Jo Slim 620001</i>
KEEP FIT	VH	Thu 10.00	<i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>
LIBRARY		Tue (alternate) 12.50-1.05 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 1.35-2.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	<i>07809594685</i>
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH	Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
SNOOKER	VH	Any day <5 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 625277</i>
TABLETENNIS	ACH	Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
TIDDLYWINKS	ACH	2 nd Tue 2.00 Mums & Tots	<i>Pauline Stentiford 01394 411469</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING			<i>Margaret Wilson 625277</i>
WI	VH	3rd Thu Alternate 2.30/7.30	<i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>
WOLSEY MINIATURES	VH	4TH Tue 7.30	<i>Doreen Durrell 726396</i>

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu 10	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
BOULES	PH	Playing Field	<i>David Lewis 620259</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: pm Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
FOOT CLINIC	PH	Fri (every 8 weeks)	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
LIBRARY		Tue (alternate) 12.25-12.40 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat Mon, Wed Fri	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i> <i>Co-op Dairies</i>
NEWSPAPERS			<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
NOTICE BOARD	PH	See for art, bridge & social events	
PARISH HALL BOOKING			<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
TIDDLYWINKS	ACH	2 nd Tue 2.00 Mums & Tots	<i>Pauline Stentiford 01394 411469</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri 9.30 toddler group	
WHIST DRIVE	PH	Wed (2nd in month) 7.30	<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
WI	PH	Tue (1st in month)	<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
YOGA	PH	Tue 9.30	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
	PH	Thu evening 'Yoga for Mums'	<i>J Lawrence 738104</i>

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CHURCH DIARY - MARCH

WEDNESDAY 3rd

10.30 Holy Communion *Celebrant :Revd G House* **Culpho**

THURSDAY 4TH

7.30pm Lent Course 2 St Mary's House,W'bridge

FRIDAY 5TH

7.30 Pudding evening Playford Parish Hall

SUNDAY 7TH

8.00 Holy Communion **Playford**

10.00 Sung Eucharist **Little Bealings**

TUESDAY 9TH

2.00pm Tiddlywinks drop in centre Angela Cobbold Hall

5.00pm Confirmation Class Angela Cobbold Hall

WEDNESDAY 10TH

10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

THURSDAY 11TH

7.30pm Lent Course 3 St Mary's House, Woodbridge

SATURDAY 13TH

9.00 Diocesan Synod St Nicholas Centre Ipswich

SUNDAY 14TH **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

8.00 Holy Communion **Playford**

10.00 Family Communion **Great Bealings**

TUESDAY 16TH

5.00pm Confirmation Class Angela Cobbold Hall

WEDNESDAY 17TH

10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

7.30pm Great Bealings PCC Admiral's Head pub

THURSDAY 18TH

7.30pm Lent Course 4 St Mary's House, Woodbridge

SUNDAY 21ST

8.00 Holy Communion **Playford**

10.00 Sung Eucharist **Little Bealings**

3.00 Evensong **Culpho**

WEDNESDAY 24TH

10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

TUESDAY 23RD

7.30pm Little Bealings Annual Church Meeting Little Bealings Church

THURSDAY 25TH

7.30 Lent Course 5 St Mary's House, Woodbridge

SATURDAY 27TH

10.00 – 4.00pm Deanery Children's Day Grundisburgh School

SUNDAY 28TH **PALM SUNDAY**

8.00 Holy Communion **Great Bealings**

9.50 Sung Eucharist with Palm procession **Playford**

WEDNESDAY 31ST

10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**