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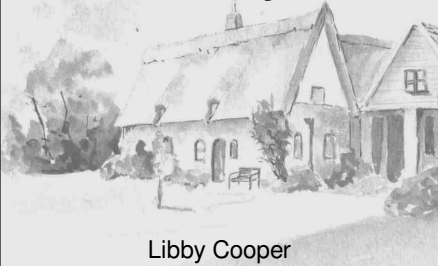
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The church's season of Lent coincides with the season of spring. They are both a time for growing and spring cleaning. Those of you who are gardeners will be busy planting, feeding and weeding your plants to encourage the growth of flowers and vegetables, and on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> you will be able to stock your garden from the Bealings Plant Sale. Christians use the season to check on their inner being, to plant new ideas, grow in their faith and check on their well being by weeding out that which is not helpful in their life and checking that the direction of their journey to Christ is a healthy one. They do this through reading books, attending Lent courses, chatting to like minded friends and attending church, to mention but a few ways. Details of our Lent Course can be found in this magazine. Moreover I am always available to listen to what you have to say so please contact me if you would like a chat.

Every year I write an account of what has been happening throughout our four parishes of Great & Little Bealings, Playford & Culpho in the previous year from my perspective as your parish priest. This forms part of the Annual report for each church... This year I have been asked to include it in the magazine.

### **PARISH PRIEST'S REPORT FOR 2010**

Once again I would like to thank all of you who support me by taking on responsibilities within each parish, and without whom parish and church life would be the poorer. Many people help throughout the course of a year, with tasks such as flower arranging, cleaning the building, switching on the floodlights and heating, setting up for services, looking after the churchyard and building. Then there is all that paperwork!

Which seems to increase each year, keeping and auditing the accounts, preparing and writing up minutes for meetings and the production of the benefice news. We put together a new benefice news production team this year, and it became very obvious how great a debt we owe to Geoff Bills for all his hard work and dedication as Editor over the last 10 + years that he was involved...

As always we are very grateful to our benefice choir so well led by Gill Peck. Due to her involvement in Suffolk music she is able to call upon friends to augment our choir at special occasions notably Christmas and Good Friday. We also thank our organists, Andrew Clarke, Margaret Cotton, Maurice Jones, Jane Hartley and Elaine Strouts. We are very fortunate indeed to be able to enjoy such a high standard of music.

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. Alison Baker has been taking a Sabbatical due to the workload of her new employment but that hasn't stopped her helping out when she can, and Jenny Cavell-Shaw has also been on light duties due to family circumstances. Our other Elders have been quietly working among you as normal. I am grateful for ministry of our Elders who with me form the ministry team. We try and meet regularly throughout the year for prayer, discussion and study.

I am pleased to report that we have a Reader in Training – Diana Gardiner who lives in Playford and also sings with the choir. Diana will undergo three years of demanding training before she is licensed, but you will have noticed her taking part in services as part of her training. We still have one person ex-

ploring authorised ministry.

This year Culpho had a change of Treasurer when Sue Bruce resigned her office. Playford's treasurer, Paul Gardiner kindly agreed to look after Culpho as well. Grateful thanks to Paul as it is always a struggle to find people willing to be part of our church councils and who have enough time to offer their skills, particularly secretarial and financial.

We have had 20 Occasional Offices this year and while we have lost some good and loyal friends from our villages the good news is that 2 couples were married in our churches, 5 people have been baptised and 6 confirmed, when we welcomed Bishop Nigel to Playford Church in May.

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 to happen, either on a temporary or permanent basis. 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. We held services on Ascension Day, and Ash Wednesday, and commemorated those of our family and friends who have died at the beginning of November, just before we held our benefice Remembrance Day service. Due to the hard work of our General Synod representative Tim Allen, Thomas Clarkson was added by the General Synod (the church's parliament) to the list of those who worked for the abolition of the slave trade and are commemorated in the weekday lectionary on 30th July. Playford celebrated his inclusion with a service at 12 noon. We also blessed our pets at a special service in Playford during the summer.

Sadly our mums and tots group Tiddlywinks has had to close, a lot of mums with pre school children now work and are not free to attend with their children.

We have been able to put together an Open the Book Team who go into Bealings School on a regular basis, dramatising Bible Stories. The team is ecumenical and includes Baptists and a Roman Catholic as well as members from our own churches.

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

Since 2005 I have been Rural Dean for the Woodbridge Deanery which includes 35 churches and runs geographically from Ashbocking to Bawdsey, and Orford to Otley. This is a demanding role and I have told Bishop Nigel that I would like to stop this extra dimension to my ministry. However I am not retiring from parish life, and look forward to being your parish priest for several years to come.

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 2011 we still have the resources to do all that we want to.

*Pauline Stentiford January 2011*

## ECUMENICAL LENT COURSE

Come and find out more about Jesus' legacy of love.

A five session York course featuring thoughts from Archbishop Vincent Nicholls, Dr Paula Gooder, Jim Wallis, & Inderjit Bhogal. Each session will last about an hour and a half. There are 2 opportunities each week to attend. The Wednesday evening sessions at 7.30pm in Culpho Church will be repeated on Thursday afternoon at 1.30pm in Grundisburgh Church Room.

To get the most from the sessions you will need a course booklet costing £3.10. Please contact Pauline 01394 411469, [pauline.stentiford@btopenworld.com](mailto:pauline.stentiford@btopenworld.com) to order your booklet by Sunday March 6th.

### COURSE DATES

**Wednesday 7.30pm**

**Culpho Church**

March 16, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30th

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>

**Thursday 1.30pm**

**Grundisburgh Church Room**

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31st

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>

You can mix and match between Wednesday evening and Thursday lunchtime. There are 5 leaders from our area, The Revd Canon Clare Sanders, Reader James Hall, The Revd Jane Hall, The Revd Catherine Beaumont, and myself.

Just a reminder that Ash Wednesday is March 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a joint area service of Holy Communion with ashing, at 10.30am in Culpho Church and also at Ashbocking Church at 7.30pm.

*Pauline*

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Each church has an annual meeting, which is a public meeting, where the churchwardens are elected by people living in the parish, where the Church council is elected by those on the church electoral roll and where the accounts for the previous year (2010) are presented. It is also an opportunity for everyone who is interested to find out what the church has been doing in the previous year and to ask questions of those who hold office.

You are most welcome to attend one or more of these meetings.

Dates are as follows:

Little Bealings	22 <sup>nd</sup> March	7.30pm in church
Great Bealings	31 <sup>st</sup> March	7.30pm in the Admiral's Head pub
Playford	6 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm in church
Culpho	17 <sup>th</sup> April	4.00pm in church

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Funeral

4 <sup>th</sup> February	Ronald Waller	cremation	Playford
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Kathleen Ford	burial of ashes	Playford

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Cruse Bereavement Care is the largest bereavement care charity in the UK, with 178 branches throughout the country and 6,300 volunteers. For 50 years, Cruse volunteers have offered practical and emotional support to the families and friends of those who have died. In the early years, the charity was for the support of widows, but now Cruse is there for everyone bereaved by death: the 83-year old widow who cannot imagine life without her beloved husband of 60 years; the 10-year old boy whose mum is not there to watch his first football match; the hardworking nurse and mother who is shocked by how devastated she is by the death of her elderly dad. Cruse's highly-trained bereavement volunteers are there for them all, offering face-to-face, group or telephone support.

Cruse in Suffolk aims, like Cruse throughout the country, to offer free information, advice and support to anyone who is bereaved, regardless of age, race, culture or background. They hope to enable bereaved people to move forward and to regain a sense of future hope and independence.

Cruse in Suffolk is in urgent need of people not only to train as bereavement support volunteers but also to help in many other ways, such as fundraising, administration, PR, etc. If you feel you have the time and commitment to become involved in this worthwhile work, please consider joining a training course for bereavement volunteers or contacting Cruse to find out how else you can help. The charity is committed to continue to care for all those who are grieving throughout the county and we are determined to be able to reach anyone who needs us.

For further information please contact:

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## MARCH READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

### 6<sup>th</sup> March

*OT lesson* 10am only  
*NT lesson* 8am/10am  
*Gospel* 8am/10am

### Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-end  
 2 Peter.1.16-end  
 Matthew 17.1-9

**Green**

RCL pg. 89

### 13<sup>th</sup> March

*OT lesson* 10am only  
*NT lesson* 8am only  
*Gospel* 8am/10am

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17.3.1-7  
 Romans 5.12-19  
 Matthew 4.1-11

**Purple**

RCL pg. 105

### 20<sup>th</sup> March

*OT lesson* 10am/3pm  
*NT lesson* 8am /10am  
*Gospel* 8am/10am/3pm

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12.1-4a  
 Romans 4.1-5,13-17  
 John 3.1-17

**Purple**

RCL pg. 109

### 27<sup>th</sup> March

*OT lesson* 10am only  
*NT lesson* 8am/10am  
*Gospel* 8am/10am

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Exodus 17.1-7  
 Romans 5.1-11  
 John 4.5-42

**Purple**

RCL pg.113

### 3<sup>rd</sup> April

*Epistle* 8am only  
*Gospel* 8am only

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent( 8am Holy Communion))

**Purple**

Ephesians 5.8-14  
 John 9

### Mothering Sunday (10am Family Communion)

*OT lesson* 10am only  
*Gospel* 10am

Exodus 2.1-10  
 Luke 2.33-35

RCL pg.125

## EAST MEETS WEST

Changes to the "East meet West" sessions at the Angela Cobbold Hall.  
 Themes and dates for the end of the 2010/2011 sessions are as follows:

24 March

**A Place for Women?**

Rebecca Steiner  
 Elahe Mojdehi & Barbara Mayhew

All interested are very welcome.

Jan Lelijveld. 01473 626654

## **NATIONAL GRID SEEKS VIEWS ON ITS APPROACH TO UNDERGROUNDING CABLES**

National Grid has launched a public consultation into its approach to undergrounding the electricity lines needed to connect new power generation. The company is currently revising its approach to undergrounding and is now asking the public, industry, government, environmental and other organisations for their opinions.

When planning a new transmission connection, National Grid is often asked to consider putting cables underground rather than building overhead lines in order to protect views of local landscapes. However there are many considerations involved with undergrounding owing to its cost, environmental impacts and technical considerations.

Your opinion will help to guide the company's decision on underground transmission lines.

Hector Pearson, National Grid stakeholder and policy manager, said: "We last reviewed our undergrounding approach in the early 1990s. With a significant amount of new power generation needing to connect to our network in the coming years, including low carbon generators such as nuclear power and wind farms, we believe that now is a good time to review our approach.

When planning to connect a new generator to its network, National Grid looks at different methods, including overhead lines, underground cables and subsea cables. As a transmission operator, we need to comply with statutory duties such as building a network that is efficient, coordinated and economic to construct, operate and maintain.

We need to manage the costs of these projects responsibly as these costs will ultimately be paid for by electricity consumers. However, we also need to

consider the impact on the local landscape and communities of what we build.

We are very keen to hear people's views. Their opinions will play an important part in shaping our approach."

The consultation will run until 16 March 2011. National Grid will consider all feedback received before publishing its revised approach to undergrounding in April. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by completing the questionnaire on

[www.nationalgridundergrounding.com](http://www.nationalgridundergrounding.com).

Any questions can be addressed to National Grid tel: 0800 319 6175 email: [info@undergroundingconsultation.com](mailto:info@undergroundingconsultation.com) or write to: National Grid Undergrounding Consultation, Freepost NAT3717, London SE1 2BR

## **CONSUMER CHAMPION NETWORK**

Suffolk County Council's Trading Standards Service is delighted to announce the launch of its pioneering 'Consumer Champion Network'. The aim of the network is to educate and empower volunteer champions about consumer rights, so building resilience to rogue traders, scams, and rip-off merchants across Suffolk's communities.

Residents of Suffolk can volunteer at one of several 'consumer champion' levels. These range from simply choosing to receive email updates on the latest news and scams in Suffolk, to giving talks or running events at local community centre/libraries. Volunteer champions will receive basic training on consumer protection law, as well as access to educational documents, posters and leaflets to disseminate within their local community. More active volunteers can also receive consumer protection refresher training twice year, as well as access to a range of literature and training manuals.

The scheme is one of only a handful of similar initiatives operating in the UK, and it is the first to be anchored in social media, with champions able to exchange information and ideas in an on-line forum.

Graham Crisp, Assistant County Trading Standards Officer at Suffolk County Council welcomes the scheme: "The Consumer Champion Network offers a real opportunity for the people of Suffolk to stamp out rogue trading and scams across the county, which are often targeted at the most vulnerable people in our society. Working in conjunction with Trading Standards, volunteer champions will gain a real insight into consumer issues, will be able to help make their communities safer and stronger, and will help our Service identify where our interventions can be employed most effectively to crack down on rogue traders."

If you are interested in becoming a Consumer Champion, please contact:  
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## **TOWN LECTURES 2011**

### ***'Preparing to Save the Past'***

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*Ed Note: See advert on pg 3*

## **SPREAD THE WARMTH A MESSAGE FROM AGE UK SUFFOLK**

With one bitterly cold spell experienced already this winter, Age UK Suffolk (formerly Age Concern Suffolk) is urging everyone to help them *spread a little warmth* this winter.

Daphne Savage, Chief Executive of Age UK Suffolk said, "My message to any older person who is cutting back on basics such as food and heating because they're concerned about high fuel costs, is to call one of our **Help Centres** for advice. Our friendly staff will be happy to chat about their concerns and help resolve problems. Our Ipswich Help Centre is on 01473 257039 (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm); Bury St Edmunds on 01284 757750 (Mon-Fri, 9.30 am - 1 pm); and Lowestoft on 01502 586308 (Mon-Fri, 9.30 am - 1 pm). Also, people should check that they are receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled and our **Benefits Helpline** on 01449 674222 (Mon-Fri, 9 am - 5 pm) will be delighted to do that for them. What older people absolutely must not do - is to turn their heating down or off when they most need to keep warm." Mrs Savage continued "We would urge all readers to be **good neighbours** during this winter period - keep a watch on older people close to you and raise your concerns if something doesn't seem right. An offer to help with some essential shopping or lifts during bitterly cold weather may be much appreciated. Please **do encourage an older relative or friend** to contact Age UK Suffolk to have a chat about whether they are getting the help or financial benefits they need."

Mrs Savage added "Age UK Suffolk also has a **Winter Emergency Plan** which we bring into action during spells of extremely severe weather. By working closely in partnership with other organisations in the county, we have established a network of volunteers across Suffolk who can assist older people in urgent need whose usual network of support may have broken down because of extreme weather conditions."

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ST MARY'S  
CHURCHES**

**BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**10.00AM - 12.00 NOON**

Refreshments

Stalls

Parking

Children's playground at Village  
Hall, so bring the family

We need 'Loads' of plants,  
cakes, produce and draw prizes  
Contributions will be  
very welcome

**See you there!**

*In aid of Great and Little Bealings churches*

**PLANTS**

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## BEALINGS

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### PLANT SALE

The date of the planning meeting, **Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>**, is now imminent. Do please try to help with the organisation by turning up at the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7-30 pm. One or two gaps have emerged in the organising team but these have been quickly filled. Our thanks to those who have stepped into the breach. Tony Cook's role as Plant Supremo will be shared between Graham Lewis, Bob Tate, Sue Foster, Mavis Holmes and Sue Prentice so we have plenty of pooled expertise in the Plant Department. Ruth Smith has now moved to Kesgrave, so understandably feels that it is impractical to run the Cake Stall. Other members of the team, however, remain in place, so Margaret Martin and Gina Mutimer, will remain in charge, and will find a bit more help. They, together with Paddy Bills, for Little Bealings, will be pleased to accept your offerings either beforehand or early on the Saturday morning.

We are now just 6 weeks away from the sale itself, so fingers are tightly crossed that our suppliers are working away behind the scenes and doing their best to ensure that the quality and quantity of our plants is well up to our usual standard. Even if you have never supplied plants before –don't be modest –almost ANY garden will have spare plants, plants that need splitting, thinning out, self-sets etc: rather than throw them on the compost heap just dig them up and put them in a pot for someone else to enjoy. Just keep an eye out for such opportunities when you are doing the early spring clear-up. You really don't need to be an expert.

We do welcome, indeed NEED new suppliers, so if you would like advice, spare pots, or even help with collection on the Friday beforehand, please let Paddy or Norman know.

So don't forget: **Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup>** - 10-00 until 12-00 – the Bealings Plant Sale. Have your new plants ready, just in time for planting over the Easter Bank Holiday weekend.

Help will be required for setting up on the Friday, and, briefly, for clearing away early Saturday afternoon. Offers, very welcome, again to Norman and Paddy.

As ever, the Admirals Head will welcome you to lunch after the Plant Sale.

*Paddy Bills - 01473 610219*

*Norman Porter - 01473 735565*

### BEALINGS WI

The November and AGM meeting of Bealings WI was well supported and preceded by a lunch of piping hot jacket potatoes. A record attendance at a recent Coffee Get Together proved how much these events are appreciated, especially in the short grey days of winter. Reports told of a busy and successful year. Mrs. Betty Slim was elected President for 2011.

#### Bealings WI

The English Glass Industry 1830 – 1940 was the title of Mr. Barrie Skelcher's talk to Bealings WI at their first meeting of 2011. Glass manufacturing centres were mainly in the Midlands and North Eastern England producing everyday items through to highly decorative coloured glassware; the Glass Museum at Stourbridge is well worth a visit. Members had brought a collection of treasured items and Mr Skelcher gave much information on all, especially dates and where manufactured.

There was an opportunity to sign up for future WI events, visits and a reminder of Spring Coffee Get-together Mornings.

*Jennifer Cook*

## PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON 5 MAY 2011

If you wish to stand for election to your local Parish Council, nomination papers will be available for collection from Parish Clerks during March. They can be returned to the Clerk or taken direct to Suffolk Coastal District Council at Melton Hill, Woodbridge. SCDC must receive all nominations by noon on 4 April 2011.

Please phone or email to arrange collection of nomination papers from Clerks.

*littlebealingspc@btintnet.com*  
*greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk*  
*playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk*

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## GREAT BEALINGS

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### GREAT BEALINGS

Early February was lightened up by our annual Progressive Dinner frolics; the snowdrops are now flowering in profusion, and the first daffodils are showing, so winter must be in retreat. We're not there yet, but the days are getting longer and hopefully you will be feeling the first stirrings of horticultural desire as the sap threatens to rise and the Plant Sale comes ever more imminent.

#### LOOKING BACK.....

Well there's not that much to look back on, really. We've mostly been ensconced indoors, shunning the rather grey, dour days outside. It is amazing to establish just what a high proportion of the population has ventured out to see "The King's Speech", and equally cheering that so many people in the village were able to participate in our annual Progressive Dinner. Sincere thanks from Virginia and myself for the spirit in which you took part and for the wonderful hospitality which, as we know so well, was provided in so many homes. It was good to hear that many new acquaintances have been set up as people met for the first time in the course of the evening. That's really what it's all about. Particular thanks to John and Emily Lynch for entertaining us en masse at the end of the evening.

### AND LOOKING AHEAD

#### - So much more promising!

Firstly we need to alert you to the Plant Sale, a social event, as well as a horticultural one. There is a strong Great Bealings representation in the organisation of the Sale, and we really do urge you to give your support, either beforehand, or on the day. Our Annual Plant Sale was set up nearly twenty years ago by the late Hugh Philbrick and is a vitally important source of income for our church. It enjoys a high reputation locally and in the surrounding area so we need to maintain that reputation. We would be more than pleased to initiate newcomers to the village into what is involved, and hope that we can attract more volunteers to help, either by supplying plants or by helping in the running of an event which brings people from miles around. If you have either horticultural skills or simply enthusiasm and availability to offer then we will be able to find a job for you. A microcosm of "The Big Society" – only it's been going on for years already!

#### PCC MEETING AND ANNUAL MEETING

There is a PCC meeting on Thursday 17th of March. Please let any member of the PCC know of any item which you might like discussed.

The Annual Meeting, at which the accounts and activities of the year are



reported and reflected upon, will be held on Thursday 31st March. All are welcome to attend this meeting –indeed we strongly urge those with the interests of their church at heart to come along and show their support. It may or may not encourage you to attend if you know that it will be in the Admirals Head.

### **ST MARY'S CHURCH OPEN DAY**

– Saturday June 25th

We take this opportunity to urge you to fix this date firmly in your diaries. We are close to launching a "Friends of Great Bealings Church" scheme, and hope to involve as many people in the village as we possibly can. Your PCC, supported by a number of other villagers, hope that, whether you are a churchgoer or not, you will recognise the unique contribution made by the church to village life over hundreds of years, and that you will value this opportunity to become more closely involved.

The open day will be from 10-00 to 5-00 and will include a very wide range of activities, hopefully appealing to an equally wide range of interests and to young as well as to old. An individual invitation and further details will reach

you personally in due course, but just to give you some idea of what we have in mind, we are planning:

- A 30 minute talk on the treasures of the church, given by an acknowledged expert in this field;
- A Powerpoint display of our updated village history, with a large range of historical photographs and personal reminiscences;
- The launch of a new, fully illustrated History of Great Bealings Church;
- Live music;
- Various competitions –drawing, painting, photography(4 images, max of Great Bealings 2011) – so get snapping now;
- Guided tower visits – with souvenir photo;
- Refreshments being served all day.

We very much hope to see you there either for part or for all of the day – there will be plenty to keep you occupied. Do let us know of people with links to the church or village who might like to be invited back. We would be pleased to see them.

*Churchwarden*

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## **LITTLE BEALINGS**

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### **ANGELA COBBOLD HALL LENT LUNCHES**

Wednesdays in Lent

9<sup>th</sup> March - 20th. April

12.30 - 1.30 pm

Homemade bread & soup

*All profits to charity*

*Enquiries - 01473 620213*

### **LET THERE BE LIGHT!**

On Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> the lights shone on All Saints and the enhancement of our small church was " from Marguerite Boughton and all her family. Remembering dear Bill/Daddy/Grandad who passed away two years ago on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Deeply missed but always here with us."

Celebrate your memories, happy or sad, with a £5 note or a cheque payable to 'Little Bealings PC', to light the lights. To Parkside Cottage. 01473 626845

## ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

### TABLE TOP AND COFFEE SHOP

Angela Cobbold Hall

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March

10 am - 12noon

Tables £5 Contact - 01473 620213

## LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

### Notes from the Little Bealings Parish Council Meetings held on 14 Decem- ber 2010 and 17 January 2011

#### TREES FOR VILLAGE HALL AND PLAY- ING FIELD

Jennifer Cook, Tree Warden, had collected the new trees from SCDC and they would be planted in due course.

#### POLICE

There had been six reported crimes in the parish in December, including four of theft from motor vehicles. In January there were two reported crimes: theft of a generator and a mixer from the grounds of a house, and damage to a window at the village hall.

#### SIGNS FOR VILLAGE HALL PLAYING FIELD AND SCHOOL

SCC had provided a new signing scheme and would be advised of the Council's suggested amendments to it. SCC Cllr Peter Bellfield was thanked for funding the cost of the signs from his SCC Locality Budget. It was intended that new signs would be in place before the end of March 2011.

#### SECURITY LIGHTING FOR VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK

The Council had received Parish Plan

funding of £333 to contribute to the cost of installing a light. Confirmation was awaited regarding the need for planning and building control permissions, together with a design approved by the Village Hall Management Committee.

#### FOOTPATHS

A meeting with SCC was awaited to discuss improvements to the footpath at the bottom of the playing field.

Correspondence from Great Bealings PC concerning removal of the footpath (Footpath No 5 Little Bealings) running diagonally from Holly Lane across the field towards Great Bealings, and its replacement with a path running on the field edge on the southern side of Boot Street was considered. It was agreed that Footpath No 5 was popular and well used. Any proposed change should be publicised widely to enable all residents to comment.

#### HIGHWAYS

Potholes at the junction of Holly Lane and The Street had been reported for repair.

#### PLAYFORD ROAD

It was agreed to contact SCC with a view to installing traffic calming measures in Playford Road.

***Please advise the Clerk if you would support an open meeting held in the village with SCC to consider this.***

#### THE STREET

Closure of The Street from the level crossing to Bealings Bridge was planned between 1 and 28 March for UK Power Networks to install new supplies. Closure will be in operation 24 hours during the works. Please contact Ben Green of Mervyn Lambert Plant Ltd for more information: 01953 688211 email: [planning@mervynlambert.co.uk](mailto:planning@mervynlambert.co.uk)

#### PLANNING

Mr Beaumont reported on his attendance at an SCDC event concerning its LDF Reviewed Core Strategy and Development Management Policies.

SCDC had revised its Core Strategy in the context of the revocation of the regional strategy (the East of England Plan). Regional requirements were to be replaced with national and local requirements. It was noted that the parish is now included in the Eastern Ipswich Plan Area, where there is a focus for growth. The regional target of 510 new homes a year in the SCDC district had been revised to propose 446. Mr Beaumont reported that the parish's designation in the LDF as a Local Service Centre (LSC) was partly as a result of its local bus service. Mr Bellfield had advised that, while the 70 and 70a bus services would be cut as SCC introduced budget cuts, they would not be terminated. SCDC had advised that it was for the parish to decide if it wished to continue to be an LSC or, with less bus provision, be designated an Other Village. The latter would hamper any development proposals, while continuing as an LSC would enable development within and adjacent to the village physical limits boundary.

#### **LOCALISM AND PLANNING**

It was noted that a proposed Localism Act included a new power to produce a Neighbourhood Plan, which could lead to a Parish Council making Neighbourhood Development Orders, permitting development. Other proposals included the duty of applicants for major developments to consult locally before submitting applications, and for local referendums (if a minimum of 5% of the electorate signed a petition).

#### **NETWORK RAIL MAST**

Network Rail had previously been asked about the mast it had installed near the station. It had replied that the mast was part of a new railway radio communication system to improve safety, punctuality and efficiency. Network Rail had advised that it had no plans to repaint the mast as requested, as it had been advised by SCDC before installation

that the current colour was appropriate. The mast could not be made available to mobile phone companies for safety reasons. Network Rail would be asked again if they had any community budget to contribute to parish initiatives and District Councillor Ivan Jowers would be asked for his views on the consultation which had been carried out – which had not included the Parish Council.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**C10/2781: Leawood House, Sandy Lane: Insertion of roof lanterns and solar panels on flat roof and raised terrace**

**C10/2977: 7 Michaels Mount: Construction of pitched roof in lieu of flat roof to front elevation**

**C10/00143/TPO: Wychwood, Martlesham Road: Felling of one Scots Pine**

SCDC had approved these applications.

#### **FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for the purchase of a shovel to spread sand/grit near the level crossing and for the Clerks salary and expenses.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

SCC's proposed budget cuts and service information was noted, including proposed cuts in services for verge cutting.

The Clerk would attend an SCDC/WDC Town & Parish Clerks' Meeting on 7 March.

#### **BE A COUNCILLOR**

**There are parish council elections on 5 May 2011**

Why Become a Councillor? How do I become a Councillor? What does a Councillor Do? Answers available at <http://beacouncillor.eelga.gov.uk>

#### **DATES OF MEETINGS**

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 14 March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. 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.

**Annual Parish Meeting**

16 May 2011: in Bealings Village Hall. This will be preceded by a Police Community Engagement Meeting (which will also offer cycle security marking and other initiatives) and followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Any community group wishing to give a report at the Annual Parish Meeting is invited to contact the Clerk.

Parish Council meetings will be held on:  
4 July 2011  
5 September 2011  
7 November 2011  
9 January 2012  
The Annual Parish Meeting for 2012 will be held on 5 March 2012.

*Carol Ramsden - Clerk*  
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*Website: [www.littlebealings.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.littlebealings.suffolk.gov.uk)*

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## PLAYFORD

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### PLAYFORD WI

The Rev John Robinson showed us 'Bygone East Anglia through the Magic Lantern' at our February meeting. We were taken on a tour of East Anglia starting at Southend and ending at Cromer and it was fascinating to see how the scenery and fashions have changed over the years. There was even a picture of bathing machines at Southwold. The Rev Robinson is an entertaining speaker and the evening was much enjoyed.

On the 1st March we will all be having "An enjoyable driving test". This will take the form of an interactive evening with Terry Plummer, to test and improve our driving skills. Come and join us if you are free – 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.

*Liz Royle*

## CHOCOLATE FAIR

**Saturday April 16th**

**2.00 – 4.30p.m.**

**Playford Parish Hall**

*Easter eggs hunt for the children*

*Easter egg decorating*

*Cup cake decorating*

*Make your own Easter Cards*

*Cakes stalls*

*Chocolate fountain*

*Quizzes and games*

*Teas for all*

£1 entry fee per person  
including the egg hunt

Free car park

*Proceeds to Playford Parish Hall*

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## CULPHO

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### ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

#### An Evening Recital

You will recall that prior to the Harvest Service last year Soprano Carole King, accompanied by Jane Burn, gave a very successful recital entitled 'Notes from this Green and Pleasant Land'. We are pleased to announce that Carole and Jane are returning to **St. Botolph's on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March**, to perform for us again.

This time it will be an evening performance entitled '**Sopranos of Stage and Screen**'. Carole will be performing some of the arias used in film scores including many best known numbers from the West End, Broadway and musical theatre. All monies will go towards the upkeep of this beautiful church.

**The performance commences at 7.30 p.m.** with light refreshments being served after the recital. **The cost will be £5.50 (payable at the door).**

We would be delighted if you could join us. Carole has such a wonderful voice and the evening promises to be very enjoyable. We are most grateful to Carole and Jane who have given of their time freely and it is a pleasure to welcome them back to St. Botolph's.

*Chris. Pearce*

## APRIL 2011 NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the April 2011 Newsletter should be submitted by **Tuesday 22nd March**.

**We regret that we no longer have the facility to type hand written articles. All material including any changes you want made to existing data will need to be submitted by email to [beneficemag@gmail.com](mailto:beneficemag@gmail.com).**

- ◆ **Please be aware that this magazine will be available online. Names of children 16 and under must have parental/guardian approval before inclusion in the newsletter.**
- ◆ **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 !)***
- ◆ **When submitting 'posters', notices or advertisements please note that 'colour' should not be used because you will lose significant impact when it is transferred to grey scale/black and white.**
- ◆ **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.**

The newsletter will be ready for distribution by noon **Saturday, 2nd April**

*Fran Hopkins, Editor email address [beneficemag@gmail.com](mailto:beneficemag@gmail.com)*

## NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

**Road repairs and Maintenance** – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – contact the County Council on their customer service number: 0845 606 6067 or email: [customerservice@csduk.com](mailto:customerservice@csduk.com)

In an emergency contact the police.

**Public Rights of Way** Footpath **problems** can be reported to the County Council East Area office at the same customer service number or via a 'public rights of way report a problem' form available at:

<https://www.csduk.com/CSD/Transportandstreets/Public+Rights+of+Way>

**Fly Tipping and Litter:** Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email [scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

## USEFUL CONTACTS

**GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME** - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments

getting prescriptions

minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs

short term help with pets

phone 01473 857796 and leave a message – someone will call you back.

For those who need regular transport, the Coastal Accessible Transport Service is a charity which provides lifts. Tel 01728 830516 for details.

## NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings, Little Bealings and Playford all have Welcome Leaflets for new residents.

Great Bealings Norman Porter 735565 email [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

Little Bealings Carol Ramsden 601188 email [littlebealingspc@btinternet.com](mailto:littlebealingspc@btinternet.com)

Playford: Sarah Cartwright 621050 email [playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk)

## BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

To be added to the growing number of residents who receive regular emails about local news, events and services send your email address to:

[bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)

## BUSES

Timetables for the 70 and 70A services serving the local area are on the Little Bealings Parish Council Noticeboards or at [www.suffolkonboard.com](http://www.suffolkonboard.com)

## LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone messages/texts/emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/Welcome+to+police+direct.htm>

or phone 01473 613997.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

## 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 & 1.30-3.30	<i>Sula Rubens 01502 723408</i>
BADMINTON	VH	Thu 7.30	<i>Nick Marsh 735633</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH	First 3 Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Rudd 07929310480</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>Liz Wright 01394 388787</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>
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>
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

### MARCH

WEDNESDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>
SATURDAY 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Diocesan Synod	St Nicholas Centre

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### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup>

### SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

	8.00 am	Holy Communion	<b>Great Bealings</b>
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	<b>Playford</b>

### WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup>

### ASH WEDNESDAY

	10.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion	<b>Ashbocking</b>

### THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup>

	1.00 pm	Playford PCC meeting	Lux Farm
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### SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup>

### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00 am	Holy Communion	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	10.00 am	Choral Matins	<b>Great Bealings</b>
WEDNESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 1	Culpho
THURSDAY 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Lent Course 1	Grundisburgh Church
	7.30 pm	Great Bealings PCC	Admiral's Head

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### SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup>

### 2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00 am	Holy Communion	<b>Playford</b>
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	3.00 pm	Evensong	<b>Culpho</b>
TUESDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Little Bealings Annual church meeting	Little Bealings
WEDNESDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 2	Culpho
THURSDAY 24 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	Lent Course 2	Grundisburgh Church
SATURDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY 27 <sup>th</sup>		Clocks change forward by 1 hour	

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### SUNDAY 27<sup>th</sup>

### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

	8.00 am	Holy Communion	<b>Great Bealings</b>
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	<b>Playford</b>
WEDNESDAY 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 3	Culpho
THURSDAY 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.30 pm	Lent Course 3	Grundisburgh Church
	7.30 pm	Great Bealings Annu Church Meeting	Admiral's Head

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### SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

### MOTHERING SUNDAY

	8.00 am	Holy Communion	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	10.00 am	Family Communion	<b>Great Bealings</b>