

Fynn - Lark News

March 2020



An historical aspect of Benefice re-organisation: Great Bealings and Woodbridge.

When the Church of England was part of the very social fabric of the nation the concept of a Benefice meant something to most people, and really did constitute a recognisable entity. In recent years the significance of church infrastructure and organisation has tended to diminish, to be replaced by more secular structures. That said, the role of the Bealings, Playford, and Culpho Benefice has been a significant one, very much part of the glue linking together different communities over many years. The break-up of that entity is a cause for regret, and the memories of those years, including the origins of this Magazine, will linger on. We are very pleased however that the four parishes wish to continue to view themselves as a geographical entity with common interests, and to support

Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho

this Magazine as a medium that will continue to bind them together.

This particular editorial, however, is contributed by Great Bealings, so while wishing the other parishes well with their new alliances and welcoming the on-going links between our four villages by other means, we offer an explanation as to why we think our new link with St Mary's Woodbridge is appropriate to our situation.

For centuries the historical links have been strong. The 16th century saw the Seckford family at the zenith of its fortunes, with the seat of the Lord of the Manor in Great Bealings, very close ties with Woodbridge, and the establishment of the Seckford-related charities for which the town is well known. Great Bealings Church has a fine Seckford memorial, a Tudor porch specially built by Thomas Seckford to honour his parents, and a carving of a Talbot hound, now extinct, as featured on the Seckford coat-of-arms. The Seckford Hall Hotel, to this day, is in Great Bealings, not in Woodbridge.

The 19th century was another golden age of close ties between the two communities, in the days when there was

no by-pass to slice across the land between Great Bealings and Woodbridge. This was the age of the "Woodbridge Wits", and of gentlemanly pursuits which brought together artists, men of letters, collectors etc., from far and wide. The names of people recorded as having visited Great Bealings House sound like a roll of honour of the great and the good - the politicians, artists, landowners and literati of the day - almost entirely drawn from the gentlemanly stratum of society. They included Edward Fitzgerald (Translator of Kublai Khan, who donated a fine carved chair to Great Bealings Church), Thomas Clarkson (Playford, anti-slave trade campaigner), Sir Augustus Fraser (Commander of Light Infantry at Waterloo), Bernard Barton (Quaker poet), Robert Southey (Poet Laureate), G B Airey (Astronomer Royal), Lord Hatherley (son-in-law of Edward Moor, and Lord Chancellor), Sir Edward Sabine (President of the Royal Society), Lord Henniker (Landowner), Lord Cranworth (Landowner), Sir David Wilkie (Scottish Artist), and Thomas Churchyard (artist who painted Great Bealings Church). There was significant inter-marriage between Woodbridge and



Bealings families, just as, in the present day, people move backwards and forwards between the two communities.

So, as our ever more mobile communities both tend to forget their heritage, and, conversely, still need it as part of that sense of identity and belonging which can be so easily lost in the world of today, these old historical links can hopefully be used to validate new partnerships. It is interesting to note that Canon Edward Moor, Rector of Great Bealings, scion of a land-owning family which owned land and property in both Bealings and Woodbridge, was both the most significant 19th century churchman in these parts, and Rural Dean, which presumably meant he had responsibility for the whole Woodbridge Deanery.

The historical links, as described above, are certainly there, ample justification we believe for a new partnership. And you

don't have to dig very deep to find them. While wishing our neighbouring villages well as they too develop new and different partnerships, we very much look forward to growing our new relationship with St Mary's Woodbridge, while retaining old friendships with our previous benefice partners. Church links and structures may have evolved, but geographically we sit exactly where we were before. We look forward to welcoming Woodbridge parishioners to our church, to offering our larger namesake a 'green lung' in the countryside, and to playing a role in the wider community in which we all share so much. We similarly look forward to the greater security that can be offered by association with a larger, well organised church.

Norman Porter.

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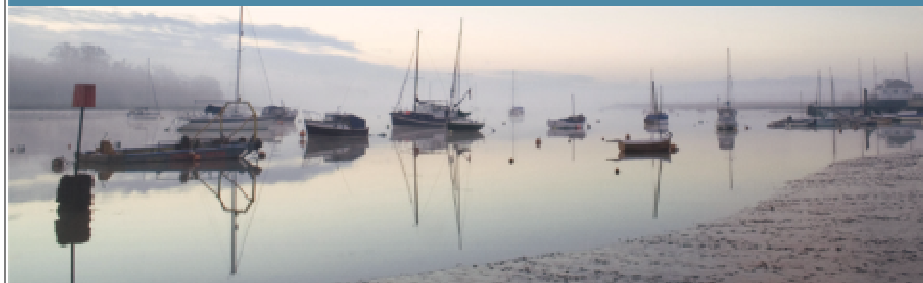
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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

EDITORIAL NOTICES

The January influx of Standing Orders has very much helped our financial situation. Thank you. Thank you, too, to those who have offered additional funding in response to our appeal. The support, both verbal and financial is very incentivising, and those of us who produce the magazine are hugely grateful to you.

Things are looking up, but we are not through the wood yet, so if you intended to respond to last month's middle-page appeal and so far, haven't, please dig it out again, and respond. Every little helps.

Conversely - and this is a point-of-view which has been passed on to us, not an editorial whinge – if you tend to take the magazine for granted, and assume that the finance will always be found from others sources – then maybe, if you value it as a local means of communication, you should ask yourself whether some sort of contribution from yourself might be in order.

We are very aware that all individual residents do already, through the contributions of Parish Councils, support the Magazine in a very minor way. The Magazine used to be delivered to subscribers only, and we really are loath to have to possibly consider a return to that.

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delivery, and delivered to every household: that remains our firm objective and commitment.

HISTORY CORNER

This is turning out to be a very historical issue, starting off with the leading article about the Seckford links with Bealings. The Fynn-Lark valleys are not just beautiful landscapes, accessible and valued in the present, but also with deep historical roots, rich enough to make us feel that we are anchored, however loosely, in a part of the world which rewards historical curiosity. Allegiance to landscape and history, as well as to friends and neighbours, can give us a certain feeling of identity. With the discovery of the Neolithic henge in Bealings soil, our demonstrable history now stretches much further back than it did two years ago.

That is the motivation for the writing of ***“Walking through History”*** – a history of Great and Little Bealings, currently being put together by myself, with input from many local residents, past, present, even deceased. We understand that Playford too is producing a History, and there are times when Playford impinges on the history of Bealings. Thomas Clarkson, for instance, is recorded as having been a visitor to Great Bealings House, in the golden cultural age of the 19th century.

Jim Pawsey and Francis Mutimer are



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having a major input from the perspective of Little Bealings, so this is very much a project that sees the two villages as one entity, with so many shared enterprises over the course of time: the Village Hall, the WI, the Home Guard, Scouts, Church Choir, Quoits, Drama – to say nothing of the ways in which families have criss-crossed across the two villages. Both Parish Councils are fully supportive of the project.



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We are working to a £10,000 budget, with substantial donations already in place, and hope that this will result in a professionally designed, fully illustrated book of some 300 pages in about a year's time. Part of the funding will come from pre-orders, together with £25, which will not only result in a copy, when published, but also an invitation to write a short dedication to a friend, relative, ancestor whose name can reasonably be perpetuated within the history of these parts. The author will be pressing invitations into, hopefully, willing hands, but if you would like to be pro-active, or indeed offer material for the book – anecdotes, pictures, memories, please contact him directly – details on the back page of this Magazine.

Norman Porter

NATURE NOTES ROOKERIES



As many other bird species decline in number, the familiar autumn sight of rooks darkening the sky in their swirling cackling flocks remains a constant, as does their rowdy carpet-feeding in wintry fields, followed by the sight of the birds heading purposefully back home to the rookery as the skies darken. Old maps do specifically mention and mark rookeries.

Why were they so significant? Was it a warning because of their noisiness: the restlessly raucous behaviour of the birds, squabbling as they tried to find nesting space for their untidy straggly, precarious twiggly nests, often in those swaying tall elms trees, now mostly vanished? Or was it because rook pie was a tasty delicacy, and any attempt to reduce the rook population was more favourably looked upon than was poaching one of the landowner's pheasants? Why do rookeries merit a special mention?

They were once a source of food, just like pigeon pie. The fact that there are recipes for rook pie still available suggests that these birds are not on the protected list. Organised rook shoots were once a traditional part of the country calendar. Young rooks, known as "branchers" as they hop around on the branches, would be shot in the vicinity of the nest and a rook pie would be made from the breast meat. Older country folk still talk

nostalgically of rook pie. Should you be interested in giving it a go, you will need: 4-6 fledgling rook breasts; 100g chopped beef; onion, chopped: diced carrots, diced; beef stock; puff pastry; egg wash; salt and pepper. Now it's over to you to decide how to fit all these ingredients together to make a delicious country pie. The editor's wild-life credentials would be seriously compromised, if he encouraged you further by supplying the gory details. And just for the consolatory record: the four and twenty blackbirds baked in a pie were much more likely to have been squawky rooks than a couple of dozen of our trilling songbirds.

But - rather less charitably, the term "rookery" was widely used in the 19th century to describe those squalid, close-packed, dirty, disease-ridden slums that characterised so many of our big cities. And in an entirely different context: a reference to the castle on a chess board as a "rook" has nothing to do with the bird - apparently, it's a contamination of an Arabic word for "tower."

BEALINGS W.I.

Invite you to an Open Meeting on Thursday 16th April

"Creating Kevin Beattie's Statue" with sculptor Sean Hedges-Quinn

Bealings Village Hall 7.00 p.m. for
7.30pm

All welcome

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Once again, thank you to everyone who supported the Community Lunch on February 4th. A very generous donation of top-quality minced beef from Chris Barber, meant our total profit was £200. This will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall. Also, thanks once more to Tracey Herrington for all her help and the flowering pots of daffodil bulbs, that made the tables look so inviting.

The next Lunch will be on 3rd.March starting at 12.30 p.m.

Sausage & Bean Hot Pot
(Veggie option can be ordered)

Pancakes etc.

Tea/Coffee

Board games & cards are available

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GREAT BEALINGS – St Mary's

Our Interregnum is as good as over. Following interviews at the end of January, our new Priest-in-Charge has been appointed and his name is Rev Nigel Prior, currently Parish Priest in Mayfield, East Sussex. The news was officially given out in church at our concert on February 16th. Nigel is married to Elizabeth, a recently retired schoolteacher. He will also be Rector of St Mary's, Woodbridge, so the way is clear for the first Rector in our new partnership to take up post. Necessarily this will not be for a month or two, as due notice has to be given. Details will be given once a timetable for Nigel's installation is known.



LOOKING BACK

Our February service was based on the twin themes of Candlemas and Snowdrops, against the outside background of carpets of churchyard snowdrops and the inside background of candles, truly light and brightness amidst the mid-winter gloom, a shining thread of brightness that ran through the service.

BURIAL OF ASHES – DAVID BROOK

David, formerly of *Birds Hill*, was reunited with his late wife Wendy when his ashes were laid to rest alongside hers, and those of her parents in St Mary's churchyard. His three sons were present at the short family service, which was taken by Rev Kevan McCormack, shortly-to-retire Rector of St Mary's, Woodbridge, where David had been an occasional worshipper. Some readers may remember that David was a glider pilot, and took part in Operation Varsity, the crossing of the Rhine, towards the end of

WW2.

LOOKING FORWARD

We have an additional service this month, on **Mothering Sunday, March 22nd**. This is in addition to our regular service on **Sunday March 1st**. The themes of Mothering Sunday diverge from the themes of the somewhat more commercial Mothers' Day, and we do invite families, particularly those who do not regularly come to church, to join with us in celebrating the deeper significance of Mothering Sunday. The service is at the usual time of 10.00 and is non-eucharistic.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard is just beginning to show signs of new greenness. No significant damage has been caused by recent high winds.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Valentine Concert – Rose Hinton (Violin) and Jonathan Ayling ('cello) – Sunday 16th February

This was the weekend of storm Dennis, so it was both a relief and a pleasure to be able to go ahead, despite the forecast of high winds and heavy rain, both of which obligingly abated just before the start of the concert. It was a real treat to welcome back Rose for the third of three very different concerts, this time with her partner, Jonathan. Just two days past the romantic 14th February, we were able to present this as a Valentine occasion, complete with candles, flowers, cake and chocolate. Rose's mother, Vivien had managed to persuade Windmills and Notcutts to let us have some beautiful apres-Valentine flowers to adorn the windowsills and choir-stall steps.



A large audience of some 70+ people was treated to music for violin and 'cello duo by Mozart, Ravel, Hermannn, Gliere and the lively Passaglia after GF Handel's Keyboard Suite No. 7. The two instruments blended together beautifully, carrying us through a range of moods and styles, from frolicsome to elegiac, from frisky to melancholic, from testingly modern to conventionally melodic, all with outstanding musicianship, and a musical presence which often made it sound as if

there were more than just the two instruments.

St Mary's is supremely lucky to be able stage events like this, which have a genuinely unique flavour to them. Rose and Jonathan both perform at the highest level (They had spent the week rehearsing with the BBC Symphony Orchestra), so it is very special that they choose to fill our small village church with their wonderful music-making.

The concert was in aid of the very topical mental-health charity MIND, and of St Mary's Church and initial calculations suggested that around £5/600 had been raised for these two causes. Our grateful thanks to all who supported the occasion.

German Evening

Friday March 27th at 7.30. St Mary's Church

This event is now imminent, and all energies are being channelled into promoting it. It will be an evening celebrating the richness and breadth of German life and culture, something all too often eclipsed by memories of two world wars. It will include literature, music, theology, drama, Lieder, German Fare – and conclude with an exposition of *The Ode to Joy*, as featured in Beethoven's 9th symphony, and, recently and more controversially in the EU anthem.

Do come and join us for what we hope will be a very wide-ranging evening – an evening with a difference. Please invite Germanophile friends from near and far. And Germanophobes too, might find material which could help to adjust their perceptions.

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6th June 2020 – 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. or so

This is still very much on the cards. Details will start to harden up once the Plant Sale is out of the way. All you need to do for the present is note the date: Saturday June 6th – 2.00 – 5.00 pm or so.

It is confirmed that the church will serve as a meeting point and that maps, together with details of gardens open will be distributed there. It is also confirmed that a fizzy gathering will be held at the end of the afternoon – the timings likely to be around 2.00 until 5.00.

PLANT SALE 2020 - 25th APRIL

This year is an important year for our annual Plant Sale, in that it will be the first year after the dissolution of our former Benefice, and therefore a test of the strength of the partnership between Little and Great Bealings, and of the commitment of people of both villages to this joint enterprise. The Plant Sale has been going for over 20 years, so has become something of an institution, well recognised both locally in the locality. In an age where many events compete for popularity we need to work hard, imaginatively, and innovatively too, to keep this tradition going.

The main building blocks are in place:

The **VILLAGE HALL** is booked for **Friday 24th/Saturday 25th** – to cover the time of the sale, (10.00 – 12.00) and time needed for setting up and taking down.

Faith Chapman has already secured many fine prizes for the **RAFFLE**, and books of tickets will again be distributed in advance of the Sale.

PROGRAMMES will again be available free in advance of the sale, for distribution far and wide. Please exploit our new links with communities beyond our villages and encourage them to join us.

ENTRY will be free, but refreshments will be paid for. Cakes will be warmly welcomed, not for the Cake Stall, but for sale as refreshments. Please get baking and deliver to the Village Hall.

PLANTS will be needed in large numbers. Now is the time to get seedlings going, and to start tidying up pots which have over-wintered. One table will be devoted to wild-life friendly plants, and another will be run by the ACH Gardening Club, with Francis Mutimer offering expert advice. Suffolk Wildlife Trust will again have a table.

Most **HELPERS** are already signed up - for setting up on the Friday, and for helping with tables on the Saturday, but we could do with **MORE helpers** throughout the operation. If you are new to the village this could be a great way of getting to know people.

PUBLICITY: anyone prepared to take on the Facebook Group for this year? We also need help with distributing programmes, posters etc – covering as many areas as possible.

CAR PARKING/SIGNAGE team – another couple of helpers would be useful.

So - please join up and join in. Contact Norman Porter nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 01473 735565 if you have time, energy, plants, cakes, ideas or expertise to offer.

Final details to appear next month – but plants need to be thought about NOW.

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PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 20 January and 3 February 2020. The main issues considered were:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/20/0139/FUL: Pipits Hill: Proposed two storey side extension and reconfiguration of adjoining areas to existing dwelling, incorporating a hip to front elevation of the extension

There was no objection to the development.

SCC/0071/19SC: Erection of a noise attenuation fence with associated recontouring along northern boundary bund – Kesgrave Quarry, Sinks Pit

SCC had advised that it was still working to try to achieve a bund height and fence arrangement that would benefit residents as much as possible.

The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

ESC had advised that it was investigating any use of the premises for car sales and had served an Enforcement Notice requiring information to be supplied to it.

ESC TOWN AND PARISH PLANNING FORUM – PAPERLESS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Chairman attended the Forum on 24 January. ESC had announced that with effect from 1 April 2020, Parish Councils would not receive paper copies of planning applications, other than for large applications and on request. It was noted that wi-fi at the Village Hall would enable Councillors and residents to see and consider applications easily. It was resolved to ask the Village Hall Management Committee to consider

providing such facilities.

THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD: CONSULTATION ON A PUBLIC WORKS BOARD LOAN

All Councillors present declared a personal interest in this matter, having pledged to buy community shares. The Council had received the requested financial information from the Friends of the Admiral's Head (FoTAH) on the refurbishment costs. It was resolved that, as FoTAH had suggested, it was premature to carry out a public consultation on a Public Works Board Loan, until there was positive process on the community bid for the pub.

WEBSITE AND 'EASE OF ACCESS'

It was resolved to ask the webmaster to carry out the work to ensure the website was compliant with new legislation for 'ease of access' for disabled users, at a cost of £250.

FINANCE

The bank reconciliation for the third quarter would be completed when the December bank statement was received. The budget for 2020/21 was amended to accommodate the Council's recent decisions regarding donations and for the website 'Ease of Access' work and to reflect the actual figures for the ESC charge for the Parish Council election in 2019 and the 2019 vat refund claim.

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the Chairman for the fast and efficient way the Council had responded to the proposal, which had shown the Council to be very efficient from the outset. This was supported by all Councillors.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7pm on Monday 2 March in Bealings Village Hall. All parishioners of Little Bealings are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village – and raise any concerns. Local community groups are also invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so. The meeting will be followed by a talk on Climate Emergency by John Midwinter from Great Bealings, using his own home as an example to look at the opportunities for personal actions:

Climate Emergency: What Can You Do in Little Bealings?

DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next scheduled meeting date is 11 May 2020 and will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting, but please visit our website for updates [https://
littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/dates-of-meetings/](https://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/dates-of-meetings/)

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk
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LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.00 p.m. in
Bealings Village Hall on Monday 2 March.**

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Climate Emergency: What Can You Do in Little Bealings?

A talk on Climate Emergency by John Midwinter from Great Bealings, using his own home as an example, will follow the Meeting, looking at the opportunities for personal actions: Solar PV/hot water, insulation, heating and transport are examples.

Carol Ramsden, Clerk

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH UPDATE MARCH 2020

HEATING AND PLUMBING WORKS ALMOST COMPLETE

Spring is just around the corner, and we hope you are enjoying the snowdrops in the Churchyard as much as we are! Tony and I are delighted to announce that by the time you read this edition of the Fynn Lark News, we should have proper heating in the Church, in addition to our wonderful wood burner! We will also have some initial plumbing work installed that will allow us to have running water within the church.

We have been approached by a lovely 90-year old woman who is interested in forming a creative writing/poetry workshop. If we have 3-4 others, we can meet regularly during the day for inspiration and wordplay! Please contact Helen on 078899 07615 or helenclarksonfieldsend@gmail.com for more details.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 22nd Mothering Sunday Service at 10.00 a.m.

April 17th: "All Saints Live"

Inaugural Concert at Little Bealings Church at 7.00 p.m.

We are very excited to announce that Mark Flanagan, who is probably best known as guitarist for Jools Holland's Rhythm and Blues Orchestra will play a benefit concert for Church and Churchyard upkeep. He is joined on the night on bass by Adam Double who plays for country sensation The Shires, as well as The Lighthouse Family. Adam is also the featured bass player on the soundtrack for the movie Rocketman. George Double, who will join on drums, has backed many well known stars, including Shirley Bassey, Mica Paris, and two-time Grammy Award Winner Jack Jones. We offer heartfelt thanks to Phil Double, who has organised this event and will be putting together additional live music events at the church over the next several months. For tickets, please contact Corinne on 07810 355511 or write to allsaintslive@outlook.com.

April 25th: Plant Sale from 10am – 12.00 p.m. at the Village Hall

April 30th: Vestry Meeting, Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Regular PCC Meeting

2020 will be a vital year in the life of our church and we invite you to be a part of our future. On Thursday, April 30th at 730pm in the Church.

We are very keen to encourage any members of the electoral roll to serve on the Parochial Church Council. If you are interested please contact Gary Jones on gary.jones590@ntlworld.com for information about the Church and its role in our community.

With every blessing,

Corinne and Tony Fear

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FUTURE EVENTS AT THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

March

Mon. 2nd	Knit & Natter	2.00 p.m.
Tues. 3rd	Community Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Fri. 6th	Friday 'Social'	7.00 p.m.
Sat. 7th	Film ' <i>Some Like It Hot</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 12th	Singalong	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 12th	Gardening Quiz	7.30 p.m.
Mon. 16th	Knit & Natter	2.00 p.m.
Sat. 21st	Film ' <i>Arsenic & Old Lace</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Sat. 21st	Opera Gala Evening	7.30 p.m.
Mon. 23rd	Play Reading Group	7.30 p.m.
Mon. 30th	Knit & Natter	2.00 p.m.

April

Sat. 4th	Film ' <i>Annie Get Your Gun</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Tues. 7th	Community Lunch	12.30 p.m.
Mon. 13th.	Knit & Natter	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 16th	Singalong	2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 16th	Gardening Club	7.30 p.m.
	Mick Peck presents ' <i>How To Grow Wild Orchids</i> '	
Sat. 18th	Film ' <i>Stepping Out</i> '	2.00 p.m.
Sat. 25th	Wine Tasting + Cheese	7.30 p.m.
Mon. 27th	Knit & Natter	2.00 p.m.
Friday 8th May	V.E. DAY VILLAGE STREET PARTY	

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Saturday 21st March 7.30 p.m. Angela Cobbold Hall

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CLASSIC FILM COMEDY
'ARSENIC & OLD LACE'

with
Cary Grant
2.00 p.m.

Saturday March 21st



CLASSIC FILM MUSICAL
'ANNIE GET YOUR GUN'

with
Howard Keel & Betty Hutton

2.00 p.m.

Saturday 4th April

GARDENING QUIZ

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ST MARY'S

Our Church Services are programmed for the second Sunday in every month starting at 10 am. However additional services will be arranged from time to time and we will give you notice of these in the Fynn Lark news when possible but also on our noticeboards.

Churchwarden

CHURCH LIGHTS

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

13th February - sponsored by Veronica Bunbury. Remembering Charles on his 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. Please contact the Church Warden if unable to get hold of Veronica. Sponsorship is now £10 a night.

BINKY AND CO

It was when the biggest cow stared at Binky for a good three minutes that Binky realised he was in trouble and not just with his wife. The day had started so well with the car all loaded up ready to go to the local agricultural show on a gloriously sunny day. Even Mrs S was in a good mood and was on speaking terms with Binky. In retrospect that should have been an obvious sign but Binky was the eternal optimist and thought her marmalade and marmite sandwiches were something to look forward to along with a flask of her spinach and rhubarb herbal tea. Yes they had gone veggie.

The drive was uneventful save for the irate cyclist that banged on the car roof as Binky cut him up on a sharp left hander. Oh and there was the articulated lorry incident, but these things happen. When they arrived at the showground Binky parked the car exactly where ordered by the attendant and it wasn't Binky's fault that the man had stood too close to the car wheel. Anyway said Mrs S to the irate man he should have been wearing steel toe capped boots doing a job like that.

Binky made a mental note of the line number he was parked in, line GG spot 52. He knew he would remember it because that was also his wife's bra size.

So off they went and up to the turnstiles.

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“One adult and one G.O.” said Binky in his best authoritarian voice. “G.O.” replied the entrance official. “What’s a G.O.?”

“Grossly Obese” said Binky “I get a discount for my wife.” “Never ‘erd of it” said the man gruffly.

“Well” said Binky “Look at it this way, she cannot fit into any of your chairs, cannot go on any of the rides, is not allowed in the open air restaurant because she blocks out the sun, and is banned from the big wheel because the wheel hasn’t got the power to start turning once she is seated in the bottom gondola, so I’m due a discount. “ The turnstile man looked at Mrs S then back to Binky then back to Mrs S who was mentally daring him to refuse them entry. The man liked life and so surrendered meekly. “OK” he said “Through you go.”

They made straight to the cattle ring because last year Binky had so enjoyed rounding up 50 cows and getting them into a milking parlour all done with a great round of applause from the huge crowd. Binky even got a rosette for it. He went confidently up to the signing in official. “Oh you again Mr Stickleback, well don’t make a mess of things like last year.” Binky was surprised at that remark as he had always thought he had done exceptionally well. To his surprise he was first on, little knowing that the officials wanted him out of the way fairly early. Anyway Binky entered the ring armed with a long cane and sized up the fifty cows quietly munching the grass. “Hup Hup” he shouted, not knowing why but he thought he once heard a cowman say it. For some reason the cows took umbrage

at Binky and turned towards him instead of turning away. Their gentle trot gathered pace until a gallop of black and white cowboy film proportions was in full flow. Binky ran. Straight to the five- bar gate and out of the ring. The cows followed, chasing Binky back to the car park with Mrs S bringing up the rear shouting at Binky to wait for her. Binky got to GG 52 and got into the car. Safe now he thought. The car started to vibrate alarmingly. He then realised these were not cows as one of the animals mounted the rear of his small black VW Beetle and prepared for reproduction.

CULPHO

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ST, BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

REVISED ELECTORAL ROLL

In preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (2p.m. 19th April 2020) notice is given that the Church Electoral Roll for St. Botolph's Church will be revised beginning on the 22nd March to Sunday 5th April. A notice will be displayed on the Parish Notice Board with details. You will recall a new roll was prepared in 2019. If you are happy to remain on the Electoral Roll there is nothing further to be done. New applicants, however, are always welcome. There are regulations but if you are over 16 years, have been baptised and member of the Church of England, or a church in communion with the Church of England you are eligible for enrolment. Full details of the conditions and how you can obtain a form are included on the Notice Board. Being on the Church Electoral Roll allows you to attend the Annual Parochial Meeting to hear how the Church is managed, funded and administered.

HARPSICHORD RECITAL – CULPHO MUSIC 2020

Robin Walker, Organist, Musician and Teacher, lives near Cambridge. He gives recitals in Europe and the U.S.A. teaches organ for the Royal College of Organists. Robin is Director of Music of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge and conducts the Cantate Chamber Choir in Kent and the Ipswich Choral Society. On Saturday 28th March Robin will give two performances of J.S. Bach Goldberg

Variations of the Harpsichord at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. in Culpho Church. Tickets cost £20 and can be ordered on line from; <https://culphomusic.uk/index.html> , email infor@culphomusic.uk or telephone Christine Pearce on 01473 738324

GOOD FRIDAY – HOUR AT THE CROSS

We are pleased to announce that, Writer and Theologian, Andrea Skevington, has kindly agreed to lead an 'Hour at the Cross' on Good Friday 10th April commencing at 2 p.m. Andrea lives in Suffolk and draws inspiration for her work from the world and community around her. Author of several books, her works includes poetry and stories and inspirational work in the Christian tradition with special interest in retelling the Bible. We thank Andrea for agreeing to lead our hour of reflection with readings and hymns on this Holy Friday and look forward to welcoming her to St. Botolph's. Please join us if you can.

*Margaret Gornall
Secretary*

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WORD FROM THE STUDY

Hello!

Let me start by introducing myself for those who don't already know me. My name is Reverend Gary Jones and I was born and bred in the South Wales valleys and moved to Suffolk in the 1980s.

As you may know, Little Bealings and Playford are currently in Interregnum, but we are moving towards forming a Benefice with Kesgrave. Once the new Benefice has been created, which should be towards the end of this year, I will be the new local minister for Little Bealings, Playford and Kesgrave, and together with the Reverend Robin Spittle—who will be Priest in Charge—we will be working together for the Church and the community of both Little Bealings and Playford.

The one thing that struck me when I was first asked to take on the two parishes was that for some reason, I had never spent a lot of time in either village. But whether you are a newcomer or have lived there all your life, the beauty of the surrounding countryside—along with the people—make them lovely communities to be part of and I am very much looking forward to my ministry amongst all of you.

They say as you get older, time goes a lot more quickly and it seems only two minutes ago we were celebrating Christmas and the nativity of our Lord. As I write this letter, we are only days away from Ash Wednesday which sees the beginning of Lent. In the past, people have given up things for Lent like, chocolate, sugar, crisps, alcohol—all things that we take for granted on a day-to-day basis. The idea of giving them up was to deny ourselves and focus on the penitential season of Lent.

But perhaps I could put another slant on Lent: rather than give up, take on. Do something that perhaps you haven't thought of before. That may well involve doing some reading or perhaps offering spare time to help others; we could use the season of Lent as an opportunity to look outwards as much as looking inwards.

So often in this modern world spending time in silence and reflection is something that people find difficult -- we seem to have grown out of the habit. One of my favourite sayings is, "We can't change the past, only use our past to help shape our future".

There's a lovely story of a man who gets to Heaven and upon meeting St Peter is told this. "If you get 100 points, you can come in". "Right," said the man, "I have always given to the poor". "Two points" said St Peter. "I have always tried to be nice to people". "One point" said St Peter. "I have always done my neighbours' garden and never charged them". "Half a point" said St Peter. The man shrugs his shoulders and says, "At this rate, the only way I will get into Heaven is by the grace of God". "Well done" said St Peter, "That's 100 points, in you go". I believe this is the message that we reflect on this Lent: not by our own deeds, not by our own actions, but by a God who sent His Son to live on this earth who came among us as one of us, as true God and true man.

Very often, people in workplaces will say "Why don't those in their ivory towers come down to the shop floor and see what really goes on, see what it's really like to put up with the rubbish we have to?" Our Lord did just that, he came, and he identified with us. So, if we know somebody who has already gone before

us and has conquered death, no longer are we slaves to this world, but are set free in Christ. Even if things have not gone the way we want them to in our past and perhaps not given the answers we want, we ought never to forget this: God will always give us what we need, rather than what we want.

As we move forward together as part of the new Benefice, what can we do? What gifts do we have? And how can we put them to use? For the good of ourselves, for the good of our neighbours, and for fulfilling what God wants from us and for us.

Do you remember the advert for the Ford Sierra? The motto was “Man and machine in perfect harmony.” Christmas leading to Lent and Easter is a way of God and humans working in perfect harmony.

Thank you, thank you, for those who I have met and have already made me feel welcome. If we haven't had the opportunity to meet, I'm sure we will soon. You will see me not only in Church on Sunday, visiting you and your neighbours, at the community lunch at the Angela Cobbold Hall, at the Bealings Community Hub at All Saints Church, at the Annual Playford fete, or perhaps at the Kicking Donkey or the Admirals Head pop-up pub, or just walking around the beautiful village of Playford on my travels. If I can help in any way--or if you need a visit or sit down for a cup of tea and a chat--I can be contacted via email at gary.jones590@ntlworld.com or on 07714614095.

Blessings to you all,

Reverend Gary Jones

CHURCH DIARY – MARCH 2020

Sunday 1st

10.00 a.m. Family Communion

Great Bealings

Sunday 8th

10.00 a.m. Family Communion Service

Playford

Sunday 15th.

3.00 p.m. Evensong

Culpho

Wednesday 18th. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday 22nd.

10.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service

Little Bealings

10.00 a.m. Mothering Sunday Service

Great Bealings

Sunday 29th

10.00 a.m. *All invited.*

Playford

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

Playford: A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

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APRIL 2020 NEWS

Contributions for the April 2020 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday, 17th March.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 28th March.**

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