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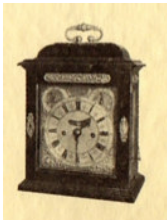
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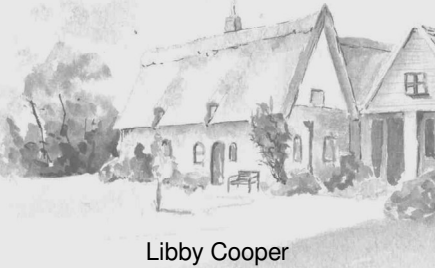
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When she was born in 1926 there was no reason to suppose that Princess Elizabeth of York would become Queen. And the first 10 years of her life were happy carefree ones, but in 1936 all that changed with the abdication of Edward VIII. She did not have a particularly happy adolescence but emerged at the end of the war prepared for her future role. She wrote to her cousin Margaret Rhodes from her honeymoon " I'm blissfully happy, in case you weren't aware of the fact and I'm enjoying being married to the best and nicest man in the world" The Queen quickly became a highly respected monarch with the support of "the best and nicest man in the world" who has continued to support her throughout her long reign. As a constitutional monarch the Queen has grown in stature, influence and importance with every passing year. When her advice is sought she gives it with wisdom and clarity. Even when she was caught up in the crises of the 1980's she never lost her nerve or loosened her grip and her matriarchal address to the Nation on the eve of Princess Diana's funeral was just what was needed.

The story is told of a visit to a supermar-

ket in Norfolk, she expressed a wish to visit incognito not ever having visited one except to open it. While wandering up and down the aisles in a husky and headscarf she was approached by an old lady who said "My dear, I have to tell you, you look very like the Queen", with perfect timing the Queen replied "Thank you" that is very reassuring".

Whatever your view of the monarchy I believe that our Queen is a very remarkable lady. At the age when most have been retired for at least a decade she is still working extraordinarily hard. She might well live in a gilded cage and be waited on hand and foot but she is still very active and dedicated.

When she came to Bury St Edmunds in 2009 for the Maundy service I was amazed by the amount of walking that she did during the service, six times up and down the length of our Cathedral, without appearing to falter. Some mileage! I believe that it is fitting that we celebrate her Diamond Jubilee as a way of saying thank you to her for all her steadfastness, wisdom and for dedicating her whole life as she promised 60 years ago to the service of her people. God bless our Queen and her consort Philip Duke of Edinburgh.

Pauline

BENEFICE

LENT LUNCHESES

Thank you to Peter & Vicki Carr for hosting and preparing delicious soup and bread for us during Lent. Details of donations are not yet available but thank you to everyone who supported .

CHRISTIAN AID SUPER SOUP

During Holy Week Vicki and Peter in an attempt to help fight poverty organised on our behalf a Christian Aid Super Soup lunch. £78.70 (some of which was gift aided) has been sent to Christian Aid on our behalf. Thank you to Vicki and Peter and to the 20 people who came, ate, and donated.

Pauline

CONGRATULATIONS.....

.....To Gill Peck our Choir Leader who recently took the Grade 8 examination in singing set by the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and passed with distinction.

ROGATION SUNDAY 13TH MAY

We have an 8.00 am service of Holy Communion at Great Bealings and a more informal service of Communion with toe tapping tunes at Playford at 10.00 am. A party will then set off from church at 11.30 to walk to Lux Farm for the blessing of the land at 12 noon followed by a "bring your own picnic" drinks will be provided. You will be welcome whether you walk, cycle or drive to Lux Farm. Please bring a chair or groundsheet to sit on.

Pauline

ASCENSION DAY THURSDAY 17TH MAY

Just a reminder that this major church festival falls on Thursday 17th May. There will be as usual a Sung Eucharist at Playford Church at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 27TH MAY

The last of important festivals celebrating Jesus' life is on Sunday 27th May. It is also known as the church's birthday. We have a family communion service at Little Bealings to which you are all invited.

SONGS OF PRAISE FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 3RD JUNE

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cerpts from the Queen's various addresses and messages over the years) and music, the 60 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. It will be a very special occasion, and hopefully one which will have an appeal beyond our normal congregation, so do come along and join us for what should be a memorable celebration of the Queen's 60 years of committed service to our country.

A GAP YEAR FOR 18 - 30'S

Are you about to finish college, sixth form or university?

Or planning to take a gap year mid course? Maybe you're even thinking about taking a 'year out' of your current employment?

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'I did, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made!' says Kyle Buxton – Form 09-10

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Have you thought about..... befriending (by phone or in person), fundraising, acting as a Local Link, hosting a 'food and friends' event in your home, being a volunteer support worker or shopper?

If you would like to know more about any of these opportunities please contact the volunteer office on 01473 298684. Alternatively you can email us at volunteer@ageuksuffolk.org or look at our website at www.ageuksuffolk.org where descriptions of the different roles can be found.

Should you decide to volunteer with us, support and training would be given to ensure that you would get the most out of whatever role you take on.

Age UK Suffolk is a local independent charity working with and for older people and their family carers in Suffolk. It provides a range of services and support including information help desks, benefits advice, an independent advocacy service, befriending, support for people with dementia and their family carers, day centres and home helps.

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Sunday 13th May

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“Kwik Cricket”

Participants of all abilities
are welcome.

Children's coaching from 1.00 pm

Matches start at 2.00 pm

The event is free to attend

Please let Farran or Jonathan know
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MAY READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

6th May **5th Sunday of Easter** **White**

NT Lesson 10.00 am only Acts 8.26-40 RCL pg. 557

NT lesson 8.00 am / 10.00 am 1 John 4.7-21

Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am John 15.1-8

13th May **6th Sunday of Easter - Rogation Sunday** **White**

OT Lesson 8.00 am/10.00 am Deuteronomy 8.1-10 Sheet

NT lesson 10.00 am only Philippians 4.4-7 Sheet

Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am Mark 11.22-24 Sheet

17th May **Ascension Day (Thursday)** **White**

OT Lesson 7.30pm Acts 1.1-11 RCL pg. 240

NT lesson Ephesians 1.15-end

Gospel Luke 24.44-end

20th May **Sunday after Ascension** **White**

OT Lesson 10.00 am / 3pm Acts 1.15-17,21-26 RCL pg. 564

NT lesson 8.00 am / 10.00 am 1 John 5.9-13

Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am / 3.00 pm John 17.6-19

27th May **Pentecost** **Red**

NT lesson 8.00 am only Acts 2.1-2 RCL pg. 567

Gospel 8.00 am / 10.00 am John 15.26-27

3rd June **Trinity Sunday** **White**

NT lesson 8.00 am Romans 8.12-17 RCL pg. 575

Gospel 8.00 am John 3.1-17

10.00 am *readings to be advised*

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Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £2.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series.

More details can be obtained from

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BEALINGS

STOP PRESS! - PLANT SALE - STOP PRESS!

We have the raw results of our Bealings Plant Sale. Gross receipts amounted to £2160, a superb result in these straitened times,

Sincere thanks to all our helpers and to visitors from villages (and towns) near and far who contributed to this impressive outcome. Our advertising network extends well beyond the Benefice! A fuller report will appear in the June magazine, together with possible dates for next year.

In the meantime thanks to all our many supporters - and well done to all those who contributed in their various ways to the success of this year's Plant Sale.

Norman Porter and Paddy Bills

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL TRUST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **Monday 21st May 2012 at 7PM in Committee Room**

This registered charity provides hall and playingfield facilities for the benefit of the residents of Great and Little Bealings. It is managed and supported wholly by local volunteers. Once a year, the volunteer management committee holds an open meeting when it reports on the use of the facilities, maintenance, finances and the work of the trustees. We welcome comments from volunteers, users and residents as these form a useful guide to the priorities for the year ahead. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Anyone wishing to know more may call the Chairman on Mobile: 07849181014

Jenny Shaw, Chairman of Trustees

Bealings Village Hall and John Belstead Playingfield, Sports Court

GREAT BEALINGS

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With Easter and the Plant Sale behind us, the season of activities is now in full flow. The June issue of this Magazine will not come out until just before our Jubilee celebrations, so do make sure you have the various events listed in your diary – particularly the special church service on June 3rd which is now to be held in St Mary's. It is intended to be a colourful rather than solemn celebration, with bunting etc in evidence!

LOOKING BACK.....

Our Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday 28th March. Church Officers for the coming year are:

Churchwarden: Norman Porter
Hon Secretary: Eric Barnett
Hon Treasurer: Adrian Melrose
Electoral Roll Officer: Jonathan Keer
(please contact him if you wish to be added to the roll):

Deanery Synod Representative:
Virginia Porter

Other PCC members:

Pat Keep, Charles Barrington

PCC meetings for the coming year are provisionally planned for: Weds June 27th, Weds December 5th, Weds 27th February 2013.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

This service, which traditionally takes place in St Mary's, once again attracted a sizeable congregation from across the Benefice. As ever, the poignant selection of readings and music marked this special day in the Christian calendar. Our thanks to the choir, specially strengthened for the occasion, for all the work that goes into preparing for this.

EASTER FLOWERS

Our sincere thanks to all those ladies

who provided wonderfully fragrant spring flowers for decorating the church over Easter. The fragrance actually seemed to "hit" anyone coming in through the door. (Not that they would have come in via any other way!).

CONGRATULATIONS....

....to Freddie Sledmere, on the occasion of his 90th birthday, on April 3rd. This special achievement was appropriately and variously celebrated by family and friends. Determined as ever, Freddie made the 8-00 Communion Service on the Sunday before his birthday and was, to his surprise, presented with a card from the PCC.

HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

The list of donors has now been passed over to the designer who is putting the finishing touches to the History, prior to printing and publication.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY JUNE 3RD. Special Diamond Jubilee Service in St Mary's Church. The Benefice services rota has been amended and the service is now to be held in our own church. The service will celebrate in narrated words, readings, (including excerpts from the Queen's various addresses and messages over the years) and music, the 60 years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. It will be a very special occasion, and hopefully one which will have an appeal beyond our normal congregation, so do come along and join us for what should be a memorable celebration of the Queen's 60 years of committed service to our country.

SUNDAY JULY 1ST AT 3-00 PM – a further reminder of this organ recital, with choral interludes. The concert will be given at 3-00 by Jon Hutchings, Organist and Deputy Director of Music at Framlingham College, together with members of

the College Chamber choir. Refreshments will be provided.

CHURCHYARD

The grass is growing sturdily again, and there is more than enough for the legions of rabbits to nibble at. Any offers for occasional path-cutting duties? We like to ensure that visitors can walk all the way round the churchyard.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

The next event being hosted by the Friends is the cricket match on Sunday 13th May at 2 p.m. at Barn Pightle. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun. There will be a training session for children from 12 noon. Refreshments will be available. It looks like being another action- and fun-packed afternoon with the same incomprehensible rules as last year. If you would like to join in, please contact Jonathan Douse

farran@douse.org

I would like to stress that, whilst we would be delighted if the whole village joined the Friends, we understand that not everyone might wish to do so. This is not a bar to joining in (including as a helper) any of the events and activities that are arranged. These are open to everyone who would like to take part, irrespective of whether or not you are officially a 'Friend'.

The Friends held their first AGM on the March and we are pleased to note that we have already started to make an impact on the Church fabric fund. We have a number of events in the pipeline for the coming year which should enable us to meet our combined aims of having a good time and increasing our contribution towards the cost of repairs to the structure of St Mary's. The AGM was followed by an open meeting to start the preparations for the Great

Bealings Great British Farm Fete to be held on Saturday 22nd September at 2.00 p.m. at Rosery Farm. We have a growing band of enthusiastic volunteers and a long list of creative ideas to make this a memorable event. Members of the Committee have walked round the site, and imaginations have been fired. The range of possibilities for attractions and activities is very wide. More volunteers - and suggestions, are always welcome.

Please note that the diary event on **Sunday 24th June**, organised by Ipswich East Rotary Club, is a stewarded walk along the River Orwell. Participants can cover any distance from 3 -25 miles. Norman Porter has copies of Entry Documents. One quarter of sponsorship money goes to Rotary, the rest to a charity of your choice – hopefully FOGBC. Do contact Norman or Eric Barnett if you are interested in a challenging (but hugely enjoyable) day out, walking along the banks of the River Orwell, possibly getting as far as the docks at Felixstowe.

Sue Prentice

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on 29th March 2012. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

PLANNING APPLICATIONS: C12/0484

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Erection of two dwellings and provision of associated drainage and car parking facilities (existing cottages and agricultural barns to be demolished)

Change of use from agricultural to residential curtilage.

Councillors unanimously agreed to object to this application.

East Anglia Offshore Windfarm Cable

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Councillors resolved to object to the proposed cable route through the villages of Great and Little Bealings and make residents aware of the proposals and consultation process by a leaflet

drop to houses in the village. For further information go to

www.eastangliawind.com .

.Date of next meeting: 8th May 2012

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LITTLE BEALINGS

BEALINGS WI

On a bright Spring day members gathered to hear reports of an enjoyable day at the Federation's Annual Meeting at Trinity Park. We then learned of plans for future excursions and the enquiries being made to provide a sound system for use at meetings.

Mrs Angela Cook's subject at our monthly meeting was "Help – I'm so stressed out". She related signs of stress, distress and reaction. Who has stress? It can affect anyone: giving examples of panic attacks, anxiety and fear of what is happening. So what can be done about it? Mrs Cook advised taking time away from the desk, learning to prioritise, and to being able to say "No". Making time for oneself, eating healthily, taking exercise such as Yoga and knowing when to seeking help were also recommended as ways to reduce stress. A most reassuring talk and much appreciated.

Jennifer Cook

LET THERE BE LIGHT

All Saints was illuminated in loving memory of Emma Harold on Monday 26th March which would have been her 30th birthday, from Glenn Harold, Margaret Wilson and families.

Trixie McMaster was remembered with much love on her birthday, Wednesday April 4th.

On Saturday April 7th Peter Moon of Parkside Cottage celebrated his 90th birthday.

Book your special date by sending details together with a £5 note or cheque payable to Little Bealings PCC.

Joan Moon

PLAYFORD

GEOFFREY BOOKER

On Thursday 1 March St Mary's Church, Playford was filled to overflowing for a service of Thanksgiving for the life of Geoff Booker. His son, Graham, paid a moving, and somewhat humorous tribute to a very caring family man. Geoff was born in Killamarsh, Derbyshire on 16 March 1925. On leaving school he took an apprenticeship with British Steel in Sheffield, but this was interrupted by the Second World War when he was drafted into the RAF.

His association with Suffolk, and more importantly Playford, began when he was posted to Martlesham Heath in 1948 and met his beloved Jose, who was to become his wife of nearly 51 years.

On leaving the RAF, Geoff started work at Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies. He loved his job as the company's Welfare Officer and it became a thirty three year vocation. He then went on to work for Gotelee and Goldsmith Solicitors until his retirement.

Geoff lived in Playford for over 60 years and village life was always very important to him. In the 1960s, together with Jose, they formed the Playford Follies and the group toured the surrounding villages raising money for the church and the village hall. His allegiance to the church continued over the next four decades when he served as Churchwarden and bell ringer. He also served on the Parochial Church Council and was on the Parish Hall Committee when funds were being raised to refurbish the hall.

His voluntary work was not just confined to the village. Geoff served as a Special Constable for many years as well as volunteering with the probation service, providing support to ex prisoners. He was a blood donor and throughout his life gave more than 50 pints.

A friend of his said, "Geoff had a profound influence on the lives of many people, with his quiet, thoughtful and kind manner." This statement is substantiated by the fact that over 200 people attended his funeral.

Geoff's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who sent cards and letters of condolence and who attended the service. Thank you also for the donations to Benenden Charitable Trust, which was very close to his heart. Special thanks to Rev'd Canon Pauline Stentiford for conducting a lovely service, to the Benefice Choir and to Charles Lofts for inviting us to use his barn for refreshments.

Glenda Grimwood

CHURCHWARDEN'S REPORT

At the time of writing the sun is shining and the daffodils are out and spring & summer are just around the corner. One face that will be missing is that of my fellow churchwarden. Geoff was churchwarden when I first came to office; he was supportive throughout our joint time. It was a pleasure to serve with him. He taught me how to walk down the aisle with the Bishop with Military precision. I always said that the Bishop did not worry me but getting it wrong and disappointing Geoffrey did! I know he taught me well and I will remember him every time I step out in my official role and think of him with fondness. He will be missed.

We will by the time we go to print have had our AGM and I take this opportunity to say Thank You to my fellow PCC members; to Melanie for taking on the Role of Minute secretary and PCC secretary and to all those of you who help set up and help keep St Marys open. I will not underestimate the problems we have in people power. So a big thank you; any offers of help will be most wel-

come - flowers, setting up, spring cleaning, maybe hosting a coffee morning do please get in touch. It was a delight at the Mothering Sunday Service to see Annie & Maddie assisting as servers. For me it was touching as I remember the older children, Emily, Sam, Tina, Kirsty and Billy all being in that role, some of the older ones now read, which is always a delight but wow, how quickly time passes. We all wish you well girls and many years we hope of serving. No you have not escaped a mention.... Mum of those lovely girls, Judith who has also joined the choir! Get prepared folk because we are hoping for another Vicar of Dibley moment with a Pets service this summer. Details to follow. Looking forward to see more folk out and about and reminding folk that thanks to Veronica our church will be open on a daily basis.

Gina Corani

PLAYFORD WI

The Book Group met on 21st March for a lively discussion of 'Brooklyn' by Colm Toibin, and we are now reading 'The

Help' by Kathryn Stockett, for discussion at the end of May. At our April meeting there had been further progress with the entries for the Suffolk Show - no last minute panic this year! There is an opportunity on offer from the South East Federation to go to Gainsborough's House and Flatford Mill in June; space permitting, this will be open to non-members. Litter collection was proposed for Saturday 28th April, 2 – 4pm.

Our speaker Mr Balham provided an entertaining hour, telling us the origin of many phrases we all use and take for granted. It was his 94th talk to a WI. Amongst others, we all now know who first ate (h)Umble Pie, and many a guest would have realised he had overstayed his welcome when, instead of a hearty plate of mutton stew, he was given the cold shoulder.

Our next meeting is on 1st May when a WI member will talk about 'Sharing Stories - the Reading Revolution', with audience participation. Visitors are always welcome.

Anne Day

PLAYFORD ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.30 pm Wednesday, 2nd May 2012

Playford Parish Hall

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED

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

Community Groups are also welcome to give a report on their activities over the last year at the meeting – please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

*Sarah Cartwright,
01473 621050*

QUEEN'S JUBILEE

Preparations are well under way for the Jubilee Celebrations in Playford. Playford and Culpho are joining together for a Street Party in Spring Meadow on Saturday June 2nd at 3.00 p.m. with teas cakes and a Cake competition 'Make a cake fit for a Queen' and children's games.

On Monday June 4th there will be a Hog Roast and bar at Hill Farm with Ceilidh band with dancing. Also a village photograph and the lighting of the beacon.

Forms are going round to complete and return. Charge of £5 for the Hog Roast paid in advance please. Children 5 and under - free.

Judith Dunnett

PLAYFORD PARISH HALL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PLAYFORD PARISH HALL
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THE PARISH HALL
THURSDAY 21ST JUNE 2012 AT 7.30 PM

Please come and let us know your views on current facilities and activities, any ideas for future events and any other issues you wish to discuss.

Everyone is welcome—*it is your hall!*

Tim Llewellyn, Secretary

CULPHO

ST. BOTOLPH'S CULPHO

Changes at Culpho church

After many years of faithful service to Culpho Church, Joyce Dunnett is hanging up her Churchwarden's keys. Having arrived in the village during the 2nd World War, Joyce has been associated with Culpho Church most of her life. Grateful thanks were expressed to Joyce from Church members at their recent Annual Meeting for all she has contributed to Culpho, with the presentation of a bouquet of flowers. Joyce is not leaving the church as she will still attend the mid week service when a life is available.

Thanks were also expressed to retiring Churchwarden Philip Merry who will spend the extra time on his studies as a Ordinand.

Mr. Richard Garnham and Mr. Guy Hartfall were welcomed as Churchwardens for the forthcoming year.

Pauline

DONATION OF CHURCH PLATE

St. Botolph's is most grateful to Dorothy Yule and her family for the generous donation of a new Chalice and Paten in memory of Dorothy's Late husband Ken. The Church plate was blessed at the Holy Communion Service on the 28th March and will be a constant reminder of a lovely man who did so much for many in the Benefice.

Margaret Gornall

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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>Nigel Abbott 611005</i>
COUNTRY DANCING	VH	Mon 7.30 Phoenix Dance Group	<i>Liz Wright 01394 388787</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Fri 9.30	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
EMBROIDERY GROUP		Home Wed (alternate) 2.00	<i>Sylvia Chenery 622477</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
GUIDES	ACH	Tue 6.30 - 8.30	<i>Jo Slim 448846</i>
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT			http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator	<i>07925 181390</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 07769195132</i>
TABLETENNIS	ACH	Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING			<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
WI	VH	3rd Thu Alternate 2.30/7.30	<i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>
WOLSEY MINIATURES	VH	4TH Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Pitcher 624580</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: p.m. 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 - MAY

WEDNESDAY 2ND	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
	5.30pm	Training Panel (Diana)	Angela Cobbold Hall
THURSDAY 3RD	11.00	Carlford clergy	Grundisburgh
	6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal	Great Bealings
FRIDAY 4TH	9.00	OTB assembly	Angela Cobbold Hall
SATURDAY 5TH	12 noon	Wedding	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 6TH		5TH OF EASTER	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Little Bealings
MONDAY 7TH	12 – 1.30pm	Ploughman's lunch	Angela Cobbold Hall
TUESDAY 8TH	7.30pm	Admission of Churchwardens	Aldeburgh
WEDNESDAY 9TH	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
	11.00	Quinquennial Inspection	Culpho
	2.00 pm	Quinquennial Inspection	Playford
THURSDAY 10th	11.00	Clergy chapter	Grundisburgh

SUNDAY 13TH		ROGATION SUNDAY	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00	Rogation Eucharist	Playford
	12.00 noon	Picnic	Lux Farm
WEDNESDAY 16TH	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
	7.30pm	LTG (Philip)	Abbey School
THURSDAY 17TH	ASCENSION DAY		
	7.30pm	Sung Eucharist	Playford

SUNDAY 20TH		THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Culpho
	10.00	Sung Eucharist with Baptism	Great Bealings
	3.00 pm	Evensong	Culpho
WEDNESDAY 23RD	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
FRIDAY 25TH	6.00 pm	Wedding Rehearsal	Great Bealings
SATURDAY 26TH	4.00pm	Wedding	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 27TH		PENTECOST	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Family Communion	Little Bealings
TUESDAY 29TH	9.30	LTG (Diana)	Horsenden House
THURSDAY 31ST		20TH ANNIVERSARY OF WOMEN'S MINISTRY	
	6.45 pm	Service of celebration	Grundisburgh

JUNE			
FRIDAY 1ST	9.00 am	OTB assembly	Angela Cobbold Hall

SATURDAY 2ND – TUESDAY 5TH DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 3RD		TRINITY SUNDAY	
	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Songs of Praise for The Queen's Jubilee	Great Bealings