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# *Fynn - Lark News*

## MAY 2017



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I am so grateful to the News Agent who delivers the newspaper to me in Little Bealings. Come rain or shine mine falls on my front door mat before I am up and I can enjoy the luxury of a quiet read with my first cup of tea before breakfast. Recently, however, the "quiet" read has been far from cheery. In the Far East, a mad murderous president threatens nuclear war, in the West an inept president, irascible and unpredictable. The Middle East ripped apart by war, people fleeing and families literally torn apart by bombing raids. Africa has War Lords and famine and the capitals of Europe are prey to rampant fanatics. All very depressing stuff.

I put down my paper, took two slurps of tea and looked out of my window on to my tiny garden. A blackbird, its beak full of grubs, flew into the Jasmine. The pair had built their nest and were rearing their young. A tiny wren was

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## CHURCH DIARY – MAY 2017

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>** 1.00 Wedding **Playford**  
3.00 Funeral **Great Bealings**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>** **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY EASTER**  
8.00 Holy Communion **Little Bealings**  
10.00 Holy Communion **Great Bealings**

**SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup>** **5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY EASTER**  
9.00 Family Communion **Playford**  
10.00 Family Communion **Great Bealings**  
**WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>** 9.30 Holy Communion BCP **Culpho**

**SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup>** **ASCENSION**  
10.00 Holy Communion **Little Bealings**  
3.00 Evensong BCP **Culpho**  
**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>** 2.00 Baptism **Culpho**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>** **7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY EASTER**  
9.00 Holy Communion **Playford**  
4.00 Messy Church **Angela Cobbold Hall**

**June**  
**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>** **PENTECOST**  
8.00 Holy Communion BCP **Little Bealings**  
10.00 Holy Communion **Great Bealings**

And so to eat – and drink. Our huge thanks to all who contributed so generously to the occasion, both to the cheque, to the wonderful fare that was on offer and to the warmth and friendship of the ambiance. It was an occasion to remember. It showed the Benefice at its very best, and will have launched Philip and Denise into their new home and job with very happy memories. They were moving on the following day! But showed no signs of panic, certainly nothing to suggest that they were, as might have been understandable, preoccupied by the exciting challenges that lay ahead of them. Their hearts and minds were very much engaged with the friendships of the day. We shall miss them.

**BENEFICE INITIATIVES  
THE KAGERA LENT APPEAL**

Grateful thanks to everyone who saved their five pence pieces throughout Lent in aid of the Diocese of Kagera Appeal, and

those who kindly gave donations. A total of £71.31p was collected across the Benefice, which has been forwarded to the Diocese Office for onward transmission to help those in dire need in this poor and remote part of Africa.

**THE GIDEON TRUST**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May Mr. Paul Laughlin, a member of the Gideon Trust has agreed speak to all members of the Benefice on the work of this Christian Organisation. His talk will take place during the Evensong Service at Culpho Church which commences at 3 p.m. As we are reminded when visiting Hotels in this country and abroad, the work of the Trust is to provide each room with a Holy Bible or New Testament and represents a tradition dating back as far as 1899. Everyone is welcome and if you can join us you will be assured of a very interesting talk.

*Revd. Celia Cook*

pulling out dried vegetation from near my pond and making endless journeys into the ivy, building his exquisite nest.

A blue tit was also investigating the nest box and a queen bumble bee making improbable flights between flowers, collecting food for her brood. On the roof of the Angela Cobbold Hall a wood pigeon was practising his courteous seduction techniques, whilst in the big oak tree, squirrels played tag, prior to drey-building and rearing young.

I took solace in the fact that this tiny

patch of Little Bealings, that I share with all these creatures, is a haven of builders and providers, investors in generations to come. This is replicated all over the world. In fact, there are two worlds running parallel. One of builders and providers, looking to the future and the human world of death and destruction.

For those searching for positive optimism I am reminded of the words in St. Paul's Cathedral for those seeking Wren's memorial-" Look around you".

*Peter Carr*

**DIARY - WHAT'S ON**

**MAY**

Wed 3rd	7.00	Playford Annual Parish Meeting	Playford Parish Hall
Mon 8th	7.00	Great Bealings Annual Parish Meeting	Bealings Village Hall
Fri 12th	7.30	'Dickens and East Anglia' <i>Talk by Prof Jeremy Tambling</i>	St Mary's Church, Great Bealings
Tue 16th	7.00	Bealings Village Hall AGM	Bealings Village Hall

**JUNE**

Thur 1st	7.30	Playford Parish Hall AGM	Playford Parish Hall
Fri 23rd	7.30	'Back to Madagascar' <i>Talk and slide-show by Malcolm Watson</i>	Bealings Village Hall
Sat 24th	2.00	Playford Village Fete	Playford Hall

*This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.*

*It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.*

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## CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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### LAY ELDERS

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## FAREWELL TO PHILIP AND DENISE



Everyone had been invited to come together after the service for lunch at the Village hall. This was a do-it-yourself occasion, organized by PCC representatives from the four villages, and some 70-people sat down to a delicious lunch in a hall beautifully set out by Fran Hopkins and Christobel Garnham, plus various other helpers.



A very special Benefice Service was held in St Mary's Church, Great Bealings on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. It was wonderful to see a full church with so many people attending from our four villages, in itself a warm personal tribute to the places that Philip and Denise had won in our hearts over their years spent amongst us. It was particularly appropriate that Canon Pauline Stentford, the person who had helped and encouraged Philip through the first stages of his calling, should have been present at the service, and, indeed played a significant role in it. Rev Celia Cook's address was devoted to tributes to the wonderful work that Philip and Denise had done in the Benefice and to wishing them well in the challenges that lay ahead.

Before the meal began, Colin Hedgley, Churchwarden of Playford, presented Philip and Denise with a cheque, the result of contributions from across the Benefice, and one the size of which subsequently drew gasps of disbelief from the recipients. It went to show just how much their work has been appreciated by so many people. Philip and Denise are moving into a large rectory, and the "setting-up" costs will be considerable. Norman Porter, Gt Bealings Churchwarden, endorsed all that had been said by Celia at the service, and further described Philip as the epitome of sincerity and faith, an extraordinary mixture of the ordinary and the extra-ordinary.

further term of Office. Richard was elected as the Deanery Synod Representative with the following being selected as Parochial Church Council Members; Christine Pearce, Shirley Grey, Rosemary Hartfall and Margaret Gornall. Guy was appointed Treasurer and Margaret designated Secretary and Electoral Roll Officer for a further twelve months.

We are grateful to Mr. Clive Willetts, of Grundisburgh, who acted as our Independent Financial Examiner for 2016 and who has agreed to undertake the same role for the 2017 Accounts.

The Reverend Celia Cook paid tribute to all who kindly gave of their time in the service of St. Botolph's and those who

attend and support the Church on a regular basis. Sincere thanks were offered to those who regularly read at services, provided flowers, and give of their time and talent in support of fund raising events to ensure the Church remains viable and open to all.

**QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> May the five-year inspection of the fabric of the building will be carried out by Mr. Philip Orchard from the Whitworth Partnership Group of Architects, Bury St. Edmunds on behalf of the Diocese. Hopefully all will go well but anxious times until we know there is nothing structural requiring attention.

*Margaret Gornall*

This magazine has traditionally been contributor-led – in other words the editors have simply published what has been sent in. In recent months we have become rather more pro-active, and have tried to seek out people to make contributions on a range of topics and under a range of headings. We can but repeat that this is your magazine, and that it is only as good as the contributions (and pictures) that we receive. Do please play your part –you never know what kinds of snippets, profiles, historical memories, reflections, tips etc might be of interest to others. (Particular thanks to new arrival on the scene – Lily, our local gardener!) We do try to be politically neutral and not to engage in controversy, not even gardening controversy, but if there are controversies then we would present both sides of any argument. Keep us to that!

With increased ambitions, we do find ourselves sometimes at full stretch. The April edition took virtually a full week to design. As we become more pro-active, the hunt for material is on-going. The editors have much to deal with and, indeed, to seek out. It is with this workload in mind that we publicly wonder whether there might be others out there who might like to be part of this operation – maybe as understudies or assistants to the small group of people who currently do the work.

Do please let us know if you would like to help in some capacity. A glance at the huge team responsible for producing the Grundisburgh News every 3 months shows, by comparison, just how skeletal our own organisation actually is.

**EAST ANGLIA ONE  
Pre-enabling works**

To enable the construction phase of the East Anglia ONE Project to proceed with minimal disruption to all local residents and road users there are areas along the route requiring road alterations and improvements and this is programmed to take place from the end of April to July 2017.

These “pre-enabling works” involve the installation of passing bays and road signage along the route and will be undertaken by enabling contractor Roadbridge, with traffic management installed by local company Palmer Group.

Letters are shortly to be sent to residents living in the areas where these road improvements are taking place and these will detail any traffic management or diversions that will be required.

We appreciate that whilst we undertake these works, they are likely to cause some inconvenience, but please be assured that we will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and that the works will be completed as quickly as possible. The traffic management is designed to maintain safety and to manage the flow of traffic as efficiently as possible during the works, in compliance with current regulations and in consultation with the Local Authority.

In addition, over the next few weeks, we will be starting to erect the fencing to demarcate the construction corridor across the route as part of the pre-construction works.

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact me, although I will be on annual leave the week before Easter, or our Community Liaison Officer Bridie Casey on 07710 049240.




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## THIS MONTH'S PROFILE

### JACK SIHVER

We were sad to hear of the death in mid-



April of Jack Sihver. Jack had been living in Green Close, a house on Lodge Road, Great Bealings, formerly owned by his aunt, Johanna. Together they made a fascinating story.

Johanna had arrived in England with a special Alien's permit immediately after the Second World War, to work for Mrs Moor in The Rosery, but she clearly

became much more of a companion than domestic servant. Mrs Moor was at great pains to ensure Johanna's future and her home, Green Close, was provided for her by Mrs Moor. As mentioned above, Green Close was passed on to Jack Sihver, Johanna's nephew, and similarly of Estonian origin. Jack's background is similarly fascinating – his father had served in the Luftwaffe, a tactic of personal self-defence, as Estonians found themselves helping the Germans to repel the savage advance of the Russian armies from the East.

After Johanna's death in 2001 her nephew, Jack, moved into her house and made the wooden building into a more permanent dwelling. Jack had previously taken his aunt back to see the farm in her home country, Estonia, but she did not enjoy the experience as the memories were too painful.

Between them they served as a reminder to us all of the human aftermath and consequences of war. Both committed themselves to this country and supported local events. Indeed, less than a year ago Jack and his daughter from London were welcome visitors at our special Garden Party at The Lodge.

## KATHMANDU CHARITY CHALLENGE COMPLETED

Sam Crimp 22, grandson of Paddy Haywood Smith, a former resident of Great Bealings Hall for 30 years, has just returned from Kathmandu, after a 10 months' hike from Suffolk to Nepal in aid of brain cancer research.

Sam and his friend Henry Dunham 27, also from Framlingham, decided to raise money for a local charity "Annie's Challenge"



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## ST, BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

### SHIRLEY GREY, CULPHO

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May, Shirley celebrates her



80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her husband, John's birthday has been and gone and we apologize for not recognizing this at the time. However, today gives us the opportunity, not only to wish Shirley a very happy birthday but to say thank you to them both for all they do and have done for St. Botolph's Church.

In 1983, when the Church was in an almost derelict state, Shirley went to Tuddenham Hall (home of then Churchwarden Eddie Hunt) having proposed that John submit a quote for the restoration. This was readily accepted and work commenced in returning the Church to its former condition. There are photographs in the Archives of John and Shirley, painstakingly renovating the Church. Brickwork was exposed, roof

struts renewed and tiles replaced throughout the Nave and Chancel. They worked tirelessly to ensure the Church remained open and to-day St. Botolph's bears testament to their ability and skill as without their involvement, the Church may well have been left in a redundant state. We thank them for their continuing support. Shirley remains a committed member of the Parochial Church Council with John as supportive to Shirley as ever in all she does. There are numerous unspoken acts they have performed over the years, popping across to help visitors, tidying unattended graves and laying flowers, cleaning the Church, making flowers available for services and in more recent years, managing the flower rota. All this, together with producing, probably the best 'sausage pie' ever for the Harvest supper. Thank you both for your unconditional loyalty to the Church and your friendship to us all. Have a wonderful day.

The lights will also shine brightly on the 31<sup>st</sup> May in celebration of Shirley's birthday.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PARISH MEETING

The Annual meeting was held on the 9<sup>th</sup> April, when the following Elections took place. Churchwardens Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall were re-elected for a

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by walking without back up, most of the way non-stop, with just a few spare clothes, and a bivouac tent to sleep in.

Starting on the 29th May last year, their route took them, a quarter of the way round the world, walking across Europe from Rotterdam into Turkey, then through Georgia, and Azerbaijan to the capital Baku. Skirting Iraq they took a plane hop via Bahrain across to Chennai and then walked up through India's east coast to Nepal. Their full account can be seen via their fascinating film excerpts on YouTube at [Kathmandu-it](http://www.kathmandu-it.com).

They walked over 6,000 miles and raised £14,000 for Annie's Challenge, a charity set up by the Dunham family, after Henry's sister was diagnosed with astrocytoma, and who sadly died only 9

months later, leaving a husband and 2 young children.

This was just before the start of Sam and Henry's epic hike and spurred them on their way to raise funds for research into less well known brain tumours.

Anybody wishing to make a donation, in recognition of their efforts should visit the Annie's Challenge website.

<http://www.annieschallenge.org/>

Members of their families including Leah, Alexander, Olivia and Florence Haywood Smith from The Granary and Michael, Sara (nee Haywood Smith) and Holly Crimp, flew out to Nepal to greet them over the finish line on the 26th March.

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## ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

To the editor:

I know every request to support fund-raising is always for a very good cause and we can sometimes feel swamped by these requests but I hope you can find room to draw attention to our story.

Lesley Nash,  
Playford

Many people will not have experienced the exceptionally good caring services of the St Elizabeth Hospice. On the 22 November we received the devastating news that our eldest daughter Toni was diagnosed with terminal pancreatic cancer, with only 6 to 12 life expectancy. As a family we had no idea how we could help look after Toni until we received help, advice and consultation from the hospice. Toni has been in the hospice for the last week and it is truly an amazing experience much like a 5 star hotel with just the best medical support possible. Far from being another ward of the NHS the hospice is a public funded charity care service. This is why we have decided to fundraise for the hospice, please follow the link to read more about Toni's story and how we are raising the funds.

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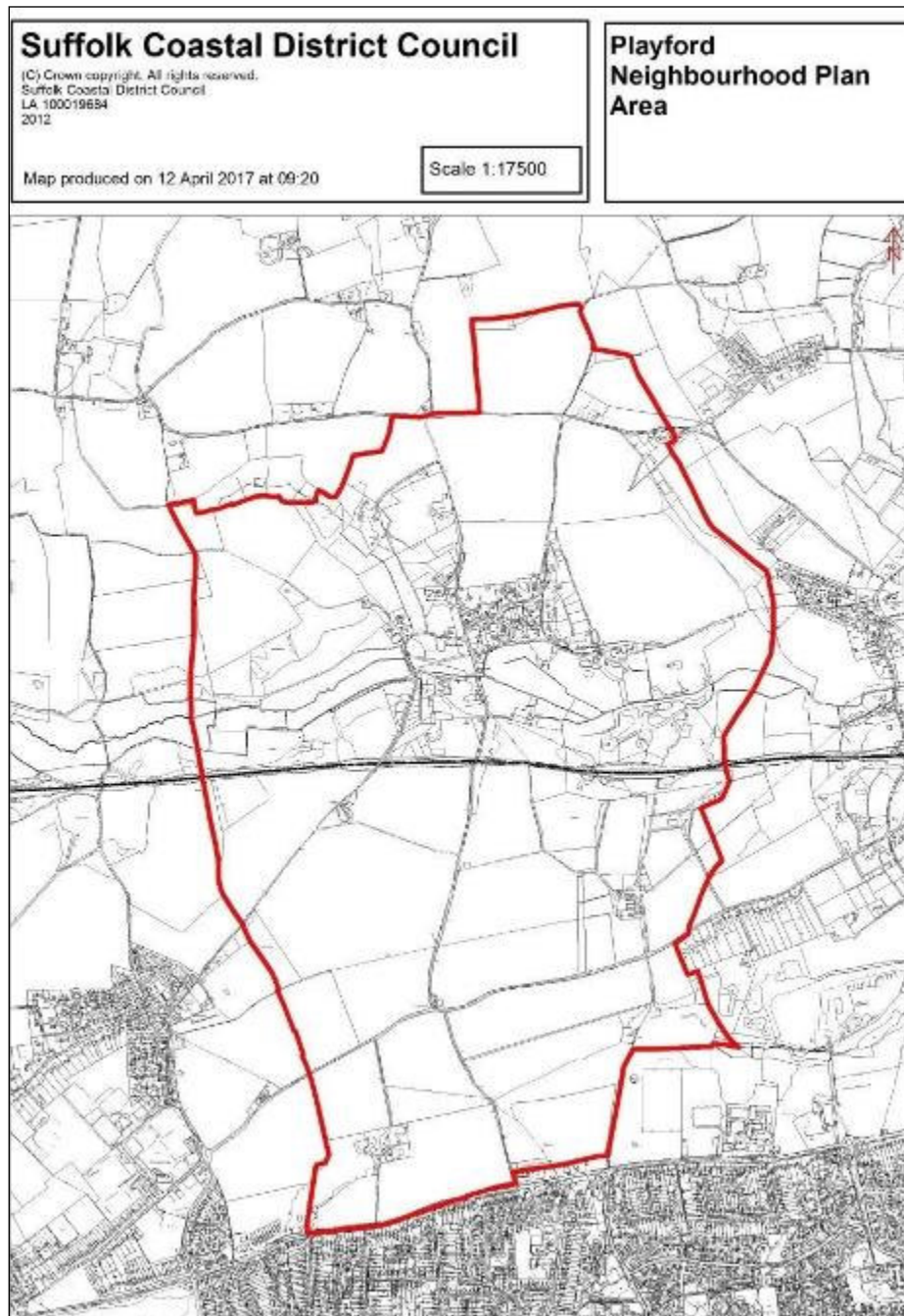
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**Playford Neighbourhood Area**

**The subject matter:**

Playford Parish Council as a 'relevant body' has submitted proposals to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Playford Parish.

The proposed plan area includes the whole parish of Playford as indicated on the map below. You can view the details of the area proposed, the supporting statement and application by visiting the Council website at the following link:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhoodplanning/neighbourhood-plans-in-the-area/>

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is a way for the Parish Council to help shape how their community develops over the coming years. This is not formal consultation on the content of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, merely the process for the identification of the potential Neighbourhood Area.

**How to respond:**

Comments are invited over a 6 week period from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 to Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. This is your opportunity to comment on the suitability of the proposed area.

When commenting please ensure you provide your name and contact details and a heading Playford Neighbourhood Plan. All responses should be returned to the Customer Service Team by one of the following methods:

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### HISTORY CORNER

#### 1. GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH AND ITS RED BRICK WALL

This is obviously not a normal church wall. In fact, it must have been part of the walled garden that was once attached to the original Great Bealings Hall. The church was a manorial church, set close by the Hall and under its patronal jurisdiction. The avenue of limes probably once led to the Hall, but it may come as a surprise to discover that the original Hall fell into disrepair well over two hundred years ago and was finally demolished in the 1780s. Useable masonry was a valuable commodity, and was recycled. Transportation was difficult so the recycled masonry tended to be used for local projects, in this case Great Bealings House.



The wall, however, remains, and is still in good condition. We have now planted espalier apple trees up against the church side of the wall, so it is probably being used once again for its original purpose. In fact, the SW facing wall probably gets more sunshine than the east-facing former manor house side.

In 1763, the following description of the Hall appeared in *The Ipswich Journal*:

*To be lett as it is furnished and en-*

*tered upon at Michaelmas next for three years: Bealings Hall in Great Bealings, consisting of a hall, 3 parlours, a dining room, kitchen, baking office, wash house, brewhouse, cellar and other conveniences, seven chambers (with light closets to all of them but one) garrets and other lodging rooms for servants; a garden of about 3 1/2 acres laid out in taste, partly walled in and well planted with fruit trees. Two fish ponds in garden, well stocked, a dove house with a good flight of pigeons, coach house, two stables, stalled, with about 25 acres of meadow and pasture land adjoining the house; together with the right of sporting upon the Manor of Great Bealings.*

The dovecote was still present in a 19<sup>th</sup> century painting of the church but has now sadly disappeared. History suggests that choir practices once took place in this dovecote – and that it was very cold inside! The association between the site of the old Hall, now part of the Cranworth Estate, survives, in that Lord Cranworth is the patron of the church.

*Norman Porter*

#### 2. MORE ON THE VILLAGE SIGN

I would like to add a few points following Joan Moon's article in the recent *Fynn-Lark News* and mine from last year. Since there seems to be such interest, I thought it desirable to establish exactly who did what whilst I am still around, and would welcome your comments.

The original suggestion that I should carve a village sign came from Don

Suskin and, with encouragement from the WI and particularly Rosalind Fleck, who offered to chair a Village Sign Committee, this became a possibility. As a student at The City & Guilds of London Art School looking for final year projects, it was for me a very exciting idea.

George Ball was approached and he suggested that Ron Corbett, a cabinet maker in Corpusty, Norfolk, would be ideal to carry out all joinery. George himself would design, make, and fit the metal work including a cover for the roof to protect the wood and he would be in charge of the final assembly.

I visited The North Heigham saw mills in Norwich where I always bought my timber and then travelled to Ron Corbett's workshop to discuss the precision joinery. I placed the final timber order and ordered the post from another source. At this time I was deeply immersed in the research for the sign as described last year and I produced the design drawings and full scale clay models before starting carving. The Village Sign Committee was kept in close touch throughout. The wood was delivered to me for carving in Nov.1988 and was finished by Easter 1989.

Hans Fleck must also be mentioned for his superb architectural drawing of the base and site which I still have. Rosalind Fleck and her other fundraisers have already been mentioned in last month's *Fynn-Lark News*. This was one of my final year projects and I saw it through from beginning to end with obvious expert advice from Ron and George, plus financial assistance for materials from the fundraisers. So, once I had completed all the carving of the panels and names on the cross beam, George assembled the pieces and erected it with help from oth-

ers and we had the great unveiling ceremony. It was all hard work but great fun.

*Maureen Midwinter*

### 3. REFLECTIONS

As a former resident of Bealings, now living in Ipswich, I have strong links with the villages (at least four generations of my ancestors are buried in Great Bealings churchyard!) and have recently been researching the stories of my grandfather and his three brothers, all from Great Bealings, who served in the First World War.

While my Grandfather and one brother survived the war, the two youngest brothers (Wilfred and Arthur Mutimer) did not survive and are among the names listed on the Great Bealings war memorial. The two surviving brothers – Francis and Reginald, returned the village after the war and are both buried in Great Bealings churchyard.

My research has uncovered some information about the deaths of Wilfred and Arthur Mutimer in northern France and also the actions of Reginald Mutimer (who I remember, as Uncle Reg in my youth), who was awarded the Military Medal for bravery during the conflict. I also have photographs of all of the Mutimer brothers from the time of WW1.

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 marks the centenary of the death of Wilfred, the first of the brothers lost in the war. I am planning to mark this centenary by visiting the site of the battlefield in northern France where he died and also the cemetery where he was laid to rest.

*Mr Francis Mutimer, Ipswich*

hiding lots of eggs and some special gold eggs and there was more chocolate around than is sensible for anyone! We had Name the Big Bunny, The Chocolate Fountain, Light Catchers to colour, Glitter Body Art and of course our great competitions. Unfortunately I have no photos this year. If anyone does, please forward them to me as they were again amazing. Well done to all the winners. There were not so many Easter Bonnets paraded this year, but a big thank you to those who took part, especially the boys who kindly modelled the 2 left by their friends. Each participant received a little chocolate lolly.

A very big and special thank you to all the Volunteers that make the Chocolate Fayre so special. Behind the Teas, Coffee & Cakes and every stall. These helpers turn out every year with big smiles and generous hearts. It really could not be done without you. There is a small chance I won't be able to be there on the day next year, so if there is anyone who would like to run it alongside me and be the host next year please give me a call.

*Jos Saunders*  
07753903056.

## REVIEW - PLAYFORD

### CHOCOLATE FAYRE

The following unsolicited testimonial has been received and we publish it, as submitted, despite the following caveat from an 'apprehensive' parent. It is great to have such young correspondents and we look forward to their review of the Fete in June! - Ed

*I hope this makes sense. This is genuinely what they said. If you want a more adult version just let me know and I'll tweak it - or you can!*

### FROM THEO (3) AND ZARA (8)

We really enjoy the Chocolate Fayre. It's good because people of any age can come because there is lots of things to do - even if you don't like chocolate! We especially like making cakes and doing the blown eggs for the competition and getting lots of chocolate from the Easter Bunny Hunt to take home too. We have the sun catchers on our kitchen window and must remember to make our Easter Bonnets next year. It's also good because we know lots of people so it's really fun to see everyone.

### PLAYFORD PARISH HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for 2017 of Playford Parish Hall will be held in the hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 1st June.

Please come and hear about the progress of the hall and let us know your views on current facilities and activities, ideas for future activities and any other issues you wish to discuss.

All are welcome.

### BINKY AND CO.

Binky is currently enjoying a short break which, his wife assures us, "will give him more time to concentrate on his garden!"

## PLAYFORD

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**CHURCHWARDEN**

### CHURCH NEWS

A big thank you and well done to Jos and all her helpers for the staging of the Chocolate Fair which everyone thought was a great success. It raised nearly £200 and was divided up between the Parish Hall and the Church Roof Fund.

### TREES

By the time you read this the trees on the road side of church path will have been attended to. We hope that from now on we may be able to keep on top of the situation.

### QUINQUENAL REPORT

The five yearly inspection was completed two weeks ago and thankfully there was no major major problems identified. There were though a couple of minor major items that will be dealt with in due course.

### PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

12th April - sponsored by Jos Saunders for her Dad on his birthday

4th May - 9th May - sponsored by Sue Kennedy to celebrate the wedding of her daughter, Amy to Tom, on Saturday, 6th May at Playford Church.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. email address: [vronxbunbury@gmail.com](mailto:vronxbunbury@gmail.com) Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure

that Veronica is at home but be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time

### PLAYFORD W.I.

We met at Playford Parish Hall on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April when our speaker was Sheila Harrison who delivered a brilliant account of 'A Diary of a Norfolk Parson'. Her deliverance of the times of a local vicar James Woodforde 1758-1802 was both inspiring ,thought provoking and of course funny at times. We all enjoyed her talk immensely.

Our next meeting in May will be to discuss the WI Resolutions which are going to put forward to the AGM this year. Our candidate who is going to the AGM is Joan Kelsey who will be present at the meeting.

*Sue Bruce. (Secretary)*

### PLAYFORD CHOCOLATE FAYRE

The Playford Chocolate Fayre was again blessed with a sunny day and lots of Children. Thanks to donations from various supermarkets and the ability to return some of the larger eggs, we managed to raise £180, which was split 75/25% between the Church and the Village Hall.

The Easter Bunny made their appearance

## BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Bealings Village Hall

COMMITTEE ROOM

Tuesday 16th May at 7.00 p.m.

*This meeting is open to residents of Great & Little Bealings parishes.*

We have a vacancy for a Trustee to be co-opted to our committee.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee and would like further information please contact:

Margaret Wilson, Secretary, [margaret.wilson4@btinternet.com](mailto:margaret.wilson4@btinternet.com)

### NATURE NOTES



Cowslips seem to be a very volatile species. Climatic conditions maybe determine whether or not they thrive and bloom in profusion, or whether they make a half-hearted attempt to make an appearance but quickly fade away. The cowslips in Great Bealings churchyard, in recent years, have rarely gone beyond the green leafy stage, but for some reason this year they have formed a yellow-spangled carpet, dominating other early flowering species. If we have managed to get something right in the management of the churchyard, we don't quite know what has been the secret. Botanical input welcomed.

### MORE MUSINGS FROM LILY'S GARDEN

I love plant sales, coming away with my newly acquired treasures then experiencing the delight of trying to decide where to put them. But (there's always a 'but'), rather like those wonderful clothes one buys because they are too good to miss because they are a bargain that sit unworn in the wardrobe until they are taken to the charity shop, many of the plants one buys on impulse don't always seem 'right' in the garden with the result that we spend ages moving them around the garden until, hopefully, we find the ideal location. It doesn't always work and we become frustrated, decide that we are not 'good' gardeners and then, if we haven't killed the poor things, give them to plant sales, the gardener's answer to charity shops. So why do we get it wrong? We may know the type of location the plant needs – sunny, shady, dry, moist etc. so why is that not enough? According to Gertrude Jekyll, writing in 1900, we begin the wrong way. Instead of buying plants and then deciding where to put them, we

should look at our spaces and then decide what plants we should get for them. We should use only those plants which our 'critical garden conscience approves of having'. A bit like packing for our holidays, less is often more.

If, like me, the problem is that your 'critical garden conscience' needs developing, garden visiting is a wonderful way to educate yourself (or simply have a lovely time wandering around). I recommend Beth Chatto's garden at Elmstead Market, Colchester CO7 7BD and The Old Vicarage at East Ruston, Norfolk NR12 9HN for inspirational ideas for planting schemes in dry areas such as ours. But be warned, both have wonderful plants to buy and if you are anything like me, the critical garden conscience goes to sleep while the avid collector parts with her money for new treasures.

**Tip for the week.** Gardeners can spend a disproportionate amount of time worrying about their attempts to create perfection and in so doing overlook the joy of being in the garden. On a sunny day when I just being in the garden is enough to lift my soul, I often think fondly of part of a poem by Dorothy Frances Gurney: "God's Garden" which my beloved grandmother had on her wall:

*The kiss of the sun for pardon,  
The song of the birds for mirth,*

*One is nearer God's Heart in a garden  
Than anywhere else on Earth.*

*Love, Lily*

## SMILING FACES

When the curtain closed at our Matinee performance of "An Evening on Broadway" on a sea of smiling faces and much applause, a somewhat exhausted cast were also smiling with satisfaction at a job well done by all concerned, especially our new intake of young Byats. Not least was the manner in which they received their BYAT merit performance certificates in true Oscar acceptance style, which they took the following day to Bealings School with great pride as evidence of their new thespian achievements. Thanks to two full houses BYAT was able to donate its profit to East Anglian Air Ambulance Service of £430 and £50 towards the Fynn-Lark News finances.

What next you may ask? Margaret and I will relax and think, drink some wine and think again – having "set the bar" to a new level, we intend to try and raise it again – so our thanks to everyone involved, both on and back stage, our audiences who came and especially anyone who thinks "Yes, I liked that, and would like to be part of that group". If so give us a ring on 01473 735153.

*Roger and Margaret*

## MOBLIE LIBRARY

**18<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

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## LITTLE BEALINGS

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### CHURCHWARDEN

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## LET THERE BE LIGHT AT LITTLE BEALINGS

On Mothering Sunday April 26th. the lights shone for four hours, fondly remembering two mothers, the late Margaret Cable and the late Sylvia Chenery.

Joan Moon asked for the lights to be lit in loving memory of the birthdays of Reg Smith on April 3rd., Trixie McMaster on April 4th. and Peter Moon on April 7th.

On April 19th. the lights shone out at the request of Melanie & Robert Hollinshead of 'Holly Rise'.

Looking ahead to May 11th., Carole Marsden has asked for the lights to shine in loving memory of her husband, Trevor on his birthday, who died suddenly at the end of 2016, and is greatly missed.

If you would like the lights to shine for a special occasion or anniversary please contact 01473 620213 [pandvcarr55@gmail.com](mailto:pandvcarr55@gmail.com). A donation of £5 pays two hours of 'light'. Cheques should be made payable to Little Bealings PCC Fund. Thank-you.

## COMMUNITY LUNCH @ THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

A big thank-you to everyone who shared the Community Lunch on April 4th. £130.00 was raised for the DEC Famine appeal. This will be matched by the Government and, with Gift Aid, will amount to about £300.00.

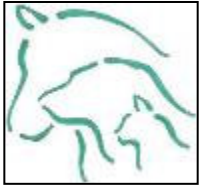
The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday May 2nd. and will be a "late" Easter Lunch serving

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The old station and the extensions that have taken place house an eclectic mix of companies involved in a wide range of business activities. The head office of a blind association supports the visually impaired. Three companies cover the disciplines of Pilates, deep tissue massage and holistic therapy. The world of

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*Norman Finch*

**James Aldous**

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## BEALINGS WI

The next meeting of Bealings WI will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm when Chris Parfitt will make a very welcome return visit to tell of his travels to Bhutan, Land of the Thunder Dragon.

JUNE. All welcome to the Summer Open Meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm when Magdelain Snowden will stage a colourful extravaganza of hats and the art of flower making.

All meetings are held in Bealings Village Hall.

For more information please contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985

### 'BACK TO MADAGASCAR'

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 23RD JUNE

7.30PM-10.00PM



A talk and slide-show by former Bealings resident and professional photographer Malcolm Watson, who spent 5 months travelling around Madagascar in 1991. This summer he is heading back to the island to work for a UK-based charity called SEED Madagascar.

A £5 ticket buys admission to the talk and a glass of wine or beer. There will be two talks of approximately 30 mins each with an interval during which additional drinks can be purchased.

To book tickets please email [malx@malx.co.uk](mailto:malx@malx.co.uk), putting MADAGASCAR TALK as the subject.

to put down the base and to erect the cabin. Watch this space – if we are lucky this could take place sometime in June.

### LEGGO OF YOUR SPARE LEGO

As part of our *Flower and Creative Arts Festival* we are hoping to stage an exhibition of *Lego* creations. One intended project is **enormous** so we have

been asked to appeal for any spare *Lego* that you may have lurking in lofts and cupboards. Young *legophiles* are invited to put together models of anything of local interest. The exhibition is not until September so there is plenty of time to think of something creative.

*The Friends*

### STOP PRESS - Plant Sale –a record!

Our warmest thanks to all who contributed to the outstanding success of this year's Bealings Plant Sale. Total income fell just marginally short of £3000 – an all-time record. Full results, together with names of draw prize winners, will be published in next month's Magazine, but special mention must be made of this year's Raffle, with takings of some £1300, a sum contributed to by so many people from inside and beyond our villages. Thank you all most sincerely for this fantastic support of our efforts. At a time when both churches are struggling to meet their financial obligations, success on this scale is a real psychological boost to those who are working hard to maintain these village treasures.

This event is not just about money. There were activities to entertain our younger visitors too, and to enable their parents to support the horticultural side of the occasion, so many thanks to Margaret Roseboom for co-ordinating all the on-stage activities that were part of the creative children's Garden Hub.

This year's event was a resounding success, so a massive **Thank you and Well done** to all concerned.

*Norman Porter*

### GREAT BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00p.m. Monday 8th May 2017

Bealings Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any Issues. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Now that the Neighbourhood Plan has been voted through in the referendum, its future use will be discussed. There will also be an update on the plans for the construction work through the village in relation to the Windfarm cable,

All community groups are also invited to come and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this.

Refreshments will be provided after the Annual Parish Meeting

For further information please contact Dee Knights, Clerk

Tel: 01473 624240

[greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk)

**Wheelie Bins:** we have tried to tidy up the area around the church shed. This is not a pleasant task so we do ask that you do your best to put the correct detritus in the correct bin. They are emptied as part of the normal collection round, and rubbish has to be sorted accordingly.

**Compost heap:** the rather unsightly compost heap half way down the path on the left-hand side is to be moved down to the bottom left hand corner. The new facility is unlikely to produce top quality compost, but will hopefully be more sightly.

**LIGHTS**

Summer or winter, the sight of an illuminated church brightens up many a journey up and down Hall Road. Sadly, the habit of paying just a fiver for an evening's light seems to have fallen by the board – Roger Roseboom – the man i/c lights – tells us that there has been nothing for three months. The write-up that follows in the Magazine is a lovely way of sharing celebration and commemoration with others in the village, so do please consider whether you might have an incentive to support this cause. All you need to do is send a note to Roger with the date, details of the event/person to be commemorated, and a fiver – any small profit from which accrues to the church. Or you can phone him of 735153.

*Churchwarden*

**FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

**DIARY OF ACTIVITIES**

**Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>.** Talk on Charles Dickens and East Anglia by Professor Jeremy Tambling. Tickets £5, to include a glass of wine. This is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Charles Dickens, so we are fortunate to have engaged this acknowledged world expert on Dickens to talk to us. Jeremy edited the Penguin edition of David Copperfield, and invitations to this event will be sent way beyond the Benefice, to local bookshops, schools etc. Do please support this event with a difference.

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**LOOKING AHEAD TO OUR WILDLIFE WEEKENDS IN JUNE**

We are vigorously pursuing plans to make the churchyard more of a wildlife haven, and a centre of activity. To this end we have various activities arranged for June:

**Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Visit to Framsdens award-winning wildlife reserve, followed by a visit to Malcolm Key's "Wood for Wildlife". It would be good to take along three or four car-loads of people interested – coffee at Framsdens, and picnic at Winston (bring your own). We would leave at around 10.00 and arrive back in the early afternoon. Do please contact Norman Porter if you would like you join us, so that we can make co-ordinated transport plans.

**Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>:** SWT Open evening in the churchyard, with Tracey Housey SWT Community Officer. Again it would be good if wildlife enthusiasts could indicate their intention to come along.

Tba: -conditional on approval being given for our observation cabin – a work party

**VOLUNTEER ADMINISTRATORS NEEDED**

**for Bealings Village Hall - John Belstead Sports Court**

Anyone interested in volunteering to help administer the John Belstead Sports Court at Bealings Village Hall/Playing Field please contact:

Keith Beaumont

Church Lodge, The Street, Little Bealings.

Email: [keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com](mailto:keith.beaumont13@btinternet.com)

Duties would be limited to one / two months per year when the "administrator" has the Sports Court mobile phone and answers enquiries from potential customers wishing to book the John Belstead Sports Court. Most customers use the on-line booking service and do not need the services of an administrator.

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### ST MARY'S

Our works programme continues to move purposefully ahead. Following a meeting with architects and contractors we now have a solid timetable for the re-roofing works, and, subject to sufficient funding still being available, for work on the tower. Work will be beginning in the next couple of months, and will involve the complete re-roofing of the north side of the church. During this time, there may be visual disruption, in the shape of materials on site, and protective covering for the roof, but, hopefully, no interruption to services.

### LOOKING BACK

#### FAREWELL TO PHILIP AND DENISE MERRY

Although this service took place in St Mary's Church it was very much a Benefice occasion so a report appears elsewhere in this Magazine. Suffice it to say that we were delighted to welcome so many people from across the four parishes of the Benefice.

#### ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

This took place after the Palm Sunday Service on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Annual Report, put together by PCC Secretary, Eric Barnett, was adopted, and will be sent to the Diocese for the historical record. The PCC remains very much as before, but with the major change of Charles Barrington having resigned, not least because of the additional pressure of being Chairman of our Parish Council. Happily, Charles has agreed to continue to allow himself to be co-opted to help with any work involving builders and contractors – a function that he has fulfilled with admirable thoroughness and success.

The PCC for next year comprises:

Rev Celia Cook *Chairman*

Norman Porter

*Churchwarden and Vice Chairman*

Eric Barnett *Secretary*

Will Self *Treasurer*

Virginia Porter *Synod Representative*

Pat Keep and Jonathan Keer

*Electoral Roll*

We continue to enjoy the support of a good team of sidesmen, whose duties have decreased in number, now that we have fewer services a month. Those who have faithfully helped at 8.00 services over so many years – including the duty of ensuring a degree of warmth at that challenging time of day, deserve particular thanks.

### LOOKING AHEAD

We have been experimenting with patterns of services. For the past few months this has meant that Great Bealings has had 10.00 services on just the first two Sundays of the month, the second one being a family communion. This has created serious logistical problems for the Priest trying to get across from a 9.00 service at Playford. We will continue to look for a pattern of services, which both provides variety and which makes for more practicable logistics.

### CHURCHYARD

Six apple trees are now in place along our red brick wall, and all have received offers of financial sponsorship. In fact, we have been over-subscribed and are now looking at the possibility of planting a pair of fig trees as well – we understand that fig trees are of biblical significance. Thank you to those who have subscribed to this idea – some of the trees are already in flower.