

Fynn - Lark News

MAY 2018



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Two years after moving to Playford in 2006 we decided that the time had come to get another dog but before doing so, I started to walk the area and discovered just how blessed we are in our four villages from which emanate a large variety of wonderful walks - no need to get into a car.

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and exuberance of a dog 'on the scent' or just running across the fields for the sheer love of life, is a tonic unparalleled in my view. Watching the seasons change, feeling the warmth of Spring in the air, the snowdrops peeping out and then the daffodils and hyacinths – all of which have seemed spectacular this year. Summer brings its own pleasures and the dogs love jumping into and swimming in the river (as do the children) and then perhaps my favourite season "of mists and mellow fruitfulness...", the smell of damp earth and bonfires. It has been a joy getting to know my fellow dog walkers both from our four villages but also from Ipswich and surrounding areas. One of my 'best' friends lives in Ipswich and remembers, as a boy, bicycling out to Playford in the summer with his friends, leaning their bikes against the lychgate and eating their sandwiches in the Churchyard. That little corner of Playford held a special place in his heart.

Sometimes there can be a real surprise, like the time I spied a man holding what I thought looked like documents (my eyesight is not the best) and as at that

time I was Footpath Officer for the Parish Council I approached him thinking he might be 'from the (County) Council'. As Footpaths officer there was always something to tell the County Council! The poor man was innocent of this, of course, just a tourist down from Derbyshire. He came to walk the Fynn Valley every year, he said, and the documents were just his map. As it happened, my husband had been at school in Derbyshire in the 1950s and he has always held great affection for the county ever since and so I mentioned this to my new friend. As he was a school master himself he was most interested and asked which school. Well, as you can probably guess, it was the same school. We had a guest for coffee that morning and my husband spent a delightful hour reminiscing with our new-found friend. So, as you can see, as I set out for my daily walk I never know what I might see or whom I might meet, and it is seldom that I do not come home without a smile on my face or some tale to tell ...or even someone for coffee

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As readers will know, we are hugely dependent on income from advertising. Advertising in this Magazine seems to bring close links between advertisers and customers. That is what is offered by rural communities such as ours, and something that appeals to advertisers. Conversely, the service needs to be a good one, so it is reassuring to receive an unsolicited comment like this:

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Profile - ERIC AND CHRISTINE BARNETT

There are all sorts of reasons for selecting suitable subjects for our profile spot. This month we are focusing on Eric and Christine Barnett, firstly because they have just celebrated their Diamond Wedding – congratulations on that! - and secondly because that focus reminded us that there are so many other reasons why the spotlight should linger on them awhile.



Eric and Christine have lived in Great Bealings for over 20 years and have played significant roles in and around our villages, Christine with Bealings School, as Governor and voluntary teaching assistant (special needs), and Eric with the Parish Council – he was Chairman for 20 years. They have both involved



themselves in many aspects of village life and are loyal supporters of a wide range of community activities.

Christine grew up in Retford, Notts, while Eric is a son of County Durham. They met at Leeds University, where Christine was studying Social Sciences and Eric specialising in Town and Country Planning. His career took him to Ipswich, Portadown, Northern Ireland, (where he was instrumental in setting up a New Town – Craigavon), Somerset, and then back to Ipswich where he became County Planning Officer. In the course of those early years they became parents of three: Helen, Fiona, and Andrew. The Ipswich years led to involvement in various Ipswich

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

MAY

FRI 11th 7.00 Talk - Shakespeare and East Anglia
St Mary's Church, Great Bealings

Sun 13th 11.00 Thanksgiving Service
to celebrate completion of major works
St Mary's Church, Great Bealings

JUNE

Sat Jun 23rd Playford 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.

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organisations, including the Ipswich branch of what until recently has been called NADFAS. (Eric has had a number of senior roles, and is currently President), and Ipswich East Rotary. He remains a loyal, if not necessarily uncomplaining, season ticket holder at ITFC. The Bernetts are indeed well known in those Ipswich circles as well as locally in our villages.

The fact that they have celebrated their Diamond Wedding indicates, inevitably, that they are beyond the first flush of youth, but their energies and commitment to local activities and causes remain undiminished, and we wish them many more years of such energy, and, indeed, happiness in our midst.

REVIEW -

THE LAND, THE SEA AND THE DREAM - *An evening of music composed by Clifford and Cyril Hellier. Performed by Rose Hinton and Graham Holmes.*

A delighted overflow audience was musically engaged and entertained by violinist, Rose Hinton, and pianist, Graham Holmes, at their recital in Great Bealings Church on Sunday 25th March 2018.

Their programme consisted of works composed by Rose's grandfather, violinist Cyril Hellier (1907-1997) and his brother, pianist Clifford Hellier (b.1905). Of special interest was the Sonata for violin and piano, written by Clifford for his brother. "The Land, The Sea and The Dream" a home-made tape of which was a recent discovery by Cyril's daughter, Vivien Hinton a resident of Little Bealings. Vivien arranged for this tape to be put onto a CD, so Rose could hear it and miraculously the original hand-written manuscript for violin and piano was discovered by Clifford's son in his late father's piano stool in Scotland.

Described, when young musicians, as

"Those two bright sparks of the musical world", the brothers worked alongside the leading lights of their era, playing together as a violin and piano duo, as well as separately. Clifford accompanied celebrities such as Maurice Chevalier and renowned percussionist Teddy Brown. Cyril was often lead violinist with top dance bands – the BBC Dance Orchestra (Henry Hall) and the Jack Hylton Band, to name but two. The BBC often broadcast them.

As well as playing, the brothers also composed. In 1933 they signed a long-term contract with London publisher Keith Prowse, which led to the publication of many of their works, including those performed this evening. Both enjoyed successful careers over four decades. When younger, the brothers attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, from where Rose graduated with First Class Honours in 2015. Since then Rose has been developing a successful professional career, based in London.

Graham, who resides in Ipswich, is an accomplished accompanist and orchestral player, who particularly enjoys working with small ensembles.

This occasion was Rose's inspiration. The resulting performance, played with commitment and enthusiasm by Rose and Graham, brought a standing ovation as the last piece, Cyril's 1945 "Get Cracking!" ended.

Little and Great Bealings concert-goers were treated to a special, unique, memorable evening of very fine music.

David Gerrow

The EADT also published the following review on 31st March:

Suffolk violinist Rose Hinton celebrated the music of her grandfather at a recital in Great Bealings Church on Sunday.

Ms Hinton played alongside Ipswich pianist Graham Holmes, in what reviewer David Gerrow called: "A special, unique, memorable evening of very fine music".



Their programme consisted of works composed by Rose's grandfather, violinist Cyril Hellier and his brother, pianist Clifford Hellier. Cyril, like Rose, was well known for his aptitude for the violin and played with many of the big bands during the 1930s and 40s. Mr Gerrow added: "When younger, the brothers attended the Royal Academy of Music in London, from where Rose graduated with first class honours in 2015. Both enjoyed successful careers over four decades. "The performance, played with commitment and enthusiasm by Rose and Graham, brought a standing ovation as the last piece, Cyril's 1945 'Get Cracking!' ended."

MAYFLOWER

Many of you will have read in last month's edition that the steam locomotive 'Mayflower' was due to travel along the rail line through our villages on Sunday April 15th.

Unfortunately, it was not to be, due to the operators being unable to get the necessary clearances from Network Rail.

The train was instead hauled by a 'heritage' diesel locomotive, which duly rumbled through our patch on the Sunday morning at the appointed hour.

While not promising the same spectacle and interest one would expect from a

steam locomotive, I was persuaded by a train enthusiast friend that it was still worth taking a look, so we duly wandered down The Street and along the footpath to watch its passing.



I did manage to catch one quick snapshot of the diesel behemoth as it rumbled past us, making the ground beneath our feet vibrate and generally being far more noisy and boisterous than its present-day successors.

As someone who knows very little about trains, I am reliably informed by my friend that this is a Class 37 locomotive, built in 1963.

Francis Mutimer

NATURE NOTES

Apologies for focusing on Great Bealings, but the new wildlife observation cabin in the churchyard is progressing well.

It is situated on the left-hand side of the churchyard and will double up as a focal point for visitors to graves. The cabin has been painted green to fit in with the landscape, and various wildlife-friendly plants have been planted in the vicinity. Great Bealings churchyard is situated amidst water meadows, well away from centres of population, so promotion of its location, encouraging walkers, cyclists, dog-walkers, church tourists etc to take in the churchyard as a detour is part of our strategy for keeping the church alive and vital. While our spring working party was toiling away in mid-April, building bonfires, clipping trees, smoothing out molehills

and so on, we received a visit from a diocesan communications officer who was making a film about this kind of initiative - it may be a "first" in the diocese. The churchyard already has nesting boxes, a barn owl box, bat boxes (not least to entice them away from the interior!), and a broad range of wild flowers, as well as sponsored apple trees.

Visitors from all around, particularly from villages covered by this magazine, are



warmly invited to come and take a look. It is hoped to have an official opening of the facility on Sunday May 13th, the day of our service of celebration, our major repair project having now been completed.

BEST PAW FORWARD FOR CHARITY DOG WALK

Local hearing care specialists, The Hearing Care Centre have announced a return of their special charity dog walk - helping to raise funds for Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

The 4 mile route takes in the beautiful countryside around the village of Brandeston and promises to be a treat for any four-legged friends and their owners alike.

The morning stroll takes place on Sunday 13th May 2018 (9.30am) with breakfast being served by The Hearing Care Centre team at Brandeston Village Hall.

Audiologist and Managing Director Karen Finch, who herself has a Cockapoo, said "Whether you have a dog or not, we would love for you to join us. Enjoying a spot of breakfast and a breath of fresh air whilst raising money for a fantastic charity – what could be better?!"

Tickets for the event are £10 which includes breakfast, bottled water and doggie treats. Anybody can take part and dogs are not compulsory.

To book your place visit hearingcarecentre.co.uk/tickets or for more information call 01473 230330.

BEALINGS PLANT SALE 2018 – STOP PRESS!

We were blessed with sunny weather, both on the day and for three or four days beforehand. Perfect for bringing on plants after a tough winter. We made as much money as we did in 2017, so the warmest of thank yous to all who contributed in so many different ways. Income was around £2,700, with sundry expenses to be deducted, so our two fine churches will have welcome injections into hard-pressed funds.

The raffle, once again expertly run by the Chapmans, brought in well over £1000, so a huge thank you to all who purchased tickets. We had a full range of healthy-looking plants, but a decline in footfall. The Suffolk Wildlife Trust will benefit more than sometimes from those plants left over. At least they are going to a good

cause. Children attended in encouraging numbers, and participated enthusiastically in eco-related activities on stage, energetically organised by the Rosebooms.

We will keep the format for this annual event under review, and do our best to ensure that what we offer is attractive to as wide a range of potential customers as possible. We had some beautifully designed posters and programmes this year – thanks to Alex Lewis, but do need to re-assess our use of modern social media for wider promotion of the event.

In all though, another very successful village occasion, so our warmest thanks to all who contributed to that success. Pictures to follow next month.

Norman Porter

COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Once again a big thank-you to everyone who supported and helped with the Easter Community Lunch. The profit of £140 is being sent to the East Anglian Children's Hospice as an Easter gift.

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ST MARY'S

What joy to be blessed with real sunshine and warmth - and hopefully, all just in time for the Plant Sale. Those poor winter-stunted plants will just have time for a last-minute spurt of customer-pleasing growth. This next month is also a very important month for our church. We will be celebrating the completion of major works at our 11.00 am service on Sunday May 13th, and that will hopefully include the inauguration of our new cabin, the opening up of the car park extension and the opportunity to come together for lunch - only the barbecue is provided - otherwise bring your own. Liquid refreshment will be available. There will also be opportunities to enjoy the improvements, to follow trails, with guides to help - and that will include closely escorted visits to the tower - at your own risk! After lunch there will be music in the church, kindly provided by Farran Scott and Clara Charlesworth, and an item put together by Roger and Margaret Roseboom, celebrating John Betjeman and his wonderful poetic promotion of English churches. It will be very much relevant to the occasion.

We have much to celebrate, and warmly invite you to be part of those celebrations. The order of service will be a special one and will include pictures of work undertaken as well as a programme of the day's events.

LOOKING BACK

EASTER

The 10.00 Easter service was held in St Mary's and attracted a sizeable congregation. Immediately after the service the wedding took place of Rebecca and Adam, attracted to our church all the way from Lowestoft. Their beautiful wedding flowers meant that our flower-arranging

team were able to remain off-duty and enjoy the work of others.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This took place on Sunday 15th April, and was sandwiched between churchyard tasks, making it an all-action day. The Annual Report, which contained details of a year of considerable activity, both inside and outside the church, was accepted, together with the financial report for the year. That too, had been the result of much incoming and outgoing activity, and it was good to know that church funds are still in a reasonably healthy state, despite all the challenges.

Elections for the coming year included the re-election of Norman Porter as Churchwarden, with all other officers remaining in post. It is with great regret that the PCC has to say farewell to Pat Keep who has been a stalwart member and great contributor to the church and the life of the village for many years. We thank him most warmly for his valuable input over that time and wish him well as he moves to a new life outside Bealings. Conversely, we are delighted to announce the election of Julian Haywood Smith as a new member of the PCC. He is treading in fine family footsteps, his father, Paddy, having been a major figure in the PCC and church life over many years before he moved into Woodbridge

THE FUNERAL OF VICTOR STEMPE

This took place on March 27th, with a large congregation present. There were many echoes of old Bealings during the service. Vic was born in 1924, in Boot Street, the second child of twelve. Growing up in Bealings had brought happy times, and anecdotes which clash with Bealings as we know it today. Children had rafts on the river, and - can you imagine it? - built go-carts which they raced

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down church hill trying to get as far up Boot Street as possible on the other side of the bridge. He also built an aeroplane but the propellor broke off.

Vic was the neighbour and best friend of "Ginger" Porter, Gt Bealings' only casualty from WW2. They seem to have been creatively "naughty" boys, building an aeroplane, prematurely grounded when the propellor broke off, trying to avoid the local policeman while driving under-age (in a car apparently passed on to them by the vicar at the time!). They were precisely the sort of youngsters suited for service with local defence units, and both became members of the GCQ Auxiliary Units, trained to spread havoc amongst an invading enemy. Vic's father was Sergeant in the Great Bealings Patrol. Eventually both Vic and "Ginger" were called up: Vic joining the RAOC and transported tanks for use on D Day, "Ginger" to Burma where he lost his life. Vic transferred his war-time skills into driving HGVs, working locally for Boggis, the carriers. He also enjoyed football, bowls and country and western music. He spent his last 6 years in Barnham Care Centre, within range of many of his family.

The eulogy offered a glimpse into times long past, a chance for the imagination to play around images so typical of days now mostly forgotten. It was a chance to understand a bit more about the history of our village.

IAN ROBBINS

We are also sad to report the death of Ian Robbins, formerly of Great Bealings, but who moved to Norwich a year or two ago but maintaining contact with good friends locally. We offer our condolences to Mirjam and Sophie.

ECO-CHURCH - AND WORKING PARTY

On Sunday 15th April we arranged a special working day to fit in around our 11.00am parish meeting. Bonfires were lit, molehills flattened, trees trimmed and some twenty people, invigorated as appropriate by coffee, biscuits and ploughman's lunch contributed in their various ways to a good day's work. And in the

middle of it all we held a constructive annual meeting - details below. Our sincere thanks to all.

The working day happened to coincide with a diocesan film maker - diocesan Communications Manager, Leonie Ryle, who followed up her visit with an email: *"Thank you so much for your time and hospitality on Sunday, it was a pleasure coming along and seeing your church and bird hide. I hope the bird watching is a success and encourages visitors to pop by, such a beautiful area of Suffolk.*

In the course of her filming she had extensive chats with Celia, our priest, and our churchwarden,

CHURCH BUILDING WORKS

As will be seen above the date has been set for celebrating the conclusion of works. The day of May 13th will include much more than the Service of Thanksgiving, so do try to get along to the events which appeal to you.

CHURCHYARD

The observation cabin is now well on its way to completion. Peter and Sue Prentice have been particularly pro-active with the painting, roofing, and glazing. Many thanks to them. Wildlife-friendly plants are in place, ready for the growing season.

We are now turning our minds to the contents of the interior. There will be recognition charts for flora and fauna and eventually items which will of interest to people visiting graves in the churchyard.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

CONCERT WITH ROSE HINTON

This unique occasion took place in a packed church on Sunday March 25th. It was probably one of the most successful concerts we have staged, combining, as it did, a poignant family tribute, top class playing, and a nostalgic reminder of past musical styles. A review appears elsewhere in this publication.

Please make a special note of the second

talk by **Prof Jeremy Tambling – Friday 11th May. Shakespeare and East Anglia.** Those who attended his talk on Dickens and East Anglia will endorse the view that Jeremy is an expert in his field – comparative literature – and that his talks really do provide a real intellectual stimulus. Rather cheekily we are styling this as "Open University" - Bealings Branch! Tickets are just £5, inclusive of refreshments, and can be obtained from Norman Porter, or on the door - advance notice will be useful for determining quantities of refreshments.

A CELEBRATION – THANKSGIVING SERVICE, LUNCH, AND ACTIVITIES – SUNDAY MAY 13th.

Lunch will be at 12.00, and you do not need to have been at the service to come to the lunch. Nor are churchgoers obliged to attend the lunch! But we hope as many as possible will join us on this occasion. A barbecue will provide the main ingredients for lunch, and drinks will be on offer, but please bring your own salads and desserts (and chairs!) to supplement what is on offer on site.

When lunch is over there will be various activities, including a historical exhibition, rigorously guided (at your own risk) tower-visits, musical performances, an item on John Betjeman and trails designed to show you what has been achieved over

the last year.

We hope that you will join us. To give us some idea of numbers do please let us know of your intention to do so by emailing nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Sunday November 11th. Keep your eyes open for further details of the parish's commemoration of the end of World War One.

The Friends

LIGHTS AT ST MARY'S

On 5,6 & 7 April, the lights were glowing with brilliant diamond clarity to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Eric and Christine Barnett's wedding in 1958. Together with large family the celebrations continued unabated as 3 nights of church glow volume indicates.

As an anniversary forgetter I must admire their end of the tax year date as a reminder, although I suppose one shouldn't expect an anniversary card from HMRC.Gov.UK Self-Assessment?

Early bookings from Paddy H-S in May have been received, I'll include them in the next issue.

Join to celebrate by paying £5 per night – 01473 735153

Roger Roseboom

ST MARY'S CHURCH, GREAT BEALINGS

The return of Professor Jeremy Tambling on **Friday 11th May. 7.00 p.m.**

Jeremy was Professor of Comparative Literature at the universities of Manchester and Hong Kong and continues to lecture around the world.

His subject: **'Shakespeare and East Anglia'**

Tickets: just £5 to include refreshments, available from nhp@rillcott.co.uk or on the door - prior notification welcomed. Another opportunity to be stimulated by the "Open University" - Bealings branch!

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7.00p.m. Monday 14th May 2018
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.

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.

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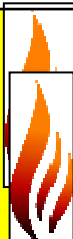
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LITTLE BEALINGS VILLAGE REVIEW

At the time of going to press the Report produced by SCDC after the Village Review on 5 March had just been received. The Parish Council will be considering it fully, but it is available to view on the Council's website.

Thank you to all Little Bealings residents who attended.

but SCC would be asked to provide data regarding the methane and leachate levels at the site.

The Annual Parish Council meeting will take place on Monday 21 May.

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

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 March 2018

COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING: APPEAL BY THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

SCDC has advised that the owners had appealed against the listing of the pub as an Asset of Community Value (which enables the community to bid to buy if the pub is put on the market for sale). Since the meeting SCDC has advised that the owners have requested an oral hearing. This will take place on 4 May at SCDC but is not held in public.

PLANNING APPLICATION

SCC\0015\18: Alterations and improvements to existing gas infrastructure at Land Adjacent to Sinks Pit, Hall Road (Closed Landfill Site)

There was no objection to this application

LET THERE BE LIGHT AT ALL SAINTS

In April Joan Moon remembered with lights the birthdays of Reg Smith on 3rd, Trixie McMaster on 4th and the late Peter Moon on 7th. Also, on 25th, April, Anzac Day, the lights shone remembering with grateful thanks the sacrifice of the armed forces of Australia and New Zealand in both World Wars.

On 19th, April the lights shone at the request of Melanie Hollingsworth.

To light the lights to celebrate a special occasion or anniversary contact Peter Carr, Corner Cottage, The Street, 01473 620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com A donation of £5 pays for two hours of light at a time and date you choose.



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SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.
PLAYFORD HALL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

6.30 p.m. Wednesday 2nd May 2018

Playford Parish Hall

Agenda items include annual reports from the Chairman of the Parish Council and the District Councillor for Playford.

There will be a talk:

'Benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan'

by Gillian Benjamin, 'Active Communities' Officer, SCDC.

Also present will be Hilary Hanslip, Principal Planner - Policy and Delivery (Neighbourhood Plans), SCDC and Andrea McMillan, Principal Planner

This will be an ideal opportunity for residents to find out more about Neighbourhood Plans and learn how the Steering Committee will be progressing the Neighbourhood Plan for Playford

There will be an Open Forum at which residents may raise issues relating to the Parish and the Parish Council.

All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following our initial request we have had a very good response to complete the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire on line and as a follow up we have delivered a paper copy to residents to complete this also carries a request to complete the questionnaire on line where possible via the following link :

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The paper copies will be collected one week after delivery.

PLAYFORD W.I.

Last month two of our members attended the Annual General Meeting at Trinity Park.

On April 3rd our speaker, Sheila Harrison, gave us an in-depth account of the history of Butley Priory which was fascinating and we plan as a group to visit the Priory sometime in the summer months when Sheila will take us on a guided tour with afternoon tea.

Our next meeting in May will be to discuss the WI Resolutions for this year.

Sue Bruce.

Secretary

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

28th March - sponsored by the Royle Family for a special family celebration.

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.

BINKY AND CO.

Binky was in full throttle now that his gardening year had started in earnest. Most evenings he was scanning either the internet or seed catalogues for the latest "newcomer to your garden", something Binky would never be without. Additionally he was always very keen on reading the latest gadget booklets that seemed to pop through his door every other day. It always amazed him how many different hose and tap accessories there were. Some things he just could not do without.

Although he did quickly turn the page offering a cut price travelling urinal and special stockings for air travellers. The expanding hose that went anywhere caught his eye (again). He purchased one last year but the tap joint fractured on the third usage and he confined it to his shed for immediate repair, along with the other two he had bought in previous years. In fact in that corner of the shed sat a large cardboard box with quite a few "must haves" that had gone spectacularly wrong including the folding spade, an upright lawn weeder, a 'last for ever' plastic bonfire poker, and a gadget for measuring seed depth. The fact that he could have used a twelve inch rule had never occurred to him. It had been the "must have" of 2013. But this time he was concentrating on plants. Gadgets he decided were a fools' buy.

Binky's only regret was that he had not paid more attention in his Latin class. All these strange names for the most

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ordinary of plants. He really did want to make a nice display for Mrs Stickleback. He had already purchased a rustic chair for her to sit on in the garden with her afternoon cup of tea. In fact it was a double seater but with Mrs S being, well you know, there was only room for her. Binky told her he had purchased a slightly larger model so that she could put her cup of tea down beside her. Mrs S was touched. Also Mrs S liked to sit down on the lawn's edge so Binky had to think of some nice grasses and sweet smelling flowers. He started with Aciphylla squarrosa (Bayonet Plant). Then on the borders he thought he may plant a few Digitalis pururea, perhaps six or seven of them near her rustic seat. Then perhaps either side of her afternoon tea resting place some Delphinium consolida which would set her off nicely. Behind her a Nerium oleander so that the

petals and leaves sailed serenely down over her just like confetti. And finally a few tubs strategically placed of Atropa belladonna which would gently stoke her outstretched hand as the dark green leaves of a Delphinium consolida brushed her swollen and itchy legs.

Yes, thought Binky it's all coming together rather well. No need for that special gadget.

May 2018

PLAYFORD PARISH HALL AGM

The 2018 Annual General Meeting of Playford Parish Hall will be held in the hall at **7.30 p.m. on Thursday 17 May.**

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.

*Sue Lister
Secretary*

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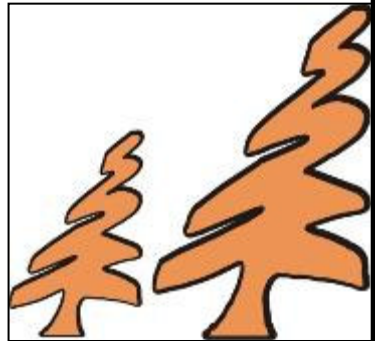
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JOYCE DUNNETT

It is with a sense of sadness that we report the death of Joyce Dunnett, who was Churchwarden at St. Botolph's Church, Culpho for eleven years following in the footsteps of her husband Basil. Both Joyce and Basil did so much for the Churches within the Benefice. Always willing to help, Joyce worked tirelessly for the benefit of others and will be remembered for her kindness and strong faith, which never failed her. Moving from Playford to Kesgrave, Joyce continued her worship at All Saints Church where her funeral was held on Wednesday 25th April 2018 followed by internment at Playford Church. She will be missed so much

by her family and friends.

ANNUAL CHURCH PAROCHIAL MEETING

This took place on Sunday 15th April and saw Churchwardens Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall being returned to office for a further twelve months. Richard remains the Deanery Synod representative until 2020 when the next elections take place. Mrs. Christine Pearce was appointed to the role of Safeguarding Officer.

The Revd. Celia Cook paid tribute to all those who willingly volunteered in so many ways in support of the Church. Grateful thanks also went to Mr. Clive Willetts who acted as Independent Examiner of the accounts for 2017.

Margaret Gornall

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Sunday 6th

6th Sunday of Easter

8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings

Sunday 13th

Sunday after Ascension Day

9.00	Family Communion	Playford
11.00	Festival Service	Great Bealings

Wednesday 16th

9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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Sunday 20th

Pentecost

10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
3.00	Evensong	Culpho

Saturday 26th

3.00	Wedding	Playford
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Sunday 27th

Trinity Sunday

9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
4.00	Messy Church	Angela Cobbold Hall

June

Sunday 3rd

1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings



JUNE 2018 NEWS

Contributions for the June 2018 News to be submitted by:

5.00 pm Tuesday 22nd May.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 2nd June**

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