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October 2016



I was struck by a headline in the August edition of *Country Life*, which read: A church is the heart of every village. The article looked back, with nostalgia, to the days when every village had its own priest (to say nothing of its own policeman, doctor, teacher, tradesmen...) – all probably living in the village, and all an integral part of the community, helping to bind it together. Those days have gone, but the churches – and perhaps equally importantly, the community values they represent, remain - a historical symbol of the days when villages were more closely knit and identifiably independent, structured communities. As our world becomes ever more urbanized, there is still something special about our villages. Neighbourliness is more easily achieved there than in our towns, and, whether or not you are a regular attender at church services, or even religiously inclined, our churches still serve, or can serve a function. The buildings, bequeathed to us by generations through the centuries, may not be regularly full of worshippers, but they are still frequently the well-attended venue for weddings, funerals, memorial services, baptisms, special services commemorat-

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ing historical figures or events – the rites of passage through life, and occasions which somehow bind the participants into the history of their village and bring them closer to one another. To the same end our churches, dutifully fitted out, where possible, with more modern amenities, also stage concerts, talks, entertainments. They are beautiful places, repositories of our local history, and surrounded by peaceful churchyards where former villagers now lie at rest. These churches may not still be considered by many to be the heart of the village, but they still serve a valuable function in bringing people together and in reminding us of the history of the places where we have chosen to live. Let's treasure them, whatever our religious persuasion. They are a special part of what constitutes a village.

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

PLANNING AHEAD!

Bealings Plant Sale 2017 – Saturday April 22nd.

This may seem a long way ahead, particularly as you may still be eating this year's crop of vegetables, and the autumn flowers are still in bloom. However – October and November bring all the tidying up for the winter, together with all the opportunities to split clumps of flowers, to rescue unexpected, unintended self-seeded plants etc.

So all we ask is that even at a range of 6 months you keep next year's Plant Sale in mind, and don't throw away plants which may be come in useful for someone else. If you've never done this before, it can prove very creative and you may well find yourself with plants for your own garden as well. BBC's *Gardeners World* often reminds you of useful tasks you can carry out at this time of year, and there's no shortage of experienced gardeners in our villages who will be only too pleased to help you and to give advice. All you need is the will-power. Happy gardening.

OUR FIRST PROFILE

We promised that our plans for the future of this Magazine could include a monthly profile of someone in the news, or simply of someone with an interesting background. In a similar vein we are always

ready to accept Obituaries, (including a photograph). It's just a way of getting to know one another better, even if it is post mortem!

This month we include a profile of Mike Bettell from Little Bealings. The justification for this is Mike's talk on September 16th about his experiences of being a pilot in the RAF during the Cold War. That event raised money for the Little Bealings Church Roof, but we thought that it would be interesting, particularly for those who were not there, to know a little more of Mike's background.

Mike's career spanned much of the time of the so-called, "Cold War" period when the Soviet bloc faced the NATO allies in a tense stand-off which finally eased in 1991. He joined the RAF in 1962 and spent five years at RAF Wattisham flying the Lightnings of Treble One and 29 squadrons. In 1969 he converted to Phantoms, which he flew for much of his career. He was promoted to Wing Commander in 1979 when he commanded 64 Sqn and was awarded an OBE in 1981. He then moved on to be personal staff officer to the C-in-C in Germany. As a Group Captain he commanded RAF Waddington from 1984-1985, which operated the Vulcan and the Nimrod AEW, during which time he was appointed ADC to Her Majesty the Queen. From 1989-90, he was Senior Air Staff Officer at Headquar-

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ters 11 Group, Bentley Priory, in the rank of Air Commodore before being posted to MOD in January 1991, where he was responsible for future RAF defensive weapons systems including Typhoon. In December 1992 he became Director Air Defence, where he was responsible for current operations and MOD policy for the air defence of the UK, air transport and air-air refueling. He spent his final years in the service as the UK Team Commander in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mike finally retired from the Royal Air Force in 1999 after a career which can only be described as glittering! Mike's family home, since 1985, has been in Little Bealings.

His often humorous talk included an account of a typical training mission to intercept Russian surveillance aircraft that often flew close to our air space. He brought his full flying kit with him and also illustrated his anti-G suit, which prevents blackouts following rapid acceleration. He spoke enthusiastically about his days flying Lightnings, which he regarded as being the real sports car of the air, even if it was not really practical, as the single pilot had to operate the radar and weapons, do all the navigation as well as flying the plane. The flying time was also short because of its limited fuel capacity. He admitted that the navigator he had in the 2-man Phantom was very useful after all. Mike was reminded about his first solo flight in a brand new Mk3 Lightning when there was an undercarriage malfunction as he came in to land. He was on the

verge of ejecting and ditching the aircraft in the sea, but eventually managed to land safely. His exploits in Lightnings - including this one - are recorded in a book called "Lightning Boys 2".

'Phlying a Phantom' an interactive talk given by Air Commodore Mike Bettell OBE RAF (Rtd) On Friday September 16th an enthusiastic audience of more than 50 people was entertained in Bealings Village Hall by Air Commodore Mike Bettell OBE, who delivered an illustrated talk about his RAF career. Mike answered many questions and a vote of thanks was given by Bob Tate.

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Coffee/Tea

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Donations, after expenses, from the lunch in September contributed £83.00 to the upkeep of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

LETTER FROM UK POWER NETWORKS

105 national number

Dear Stakeholder

Following on from our last email, you may have seen today's launch of the new national power cut phone line – **105** – to help people contact the company that looks after their electricity network. This would be UK Power Networks for London, the East and South East of England.

The number, which is available to electricity customers in England, Scotland and Wales, will enable people to report or get information about power cuts as well as report damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put themselves, or someone else, in danger. 105 is funded and delivered by the electricity network operators, and is a first for the UK's energy industry. As well as calling 105, people can find more information on the website: <http://www.powercut105.com/>

We would be incredibly grateful if you were able to promote the new number, perhaps on twitter or your website if you have one. Possible tweet may be something like:

If you have a power cut, call 105 – a new, free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales. Find out more at www.powercut105.com

You can find more information on the Energy Networks Association's website: <http://www.energynetworks.org/info/powercut105.html>. Or if you would like posters or leaflets then please contact toni.calder@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

UK Power Networks still runs a Priority Services Register for your constituents who may be more vulnerable in a power cut e.g. older people, those dependent on medical equipment, parents of young children etc. To join, they can call 0800 169 9970, email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk or apply online at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please let me know. Also, if you are able to support awareness raising of 105, please can you let us know when, where and how you can help by contacting/emailing us.

Kind regards,

Michelle Dorrell

BEALINGS WI

October News. Members arrived at the September Meeting to hear Mr. Declan Moore, Governor of HMP and YOI Hollesley Bay talk of the Prison, its history, his own career and life at the CLINK. Moving from Ireland to Liverpool he began with a career at sea and went on to join the Prison Service. He gave a clear idea of life at Hollesley and of the opportunity for inmates to train in many trades. A most enlightened and audible speaker.

WI events - apart from a line-up of interesting dates for the winter months, a plethora of Coffee Get Togethers, a visit to Norwich, pop-up visits, Fish and Chip lunch prior to the October Meeting and then a touch of history with the story of the WI's special tablecloth. This was designed and made by Mrs. Ada Billing in 1982 to commemorate the Institute's Diamond

Jubilee. For more details of Bealings WI contact Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985.

THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME TALK

Many thanks to those who came, few in number but generous in spirit. My thanks also to Peter Kidd, Jonathan Keer, Will Self, Norman Porter and my dear wife Margaret, all gave heart felt readings from the diaries and letters of those incredibly brave young men who gave their lives to no avail. My thanks also to Tom Newman's professional skills in producing a moving film of the battle itself, which created a real sense of the suffering and agony of the Pals Battalions who were "2 years in the making, 10 minutes in the dying". A most worthy plate contribution of £ 130 was given to the All Saints Roof Fund Appeal.. *Roger Roseboom*

LADY HAMILTON POP UP PUB



Friday 7th October 6.00—11.00 p.m.

Burgers and Sausages 6.00—8.00 p.m.

Draft Adnams, Pub games

Children very welcome

A chance to mingle with friends and neighbours and raise money for the Village Hall too!

We raised about £500 for the Village Hall at the last Pop up Pub, so do come and join us again.

A date for your diaries too

Lady Hamilton Pop up Pub

Christmas Eve 5.00 - 9.00 p.m. Food 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.

Bar games and a chance to kick off the Festive Season with your friends and neighbours

GREAT BEALINGS

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REPAIRS TO BOOT STREET BRIDGE

The Bridge is a Scheduled Ancient Monument and as such SCC must comply with the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979. This act requires them to apply to the Secretary of State for prior written permission to carry out works to the structure. This is known as Scheduled Monument Consent (SMC). In order to comply with conditions of the consent the designs and materials used must be approved by Historic England. SCC have been given consent to carry out the repairs to the Southern parapet using Soft Suffolk Red bricks and a lime mortar. Soft Suffolk Reds are made to order and there is a long lead in for the bricks to be manufactured. This has made the earliest start date fall during the Winter months and unfortunately due to cold weather it is not possible to lay lime mortar in the winter. Therefore, SCC will be postponing these works until Spring 2017. Due to the delayed start they are currently investigating the possibility of installing a more substantial temporary barrier system to increase protection to the Southern parapet and watercourse. The works, when undertaken in Spring 2017, will last two weeks and will require a full road closure. During this time SCC will be able to carry out brickwork repairs to the Northern parapet also.

EMERGENCY PLAN

Thanks to the efforts of Anthony Sheppard we now have an Emergency Plan for the village of Great Bealings. This was endorsed at the PC meeting on 6th September, and will be submitted to

Suffolk Resilience for approval. It will then be posted on notice boards and on the website.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the statutory public consultation carried out by SCDC, an independent examiner has now been appointed to review the Plan to ensure it meets all relevant statutory and procedural requirements. Once this review has been carried out and any changes recommended by the examiner agreed, the Plan can proceed to a referendum. It is still hoped that this will take place before Christmas this year.

WAR MEMORIAL

Thanks to the generosity of Paul Norris the war memorial has been refurbished and the old concrete base replaced with stone slabs that match the memorial itself. This excellent job has been done at no cost to the Council, and we are most grateful to Paul and his team. The memorial will now be in great shape for this year's Remembrance Sunday and of course for the centenary of the Armistice in 2018.

ST MARYS

Readers will hopefully have noted that our Harvest Festival this year is to be in the form of a Songs of Praise service in St Mary's Church on Sunday October 30th, together with the congregation of Little Bealings. This will be followed by a special Harvest Lunch for both villages in the Village Hall. We are taking this as an opportunity to thank all those who help the work of the church in any way, by serving on rosters and/or by supporting

us financially. The service is at 11.00 am, to be followed by the lunch in the Village Hall at 12.00 midday. We do stress that coming to the service is NOT a precondition of your coming to join us for the lunch. Invitations will be sent out specifically for the lunch, and you will be invited to send replies to the churchwarden, Norman Porter.

Despite gloomy prognoses about the future of our churches, we are lucky in this village to have a large number of people who, in their different ways, offer us support, and share our belief that an active, welcoming church can still be at the centre of village life, even if regular congregations are smaller than they were. As you will see below, your PCC are being very pro-active in this respect, and if you read the item on Future Strategy you will see preliminary details of plans which we hope will engage your enthusiasm, support and energy.

PCC STRATEGY MEETING

We have recently been high-lighting the financial challenges facing our church, and describing ways in which we have been trying to meet them. Our morale was hugely boosted by news that we were in line to receive £51,000 as a contribution to the cost of our roof repairs. We have now approached an architect who will help us to take this project forward, and join with us in trying to identify other potential sources of grants to meet the costs – almost £100,000 of repairs relating to our 2015 Quinquennial Report.

The day-to-day viability of the church is another matter. Most of us will probably have grown up thinking that churches run themselves, that God or other people will provide, and that churches are eternal. They are not, as evidenced by the increasing numbers of redundant churches across the country. St Mary's Church in Great Bealings is particularly important to the village in that it is our only public building. It does bring people together –

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So how does this impact upon you, the readers of this magazine? It was decided at our PCC strategy meeting that we would channel all our collective energies into ensuring that our church remained viable for the foreseeable future, and that we would seek to engage as many of the village residents in that enterprise as possible. So this is just to prepare the ground. We shall be delivering to all households a letter outlining our current situation, and offering you a range of options for helping to ensure that we remain viable. The PCC now has a vision for the future of the church, and we will provide the energy and the commitment to realise that vision. £3000 pa spread across a whole community is not a great deal of money, particularly if much of it can be raised by arranging events that not only bring enjoyment but which also bring villagers together. That, alongside an increase in planned giving, will see us through, and ensure that, not only do we continue to have a priest in our midst, but also that those many events and services which commemorate the rites of passage and which celebrate our national and local history will continue to be held in St Mary's, Great Bealings.

LOOKING BACK

The Annual **Suffolk Historic Churches Trust Bike Ride** took place on Saturday September 10th. Although there was plenty of pedalling activity on the roads, not many cyclists found their way to St Mary's, with numbers slightly down on

last year, despite the best refreshments on the circuit and a full team of welcoming awaiting them in our church. Our warmest thanks to the dozen or so people who very kindly offered to church-sit, and to welcome cyclists on the day. There was a bit of drizzle about, but it was warm drizzle and dried very quickly "on the hoof". We shall be sending a cheque for around £60 to the Trust.

A VISIT FROM OZ

By way of underlining the place that our church can hold in people's hearts over many years, here's an account of a recent visit. I went down to open up the church and there was an athletic-looking fellow, with his bike, hoping to get inside. Any particular reason for your visit? I inquired. Yes he said, in his best Australian accent. I was married here 27 years ago to my wife, Beverley. She was the daughter of Derek and Frances Kingston, of Great Bealings. In honour of the fairly large number of Australian visitors, Canon Frank Hollingsworth put the cricket scores up on the Hymn Board – there was an Ashes Test match going on at Lords. As well as being a wonderful day for me, marrying my beautiful bride, it turned out to be a great day for Australia, with Merv Hughes taking a hat-trick, Australia the Test and eventually the series. We visit the church on each visit back from Australia.

The visitor was Brett Pearce, from Brighton, Victoria, Australia, and I promised to send him a copy of this magazine – together with this snippet of historical information. And it does show that it's not only current congregations who hold the church in affection.

A 6,500 MILE CHALLENGE

Readers will know that the Haywood Smith family have been strong supporters of the church over many years. Paddy tells us that he is very proud of his grandson, Sam Crimp, who has joined a friend, Henry Dunham on a 6,500 mile trek – yes, on foot – from this country to Kath-

mandu. It is taking about a year and the two young men are currently somewhere in Turkey. In fact Leslie Dolphin spoke to them in Istanbul on her afternoon BBC Suffolk programme on Monday 19th September – and does this quite regularly. The trek is in aid of Annie's Challenge – a charity set up in memory of a young mother, Henry's sister, who died earlier this year of a brain tumour. You can read more about this – or contribute even, if you go to the website

www.annieschallenge.org.

We wish the two young men every success and a safe homecoming in this arduous undertaking. They are currently about a third of the way there – 1800 miles completed!

As an aside – some years ago we had a Three Sopranos concert in Great Bealings Church. One of the singers was Christina Johnson. Not only did she recently help to organise a concert at Framlingham Church in aid of this charity, but also, since starring in St Mary's Church she has sung before the Chinese President, the Ministers of the European Union and is a star with the Czech National Opera. It would be good to recruit her like again!

CHURCHYARD

The grasses and flowers are now all very dry and dusty, but hopefully have seeded well, and are now awaiting the annual strim, due to take place on the morning of Saturday 15th October – see below.

Although not strictly part of the churchyard, the War Memorial is the focus of remembrance in the village and part of the church "complex". Its upkeep is organised by the Parish Council, and we would like to record our thanks and appreciation of the recent repairs undertaken to the stone at the base by Paul Norris and team. The stonework is very attractive and laid with great care and craftsmanship. Well done and thank you.

The works have been undertaken by BOOT Construction of Great Bealings

who agreed to complete the well needed works to the war memorial as a mark of respect and gesture to the local community. It has taken some considerable effort to source solid granite that was worthy of incorporation in to such an important landmark. The works have been undertaken by Barry Simons and Paul Norris and will be completed over the coming weeks. The photos show work in progress.

Churchwarden

RAISING THE ROOF

– tea and entertainment in aid of All Saints, Little Bealings.

On Sunday September 4th we were treated to tea and entertainment at Bealings Village Hall – an entertainment put on to raise funds for All Saints Church, including the cost of roof repairs. Maybe it is appropriate that a view from outside the village gives an objective perspective to the quality of entertainment and refreshments on offer. This really was a thoroughly enjoyable occasion and congratulations are due to all concerned with putting it on, especially Gill Peck, who master-minded the entertainment programme, to the multi-talented performers, and to those who contributed to, and provided an excellent tea.

The entertainment ranged from items beautifully sung by the well rehearsed and reinforced Benefice Choir, a couple of excellent monologues performed by Mavis Holmes, solo and duet items from popular shows, excellent dance routines – the illustration gives some idea of the alluring *Cabaret* style of one of the numbers – and group harmony singing – The Humming Birds take a bow! It was a good blend of the divine and the secular, the jazzy and the solemn.

The names that appear on the programme include Sally, Mel, Helena and Gill, Mavis, Katie and Dancers, Humming Birds, Sally and Dancers – you know who

you are, and so did most of the audience, but to all, whether individually identified or not –well done. Mel, Sally, Katie and Becky doubled up as dancers and singers to perform the show song sections. This was a hugely enjoyable event, and shows how a well focused, well organised occasion can deservedly and seemingly painlessly raise funds for an important cause.

Norman Porter – with a view from Great Bealings

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

FUTURE PLANS

We confirm that plans are afoot for a major event in the 2017. We are also energetically seeking to recruit new members to the committee, and to complete an up-to-date database so as to ensure effective communications. This will all be part of the letter you will be receiving from the PCC. (See Churchwarden's Notes, above – Strategy). And please – do feel free to be pro-active and to contact any member of the PCC, or Chairman of FOGBC, Sue Prentice, should you wish to play a role.

ANNUAL WORKING PARTY MORNING

We confirm that the morning of **Saturday October 15th** is the time for our hard-working

team to clear up the for the win-two weeks Harvest

There are a including: Strimming, doors, dig-trenches, and ma-cleaning tower, trim-straighten-



gather and to churchyard ter. It will be before our Festival. range of jobs,

paintings ging drainage brick-laying sonry repair, parts of the ming hedges, ing grave-

stones - so if you would like to identify yourself as someone with the skills and willingness to undertake any specific task do please make contact – and bring along the right tools for the occasion. Your reward will be the usual annual Ploughman's Lunch. All skill sets warmly welcomed.

DEBBIE'S DAHLIAS

The Barrett family count amongst our major contributors to our annual Plant Sale is the Barrett family. Both Ann and Debbie, her daughter, play a prominent role in local shows, where Debbie is famed for her dahlias.



GREAT BEALINGS WAR MEMORIAL

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LITTLE BEALINGS

BIRDS of a FEATHER

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The cover photograph and the images of summer on this page were submitted by Remraf, a Suffolk Artist and Photographer living in Great Bealings.

Many thanks—Ed



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CHURCHWARDEN

NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2016

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Noise and Development at Kesgrave Quarry

A resident drew attention to new plant at the site, which was larger thought to be larger than previous equipment, and Mr Hunter advised what could now be seen at the site. It was thought that perhaps there were new stock piles and lorry movements, and activity on the west site of the site. Another resident had advised that noise had reached an intolerable level at times recently, and there was concern about concrete dust.

It was resolved to ask SCC if the new equipment required planning permission and to advise the resident that SCDC Environmental Health officers should be contacted about the noise and dust.

KESGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION APPLICATION

Many residents had copied the Council on their objection to SCDC about the inclusion of land in the parish in the Area application submitted by Kesgrave and Rushmere St Andrew Councils. It was resolved that formal complaint be made to SCDC about its acceptance of the application, the inadequacy of its contact with the Council and its lack of consultation in the parish on the application. The letter would warn of a legal challenge should SCDC determine the application. It was also resolved to consider again whether a Neighbourhood Plan for Little Bealings would provide any additional protection against development in the parish.

EAOW 1 and 3 PROJECTS

Details had been received of changes to the project, which would now comprise a cable corridor for EAOW 1 and 3 only. No change to the overall width of the cable works for EAOW1 was anticipated and the cable route may be less than had been originally anticipated for the installation of three projects.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

County Councillor Robin Vickery confirmed that he had allocated £5,000 from his 2016/17 budget to this project. This would enable the project to proceed and SCC would be asked to produce a design for the scheme for consideration by the Council and residents.

SAVID

Ms Head reported that the format of SAVID (Safer Village Driving) meetings would be changing and the group would visit member villages in rotation. A visit to Little Bealings was planned during 2018.

FOOTPATH CUTTING

The second cut had been completed and an invoice received from Mr Fear. SCC had been asked to provide the agreed funding.

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORTS

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported on new Health and Wellbeing funding, progress on the new SCDC headquarters, and that his locality budget had been increased to £6,000 for 2016/17. SCDC was running a prize draw to encourage Council Tax to be paid by direct debit. County Councillor Robin Vickery reported on devolution proposals for Suffolk and Norfolk, Raising the Bar Community grant funding and an 'Adopt a Post Office'

scheme involving police officers and trading standards officers

POLICE

No officer was available to attend, but the Chairman reported on her attendance at the First Tier SNT meeting held on 1 September. School parking was discussed, including an SNT proposal to appoint Junior Police Community Support Officers from primary schools to promote safe parking. The police also intended to visit schools and advise on parking.

FINANCE

The following expenditure was authorised:

Mr T Fear: Footpath Cutting: £166.00
Clerk's Salary for August and September and expenses and HMRC PAYE for August and September

EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/16

The auditors had queried the presentation of the VAT refund in the accounts, and requested amendment. They had agreed to waive the fee due, given that the same presentation had been accepted by them last year, and had been approved by both this and last year's internal auditors.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 7 November.

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

Carol Ramsden - Clerk
01473 610088

Email: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com
Website: www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

LET THERE BE LIGHT

On Tuesday 6th September Joan Moon celebrated being '29 again' with 'lights'! She also remembered with affection Gladys Kidd, late of Greenstead, Sandy Lane. Gladys was the heart of her family and a true friend.

The Roger's family remembered Bea

Upson on 8th. September, when she would have reached her 100th. birthday. Her daughter Ferial's recent acquisition of some horse manure reminds her of the birthday, when Bea was delighted by her father's gift- a box of chocolates and a big bag of horse manure!

On Sunday 11th. September Vicky, daughter of Sue & Steve Foster of Sandy Lane, married Alex at All Saints. The lights shone for this special occasion and to wish them every happiness.

New residents, Sarah & Paul Byrom, have asked for lights to shine on 24th. September. Welcome to Little Bealings!

Mrs. Perkins, the widow of the Robert Perkins, has generously donated £100 and requested the lights to shine in his memory on 25th. September. The lights at All Saints were installed as a memorial to Robert Perkins. Mrs. Perkins' generous donations, over many years, have covered the cost of lighting the Church for both the Easter and Christmas period and contributed to maintenance costs, for which we are very grateful.

If you would like the 'lights' to shine for a special occasion or anniversary please contact Peter Carr, the lamplighter, at pandvcarr55@gmail.com or 01473 620213.

The donation for two hours of light is £5. This can be dropped in at Corner Cottage, The Street with a note of dedication etc.

GERANIUMS

My thanks to Vicky and Peter Carr for providing a splash of colour with their display of bright red 'geraniums' shining out in an area of weeds and neglect. Will we ever have a village centre we can be proud of?

Michael Lacey
Richards Drive.

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LITTLE BEALINGS VILLAGE COOKBOOK

The village cookbook is now on the way to the printers and should be available at the Harvest Lunch in October.

Thanks to everyone who took time to add recipes to the previous collection.

Special thanks to Chris Roe for her illustrations that record village life so well.

If you wish to pre-order your copy contact 01473 620213 or pandvcarr55@gmail.com.

It is hoped to sell them for about £5 per copy.

All profits will go to the All Saints Church Roof Fund.

PLAYFORD

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK

Ms. Marian Rosling, Hillside Cottage, The Street, Grundisburgh

Ips 738648

PCC SECRETARY

Mrs. Eileen Stennett, Lux Farm, Playford Road, Playford

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CHURCHWARDEN

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 7th September 2016. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Robert Whiting outlined happenings at SCDC, the offices are being moved to the new premises at Riduna House, Melton in the autumn. There may be spare furniture available for parish councils from the former premises. BT has a scheme to help fund provision of Fibre Broadband to smaller communities and additional help may be available from District or County budgets.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robin Vickery introduced himself as the new Co. Councillor. Devolution has been out for consultation and the results are now with the government, a decision on this will be taken by Co. Council on 2nd Nov 2016. Raising the Bar community grants are available until 29th Dec 2016. The Police have a pilot scheme "Adopt a Post Office" aiming to highlight scams conducted against older people. More details are contained in Robin's report which will be appended to the full minutes on the parish website.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

The possibility of putting a gate across Byway19 at the Playford end was discussed – it would be expensive in legal fees to change the designation of this path. Joan Metcalfe will chase progress of the application to register the FP across fields between C330 & C3311.

Permanent fix for temporary repair to broken tarmac at the junction of Butts Road/ Brook Lane is still outstanding. Build-up of silt on C324 – clearance of this has been requested again. Clerk has written to the landowner requesting overhanging brambles to be trimmed back from the roadside of C324 opposite Clematis Cottage. Overgrown vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13: this task is still with the contractors.

See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments have been authorised for the clerk's expenses and salary. The remaining funds of £543 have been received towards cost of installing the basketball post on the playing field. The clerk's salary was discussed and an increment of two points up the scale to SCP 21 was agreed to commence from 1st Jan 2017 - the number of hours worked per week is to be logged by the clerk and reviewed at the next meeting. It was agreed that the budget is on track and the Financial Regulations will be reviewed at the next meeting. The accounts for year ended 31st March 2016 have passed the External Audit and are available to be viewed by appointment at the clerk's house until 23rd Sept 2016. Minor issues have been rectified.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The ditches outside the Village Hall in Butts Road have been dug deeper and cleared of debris and those in Hill Farm Road will be dealt with soon. Missing grid from a drain in Butts Road will be

reported to Highways. Potholes in general may be reported directly to SCC Highways online and the public is being encouraged to do this.

OUTDOOR PLAYSPACE PROJECT

The newly strengthened bar for the basketball backboard has been fitted but it was not thought necessary to replace the net.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A resolution was passed by the parish council on 22nd Aug 2016 to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan for Playford and the clerk will contact SCDC Planning Dept. It is hoped that District Councillor Robert Whiting will be able to assist with funds from his Enabling Communities budget for this. At the public meeting held on 22nd Aug 2016 the boundary proposals put forward by Kesgrave Town Council for their Neighbourhood Plan were unanimously objected to by a show of hands from 34 members of the public and all councillors present, as the plans included land in both Playford and Lt Bealings parishes. It may be possible for Playford to join forces with the Village Ward of Rushmere St Andrews in a joint Neighbourhood Plan – this would have the advantage of more volunteers available to assist with the groundwork.

OTHER MATTERS

A reply has been received from All Saints Kesgrave PCC to Playford PC's letter requesting that the signage at the cemetery should be changed to reflect the fact that this is on Playford land. They maintain that it would be very difficult to change the name on the sign as it appears on many legal documents and certificates. This matter will be further discussed at the next PC meeting. An ash tree opposite the junction of Butts Road and the lane leading to Lux Farm has shed a large branch and is potentially dangerous. Clerk will contact the arboriculturist at SCDC for advice.

PLANNING

It was requested that planning

applications DC/16/2137/FUL and DC/16/2698/FUL (both pertaining to Airys Cottage) be referred to the Planning Committee at SCDC but these have been referred back to SCDC Planning Office by the Sub-Committee. It is anticipated that these will now be passed subject to conditions.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 2nd Nov 2016 at 7.00pm

Marian Rosling – Clerk 01473 738648

e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

website: www.playford.org.uk

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

10th September sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her Granddaughter, Evangeline Coates, on her birthday, Saturday, 10th September. Happy Birthday Evie, love Grandma Barbara.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. please note new email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home but please be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time

PLAYFORD W.I.

As mentioned in the last newsletter Governor Moore of Hollesley Prison was our guest speaker and a few Playfordians helped swell our numbers. We were thoroughly entertained and enlightened by Governor Moore. He told us adhoc humorous stories between serious topics which made delightful listening. The raffle prizes were won by Tricia Thompson, Catherine Thorber and Bridget Lapsley. On August 2nd. We went along to the Police Museum at Martlesham and were taken through a labyrinth of corridors by a volunteer telling us the history of the Suffolk Police. A most interesting visit.

At our September meeting at the Parish Hall our speaker from the Suffolk Punch

Trust gave us an illustrated talk on the Trusts' work and Suffolk Punch horses. Playford WI will meet again on 4th October which is our birthday meeting when we hope that Tim Llewellyn will speak to us about the Fynn/Lark newsletter which he and other volunteers have been collating and editing for many years.

Sue Bruce.

PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

The faculty has been approved for the re-positioning of the font. Hopefully the change will take place before Christmas. That will give us a great deal more room at the back of the church so that we can continue to develop it into a more family friendly and community area. We have a number of ideas but of course we do have to raise the money first and the church roof is the number one priority at present. We are all working really hard in order to get to the start point for engaging the builder. Forthcoming events include a marriage ceremony on the 8th October at 1 pm. I know that the couple in question would be very happy to see all friends and acquaintances at the ceremony. As an added incentive there will be a glass of fizz and a nibble at the conclusion of the service so you will have something to look forward to as you wait to get out of the church.

*Colin Hedgley,
Churchwarden*

BINKY & CO

Binky felt really relaxed after his wonderful holiday in Felixstowe. Indeed rejuvenated. He was now ready for anything. His mind wandered (a Stickleback fault line) to something he saw when on holiday and he was reminded of one of his great inventions. He had started it over twenty years ago but it was obviously so far ahead of its time that the science had not yet caught up and so he had to put the whole thing on hold. Binky called it his 'contraption'. Mrs S called it something else, but this magazine goes to some very delicate people.

No, Binky realised that solar power could be

the answer. He had got stuck at the power plant equation and had never quite managed to solve it. Well would you under the circumstances? No of course not. The rigid plastic tube had been a major discovery and apart from the rubber collar that part of the contraption seemed pretty sound. But linking solar power to the pump extractor was an inspired brain wave. The reflex klystron ran itself and apart from a few sparks from the backward wave oscillator the front end worked well. But how to connect the micro solar panels to the travelling wave tube? That was the prize. Faraday, Rutherford, Whittle. They had all experienced similar problems and had overcome them. In fact Faraday had to build a cage out of chicken wire to solve his problem. Or so it is said.

Nevertheless Binky soldiered on until he had mastered the problem and with the addition of a thyratron and a few more volts, his contraption burst into life.

Now Binky wasn't daft and he had this gut instinct that if others knew as much as he did then they would not be far behind. Great Bealings University was a hotbed of nugatory inventions.

He therefore decided that it had to be patented. A trip to the Patent Office was essential. Or as Mrs S so kindly informed him "The Intellectual Property Office" and wondered aloud whether he was automatically barred from there as he did not fulfil the requirements of the second word within the meaning of the act. Nonetheless Binky strode out on an awful day with the rain bucketing down and the winds reaching fifty miles per hour. He was armed with a flask and a packet of home - made spring onion sandwiches. The train journey from Ipswich to London was uneventful, apart from some strange seat movement by other passengers when Binky opened his lunch box four hours early. Now Liverpool Street station was as another planet to Binky and his efforts at trying to find the right underground train is a story in itself. Most of the delays on the whole Tube network that day were down to "a man with a strange

contraption getting parts of it stuck in the doors” or so the BBC reported. However alighting at Westminster station and marching smartly up to a policeman at the Palace of Westminster he demanded to be shown to the Patents Office. The constable, a portly man on the verge of retirement gently informed Binky that the aforementioned office was based in Cardiff and not in the Houses of Parliament. Poor Binky. He was devastated and wondered if he could get to Cardiff before the office closed. It was only the encumbrance of his contraption that slowed him down. But he had to take it. It was his *raison d’être* as he keenly explained to a trainload of Welsh rugby fans. They were very understanding, as you can imagine. If you can’t then you have never met a Welsh rugby fan on the way home after being thrashed by the English. Don’t put it on your bucket list. Eventually Cardiff was reached and Binky splashed out on a taxi to take him directly to the patent office. Outside a rough looking Welsh shepherd accosted Binky and said “Hello boyo, ’old these two sheep while I counts ‘em” Binky

feigned deafness. Into the office where a weasly woman directed him to the Office of New and Fantastic Inventions. The gentleman looked at Binky and then the contraption. “I’m very sorry” he said. “Someone came in only half an hour ago and patented an identical machine”. Binky’s heart sank. Years of work wasted. He went outside into the street and sat on a step. The rain was coming down quite hard and it was cold. The wind was getting up. It was dark. His wife didn’t love him. His books were not selling and now his contraption had been beaten to the finishing line. The raindrops fell from the hood of his old pac-a-mac. The tears ran down his cheeks and mingled with the raindrops. His wet cold hands clutched his patent application form which slowly turned soggy and eventually split. Some yobos ran past and sprayed him with shaken up cans of beer and then continued on their merry way. Binky’s body gave an involuntary jerk and he wept uncontrollably.

CULPHO

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ST. BOTOLPH’S CHURCH

‘EVENING OF DESSERTS’

Richard and Christabel Garnham played hosts to an Evening of Desserts at Wood Farm, on the 20th August. The weather looked rather ominous, with dark skies and blowy conditions as we sat down to what can only be described as a profusion of delicious desserts, very agreeable wine and good company. We were entertained superbly by The Shingle Street Trio (plus One); Christine Pearce, Steve Harding, Michael Tyndale-Brisco and Jane Burn who kindly gave her support to the group.

Mainly Sea-shanties, the Trio performed for over an hour amidst the hustle and bustle of cake knives and glasses. Many of the songs were well known, with one or two having been written by members of the Trio themselves. A raffle was supervised by Lynette Chapman and raised a considerable amount towards the event, all in aid of Church funds. Grateful thanks go to all those who made the evening such a success giving willingly of their time and talent in raising over £740. The Reverend Celia Cook thanked Richard and Christabel and all those in attendance. It was a lovely eve-

ning and the weather remained sympathetic until the end.

HARVEST SERVICE

This year the event was held on Saturday 17th September where twenty-two guests sat in the Nave of the beautifully decorated Church arranged by Christabel Garnham. The fruits of the hedgerows looked splendid amongst seasonal produce, in fact everything you could imagine created by nature at this time of year was on display. The large sunflowers took centre stage at the entrance to the Chancel and looked superb. For many years now Christabel has prepared the Church for the Harvest celebrations and each year the display is more creative. Grateful thanks also go to Christine Pearce who, once again kindly coordinated the event, making sure the we were delivered of large quantities of exceptional dishes which we all enjoyed with many going



back for seconds!

Thank you also for those who donated raffle prizes. The result was a very healthy £85 towards Church funds. Without doubt it was a very agreeable evening with wholesome food, good company and all within a beautiful setting.

TALK BY ROY TRICKER

At 2.30 p.m. on Friday 18th November, Roy Tricker, Church Historian, Licensed

Reader and Lay Canon at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral will give a talk titled 'Discussions, Deals and Wangles – Creating a Diocese for Suffolk'. Roy has written over 200 Church guides and been associated with the Church since 1970. He is renowned for his informative and enthusiastic delivery on numerous Church related matters and you will be assured of a superb afternoon. Entry is free with tea and biscuits available at the conclusion of the event. There will be a receptacle for retiring donations at the back of the Church which will go towards church funds. We do hope you can join us.

NEXT PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

This will take place at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 27th October, at Wood Farm, Grundisburgh the home of Richard and Christabel Garnham.

NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE FYNN-LARK NEWS

In this issue Culpho Church has been asked to supply the Editorial and are pleased that Local Artist and renown Ornithologist Reg Snook kindly agreed to provide an article on 'The Birds of Culpho Village'. We are most grateful to Reg for agreeing to deliver the editorial and his piece describes those places where a variety of birds can be seen and heard within the village and those we can expect in the winter months. Most, if not all, of the birds described have been painted by Reg and can be seen at his Studio in Grundisburgh.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Great Bealings

BENEFICE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Little Bealings and Great Bealings will be holding a joint Celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving at 11.00am in St Mary's Church Great Bealings on Sunday 30th October. This will be a Songs of Praise service and all are warmly welcome.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This years' Benefice service of Remembrance will be held in All Saints Church Little Bealings at 10.00am on Sunday 13th November; all are warmly welcome.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE CONFIRMED?

Our Bishop, Martin Seeley, is coming to Melton Parish Church on Sunday 6th November at 3pm to confirm anyone who would like to start receiving communion in the Woodbridge area.

If you have been thinking about taking this step in faith and would like any help or advice at all, young or old(!), do please get in touch with either Philip 01394 610972 or me, Revd Celia Cook 01473 878104

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST RIDE AND STRIDE 2016

Firstly, a really big thank you to Oliver

and Mackenzie and their respective parents for cycling this year. Mackenzie travelled around the local countryside and Woodbridge, Oliver to the cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. Between them they raised a magnificent £309.20.

An equally big thank you to all those who gave up their time sit in our Church and enable us to offer a warm welcome to our visiting cyclists. Your help is much appreciated.

BIKE RIDE THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sponsored me on my bike ride from Playford to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral. I managed to cram in 32 churches and over 40 miles. Thanks to you I raised £182.20 for Playford church; hopefully this will go towards the church roof fund.

Oliver Norfolk, age 10

Many congratulations to Oliver and Mackenzie for setting the example and perhaps shaming

*more of us into taking part next year—
Ed*



MESSY CHURCH

SUNDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings

CHURCH DIARY - OCTOBER

SUNDAY 2nd

	19th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00	Holy Communion – said	Little Bealings
10.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings

SUNDAY 9th

	20th Sunday after Trinity	
8.00	Holy Communion – said	Great Bealings
9.00	Family Communion	Playford

SUNDAY 16th

	21st Sunday after Trinity	
10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
3.00pm		Culpho

WEDNESDAY 19th

9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 23rd

	Last Sunday after Trinity	
9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
4.00pm	Messy Church – Angela Cobbold Hall	

SUNDAY 30th

	4th Sunday before Advent	
11.00	Benefice Harvest Songs of Praise	Great Bealings

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY 6th

	3rd Sunday before Advent	
8.00	Holy Communion - said	Little Bealings

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

6th August Sam Matthew Chater & Alexandra Carolyn Pilc **Great Bealings**

Please keep this page for future reference, it will only appear if space permits

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511
	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.15	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	07809594685
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		Margaret Wilson 07769195132
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar 7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	Mary Spillett 01394 385295
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	07809594685
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat	Dairy Crest 747272
NEWSPAPERS		Grange News 01394 384082
PARISH HALL BOOKING	Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	playfordtoddlers@gmail.com
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
WI	PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 pm	Sue Bruce 738265
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00	Astrid Llewellyn 610635

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For more information please contact the Club secretary: Ian McIvor on 01473 738866

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