

Fynn - Lark News

OCTOBER 2017

Last month's editorial lamented the lack of local influence on various local government issues. By way of consolation, and as an antidote to that piece, we are pleased to publish this piece. It demonstrates how local Councils CAN be prevailed upon to respond to public opinion.



In 2014 a cat was killed in The Street in Little Bealings by a speeding motorist.

This led to a conversation between neighbours that highlighted the danger to residents, walkers, cyclists, parents and children posed by traffic on The Street. From this the idea that The Street should have a 20mph speed limit came into being.

Three years later we have the signs and markings to prove that local democracy works! Initially the Parish Council were approached. They were quick to offer help with information and support. A committee was set up. This included local residents and representatives of the Friends of Bealings School.

Local councillors attended meetings and explained the procedures required, offering advice and support. Petitions were available for signing, however it was the 'on-line' petition organized through Change.org that was most effective. The registrations on this site went directly to, our then, County Councillor, the late Peter Bellfield. He supported the request and allocated funding when the Highways Dept. quoted costs. Through the good offices of Councillor Colin

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Hedgley further funding was secured from the Suffolk Coastal District Council. After various speed checks and public consultation the need for 20mph was recognized and agreed.

Special thanks for making Little Bealings a safer place, are due to the chairperson of the Friends of Bealings School and parents, the members of the committee and the Parish Council and local councillors, and proving that 'people power' and local democracy can achieve results for all the community.

Vicki Carr

FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Thanks to all who made appreciative comments about last month's editorial. All we can say is that the planning issue is on-going, and that we really do stress that the whole affair is about process rather than about personalities. The issue is with the procedures of the planning authorities.

One reaction to the September magazine added the rider that we should not allow the magazine to become too heavily textual. In response we would like to say that we really do value the role of pictures in our publication – indeed, the introduction of colour just over a year ago made this a much more attractive proposition – but that we can only publish pictures if we receive them. Currently we only have two or three regular and reliable sources –so, if you want pictures, get out there and take them! The worst that can happen is that we have to hold them over on grounds of insufficient space – or maybe not appropriate to the text. Get snapping! Maybe even the contributions from Parish Councils could occasionally benefit from a bit of visual illustration – but perhaps that is asking a bit too much of our loyal and hard-working PC members and Secretaries!

ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERESTED PARTIES

It is now well over a year since the revised version of our Magazine was launched. It is time to take stock and to:

- 1/ Consider the state of finances.
- 2/ Explore possibilities for development.
- 3/ Assess the current structure and role of personnel.

With that in mind, we invite interested parties to a meeting

Angel Cobbold Hall (to be confirmed)

Thursday November 16th at 7.30 pm.

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PROFILE - JENNY DOW

We shall be sad to be losing Jenny in early October. She is planning to move out of the village of Great Bealings to Snape. Jenny has been living in Rosery Cottages, Lower Street for some 12 years, but is well known well beyond the immediate Bealings area. Her floristry skills are known across the county, and for several years she has had a base at the Grange Farm Shop. Goodness knows how many weddings have been graced by flower arrangements put together in recent years by Jenny. She has also generously supported many events by providing raffle prizes and helping with the church flower roster. She will be greatly missed.

Jenny moved into the village, with her late husband, David, having spent several years in Clopton – hence the original trading name of *Clopton Dried Flowers*. She does, in fact originally hail from Yorkshire, and that Northern toughness has been very much in evidence since the loss of David. Jenny has two grown up sons, one of whom, Markus, lives in Dubai, and allows Jenny to practice her granny skills quite frequently and James, who lives in Northampton.

Thanks for all you have contributed to our villages, Jenny. We will miss you, but the friendships will endure.

RON HURLOCK'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Ron has been a loyal supporter of services across the Benefice. He has also been keen to share his art with us, and was an exhibitor at the Gt Bealings Festival in early September. On the afternoon of Saturday August 19th he kindly entertained friends and family for a special birthday party at the Barn Café, Grange Farm Shop – one of our advertisers! Ron is a regular there, and

those present were able to join Ron in enjoying some very tasty refreshments and special cake. Many thanks to Ron for his generosity, and to the Barn Café for really coming up trumps. Others were present either briefly or in spirit, as the event clashed with a match at happy-again Portman Road.

The next day, Sunday, the day of Ron's actual birthday, further celebratory refreshments were sung at the end of the service in Little Bealings Service. Ron had chosen hymns which brought out hearty singing voices, which still had more than enough energy in them for a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday to you". Congratulations, Ron!



NATURE NOTES

Just two observations this month.

Firstly, residents of Kiln Lane were treated to the sight of a flock of some 200 goldfinches, apparently feeding on the knap-grass seed. The meadow at the bottom of the lane is left to produce wild flowers and it has done this in abundance. The flock of goldfinches attracted the attention of a couple of local kestrels too, and they hovered around, unsuccessfully, hoping to find an easy meal. We don't often see kestrels in these parts.

According to Wikipedia: "Knapweeds are robust [weedy](#) plants. The flowers are

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER

Sat 4th	Jazz Concert: Joyspring	Great Bealings
Sat 11th	Concert: Holly Johnston & Silbury Hill	Bealings Village Hall
Thur 16th	Fynn Lark News - Open Meeting	Angela Cobbold Hall

DECEMBER

Sun 3rd	Concert: Gippeswyck Singers, with a quintet	Great Bealings
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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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diverse in colour, ranging from intense blues, reds and yellows to any mixture of these and lighter shades towards white. Many species, in particular those inhabiting more arid regions, have a long and strong taproot. Certain knapweeds have a tendency to dominate large stretches of landscape.”

This they have certainly done in Great Bealings churchyard which has masses of these. They are rather coarse plants, but do attract butterflies and bees, and clearly the seeds, as the plant dies away, are attractive to wild birds.



Another unusual sight came in a garden on the Grundisburgh Road. There, in mid-September, were clouds of butterflies enjoying nibbling at ripe plums. Can anyone tell us what they get from this apparent treat? The plums seemed even more attractive even than buddleia.

HISTORY CORNER - TO BE CONFIRMED AND COMPLETED –STOP PRESS

By way of consolation – and indeed of justification for all the disruption to our local roads by the power-line activities, we can report that there have been significant finds of Romano-Saxon material. The findings are significant enough for the contractors to think that they can produce sufficient material for a talk about what they have discovered. Such ancient remains have been found previously in this area, so it is perhaps no surprise that findings relevant to our past

history have been brought to light.

Accordingly a talk is being arranged for some time in November in the Village Hall, Little Bealings. Little Bealings historian, Jim Pawsey has been in constructive contact with those involved in the excavations, and has been instrumental in setting this up. Please keep eyes and ears open for the actual time and date – the email news service will be notified.

PLANT SALE STAR PRIZE – A TRIP TO LE TOUQUET

When did we win first prize in a raffle? Never! But then we did, and what a prize!

After several false starts due to unsuitable weather (Pilot: “I can get you there, but maybe not back”), Tuesday 22nd August dawned bright and quiet. We met our pilot, Colin Hopkins, and travelled together to Earls Colne, Airfield, a former RAF Station.

We helped pull the plane out of the hanger and were reassured to see Colin thoroughly checking it over. Actually sitting in the plane is an interesting experience. One’s knees are close to one’s chin and one is surrounded by an array of buttons, dials and switches. It’s best not to touch anything. Colin went through more checks, and we were off.



It was partly cloudy, but we could see as we flew over London, then Canterbury then there was the Channel below us. In just over the hour we touched down at Le Touquet. The airport seemed deserted,

we sailed through with no need for passports and in no time we were seated outside in an excellent restaurant. I like Beef Bourguignon and this dish was served with chips - heaven. I offered to buy Colin a drink and was reassured, when he said "don't be silly".

A quick walk around this delightful town, back in the plane, knees up, and return to Blighty. My wife and I agreed that this had been a great day - interesting, new experiences, and lots of fun. Buy a ticket next time round!

David & Lindsay Phelan

LETTER FROM LILY – GROWING OLD GRACEFULLY

As with people, some plants age better than others. And this discrepancy becomes most apparent in the Autumn garden. Take buddleias, for example. The beautiful clusters of lilac, purple and white flowers, so beloved of butterflies in the height of summer, look rather sad and bedraggled once the flower heads turn brown. Roses also lose their appeal when the flowers fade. But flowers, unlike us humans, can be given a painless, and inexpensive, face-lift with the help of a pair of sharp secateurs – the gardener's answer to the surgeon's scalpel. All non-sterile plants are programmed to flower and then set seed. Once the seed is set there is no longer any need to keep producing more flowers; the plant's job is done for that season. Dead-heading stops the plant setting seed and encourages new flowers to form. I find it very therapeutic, totally relaxing and requiring very little physical effort. It can be a bit scary to start with – I have chopped off many buds in my time, mistaking them for spent flower heads (because I didn't look closely enough), but even I haven't managed to kill a plant by clumsy dead-heading.

So how is it done? With plants such as repeat flowering roses, buddleias, sweet

peas, most daisies and penstemons, where flowers appear on branching stems, cut back to just above a leaf joint. New flower stems will then grow from the joint. However, where flowers appear on the end of long stems, such as pelargoniums, astrantia and agapanthus, it is necessary to cut down to the base of the stem. I have found that pelargoniums will very quickly produce new flower stems, as will astrantia, but I haven't found this to be the case with agapanthus, but then again, I haven't yet managed to cut a stem of agapanthus before it has set seed.

As we all know, to every rule there is an exception. Some plants carry their age with pride and have lovely seed heads that will stand through Winter – or until they are eaten by the birds. I am not a member of the 'if it's brown, cut it down' school of gardening and my desire to leave food for the birds gives me an excellent excuse to avoid venturing into the garden once days shorten and get colder, because I prefer to leave the tidying up of the garden until Spring.

What I do try to do, given that Autumn is the season of mists and making lists (with apologies to John Keats), is to record what went well and not so well in the garden and to remind myself of everything that I plan to do next year. All I have to do then is to find the list!

P.S. It's not too late to take semi ripe cuttings from shrubs to make new plants for the plant sale. (Excellent advice is available via Google.)

Love, Lily

RESERVE NATIONAL PONY TANDEM CHAMPION AND DRIVER OF THE YEAR

How many people know that we have a top national carriage-driving champion living amongst us? Here's an item from Fiona Powell describing a successful weekend of carriage-driving:



“Tandem” makes most people think of a two-person bicycle so a tandem of ponies conjures up an unusual image. Driven tandems – where one horse pulls the carriage and another horse goes in front – are rare, and, in the late 1800s, undergraduates were banned from driving them in Cambridge because they would have races round the streets. A fast high-stepping horse tandem was the equivalent of a Porsche roadster in those days.

Traditional tandem. Thanks to Evelyn Radnai

The leader – front horse – must be bold and forward-going yet obedient: the wheeler, pulling the carriage, must be sensible, equally forward-moving and forgiving when the leader has a hissy fit at a Pokémon Go monster hiding behind a leaf by the road. A pony tandem is over eight metres long and can turn on a sixpence (or five pence coin...).

Cirencester Park hosted the British Carriage driving National Championships 2017, 8-10 September, and the Reserve National Champion Pony Tandem Driver Fiona Powell returned to Bealings with some lovely ribbons as well as the Fenix Carriages Driver of the Year class trophy for the highest total points.

Tandem drivers are a rare breed, their main qualities being determination and a sense of humour: it's an unpredictable class and anything can go wrong. There were only three pony tandems at Cirencester yet they were very closely matched and they finished just 2.73 penalties apart, the gap narrowing from 14.8 after Friday's dressage competition, to 7.57 after the marathon and obstacle driving phase on Saturday. The cones course on Sunday juggled with the scores again to leave first-timer Fiona in second place overall: a surprise result against two former national champions.



Obstacle driving, Sandringham

- by Sara Jane Hayes

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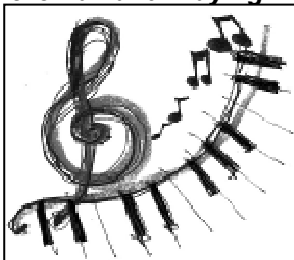
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Silbury Hill are an East Anglian duo consisting of Scott Dolling (flute, guitar, vocals) and David Stainer (guitar, mandolin, vocals). They play a lively blend of original songs plus covers by popular artistes as varied as "Sting" and "Jethro Tull". To date they have produced 3 CD's of original material. They play regularly throughout eastern and central England - at festivals, events, bars and clubs as well as in France and Belgium.

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Once again grateful thanks to everyone who supported September's Community Lunch. £85 was raised towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

The next lunch will be on Tuesday 3rd. October 12.30-1.30pm

Chicken and mushroom pie, dry roast potatoes & vegetables

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BEALINGS WI

The Autumn programme begins in early October with a coffee get together, followed by the WI meeting on Thursday 19th October at 2.30pm in Bealings Village Hall. The speaker will be David Empson and his subject "What did our grandparents do in the Great War?"

Visitors are always most welcome. Please contact Jennifer Cook 01473 623985 for further details.

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

The Hall would be an ideal venue for your event, with a large main hall including a large stage area, and committee room that can be booked individually or together. There is a kitchen with fridge, freezer microwave and oven.

Cost for residents of Great and Little Bealings is £8 an hour for the main hall which includes use of the kitchen, non-residents of Bealings £15 an hour.

There is now a dedicated booking website for viewing availability which can be accessed via the Little Bealings onesuffolk website and clicking on the tab for the Village hall. With an email for further enquiries and to book which is: -

bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com

On weekdays' the hall is almost fully booked with regular hirers but there is limited availability, with more slots at weekends.

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- After 2 weeks move up to 5lb potato bags and repeat the earlier exercise. It took me another 2 weeks to feel comfortable with this
- Eventually try to get to the level where you can lift a 10lb potato bag in each hand. This is quite an uplift so do be careful and don't rush things, build slowly.

AND THEN

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ST MARY'S

There is now even more scaffolding around the church, namely around the tower. This is because work on the tower is scheduled to start shortly. High level (literally) meetings have taken place to assess the work to be undertaken. We also hope that the re-tiling of the northern face of the roof will begin in early October. We had to put a cheery face on it all for the duration of the Creative Arts Festival and bedeck the scaffolding and corrugated iron with bunting and balloons. We can but apologise to those who would like to lay tributes on the graves of those whose cremated remains are inaccessible, behind the heavy – and very much effectively vandal-proof - cladding.

There is a full report on our Festival below, under FOGBC, but the event did give us the opportunity to proclaim the wonderful artistic legacy that our ancestors have bequeathed us, in the form of wonderful carvings, stonework, stained glass windows, embroidery (the hassocks), tudor brickwork and memorials. The Festival gave us the opportunity to see what is currently created by talented artists of all descriptions within the village as part of that creative tradition.

LOOKING BACK

BURIAL OF ASHES

Sunday 20th August witnessed a unique ceremony. The occasion was the burial of ashes of the late Yvonne Maxtead, from Clacton. Yvonne was one of the Creasy sisters, who used to live in Winton. The other sisters are Jan Houchell and Margaret Potter, both generous supporters of our church. The ceremony

was unusual in that it had to be held behind the wall of corrugated iron, through a small gap in the cladding, and past dangerously protruding poles. Despite the physical challenges, everyone survived unscathed, and we were able to agree that this was probably a unique and memorable service – as well as strangely moving, in its uniqueness.

A small plaque was placed at the foot of the recently planted cherry tree beyond the shed – in memory of the parents of the three girls Doris and Jack Creasey. We are also very grateful to John, husband of the late Yvonne, for a generous gift to the church.

REFLECT AND REFRESH

The second service of this kind took place on Sunday August 20th. We are very grateful to Olivia Haywood Smith for taking the initiative and offering to lead a discussion on our environment. How great it is to have young people involved and demonstrating that such services and discussions can be of interest to all, regardless of age, religious affiliation or convictions.

The September service came at the conclusion of the Creative Arts festival. Norman Porter, Churchwarden introduced the theme of Creation and the Creative Arts. The two subjects under discussion were:

a/ Where does the human creative urge come from?

b/ Why is it that so much of western art owes its inspiration to the Christian religion?

Interesting discussions resulted. These discussions are open to all. They are

services with a real difference, so why not come along and see what happens, and contribute if you feel so move?

LOOKING AHEAD

We have our usual services on the first and second Sundays of each month. These services are few in number, so it would be wonderful if the small numbers of services were compensated for by large numbers in the congregation. If you are not a regular, do come and see what happens. You will be assured of a warm welcome, and may be surprised how the traditional form of services has evolved. There is much less off-putting formality – and always a chance for a chat and refreshments at the end.

CHURCH CAR PARK

We are getting closer to commissioning the work required for making the crossing from the car park to the church much safer – and, indeed, more sightly.

CHURCHYARD

The observation cabin has arrived, and we now need to get together a working party to erect it. It will then have to be stained (green) and fitted out for use, both as an observation cabin, and as a retreat for those visiting graves. This may take some time, as we want to do the job properly, and professionally.

Please see the Nature notes about the Knapweed that covers much of the churchyard space – the dried husks of these plants will largely be cut back and we will be organising a working party, as usual, one Saturday morning, in order to put the churchyard to bed for the winter. More volunteers are welcome – so if you would like to add your name to the list – for a valuable contribution to this task – and for a cheery social get-together with a ploughman's lunch at the end of it, do please have a word. Ploughwomen's lunches will also be there to try to make the work parties unisex.

Incidentally – I am persuaded that there is evidence that our barn owl nesting box has again been productively used this year.

Churchwarden

LIGHT THE LIGHTS!

Unfortunately, last month's entry was a repeat of the June entry. On checking my P.C. I discovered that it had a technical fault – its' operator had experienced a "Senior Moment" "Here then is the correct September issue coupled with the October one, now being delivered.

September issue

A quiet period, probably due to our contributors enjoying their tequilas on the beach. Nevertheless, two important celebrations took place. Firstly, that of Freddie Sledmere's life in Bealings, both Great and Little, finishing with a memorable cremation service at "Seven Hills ". His life story was eloquently given by our Norm to a packed assembly of friends and family. The lights shone on 25 & 26 July and as I transcended the path to our church, a jet flew high overhead. I wondered if perhaps it was our Freddie giving his final flight pass. When he retired from the RAF, Freddie piloted an "Electric Lightning" jet fighter plane as a treat – could it have been?? On 29th July the Roseboom family celebrated Henrietta's 21st birthday in liquid style as a precursor to her departure on Sept. 1st to Granada, Spain where she will spend the year at the University for her studies of Spanish, translation, media, and I have no doubt, of Tapas bars! Needless to say, parental guidance will be required, so we look forward to the odd trip or two? Have a thought therefore, to see if there are any forthcoming events you may wish to celebrate or remember – Ipswich Town supporters are presently getting excited- so I look forward to your call for the lights to be lit, albeit to brighten up the metal fortress behind which our church still stands.

October issue.

On 2 September Alexander Haywood Smith reached the giddy heights of a 25th birthday. He moves to Berlin shortly to take up residence. He will be selling Works of Art in keeping with his Arts Degree from Edinburgh University. At the recent Craft & Arts Fair his own paintings

were much admired. On 18th, his sister, Olivia, will be 20, preparing herself for Canterbury University, where she will read "Human Ecology". To continue lighting up our church please contact me, Roger Roseboom 01473 735153

STRICTLY COME DANCING?

By the time you read this, you will be Sequinised, Freckliest, Double Flipped, and Tolionysed as you view the new Strictly Come Dancing Show on BBC 1 – Who will be the winner? Who will be better than last year's Ed Ball? Such is the rapture that this event captures the nation. But – are you aware that in our own Bealings Village Hall on Tuesday evenings a group meets, under the guidance of Teresa Jay, a professional dance instructor, to learn the pleasure of social dancing as well as to learn the basic skills of the dance steps for the Waltz, Quick step, Slow fox trot, Rhumba, Samba, Tango, Cha Cha Cha etc., purely for enjoyment and dare I say it, keep fitness. It's amazing how much benefit these 1-hour sessions produce. But we don't stop there, every 3rd Saturday in the month (14th October) we meet and enjoy a social evening at the Village Hall from 7.30 – 10 p.m. to dance the time away in a social, not competitive atmosphere. Bring your own drink, enjoy friendly company, at a cost of £15 per couple and then retire home for a good night's sleep. Why not come along on Saturday 14th October and have a go – who knows there may be a "Strictly Star" in the village!

Having resurrected our dancing interests, Margaret and I are considering the possibility of starting a "Sunday Tea Dance Club" at the Village Hall from 2 – 4 p.m. when the dance music of the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's will be played through BYAT's sound system, tea and cakes will be served throughout the afternoon, which will be a "strictly social occasion" aimed at reawakening those times when dancing was enjoyed by going anti clockwise round a crowded ball-room or

just come, listen and enjoy those days when music was music. Oh, happy memories of the Blackpool Tower Ballroom! Interested? If so please let us know in order that we can organise this event. We envisage £3 per person - tea provided and seek those attending to make and bring the cakes. Any profit made would be directed to our local Bealings Churches.

Please contact: Roger & Margaret Roseboom Tel: 01473 735153 or by e-mail: roger.roseboom1@btinternet.com

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CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL

This was certainly the event of the year. Financial results have still to be finalised, but we very much hope that the combination of income from the launch evening at Annesley Hall, proceeds from the sale of programmes and refreshments, and the percentage of sales of various items over the weekend will result in nett income of not far short of £2000. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to the success of this occasion, whether by exhibiting works of art or harvest-themed flowers and vegetables, or by doing their bit by helping as part of the organisation, or, indeed, by just coming along to support us. The financial outcome is important, but the unquantifiable benefit is the goodwill created by the event, and, hopefully, the recognition by those who came and are not churchgoers, that the church, its treasures and its history are an intrinsic part of the village, both historically, and in the present day.

On Friday evening Ben and Nicky Morton-Wright offered the wonderful main hall of Annesley House for our staging of an evening of entertainment – in dance, song and words. Lawrie Werber gave wonderfully powerful renditions of various passages from Dickens, largely from novels of local relevance. A trio of traditionally clad Tibetan dancers (none of

them actually of Tibetan nationality!) showed why they have UNESCO credentials as exponents of this dancing tradition. They also presented us with a wonderful silken scarf/banner as a symbol of well-wishing and friendship from the group. The “song” element of the occasion was provided by Nick Feldman, with a wonderfully entertaining array of songs, wittily delivered, to the accompaniment of Emma on the piano. The evening was interspersed with entertainment intermissions, and went with a swing. The background to it all was a display of paintings by the late Robert Sadler, father of Robin Sadler. Some of these were for sale – and some were duly purchased. Our warmest thanks to Ben and Nicky for hosting the evening, despite the challenges of a just-in-time conclusion of major redecorating works. We also particularly thank Chris Chestnutt and Val Irving for co-curating the exhibition, despite, respectively, the challenges of a serious operation and a newly born grandson.

Saturday and Sunday offered wall-to-wall refreshments and displays within the church. Our grateful thanks to all who ensured that refreshments were available throughout, and that the displays within the church were a true reflection of the depth and breadth of creative talent that goes all-too-often hidden and unappreciated within our village. Congratulations to you all on a really impressive all-round display of talent. Most of the displays were static, but we had particular reason to thank Farran Scott and Clara Charlesworth for a beautifully sensitive musical interlude on the Saturday afternoon, and Bridget Lapsley, a local artist living in Culpho, who undertook to help a small group of aspiring artists work on their painting and drawing skills.

In all, a memorable weekend, and one which engaged the energies and talents of so many people in our village. Well done to all – and thank you for your enthusiastic support.

Just for the record tokens were awarded to Rob Hall (vegetables), Sharon Cripps (flowers), Lottie Morton-Wright (enormous sunflower head), Jonathan Keer (apples) – and all the lego entries were judged worthy of a small token (Dominic Douse, Aidan Douse and Edie Saunders. We should also add that Debbie Barrett has a garden full of wonderful dahlias, but such are her wider commitments that she could not fully commit to our event. We do publish a picture of the dahlia garden, and can see why she wins so many awards.



Thanks to those who submitted limericks for general enjoyment, and here's another one to conclude this write-up:

*An artist who painted in oils
Found he was smothered in boils
So he turned to acrylic
With results so idyllic
That his face is now nothing but smoiles.*



SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES CYCLE RIDE

We had no riders this year – everyone was involved in our Festival. We deliberately chose the date so as to make the two events coincide. Sad to relate, even though visiting cyclists received a special Festival welcome, only a dozen managed to visit us. This would normally equate to the number of church-sitters, so luckily the Festival gave our “sitters” much more to do, as their role this year included welcoming guests to the Festival itself.

We shall be reduced to making a small token donation to the Trust, but wonder why the event seems to be declining in immediate local popularity – maybe the busy-ness of the road, and the danger posed to younger cyclists. A shame, since the event has been popular and well supported for over 30 years.

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Joysspring jazz concert on Saturday **4th November**.

December 3rd by the **Gippeswyk Singers**, plus quintet. This event will be publicised by the Singers themselves and co-promoted by Gill Peck (a member of the group) and Little Bealings Church. Tickets will be available at £10, and refreshments will be available in exchange for donations to church funds.

The Friends

PARISH COUNCIL

We understand that the September item from Great Bealings Parish Council was somehow omitted. We apologise unreservedly for this omission, and will establish how it can have occurred. We are fully aware that the Parish Councils underpin our publication with generous financial support, and that the Fyyn-Lark News is the prime means of maintaining communications with parishioners.

We will do our very best to ensure that the receipt of items is acknowledged, and that acknowledged receipt is the evidence that the item will be published, unless there are exceptional circumstances,

such as lack of space in any particular issue. This should not apply to Parish Council material, which is normally time-sensitive.

QUIET LANES

The Parish Council has been informed that there is no funding available from SCC at the present time, and no-one to support the scheme, therefore this initiative has died.

DEFIBRILLATOR

The Parish Council have now funded the installation of this by the front door of the Village Hall and it has been registered by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust (EEAST) A training session has been held, attended by some Councilors from both Great and Little Bealings together with users and representatives of the Village Hall. The defibrillator is locked with a numbered keypad, and the access code will be provided by EEAST in response to a 999 call quoting the location code which is displayed on the cabinet.

NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th July

REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILOR – Colin Hedgley was not at the meeting and had provided a written report, a full copy of which is attached to the minutes on the website

PLANNING

DC/17/2498/FUL – Regency House, Lower Street, Great Bealings – Proposed alterations, extension and raising existing single storey roof. It was felt that this application did not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan as it was an overdevelopment of the site. Therefore, the Parish Council unanimously resolved to strongly object to this application.

DC/17/1476/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage – Charles Barrington had taken no part in the PC's discussion and vote on this matter at the PC meeting on 8th May, but subsequently Cllrs agreed to him acting in support of the decision to object to this application. Together with Martin Cripps, he attended the SCDC Planning Committee meeting on 15th June to present the PC's objections. A decision

was deferred to allow a site meeting to take place which Colin Hedgley attended on 26th June to ensure that the cottage was viewed from all angles.

(N.B. The application was heard again by SCDC on 20th July, and approval was given)

E-Consultation for Planning Applications - SCDC have requested that the PC agrees to sign up to the E-consultation process of assessing planning applications. Cllrs declined this request in view of the poor broadband facilities in some areas.

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge – Cllrs were dissatisfied with a recent email received from the Highways officer at SCC, and Charles Barrington agreed to circulate a draft reply for comment on before it was sent. It was agreed that a 40mph would suffice, together with eastbound priority. He will also send the letter to Robin Vickery asking for his support in arranging a meeting.

Other Highways Matters – an email has been received from a resident concerned about the amount of signs recently erected in the village. He has been advised that most of these are temporary and in connection with the Windfarm project.

EASTANGLIAONE WINDFARM – Following an email from Sarah Carter-Jonas, Charles Barrington expressed the PC's grateful appreciation for her monitoring of the current works and he reported on the current work progress in Lodge Road. It is hoped to get some new trees supplied instead of re-instating the hedge. The main cable work will probably be delayed considerably due to some recent archaeology discoveries at Bawdsey.

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Seven cheques were authorized for the Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses, defibrillator installation and additional donation to Fynn-Lark News. Following the update to the Risk

Assessment, all procedures are now approved. The Clerk provided figures for adding the laptop to the All-Risks section of the Insurance Policy plus additional insurance for the Speed Indicator Device when it was used in the Parish. These were agreed, to start immediately.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 7.00p.m. The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website

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PARISH COUNCIL

Following the decision of Suffolk Coastal District Council to approve the application for Rosery Farm Cottage (see last month's FLN) Charles Barrington, Chairman of GBPC, and Martin Cripps, a member of the PC, met Philip Ridley, Head of the Planning Department at SCDC. He was accompanied by Tony Fryatt, cabinet member for planning. The purpose of the meeting, apart from expressing the PC's deep unhappiness at the decision, was to try and understand how the decision had been reached and to discuss what action could be taken by the PC in future to ensure that the Neighbourhood Plan would be taken into account in circumstances where the PC had objected to an application. Even though our objection resulted in the application being taken to Committee, it was still approved despite the unanimous decision of the PC to object, and despite our ward councillors and Tony Fryatt himself supporting our view.

We made clear that it was intolerable that an applicant could have many months of negotiations with SCDC under a pre-

application process, supported by extensive and expensive advisers, while the PC was kept completely in the dark. We had 21 days to comment, of which four were the Easter Bank Holiday. This is neither fair nor reasonable given that our Plan is now a statutory part of SCDC's Local Plan and should be given equivalent consideration. The PC has agreed (and the minute will appear in next month's FLN) that we should seek to publicise this fact, and also endeavour to become involved in DCLG's proposed consultation process on the role of NPs in the future. Mr Ridley agreed to review the process and revert to us.

Other action points coming out of the meeting were:

- ◆The PC will in future place a notice on the village email circular list and the PC website every time a planning application is received. This will give people a chance to comment, either by speaking to a member of the PC or by writing to SCDC themselves. (See below)

- ◆The PC will make every effort to contribute to the consultation now being

run by SCDC on their revised Local Plan due out in 2019. This is essential since the next Plan will cover the proposed Ipswich Northern Suburb and the potential routes for a Northern Relief road, a development that is now viewed as inevitable.

- ◆Mr Ridley will arrange for the new planning officer at SCDC who has been allocated to our area to contact us so that we can show them round the parish and explain the basis and importance of the Neighbourhood Plan.

- ◆These actions cannot undo the decision on Rosery Farm Cottage, but with the support of all those who voted for the NP we can perhaps use it as a forceful argument in the future as these significant developments arise.

The PC will keep you informed of these matters as they develop in the future.

The full minutes of the PC meeting held on 5th September will be available on the website at the end of September, and a summary will appear in the November issue of FLN.

THE CAFÉ-HUB PROJECT - A VI

The Café-Hub Project is a major topic of discussion in our villages. Details of the project are r people seem increasingly persuaded by the arguments in favour of the project, but consensus opinions within the village of Little Bealings. These opinions are sincerely held, and, in their c nomic option. So - having heard the range of arguments both from across the bridge, in Gr ordinating editor is taking the liberty of giving what will hopefully be seen as an objective view

THE WIDER CONTEXT

The role of the church and the use of the buildings have to be seen in the light of the managed terms of age profile, income has fallen, rectories have been sold, churches have been declared parish share tends to rise, often to the level of around £1000 a month for villages like ours. No

THE LOCAL CONTEXT

Our Benefice has four churches, with a priest appointed to work half-time, and expected to w benefice basis, but most remain exclusively loyal to their own village church. It seems crazy th month. With resources spread so thinly, it surely makes sense for:

- 1/ individual churches to concentrate what they are best placed to do, if they are to survive: Li currently redundant pub, the Village Hall and the Angela Cobbold Hall. It is well placed to be a
- 2/ for communities to join together in activities, and to make themselves stronger in partnersl annual Plant Sale, BYAT, the WI etc. The Hub committee already includes members from each have no shop or café facility. We just don't have anywhere where we can easily and informally type establishments.

FINANCES

From all reports received it seems that maintaining both the Angela Cobbold Hall and All Sain tion do not pay the bills. The church already needs significant sums to be spent even to main takes place in the ACH, it, taken alongside the expenses of running the church costs more tha cant, but use of the church by the wider community would seemingly attract significant grant: heartedly approved and endorsed.

WHY KEEP THE CHURCHES GOING AND HOW TO DO SO

Our churches are the repositories of records, treasures and memories which go back several over the country and across the world in search of ancestors, memories of a wedding day, me ings to go under the estate agent's hammer – and some do – would be an affront to their histo Within range there are a significant number of farm shops and in store cafes. They constitute has traditionally offered – a sort of alternative set of social services – for those seeking friends pub were ever to re-open the Café-Hub would have had to position itself so as not to be in con

THE CONVERSION PLANS

If the challenging demands of the wider context are accepted, then the conversion plans are a balance between maintaining the sacred spaces and establishing the areas for more secular a

CONCLUSION

All villages know periods of controversy, and are the weaker for it. We all prefer harmony, and of the Café-Hub, but also that other villages will support it. As we become ever more geograph our beautiful and historic churches are to survive, then they will need to be supported by the v brace it.

VIEW FROM ACROSS THE BRIDGE

how well known, following months of discussion, public meetings and items in the press. Local has yet to be reached as to the best way forward – a solution which will satisfy those diverse different ways, have validity, but from all accounts it seems that the status quo is not an eco-eat Bealings, and as a result of attending one of the open meetings in the church, your co-of the project.

d retreat of the church over the last 50 years: congregations have fallen in number and risen in ed redundant, priests are harder to recruit and thinner on the ground, finances are tighter and village is immune to these pressures and smaller churches are struggling to survive.

ork in all four parishes – an almost impossible task. A few people attend services on a cross- that buildings insured for millions are used by a handful of people for only two or three hours a

ttle Bealings is set amidst residential properties, including the school, a small business park, a social centre, and, indeed, already is.

hips. Great and Little Bealings already co-operate with joint ownership of the Village Hall, the h village. Playford and Culpho are less closely attached at present, but, like the two Bealings, y gather, such as a Cafe or Pub. People tend to meet up in local towns and other farm shop-

nts Church is not a viable option in terms of current or predicted income. Sentiment and emo- tain the status quo, as does the Angela Cobbold Hall. For all the valuable social activity that n current income can match. No white knight is in sight. Projected costs of the Hub are signifi- f-funding support. That can only be called upon once the project is seen to have been whole-

centuries. They represent the roots of our village histories. People come back to them from all emories of childhood and to view those treasures, architectural and otherwise. For such build- ry.

e real competition. A church space can offer something different – something that the church hip, support and company as well as for those who already have those things. Certainly if the mpetition.

a matter for local debate, and it is for the PCC and residents of Little Bealings to try to strike a ctivities. If they can do that, then we shall all benefit.

d are the better for that. So not only must we hope that consensus is reached about the future ically and mentally urbanised these village oases will become ever more precious. Finally – if whole community. That's the challenge we all face. If change is the only option, then let's em-

Norman Porter – Co-ordinating Editor



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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

THE FUTURE OF LITTLE BEALINGS

SCDC is carrying out a review of its Local Plan, the document which considers growth and housing needs in the District. The review document can be viewed here:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/local-plan-review/help-plan-the-future-of-the-district/>

Specifically SCDC is asking the Parish Council:

- ◆ What would you like your community to look like in 2036?
- ◆ How can this be achieved?
- ◆ What are the needs of your community?
- ◆ What are the important aspects of your community the Local Plan should seek to retain?
- ◆ What are your infrastructure needs – open space, community facilities, public transport, allotments, meeting places etc?
- ◆ What are the important connections/relationships with other settlements?

The Parish Council has a meeting arranged with SCDC to discuss these questions and will be responding formally to SCDC after its Council meeting on 19 October. It welcomes the views of those who live in Little Bealings, on what you would, and would not, want to see for the village.

Please email responses you have to all or any of these questions by 15 October to: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com or write to: Little Bealings Parish Council, The Hollies, Holly Lane, Little Bealings, Woodbridge IP13 6PW

Thank you

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Lights shone on 30th August at the request of Melanie and Robert Hollinshead.

On 3rd September the Chenery family remembered their father Ron on New Zealand Father's Day.

The 6th was a special day for Joan Moon as she celebrated her birthday and also remembered the birthday of the late Gladys Kidd, who is warmly remembered by her family and friends. Peter Kidd, as well as remembering the birthday of his mother Gladys, celebrated the wedding anniversary of Emma and Tim.

The Cheeseman family celebrate two

birthdays in September. Lights will shine for Rebecca celebrating her birthday on 11th and Alison on 25th September

Looking ahead to 11th October, Carol Marsden has asked for lights to shine as she remembers her late husband, Trevor. Trevor's support and input to gain 20 mph speed Shining lights limit on the Street was very valuable. He is remembered with gratitude.

If you would like to light the lights for a special occasion or anniversary please contact Peter Carr at Corner Cottage, The Street. 01473 620213 A £5 donation will secure 2hrs of light at a time and date of your choosing.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 15 August and 4 September 2017

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/17/3126/FUL – Two storey rear extension to existing dwelling at The Chestnuts, Martlesham Road

There was no objection to this development. Permission has been granted by SCDC

DC/17/3528/FUL Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Formation of vehicular access in Holly Close at The Orchard Holly Lane

During the period of public participation residents objected to the application on the grounds that they considered it breached conditions for previous planning permissions at The Orchard and SCDC planning policies. The agent for the application said that he was only aware of current planning policy. It was resolved to object to the application on the grounds it breached national and SCDC planning policies in respect of development outside the village physical limits boundary, would be over development of The Orchard site, detrimental to the character of Holly Close and as the junction with Holly Lane was dangerous.

DC/17/2605/FUL – Single Storey Extension to Create New Study and Ensuite at 24 Beacon Lane

Permission has been granted by SCDC.

DC/17/2772/ARM Approval of Reserved Matters of DC/14/ 1123/OUT – Demolition of existing two dwellings, workshop unit and associated outbuildings. Erection of four dwellings with garages at Aracot, The Street

Permission has been granted by SCDC

DC/17/2734/FUL Rear first floor extension over existing ground floor extension at Marydene, Martlesham Road

Permission has been refused by SCDC.

COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING

It was resolved to ask SCDC to renew the listing for the Admiral's Head which was due to expire in November. During the period of public participation, a resident asked if the Council would request that the Angela Cobbold Hall be listed as a community asset and it was agreed to consider this as a future meeting.

EAOW

The developers had advised that the archaeology work was not subject to the planning permission in respect of access or traffic management. The new access created in Holly Lane would be closed and restored by SCC when the archaeology work was complete.

SINKS PIT

SCC Waste had decided not to allow embankment work for noise attenuation unless the owner of the adjoining site accepted full financial responsibility for any impact on the landfill site. SCC planners had not responded to the Council's request for information on how the continued unacceptable levels of noise were to be addressed, but would be pressed to do so.

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW BY SCDC

Public consultation on future development of the district can be found here:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/>

[local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plans/suffolk-coastal-local-plan/)

[local-plan-review/help-plan-the-future-of-the-district-issues-and-options/](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-review/help-plan-the-future-of-the-district-issues-and-options/)

Comments from the public are invited by SCDC until 30 October. District Councillor Colin Hedgley agreed that the accuracy of the population growth and housing need data was questionable and advised that the consultation document was being revised. It was agreed to invite comments to the Council from local residents before attending a 1:1 meeting with SCDC and then deciding the Council's response. Likely issues to be considered were the status of the parish as a Local Service Centre, the Ipswich Northern Bypass proposal, the impact of development on rural roads and traffic, the need for faster broadband and the re-opening of the Admiral's Head.

20MPH FOR THE STREET

The works for this were due to be completed during September. SCC did not supply or condone the use of 20mph speed stickers on wheelie bins.

POLICE/SCHOOL PARKING

No response had been received from the School in response to a request for a copy of the School Travel Plan, to try to

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address parking problems. Ms Head reported on her attendance at a 'Tier 1' meeting with SCDC, the police and other parishes at which it had been suggested the Council should try to arrange a meeting with the School, police, SCC highways and SCDC to discuss school parking. A new 'respect' green cone initiative would require the purchase of cones and for the School to appoint junior road safety officers.

HIGHWAYS WORKS

Low drain covers following the resurfacing work in Playford Road and graffiti on the village sign had been reported to SCC. Renewal of white lines in The Street and at the junction with Holly Lane was still awaited.

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

The poles for displaying speed indicator/speed data collection equipment had been erected in Martlesham and Playford Road and they would be used by SCC on a rota with other parishes from the end of September. There was no resolution to ownership or insurance for another SID, to be shared by a few local parishes as members of SAVID.

FOOTPATH CUTTING

The second cut had been completed and the cost claimed from SCC.

FINANCE

Mr Hunter had completed the first quarter bank statement/cheque book reconciliation. The following expenditure was authorised:

- Clerk's Salary for August, September and October
- HMRC PAYE for August, September and October
- External Auditors: £120
- Footpath Cutting: £166
- SCC for 20mph speed restriction order and works: £5,500

EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR 2016/17

This had been completed by the auditors and no matters of concern had been raised. It was resolved to accept the ac-

counts for 2016/17 and give notice of the conclusion of the audit.

DATA PROTECTION ACT TRAINING

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would attend training once new legislative requirements were established.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council will be on Thursday 19 October and not Monday 6 November as previously arranged. This is to agree a response to SCDC's Local Plan Review consultation within the deadline of 30 October. If you have comments to make, please respond to SCDC's consultation, and also advise the Council of your views before 19 October.

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

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CHURCHWARDEN



THE LAY-BY, CHURCH HILL

The shed in the background of the above photograph held the coal, coke and kindling for the church's solid fuel heating system. It was already in a run down state when the switch was made to oil in 1955 and, once it was no longer in use, its decline was rapid. It was demolished for safety reasons in the 1980s. The job of seeing to the church heating was a responsibility that fell to the 'Deputy Clerk' who from 1926 was Ernie Dunnnett, a great uncle of Basil and Geoffrey, and it is his name that is the last to be mentioned in connection with the shed.

A stable already stood on the site when records begin in the late 18th century. The churchwardens' account book in 1794 shows it being thatched with whins or gorse as a base which was then topped off with a covering of straw. A replacement stable was built in 1818. Playford had been brought back into the mainstream of church administration in 1774 when, instead of employing a succession of 'freelance' curates, the parish initially became the responsibility of St Matthew's in Ipswich and then later, in 1826, that of the church in Rushmere. Priests would travel from their respective parishes to take the regular fortnightly services and to

conduct weddings and funerals; one visiting priest even built an extension to Fuller's old cottage (now Airy's) for his own use and convenience. They all required somewhere to stable their horses but, by the time the present vicarage was built in 1845, Playford had a resident priest of its own and the stable became redundant.

In the same year that the stable was replaced, the 'church shed' was re-thatched. At that time the church had some sort of wood burning stove as 'a man, three horses and a waggon' are recorded as being 'sent to fetch the timber'. But in 1833, when coal was more widely used, another stove was fitted and coal is mentioned for the first time. Twenty years later, yet another replacement burner used both coal and coke and for the next 100 years both fuels feature as regular items of expenditure. From 1946 until the change to oil, one ton and half ton deliveries were made by Last & Dunnett of Little Bealings.

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

9th September - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for her Granddaughter, Evangelina Coates on her 23rd Birthday on 10th September. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVIE lots of love from Grandma Barbara and also BEST WISHES AND GOOD LUCK ON 13TH.

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

Veronica Bunbury

Until the churchyard was extended northwards in 1910, sole access to the church was by way of the steps. Indeed, when the Clarkson obelisk was erected in 1857 Arthur Biddell the churchwarden favoured hauling the massive stones up the steep bank from Church Hill while George Biddell Airy, his nephew, considered it preferable to come in from the top, across Church Field, bridge the dividing ditch that separated the existing churchyard with scaffold boards and over the graves to the place of erection - but he foresaw that there would be objections. By the time the churchyard was extended however there was apparently a cart track that allowed an easier way in for the likes of stonemasons. There was also a tool shed, which until modern times, contained the bier but, unlike the shed at the bottom of the hill, neither were marked on early OS maps suggesting their relative unimportance.

Brian Seward

PLAYFORD W.I.

On the 5th.September at our monthly meeting we very much enjoyed the talk from our speaker, John Lapsley on the subject of his childhood memories growing up with his family in Mandeville, Jamaica. The most amusing talk was accompanied by a slide show which John had put together himself from old photographs. The audience comprised of the full complement of Playford's' WI with many other members from Rushmere WI and Bealings WI. and other guests from the village as well.

On behalf of all of us I think I can say that we had an entertaining evening.

Our next meeting on October 3rd at Playford Parish Hall will be at 7.30 pm with our speaker Tim Llewellyn, who will give us an insight into the production of the Fynn-Lark News.

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BINKY AND CO

Binky lived in a weird family. Sorry, dysfunctional. He had a rather overweight, bossy and unloving wife. A son who was friendless and somewhere on the spectrum, but not sure where. His cousins were probably the product of inter- marriage and some other relations were the sort of people one feared living next door to. Let's not beat about the bush, they were not dysfunctional but plain weird.

But Binky did have a soft spot for Great Aunt Letitia. Various know to other members of the family as Lettuce, Letty and..... well I need go no further.

The soft spot could be put down to Binky's birthday, in fact every birthday. Great Aunt always sent him a birthday card with money in it. Big money. I am not talking about a five bob postal order, oh no. This was a folding pink cheque for five hundred pounds. This made her quite likable.

But then Binky felt duty bound to visit her and thank her personally, a task which he was grateful only came round every twelve months as it necessitated a drive in his brand new and expensively repaired car of a hundred miles round trip. Each visit consisted of hearing the same old stories which Binky dutifully raised the ever quizzical eye brow and replied with lashings of platitudes.

Great Aunt spent her life sitting in a large arm chair with home- made cushions embroidered with facsimiles of her long departed dog Bojo. He had been a fat, hairy dog that was not house trained and had an annoying habit of groin sniffing. An act that Great Aunt felt compelled to offer the helpful comment of "Oh look, he

really likes you".

The problem with Great Aunt is she had "problems". Her number one problem was she had "feet".

Every conversation started with "I've got feet". There then followed a good twenty minutes of her travails of her lifelong suffering from "feet". But Binky had to sit through it all each year although he considered himself lucky compared to Great Aunt's neighbours that had to listen nearly every day until eventually they only ventured out into their garden after midnight. Mr Whalebelly, for that was the neighbours' name, was once arrested for cutting his lawn at one o'clock in the morning. His defence that Letitia had "feet" was not accepted by the Magistrate and he was bound over for six months.

Binky did once ask the most obviously banal question some years back "Great Aunt why have you got feet"? There then followed a two hour session railing against shoe manufacturers and their total incompetence in making shoes that fitted her, (Size eleven extra wide fitting). After three hours, a cup of luke warm tea and a stale digestive Binky bade farewell to Great Aunt Letitia and started for home thinking it was the one occasion when he definitely did look forward to returning to the fold. On entering his house he was greeted by Mrs Stickleback with the news that the next day they would be visiting her cousin, Sepsia, in Chelmsford. " And" said Mrs S in an aggressive tone "You be careful what you say to her, she's got knees".

Binky sighed.

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TOUR OF BRITAIN



On Friday 8th September Culpho residents turned out in force to watch the Tour of Britain cyclists as they sped through the village past St Botolph's Church. The advance entourage of Police cars and motor bikes, along with the follow-up support vehicles, took longer to pass by than the cyclists, but provided a memorable sight. Sadly Culpho did not appear on the 'global stage' of news as the film footage cut to adverts just at that point!

Alan Walters

ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

The celebrations commenced with a traditional Harvest Supper on Friday evening where twenty-six members of the church and resident community enjoyed a few hours of excellent food and company. This, once a year gathering, allows for a catch-up on church and village matters,

and gives the Incumbent and Churchwardens the opportunity to thank everyone for their support, whilst celebrating what we hope will have been a fruitful harvest. Many thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes which made £80, with an additional £10 gift aided donation, towards the upkeep of the Church. We are always grateful for the support, time and talent so willingly given which helps to keep the Church of St. Botolph's open for future generations.

On the following evening, we listened to Jamie (John) Hutchings, the celebrated Organist and composer, who possessed a wonderful talent, regaling those fortunate to be present with a delightful composition of traditional organ music and some lesser known pieces.



He explained the origin of the compositions, was extremely amusing, and really put the organ through its paces. We never knew the keys could move so fast! The number of people attended exceeded our

expectations and the event, in aid of Church funds, raised £400 from the sale of tickets with an additional donation of £10. We are most grateful to Jamie for agreeing to play for us, to Chris Pearce for her organisation and indebted to those who attended. We enjoyed an assortment of canape's and wine which all made for a very memorable evening.

The final event of the weekend, the Harvest Festival Service, took place at 3 p.m. on Sunday 17th where Celia thanked everyone for their attendance and those who had made the weekend so successful. Traditional Harvest hymns were sung and thanks given for a productive harvest, so important to our rural County of Suffolk and the Parish of Culpho. The Church was full and nineteen people celebrated this important festival in the Christian Calendar.

Throughout the weekend, the Church remained open for visitors to appreciate the wonderful display of produce, food, foliage, and flowers arranged by Christabel Garnham. Every year the display is enhanced and enriched and we are most grateful to Christabel for decorating the Church is such a wonderful way. Every corner was adorned with produce, both home grown and from the hedgerows. Displays welcomed visitors immediately they stepped into the porch. At the supper, Christabel offered her sincere thanks to all who brought a selection of their own harvested crops, emphasizing that 'sorting through the various contributions' made it even more special when she came to assemble the displays.

Without doubt the weekend was an enormous success and although a very small parish the harvest supper, recital and Church service provided something for

everyone. A huge thank you for the support received.

CHURCHYARD

You will have noticed that work is being carried out on cutting back the overgrown hedges and trees around the perimeter of the Church and we thank residents for their forbearance. Churchwarden Richard Garnham is carrying out the work, with a small band of helpers assisting in this enormous undertaking. Hopefully this will be complete before the winter sets in. It is a huge task but one which is necessary for the maintenance and accessibility of people visiting the Church and those tending the graves of family members.

SALE OF CHRISTMAS CARDS



Christmas cards are now available and being sold in aid of Culpho Church. The cards were donated, which means all monies will go towards the maintenance of the Church. The cards, shown below, cost £4 for six and can be purchased by contacting Margaret Gornall on 01728 747605 or by email

margaretgornall@supanet.com who will arrange delivery. Cards are also available in the Church for purchase.

NEXT P.C.C. MEETING

This will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 25th October 2017 in the Church.

Margaret Gornall
Secretary

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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VISITS & HOME COMMUNIONS

When I started in the Benefice in February 2015, there was a team of 6 people (2 ministers, 1 reader and 3 elders) able either to take services or provide pastoral care within their respective villages. There are now only 2 of us left: Virginia Porter, Elder at Great Bealings who has other commitments in the week and myself, employed by the Diocese as a part-time priest.

With the additional services for young people and responsibilities at Bealings School as governor as well as trustee of both village halls, it has become increasingly difficult for me to cope with the pastoral care across the four villages.

If you are aware of anyone who would like either prayer, a visit or home communion, please tell me and I will do my best to get to see them as soon as possible. If you would like to help with visiting anyone in need, please get in touch too.

I am putting prayer boxes in all the churches so that people are able to let us know of anyone who would like prayer or support.

Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Revd Celia Cook

01473 878104

LITTLE BEALINGS AND GREAT BEALINGS JOINT HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

Little Bealings All Saints Church

29th October 2017

11.00 a.m. service

followed by

12.00 'bring and share' Lunch

at The Angela Cobbold Hall

Please let us know what you are bringing and how many are coming, so we don't get too many Sausage rolls!!!!

Food Co-ordinators

Gill Peck for Little Bealings

Virginia Porter for Great Bealings

CHURCH DIARY – OCTOBER 2017

SUNDAY 1ST		16TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	8.00	Holy Communion BCP	Little Bealings
	10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings
SUNDAY 8TH		17TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	3.00	Harvest Thanksgiving & Tea	Playford
		<i>PLEASE NOTE LATER TIME</i>	
	5.00	'Refresh & Reflect' – new service	Great Bealings
		<i>A time of silent meditation and discussion for all with refreshments</i>	
SUNDAY 15TH		18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	3.00	Evensong	Culpho
WEDNESDAY 19TH			
	9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
SUNDAY 22ND		19TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	9.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	4.00-5.00 pm	Messy Church 'Harvest'	Angela Cobbold Hall
SATURDAY 28TH			
	3.30	Wedding Blessing	Little Bealings
SUNDAY 29TH		LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	
	11.00	Bealings Harvest Service	Little Bealings
		<i>This will be followed by a bring and share lunch in the Angela Cobbold Hall. All are most welcome.</i>	
November			
SUNDAY 5TH		4TH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
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VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

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BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	<i>Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511</i>
	VH Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	<i>Gill Peck 625077</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	<i>Jo Saggi 01394 448846</i>
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	VH Thu 10.00	<i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>
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	<i>07809594685</i>
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	<i>Dawn Maile 07876506327</i>
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PH: Parish Hall

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FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
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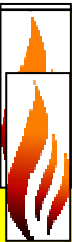
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