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THE GOOD THINGS ABOUT LITTLE BEALINGS!

Earlier in the year Little Bealings residents had the opportunity to contribute to how the village could and should – and should not - develop. The event was run by Suffolk Coastal District Council and the resulting Parish Review is published on the Parish Council website: <http://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/parish-council/parish-plan-and-2018-village-review/>

While the event gave residents the opportunity to give their views on issues relating to housing and development, traffic and transport, the environment and utilities, health, education and leisure, it also invited

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residents to say what they think is good about living in Little Bealings. Comments showed a strong appreciation of the rural way of life coupled with the ease of access to other facilities nearby:

- ◆ “Peaceful, friendly, rural, wonderful wildlife”.
- ◆ “Wildlife & countryside, no streetlights, quiet, not too many houses”
- ◆ “Excellent rural, mobile library, mature trees, wildlife – variety of birds, peace & quiet, low light pollution”
- ◆ “Quiet country living”
- ◆ “Country village near the town”
- ◆ “Good school, nice walks, good community”
- ◆ “Rural village, do not want to be a part of Kesgrave or Martlesham”
- ◆ “Excellent rural location, a village near the town”

Of course, not everything is good. Some saw the narrow roads and lack of pavements and street lights as things they would like to change. Road repairs and more car parking were asked for, together with a central local meeting place pub/café/shop and better facilities for children. Vandalism is a worry for some and noise from Sinks Pit is still a major problem for some residents. There is no affordable housing for young people. Better public transport was requested, including re-opening Bealings Station. Broadband and mobile signals are still poor and power cuts too frequent. A new sewer is needed. There were also concerns relating to development and the route of the possible Ipswich northern by-pass.

SCDC's Review report provided notes on the issues raised, looking at the costs and impacts of some of the ideas. It also produced an Action Plan with possible areas for improvement, which the Council is working on: the speed and volume of traffic, road flooding, more footpaths and bridleways, limited public transport, a need for a community shop/pub facility and poor broadband speed.

Looking at the bigger picture, representatives of the Parish Council recently met with policy planners at Suffolk Coastal, prior to the Council agreeing its response to consultation on the review of the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan. The Local Plan is the district-wide document which sets out what level of growth needs to be planned for, where it should be located and how it will be delivered. The policies in it will be used to make decisions on planning applications up to 2036. The consultation is open to the public and runs until 14 September. Anyone can see the First Draft Local Plan either at the local libraries or on-line at www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/suffolkcoastallocalplanreview and submit comments.

In the meantime, as we move away from summer holidays and into a new busier autumn routine for many, perhaps it is worth taking a moment to appreciate the rural way of life that Little Bealings – and our other local parishes – have to offer.

*Carol Ramsden, Clerk
Little Bealings Parish Council*

**EDITORIAL COMMENT –
LITTLE BEALINGS CAFÉ-HUB
AND ANGELA COBBOLD HALL**

It would be a dereliction of editorial duty not to cover the ongoing difficulties in reaching agreement about the setting up of a Café-Hub in Little Bealings Church. In trying to remain constructively neutral we feel that it is our regrettable duty to publish contributions from each side of the argument. Those contributions should give some idea of the areas in which there is conflict. We publish these views because they reflect different understandings of the facts. The more facts the better, as the publication of these views will hopefully mean that conversations and opinions are guided by facts rather than by inflated gossip. Insofar as this editorial comment is an impartial attempt to explain the facts of the situation, we welcome and will publish any corrections that might need to be made to those facts as we understand them.

Both the church and the Hall have been facing financial challenges. Both have been widely valued and well rooted in the community: the church with its hundreds of years of history, and its maintaining of all the traditions of Christian worship, and the Hall offering space and facilities which the church was not equipped to provide. The Hub project is set to replace those facilities, but the funding of it has brought significant financial challenges. The funding process has been more difficult than anticipated, so the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall, and hoped-for proceeds from that sale have become part of the process, rather than separate and distinct operations. The Hall has been off and, on the market, and is currently back on sale. The church authorities, up to and including the Bishop, have been involved, together with solicitors and estate agents, even, September 27th, The Times newspaper. Activities which had been scheduled to take place in the Hall have

had to be cancelled. Of equal immediacy is the fact that, while all eventually agreed that the Café-Hub was the future, the process for achieving that objective has resulted in conflicts of interests and opinions within the village and beyond, entailing exchanges inconsistent with harmonious village life. This is something we must all regret and seek to defuse.

So far so sad. But peace processes are part of the world we live in and life will eventually go on. People will have to learn to put aside their former differences and work together again in the common cause. While ensuring that readers are aware of the current difficulties, we stress that what is ultimately important is to look beyond the present, towards events and occasions that bring us back together again. Our annual Bealings Plant Sale is a case in point. As you will see from the Plant Sale article, steps have already been taken to ensure that this cooperative venture goes ahead with increased and ever-more-relevant vigour. It brings us together. So too, will the gathering this weekend of all those who help to produce, collect and deliver this magazine. There will be other opportunities to exhibit togetherness. Let's do our best to seize them.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH LITTLE
BEALINGS - UPDATE**

1. The Cafe Hub project is moving forward! After receiving approval on the plans from the Diocese, we are now moving into fundraising. Our goal is an ambitious one since it includes not only reworking the Church and making necessary repairs--such as to the flooring and plasterwork--and improvements--such as Wi-Fi and a projection screen for talks and films—but we will also be adding a café that will serve homemade food and excellent coffee! To that end, we welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help with planning, grant writing and/or local events. Please

contact Alan Gamble at CafeHub8@gmail.com. The first phase of the reworking will focus on repairing the floors once the pews are removed and updating the electrics, drainage, walls and heating.

In the short-term, we will be doing some work on the pews and the flooring and we have a temporary organ in place for services. We appreciate your understanding while we begin work and we hope to keep the church open as much as health and safety rules allow! Anyone interested in purchasing a small pew for £100 (first come, first served), please contact Tony Fear on tonyfear@hotmail.co.uk. The larger pews will be made available by auction once they have been safely removed.

2. Seventeen years after it was first announced, the Angela Cobbold Hall is for sale on the open market (guide price £60,000). We realise that there are some people in the Village who are not happy about this development, but the Bishop agrees that we cannot afford to maintain two buildings and we must make the Church our priority. We are hopeful that a village resident will want to buy it and that local events will continue to be held. Any interested parties are invited to contact Oliver Johnson or Jayne Cook at Clarke and Simpson on 01728 724200.

3. The tower and roof repairs have been completed and the Churchyard, including gravestones in need of repair, has been attended to thanks to the Payback team. As you know, we conform to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust guidelines to encourage bees, butterflies, and other creatures, which is why the churchyard occasionally looks quite "wild", but we are happy to regularly maintain and care for graves upon request in return for a small yearly donation to cover costs of materials and labour. If you would like this service, please contact Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at hellionese@yahoo.com.

4. As requested by several school parents, at the beginning of the summer

the "kissing gate" was removed to allow strollers and those with small children to more easily pass. We hope that this makes the school run easier!

5. As we head back to school, we also hope that families will have a chance to head "back to Church"! Please join us for a special Messy Church service and fun afternoon at the home of Charlie and Oliver Clarkson-Fieldsend on Sunday, September 9th from 3pm on: Leewood House is at the end of Sandy Lane and there is ample parking in the field at the end of the road. If it's not raining, don't forget to bring bathing suits and towels!

6. Mark your calendars for upcoming community events and fundraisers!

Supper Club is back! See details in this Newsletter and please join us on Saturday, October 13th!

Our major fundraising event for this year will be a Nondenominational Singalong with favourite Christmas songs, carols, poetry and prose readings, and performances on Friday, December 21st.

FOOTNOTE:

We have been successful in advertising our "Cafe Hub Project" with Tesco's "Bags of Help" scheme. This means it will be one of the three projects advertised in local Tesco stores during September and October. The three stores are: 1. Felixstowe Metro IP11 7AD. 2. Ipswich Kesgrave Metro IP5 2FU. 3. Martlesham Extra IP5 3RU.

The winning project will receive £4000 the second £2000 and the third £1000, so it is important for our project that we win. We can only win if our community support us by placing the blue tokens in our project box. We are appealing for your help in this work by shopping at one of the three Tesco stores identified during September and October and placing your token in our Cafe Hub project box. Tesco staff do not always remember to give out tokens so please ask.

Please also ask your local friends and relatives to shop at Tesco during this time and help support our cause. We will be very grateful.

IS THIS THE LOSS OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL?

- WHAT IS NOW HAPPENING

1. In 2017 assurances were given in the Fynn-Lark News that the Angela Cobbold Hall would NOT be sold until the Café/Hub project in All Saints Church is completed, so that activities currently taking place in the ACH can be seamlessly transferred to the Church. The Café/Hub project would be funded by Grant monies and only started when the majority of the money had been obtained.

2. On Jan 23 this year a much-reduced PCC met, and a majority voted to sell the ACH in order to provide funds to start the Café/Hub scheme. Several PCC members, who would have objected, were absent at this meeting and some doubt has been raised about the legality of this meeting and voting rights.

3. Over 50 applications for grants have been sent out by the Priest and Secretary, BUT only 1 offer has been received from Viridor for £21K., although we are yet to receive the money. Requests by members of the PCC for examination of vital information in respect of the Viridor application and related offer terms have still not been received. Obtaining grants has proved to be much more difficult than expected and therefore the Priest decided to proceed with the sale of the ACH in order to obtain funds and make a start with the Café/Hub.

4. In early July the Priest on behalf of the PCC gave instructions to Clarke & Simpson for an immediate sale of the ACH by sealed bid tender, expecting a sale value of £60K. No Bids were received by the closing date, 4 August, but in the absence of the Priest on extended leave the Secretary ordered the agents to put the Hall back on the open market.

5. Meanwhile the ACH has been closed and the caretakers advised that their services are no longer required. All users of the Hall including the popular

monthly Community Lunches have been advised that the Hall is no longer available. The decision to cancel all group / Club bookings was made without any prior notice.

6. Such were the concerns being expressed, that 3 PCC Members and Trustees, wrote a letter to the Bishop, seeking a meeting to resolve the matter. In response Diocesan Registrar invited the 3 Trustees and a previous Trustee to attend a meeting on 8th August at Birketts' solicitors in Ipswich. He listened to our concerns and those expressed by the village, at the manner in which the PCC meetings are being carried out, resulting in 8 resignations to date, and the lack of explanation by the Priest as to why she instructed the sale of the ACH, despite the assurances given in 2017. The Registrar's recommendation was for there to be a cooling off period until Spring next year and re-assessment of the position resulting from the lack of Grant monies. He also requested that the ACH stay open in order to continue the involvement of the 7 groups who use the Hall

7. Regrettably, his recommendations were refused by the Priest and Secretary. The Hall remains closed, all bookings have been cancelled.

8. IF the ACH is sold, we shall request the Bishop to use his power to direct the proceeds for use by the Church and NOT the Hub, on the basis that priority be given to the church for the necessary re-wiring, heating installation and new boiler, vital for its future.

9. The current situation is therefore very delicate. If the Diocese do not respond to our concerns, and the ACH is sold, we shall seek a Village Meeting, to give greater information on why the envisaged Café/Hub project has major problems in both its financial and usage assumptions.

*The Save the Angela Cobbold Hall Team
– 17 Aug.2017*

THANK YOU GATHERING FOR HELPERS

Just a reminder - hoping that you receive this Magazine in good time - that the gathering is set for this weekend - Friday August 31st 5.30 – 7.00, hopefully in Great Bealings Churchyard – inside if wet. This is by way of thanking all those who help with the collection and distributing of the Mag. If, by any chance, you have been overlooked, just turn up, and accept our apologies. There are so many people involved that it would have been easy to have missed out one or two names. Drinks and light refreshments will be served – alongside a rallying call to the cause! In case of queries, please contact Norman Porter, co-ordinating editor on 01473 735565.

NEWS SNIPPETS

– do let us know of anything on the same sort of lines as what follows:

Those who remember **David Brook**, formerly of Birds Hill in Great Bealings, will be sorry to hear that he died in mid-August, at the age of 94. Following on the death of his late wife, Wendy, David moved to be closer to family members in West Mersea. A Service of Celebration of his life will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, West Mersea, CO5 8QD at 12 noon on Weds. 19th September. We are assured that there's no high tide to worry about!



David Brook, with medals, keeping royal company

David was a special man, not least in that he was one of the few remaining survivors of WW2. He was a glider pilot, took part in Operation Varsity, and for many years edited the Glider Pilot Magazine.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL REVELATION

It was Gary Farmer who first alerted us to the news of a significant archaeological find in the vicinity of Great Bealings. One of the on-site archaeologists told him that the find was “of international importance.” Apparently, the finding included a hill-top Iron Age Fort, and two of the twenty-three settlements mentioned in the Domesday Book which have been lost to History. Gary confirmed that the Archaeologists can only dig in the path allotted for the EA1 Wind Farm cable so who knows what is in the ground on either side? They want to raise lottery funding to continue the dig after the wind farm cable is finished.

Very shortly afterwards, on June 29th, the EADT published a major feature on the



find, under the heading **Neolithic finds reveal snapshot of life in Suffolk from thousands of years ago.**

The team had discovered a trackway dating back more than 4000 years. It is a 30 metres long wooden trackway, with a platform and various other features. They also discovered the skull of an auroch, an extinct species of large wild cattle. Apparently, the natural water springs which abound in this area contributed to

the preservation of the remains – and may also explain why the area was considered a good site for settlement. Put alongside Sutton Hoo and Rendlesham, this further increases the archaeological richness of our area, and will provide more material for an early chapter in our local history. The exact location of the site remains secret



An auroch

PROFILE – AND A GLANCE BACK AT OUR AGRICULTURAL PAST

GEOFF DUNNETT

The sale of Hill House Farm, following on the passing of Charles Lofts, brings to an end a major chapter in the history of Playford. The end of that chapter is perhaps embodied in the final link with the past in the person of Geoff Dunnett, who, man and boy, not necessarily in that order, worked on the farm, and who has been keeping an eye on things over these final months. Geoff would probably not expect to be profiled in this magazine, but his life history is such a powerful reminder of the agricultural heritage of our villages that he and his life's work symbolise our historical roots and serve as a reminder of what our villages once were, and of the lives led by our agricultural forbears.

We are indebted to Brian Seward, who

has known Geoff for 52 years, and who has provided us with significant facts about him and his family which helped to channel our interview with Geoff and which underpin this article. Geoff was born in June 1936 and is therefore 82. He started work for Charles Lofts in 1951 and has completed 67



years - the first 44 years on the farm and then, when Charles retired from farming in 1995, working in the garden. When Geoff himself retired from full time work at age 65 in 2001, he changed to a three-day week. Geoff is not the only member of his family to have worked on Hill Farm: four generations of Dunnetts have worked there, and that in itself illustrates the continuity that once characterised village life.

Geoff's **grandfather, Walter (1879-1960)** was born in Little Bealings (in the flint-faced cottages on the left, going up to the station), and moved to Playford when he was a year old. In the 1891 Census he was classed as a 'farm boy' aged 12, working very briefly for Herman Biddell before Biddell's retirement in 1892. He was a stockman and completed 60 years on the farm. **Geoff's father, Fred (1909-1973)**, died of cancer a year before he would have retired. He was firstly a cowman for George Fiske and then a general farm worker. He completed 50

years. **Geoff's brother, Basil (1934-2003)** took over from their grandfather, looking after the pigs. On Charles Lofts retirement, he worked in the garden with Geoffrey, hated it, stuck it for two years. He was not in good health and retired voluntarily having completed 48 years. He was churchwarden with Brian for many years during the time of Frank Hollingsworth and Michael Skliros. He then became churchwarden at Culpho for a number of years and was followed by his widow, Joyce, who died earlier this year. Finally, **Basil's daughter, Eileen (1954-)** spent 10 years with her father, helping with the pigs. That sort of family continuity is rare indeed in this day and age.

Although Geoff was born in Playford, he has not lived in the village all his life. He moved to Ipswich when he married in 1962 and moved back again on the death of Will Grimsey, the senior tractor driver (and churchwarden for 21 years). Although Geoff has worked most of his life in Playford, he has lived much of the time in Ipswich, and more recently in Claydon and Somersham.

Some of Geoff's reflections of life on the farm may be of interest to those unacquainted with that way of life. He remembers, with some affection and stoic pride, the days when the farm, like so many others, was mixed and non-specialised. All sorts of farm animals were kept, including a dairy herd. The Ferguson tractor, beloved of tractor buffs, was the main focus of mechanisation. There were 12 cottages for the farm workers, eight of them now having been knocked down. Starting pay was £5 a week. Working hours were essentially daylight hours, particularly around harvest time. Peas were grown specifically for Birds Eye, the canning/freezing company. The hardest job of all was sugar-beeting: firstly, the rows of young plants had to be hoed by hand, and then the harvesting of

the beet had to be done individually and also by hand, not by one of those huge machines that can now clear a whole field in a few hours, sometimes at night under floodlights. Old-fashioned sugar-beet topping called for ingenuity, particularly as the work was piece-work, and pay depended on productivity. So, Geoff and his fellow workers managed to create various contraptions which picked up the individual beet and sliced off the leafy top with a minimum of effort and maximum of speed. They made it possible for two men to work up a 500-yard field and back in a couple of hours. And Geoff still has a straight back! The image shows how it was done – not by Geoff – this is an image from Eddie Barratt's farming days in Great Bealings.



The pay, the work, the hours were tough indeed by today's standards, but, how refreshing to hear Geoff conclude our interview with the words: "I never wanted to do anything else." We wish him well as he moves towards final retirement, and reflect, part nostalgically, part in wonder, part in relief, at the times that have now passed but which both deserve and need to be remembered.

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HARVEST TIME

A hot afternoon in early July 2018, the sun beats down from a cloudless blue sky. I'm pottering about in the garden when I hear it in the distance. That faint but unmistakable sound – the humming drone of a combine harvester.

Every summer, the first time I hear that sound, it brings back memories of those long summer holidays of childhood and the days spent in and around the fields of Bealings at harvest time.

So, I take my modest little 'point and shoot' camera and wander down to the end of Sandy Lane to get a few quick snaps of the combine, just for old times' sake as it where.

A few hours later, having posted a few of these photos on a 'well known social media site', I am reminiscing with friends of old, as we share memories of those times we enjoyed in summers past around the Bealings of our youth.

It was the same every year. At some point in late July the word would go around – "combine's out!" and we would set off either on foot or on our bikes, to spend the day in the fields following the harvester as it made its stately progress around the fields, lumbering along in a cloud of dust and chaff, leaving nothing but stubble and a neatly deposited row of cut straw in its wake.

Of course, we weren't just there to watch – like many generations of children before us, we enjoyed chasing (and occasionally catching) the rabbits which would emerge from the steadily diminishing area of uncut corn as the combining proceeded. At the end of the day these would be proudly presented to parents and grandparents, for inclusion in a nourishing rabbit stew or pie, providing a healthy (and free) supplement to the family's diet.

In addition to rabbits, other wildlife would sometimes be flushed out as the crop was cut – the occasional fox or deer would make a dash for the safety of the hedge or the next field and sometimes the 'rabbit' we had been eagerly tracking

through the still standing crop would turn out to be a hare, at which point we realised further pursuit was pointless!

One memorable harvest time encounter with wildlife happened in the field behind our garden in Boot Street. There wasn't much happening on the rabbit front that day, some days there simply weren't many around. On these occasions we would amuse ourselves by just ambling along behind the combine in the hope that something interesting would happen.

On this particular day, as I fell in behind the combine, it was perhaps unfortunate therefore, that I should do so just after it had run over a wasps' nest. Having just had their home reduced to a somewhat squashed hole in the ground, it would be true to say that the wasps were not best pleased when I came along and, quite literally, put my foot in it.

There are certain events in life which stay with you forever, becoming seared into the memory with a clarity that remains for years afterwards. It is difficult to adequately describe the sensation of having one foot unexpectedly sink into the ground, while simultaneously being attacked and stung by a swarm of irate wasps, suffice to say it is not pleasant.

It took a few seconds to realise what was happening, once I did however, I set off across that field towards home at a good run, screaming and flailing as I went. By all accounts, according to the farm workers driving the combine and tractor that day, I demonstrated a most impressive turn of speed. "Boy, I reckon you'd have beaten a ruddy greyhound, the speed you were going" was one comment.

All this of course, provided huge entertainment for the onlookers. There was little sympathy – obviously anyone who could run *that* fast couldn't have much wrong with them could they? It remained a fond memory for those who witnessed it - even some twenty or so years later, when I bumped into Tony Bailey, who was driving the tractor that day, he greeted me with "Hullo there bor,

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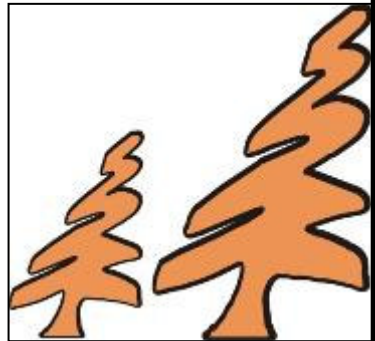
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hev yer seen any warsps lately?" It was clearly a cherished memory.

After the combine would come the baler, gathering the rows of straw into neat, rectangular bales all pressed together and tied up with baler twine. These bales provided us with great entertainment, being ideal for building tunnels, dens and stacks to crawl through, hide in, climb over and fall off, always providing a soft landing when the whole thing collapsed. Apart from a few scratches as a result of mucking about in the freshly cut stubble, the bales themselves presented few hazards, the only exception being the odd dried thistle mixed in with the straw and the occasional dead rabbit which had failed to escape the bailing machine. Those bales would usually be set to one side, along with the ones where the string had snapped, resulting in a kind of straw eruption. There were always plenty more.

At the end of the day, we all returned home tired, dusty and happy. All too soon, it seemed, September would arrive, harvest time would be over for another year and it was time to return to the classroom. But the memories stayed with us and, of course, there was always next year...

*Francis Mutimer
Little Bealings*

BEALINGS WI

A team from Bealings WI enjoyed a game of Boules with Playford and Rushmere WIs in August and we thank Playford for their hospitality – someone had to come 3rd.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 20th September in Bealings village hall at 7.30 pm. The speaker will be Mr M Holton and his subject "Don't judge a book by its cover".

All are welcome to attend.

Please contact Jennifer Cook on 623985 for further details.

NATURE NOTES

Cabbage White butterflies

The unusually warm weather has led to swarms of butterflies – in our garden, mostly cabbage whites, in the churchyard, meadow browns – but not too many of the more brightly coloured species, like red admirals and peacocks. Apparently cabbage whites, large and small, are affectionately called summer snowflakes. But not everyone views them affectionately!

Large holes in the leaves of brassica crops and nasturtiums are usually the work of cabbage white caterpillars. Before an attack you may notice large numbers of white butterflies around your plants, as they lay eggs. These hatch into larvae which make small holes in the leaves as they start to feed on them, becoming much larger as the caterpillars start to feed more vigorously. Caterpillars also produce small brown or dark green granular deposits as they feed. The determination of the butterflies to get through whatever defences you may erect – even defences as daunting as Rommel's Atlantic Wall – are testimony to the fierce instinct of these creatures to further the species.

To the despair of gardeners, the caterpillars cause extensive damage to cabbages and other brassicas, eating holes in leaves and tunnelling into the hearts. Plants begin to rot and become spoiled with excrement. Trying to pick off the fat hairy caterpillars is not an enjoyable task and is usually a hopeless one. Add to that the predations of slugs and snails, and it's not surprising that most of us resort to the supermarkets for our necessary fix of greenstuff.

But – if it is any consolation - there was a time in the 1940s and '50s when these butterflies were even more prolific. We can remember when there was a prize at the local Horticultural Show for the greatest number of (dead) cabbage white butterflies. The corpses were all collected

in a box, visually assessed, rather than weighed or counted by the judges, and the winner received a small prize – in line with the reward for producing the longest runner bean or the heaviest potato. Such was the cunning way in which the older generation of gardeners enlisted the help of youngsters to keep the numbers of these fluttering snowflakes down to manageable proportions, to cut down the brassica massacre, and to ensure that most of the cabbage crop was edible by humans.



BEALINGS PLANT SALE 2019

The date for this has been fixed for **Saturday April 27th**, a week after Easter. Hopefully it is late enough in the year for plants to have begun to look really healthy, and for seedlings to have become sturdy.

In recent years we have had just one brief meeting early in March, just to check that our loyal and regular helpers were all geared up to take on their usual

responsibilities. That has worked well most respects, but not in terms of plant provision. That has always been a “fingers tightly crossed” aspect of the sale. Those plants are, of course, central to the success of the event, so we will be arranging an informal social gathering, **probably in late January**, for all who might be prepared to chat informally about this aspect of the Plant Sale – and enjoy one another’s company as well. We will let you know of the date in the December edition.

We have agreed on other changes:

1. The cost of admission is an irritant, rather than a major source of income, so entry will be free. Entry used to include a cup of tea/coffee. This will now be a separate item, payable inside the hall.

2. Programmes will also be free. They will be available in advance and used to promote the event. The programme will be of significant size and will carry advertisements of organisations and companies who kindly give us raffle prizes.

3. We will try to find space for more seating.

4. There will be no cake stall, but supporters will be asked to let us have cakes for the refreshments team. Prices for tea/coffee, with or without cake/biscuits will undercut local establishments!

5. We will set up a social gathering in late January for all potential Plant suppliers, to try to co-ordinate what we might receive.

6. We need to become more social-media savvy if we are to reach out beyond our normal clientele. We think we have recruited someone to help us with this.

In the meantime, do keep an eye open

this autumn for self-sets, over-large clumps that might be split up – anything which could be converted into a saleable plant, rather than just dumped on the compost heap or put into your brown refuse bin! Hopefully not too many of your plants will have died off in the drought. That said, there may be spaces in some gardens next year as a consequence of our very dry summer. Sales opportunities!

We have a special request from Sharon Cripps, one of our major helpers, for **shallow pots either plastic or pottery.**



Our illustration anticipates next year - showing some of the wonderful delphiniums grown by Clive Rowe, RHS member, and one of our producers.

Norman Porter

JIMMY – A FAITHFUL FRIEND - R.I.P.

Hopefully most of our readers will like an animal story. Those of you who have known what it is to lose a favourite pet will empathise with Sharon and Martin Cripps in their loss of “Jimmy”. Jimmy was their loyal friend for 18 years. In November 2000 Sharon arrived home with six week-old rescue puppy. He was very poorly, and not expected to survive the night. But he fought through. Jimmy’s home has been in Boot Street since 2004 He made many friends on his daily walk, getting lost occasionally, but always finding his way home. In his final days, blind, deaf,

and with a failing heart, he began to suffer, and took his final farewell walk over Bealings Hills, a favourite spot of the whole family.



Sharon recalls how she has always had a dog with her. It all started when her mother’s new Corgi deserted her owner and stuck to Sharon when she was born. Legend had it that other people needed the dog’s permission to peer into the pram!

See also Great Bealings Church Lights – Jimmy’s memory was celebrated

ROSEMARY HINTON – forthcoming concert

I am writing to let you know that my daughter, Rosemary Hinton, who used to live in Little Bealings will be performing as the soloist with the Wolsey Orchestra playing the Prokofiev Violin Concerto No 2 in G Minor on Saturday 13th October 2018 at the Ipswich Corn Exchange. The concert commences at 7.30p.m.

Rosemary recently performed a concert as a tribute to her grandfather (my late father) Cyril Hellier at Great Bealings Church. The church was full to overflowing and everyone had a wonderful evening. Local residents who came Rosemary’s concert in March might also be interested in this performance.

Vivien Hinton

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

September

Saturday 8th Suffolk Historic Churches Trust—Stride & Ride

November

Sunday 11th Commemoration End of World War 1 Great Bealings

December

Sunday 2nd The Nightingale Wind Quintet Great Bealings

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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On Thursday 20th September (9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.) The Hearing Care Centre staff will also be holding a Barking Bake Off event at their Ipswich practice in aid of Hearing Dogs For Deaf People. All employees will be selling their own homemade baked goods, to help get closer to the company's £20k 2018 fundraising target.

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PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd JULY

Trees –Following the information received from SCC, the verge in Lodge Road has been measured and the required width of 15 feet encroaches on the field. Cllrs therefore agreed to proceed with the alternative plan of planting bulbs, both here and elsewhere in the Parish. Martin Crips will source some information regarding the purchase of the bulbs and will liaise with the “Parish Planters” as to suitable locations. He has also received some advice relating to Black Poplars, in particular how to take cuttings. He will shortly be meeting with Lord Cranworth’s agent and will seek his permission to plant some. He has also written to Robin Vickery about his scheme for planting oak trees, who said that he can finance 50% of the cost of new trees from his locality budget.

REPORTS

County Councillor Robin Vickery (RV) reported on the election of the new SCC leader and deputy, the latter being Mary Evans who has taken on responsibility for Highways and has initiated a review. RV will speak to her about the letter the PC has recently sent to her about Boot St. The SCC Cabinet has been revised and RV is on the Scrutiny Committee again, and is also a substitute on the Police and Crime Panel. He also mentioned a consultation for special educational needs for young people, a new scheme for affordable solar power, a Diabetes Awareness Campaign, and a consultation relating to sand and gravel sites.

District Councillor Colin Hedgley

reported that he will be on the joint Planning Committee for SCDC and Waveney, although two separate Committees will continue for a while. A common referral scheme needs instigating. He feels that Parish Councils must have a meaningful say in referrals. New Ward Boundaries have been proposed by the Boundary Commission who have agreed our preferred option for Great and Little Bealings and Playford to be included with Grundisburgh. Other matters have been included in his written report, a copy of which has been circulated to Cllrs and is attached to the minutes.

PLANNING

DC/18/1764/FUL – Cherry Tree Farm, Seckford Hall Road – conversion of pig barn into an annex for the main house. After the householder had explained the details of his proposals to Cllrs, the Parish Council unanimously RESOLVED to support this application

DC/18/2524/FUL and DC/18/2525/LBC – The Old Vicarage, Boot Street – construction of a single storey orangery extension to the rear, and insertion of rooflight above existing ground floor WC. After the householder had explained the details of his proposals to Cllrs, the Parish Council unanimously RESOLVED to support this application

DC/18/2580/FUL and DC/18/2582/LBC – Rosery Farmhouse, Lodge Road – single storey extension to existing dwelling and alterations to outbuildings. The householders gave a detailed explanation of their proposals, and answered questions from Cllrs during an in-depth

discussion. Cllrs recognised and welcomed that the applicants have sought to reflect the comments made by the PC when the previous application was put forward. However the Cllrs' concerns relate to the significant extension now proposed to the listed farmhouse itself and consider that the proposal is out of scale with the existing house and the proposed materials do not make for a harmonious composition. Therefore, by a majority vote, the Parish Council RESOLVED to object to this application.

DC/18/0859/FUL – Rosery Farm Cottage – The PC's request for this application to be referred to the Planning Committee had been refused by SCDC who have now permitted the application.

DC/18/1816/FUL – Land adjacent Ivy Cottage – This application has now been withdrawn

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street Bridge – a letter was sent on 28th June to Mary Evans at SCC about the issues relating to Boot Street and requesting a site visit.

Other Highways matters - Following concerns raised by some residents, problems relating to HGVs in Boot Street were discussed. It was agreed to defer this until a reply has been received from Mary Evans. A letter has been received from residents of Hasketon Road about making this road access only. This issue will be raised at the meeting with Mary Evans

FINANCE AND ADMIN

Five cheques were authorised for Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses

REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

The following procedures have been reviewed and are now approved: Freedom of Information – Model Publication Scheme, 2016 Financial Regulations, Code of Conduct. The Risk Assessment will be updated once the

Data Protection work is completed, and the review of the revised Standing Orders will be completed for approval at the next meeting.

DATA PROTECTION

The Clerk has completed the PC's Data Protection Policy statement and the Privacy Notice, both of which have been published on the website. These were approved and adopted. There are still a few tasks outstanding, but the bulk of the work has been completed.

ADMIRALS HEAD APPEAL COSTS

A request has been received from Little Bealings PC for a contribution towards the costs they incurred in defending the recent appeal. Cllrs declined this request as they felt the PC should have been consulted in advance.

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th AUGUST

PLANNING

DC/18/2833/FUL – 1 Wood Barn Place, Seckford Hall Road – Conversion, renovation and changed use of redundant agricultural barns to form a single residential dwelling and associated garaging and drainage After due consideration, the PC RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application

DC/18/3002/FUL – 1 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road – erection of single dwelling (revised siting of Plot 2 approved under DC/13/3360/FUL) with garage/cartlodge in part conversion of Barn B incorporation of former Plot 2 site into garden curtilage of Plot 1 - Cllrs welcomed the reduced density of the overall scheme that has been of major concern since planning applications for this site commenced. They also welcomed the 'Unilateral Undertaking' stated in the applicant's Planning Statement that means another dwelling cannot be built on the vacant site which will be used as

garden. They agreed that this must be made a fully enforceable condition of any approval, and that there should be no further development on this site or the surrounding fields. Subject to the above provisos, the PC RESOLVED that there were no objections to this application.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 4th September at 7.00pm

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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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

ANNUAL VILLAGE CRICKET – SUNDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

This will be held this coming weekend, and is being combined with our Harvest Festival, and Harvest lunch. Hopefully recent rains will mean that the wicket will not be as dry and dusty as it might have been.

SUFFOLK HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST – STRIDE AND RIDE – SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

This has been fully advertised, both on the email service, and with supporters and families to whom we thought this event might appeal. We are hoping to make up for last year, when we were unable to participate, or, indeed, send any contribution, because the event coincided with our Creative Arts Festival.

It is certainly not too late to join in, either cycling, walking or running. We hope to have a church-sitting team already in place, but may still be short of volunteers, should you be prepared to help.

Your churchwarden and wife will be taking part and would love to be joined by others. We have plenty of sponsorship forms, tedious though it might be to chase up people who might sponsor you. We do remain very much in debt to the Historic Churches Trust – and half of any sum raised reverts to our own church anyway. We ruefully acknowledge that roads have become busier, but it is still possible to plan a relatively quiet and traffic-free route, if you are determined to do so. Please do join us.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2ND – THE NIGHTINGALE WIND QUINTET

A concert with the Nightingale Wind Quintet has been arranged for 7.30 pm on Sunday 2nd December. The cost of tickets is likely to be £10 with the usual generous refreshments included.

Friday May 11th 2019

Professor Jeremy Tambling will be returning. The subject of his talk this time is likely to revolve around the subject of “Evil” in literature – the perfect subject for a church setting!

THE IPSWICH HOSPITAL BAND

MAY 12TH 2019 – 4.00 PM.

This will take the form of an outdoor concert with tea-time light refreshments included in the ticket price. Proceeds will be shared between the church and Hospital Charities. A £10 ticket will include light refreshments, but you are encouraged to bring your own picnic.

GREAT BEALINGS HISTORY

Norman Porter has an enormous amount of historical material on file. Fragments, and text, very much incomplete, are now displayed in folders at the back of the church. There is enough material for a significant book, tracing the history of our village, alongside much which could be of interest to Little Bealings. If you feel that you may have recollections or pictures

that could feature in such a history, do please make contact. The plan is to put together the material for the book, and then see what the prospects of publication might be. Declarations of support for such a project are very welcome. We have a village whose history is full of rich and fascinating events and personalities and which fully deserves to be collated and brought to print.

The Friends

ST. MARY'S

The glorious weeks of sunshine and warmth now seem to be but a memory. We have had just one service per month, and, in the extended absence of our priest, have been fortunate to have had substitutes to fill in for her. We are grateful to Dr. John Hare and Rev. Wendy Gourlay to ensure that our full programme of services has been maintained. Happily, one of those services was an exhilarating outdoor communion service, and that coincided with the extended spell of wonderful summery weather.

LOOKING AHEAD

This weekend: Our Harvest Festival is taking place this Sunday, September 2nd at 11.00 am. This year, lunch will be held in the Barn Pightle field, thanks to Jonathan and Farran Douse. There will be a barbecue, with items @ just £1, supplemented by salads, puddings and cheese, provided by those attending. Drinks will be available. Lunch will be followed by the annual cricket occasion – and tea, so a full day's activities and refreshments are in prospect.

We stress that attendance at this event is in no way conditional on attendance at the Harvest Festival "Songs of Praise". Also, we warmly invite families, including would-be cricketers of all ages from other villages to join us for the afternoon's activities – just bring along something suitably edible, as your contribution to the

lunch.

CHURCHYARD

The churchyard has been very dry, inevitably, given the protracted drought. We have been trying to keep the apple trees well-watered – particular thanks to Peter and Sue Prentice – and plaques are now in place at the base of the trees, thanks to the efforts of Will Self. Our thanks too, to Roger and Margaret Roseboom for keeping an eye on the bird-feeders and supplying provisions.

CAR PARK EXTENSION

We regret that manpower problems have meant a change of fencing contractor. We are in touch with two companies and will seek competitive tenders for the work. The new steps down from the car park remain closed as we ensure that appropriate authorities are happy that they do indeed constitute a significant improvement to safety.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11TH.

Preparations are continuing, in conjunction with the Parish Council, for a village commemoration of the end of World War One. A Parish Council Meeting is taking place on September 4th, at which it is hoped to select teams of helpers drawn both from the Parish Council and from the PCC.

Churchwarden

VACANCY

Great Bealings Community Speedwatch Team has been operating for over 5 years now.

However, one of our original members, Craig Robinson, is having to give up due to work and family commitments.

We are looking for a volunteer preferably someone that lives in either Boot Street or Grundisburgh Road, although not exclusively so.

We operate for one week per month,

(Monday to Friday) usually in the morning.

Each morning watch lasts about one hour. (say 0745-0845 or similar)

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Anyone interested please contact Colin Hedgley 01473 738468 or

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And finally,.....

Many thanks to Craig for the hard work and interesting chit chat. Always full of the joys of spring

and raring to go at 0730. How does he do it?

THE TALE OF JIMMY CRIPPS

Late in 2000, Sharon Cripps rescued a 6-week-old cross terrier puppy and called him Jimmy. In 2004, the Cripps family, Sharon, Martin and Jimmy moved to Boot St. You may have come across Jimmy on one of his many walks along the footpaths and byways. He made many friends, both 2 legs and 4. Sadly, on Aug 8th the Cripps best friend, Jimmy, took his last walk and went to sleep for the last time. That night the lights shone brightly, his long and peaceful life had ended, but his loving memory will always remain.

Roger Roseboom

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CHURCHWARDEN

Appointment pending

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 2 and 17 July and 20 August 2018

GDPR

The Council's insurer had confirmed the extension of cover in respect of the new regulations.

FYNN-LARK VOLUNTEERS EVENT

Colin Hopkins would represent the Council at this on 31 August.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Kesgrave Quarry/Sinks Pit

SCC would be chased to provide the methane/leachate readings requested previously. The new site notices had now been amended to refer to the correct location of the site in Little Bealings. County Councillor Robin Vickery agreed to find a contact at SCC to take responsibility for ongoing noise issues at the site. Formal enforcement of the planning permission which precluded the movement of stockpiles at the site between May and August would also be requested.

DC/18/1268/OUT: The proposal seeks permission for the development of 8 new residential dwellings on land formerly used for agriculture. The proposals cover the demolition of the existing buildings on the site, along with the removal of significant areas of hard standing: **Grove Farm Buildings, The Street**

SCDC had refused this application and the decision had referred to the parish being classified as a Local Service

Centre, but that it was a fairly low order settlement and that the majority of services necessary for day-to-day services were over two miles from the application site.

DC/18/2610/FUL: Demolition of the existing High Rigg dwelling. Replacement with a new five bedroom country house with a new driveway and highway access

It was noted that this was proposed as a renewal of approval DC/15/3667/FUL and that there was no objection in consequence.

DC/18/3148/FUL: Entrance porch extension, raised and pitched roof to replace existing flat roof, structural alterations and window replacement: Osierbed House, Hall Road

There was no objection to this application.

DC/18/3332/FUL: Change of use of downstairs flat into beauty salon: Sunfield Farm, Playford Road

There was no objection to this application, which would only provide for one client at a time to be on the premises.

ADMIRAL'S HEAD

Notices regarding parking had been amended. There was no further appeal against the Community Asset Listing and it was agreed to ask Anglian Water to give priority to the installation of the sewer in The Street, due in its 2020-2025 programme. A list of those likely to participate in a 'Save the Admiral's Head' Group meeting would be prepared.



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LOCAL PLAN FIRST DRAFT CONSULTATION MEETING WITH SCDC

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TRAFFIC

It was agreed to ask SCC for a survey of the speed and volume of traffic in Playford Rd and The Street

REPLACEMENT OF WHITE LINES IN MARTLESHAM AND BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND HOLLY LANE

County Councillor Robin Vickery offered to help pursue this.

BEALINGS SCHOOL PARKING

A resident's photograph had shown parked cars between the Church and Holly Lane, and parents/children walking in the road towards oncoming traffic. It was agreed to raise parking at the First Tier ASB SCDC/police meeting and to ask FOBS to assist in educating parents.

FOOTPATHS

The first cut had been completed and the second carried out during August.

FINANCE

Douglas Hunter had carried out the bank statement/cheque book reconciliation for the April and May. Expenditure was authorised for the Clerk's salary and PAYE for July and August and for the GDPR contract fee.

SALE OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Five residents spoke about this matter during the public participation session and

raised concerns about the placing of the Hall for sale by formal tender, largely as this was before the Church re-ordering was complete, and as it was now proposed to use the proceeds for the Church project. There was also concern that if grant funding was not obtained for the Church project, this could leave the parish without either facility. The Council resolved to ask the Rev Cook and Secretary of the PCC for information and comments on the residents' concerns.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

It was agreed to support the Commission's proposal for the inclusion of the parish with other rural villages in a new Carlford & Fynn Valley ward, to take effect upon the merger of SCDC with Waveney District Council

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is Monday 10 September 2018, at 7.15pm.

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

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Thank-you to everyone who, over the years has let the Church building enlighten village life.

Peter Carr

COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

The Community Lunch will no longer be available at the Angela Cobbold Hall as it

is now in the process of being sold. Grateful thanks to everyone who has generously supported these events and helped to keep the hall running.

Peter Carr

ANGELA COBBOLD MEMORIAL CHURCH ROOMS A Way Forward?

The possibility of a Community buy out and the creation of a Trust (similar to the Village Hall Trust) is being proposed. This will ensure the Angela Cobbold Hall remains a village asset and continues to fulfil its' original purposes.

Two considerable donations have already been promised and deposit monies are being held by Clarke & Simpson. This matter will be considered at the next PCC Meeting in September.

Offers of financial or practical support, advice or guidance, for this endeavour will be greatly appreciated. Contact...01473 620213, email pandvcarr55@gmail.com or drop a note into 'Corner Cottage' IP13 6LN

NOTICES at ALL SAINTS CHURCH

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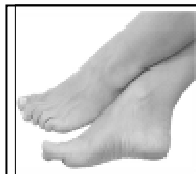
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- ◆ Callus reduction
- ◆ Corns
- ◆ Ingrown nails
- ◆ Verrucae
- ◆ Diabetic care



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PLAYFORD

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PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 4th July 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robin Vickery advised that the new SCC leader is Matthew Hicks and the deputy Mary Evans, who is also in charge of Highways. There will be a major internal review of Highways' policies; utilities and roadworks companies will be held to account and the way in which residents, councillors and businesses access information will be updated. There is currently a six-week consultation on Education services and a move is in place to bring affordable solar power to Suffolk. Suffolk Health is conducting a Diabetes Awareness campaign and a consultation on sand and gravel sites is running until 23rd July. Robin was quizzed about various outstanding Highways' issues and what was being done about them and has undertaken to ask Claire Brown, head of Ipswich section of Highways to contact the clerk to discuss them.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robert Whiting reported that the Bealings Road to the south of Playford will be closed for resurfacing between 16th-20th July. The First Draft of the Local Plan for Suffolk Coastal, containing details of proposed new housing will be delivered soon and the consultation will run for 8 weeks. Ward changes due to the merger of SCDC with Waveney DC have been

revised and views on the latest proposals are being sought (see * below) before the Boundary Commission finalises its decision. Deben Leisure Centre has reopened after its £3.5m refurbishment and is attracting new members. Launch of the new Garden Waste scheme is doing well and target numbers for residents signing up have exceeded expectations.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

- Silt on C324 has finally been cleared as this road has now been resurfaced by Highways.
- Water trickling down FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow is still a problem and is to be re-reported as previous efforts to resolve it have failed.
- Work on clearing verges & ditches in Hall Farm Road is to be commenced soon.
- Progress has been made with FP's 1 & 20, these routes are now passable and dry underfoot, thanks to a lot of work done by the landowners and wooden bridges having been placed in several locations. However FP no. 3 has been reported as still being impassable; clerk to contact landowners to discuss.
- See Action log appended to the Minutes on the website for more details of these items.

FINANCE

Payments authorised for Neighbourhood Plan expenditure, new shrubs to fill in gaps in hedging around Village Hall, defibrillator equipment, annual charge for extra wheelie bin, tax on clerk's salary,

ICO annual charge and clerk's stationery expenses. Grant money of £5450 has been received from Groundwork UK to cover N/Plan expenses. Steve Hicks agreed the Bank reconciliation. Budget for 2018/19 was found to be on track.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A meeting of Keith Carson and the clerk with Planning Direct took place on 26th June to discuss adjustments to the work schedule as grant money received was not as much as originally requested. It was suggested that various surveys be done by parishioners instead of part of the agreed schedule of tasks undertaken by Planning Direct. A further meeting needs to be called to discuss implementation of this with councillors.

DATA PROTECTION

Joan Metcalfe as DPO will register the Parish Council and organise payment of the annual charge to the ICO.

WARD CHANGES DUE TO MERGER WITH WAVENEY DC

The Boundary Commission's latest proposals: Playford together with the rest of the parishes in the present Fynn Valley ward will join forces with Grundisburgh, Culpho, Burgh, Hasketon, Great & Little Bealings, the village element of Rushmere St Andrew and several more small parishes to the north of Grundisburgh and is to be called Carlford & Fynn Valley ward. This would appear to be an ideal solution. *Parish councils' and parishioners' views on this are being sought and need to be registered with the Boundary Commission by 27th Aug for this proposal to become a reality.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/18/0424/FUL Treetops, 3 Church Lane, Playford - application for an annexe has been rejected by SCDC planners.

DC/18/1691/FUL High Meadows, Butts Road, Playford – application for alterations

and single storey extension has been passed by SCDC planners.

OTHER MATTERS

- A training session for using the defibrillator in Playford will be held at 1.30pm on 12th Sept in the Village Hall.
- Playford PC has declined the request by Little Bealings PC for a donation towards their cost of legal services incurred in appealing SCDC's decision to exclude the Admirals Head from their list of Assets of Community Value.
- There is concern that rainwater running off the roof at Airys Cottage is being discharged onto the highway. Clerk to approach SCDC Planning Dept to advise.
- We still require another councillor to serve on Playford PC - please contact the clerk if you feel you could help.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.00pm

*Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468
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FOOTPATH ALTERATIONS

Would parishioners please note that the new route of Footpath 20 in Playford (which used to run along the edge of the water meadow alongside the River Fynn, now starts from the south side of the hedge at the junction with Byway 19 to Rushmere and joins the newly created walkway which continues along the southern side of the large rectangular pond overlooking the water meadow before joining the Alder Carr. New wooden bridges have been installed by Suffolk PROW where necessary. The old route of Footpath no. 20 which formerly crossed the water meadow closer to the river, and had recently been fenced off, *is no longer a right of way and is now closed.*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

First of all, many apologies both to Sue Kennedy who had sponsored the lights on 26th and 27th June to celebrate the birth of her Granddaughter and to Glenda Grimwood on 2nd July in memory of her Mother, Jose Booker who died 16 years ago. The clock unfortunately ceased to work, and it was necessary to wait for a few weeks before a new one could be installed.

- ◆ 31st July & 1st August - sponsored by the Bunburys
- ◆ 7th August - sponsored by Wendy Wilson for Brian's birthday
- ◆ 8th and 9th August - sponsored by Sue Kennedy for the visit of her new baby Granddaughter

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

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

PLAYFORD W.I.

We hosted a very successful boules match on the 7th.August, inviting members of Bealings and Rushmere WI's to join us. The weather was very kind to us and we all enjoyed Pimms and sandwiches during the game. Much to our surprise Playford WI won the overall match.

At our September meeting we are planning another outdoor activity to enjoy the last of the summer evenings... a village Treasure Hunt.

Sue Bruce. (Secretary)



BINKY AND CO

Binky loved barbeques. Or is it barbees? Or B-B-Qs? Well whatever they are called Binky liked them. Mostly he enjoyed setting light to something out in the open and hopefully annoying the neighbours. In these two quests he was eminently successful. At almost exactly thirty seconds after putting match to charcoal, a mass closing of bedroom windows echoed along his road. Strangled cries of "Bloody idiot" rose crescendo-like as if a rather strained and vulgar rendition of the Halleluh Chorus had been orchestrated by a hundred retired colonels from Tunbridge Wells. But Binky bore them no malice. He did naturally invite all his neighbours but it was strange that no matter what the day, they all seemed to be washing their hair. Well thought Binky, at least I have clean neighbours. He always graciously looked on the good side of everyone. Which is more than can be said of Mrs. Stickleback. She positively encouraged Binky not to have an "outside evening soiree" as she called them "where I can invite my friends for a cocktail". But Binky was all Australian cowboy, if there is such a thing, and insisted on "throwing some cow on the fire, mate" and covering with a liberal coating of tomato sauce. But it had to be Heinz, Binky had standards.

However some friends did arrive armed with a few Lidl six packs and a couple of bottles of low alcohol wine in plastic bottles labelled 'best before' the date being obscured by the use of a heavy black marker pen. Timmy had brought a box of chocolates that he had won in the church raffle the previous year and laid them carefully on the side of the barbeque "for later".

The previous day had found Binky and wife in a frenzy of preparation. There was the gazebo to erect which had helpful instructions that suggested that this op-

eration could be completed by one man in thirty minutes. Mrs. S told him to put half a day by and she wasn't far out. Tents, including their posh equivalents, were not Binky's strong point. Plus he was missing a pole which meant the gazebo was inherently unstable even though our hero had employed the dubious rigidity qualities of a bamboo cane. Binky insisted on having potatoes in their jackets with grated cheese as a topping. Mrs. S didn't mind grating the cheese as it kept her finger nails in trim. The sausages were rescued from the local butcher's 'free, help yourself' dog bucket. Waste not want not was her watchword.

It was just as Timmy's wife Wjkldyk, (she was Polish) was biting in to her beef and salmonella burger that the first spots of rain were felt. Binky urged his guests to take no notice as it was just a passing light shower. It was probably when the water level on the lawn covered Mrs. S' plimsolls that Binky agreed that everyone should retire to the house. Wjkldyk was the most distressed as she was only wearing a white T shirt and was totally soaked through. In passing Binky, she hit him on the head with an extra-long barbeque fork with an accompanying cry of "This does not happen in Gdansk you idiot." Of course everything would have been well except that the wind came up, briefly to 30 knots. The bamboo pole resisted at least ten seconds before bowing to the inevitable. Timmy had just run out in order to collect the box of chocolates he had left on the side of the barbeque when the gazebo collapsed completely. Wjkldyk screamed out "My husband- he will be burnt alive." Burt the tractor driver commented that in which case it would be the only thing that had been cooked right through all evening. The flames from the gazebo died down fairly quickly and Timmy emerged relatively unscathed but with no hair, something he was unaware of for a couple of hours.

The chocolates were handed round albeit melted and wet and everyone agreed that it been a good barbeque. The charcoal was out, the sausages burned to a cinder, the gazebo ruined, the lawn flooded and the neighbours started to reopen their windows. Timmy held his wife's hand as they walked across the footpath to their house. "Timmy" said Wjkldyk, "I want to go home to Gdansk, like now" Timmy sighed. She sounded like Mrs. S. Suddenly Timmy felt very sorry for Binky.

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SATURDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2018

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- ◆ treating you and your family (and your dog) to a good walk between our local churches, with refreshments en route?
- ◆ taking the family for a picnic in our beautiful local countryside combined with refreshment in one of the churches?
- ◆ take your bike on the train to another Benefice and cycle back?
- ◆ Strolling around the Churches and churchyards, learning about the local history whilst enjoying refreshments – perhaps arranging to meet your friends there for a catch up.

Visiting the historic churches in our Benefice and the surrounding area raises money for the work of the Trust and for the repair and upkeep of St Mary's, Playford (or your Benefice Church).

Please contact Sally Lamb, Local Organiser for Playford, for a sponsorship form, (or pick up a sponsorship form at the back of the church)

Email sallamb66@gmail.com or phone 07703 439262 – or visit on the day
Churches will be open between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m., refreshments will be available and a warm welcome.

CULPHO

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH EVENING OF PUDDINGS AND SPARKLE

This event took place on Saturday 11th August at Wood Farm, Grundisburgh, home of Churchwarden Richard Garnham and his wife Christabel who hosted an evening of delicious puddings and sparkling wine, in aid of St. Botolph's Church. The weather was kind and there were two contests available to all. The first where guests threw quoits over bottles of whisky, which they kept if successful. Numerous tried, with five spirited persons (three women and two men) each winning a prize. The second game was that of Jenga where those (who had not consumed to much 'sparkle') were encouraged to remove wooden blocks without toppling the tower. First prize went to one lady contestant who successfully removed twenty blocks – no mean feat!

A raffle was also held with some very nice



prizes on offer and without doubt, the evening proved most enjoyable, raising a staggering £650 which will go a long way towards keeping the Church open and in good repair. Richard and Christabel offer their sincere thanks to all who attended and supported the event.

SPONSORED LIGHTS

On Thursday 19th July the lights were lit by Wendy Jefferson in loving memory of her husband Hugh who passed away two years ago. Hugh and Wendy were great supporters of Culpho Church and since moving to Dorset, Wendy has become a member of the Parochial Church Council at her local Church and keeps in contact. We miss them both at St. Botolph's and wish Wendy well at her new Church

HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE AND STRIDE

St. Botolph's will be open from 9 a.m. on Saturday 8th September to receive cyclists and walkers. Details on the Church Notice Board should anyone wish to participate.

HARVEST SUPPER

This popular event in the Church Calendar will take place at 6 p.m. on Friday 14th September in the Church. All are most welcome and as in previous years Christine Pearce, on 01473 738324 will be coordinating the event. Please see separate advert in the Magazine.

HARVEST SERVICE

At 3 p.m. on Sunday 16th September the Harvest Service will take place, celebrating what we hope will be a fruitful harvest. If you can join us a warm welcome awaits, where, following the service, tea and cake will be available.

HARVEST DECORATIONS

Throughout the weekend the Church

remains open for visitors to view the Harvest decorations. Every year Christabel Garnham decorates the church with flowers, fruit and foliage. The displays have been stunning from the moment you walk into the Porch. Please pop in if you can. The Harvest weekend is one of the highlights of the year when everyone comes together, not only to

celebrate the harvest, which is so significant to the people of Suffolk, but to enjoy food and friendship in this lovely old Church.

*Margaret Gornall,
Secretary*

ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH, CULPHO
HARVEST SUPPER 201



You are cordially invited to join us at the Harvest Supper on
Friday 14th September 2018
commencing at 6.00 p.m. in the Church

Please contact Chris Pearce on 01473 738324 or email
cmp0601@hotmail.com to book your place.

You will be assured of a warm welcome and the invitation is open to all residents, Church members and those who kindly support Culpho Church. There is no charge, but if you can contribute either a food item or raffle prize that would be most appreciated.

The Church will have been decorated prior to the Supper and you are welcome to pop in over the Harvest weekend to view the display, wonderfully put together by Christabel Garnham.

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Great Bealings

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THOMAS CLARKSON

Playford celebrated their annual Clarkson Service on July 29th which was wonderfully led by Martyn. Martyn's address showed the depth of his interest and research not only celebrating the abolition of the slave trade but also in bringing the subject up to date with the continuing need for vigilance and action. He gave the details of a modern help line run by the charity **Unseen**:

www.modernslaveryhelpline.org Telephone: 08000 121 700.

The choir, and therefore the congregation, sang beautifully. Many, many thanks to all concerned for such a moving service.

CHURCH DIARY – SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday 2nd

14th Sunday after Trinity
11.00 Harvest Service
(no communion)

Great Bealings

Sunday 9th

15th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Family Communion
3.00 Messy Church
Leaewood House Sandy Lane, Little Bealings

Playford

Sunday 16th

6th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Harvest (no communion)
3.00 Harvest

Little Bealings

Culpho

Wednesday 19th

9.30 Holy Communion

Culpho

Sunday 23rd

17th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Family Communion

Great Bealings

Saturday 29th

2.00 Wedding

Little Bealings

Sunday 30th

18th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Harvest
(no communion)

Playford

October

Sunday 7th

19th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 Family Communion

Great Bealings

NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

Great Bealings: For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or nhp@rillcott.co.uk

Little Bealings: Please see the parish website for information:
www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net

Playford: A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: www.playford.org.uk

BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com

Please say which village you live in so that you can receive the most appropriate information. Your email address will not be shared with others. The newsgroup can also be used to send information that residents would like distributed. BUT-please note that the newsgroup does not distribute any information involving commercial ventures or for the sale of goods and services, other than for charitable fund raising relevant to the parishes.

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The Police Direct scheme sends phone messages/texts/emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/Welcome+to+police+direct.htm>

or phone 01473 613500.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

Road repairs and Maintenance – potholes, overhanging vegetation, signs, flooding, verge cutting etc – contact the County Council on their customer service number: 0845 606 6067 or email: customerservice@csduk.com

In an emergency contact the police.

Public Rights of Way Footpath **problems** can be reported to the County Council East Area office at the same customer service number or via a 'public rights of way report a problem' form available at:

<https://www.csduk.com/CSD/Transportandstreets/Public+Rights+of+Way>

Fly Tipping and Litter: Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk.

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ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

BADMINTON	VH	Thu 7.30	<i>Martin Yates 07710187722</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH	Mon 7.30	<i>Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511</i>
	VH	Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
BENEFACTIVE 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 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m.	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		Subscribers https://v2.hallmaster.co.uk/Diary/ViewWeeklyDiary/6622 Non-Subscribers http://bealingsvillagehall.org.uk or Volunteer Administrator:07925 181390	
KEEP FIT	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>
SNOOKER	VH	Any day <4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH	Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m.	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		:	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i> <i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
WI	VH	Thu (3rd in month)	2.00 Oct - Mar 7.00 Apr - Sep <i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK		Village Representative	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
ART CLUB	PH	Thu 10.00	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu a.m. Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
FOOT CLINIC	PH	Fri (approx. 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>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS			<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING		Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH	Wed 7.30 - 8.15	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri 9.30 toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WHIST DRIVE	PH	Tues (4th in month) 2.00 p.m.	<i>Liz Royle 622443</i>
WI	PH	Tue (1st in month) 7.30 p.m.	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>
YOGA	PH	Tue 9.30 - 11.00	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>

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5.00 pm Tuesday 18th September.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 29th September.**

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