## Fynn - Lark News

#### **APRIL 2018**



At very last Spring has sprung and Easter is upon us. The landscape calls for our attention and is a welcome distraction from the ever-louder voices in the material and virtual worlds clamouring for a response. As we reacquaint ourselves with our outside spaces, nurturing afresh our gardens and local habitats, we too are refreshed. As Hildegaard noted, 'Through His creation God encircles and strengthens us'. Whatever your faith, however tangible or remote, fragile or strong, I pray that this Eastertide you would be filled with hope: hope in the faithfulness of the seasons, despite our neglectful stewardship, hope in the goodness of humankind, despite our capacity to steal, kill and destroy and hope for the future, despite our fear of the grave.

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Karen Finch

SOME folk as can afford, So, I've heard say, Set up a sort of cross Right in the garden way To mind 'em of the Lord.

But I, when I do see Thik apple tree An' stoopin' limb All spread wi' moss, I think of Him And how He talks wi' me.

I think of God
And how He trod
That garden long ago;
He walked, I reckon, to and fro
And then sat down
Upon the groun'
Or some low limb
What suited Him
Such as you see
On many a tree,
And on thik very one
Where I at set o' sun
Do sit and talk wi' He.

And, mornings too, I rise and come
An' sit down where the branch be low;
A bird do sing, a bee do hum,
The flowers in the border blow,
And all my heart's so glad and clear
As pools when mists do disappear:
As pools a-laughing in the light
When mornin' air is swep' an' bright,
As pools what got all Heaven in sight
So's my heart's cheer
When He be near.

He never pushed the garden door, He left no footmark on the floor; I never heard 'Un stir nor tread And yet His Hand do bless my head, And when 'tis time for work to start I takes Him with me in my heart.

And when I die, pray God I see
At very last thik apple tree
An' stoopin' limb,
And think of Him
And all He been to me.
'Under a Wiltshire Apple Tree' Anna Bunstan 1917

Easter Blessings, Celia Cook.

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#### **NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST**

#### FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

## Energetic and younger contributors to this magazine

Our grateful thanks to those who have responded to this appeal. This edition features contributions from Francis Mutimer and Sandra Doman, together with on-going photographic contributions from Gary Farmer. Sandra and Gary have both contributed to our history archive with further pictures of the Anglia1 cabling works. Their contributions are warmly welcomed.



However, we do still need reinforcements to the production team, so the vacancies for understudies remain.

#### LOOKING BACK AT THE BEAST

It was a complete coincidence that last month's editorial coincided with our worst wintry spell for years. That particular item was illustrated by 3 pictures from the past. By way of illustrating the severity of this year's big freeze Sandra Doman sent us this picture. She describes the scene as follows:

I have just been reading your article in the March parish news about snowfall and thought you might like a copy of this image I took on 1st March 2018 between Boot Street on the road up to Grundisburgh. I took this from the Grundisburgh end, and, as you can see, the snow drift had completely covered

the road. A tractor soon arrived to rescue one gentleman who had driven into it and become stuck!

It's good to have a new contributor – an example below!



So thank you for that, Sandra – and by way of further illustration of just how cold it was, here is a picture of an ice-encrusted broom, the one used to sweep away the snow outside Rill Cottage rendered totally useless! Next to it is a heavily disquised milk crate.



Gary Farmer took some wonderful pictures of Great Bealings church and its surroundings in the snow- see front cover - and these will be on display on Gary's stall at the Plant Sale.

#### **DIARY - WHAT'S ON**

**APRIL** 

Sat 21st Plant Sale Bealings Village Hall

MAY

FRI 11TH 7.30 Talk - Shakespeare and East Anglia

St Mary's Church, Great Bealings

Sun 13th 11.00 Thanksgiving Service to celebrate completion of major work

Full details—page 18 St Mary's Church, Great Bealings

JUNE

Sat Jun 23rd Playford Fete Playford Hall

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

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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## **EAST ANGLIA**

We do our best to encourage news from across the generations. SO particularly pleasing to be able to include this item. Please note that safeguarding regulations mean that we have to receive parental permission to publish pictures of children. That proviso duly satisfied, we offer warmest congratulations to Isabel Self on achieving second place in the annual Young Art East Anglia competition. This competition is open to children aged 5 - 11 from schools across the whole of East Anglia. Entries are judged by high profile artists, including Maggie Hambling and Nick Butterworth. There are 4 categories and Isabel came second in the Reception/Years 1 and 2 category. There were over 2000 entries. The aim of the competition is to recognize the remarkable range of talents of primary school children in Suffolk. to represent the region through art and to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Well done. Isabel. on this fine achievement.



#### VANDALISM ALERT

Gratuitous petty vandalism and damage is something that often falls below police radar, but which could be deterred by local watchfulness. One example of what people might look out for occurred in

ISABEL SELF - YOUNG ART Sandy Lane, Little Bealings. Solar lights were removed late one night from a front garden- and then dumped further down the road. The police made a note of the incident, but that was probably that. This is probably an example of late night revelry turned sour, but none the less annoying - and expensive - for that. Local vigilance, and alert observation is probably the only viable course of preventative action.

#### **OBITUARY** PETER (GEORGE) RUFFORD

Peter, sometimes known as George, lived in High Trees, Lower Street, Great Bealings for 41 years, 30 of them with his late wife, Joy. In his time, he had been Parish Councillor, church sidesman and supporter, and valuable helper in the Bealings Plant Sales.



Peter was born in Ipswich in 1927, the son of a Great Eastern Railway ticket inspector. Aged just nine, he contracted polio but made a remarkable recovery. During WW2, he was evacuated to a farm in Gloucestershire. After attending NE Essex Technical College, where he was awarded the Ransomes, Sims and Jefferies Prize for his Higher National Certificate results, he started work as an

apprentice with Ipswich Corporation. His work included cleaning trolley bus heads and this was the beginning of a distinguished career in the electricity supply industry. He rose through the ranks to become Deputy Chairman of Eastern Electricity before later becoming founding member and first Chairman of the Independent Electricity Producers, a post which gave him the opportunity to show his innovative talents, at a time when wind farms and solar energy were being developed. He started an energy advice business which kept him working until well into his 70s.

Peter loved swimming, taking his family of four children on demanding camping holidays, golf (he was a member of Woodbridge GC), making things, up to and including building his own house (at under-floor Feering) with heating. installing a heat pump, and healthy exercise (he was running in to work in the 1970s and cycling in to work in the 1980s. before it became fashionable). He was clearly an inspirational figure. encouraging his children to work hard and, if they fell, to get up again, brush themselves down and have another go. This can-do attitude to life exemplified by a picture in his study showing an elephant being dragged up a hill by a mouse. Whatever the challenges, and there were many, particularly after the loss of Joy, and increasing dementia, Peter always had a ready smile, a twinkle in his eve and an interest in other people.

Peter was over 90, but he was still living in his own home, well looked after by his family and his housekeeper. Karen. His funeral, in Great Bealings Church, filled the building to capacity, bringing together friends. neighbours. family. ex-work colleagues and golfers. Local friends, Kerry and Alun Jones, who live in Orchard House, opposite High Trees, even though they were in New Zealand, asked that the lights of St Mary's be turned on for the night of the funeral. The family were very grateful for this kind act.

The eulogies at the funeral completed a

apprentice with Ipswich Corporation. His portrait of a remarkably talented and work included cleaning trolley bus heads energetic man, for whom family was and this was the beginning of a always the main priority.

Shortly before Peter died he was quoted as saying: "I have had a marvelous life, with no regrets". He is now at peace, reunited with Joy, his beloved wife of over 50 years, in the churchyard of St Mary's.

## OBITUARY DOROTHY YULE

We are sorry to report that we heard from Dorothy's daughter, Rosi, that her mother died on the 15<sup>th</sup> February, after a short stay in hospital and following a fall.

Dorothy was 91 years of age and a friend to so many of us all within the Benefice. She had moved from *Aberfeldy* on the



Grundisburgh Road three or four years ago to be closer to her daughter. Her funeral took place at Market Bosworth Free Church in Warwickshire (opposite Dorothy's home and the Church she "adopted' after her move from Suffolk).

Dorothy had such a generous spirit, was a good friend both to Culpho and to Great Bealings churches. Her late husband, Ken, had been equally supportive of our churches. Their ashes will now rest together in the churchyard of Great Bealings.

Dorothy's daughter's contact details are: Rosi Yule, 59, Main Street, Carlton, Warwickshire, CV13 0BZ, Telephone 0 1 4 5 5 2 9 2 2 1 2 — e m a i l chalkstorm@btopenworld.com.

#### NATURE NOTES

#### SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

The end of February. The beast from the east has us in its icy jaws. The garden is full of birds, flying urgently backwards and forwards and trying to find enough food to survive the long dark freezing night. It's panic time. Not too bad for those that the expertise and physical equipment and agility to use the feeders coals tits. the blue tits. great tits. aoldfinches. the occasional greater woodpecker sadly spotted greenfinches in sight - they, apparently, have been grievously reduced in number by some disease. But there's food enough for these species - and it's more or less accessible.

But the poor ground feeders, foraging around in deep snow, and picking up the occasional speck of peanut or seed that has been cast off by the lucky feederfeeding species - they are struggling. And it's here that there's a real pecking order - a veritable circus of competition. The pigeons lumber in from time to time. but it's those aggressive blackbirds that rule the ground territory. The garden is full of them. The males are particularly aggressive - a morose ball of glossy black feathers with a bright yellow rapierlike beak, that suddenly puts in a doublefooted spurt towards the food source that they have taken possession of, and which they hold to be their own. We put out a plate of food for these ground feeders, and once the blackbirds discover it. they mount watchful guard, and are on the look-out for intruders. The robins. chaffinches and dunnocks cower on the fringes, at a respectful distance - the robins perhaps a little more adventurous. but still kow-towing to those aggressive blackbirds. Every so often a chaffinch or a robin, frustrated on the ground, will make an acrobatic attempt to get at the feeders, but they're not really equipped for the task, and fall back, flailing desperately. Back to the ground source. If they're lucky.

It's tough, being a bird in these

conditions. But at least we haven't seen the sparrow hawk recently so the aerial threat is diminished. How many of these birds will last the night? How many of them will find enough food to see them through to the end of this most cruel of icy spells? How many of them will make it through to the spring, and mating time? We humans can but keep our fingers crossed for them, but at the same time admire the birds' phenomenal tenacity and determination to prove Darwin right — it will be the fittest that survive. Good luck to them all.

#### HISTORY CORNER

We are very grateful to Francis Mutimer for the following account. It is precisely the sort of contribution that we appealed for in the March edition of this Magazine. There must be so many comparable stories out there, all contributing to a better understanding of the history of our villages – so keep them coming.

We are keeping all back copies of the Fynn-Lark News since our launch in June 2016, so are building up something of an archive. Where should such an archive be housed? Any ideas?

## FROM FRANCIS MUTIMER - LITTLE BEALINGS - WITH DEEP GREAT BEALINGS ROOTS.

In Great Bealings churchyard, as you enter the church, close to the north porch stands an old, lichen-covered gravestone. The fading inscription on the stone reads: 'In memory of William, fourth son of the late William and Mary Lewis, who died from the effects of an accident, 13th April 1846, aged 12 years'.

Among William's nine siblings at the time of his death was one James Lewis, two years younger than William. James Lewis would have been my Great, Great Grandfather.

or the It was while researching my family history rately. that I uncovered the tale of young hey're William's unfortunate demise on that April day more than 170 years ago. My father these often told me the story of this accident,

#### COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

As always, a big thank-you to everyone who joined us for lunch on March 6th. The profit of £70 will go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Hall.

Easter Community Lunch will be on Tuesday 10th. April from 12.30 p.m.

NB on this occasion it will be the second rather than the first Tuesday of the month

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passed down to generations from his grandfather, Edward lad', William Lewis. Mutimer, who married Kate Lewis, James' daughter. Apparently the young lad was riding a horse, which bolted and threw him, fatally injuring him.

This report, written very much in the style of the time, comes from the Bury and Norwich Post newspaper, dated 21st April 1846 and gives an account of the accident:

On Tuesday morning at Gt Bealings, a boy named William Lewis, aged 12 years, met his death in a extraordinary manner. Lewis was employed by Mr Brundley and his duty was to fetch up the cows night and morning, on Monday afternoon, when driving the cows home he tied the tail of one round his body, it is supposed the cow became frightened and was seen running past some houses, dragging the poor boy behind it on hard ground and kickina violently at intervals. dragging him a 100 vards and through the river he became disentangled and when picked up he groaned a little but expired on the way to his master's house, his skull being fractured in a shocking manner. Lewis was a harmless lad and much respected by his master.

Now clearly, this account is somewhat different from that which was passed down to me through four generations of our family and begs the question; what really happened?

Did subsequent generations of the family change the re-telling of young William's accident on that fateful day, to avoid embarrassment at what appears to be a rather foolish act?

Or was it in fact the true account of what happened? Is it beyond the realms of possibility that the young boy was indeed thrown from a horse and that the farmer came up with a different version of events to avoid being held responsible for the boy's demise? Is it really possible to tie the tail of a cow round the body of a young boy?

Perhaps we shall never know for certain

him through the what really happened to that 'harmless

#### 'MAYFLOWER'

A steam locomotive will be travelling along the railway line through Playford and Bealings on Sunday 15th April, as part of a charity rail tour. This, of course, is a rare sight nowadays and should provide us with some excellent photo opportunities. (Photographs welcome for the next edition - Ed)

Timing wise, it looks as if the locomotive 'Mayflower' should pass through our villages at approximately 11-30am.

I wonder if there are any residents, or former residents of the villages who can still remember steam trains stopping at Bealings station before its closure in 1956?

More information here:

http://www.charity-railtours.co.uk/ mavflower.html

#### Letter from Lily

Did you know that many parts of East Anglia are not only the driest part in the UK but have less rainfall than Beirut? This has been a trend for many years, but we gardeners are still seduced by the seasonal displays in the garden centres and all thoughts of whether the plants are ideal for our dry climate vanish as we traipse to the till with our selections. This can lead to a choice between constant watering or dessicated plants. But all is far from lost as anyone who has visited RHS Hyde Hall or Beth Chatto's garden in Elmstead Market will know.

There are three steps to success: select plants that have adapted to grow in dry conditions; prepare the soil; and take steps to conserve moisture.

There is an amazing variety of plants that will grow in dry sunny positions. Most are plants that we associate with Mediterranean such cistus, sages, thyme, lavender and other herbs, which tend to have hairy leaves, whilst others, such as

junipers and yew, have glossy 'needles'. Don't forget sedums, euphorbias, hebes, helianthemums. red hot pokers, stipas and other grasses - the list goes on. Even that trickiest of environments, dry shade can support a wonderful range of especially in the plants. spring hellebores. bergenias, foxaloves. alchemilla mollis. pulmonarias. epimediums, hostas, ivy, liriope, to name a few.

Soil preparation is vital. If you don't get rid of perennial weeds before you start, vour plants will be living in a perpetual war zone as you continue to do battle to gain possession of your plot. The most effective way to eradicate really troublesome plants such as brambles is to use a systemic weed killer. If there are not too many weeds or weedkiller is an anathema to you, digging can be very effective - and is cheaper than gvm membership. Covering the soil with black sheeting or old carpets that are pinned down to remove the light will also help eradicate deep rooted weeds. It helps if you are of a persistent and patient disposition.

Once your soil is clear of perennial weeds, dig in organic matter such as garden compost or well-rotted manure to introduce worms and soil bacteria.

Then comes the good bit – the planting! Read the labels to ensure that the plants will have enough room to spread to the size they will reach in about 5 years. I doubt that there is anyone who has planted a garden and not put the plants too closely together. We all do it, so I expect this bit of advice to be ignored – but you may remember in years to come, when you are trying to decide which of your precious plants to move because they are being squashed by their neighbours, that I did warn you.

Even plants which can tolerate dryness need to be watered well to get their roots established. This should be followed by a mulch, which will help reduce water loss and suppress weeds. Mulches can be either vegetable matter such as chopped

bark, compost, straw, well-rotted manure, or gravel, which is particularly useful for plants that don't like getting their necks wet (and who can blame them).

If you would like to know more, I commend Beth Chatto's book called 'The Dry Garden' which is widely available in paperback, but remember that it was written in 1978 and her suggestions for the use of peat would not find favour with conservationists today.

Love Lily

#### Plant of the Month

The native British wild daffodil -



Narcissus pseudonarcissus, often referred to the Lent lily, was once a common sight throughout the countryside and inspired Wordsworth to write his famous poem. Sadly, its numbers have declined in recent years due to the clearance of woodland and improvement of pasture. However, all is not lost and it is still possible to buy bulbs, which will thrive in any slightly shady spot.

#### **BEALINGS BOWLS CLUB**

Looking for a new hobby? Wanting to maybe spend some time in the company of a sociable group of people – whilst taking some gentle summer exercise at the same time? You can take part individually or with your partner, with a friend or even with your grandchildren (minimum age 12).

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#### BEALINGS W.I.

The monthly WI meetings are held in Bealings Village hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Speakers vary from learning about using a dog to detect drugs in prison to Village People Stories which is the subject for the April meeting. This will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April starting at 7pm.

At our March meeting we were very grateful to Joan Moon who stepped in at the last minute when the booked speaker unable to attend. Having just returned from Australia Joan took us on a magical tour of the country - her many visits and wide knowledge provided a fascinating insight into a vibrant way of life. Thank you Joan!!

any experience at all - you will be Outside of the monthly meeting visits are welcomed and given as much coaching arranged to places of interest which often end with some nice refreshments! Members organise regular walks starting in different places which usually finish up with lunch and a chat. There is also the book club which provides a opportunity to discuss the book contents.

> The area's Annual meeting has just taken place in Trinity Park and the speaker this vear was the father of the sextuplets. He entitled his talk "My life with seven women"!!!

If you are interested in joining us please come along to the village hall on 19<sup>th</sup> April or contact the Secretary - Jennifer Cook on 01473 623985. You would be very welcome and do not need to be a Bealings resident.

#### **SMILES**

As you may know, Theatre has played a large part of our lives, so I thought the following stories may prove of interest and smiles. The first was told to me by Joyce Carey, a fellow habitué of The Brompton Grill in Knightsbridge when I was the manager of The Midland Bank, a few doors away.

September 1952. Lynn Fontaine Marchioness appeared as the Heronden in "Quadrille "at the Phoenix Theatre in London. At one performance. while playing a scene with Joyce Carey, Miss Fontaine rose from a chair bringing with her a cushion, which had got stuck to her bustle. As she moved, it bobbled up and down and the audience tittered. Joyce tried frantically to get at it, but Lynn Fontaine kept eluding her. Eventually Joyce made her exit, leaving Miss Fontaine alone on stage to do a little dance. The audience loved it and when she came off Lynn Fontaine said "You know, Joyce, that scene's never got so many laughs "

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#### ST MARY'S

We thought we had probably seen the last of the severe winter weather, after that uncannily timed editorial of last month. The editorial was written well before the "beast" struck, but then, by sheer coincidence, came out in the middle of the coldest spell for some years. But here we are back again, writing in the middle of another spell of ice and snow, with fingers tightly crossed inside gloved hands that the warmth of that elusive spring will soon allow us to cut back on the heating, venture out into the garden, and look forward to summer.

The winter has taken its toll, with Celia, our priest, having to deal with 5 funeral services in a month, two of them in Great Bealings church. It is a cruel irony that there have been as many funeral services as there have been regular ones, but those funeral services continue to show that churches do play a central role as venues for those rites of passage which are appropriately commemorated in a building which represents the centuries-old roots of our village.

#### LOOKING BACK

The funeral of George Peter Rufford took place in the church on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup>. George, or Peter as he was sometimes known, lived in Lower Street, and had played a full part in the life of the village until his energies were diminished by the passing of the years. A full Obituary, approved by George's family – of his four children one son and a daughter live locally – appears elsewhere in this publication. George had celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday so a full church was testimony to the part he had played in the

lives of so many people. His wife, Joy had pre-deceased him by some 11 years.

#### **ECO-CHURCH**

We have filled in a questionnaire trying to establish whether we qualify as an ecochurch. The questionnaire has been filed with a Christian-based organisation which seeks to combine Christian worship with caring custodianship of our planet. Eligibility is affected not only by what happens outside, in the churchyard, but also by the content of services and by the level of eco-friendly behaviour of those supporting the church. We will report on developments.

#### CHURCH BUILDING WORKS

All that now remains to be done is to celebrate the successful conclusion of these works. Please see the item under FOGBS the relating to special commemorative service that is to take place on Sunday May 13th at 11.00. We are grateful to Lord Cranworth and to Richard Garnham for permission access the church across fields belonging to the estate during the many difficult months of these works. Both have accepted invitations to attend this service. token οf our appreciation. Representatives of the contractors and of funding bodies have also been invited.

#### **CHURCHYARD**

The main structure of the observation cabin has now been erected. Particular thanks are due to Will Self and Jonathan Keer for turning out on a very cold Saturday morning, at a time when we were still beset by ice and snow. Final adjustments still need to be made to the door and windows need to be installed, but otherwise thought are now turning to the interior and how best to fit it out.

Churchwarden

## FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Concert with Rose Hinton – tribute to her jazz-violin-playing grandfather, Cyril Hellier.

This was set to take place on Sunday March 25<sup>th</sup>, well after the deadline for contributions to this month's magazine. At the time of writing over 100 programmes had been sold, so the prospects of a successful occasion were looking good. The concert will be reviewed in next month's issue.

The Annual Plant Sale – with Little Bealings. In the Village Hall. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Please see the separate item about this. We are very grateful to all those who have signed up to help. 50% of the income accrues to our church, so your support at the event, and purchase of Raffle tickets will help us to meet the ever-greater challenge of keeping the church going.

A second talk by Prof Jeremy Tambling – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Shakespeare and East Anglia. Those who attended his talk on Dickens and East Anglia will endorse the view that Jeremy is an expert in his field – comparative literature – and that his talks really do provide the kind of intellectual stimulus that can be elusive to those who have moved on past beyond formal education.

A celebration – thanksgiving service, lunch and activities – Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>.

This has now been fixed for May 13th. There will be a service of thanksgiving at 11.00, to which representatives of the various parties involved in the repairs have been invited, followed by lunch and a range of activities in and around the church. We have much to celebrate renovation on a scale and at a cost which probably unprecedented. now all successfully concluded. plus the installation of our wild-life cabin which heralds a new dimension in our activities in and around the church.

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

When lunch is over there will be various activities, including a historical exhibition, rigorously guided (at your own risk) towervisits, musical performances, and trails designed to show you what has been achieved over the last year.

We hope that you will join us. So as to give us some idea of numbers do please let us know of your intention to do so by emailing <a href="mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk">nhp@rillcott.co.uk</a>

There will be a further reminder in next month's magazine.

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

The Friends

#### LIGHTS AT St MARY'S

A small bundle of remembrances:

On 26<sup>th</sup> February for the special landmark birthday Ann Barrett, dependant on one's appreciation of the word, landmark, either a conspicuous object on land marking a locality or an outstanding moment in history, come to think of it, either interpretation of Ann fits the bill, what I am unwilling to disclose is the number of years, suffice to say that I am older than she!

Then on 3 March for Sam Crimp, grandson of Paddy H-Smith, again years not disclosed but over the age of consent.

The Barnetts then entered centre stage with Christine, now walking with alacrity and daughter Helen keeping pace.

Finally, for my dear sister, Edna, in memory of a full and active life who died at the age of 93, as beautiful as ever.

Please let me have your requests

Roger Roseboom 01473 735153.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th MARCH 2018

#### **TREES**

Martin Cripps reported that he has obtained four trees - three oaks and a field maple and these will be planted shortly. There is money in the budget for these. and Cllrs approved expenditure. The Clerk has written to SCC to ask them if they owned the one metre strip along the North side of Lodge Road, but there has been no response. She will pursue this.

#### WATER MEADOW

Rob Munn has contacted Joe Blackmore at SCC who has made a brief visit to the site. He will return and inspect further. RM will keep pursuing this matter.

#### REPORTS:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBIN VICKERY -RV has met the new Highways team at Phoenix House, led by Paul Gant (PG) who he has taken around the area. PG will report back to his Committee about the proposed speed limit restriction at Boot St Bridge, but he is not optimistic about this. Charles Barrington said that he would send him a detailed letter from the PC setting out all our concerns.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR PATTI MULCAHY

Hedgley's had report circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes on the website. PM verbally reported further on the plan to charge householders for collection of brown bins, the creation of the new Super-Council, the Air Quality Report which is out for consultation and the future of Felixstowe Leisure.

#### PLANNING

DC/18/0300/FUL - Proposed Gazebo Seckford Hall - Ratification was given to objection to this application

Rosery Farmhouse - SCDC have replied to the PC's recent letter, and have confirmed that the application has been withdrawn. If this is resubmitted for preapplication advice, the PC needs to be later this month

involved at the early stages, as agreed with the Head of Planning. A letter will be sent to SCDC stating this.

Rosery Farm Cottage - Footpath - There has been no reply to the PC's letter asking the householder to reinstate the registered path. A resident has now applied to have the route ratified, and the PC will have an opportunity to comment when this goes for formal consultation

Roserv Farm Cottage - use of agricultural building - The SCDC Enforcement Officer has not advised yet whether he has been able to gain access to this building. The Clerk will continue to chase up this matter

Regency House - The original application has been allowed on appeal

DC/18/0859/FUL - Rosery Farm Cottage -The resubmitted application will be discussed in detail at a PC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> March. Cllrs queried why the consultation letter had been sent to Mr Melrose at Playford Hall and not to others the Parish who had submitted comments. DPK will ask the case officer.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

**SAVID** –Colin Hedglev has reported that SAVID are still waiting for the County Councillor's funding to come through in order to purchase the SIDs, and the insurance problem is not yet resolved

Other Highways Matters – CH advised that the Speedwatch scheme is looking for additional people to volunteer to help run

#### **EASTANGLIAONE WINDFARM**

Both Little Bealings and Playford Parish Councils have agreed to contribute to the hall hire cost for the public meeting in December

#### FINANCE AND ADMIN

Eight cheques were authorised payment for web site hosting, training the decision agreed that the PC has no expenses, Village Hall hire and Clerk's salary and PAYE.

> Data Protection Regulations - It is still unclear whether or not the Clerk can be appointed as the DPO. It is hoped this will be clarified at a training course at LCPAS

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Other Finance Matters - The Bank but he thought the leadership would have Reconciliation, which had been circulated, to come from the PCC. All Clirs were was approved and signed.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Martin Cripps advised the PC that he was working closely with a group of residents named "Parish Planters" who have been granted funding to tend the small "garden" at the corner of Grundisburgh Road and Boot Street, Charles Barrington confirmed that he had given permission for this funding to be processed through the PC's bank account, and MC will report details of all expenditure to the PC.

Emergency Planning – Anthony Sheppard said that he thought the village should have a "befriending service", especially in view of the recent spell of bad weather, Email:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

asked to make enquiries about the feasibility of such a service.

Date of next meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday 14th May 2018-Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm to be followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting

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 Dee Kniahts – Clerk 01473 624240:

#### JOKE!

A man walked out to the street and caught a taxi just going by. He got into the taxi, and the cabbie said, "Perfect timing. You're just like Brian"

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Brian Sullivan. He's a quy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happen like that to Brian Sullivan, every single time.

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody.

Cabbie: Brian Sullivan, he was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star and you should have heard him play the piano. He was an amazing guy.

Passenger: "Sounds like he was something really special.

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Brian Sullivan, he could do everything right.

Passenger: "Wow. Some guy then.

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Brian, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. He would never answer her back even if she was in the wrong; and his clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Brian Sullivan.

Passenger: "An amazing fellow, how did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "Well, I actually never met Brian. He died. I'm married to his widow."

Patrick Elliott

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#### **2018 PLANT SALE**

Hopefully you will not need to be reminded that this year's sale will be held **10.00 – 12.00 on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April**. Most people are familiar with the format but could we please draw your attention to the following:

#### PROVISION OF PLANTS:

do bring as many plants and seedlings as you contribute along to the Village Hall between 2.00 and 6.00 on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup>. We can collect, if necessary. Just contact nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 01473 735565.

#### **BACON ROLLS:**

These will be once again on offer, for those who like the idea of brunch, rather than breakfast, or who simply like a bit of extra sustenance during the course of the morning.

#### PROGRAMME:

This year's programme will consist of 8 pages – so double in size. It will cost £2, rather than £1 as in previous years, but will still include tea/coffee/biscuit at a price cheaper than any local coffee outlet! The programme will include a tribute to the late Paddy Bills, to whose memory this Plant Sale is dedicated, adverts from businesses which have been kind enough to support our Raffle, and an outline of our plans for the future.

#### FUTURE PLANS TOWARDS THE BEALINGS GARDEN & WILDLIFE FESTIVAL:

The format of events such as our Plant Sale needs to be constantly refreshed. While respecting the well -established principle of our ever-popular offering of good quality plants at irresistible prices, we are aware that we need to respond to new circumstances and to make our event have an appeal across the generations. The Children's Garden Hub of the last couple of years has been an example of innovation. Now we are evolving further. This year we are moving further along the innovatory road, and signposting our way towards being a Garden and Wildlife Festival, bringing together our traditional Plant Sale and new broadly environmental ideas by having attractions on stage and in the committee room which reflect that wider ambition.

Margaret Roseboom has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this extra dimension, the central focus of which will be an exhibition underpinning the damage caused to our planet by the excessive use of plastics. There will also be pictures and photographs of all kinds of wildlife, many of them by Gary Farmer. Aspiring, or, indeed, accomplished artists and photographers of all ages are invited to contribute to this. Please bring along items on the Friday afternoon. We also hope to have items including (possibly live) owls and hedgehogs, making your own insect, face-painting, and a special meet and greet session with **Biggles the Big Bird**.

#### RAFFLE:

Last year's Raffle was extremely successful, and a vital element in helping to increase our income. Faith Chapman has once again done a fantastic job in procuring excellent prizes, so we are repeating what we did last year and delivering one book of 5 tickets @ £1 a ticket to every house in Little and Great Bealings. If you feel that this is an intrusion, then just bin the tickets, but if you see this as an opportunity to support the Plant Sale, whether a gardener or not, and, through the Plant Sale, as an opportunity to support our two beautiful medieval churches and to ensure an on-going role for them within the villages, do please respond.



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**CHURCHWARDEN** 

Appointment pending

#### **CAFEHUB UPDATE**

Good News! We have recently received a Judgment from the Lord Chancellor approving the reworking of All Saints Church to allow for its use as a community hub and to welcome all for refreshments at a new Café. We are grateful to all of you who expressed your support and respectful of those who expressed concerns regarding the project. We hope that we can now all come together and work towards having a wonderful space for all.

A copy of the judgment is available by contacting Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend at hellionese@vahoo.com or 078899 07615: a copy has already been provided to Parish Councillors. We will also post the Judgement on our All Saints website. Here is a short excerpt from the judgment: "The challenge faced in this church by the petitioners is whether this church can be reunited with its village as the focal point it once was. The hope is that by bringing people in other aspects of the church may also come to be appreciated. Part of the problem with churches in the modern era is not so much conscious rejection but lack of any modern tradition amongst the community to go to and be in and use the church. This proposal is to change that, and I am impressed both by the enthusiasm it has generated, but also by what I consider to be real thought that has been given to protect the best in the church and to try to bring together those who use the church now and those the petitioners would wish to bring in."

And now, the fundraising begins! As was explained at the Open Meetings and in follow-up discussions, we would like to

apply for grants to cover the vast majority of the work that will be done, although we welcome any contributions that individual villagers would like to contribute! We will not start any work until we have the necessary funds to pay for them, but we would like to find a way to open up the Church to group activities in a welcoming setting as soon as is feasible. As you may know, we will also be making recommended improvements to Church as part of this major long-term project in the hope of having a wellordered space for prayer. concerts and conversation that will endure for many generations to come. In the meantime, we welcome anyone who would like to join the CafeHub Committee and help us fundraise. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have.

Best regards and a Happy Easter to all, Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend Coordinator. CafeHub Committee

## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

All Saints Church Little Bealings

Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00a.m.

All welcome

## LET THERE BE LIGHT AT ALL SAINTS, LITTLE BEALINGS

Lights shone on 14th. March to remember the late Richard Stone of Fynn Valley Cottage. Glynn Harold and Margaret Wilson remembered with lights the late Emma Harold, a lovely daughter, on 26th March, which would have been her 36th birthday.

If you would like to light the lights to mark a special occasion or anniversary please contact Peter Carr at Corner Cottage, The Street. 01473 620213

A donation of £5 will provide 2 hours of light at a time and date that you choose.

## LITTLE BEALINGS VILLAGE REVIEW

The Village Review run by SCDC on 5 March attracted an impressive 77 residents from Little Bealings, all keen to give their views on the future of the village. Bearing in mind that only 72 people attended three similar events held in Kesgrave recently, our turnout (17.5%) was very impressive indeed.

Once SCDC has prepared the Review Report it will be published in full on the Parish Council's website and a summary included in a future edition of the Fynn Lark News. The views of residents will be considered by the Parish Council at a future meeting, and the Report will inform decisions on the future of the village.

Carol Ramsden - Clerk 01473 610088

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#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 5 March, following the Village Review, and was very well attended by local residents

Questions asked by residents covered the need to move the broken 20mph signpost from the Playing Field footpath, how the Village Review information would be considered and options for future development in the village, the efficacy of the 20mph speed limit in The Street, recent vandalism, the Ipswich Northern Bypass proposal, continued noise at Sinks Pit, the viability and impact of reopening Bealings Station and traffic on Playford and Martlesham Roads.

Reports presented and the draft minutes are published here:

http://littlebealings.onesuffolk.net/annual-parish-meetings/2010-present/

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 March 2018

### GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION REQUIREMENTS

It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk attend training run by the Local Public Councils Advisory Service to explore a cheaper alternative than the outsourcing of the Council's GDPR obligations to SALC's preferred supplier.

#### **PLANNING**

The following applications have been approved by SCDC:

DC/17/5222/FUL 2 Holly Lane: two storey extension to side of house and alterations to existing

DC/17/3873//FUL Pine Lodge, Playford Road: single storey rear extension

DC/18/0252 Beallings Village Hall: Replace existing Crittall windows with PVCU frames and A rated glass

DC/18/0827/FUL Sunfield Farmhouse, Playford Road: Erection of cartlodge

There was no objection to this application.

#### SINKS PIT

SCC had reported that it had recently undertaken works at the closed landfill site, which included new signs and gates. It was noted that the new signs renamed the site 'Kesgrave Closed Landfill Site' and resolved that complaint would be • DPA annual registration fee made to SCC about this, given that the entrances and the site were wholly in Little Bealings and it was known as Sinks • Hire of Bealings Village Hall for Pit.

#### **FOOTPATHS**

The signpost at the level crossing had been replaced by SCC and the one by the Angela Cobbold Hall had been reported for reinstatement. It was resolved to join SCC Parish Paths Partnership scheme for footpath surface cutting in 2018. The broken 20mph signpost on the Playing Field footpath would be reported to SCC as a danger to users of the footpath.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Hedgely drew attention to concerns about fly-tipping as a result of changes to SCDC's waste collections. He requested that responses be submitted to SCDC's Air Quality consultation.

#### **FINANCE**

Mr Hunter had carried out the third quarter bank statement/cheque book reconciliation.

Expenditure was authorised for:

- Clerk's salary, expenses and HMRC PAYE for March
- DPA training fees

- Repair of a sandbox
- meetings during 2017/18
- A share of Great Bealings Parish Council's cost for hiring Playford Village Hall for a meeting concerning the windfarm cabling works

Income had been received for the savings account interest, a refund of VAT and Transparency Code funding for the purchase of a computer and printer/ These items have been scanner. purchased.

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

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

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#### **PLAYFORD**

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#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Playford Parish Neighbourhood Plan documents can now be viewed via our dedicated Neighbourhood Plan web site this will also give you access to the survey questionnaire link:

playfordvillage.co.uk

Please take time to study the documents and complete the questionnaire. It is important to express your views to ensure the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the voices of those who live in the Parish.

Keith Carson

Neighbourhood Plan Chair

#### **PLAYFORD WI**

Last month our speaker, Susan Harvey, who was Chairman of SCDC 2015/2016 gave us a verbal insight into her life and described her year through a power point presentation on the visits she made to 188 communities in the Suffolk Coastal area.

In April we have invited Sheila Harrison to speak about Butley Priory.

Sue Bruce Secretary

#### PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

11th March - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Remembering with much love, my Mum Jose Booker on Mothering Sunday.

16th March - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. Geoff Booker remembered with much love by his family on his birthday.

7th March - 16th March inclusive -

#### sponsored by Mark Krishna

12th March - sponsored by Hilary Legard. With gratitude, and in loving memory of Eve Hughes, Mother of Robin, Joanna and Hilly Legard. 12th March 1923 - 27 February 2013.

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 PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 7th March 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: <a href="https://www.playford.org.uk">www.playford.org.uk</a>

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Robert Whiting reported that the new super District Council for East Suffolk comprising Suffolk Coastal & Waveney is to go ahead. Council Tax increase for 2018-19 has been set at 3.15% - this is less than £5 pa for a Band D property. New Garden Waste collection service is to commence in May and will cost £43 pa. should residents apply online. telephone or in person at Woodbridge or Felixstowe libraries. A public consultation on air quality is taking place until 19th March 2018.

#### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Build-up of silt on C324: responsibility has been confirmed as being that of SCC but

clearance still not yet dealt with, an waste bins. Financial Standing Orders, no assessment is awaited. Water trickling down FP7 between Church Lane and Spring Meadow – probably due to an underground spring but no-one will take responsibility for dealing with it. Co Cllr Robin Vickery is to be approached for advice. Ongoing problems with FP's 1.3 & 20. remedial work has been hampered by bad weather. Clerk will monitor situation and chase as necessary. Extra salt/grit has been requested for Spring Meadow and at corner of Hill Farm Road near St Mary's Drive. The old wooden sand box on the Green will be dismantled when its contents of sand/grit have been used up as a new bin has superseded it.

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

#### FINANCE

Payments authorised for domain name registration, cost of memorial bench & plaque for Charles Lofts, annual grass cutting & hedge trimming, materials for renovating broken down verges in village and the Clerk's stationerv centre expenses.

Playford PC has agreed to a contribution to Great Bealings PC towards the cost of hiring Playford Village Hall last December for the EAOW meeting.

discussed and agreed.

Asset Register was reviewed and it was Charles Lofts should be added.

#### DATA PROTECTION OFFICER

Joan Metcalfe has been appointed as DPO and will evaluate the processes needed to comply with the new Data Protection laws coming into force in May 2018. Her appointment will mean a considerable saving in the cost of appointing a paid officer to do this task.

#### INTERNAL CONTROLS

Parish Standing Orders were reviewed, no changes. Risk Assessment review, Keith Carson will now be responsible for checking Village Hall car park entrance in Butts Road, the bottle bank and dog

change. Financial Risk Assessment to be changed to note that a Data Protection Officer has been appointed.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

A Community Self-Help survey was completed to gauge interest in future community projects for maintaining roads. footways and verges and whether this should be undertaken by volunteers. Grateful thanks were extended to Sam Webber and his Rapid Relief Team for the excellent work undertaken by them in February in renovating verges ditches in the village centre and for putting marker posts in to protect the edges.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Keith Carson reported that there is now a dedicated website for the Neighbourhood includes a survey for which parishioners to complete. This is now live. thanks to the help of Joan Metcalfe and Glen Thimblethorpe and responses are already being received. It is also being promoted in the Fynn Lark News. The goal is to get as many parishioners of all ages if possible to respond and give their views as individuals. Go to http:// playfordvillage.co.uk to complete the survev.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Budgets for 2017-2018 and 2018-19 DC/18/0738/ROC 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Playford. Removal of Agricultural Occupancy condition – no objections agreed that the memorial bench for were received and the PC recommended acceptance of this proposal.

> DC/18/0424/FUL - Treetops, 3 Church Lane, Playford. One bedroom single storey selfcontained annex at bottom of garden with pedestrian right of access across a verge from a no-through road to access annex. Objections received included the fact that the annex would be remote from the main dwelling and therefore classed as a separate dwelling. No plans for sewage or other utilities were included. Surface drainage very poor. Access onto Spring Meadow at bottom of garden unsuitable. PC rejected the application unanimously.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Funding received for installing a defibrillator in Playford, the PC will fund shortfall of £300 so that this project can go ahead - training sessions will be held in the Village Hall.

Memorial bench for the late Charles Lofts now installed overlooking the Fynn Valley, a photo will be taken to publicise the project.

Possible illegal car trading from premises in Hill Farm Road reported to SCDC, a report is awaited.

There is concern that building work at Airys does not match the agreed plans, Clerk to check with SC Planning Dept, also as illegal entrance has not yet been sealed up.

Suspicious cars/antisocial behaviour in the Village Hall car park has been reported to Police.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 6.30pm - see below Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468 e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk website: www.playford.org.uk

#### BINKY AND CO.

Binky wished he had bought a new snow shovel last summer when they were reduced to two for the price of three or something. They were on sale at Big Bob's Discount Store where anything you have always wanted was on sale at a knockdown price. Only last week Binky had purchased a winter sundial for only £5 in what Bob had described as a bargain that even the most discerning shopper could not turn down. And Binky was nothing if not discerning. Of course, installing it in his garden was a little problematic as he could not work out which way it was to face but he guessed the 12 o'clock should be north and cemented it in. But back to the snow. Mrs. S had demanded he cleared the front path as she was fearful of slipping. Binky was fearful of her slipping. In fact, the whole street was fearful of her slipping. The thought of getting out the local farmer to winch her upright after a fall sent shudders down the spines of all good folk near and far. Last time the local paper was sent round with a photographer who managed to snap away just as Mrs S was hanging dangling from the tractor's jib 20

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

followed by

## Annual Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6.30 p.m. Playford Village Hall

All residents welcome—refreshments will be served

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who would like to join the Council to come, without obligation, and find out more.

Residents: Now is the time to learn more about the Neighbourhood Plan and discuss the future of your village.

#### James Aldous

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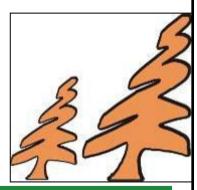


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The lifting chain slipping 10 feet at that strapped for cash. Except this time. point did nothing for Mrs Sticklebacks this hour. At this very moment. something similar at the next village fete. The vicar urged careful thought and So Binky was reduced shovelling snow with his father's old coal shovel that weighed a ton. As he was working away a number of locals passed by each with a cheery and helpful "You can do mine after that Binky". People are so friendly and thoughtful, sometimes. Mind you to be fair it was at least two feet deep and it did need clearing so Binky put on his most positive attitude and went at it with a song in his heart. Eventually he reached the end of his path and had cleared the drive. He stood there leaning on his shovel pleased with his work, king of all he surveyed.

His local council had for years pestered the Highways Department to do more on the surrounding roads at times such as these. More gritting and more salting was

feet above the payement with nothing left, the cry. But of course they were far too to the imagination as the old saying goes. busy elsewhere and anyway they were temper and decorum but everyone else heard the hum when it was about a thought it would be a good idea to have hundred vards away. It worried him. But he did not know why. The snow from the speeding snow plough hit him with the force of an Alpine avalanche. It re-filled the sculptured trench that Binky had so lovingly created from his front door to the road. It left Binky standing in three feet of snow and covered from the downwards.

> Two passing small boys commented "That snowman is almost lifelike" and promptly pelted it with snowballs, one of them containing half a brick. Binky returned crestfallen to the kitchen only to be met by Mrs S, arms akimbo. "Well Binky have you cleared a path for me?" Binky opened his mouth in order to start telling of his misfortune but thought better of it. "No" he said, "Not yet. I'm just about to start."



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#### ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

#### SPONSORED LIGHTS

#### **Dorothy Yule**

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 the lights were sponsored to remember and celebrate the life of Dorothy Yule, aged 91 years and whose funeral it was, in Market Bosworth, on this date. Whilst tribute has been made elsewhere in this publication, at Culpho, we remember Dorothy for her generous spirit, gentle disposition and friendliness. A good friend to Culpho Church, it was always a pleasure to be in her company. Many people touch our lives for their humanity and kind-heartedness, Dorothy was one such person. She will be missed so much by her family and by her many friends here in Suffolk.

#### **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)**

This will take place following Evensong on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to receive details of the past year's attainments, financial position and see the Election of Churchwardens and lay members to the Parochial Church Council for the following year.

#### CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

#### PRIEST in CHARGE

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LAY ELDERS

**Great Bealings** 

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#### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

#### On-line Course C0

You may be aware that the Church of England has introduced Safeguarding Training aimed at all involved with the Church who may, from time to time, be left alone in Church with Children, Young People or Vulnerable Adults.

There are specific courses for Clergy, Churchwardens, PCC members and Safeguarding Officers. However, the course which we are all being asked to undertake is the **C0 Safeguarding Introductory Course** – a basic awareness course which is about how we can be a friend, citizen, a practical Christian to someone who may need our help. This will apply to volunteers, helpers in various capacities, such as those in choirs, clubs, flower-arrangers, cleaners, bell-ringers, in fact anyone who helps/volunteers at the Church or with the churchyards.

The course is not about becoming an expert in safeguarding, or anyone thinking they are under suspicion, but about following Christian values, being there for those who need us most and allowing us to understand what we can do to give our support.

The Church is doing this to demonstrate its care and concern, when in the past it has not always supported those who needed help or protection. As individuals, we are being asked to give an hour of our time, so we too can demonstrate our commitment to 'caring for those on the edge'.

The on-line course takes an about an hour, but you can stop and start to suit your needs and it consists of a series of 'book-pages' with a voice-over re-iterating what you are reading. You can turn the voice off if you wish. At two points in the course there is something called a Quiz: two sets of five questions. This is not an exam or assessment, and no one is expected to get them all right. Once you have reached the end you will be informed you have successfully completed the Course and able to print off your Certificate. A copy of this should be forwarded to your Parish Safeguarding Officer as follows: -

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The help you so willingly give and carry out for the Church, in whatever capacity, is so much appreciated and, particularly, your endorsement of the safeguarding training. With every blessing,



Pet Service Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. Playford Church

A thanksgiving for companionship and faithfulness

All four footed furry friends and any other

pets welcome!

CHURCH DIARY – APRIL 2018				
Sunday 1st	EASTER DAY			
8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings		
9.00	Easter service	Playford		
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings		
12.30	Wedding	Great Bealings		
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Sunday 8th	2nd Sunday of Easter			
9.00	Family Communion	Playford		
Sunday 15th	3rd Sunday of Easter			
10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings		
11.30	Annual Meeting Great Bealir			
3.00	Evensong	Culpho		
3.45	Annual Meeting Culpho, St E	-		
Wednesday 18th 9.30	Holy Communion	Culpho		
Sunday 22nd	4th Sunday of Easter			
9.00	Holy Communion	Playford		
10.15	Annual Meeting Playford, St	_		
4.00	Messy Church	Angela Cobbold Hall		
Saturday 28th 9.00	•			
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Sunday 29th	5th Sunday of Easter			
10.00	•	velcome Playford		
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Sunday 6th	6th Sunday of Easter			
<b>8.</b> 00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings		
9.00	Breakfast, worship, activities	_		
		Playford Rectory		
10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings		

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noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings Catherine 07971970836

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#### **MAY 2018 NEWS**

Contributions for the May 2018 News to be submitted by:

#### 5.00 pm Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday**, 28<sup>th</sup> April.

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