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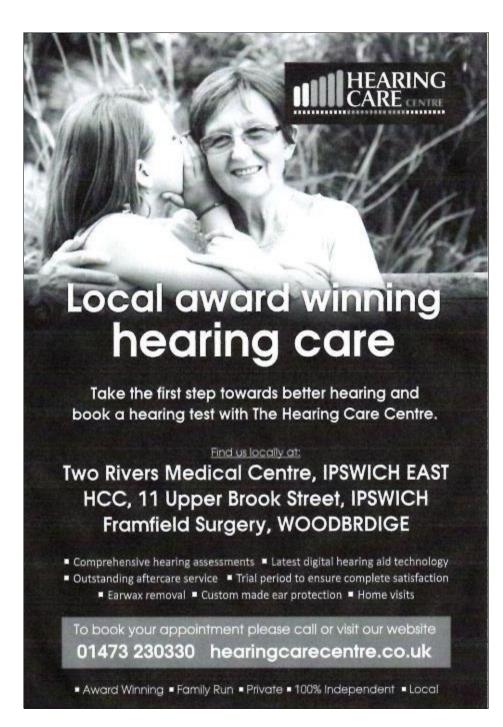


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I was struck by the significance of the "Send/Receive" button when I received an Email from Richard Rohr – Richard is a RC Franciscan friar in New Mexico, who writes extensively about living the Christian faith in contemporary society. In addition to writing books and lecturing worldwide, he produces a daily meditation which pings onto my screen at breakfast every morning. In one of these emails, he drew our attention to a Tibetan

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brings life."

"The word tonglen is Tibetan "sending and receiving." It refers to our willingness to take on the pain of others we know are hurting and extend to them whatever we feel will ease their pain. Practicing tonglen awakens our natural empathy, our innate ability to put ourselves in others' shoes. Caring about people when they're scared or sad or angry or arrogant can be a challenge: it confronts us with our own pain and fear, we can stay with those unwanted feelings, we can use them as stepping- a stones to understanding the pain and fear others. Tonalen allows us acknowledge where we are the moment and, at the same time, cultivate a sense of kinship with others. When painful feelings arise, we breathe them in, opening to our own suffering and the suffering of everyone else who is feeling the same way."

Buddhist spiritual practice of "Tonglen". What struck me as I read this, is that the "Tonglen is a meditative practice which is theology, the understanding of God that based on breathing and arouses a sense lies at the heart of Christmas and the of oneness with others. Simply put it mystery of the incarnation, is that God advocates as we pray, to breathe in that seeing, knowing the pain of the world, which is unpleasant, that which we try to sends his son to become "one with us avoid, such as our sadness and anger Emmanuel" - He embraces the human (and suffering) and breathe out- send out- condition and enables us to enter into a that which is pleasing, enjoyable and living and dynamic relationship with him and in living the human life Christ offers us transformation - he offers us his very life- if we are only but open and prepared to receive him- to welcome into our lives. Then we in turn are sent - the word in Latin is "Missio", which gives us the word "Mission". Through the mystery of the incarnation - God becoming human, we are received into the life of God. made one with him. and we are sent. commissioned to live his life, in the service of others.

with the places where we're stuck. But if Our mission is to Grow in God- in depth and in service - to live more and more in deepening relationship with Christmas is not just one day, it is every day, daily receiving from the love of God and being sent out in his name to serve others.

> I wish you a very Happy Christmas. Reverend Canon Clare Sanders. Rural Dean

# HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR 2019

A very Happy Christmas to all our readers, contributors, advertisers, sponsors and volunteers

From The Editorial Team

#### NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

#### **REV MICHAEL SKLIROS**

Michael died on 31 October. A memorial service was held for him at 3.00 pm on Saturday 24 November at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Church Hill, Finedon, Wellingborough, NN9 5NR. Michael was rector of our four parishes from 1991 to 1995 and on leaving went to Canada where he became a member of the team at Brandon Cathedral in Manitoba. He remarried, and in the autumn of 2011 returned with his wife, Inge, to the UK, living at Oundle in Northamptonshire.

# COMMANDER MICHAEL KERSEY

death of Michael Kersey, far away in Australia. Michael had served. believe, in the Royal Navy. His ancestors were deeply rooted in Bealings, Arthur Kersey was a local builder and owned various properties in the village, including Barrack Cottages. Several members of the Kersey family lie buried in the churchyard. Michael remained attached to his village roots, occasionally came back to the village, and was a generous benefactor to St Mary's, Great Bealings. The Kersey Room - the extended vestry is testimony to his generosity.

#### 2019 PLANT SALE

A preliminary meeting will have been held on November 30th. This early meeting was to seek consensus on plans to provide free programmes well in advance of the Plant Sale (Saturday 27th April), to arrange free entry, to change the arrangements for refreshments, as well as to discuss ways of promoting the event using the opportunities offered by social media. We will also have explored ways of increasing the numbers of plant suppliers. and of producing more seedlings, always popular on the day. Any keen gardeners/growers in the area who wish to be involved are warmly invited to contact the editor of this Magazine. The day of the Plant Sale has been a brief focal point of village life for over 20 years, and a good opportunity for like-minded people to get together.

#### THANK YOU VERONICA

Grateful thanks to Veronica Bunbury who is now retiring from collecting, distributing and delivering the Fynn Lark News, after years of service to the Benefice. Thank-

If you are able to help collect, sort and distribute the Magazine, once or twice a year, please contact Peter Carr 01473 620213 pandvcarr01@gmail.com

#### We are similarly sad to report on the FROM YOUR EDITORIAL TEAM

We are grateful for the expressions of support which have reached us concerning the stance taken by your editorial team in recent months. Thank you. We remain motivated to move on into 2019.

We also take this opportunity to applaud the efforts of those of our community who are now working hard to build back bridges. Let's support them in our efforts – and, with a bit of luck – this will be the last issue of this Magazine to carry any evidence of dissension. The two items we publish this month both end on a note of conciliation. What better way of moving into this season of good will?

A meeting is planned for December 11<sup>th</sup> at which we will report on the Magazine's finances, look back on 2018, and discuss plans for the future. If you would like to join the core members of the team, please contact the editor and details of date, time and venue will be given. Similarly, if you have a point that you would like to have raised at this meeting, please contact the editor.

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#### **PROFILE**

**Brian Seward** - with an insider's view of the world of malt and brewing!

Brian has been a Playford stalwart for many years, giving unselfishly of his time and energies, not least to the church and church activities. He is a valuable fund of historical information about the village, and a regular contributor of historical items.



He was brought up on a Devonshire farm and still yearns for the agricultural life. Circumstances, however, meant he had to look outside farming for employment. After university he joined Guinness at their Barley Research Station in Wiltshire but soon moved to the commercial side of the industry. Guinness was extraordinary company in those days, rigidly hierarchical, with everyone knowing his place. It was, for example, obligatory for a Head of Department to have an Oxbridge First, while only a few years earlier a miner's son from the Rhondda with a degree in Botany from Swansea could rise no further than lab assistant. At their Park Royal Brewery in London, where he underwent training. there were seven canteens for seven different grades of staff. Even this was insufficient for his mentor, a young junior

brewer, who objected strongly to having to eat with the secretaries! Another of his ilk once got so drunk on shift that he drained a quantity of finished beer down the public sewer. In an attempt to cover up his misdeed, he topped up the depleted tank with water. Yet he was never sacked.

Brian then joined the malting industry. Malt is the raw material used in brewing and distilling. Its production involves the controlled germination and subsequent drying of barley in a process that goes on 365 days a year. In Bristol he ran the half dozen West Country maltings of a national company that was based in Greenwich. He found the work stimulating, having daily contact with both barley suppliers and brewers. It was an excellent introduction to the commercial side of the business and, with an office and operations in the rougher St Pauls area, an eve-opener into inner city life. It was not long before he realised why the 'useful telephone numbers' list of inherited from his predecessor was headed by Stapledon Road Police Station and the local Labour Exchange. His other responsibilities in the west country were blessed with a stable. loval conscientious workforce, but labour of any sort in Bristol was not only difficult to attract but almost impossible to retain, and a disproportionate amount of his time was spent in keeping the show on the road. There was, for example, the itinerant labourer who walked off the job after less than an hour, throwing a brick through the office window on his way out and the West Indian lorry driver who took four days to travel a distance of under 40 miles ('It's a long way to Cirencester boss!').

The company was then owned by a Canadian malting giant a Director of which, on his first visit to Bristol, wondered what a young graduate was doing in such a place Brian was immediately transferred to their new mechanical plant in Witham, Essex. By then, however, our young maltster had

either in one of the company's five executive. This or by rail to Poplar for onward shipment Brian met Anne in his Guinness days in oversees.

competitor was purchased, making Pauls Lyon responsibility for integrating plants. disparate They were Suffolk but in Hertfordshire, Berkshire, bells.

decided to move on and so in 1966 he Lincolnshire. Yorkshire and Fife. With the ioined the Ipswich malting company of R new job came even more tedious & W Paul. Here at last he found his niche committee work, with regular industry and was to stay for the rest of his working meetings in London and on the continent life. He was taken on by Hugh Philbrick, as well as visits to both home and then Production Director, who will be overseas customers. One casualty of the remembered by many in the Benefice as additional workload and uncertain travel churchwarden of Great Bealings. It was commitments was the annual Playford Philbrick's strict ruling that production Fete! In his final years Brian was people had to live no more than four responsible for the building of a large new miles from their work and that is how he plant on the existing Bury site adjoining came to buy a house in Playford. He the sugar beet factory on the A14. Its immediately found himself in charge of output brought about the closure of many the firm's five Ipswich maltings as well as of the company's smaller units and Brian their country operations in Norfolk. He had the unpleasant task of handing out found the customer base equally exciting scores of redundancy notices. Six months as, apart from delivering to the English before his retirement Pauls themselves brewing trade, a considerable tonnage were taken over. The company had in was sent either by rail or in bulk ship to a fact been taken over earlier in 1985 but rapidly expanding distilling market in enjoyed a large measure of autonomy Scotland and an even greater amount when George Paul became its chief time however Thames barges to King George V Dock different, and it was a good time to leave.

Wiltshire, where her family farmed on Throughout the 1960s and '70s many Salisbury Plain. Daughters Sarah and smaller family companies in the UK had Juliet were born in the couple's early been acquired and in 1986 their biggest years in Playford: Sarah is now living in Juliet and in Northampton. the largest producer in the UK - four Retirement has allowed Brian to spend times the size of their nearest rival. By more time on his two principal interests: this time the company's Ipswich manager the garden, and especially local history had assumed Hugh Philbrick's old job where he has been able to give more and become Production Director with time to the two county societies of which these he has been a member for many years. now The picture shows Brian energetically scattered across the country, not only in ringing the challenging Playford church

# POP UP PUB

The first Pop Up Pup for 2019! Friday 25th January - Bar opens 6.00 p.m.

Food and hopefully some music!

All proceeds will go to the Hall and Playing Field Fund.

Sally Johnson sallyscape@hotmail.com



## LITTLE BEALINGS.

#### Private Charles Mower. Act of Remembrance.

Private Charles Mower was a son of Little Bealings, his parents Thomas and Maria Mower living in The Street. He was wounded during the Battle of the Somme, while serving near the town of Albert with the Royal Army Medical Corps and returned to a military hospital in Nottingham where he subsequently died on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1916. He is buried in Little Bealings churchyard. On Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup> a short Act of Remembrance was held at his grave, as part of a series of commemorative acts arranged by the Royal British Legion across Suffolk. The service was taken by Reverend Canon Clare Sanders, and the whole event sensitively organised by Francis Mutimer and Chris Dowrick. Particularly poignant was the presence of members of his family and four children from Bealings School. The family laid a wreath and the children laid white poppies at the foot of the gravestone. Some 30 people attended, from the parish and beyond.





#### GREAT BEALINGS.

#### Commemoration of the end of World War One - November 11th, 2018

Thanks to the foresight of the Parish Council under the Chairmanship of Charles Barrington the village had made plans well in advance to be part of a chain of Beacons, across the country, to commemorate the end of World War One. The Parish Council came together with the Parochial Church Council to ensure that the village played a full part in commemorating the centenary of that momentous event. An invitation was extended to people across the Benefice to join us. The original plan was for a huge bonfire to be constructed on Kiln Farm field — a towering pile, mostly of wooden pallets, was already in place, but in the event the venue had to be changed for insurance reasons, and everything moved to St Mary's Church and churchyard. This seemed to be without detriment to the occasion, as 100 or so people came along and

ensured that the occasion was one combining ceremony, solemnity, celebration and friendship, bringing a community together in grateful remembrance of those from the village who had lost their lives in battle.

Highlights of the occasion included the sound of an artillery barrage, the reading out of the names of the fallen, commemoration readings, one by the Barrington's grand-daughter, Arwen, the Last Post, beautifully played by young Margot Richards, aged just 9, grand-daughter of Colin Hedgley, the launch of a series of rockets, one for each fatality, plus one extra-large rocket to include all those other fatalities, a blazing bonfire (despite previous heavy rain), a peal of church bells, barbecue, (we ran out of sausages!), mulled wine – and all concluding in a rousing community sing-song of World War One songs.





It was wonderful to welcome so many people from across our villages, and to hear so many compliments about the appropriateness of the occasion, and its value in bringing people together in a communal act of commemoration. It was particularly poignant that all generations were represented and played a part. Young and old were involved in remembering that terrible chapter in our country's history, and in tacitly hoping that it would never be repeated.

Well done to all the many people whose input contributed to the success of a memorable evening.

Norman Porter

#### **BENEFICE**

Remembrance Service 11<sup>th</sup> November. St Mary's Church Great Bealings

Please see Churchwardens report for Great Bealings

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

#### **December**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 pm The Nightingale Wind Quintet

St Mary's Great Bealings

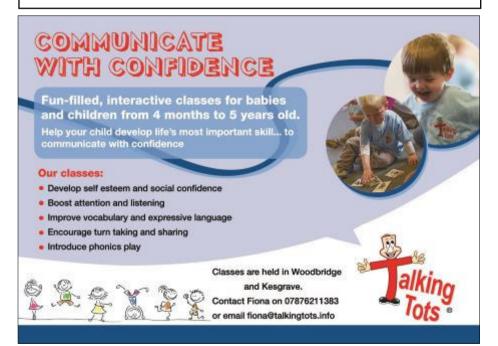
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 7.30 pm Sing Christmas Bealings Village Hall

**April** 

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Plant Sale Bealings Village 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.



#### **BEALINGS CHRISTMAS PAST**

#### A few memories and recollections.

As we approach the festive season again, I'm sure many of us will think back to the Christmases of our childhood, perhaps comparing them with today's celebrations and pondering on the way Christmas has changed, or stayed the same, over the years.

As a young boy living in Bealings back in the 60s, I remember my Grandmother, Maude, relating stories of Christmases back in the 1920s and 30s and thinking how different it all sounded. She and my Grandfather Frank Mutimer ran a market garden and carriers' business from their plot of land and cottage in Boot Street.

The Christmas season meant a busy time preparing orders for seasonal produce and poultry, which all had to be prepared and delivered either locally or to the markets in Ipswich and Woodbridge. This involved a considerable amount of hard work — anyone who grows their own vegetables will appreciate the 'pleasures' of picking sprouts from plants coated in frost or snow, or of trying to prise reluctant parsnips from frozen ground.

The biggest job of all though, was the preparation of the poultry which would grace the dinner tables of many families in Bealings and beyond. A large number of chickens formed part of the market garden business. eggs were sold throughout the year and every spring, broody hens would be 'set' on clutches of eggs to hatch off a new generation of chicks. The female chicks would be kept to provide new laying hens, while the males would be separated and fattened up. By Christmas they would have grown to sizeable young cockerels ready for the table.

Fulfilling the Christmas poultry orders involved a hectic period leading up to Christmas, with anything up to 150 birds to be prepared. During this time, Frank would spend hours in an outbuilding plucking the birds, often by lamplight until well into the evening. He usually enlisted

some help for this task from an old friend and village character, Arthur, who was happy to help out with the plucking to earn a little extra money.

From time to time Maude would pop out to the shed to provide Frank and Arthur with some refreshment in the form of a welcome glass of beer. She would find them sitting knee deep in a sea of feathers, with plucked birds hanging all around them, a striking image which she still clearly recalled many decades later. On occasion, Arthur would pick up his beer glass, take a deep breath and blow several inches of feathers off the top. before downing the remainder of his pint with considerable relish. When considers the combination of piles of feathers, oil lamps and a few pints of beer - well, what could possibly go wrong? Clearly, these were different times.

Maude, meanwhile, had the task of 'dressing' and preparing all the plucked birds. Having to prepare anything up to 150 birds to each year, she became quite adept at this task and remained so for many years afterwards. Even well into her eighties, she could take a freshly plucked cockerel and produce a beautifully prepared, table ready bird in a matter of minutes. I could only watch in admiration.

Moving forward a few decades to the 60s and the Boot Street Christmases of my youth, there were various rituals and traditions which I remember well. As far as we children were concerned, one of the best was the annual Christmas party held for the all children of the village by Mr and Mrs Spiller at 'Annesley'. There was plenty to eat and drink and the highlight of the evening was appearance of Father Christmas himself in the large hall where the party took place. At the end of the evening we all went home tired, happy and probably over excited!

One old East Anglian tradition, faithfully observed every year by my father and several generations before him was the Christmas day breakfast - cold rabbit pie. It's a tradition which is still practiced by

while it may sound like something no few, of which Brassy was one. sane person would consider having for breakfast, it goes down surprisingly well, even if you've over indulged in the 'festive spirit' on Christmas Eve. Strange but true. Once the rabbit pie was finished and the presents had been opened. Christmas morning often brought visitors. Among those visitors would be 'Brassy' Lambert. a good friend of my father's, and indeed, of all who knew him. Brassy lived a few doors up from us in Boot Street and would always pop round on Christmas morning. With his ready smile and good nature, Brassy seemed to make it his personal goal to spread good cheer the length of Boot Street as he called in on his many friends in the neighbourhood. It is fair to say Brassy liked a drink, and his

some 'Suffolkers' even now, and one arrival would be the signal for dad to which I follow to this day. It simply break out his best bottle of Scotch, a wouldn't be Christmas without it, and privilege reserved for only the chosen

> After a while Brassy would take his leave and continue his stately progress down the street. spreading goodwill bonhomie as he went. Later in the morning, we would see him wending his back home. perhaps unsteadily, his mission completed. To this young boy, Brassy's visit was always a highlight, his beaming face and genial nature seeming to represent the very essence of seasonal goodwill, he remains a part of my childhood Christmas fondly remembered.

> A happy Christmas and a healthy New Year to all friends and neighbours, both old and new

> > Francis Mutimer Little Bealings

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Cllr Colin Hedgley

#### **NATURE NOTES**

#### REINDEER

The animal of the month has to be the reindeer. The reindeer is also known as the caribou in North America. It is a species of deer, native to cold northern regions. Reindeer herds stay in one place, or, very much like the wildebeest in Africa, migrate in huge numbers. The herd of migrating Siberian tundra reindeer in Russia is the largest wild reindeer herd in the world, with numbers varying between 400,000 and 1,000,000. It is highly likely that Rudolph belongs to this herd, but, because of his strange red nose was bullied, and spent most of the year sulking on the fringes of the herd. However, as we all know, he came back into favour when he was selected for a specialist Christmas task because that red nose of his was exceptionally shiny. Reindeer are indeed not all identical: they vary in size, colour and roam around different habitats. They are herbivores, and graze off low quality vegetation.



Some people may think that deer and reindeer are the same species. But they are quite different. The major difference is in adapting to two different climates. Deer are adapted to more temperate climates whereas reindeer are adapted to cold climates. So, if you think you see Rudolph of any of his cousins lurking in the Suffolk undergrowth, you're probably wrong -it will be one of our native species of deer.

Can they fly? - of course – like the wind – and at roof-top level. They, or at least a select few – have a job to do. Sadly, that job is seasonal, and since they are seasonal migrants, might find life more difficult after Brexit. Other employment is more passively undertaken, and involves being eaten, being milked, being skinned to supply clothing and shelter for human beings. Rather like chickens, some live domesticated lives. And like huskies they can pull sledges. They are really useful. Unusually for animals, they have quite an advanced moral sense, and are capable of discriminating between well- and badly-behaved children. They look forward to bringing a flurry of festive happiness into a troubled world.

Editor – with editorial compliments of the season

# SUFFOLK SKIES



Rainbows over Culpho

By Edward Morgan



'Full Moon' and 'Sunset' by Amy from Beacon Lane, Little Bealings.



Amy wrote "I've got a new camera and thought these pictures would be nice for your magazine."

We are delighted to publish these striking photographs which have been submitted by readers.

We welcome pictures of events, local scenes, landscapes, wildlife, and people – please send us what you think might be of interest to readers. - Ed

#### SWIFT COMMUNITY ACTION

#### **Swift Community Action**

Now that the summer is over and our breeding Swifts have left us to spend the next nine months in sub-Saharan Africa, we can marvel that 2018 has turned out to be such a good year for Swifts. Even though the season started rather late, from mid June onwards the number of Swifts increased and people across the Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB enjoyed the annual spectacle of these aerobatic birds wheeling and screaming across the skies and around our roofs. Many of these screaming parties included juveniles prospecting for nest sites.

It was especially pleasing that this year, many of our new nest boxes, particularly those with sound systems, have been investigated and we have had reports of Swifts screaming around the nest boxes and received several photographs of Swifts peering out of a nest box. We are optimistic that these Swifts will return next May to take up their chosen residence.

Swifts are in serious decline. Their numbers have halved over the last 20 years. This is mainly due to loss of nest sites through home, and particularly roof, improvements. The good news now is that local communities, where there are nesting Swifts, are starting Local Community Swift Groups. It gives the opportunity for friends and interest groups to use their local knowledge to spread information through the whole community to ensure the survival of their Swifts. There are now established Swift groups in a number of places around Woodbridge. We hope that local enthusiasts might form more groups – it would be good to see new groups form in the villages around Grundisburgh.

We can build on the existing population by preserving and creating nesting places for Swifts. If we could slow or halt the decline in numbers, we will have made just a small contribution to the conservation of wildlife for the next generation.

Jenny James

# Starting a Local Swift Group

# An appeal to swift enthusiasts from SOS Swifts.

We invite you to train as a Swift Adviser by signing up for our **Swift Adviser training morning**, on Saturday morning March 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, 9.30 – 1pm at SWT offices, Brooke House Ashbocking. The (free!) training is for anyone who would like to know more about the amazing lives of Swifts, the reasons for the decline in their numbers and most importantly how we can all help them by setting up a local swift group. To express your interest this contact: Tracey Housley.

tracey.housley@suffolkwildlifetrust.org.

<u>https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/events/2019-03-16-how-save-our-suffolk-swifts</u>: for details

For general advice on Swifts in Suffolk: <a href="https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts">https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org/swifts</a>
We look forward to hearing from you.

Jenny James, Woodbridge Swifts <u>woodbridge.swifts@gmail.com</u> www.rspb.org.uk/groups/woodbridge

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#### ST MARY'S

The survival of our churches is a subject of national concern. It is certainly a subject much debated in rural villages. This issue is even more starkly relevant in an interregnum, highlighted by our having no priest of our own, by the uncertainty of the future, and by the heavy responsibility placed upon your PCCs to keep the life of the church vigorous and meaningful. For a year or more, probably, we are by ourselves, and there will doubtless be assessments made as to how well we cope.

The survival of our churches depends on our ability to maintain the fabric of the churches, on our ability to pay for a priest in our midst, but, perhaps, above all, on the ability of our villages to show the church authorities, by our presence, our demeanour and by the numbers attending services that we deserve to survive. We now effectively have just the one regular service a month, the first Sunday. If you believe in the values that the church in your community represents, please try to show your support, financially, yes, by your support of Friends of Great Bealings Church Events, but also through joining services. even if only us at our occasionally. The warmth of those 10.00 gatherings is a good start to any Sunday.

#### LOOKING BACK

#### Benefice Remembrance Service

St Mary's was host to this year's Benefice Remembrance Service. In the wake of the resignation of Rev Celia Cook we were lucky to enjoy the presence in our midst of Rev Peter Wintgens, from Woodbridge, who very quickly adapted to the enthusiastic voice, readiness to sit in the surroundings and to the congregation choir stalls wearing something festive, present - an impressive number from and attendance at a getting-to-know one-

across the Benefice, almost filling the church.

One passage from Peter's sermon was particularly striking and worth quoting. The words were coined by army Chaplain Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, the so-called "Woodbine Willie" of World War 1.

Waste of muscle, waste of brain, waste of patience, waste of pain, waste of humanity, waste of health. waste of beauty, waste of wealth, waste of blood and waste of tears: waste of youth's most precious years; waste of ways the saints have trod, waste of glory, waste of God."

#### LOOKING FORWARD

Our main December services over the Christmas period are:

- Our regular monthly service on Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> – followed later that evening by our Nightingale Quintet Concert at 7.30 – see FOGBC notice.
- Carol Service at 6.00 pm on Sunday 16th December.
- Midnight Mass at 11.15 p.m. on December 24th.

#### Choir

You will see elsewhere in this Magazine that we no longer enjoy the benefits of a Benefice choir. To fill that sad gap we have been trying to recruit what we have inclusively called the **People's Pop-Up** Choir. This is a choir for all ages. About a people have already dozen recruited for our Carol Service. If you would like to join them, please contact churchwarden. your The qualifications are the possession of an

another rehearsal earlier in the evening - LIGHTS at ST MARY'S probably around 4.45/5.00.

place on Saturday 15th December flowers. Christmas Tree etc

#### CHURCHYARD

#### New Compost Heap

Thanks to the efforts of Peter and Sue Prentice, and to the surplus pallets left over from our beacon event -originally provided by Paul Norris - we have been able to put together a wonderful new compost heap at the far bottom left hand side of the churchyard. This has enabled us to break up the old scraggy, wirebound compost heap which had become a bit of an eye-sore. Please note that we have, as vet, NOT invested in one of those wonderful paid-for green bins on offer from the Council, so we would greatly appreciate it if all compostable. vegetative rubbish could be left on that new heap.

#### Pallets

There are still a few wooden pallets left over from our Commemorative Beacon they are down by the Toilet/Store block. If anyone would like to make use of one or two, help yourself. Donations gratefully received in the offertory box.

#### Cleaning and Churchyard Team

A huge thank you to all those who turned up for work on Saturday 10th to make sure that everything was in order for the Benefice Remembrance Service following day. That coincided with others working to prepare for the special commemorative beacon event on the same site. Much work was done. The site was prepared not only for the Commemorative event, but also for winter, with major strimming operations around the churchyard. Inside, dust was discovered in significant quantities in unexpected places, but the church soon become redolent of that wonderful fragrance of fresh polish. The average age of the interior working group was truly impressive. Many thanks to all concerned. Churchwarden

After the rockets at Great Bealings on 11 Church decoration - will ideally take November, like the guns, the lights were silent.

> However Paddy H-S came to the rescue on Monday Dec 3rd when the lights were glowing in celebration of Julian and Leah's 24 years of married happiness. Julian, please start saving up for the big one next vear!

> Then, one week later on Monday Dec 10th, Leah, obviously in her early 30's, celebrates her ?? birthday, and I quote from Paddy's letter, "let the corks start "!popping

Orders please to light up our church.

# FRIENDS OF GREAT **BEALINGS CHURCH**

Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### The Nightingale Wind Quintet.

Just in case you have missed this, you may be just in time to catch the concert at 7.30 on Sunday evening. The Quintet are offering very varied programme, just right for the start of the Christmas run-in. You might have to miss the Strictly results programme, but that is easily recorded - alternatively you may wish to find an excuse to escape from it. The concert is at 7.30 and tickets are available on the niaht **@** £10. Programmes will be available. Refreshments will be offered as part of the usual cheerful, generous servicey during the interval.

## Annual Progressive Supper Party -Saturday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

This is the year of the big hand-over. Will and Alison Self have kindly offered to take over the running of this event from Norman and Virginia Porter. To ensure ease of transition, all four will be involved in making arrangements for this year's event.

For the uninitiated – and we hope that if you have not participated before you give it a try, particularly if you are new to the village – an outline of the evening follows:

Each pair of participants undertakes to

produce one course for 6 or 8 people - of attached to the minutes on the website. unknown identity. In return they enjoy hospitality for two other courses, plus a final gathering together at a mystery venue

It's a great way of getting to know other villagers better - you never know who vou might bump into.

Preliminary letters of invitation will be sent to all who have participated before, but if you would like to be added to the list. email: self979@btinternet.com and we will send you details.

# ST MARY'S CHURCH GREAT BEALINGS

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## **PARISH COUNCIL**

Summarised notes of the parish council meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> November

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A comprehensive report by Colin Hedgley had been circulated prior to the meeting. Martin Cripps enquired where the money had come from to purchase all the new large green bins, Colin Hedgley will find out. A full copy of the report will be

#### TREE WARDENS

Due to business commitments. John Carter-Jonas has relinguished the position of Tree Warden. This post will be taken jointly by Martin Cripps Anthony Sheppard and renamed Tree/ Footpath Wardens. Details will forwarded to the newly formed East Suffolk Tree Wardens Group.

#### TREES AND BULBS

all the bulbs that had been purchased by the Parish Planters have been planted, and thanks were expressed to all who assisted, with particular mention to Sharon Cripps, Peter and Sue Prentice. The concrete slabs at the bottom of Grundisburgh Road need to be adapted so that the whole area can be planted out. One of the new oak trees on the Millennium Footpath has died and will need to be replaced.

#### BEACONS LIGHT OF ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION

Charles Barrington thanked everyone who had contributed towards making this event successful, with special thanks going to Norman Porter and the PCC, and to Alan Walters of Culpho for the free loan of the marquee. A total of £459.18 was received in donations, and after deducting expenses a sum in excess of £270 will be given to the Royal British Legion.

#### PLANNING:

#### **WOOD BARN COTTAGES**

Further to our enquiry, the SCDC Planning Officer has advised that he has not received a legal agreement in respect of no future development on the site. SCDC have refused permission for application DC/18/3002.

#### **OTHER PLANNING**

Once again the PC will ask the Head of Planning at SCDC for a reply to the comprehensive letter sent to him by the PC on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

## **HIGHWAYS:**

#### **BOOT ST BRIDGE**

Following the site meeting with Mary Evans on 27th September, and the PC's subsequent letter to her, a chaser will be sent for a reply to the matters raised

**SAVID** – Arrangements are still in hand Boundary for the installation of the SID and pole.

#### OTHER HIGHWAYS

Windfarm work is completed, we should request Highways to retain some of the passing places that have been created. He also mentioned that approx. 60 pieces of work had been marked out by Highways for attention in Hasketon Road. but had never been done, and now the have (SCC gone subsequently notified that these works will commence on 3<sup>rd</sup> December)

#### FINANCE AND ADMIN

Five cheques were approved and signed for Clerk's salary and PAYE and office expenses. An amendment was made to the draft budget for 2019/20, and it was agreed to maintain the precept at £4545 for next year. The second half of this year's precept has been received.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

A summary has been received of the

Commission's final recommendations for ward boundaries for the new East Suffolk Council. A full copy Martin Cripps suggested that when the of the report plus the map will be requested.

#### **DATES OF MEETINGS IN 2019**

The following dates were agreed - all Tuesdays: 15<sup>th</sup> January, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> May (Annual Parish Meeting), 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 12th November

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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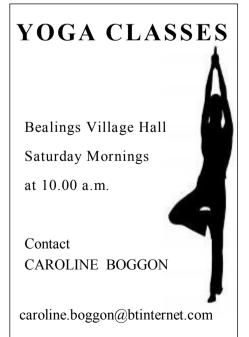
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**CHURCHWARDENS - Interim** 

Corinne & Tony Fear, Green Close House, Lodge Road, Great Bealings

#### RESIGNATIONS FROM LITTLE BEALINGS PCC

The following Members of the Little Bealings PCC have resigned with effect from 7 November 2018: Dr Bob Tate; Mrs. Gill Peck (Treasurer); Mr. Jim Pawsey.

We very much regret that we have felt compelled to resign from the Little Bealings Parochial Church Council. We have had no confidence in the governance of the PCC for some months. Guidance from our Treasurer has been ignored and we are very concerned about proceeding with the major £250,000 Cafe/Hub project without prior funds being assured for the whole scheme, which was a condition stated in the Faculty application as well as in the Judgment by the Chancellor of the Diocese in his authorisation. The Minutes of the most recent PCC meeting noting our abstentions in the vote to start work in the Church reflect our concern. Unfortunately, major building works associated with Phase 1 of the project were started just before Rev. Celia Cook left the Benefice. We all agree that All Saints Church requires updating and re-ordering, but we would have preferred the project to have been reviewed and scaled back in consultation with the new Priest, when appointed.

We question some of the "Corrections" stated in the "Corrections to the Record" article written by Rev. C Cook and Mrs. H Clarkson and published in the November edition of the Fynn-Lark News. We have no knowledge of any "malicious lies" and stand by the statements made in the article entitled "Is this the loss of the Angela Cobbold Hall?" written for the September edition of the Magazine by the "Save The ACH Team."

All three of us live in Little Bealings and have the interests of our lovely Church very much at heart. We have done our best to help the PCC to move towards the refurbishment objective but have been ultimately unable to support the process for getting there. We sincerely hope the remaining members of the PCC are successful in their endeavours and will be able to preserve the character of our Church for future generations.



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If you are currently on the Electoral Roll you will need to renew your membership as inclusion is not automatic. I will be contacting all current roll members directly early in 2019 and it will be important at that time that you complete and return the form I send.

If you are interested in joining the new Electoral Roll or have any queries about it please do not hesitate to contact me .

Ann Tate, Electoral Roll Officer e-mail anntate2@btinternet.com 01473 622995

#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 November 2018

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Two matters were raised:

The Secretary of the PCC raised concern at the accuracy of statements made regarding the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall during the PPS session of the meeting held on 17 July and gave further information regarding the sale and the Café Hub project. She also questioned the objectivity and role of the Council in the matter.

The partner of a Councillor commented on statements made during the PPS session of the meeting held on 10 September and stated that he considered the Council had both the powers and the

**CHURCH** responsibility to consider the sale of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

# SALE OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

It was noted that the sale was proceeding to a local community group. An alternative proposal from the owners of the Admiral's Head was not within the Council's powers to grant.

#### SAVE THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD GROUP

A first meeting had been held and a Chairman appointed. The Group would be independent of the Council and hoped to arrange more regular pop-up pub events. It was seeking the support of Playford and Great Bealings Parish Councils. Anglian Water had confirmed that the new sewer for a part of The Street would have sufficient capacity for the pub to connect to it and the currently proposed location of the new pumping station should make this relatively simple.

#### **PLANNING**

#### Sinks Pit

A report was awaited from SCDC's Enforcement Officer regarding complaints about noise from the site. Residents had also contacted SCC about the enforcement of planning permission and action by SCC was awaited.

# SUFFOLK PRESERVATION SOCIETY LANDSCAPE TRAINING

Ms Head reported on this event, which had focussed on environmental issues and especially how improvements to landscaping could be pursued.

#### **PUBLIC SEWER FOR THE STREET**

Anglian Water were not yet able to confirm when, between 2020 and 2025, this would be installed.

#### PLAYFORD ROAD TRAFFIC

The police would carry out a new speed check, but had no date for this.

#### **BEALINGS SCHOOL PARKING**

The School would meet with a representative of SCDC to see if improvements could be made.

#### **GRIT BIN**

It was agreed not to replace the Hall Road crossroads grit bin, as the road to the level crossing is gritted by SCC.



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#### DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillor Colin Hedgley's report stressed that SCDC had a team ready to assist Christmas period. We also extend our with applications for Universal Credit. The new East Suffolk Council ward who we hope will keep the Benefice-wide boundaries had been announced by the Messy Church activities going in this Boundary Commission: two Valley ward.

#### **FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for website hosting and a security certificate, and the Clerk's salary and PAYE for November and December. Half of the cost of insuring had been received from Gt Bealings PC. The external auditors had advised that, as the Council was an exempt authority, no report would be issued. The Risk Assessment for the current financial year was reviewed and approved.

The Council's budget for 2019/20 was approved, including a contingency figure for the cost of an opposed Council election in May 2019.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7.15pm.

Council's website.

#### ALL SAINTS UPDATE

Tony and I are happy to be serving as interim churchwardens in this interregnum period after conferring with Archdeacon lan on the best way to keep All Saints Church going. We have a lot to give and a lot to learn and we are indebted to the Benefice Churchwardens who have been so kind in "showing us the ropes". managed to provide coverage for us, and come to terms with events at this time last

the entire Benefice, to ensure that services run as usual through this busy thanks to Sally Gaze and the volunteers District challenging time.

Councillors would represent the 18 We must commend Jim Pawsey, Gill parishes in the new Carlford and Fynn Peck, and Bob Tate, who have recently resigned from the Parochial Church Council. We are so grateful to them for their many years of service to All Saints Church. We recognise that change is not easy for any of us, but we also know that Jim. Gill and Bob will continue to use their the shared wooden village sign, £5.16, considerable talents in order to get the Angela Cobbold Community Hall up and running and we wish them all the best in their endeavours. We have, in fact, already gifted their team with the vestry cupboard, which--rumour has it--may become a repository for the Little Bealings archives. We hope that the history of the village is preserved and look forward to collaborating with the Hall leadership in the future.

In the meantime, we are delighted to see The next scheduled meeting of the several new Little Bealings residents who Council is on Monday 7 January 2019, at have joined the electoral roll and would encourage anyone who would like to Draft and approved minutes of Parish become more involved with the Church Council meetings are available on the (and/or the Bealings Community Hub) to contact project us for further Carol Ramsden - Clerk information. We are especially in need of 01473 610088 sidespeople to assist at services 2-3 Email: littlebealingspc@btinternet.com times a year for 2 hours on a Sunday Website: morning. Please let me know if you can www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net spare the time and would like to help.

This past month, the Church lights were lit by Melanie Hollinshead in honour of loved ones and to mark the anniversary of their Mum's death. Madeleine and Graham have asked that the Tower of All Saints Church is floodlit each year on December 9th. Paddy's children have asked "that this be in celebration of Paddy's life and, importantly, as a thank you for the kindness and generosity her friends in the addition, we are deeply grateful to our church and the local community have Rural Dean, Clare Sanders, who has shown both of them as they struggled to

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7<sup>th</sup>. vear." On January Hollinshead has asked that the lights roaring wood burning fire! shine again in honour of loved ones.

We are delighted to see that the first phase of the works for the Bealings Community Hub is underway and we should have a new floor and a working woodburner installed next month. Unless we uncover the remains of a very famous historic figure, we therefore hope to be able to hold December services in the Church. We are in the process of applying for additional grants to cover later phases of works and will also be undertaking a local campaign, including events and the opportunity to sponsor new furnishings. such as the chairs.

To date, we have secured funds or in-kind donations from Andrew Frenzel. Mullins Dowse Architects. The Mrs. L. D Rope Third Charitable Settlement. Suffolk Coastal District Council (Councillor Hedgley Enabling Communities Fund). Suffolk Historic Churches Trust and Viridor Credits. We hope to soon add to this list of donors and we would also like to express our thanks to all the members of the Community Hub Committee who have managed to get us this far!

As you will see, we have a full schedule of activities for December:

Please join us for a special CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 4pm!Families welcome for a jampacked hour of activities, celebration, and festive food for all! Please join us as Father Christmas visits and asks who's been naughty and nice!

We will be making Christingles, singing carols, and all children will receive a special present from Father Christmas! See you at the Angela Cobbold Hall for this very special Christmas celebration! For more information or to RSVP, please contact Corinne Fear on 07810355511 or Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend on 078899 07615

CAROL SERVICE by candlelight on December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm Come and enjoy our new flexible

Melanie community space with candle lights and a

Sausage rolls, mince pies, and mulled wine are on the menu, along with your favourite Christmas carols!

All families welcome!

December 21st. SING CHRISTMAS, a fundraiser for the Church reworking. which will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30p.m.

#### SHINING THE LIGHTS!

If you would like to shine the lights at All Saints Church for a special occasion: please contact Corinne or Tony Fear on 07810 355511.

A £5 donation shines the church lights for 2 hours at a date and time of your choosina!

We wish you and your family all the best in this festive season and look forward to seeing vou at future services or events over the Christmas period and in the New Year.

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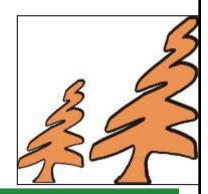
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#### PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

15th and 16th October - sponsored by Sue Kennedy to celebrate the birth of her second Grandchild, William Robert in September.

5th -10th November inclusive sponsored by Mark and Anita Krishna

17th November - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood - In loving memory of Josie Booker on her birthday.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

Email 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 thoroughly enjoyed Peter Carrs talk on spinning last month before our Annual General Meeting commenced. Peters knowledge on the different types of sheep and their wool was immense. He also bought along various implements used for spinning.

At the AGM Sally Herrington was voted in as President, Liz Royle as Treasurer and Sue Bruce as Secretary for another year. All Committee members remained the same.

We have no speaker in December although we will, as is customary, erect the Parish Hall Christmas tree. This year the tree will be decorated in the W.I.

colours for a change...predominantly green and white.

Sue Bruce, Secretary

#### **CLOTHING BANK**

Playford Parish Council have agreed to the placement of a Clothing Bank in the parish hall car park beyond the present Bottle Bank. It will be provided and maintained by East Anglian Air Ambulance in partnership with The Salvation Army and any proceeds from it will go to support these causes.

We are hoping that it will be delivered in 4 - 6 weeks' time and will advise in due course what items may or may not be deposited there.

Marian Hedgley Clerk to Playford Parish Council

#### PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

There was no County Councillor's report.

#### DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was no County Councillor's report.

#### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

Ted Herrington has cleared some of the silt on C324 himself but more needs to be done as it is an ongoing problem, clerk to contact SC Norse yet again to do this. Flooding & drainage issues here also need attending to by SCC Highways.

Church and between I ane FP3 towards commenced - clerk has sought advice a Wyevale voucher was Tim Llewellyn. from RoW officer. Overhanging branches/ OTHER MATTERS hedge on Church Lane have been No response as yet regarding funding for Highways' warden whether this is sufficient. Fallen FP sign at bottom of Hill Farm Road has been reported and nettles on FP8 have been cleared.

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

#### **FINANCE**

Second half of Precept money has been received. Payments were authorised for the clerk's stationery expenses payment for defibrillator training session. Bank reconciliation was carried out and budget for 2018/19 was found to be on track.

#### HIGHWAYS ISSUES

Co. Councillor Robin Vickery has been asked to fund two more grit bins in the parish. Damage to carriageway in Church Lane has been reported but not found to be serious enough to repair at present despite oversized vehicles using this route. Problems with inadequate Give Way signage on C324 approaching the single track length from Tuddenham direction were discussed and Evans, Cabinet member for Highways is to be invited to an onsite meeting to demonstrate this problem to her.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Suffolk Wildlife Trust have been asked to

Problem with water trickling down FP7 conduct a survey of the parish, this will Spring possibly include a Hedgerow survey. Meadow is at last being investigated, an Photos of views from footpaths in the underground survey has shown a blocked village are to be included in the final draft culvert and broken drain pipe which will of the Plan. Report from Environment be fixed when ownership is confirmed. Agency is being chased up. Flood risk will FP's 1 & 20 along the water meadow still be written into the Plan. It has been uneven in places but positioning of established there are no current TPO's in electric fence on FP1 has been passed by force. No extra funding is available until SCC RoW. Work on drainage problems beginning of new financial year. Winner of Culpho not yet the parish survey entrants' competition for

minimally cut back, clerk to check with a tree to be planted in the playing field to commemorate end of WW1.

> It was agreed to purchase 3 cycle stands to be fixed at bottom of steps leading to entrance to the village hall.

> East Anglian Air Ambulance in partnership with Salvation Army are to place a clothing bank beyond the bottle bank in the village hall car park.

> Funding for the issue of a Playford History Book has been offered by District Councillor Robert Whiting – a volunteer to compile this is needed.

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application DC/18/2661/FUL for a new boundary wall at The Old Post Office, Hill Farm Road was turned down pending modifications. A revised application for this (DC/18/4598/FUL) and new application DC/18/4209/FUL for an agricultural store and annexe at Mill Cottage. Butts Road will be discussed at a PC meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall.

We still require another councillor to serve on Playford PC - please contact the clerk if you feel you could help.

#### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 9th January 2019 at 7.00pm Marian Hedgley – Clerk 01473 738468 e-mail::playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk website: www.playford.org.uk

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Binky didn't know whether to look forward with anticipation Christmas trepidation. The trepidation part was what to get his beloved that she really wanted and would treasure. The anticipation was what he would receive from her. Or was it the other way around? He could never remember. He thought an elastic seat belt may come in handy but there again she dismissed a year's subscription to a gym club for the obvious reason that he would like to live. No, he had to put more thought into it and that's for sure. But going around the shops asking for toys and gift donations was an eye opener. All the donors were quite generous in their giving once they realised he was married to Mrs Stickleback. Fear of retribution stalked the High Street and no chances were taken. The fact was that Mrs S had volunteered him to be Santa at the Church Hall, a job he was most unsuited for seeing as how he disliked children, especially other people's, plus he could think of a hundred different things he would prefer to be doing that day. Like rodding his sewer drains or cutting someone else's toe nails.

No, in a fit of unusual generosity he had said yes to the request of Mrs Stickleback and her WI friends. So, after collecting about two hundred unwanted shop-soiled from curmudgeonly items some emporium owners he went to the Church Hall in order to set up.

The "Christmas Grotto" could only be recognised as such because it had a cheap wooden notice above the door statina "Santa's Gotto please enta". Binky made a mental note of introducing the sign writer to a pocket dictionary at some time. He entered and looked down at Santa's chair. A plastic stacking chair covered in paint splashes with a very rude word carved onto the back rest. Typical Boy Scouts he thought and anyway there are two 'L's' in that word. Looks like the pocket dictionary will have to be passed

around, especially to Owl Patrol. He started to unpack his costume, hand made by his darling wife. It was made from an old red tablecloth which had belonged to her mother so "savour the quality darling" she shouted at him as he left the house.

However, one thing did please Binky. He had grown his own beard. Not white of course which was a drawback but a may read too much into that. He fruitful hour with ten bottles of liquid Snopake and he was ready. The vicar popped his head through the curtain dislodging the only sprig of holly in the grotto. "Are we ready?" queried the vicar in a tone that that had a touch of sarcasm in it. Are "we" ready thought Binky? There's only "we" business. me here what's this Anyway, in came the first child who Binky lifted onto his knee. A lovely little girl with fair golden hair, age about five. "And what's your name" asked Binky.

> "Belladonna Citrus Fruit err Smith" said the little girl. "What a lovely name, "replied Binky whilst at the same time having a quess at her parents' IQ. He reckoned somewhere about the low fifties.

> "And what would you like from Santa?" "Well" said Belladonna Citrus Fruit "I would like an SA80 assault rifle with telescopic sight." Yes, thought Binky I bet you would. "Well said Binky I cannot give you one of those because...." He couldn't finish the sentence because a very sharp pain suddenly emanated from his facial area as the lovely Belladonna tugged at his beard with both hands and the strength of ten men. Binky shouted at her. Belladonna shouted back "I'll get my bruvver onto vou, vou old git" Binkv said something like "Bring it on little girl". Belladonna shouted out "Ulysses, get in 'ere guick" At which point a 17 stone body builder entered the grotto. "What's up my little princess? This man bofferin' you?" "Yes" said Belladonna. "Sort 'im art."

> As Binky lay in the hospital bed he wasn't quite sure whether he wanted to go home for Christmas.

Morphine seemed a good present.

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#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

This important event will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday 16th December 2018. following which mulled wine and mince pies will be available. Evervone welcome. Christmas is special in so many ways and the Carol Services is wonderful way to start the celebrations. It is also hard work for those charged with keeping family and friends suitably fed and entertained so a visit to the Carol Service may just be 'a little bit of calm before the storm'. If you can join us you will be made most welcome and, on behalf of Churchwardens Richard and Guy, we all forward to seeing you on what promises to be a very festive and joyous occasion.

#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

As you know we are now our Interregnum and Churchwardens Richard and together Guv. members ٥f the Parochial Church Council, extend the warmest of wishes for a peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Grateful thanks are also offered for all the support you have so willingly provided throughout the year; flower arrangers, news deliveries, church-tidy group, in fact all those who have supported the church in so many ways. A huge thank you also goes to those who kindly give of their time and talent by holding fund-raising events which help keep the Church open and in good repair.

Without your support the Church may not be sustainable, and we remain ever thankful to you all.

#### **NEW ELECTORAL ROLL - 2019**

Nationally the Church of England will be renewing its Electoral Roll in 2019 and soon forms will be delivered inviting you to register on the Church Electoral Roll. It is particularly significant at a time when we are in an Interregnum to show that we have a Church and resident community who care about the future of our Church. Being on the Electoral Roll also allows you to attend Annual Meetings (14th April 2019) and, as ever, you would be made most welcome.

Qualification for putting your name on the roll is that you need to be over 16 years of age and have been baptized; details of these prerequisites on the form. We promise to keep everyone informed regarding all matters affecting the Church. and, although these things do take time, will include information in respect of any appointment of a new Priest.

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS

We have a few packs of Culpho Church Christmas cards still available. These were sponsored so all monies go to the upkeep of St. Botolph's Church. Six cards and envelopes cost £3. Please let me know if you wish to purchase.

> Margaret Gornall Secretary/Electoral Roll Officer

## CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

PRIEST in CHARGE Interregnum

LAY ELDERS Great Bealings

Mrs Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings

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We cannot allow the resignation of our Choir Leader, Gill Peck, to pass by without comment. The choir was set up in the time of Rev Canon Frank Hollingsworth by Margaret Izzard. When the late Rev. Michael Skliros arrived on the scene, he engaged a young man as Choirmaster and Organist. Brian Glading was the next Choirmaster, and when he left Rev Pauline Stentiford asked Gill to take over as choir leader, while Pauline undertook to find organists. That is the history of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century choir.



The choir's red robes have been a familiar sight in our churches at so many services, Eucharists, Carol Services, Midnight Masses, Clarkson Services, Good Friday meditations and special occasions over many years, and Gill has been a leading light, and frequent soloist over that time. Choir membership has included many familiar names, several of them no longer with us. We remember Geoff and Paddy Bills, Geoffrey Oram, Graham and Jean Lewis among others. Gill has brought in friends from the Gippeswyk Singers to enhance the choir for special occasions. There used to be regular weekly rehearsals, Choir parties, and the choir has played an important role in Benefice life. We are greatly indebted to Gill for channelling her enthusiasm, musical knowledge and connections to our collective benefit – and enjoyment. We thank her and wish her well in the future.

Norman and Virginia Porter

DECEMBER

Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent

10.00 Family Communion, *Dr John Hare* Great Bealings 7.30 pm Advent Concert Great Bealings

Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Family Communion, Rev Peter Wintgens Playford

Sunday 16th Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Holy Communion, *Dr John Hare*3.00 pm Carol Service, *James Hall*6.00 pm Carol Service

Carol Service

Culpho

Great Bealings

Wednesday 19th

9.30 am Holy Communion, Rev Peter Wintgens Culpho

Thursday 20th

7.00 pm Carol Service Little Bealings

Sunday 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00 pm Carol Service, crib, posada, Rev Canon Sally Gaze Playford

Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm Crib Service, *Dr John Hare* Little Bealings

11.15 pm Midnight Communion, Rev Martin Roberts

**Great Bealings** 

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Family Communion, Rev Canon Sally Gaze Playford

Sunday 30th First Sunday after Christmas No service

JANUARY 2019

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany

10.00 Family Communion Great Bealings

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> First Sunday After Epiphany

10.00 Family Communion Playford

Wednesday 16th

9.30 Holy Communion Culpho

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday After Epiphany

3.00 Evensong Culpho

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday After Epiphany

10.00 Holy Communion Little 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.

#### LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

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Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

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In an emergency contact the police.

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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**

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 Thu 7.30
 Martin Yates 07710187722

 BALLROOM DANCING
 VH
 Mon 7.30
 Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511

 VH
 Tue 7.30
 Teresa Jay 07929310480

 BENEFICE CHOIR
 Fri 7.30
 Gill Peck 625077

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 CARPET BOWLS
 VH
 Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00
 Kathy Price 621419

 DANCE CLASS
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 Tue 9.30 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m. Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513

FRESH FISH Thu am Little Bealings top road:

noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings Catherine 07971970836

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SNOOKER VH Anv day <4 hours Margaret Wilson 07769195132

STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS VH Thu 6.30 - 7.00 p.m. Teresa Jay 07929310480 VILLAGE HALL BOOKING Margaret Wilson 07769195132

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WI VH Thu (3rd in month) 2.00 Oct - Mar

7.00 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

PLAYFORD PH: Parish Hall

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 Village Representative
 Astrid Llewellyn 610635

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 Thu 10.00
 Mary Spillett 01394 385295

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 Contact 01728 860125

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noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings Catherine 07971970836

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Contributions for the February 2019 News to be submitted by:

# 5.00 pm Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday**, **2**<sup>nd</sup> **February**.

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