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DECEMBER 2014 - JANUARY 2015

You may have heard the story of the man who won £1,000,000 on the lottery. The next day his wife was at the front door, picking up the huge amount of post. She called out to her husband, "What shall I do with all the begging letters?" "Oh, for heavens' sake, we're not made of money! Keep sending them out, of course!"

I know Christmas is coming because (even before November 1st!) I've already had several appeals and unrequested Christmas cards from charities. Crisis at Christmas, Salvation Army, St Martin's-in-the-fields, The Ebola Crisis. And why shouldn't they tap into the seasonal spirit of goodwill? Many of them see even greater need in December, especially in contrast to the "extras" many of us look forward to at this time of year. (One response is to beat them to it – to decide (perhaps prayerfully) on a generous amount and send it off, before we brave the supermarkets or buy presents for the kids.)

But where did this tradition of giving at Christmas come from? (And some other religions have a similar custom, of course.) For Christians it comes from

God taking the initiative in "giving" us Jesus-unrequested and undeserved – to show us a better way of living, to die for us, and to give us the hope of life beyond death. (Don't let these "religious beliefs" put us off exploring further. Many of us find it difficult to get our heads round them!) And so, in response to God's generosity, we give to others – family, friends, people in need.

I had a relation who we found it impossible to think of presents for. So we used to send a cheque. Years later he hadn't got round to paying the cheques in, so he hadn't enjoyed what we'd given him. I know someone from one of my past parishes a bit like that. Sue had heard the Christmas story many times. But after one particular carol service she decided to make it personal. She asked God to become real to her. The "lovely nativity story for children" became the wonderful focus for the whole of her life, and years later, for her husband too.

We have the opportunity to make a difference to others at Christmas. Perhaps Christmas will also make a difference to us.

Have a good one!

Fred Woods

BENEFICE

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Once again there will be a Carol Service in each of our four churches at some point during December, (dates/times on the back page), followed by Seasonal refreshments.

A Crib Service at St Marys Church Playford on Christmas Eve, Midnight Mass at All Saints Church Little Bealings the same evening, and a Christmas Day Communion at St Marys Church Great Bealings.

All will be most welcome, and if any person is unable to attend and would like a Home Communion over the Christmas period, please contact me.

Denise and myself wish you all a very Blessed Christmas.

Philip Merry

TWENTY IS PLENTY

for The Street , Little Dealings

A meeting took place on Friday 14th. November in the Angela Cobbold Hall. Representatives from the village, the school and local government discussed a way forward for the establishment of a "20 is Plenty" zone on The Street. It was decided that a joint petition from the school, the residents and other road users, would be an effective of expressing our mutual concerns. Chris Mason will be organising the village petition and would appreciate offers of help.

Please contact chrism2208@gmail.com "20is Plenty" stickers for Wheelie Bins are available on line and a good price can be negotiated by buying in bulk (£1per sticker approx.) If you are interested please contact 01473 620213 or diana.carr01@btinternet.com

The Parish is going to look into monitoring traffic speed through the "Speed Watch" Project in order to obtain evidence of speeding. Signage and the "20 is plenty" web site are also being investigated. There will be a follow up meeting on Friday 28th. January at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Coffee etc. from 7.00pm

RED CROSS SUFFOLK WINTER NEWS

The Ebola outbreak has killed thousands of people across Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea. Health systems are on the verge of collapse. Communities are living in fear.

Red Cross staff and volunteers are on the frontline, working around the clock to keep people safe.

You can help save lives. Please help stop the spread.

Visit redcross.org.uk/ebolaoutbreak or text EBOLA to 70600 to donate £3.

*Jane Dow
Senior Community Fundraiser*



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Home-Start Suffolk Coastal has had a good year. We are continuing to support families for whom the pressures of daily life have become too great to cope with alone.

Fundraising has been successful with many events including: a pamper night, pudding night, quizzes, Pig Racing, Come Dine with Me and Disco Cabaret night. We are pleased to say that from this we have raised in excess of £8,700. Please look out for our events in 2015.

Whilst Christmas is generally a cheerful time for many families for some it can be a very difficult time. January is one of our busiest times as the stress of Christmas can lead to an increase in family breakdown. If you are interested in volunteering to support a local family please contact us: tel. 01473 610299 or email at office@homestartcoastal.co.uk

We are extremely grateful to all the local organisations that provide families with food and gift hampers over the Christmas period and we would also like to thank everyone who has supported us during 2014.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Home-Start Suffolk Coastal.

Ella Heeney

ADVERTISING FOR 2015

Advertisers are advised that this will be the last issue to carry 2014 advertisements and that Advertising Co-ordinator, Norman Porter, will be contacting them shortly to see whether they would like to renew or change their advertisement for next year, commencing with the first issue in February. All advertisements will need to be set up by mid-January.

Similarly, if you have not previously been an advertiser you are invited to contact the co-ordinator with a note of your requirements, and you will be sent details of charges etc.

Our advertisers do suggest that this form of local advertising is a successful one.

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Town Concert

THE TRIANON CHOIR Conductor: Emeritus Professor Chris Green OBE

Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich

Thursday 11 December 2014 1.00pm to 1.50pm

The Trianon Choir celebrates 50 years of music-making in 2014, and members will be contributing to this programme of light and seasonal music. They will be joined by instrumentalists from Trianon Music Group and, as is customary for the final Ipswich Town Concert of the year, they hope that the audience will join in with some of their final items. One of the themes reflected will be life before and after the outbreak of the Great War. There will be mince pies for you all.

Town Lecture

MY LIFE AS A BASKETMAKER - Bunty Ball

Museum Street Methodist Church, Ipswich

Thursday 8 January 2015 1.00pm to 1.50pm

Basket making is one of the oldest known primitive crafts pre-dating the weaving of cloth and ceramics. It is the art of taking materials without a firm structure and creating a solid taut form by interweaving them. Basket making is everywhere and it can be found in all social classes. It inspires traditional crafts people and the avant-garde in design. Bunty Ball will try to give some insight into her interests in this ancient craft.

For both events the kettle will be on the hob with biscuits at 12.30pm.

Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £2.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series.

More details can be obtained from secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk

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READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS — DECEMBER

7th December

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>NT lesson</i>	8.00
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40. 1-11	Purple
2 Peter 3. 8-15	RCL p.444
Mark 1. 1-8	

14th December

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>NT lesson</i>	10.00
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61. 1-4, 8-end	Purple
1 Thessalonians 5. 16-24	RCL p.448
John 1. 6-8, 19-28	

21st December

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>NT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7. 1-11, 16	Purple
Romans 16. 25-end	RCL p.452
Luke 1. 26-38	

24th December

<i>OT Lesson</i>	11.30pm
<i>NT Lesson</i>	11.30pm
<i>Gospel</i>	11.30pm

Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9. 2-7	Purple
Titus 2. 11-14	RCL p. 15
Luke 2. 1-14	

25th December

<i>NT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00

Christmas Day

Hebrews 1. 1-4	Gold/White
John 1. 1-14	RCL p.24

28th December

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00
<i>NT Lesson</i>	8.00/10.00
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00

The Holy Innocents

Jeremiah 31. 15-17	Red
1 Corinthians 1. 26-29	RCL p.1152
Matthew 2. 13-18	

READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS — JANUARY

4th January

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00	Isaiah 60. 1-6	Gold/White
<i>NT lesson</i>	8.00/10.00	Ephesians 3. 1-12	RCL p.38
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	Matthew 2. 1-12	

Epiphany

11th January

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00	Genesis 1. 1-5	Gold/White
<i>NT lesson</i>	8.00/10.00	Acts 19. 1-7	RCL p.462
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	Mark 1 4-11	

Baptism of Christ

18th January

<i>OT Lesson</i>	3.00	1 Samuel 3. 1-10	White
<i>NT Lesson</i>	10.00	Revelation 5. 1-10	RCL p.465
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00/3.00	John 1. 43-end	

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

25th January

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00	Jeremiah 1. 4-10	White
<i>NT lesson</i>	8.00	Acts 9. 1-22	RCL p.1062
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	Matthew 19. 27-end	

Conversion of Paul

1st February

<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00	Malachi 3. 1-5	Gold/White
<i>NT lesson</i>	8.00	Hebrews 2. 14-end	RCL p.60
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	Luke 2. 22-40	

Presentation of Christ in the Temple

To: All Readers and Contributors

***HAPPY CHRISTMAS
& BEST WISHES FOR 2015***

From: the Editorial team and Distributors

BEALINGS

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL NEWS

COMMUNITY LUNCHESES

The next two Community Lunches will celebrate the beginning and end of the Christmas Season.

On **Tuesday 2nd. December** between 12.30--1.30pm. there will be Christmas Lunch --

Turkey with all the trimmings
Homemade Christmas pudding etc.
Tea/Coffee

Please book on or before Sunday 30th. November .

On **Tuesday 6th. January** between 12.30--1.30pm. We shall celebrate the 12th. Day of Christmas --

Homemade Meat Loaf with vegetables
Stuffed Baked Apples and custard
Tea/Coffee

Please book on or before Sunday 4th. January

The profits from these lunches will go to the Save the Children Fund who are working with Ebola orphans.

Bookings and enquiries to 01473 620213 Many thanks to everyone who has supported the lunches this year. The profits continue to support the costs and maintenance of the Hall.

BEALINGS WI

At our November meeting our speaker Mrs A Day's subject will be "The Story of the Remarkable Women of Ipswich". A guided walk around Ipswich is planned for the spring to complement her talk.

On 11th December at 2.30pm Gill Peck and friends will entertain members and guests, followed by a festive tea to get us into the Christmas spirit.

On 15th January 2015 at 2.30pm "Elizabeth Garrett Anderson and her circle" will be the talk by Mrs J.Jones.

Social contact with informal coffee get-togethers will continue through the winter – a great opportunity to meet with WI friends.

A warm welcome to all visitors.

Jennifer Cook 01473 623985

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

We are pleased to say that Interviews for the vacant post of Priest-in-Charge will have taken place on Tuesday 18th November. The Ministry team and 8 interviewers (2 from each parish) will have spent all day interviewing the 2 candidates for the post. After the interviews a recommendation is sent to the Bishop, who then makes the appointment. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we know the outcome before Christmas, and so can be looking forward to the installation of a new priest some time in the New Year!

CHURCH MAINTENANCE PROJECT

As you will see from the item published

under FOGBC, we are making good progress. The works are in full swing, which has meant that the church has not been available for normal use. We regret that the Stir Up Sunday Workshop had to be moved to Playford, and apologise for any inconvenience. Once the old plaster had been removed, it became clear that the underlying dampness was worse than anticipated, so the bare walls had to be given extra time to dry out, before application of the fresh plaster.

We will have to monitor progress carefully, as any further delay might affect services on 30th November (8.00 Holy Communion) and 7th December (Songs of Praise). Please be alert to

notices which may refer to these two services. We have every hope and expectation that there will be no problem with the programme from 14th onwards: the Carol Service, the Concert, and the Christmas Day Service, as these requirements were all fully factored in to the schedule of work.

LOOKING AHEAD

CAROL SERVICE: Sunday December 14th at 6-30 – to be followed by mulled wine and mince pies

WEDDING: Monday 22nd December. Katie Sheppard (The Homestead) and Joe Cowley.

FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE – Christmas Day, Thursday December 25th at 10.00

CHURCHYARD

Please note that it is no longer possible to make your way round the east end of the church through to the churchyard as this area is totally taken up with scaffolding. You will have to access the churchyard via the west end of the church. The scaffolding will remain in place until the wall and flint work have been repaired –probably not until the late Spring.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Last month we were pleased to report that we have raised sufficient funds to start the substantial works programme required to take St Mary's securely into the future. The contractors have now been on site for about a month, and visitors to the church will have noticed the impact of these works. The contractors have been at great pains to cover everything up, in order to reduce the possible effects of dust and debris. All the rotten plaster has now been removed, and fresh plaster is about to be applied. That will need to dry out, before re-decoration can commence, so

the hope is that the pews can be returned to normal positions in time for the Christmas period and then removed again after Christmas to allow for the redecoration. The external works will also take place once the risk of severe frost has receded.

Significant work is also being carried out on the Seckford Memorial.

Readers will recall that the £15,000 grant from Viridor was conditional on our being able to support this with 10% of that sum, raised as independent local third party contributions. We are delighted to say that, at the time of writing, we are close to our target – certainly sufficiently close to apply for payment of the grant. If you still intend to support us in this respect, please don't think that that the need is now fulfilled – we are still, at the time of writing, just short of our £1500 target, and we are also very much hoping to erect a new flagpole, by way of celebrating the completion of these works, and further sums of money can help us achieve that objective.

Cheques should be made payable to Great Bealings PCC and marked 'Viridor Third Party Payment' on the back.

CONCERT

The Stella Quartet

Thursday 18th December at 7.30 pm

Tickets are now on sale for the return visit of the Stella Quartet, priced at £8 in advance and £10 on the night. Clearly we would like to have sold most of the tickets in advance, not least because we need to have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Three of the girls, all nurtured by the Royal Academy of Music, are now professional musicians, so we are extremely lucky that they are eager to return to give this concert. The first half will include works by Dvorak and Mozart, while the second half, after the serving of refreshments, will move into Christmas mode, and will give

opportunities for audience participation. The Quartet made many friends by the quality and warmth of their performance last year, so we very much expect that those who heard them then will wish to hear them again, and that their reputation will have preceded them, drawing in others who missed them last year.

AND ANOTHER GREAT CONCERT TO LOOK FORWARD TO....

On Saturday 28th February, the award-winning baroque ensemble **'The Brook Street Band'** will be treating Bealings to a concert with works by Bach and Telemann prior to their appearance at St John's Smith Square, London the next day. You may have heard them at Annesley in 2009, or on Radio 3 and Classic FM. Band members have been frequent visitors to the village over the past 2 years running a series of workshops at Bealings School based around their favourite composer, Handel. This is your opportunity to hear The Band live in concert. Come and join us at Bealings Village Hall for an evening of sublime music making in aid of FOGBC.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

We remind you that Pat Keep is again master-minding this event, scheduled for **Friday 19th December**, beginning at 6.30 pm. As in previous years we are hopeful of gathering together two groups of singers: one in Lower Street, and the other at the Grundisburgh Road end of the village. Proceeds will again be forwarded to a local charity.

BARGAIN BIRD FOOD

We are still able to offer cut-price suet balls to anyone caring to make contact. Norman Porter is acting as go-between. He can arrange delivery of tubs of approx 30 suet balls @ £2 a tub, significantly below market price, to be put to FOGBC funds. Email nhp@rillcott.co.uk, and give address for delivery/ or collect. This is a Benefice-wide operation!

The Friends

THE LIGHTS SHONE

On November 11th in memory of David Dow's birthday – the sky at night was lit up – was it the fireworks or David smiling down on us ?

He is missed by a great many of us.

*Roger Roseboom
01473 735153*

LITTLE BEALINGS

LITTLE BEALINGS

CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS

Across the Benefice there will be carol services in all our four churches and each will be supported by the Benefice choir. At Little Bealings the service will be on Sunday, December 21st at 3.00pm and there will be readings, prayers and some of your favourite carols. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service in the church. Everyone is very welcome

We like to decorate our church with festive decorations and I would be very pleased to have some help with this How about a family coming to decorate

the small tree we display in the tower entrance. It would be great to have your help and if you can spare an hour, please turn up at 10.30am on Saturday December 20th from 10.30am.

MIDNIGHT MASS

For those who like to be up late and wish to be the first to welcome in Christmas Day, Little Bealings church is hosting this midnight Sung Eucharist which will start at 11.30pm and go through to around 12.30am. Again, everyone is welcome.

CLEANERS NEEDED

Our cleaning team seems to have

become rather sparse and we would welcome anyone who would be willing to come in once a month or so to put the cleaner over the few carpets we have and a duster on the pews and woodwork. Half an hour is all it takes and the more who are involved the quicker it takes. Joan Moon has always headed the cleaning operations but now that she has moved away we need to regroup on this and maybe reorganise the system. I would be pleased to know who is on the team and still willing to give a hand. Please telephone 01473 610219 or email paddybills@gmail.com to let me know if you can help. Many thanks to all those who have been cleaners in the past and hope for your continued support

Paddy Bills Churchwarden

POPPIES

Thank you very much to all those who carried out the door-to-door collection in Great and Little Bealings this year and to all those who donated. The total raised in Lt Bealings was £385.80. In Great Bealings a collection raised £155.89. Thank you.

Sarah Cartwright

LET THERE BE LIGHT

On 3rd. November as well as remembering Melanie Hollinshead's late father birthday, we marked the passing of Joan Moon's beloved Uncle Reg., who had been like a big brother to Joan. The lights shone out on 5th. November to wish Joan and her daughter, Sally, Bon voyage as they set sail from Tilbury on M.S. Astor bound for Freemantle, Western Australia.

The 9th. November was Remembrance Sunday so the lights shone to honour all the young men who left this Parish 100 years ago, never to return.

Joan Churchyard was remembered by her niece Margaret Bloom on 10th. November, as will be her mother, Agnes

Clapham on 11th. December.

The lights shine for two much loved people on 21st. November. Peter Moon, Joan's late husband and Ella Pilc, the sister of Alex Pilc on what would have been her 30th. Birthday. "She lit up every room she walked into".

On the 27th. November we wish a very happy 13th. Birthday to Tom Field.

Two Australian events are celebrated with lights. First the arrival of Joan Moon and her daughter, Sally in Freemantle on 13th. December and, at her request, for Australia Day on 26th. January 2015.

The Church will celebrate the Christmas Season with lights kindly paid for through a generous donation of £100 from Mrs. Perkins, in whose husband's memory the lights were installed.

If you would like the lights to shine for your special occasion or in memory of a loved one please contact 01473 620213 or drop a note into Corner Cottage. The charge of £5 all goes to maintain our special little church. Thank-you.

OFF TO OZ

When you read this I should be somewhere at sea – well, supposedly anchored at Cape Town, ready for an excursion to see the famous Table Mountain. Just about halfway between two worlds and two lives and adjusting to a period of new experiences – living in a daunting but exciting limbo!

Leaving Little Bealings and Suffolk was not easy, 28 years in the former and many more since I first exchanged life in Hampshire for Suffolk. Both decisions turned out to be the best I have ever made and I am very grateful for all the experiences and more so for the great friendships I have found.

Now time to say "Farewell" – no, "Au Revoir" sounds better. Look after yourselves and thanks for the wonderful memories.

Joan Moon

LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 November 2014

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Mrs Toni Cornish had resigned from the Council, due to pressure of other commitments. SCDC had advised that no election had been requested. Co-option of a new Councillor could therefore take place at the next meeting.

Mrs Rogers was appointed the Council's replacement representative on the Village Hall Management Committee, but a new representative on the 12PT and SAVID Groups would wait until after the co-option. Mr Hunter would undertake the quarterly reconciliation of the Council's accounts.

PLANNING

DC/14/3114/FUL: BLEWBURY, PLAYFORD ROAD: PROPOSED REPLACEMENT DWELLING

It was agreed to support this application.

FINCHES HILL, THE STREET: CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE EXISTING FOR A SWIMMING POOL ENCLOSURE

SCDC had advised that a further application had been submitted for a Certificate of Lawful Use

EAOW3

The applicant had advised that only one access was likely, from Holly Lane at the point where the corridor crossed the road, but submission of the application would not take place until 2015.

DC/14/1125/OUT: VALCOT AND ACACIA COTTAGES, THE STREET: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING TWO DWELLINGS, WORKSHOP UNIT AND ASSOCIATED OUTBUILDINGS ERECTION OF FOUR DWELLINGS WITH GARAGES AND CREATION OF NEW CENTRALISED VEHICULAR ACCESS

SCDC had granted outline permission and the reserved matters included a contaminated land assessment and remediation plan, a sewerage treatment

plant and a surface water strategy. SCDC also had significant concerns about the submitted indicative layout, form and scale of the dwellings, which were considered to be suburban in character and inappropriate for the location. It had advised that a terrace of modest dwellings set on a similar arrangement to the existing pair of cottages may be appropriate.

DC/13/0393: STABLES OPPOSITE BRIMAR, THE STREET: CHANGE OF USE TO RIDING ESTABLISHMENT

SCDC had advised the applicant that they did not have planning permission, and of the outstanding information which was still required to resolve the matter.

SINKS PIT

SCC had contacted SCDC about the operating hours of an aggregate business at the site.

IPSWICH POLICY AREA GROUP

The Chairman of the Group had advised that, although Little Bealings was included in the area, the purpose of the Group was to discuss such issues as socio-economic trends and traffic infrastructure and it was not intended to allocate housing from the Borough to District parishes.

SCDC SITE SPECIFIC POLICY REVIEW

The sites put forward for housing development in the parish (the former Grove Farm buildings and the Manor Farm site) had both been rejected by SCC due to the lack of footways.

HIGHWAYS

HALL ROAD CROSSROADS

SCC was contacting BT about the positions of the green boxes.

FLOODING IN THE STREET

It was considered that this was much worse than in previous years and the Environment Agency would be asked to consider if it was a result of a lack of dredging of the river.

TREES IN THE STREET

Two leaning trees would be reported to SCC.

FOOTPATHS

FP3 had suffered subsidence, which had been reported to SCC.

20 mph SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

County Councillor Peter Bellfield had advised that SCC Cabinet was soon to consider a new 20mph policy as a result of a new impetus to lower the speed of rural traffic.

POLICE

PCSO Moss was unavailable to attend the meeting. There had been no recorded crime in the parish during September or October.

FINANCE

The budget for 2015/16 was approved, with no increase in the precept. There was a requirement to show a contingency sum of £641 in case of a Parish Council election next May. £100 had been included as a 'Locality Charity Budget' for those charities able to show that they are active in parish. Please advise the Clerk if you are aware of a charity which meets this criteria. Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses and PAYE.

PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

SCDC was urging Parish Councils to

encourage a diversity of backgrounds and talents and promote Parish Council elections to be held in 2015.

District Councillor Tony Fryatt had advised that one of the three District Councillors who would represent the new SCDC Woodbridge ward would be specifically responsible for the rural parishes included in it.

NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 5 January 2015. During the first 15 minutes of all Council meetings the public are welcome to raise any matters of concern with Councillors. The public may also speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item.

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

*Carol Ramsden - Clerk
01473 610088*

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VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

In Little Bealings

Little Bealings Parish Council is keen to co-opt a new councillor following the resignation of Toni Cornish.

For more information about the role of a councillor visit:

<http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide/file>

Please contact the Clerk if you are interested in joining the parish council

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Christmas Services 2014

SUNDAY 14th 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT

8.00	Holy Communion-Shared Service	Grundisburgh
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PLAYFORD

PLAYFORD CHURCH NEWS

As winter approaches any work on the outside of the church becomes problematical. Even the simple task of keeping the grass cut and the grounds neat and tidy are jobs that are very weather dependent. Even so, some things still have to be done. Two weeks ago we arranged for a building firm to inspect the church roof, especially the capping stones that had been highlighted in the quinquennial report. So on a breezy Tuesday morning our intrepid church surveyor found himself with a builder atop a "cherry picker" tapping, banging and generally giving a 'good looking at' the church roof. I had hoped that it would be generally good news. But it was not to be and work needs to be done. However it will have to wait until the spring when more favourable conditions will exist. A précis of the interim report is produced here so that everyone is aware of what is involved.

1: West gable wall: the flint work is in good order, but the capping's are very loose, especially on the north side, and the gable cross is both loose and broken (shattered). One stone on the top of the North West buttress is also in poor condition.

2: East Gable (limited access): this all seems to be fairly tight, but the flint facing on the north end of the east wall is hollow, probably due to previous water penetration, but does not need urgent repair.

3: Crossing wall between nave and chancel: inspected both sides from the platform and ladders. There is an old dated repair (1897) on the south side which has become detached. A structural stitch needs to be incorporated here and some flint core and face work rebuilt. North side

appears to be in better condition. The wall is out of plumb and is irregularly level at the midpoint but it appears to have been built/repared like this.

4: Vestry north upstand gable: the York stone capping's sound, although they appear to be poorly bedded from ground level. The gable cross is a little loose and recommend rebidding.

It is anticipated that the building work will cost between £6000 and £8000.

On another note, as we draw ever nearer to Christmas, may I remind you of the opportunities to sponsor the floodlighting of the church during the Christmas period? For those of you that have never experienced the magic of going up to the church when it is floodlit at night I strongly recommend it. Especially if it is raining, it is glorious. Additionally, many thanks to all those who have supported the scheme over the past twelve months, without you there would be no lights. Any information you may require on this subject please contact our 'Leading Light' Veronica Bunbury on 01473 623366 or e-mail vronx@btinternet.com Let there be light this Christmas.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

27th October – sponsored by Hilary Legard in memory of her Great Uncle, Captain G. Bruce Legard of 1st Battalion, Queen's Own First Royal West Kent Regiment, 13 Brigade, 5th Division. Killed 27th October 1914 during the Battles of La Bassee. Buried in Cabaret Rouge Cemetery, Souchez, France.

1st November – sponsored by Brian Buckles to celebrate the birthday of his grandson, Ricky. A Very Happy Birthday Ricky with love from Grandpa

Brian and Wendy.

4th November – sponsored by the Bunburys

11th November (Tuesday) - Armistice Day

15th November – sponsored by the Family of the late Jose Booker. To remember a much loved Mum, Nanny and Great Nanny on what would have been her 90th Birthday.

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage
Tel: 01473 623366 or email: vronx@btinternet.com

NB if the request is for the same day or at very short notice, it is advisable to telephone, or ring the doorbell if posting a request, to ensure that Veronica will be at home to switch on the lights.

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford's Parish Council meeting held 5th Nov 2014. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

ACTION POINT REVIEW

We are still awaiting new grit bins for Butts Road to replace the smashed ones – they have been promised by this winter. Also still awaiting repairs to Byway19 and a report from Highways on it. Blocked drain in Church Lane has been fixed. Build-up of silt in road near Clematis Cottage has now been cleared. Safety issue reported re ponies & riders entering Butts Road from FP halfway up hill to the north – alternative routes suggested as an interim measure. FP no 8 to Lt Bealings school needs clearing again – this has been reported twice. The general state of the footpaths is giving rise for concern and Peter Bellfield's assistance will be sought to try to resolve this matter.

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

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor, Peter Bellfield unable to attend due to illness but reported via clerk that Education in Suffolk is now back on track and that an extra £10m has been allocated to better Broadband coverage.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor, Steven Hudson reported that SCDC had successfully passed the annual audit and that plans were afoot to move premises in the near future although the precise location was as yet undisclosed until contracts had been signed.

POLICE REPORT

PCSO Sally Thomas sent apologies for absence. There were no crimes reported in the last two months but one report of harassment was received

FINANCE

Cheques were authorised to SCS for an extra wheelie bin, to HMRC for tax on clerk's salary, Old Parsonage for grass cutting services, Joan Metcalfe was reimbursed for signs for the field gates at the village hall & an engraved plaque for the new bench on the Green, Clerk's expenses were paid and a cheque issued for the new grit bin.

This year's budget is on track and 2015's budget will be agreed at the next meeting in January.

Online banking is now being used and a change to the Financial Standing Orders was sanctioned to enable the clerk to set up payments to herself if necessary or to another authorised signatory as long as these had been previously agreed at a meeting and were recorded in the minutes. It was unanimously agreed to add Tim Llewellyn as an additional signatory to the Bank account.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A table of items to be considered on a regular basis has been drawn up and these will be reviewed by councillors. They include the state of the playing field, car park, glass recycling area,

footpaths and trees.

LAIS1367 – CHANGES TO RIGHTS OF WAY

The pathway from C330 across the field to C3311 is as yet unregistered. The clerk will enquire as to the procedure involved.

OTHER MATTERS

We have now received funds from the Enabling Communities budget for refurbishment of the notice board, the new bench and new grit bin on the village triangle. It is hoped that a favourable reply will soon be given from the Outdoor Playspace Scheme with regard to the basket ball net & post for the playing field.

Quotes have been received for re-painting white railings on the river bridge but satisfactory results of an analysis of paint samples must first be processed before a go ahead can be given.

A plan of parking places at the village hall has been drawn up to indicate the bays so that parking in front of the field gates does not occur again – it was agreed to purchase a Brake/Glass kit for the key to the gates for emergency use.

Dates for 2015 meetings have been agreed and will be published on the village website soon.

AOB

Thanks go to Sam Webber for offering to remove the rotting logs from the playing field.

The village sign is still undergoing renovation – it is taking longer than anticipated due to extensive rot, but we hope to have it reinstalled soon.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Weds 14th January 2015 at 7.00pm

Marian Rosling – Clerk 01473 738648

e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

website: www.playford.org.uk

THANK YOU SAM.

A vote of thanks from Playford village is due to Sam Webber and his friends who very kindly removed those rotting logs lying alongside the boules piste on the Village Hall playing field. Sam gave up a good part of his Saturday to accomplish this and we are all very grateful not least the boules players who were finding their pitch covered in rotting pieces of wood every time they wanted to play.

CULPHO

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CHANGES TO HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

It is with a sense of sadness to report that the Holy Communion Services will be reduced to one each month. The Service will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. with effect from the 3rd December, 2014. We are however, hopeful that the situation may improve but at present it is not viable or practicable to maintain the present level of services due to a decline in the congregation.

Wednesday worship is taken from the Book of Common Prayer, is half an hour in duration, and you would be made very welcome if you could join us.

SPONSORED LIGHTS

The lights were sponsored by Shirley and John Grey on the 24th October, 1st November and the 5th November to celebrate the birthdays of their Grandchildren, Joe, Ruby and Danielle.

On the 11th November the lights were lit by Margaret and Peter Gornall to remember those who lost their lives in both World Wars and to honour Culpho as a 'Thankful' Village.

The lights will be lit again on the 18th December in memory of the birthday of Margaret's Mother.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

The annual service will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday 14th December. We are fortunate to have the Benefice Choir in attendance and if you are able to come along you will be made very welcome to share in the celebration of this important occasion in the Church calendar.

There will be no Evensong service on the 21st December.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Churchwardens, Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall, and all members of the Parochial Church Council send sincere greetings to all residing in the Village and to members of the Church community for a peaceful Christmas and a successful New Year.

Grateful thanks are also extended in appreciation of the support you have shown throughout the year and to all those who kindly provide flowers for the Church we say a big 'thank you'.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH DIARY - DECEMBER

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY 3rd 10.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 7th **2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT**
 8.00 Holy Communion **Little Bealings**
 10.00 Songs of Praise **Great Bealings**

SUNDAY 14th **3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT**
 8.00 Holy Communion- Shared Service **Grundisburgh**
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CHURCH DIARY - JANUARY

SUNDAY 4th

EPIPHANY

	8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00	Eucharist with Hymns	Great Bealings
WEDNESDAY 7th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho

SUNDAY 11th

BAPTISM of CHRIST

	8.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Playford

SUNDAY 18th

2nd SUNDAY of EPIPHANY

	8.00	Holy Communion- shared service	Grundisburgh
	10.00	Family Communion	Little Bealings
	3.00	Evensong	Culpho

SUNDAY 25th

CONVERSION of PAUL

	8.00	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Choral Matins	Great Bealings

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY 1st

PRESENTATION of CHRIST in the TEMPLE

	8.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00	Choral Morning Prayer	Playford

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

GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME - Services for those with Mobility Problems

This local Scheme is now up and running. If you need help with things like:

- lifts especially to doctors' surgeries and hospital appointments
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phone 01473 857796 and leave a message – someone will call you back.

For those who need regular transport, the Coastal Accessible Transport Service is a charity which provides lifts. Tel 01728 830516 for details.

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

The Police Direct scheme sends phone messages/texts/emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at <http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/Welcome+to+police+direct.htm> or phone 01473 613997.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

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In an emergency contact the police.

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

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

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

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

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH First 3 Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 07729310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Nigel Abbott 611005
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Slim 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	07809594685
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		Margaret Wilson 07769195132
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar 7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985
WOLSEY MINIATURES	VH Tue (4th in month) 7.30	Tricia Pitcher 624580

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	Mary Spillett 01394 385295
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	07809594685
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat Mon, Wed Fri	Dairy Crest 747272 Co-op Dairies
NEWSPAPERS		Grange News 01394 384082
NOTICE BOARD	PH See for art, bridge & social events	
PARISH HALL BOOKING		Lesley Nash 07759 308856
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
WI	PH Tue (1st in month)	Sue Bruce 738265
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
	PH Thu evening 'Yoga for Mums'	J Lawrence 738104

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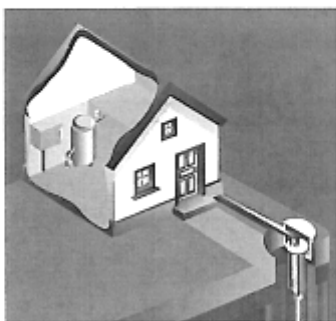




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Tuesday 20th January.

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CHURCH DIARY

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