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FEBRUARY 2012

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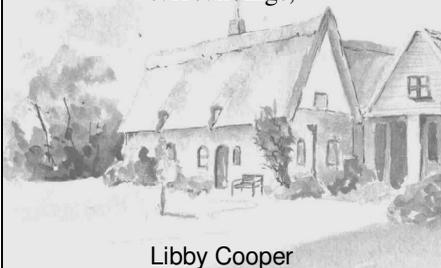
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Our thought for the month comes from Norman Porter this time. You will be used to reading his contribution as Great Bealings churchwarden and I am sure that you will find his contribution interesting.

Please don't forget that if you would like a visit from either me or one of our ministry team it is helpful if you contact us - one of the Elders or Pauline. Our details are on the front page of this magazine. If you are unable to make it to church I am always willing to bring Holy Communion to your home. Again please ask.

Pauline

What's the point of Churchwardens? I ask this question as a churchwarden and on behalf of all the churchwardens in our Benefice, at a time when the election of Churchwardens for 2012 is imminent, and when those who take on responsibility for looking after our churches have to decide whether or not they wish to continue to discharge the responsibilities laid upon them. This they agree to do at a special service, when they take the oath faithfully to carry out their duties for the coming year. In an age when, according to one survey at least, 50% of the population no longer consider themselves to be Christian, it would be interesting to gather together answers to this blunt opening question from people in our villages. What are churchwardens for? Do we need them?

As a linguist, let me go for the etymological answer first. When the Normans came over in 1066 they weren't very good at pronouncing French "g" s. As a consequence the "g"s became "w"s. So "guerre" became "war", "Guillaume" became "William", and yes, "gardien" – metamorphosed into "warden". So essentially wardens *guard* the church, and are answerable to the bishop for doing so with all due diligence. That means protecting the church from physical damage –keeping an eye open for vandals and thieves. Did you realise that it is a criminal offence in common law, punishable by fine or imprisonment, to strike any person in a church or churchyard? Or that a churchwarden may ar-

rest anyone involved in riotous, violent or indecent behaviour on the premises?

The churchwarden is also responsible for protecting the fabric of the church from the ravages of time. Given that some of these beautiful buildings are several centuries old, that is a daunting and expensive task. Churchwardens are not exactly free agents. The Church of England likes things to be done in a certain sort of way, ensuring a kind of corporate identity, and making sure that maverick churchwardens don't go about their task in an eccentric manner. As a consequence many major repairs, and, certainly structural innovations, are subject to the full force of the law, which asserts itself in the requirement for PCCs to obtain Faculties (i.e. legal permission) for certain jobs to be carried out. Whenever a new toilet facility, kitchen facilities, sound system, better heating etc appear, you can be sure that this comes at the end of a long paper trail. Churchwardens will have been fully involved in this process. Insofar as our benefice churches have enjoyed modernisation, this is the work of your PCCs and Churchwardens. We can but hope that parishioners approve of the developments, and find our churches more welcoming as a consequence.

Rather less tangible is the responsibility of churchwardens to be the guardians of local history. Insofar as this IS tangible, it involves keeping the records of weddings, burials, the position of graveyards etc. This is required by law. Such

records are subject to inspection by Archdeacons. This involvement in record-keeping is something which pushes churchwardens into the mainstream of village history, and makes them feel responsible for continuity in the community. Inevitably it involves the past. It also means preserving the present for the benefit of posterity. You would be amazed at the number of inquiries that reach us from people researching their family history, or hunting for grave sites, or coming back to rediscover their roots. It is the human side of the job.

So - being guardians means that churchwardens are responsible for keeping out villains, ensuring appropriate behaviour, protecting and improving the fabric and keeping records. Conversely, in our increasingly secular age, the job also brings with it the implicit responsibility to ensure that parishioners and visitors are welcomed within the church, and encouraged to support it.

They are responsible both for keeping OUT undesirables and for encouraging IN everybody else. Along with the parish priest, they have the responsibility to ensure that the role and function of the church within the community, over many centuries and through to the present day, is understood and valued. In many ways, that is the greatest challenge.

And that, in a very small nutshell, is just a start. There is a Handbook for Churchwardens that fills almost 150 pages, so one brief article barely scratches the surface. But do remember that Churchwardens are elected by the whole community and not just the PCC. It is worth thinking quite hard about candidates when it comes to election time. And don't forget that a church without a churchwarden is subject to closure by the Diocese. Perhaps there is some point to Churchwardens after all.

Norman Porter

BENEFICE

LENT COURSE WITH BISHOP NIGEL

The Woodbridge Deanery is very fortunate to have its biannual Lent course conducted by Bishop Nigel this year. There will be 5 sessions starting on Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm. Venue is St John's Church Woodbridge. Please do encourage each other to attend and share lifts where appropriate.

BISHOP NIGEL'S VISIT TO PLAYFORD

Grateful thanks to Bishop Nigel who came and celebrated the morning Eucharist at Playford on New Year's Day at short notice because I was unwell. I am glad to say that I am now fully recovered.

Pauline

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

. . . . to Lester Firkins from Playford who was awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to medical research.

See pg18/19 for details of talk to be given to Playford WI—Ed

POLITE NOTICE FROM BEALINGS SCHOOL

We would ask all dog owners using the footpath outside All Saints Church to kindly clear up after their dogs. There has been an on-going problem of dog fouling in this area and children have been walking through it and taking it into the school. This is so unnecessary and can easily be rectified by the owner.

With many thanks

*Anne Catchpole
Parent Governor*

FEBRUARY READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

5th February

OT Lesson 10.00am only
NT lesson 8.00am/10.00am
Gospel 8.00am/10.00am

3rd Sunday before Lent

Isaiah 40.21-31 Green
 1 Corinthians 9.16-23 RCL pg. 480
 Mark 1.29-39

12th February

OT Lesson 10.00am only
NT lesson 8.00 am/10.00 am
Gospel 8.00am/10.00am

2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8.1,22-31 Green
 Colossians 1.15-20 RCL pg. 497
 John 1.1-14

19th February

OT Lesson 10.00am/3 p m
NT lesson 8am / 10.00am
Gospel 8.00am/10.00am/3 p m

Sunday next before Lent

2 Kings 2.1-12 Green
 Corinthians 4.3-6 RCL pg. 500
 Mark 9.2-9

22nd February

OT Lesson 10.30am
Gospel

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 Purple
 Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21 RCL pg. 97

26th February

NT lesson 8.00am only
Gospel 8.00am/10am

1st Sunday of Lent

1 Peter 3.18-22 Purple
 Mark 1.9-15 RCL pg. 508

4th March

OT Lesson 10.00am only
NT Lesson 8.00am/10.00am
Gospel 8.00am/10.00am

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16 Purple
 Romans 4.13-25 RCL pg.510
 Mark 8.31-38

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

20th December Ken Yule Cremation Great Bealings

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL NEWS

SOUP LUNCHES

A special thank-you to everyone who supported the Advent Soup Lunches as, for a variety of reasons, there were not as many 'diners' as on previous occasions.

LENT SOUP LUNCHES

On Wednesdays in Lent starting on February 29th, homemade soup and bread will be served between 12.30---1.30pm. All profits are donated to charity.

FOOD SAFETY & CATERING COURSE [Level 2]

This will be held on Thursday 20th. March from 10.00am - 4.00pm. This qualification is necessary if you prepare or serve food to the general public.

Course fee is £35 per head. Places are limited so please contact Margaret Gornall 01728 747608 or Vicki Carr 01473 620213 asap

TABLE TOP SALE

Would anyone like to be involved if one was organized before Easter? Please contact 01473 620213

Vicki Carr

BEALINGS

BYAT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

IT'S PANTOMIME TIME!

Oh No it Isn't - I hear you say - Oh YES IT IS!
For the first time we are putting on a pantomime in Bealings

CINDERELLA

but not exactly as you may know it

With a cast of over 30 this well-known pantomime will take many twists and turns, involving Widow Swankey, Voldevort's evil brother, Mouldywort, the King & Queen of Hearts, the Ugly Sisters, a Troop of fairies (Yes I mean Troop!) Not 1 but 2 Princes and a host of other characters, some of whom you may even recognise, especially Cinderella and her adoring Buttons. Some 16 songs will be performed, some by the audience. This is a pantomime with a magical ending - ooh and I nearly forgot, a master class in the art of custard pie throwing - volunteer targets from the audience appreciated (Only kidding!).

So check your diaries, come in Fancy Dress and join in Cinderella's Ball - you may win a prize! When does this happen?

Saturday - 7.30 p.m. and Sunday 6.00 p.m.
10th and 11th March
Bealings Village Hall

Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment - Adults £6 12 yrs. and under £3
Telephone Box Office 01473 735153

Roger Roseboom

BEALINGS WI

The scene was set at Bealings Village Hall for an unpredictable afternoon – so said the guest speaker, Mick Lacey. Everyone was seated in a large semi-circle facing into the hall, some catching a glimpse of the tea set out at the opposite end. This was the Poetry Karaoke lead by Mick, Marian, Madge and Steve, all members of Grundisburgh Amateur Dramatic Society (GADS), who took a journey through a diverse collection of works by well-known and not so well-known poets with members invited to add their favourites. Famous names – John Betjeman, Robert Burns, Rupert Brooke, Edward Thomas, G.K. Chesterton and William McGonagall and many others. Closer to home and the work of a Sevenoaks WI member with an amusing poem “On Joining the WI”. Finally, a mass recitation of William Wordsworth’s “Daffodils”. An afternoon of something completely different and enormous fun and the tea was delicious

TOOLS WITH A MISSION

Never was the arrival of a TWAM collection van more welcome than when it called at Little Bealings to pick up a large quantity of fabric, sewing machines, hundreds of paired knitting needles, buttons, zips and even a dressmaker’s dummy! This was the response to Bealings WI’s Fabric Collection Day held at the Angela Cobbold Hall. It is hoped to continue this support by making more squares for blankets (knit or crocheted). Help is always very welcome.

To those who brought fabric and haberdashery items – thank you.

Jennifer Cook Secretary

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Saturday 3rd March 2012

7.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Quizmaster: Eric Barnett

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THE BEALINGS ANNUAL PLANT SALE
SATURDAY APRIL 21ST
BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL
10.00AM - 12 NOON

Just 12 weeks to the Plant Sale, so time to get those surplus plants and cuttings, which did not get planted in the Autumn, sorted and labelled. Please nurture them well and we will be pleased to receive them for the Sale. All details in the March issue of the Benefice magazine

Norman Porter and Paddy Bills

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

We emerge from a very busy Christmas period into a gloomy, more frosty, January. Our Christmas services were very well attended, with the size of congregations seeming to demonstrate how the values inherent in the Christmas story have not been totally eclipsed by the materialism of the age we live in. Perhaps, indeed, this time of relative austerity and recession has helped to focus on some of the less material benefits that we are able to enjoy.

LOOKING BACK.....

December was a busy month. Our Carol Service, coming on the Sunday before Christmas Day, was well attended, while the Family Service on Christmas morning saw a packed church, with many family friends and visitors swelling the congregation. Our thanks once again to all those whole Christmas flower arrangements added to the festive ambiance.

KEN YULE:1925-2011

We are sorry to report the death of Ken Yule in December, followed by the funeral on December 20th in St Mary's. Until illness forced him to give up, Ken had been fully involved in supporting the church, having served as Churchwar-

den, server, sidesman, handyman, and, even, Flower Arranger. He had been a committed Christian from a very young age.

Ken was a Londoner, but in 1987 he and Dorothy moved to the country in retirement to enjoy the benefits of a large garden. Previously he had served in the war as a signaller, taking in the Italian and Greek campaigns. Here he had acquired the skills which fitted him for work with the then GPO, as a telephone engineer near Covent Garden. He met his wife Dorothy through her being a switchboard operator on the same premises and they were married in 1952. They were just one year short of celebrating their diamond wedding. For his 80th birthday Ken, with Dorothy, had taken a trip in a hot air balloon, and he had also in his latter years had a ride on a skidoo and on a sledge pulled by huskies. He also, conversely, had an abiding interest in poetry, and had dozens of poetry books on his bookshelves.

Illness had sadly taken its toll over the last 2/3 years, with the result that Ken had had to move to a special home to receive appropriate care. We now pay warm tribute to a truly Christian gentleman and thank him for all that he did for

St Mary's. We offer our sincere condolences to Dorothy and the other family members. It was perhaps poignantly ironic that Ken, for many years the decorator of our Christmas tree, should have passed away in the Christmas period, and that his funeral should have taken place with the Yule Christmas Tree standing guard during the service, having been presented to the church by Dorothy.

PCC MEETING 14TH DECEMBER

Significant points emerging were:

- There had been two incidents of damage to property: the Shed, and the Notice Board. Repairs had been promptly carried out. The Car Park continues to attract unwanted visitors. Measures were considered as to how we might protect the area better. We enjoy this facility thanks to John and Ann Nesling who work hard to maintain it in good condition. As ever, we urge everyone to remain vigilant to potential intruders.
- A Fabric sub-committee will be set up under the chairmanship of Charles Barrington. The main task is to look at the implications of the latest Quinquennial Inspection and to prioritise the recommendations for repairs.
- It was proposed that there should be an "audit" of trees for which the PCC is responsible, to ensure that no dangers are lurking.
- The Friends of Great Bealings Church and the Parish Council will jointly be organising an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The likely date is **Monday June 4th**.
- Our Treasurer, Adrian Melrose, reported that we had met our commitments for 2011, and that income from the launch of "Friends of Great Bealings Church" had produced significant improvements in income. However, only half of our budgeted expenditure for 2012 is covered by regular giving, so further fund-raising will be needed. Funds will need to come from the Village Fete, the Plant Sale, another

cricket match and from concerts yet to be arranged.

LOOKING FORWARD

The village Progressive supper will be taking place this coming weekend, Saturday February 4th.

Do please support the inaugural AGM of the Friends of the Church on Thursday March 8th in the ACH. New supporters and new ideas very welcome.

HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

Publication of this long-overdue volume is imminent. The previous History, some 30/40 years old, has been out of print for some time. The new volume has been significantly updated, includes recent developments and names associated with those developments, as well as being in full colour and richly illustrated. We do urge all residents of Great Bealings to read carefully the insert in this month's Magazine, and to respond positively, so as to ensure that the new History can be a publication of real quality and one which will reflect well on the church and on the village for many years to come.

CHURCHYARD

All is dormant. Apart from the moles and rabbits.

We try to sift out the various categories of rubbish into appropriate bins located down by the shed, so do please help us by ensuring that rubbish is appropriate to the bin. These bins are taken up to the roadside emptied according to the local rota.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

See below for a full report - a cheque for £171-75 was sent to EACH and the receipt is posted in the church porch. Such was the success of the evening that we wonder whether we ought to have an additional group next year – a sort of "flying squad" – to ensure that the more outlying properties have a chance to participate.

We acknowledge a great achievement by both singers and donors, and so much in the spirit of Christmas.

Churchwarden

THANK YOU

May I say thank you so much for the numerous letters and cards of sympathy that I received after the loss of Ken. They were so much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the choir for taking part in the service, even though they had to return later that evening for the Carol Service.

My thanks too, to the many friends who attended the funeral service.

Wishing you all a happy new year.

Dorothy Yule

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

A big 'thank you' to everyone who contributed to the carol singing event. Special thanks go to Alison Calvesbert for providing the singers with mince pies and mulled wine. We raised £171.75 in aid of East Anglian Children's Hospices. In the middle of winter, our thoughts inevitably turn to summer! We mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter that the Great Bealings Village Fete will be held on **Saturday 22nd September** at Rosery Farm. We are hoping to create an event that celebrates what village life is all about. In order to make this event a success we need ideas and volunteers to put them into effect. The Committee have had some thoughts (from the sublime to the ridiculous) but we wish to know what you would like to do so that this can, truly, be a village event.

A village meeting is being held on **Thursday 8th March** in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.30 (or 8.00 if you wish to miss the AGM). The meeting will be a forum to talk about the fete and other village events, including a street party to be held on **Monday 4th June**, to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but wish to make suggestions for, or otherwise contribute to, any of the

events, please contact Sue Prentice, Wellington House (01473 738312).

GARDEN BIRD SURVEY Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, Culpho

I am gathering information on bird species found in gardens and/or feeding at bird tables in our four parishes. Year's records for 2011 (species only) and monthly records for 2012 would be useful, including species list and approximate highest number of each species seen at any one time. Many thanks

Please send information to:

*David Dow, 2 Rosery Cottages,
Lower Street, Great Bealings
or email to:*

david_dow @btinternet.com

VILLAGE MEETING

Wednesday 8th March

7.30 - 9.30

Angela Cobbold Hall

**AGM of the Friends of
Great Bealings Church**

Village Fete

Jubilee Street Party

Other village events

Everyone is welcome

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on **28th November 2011**. A full version of the minutes appears on the website.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C/11/5276

Oakhollow Farmhouse, Lodge Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NW
Erection of extensions, swimming pool and garage building.

It was **RESOLVED:**

to support the application and notify SCDC

C/11/2601

Field End, Grundisburgh Road, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6PE
Erection of single-storey extensions.

It was **RESOLVED:**

to support the application and notify SCDC

*Sarah Cartwright – Clerk
01473 621050*

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PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on **10th January 2012**. A full version of the minutes appears on the website:
www.greatbealings.co.uk

PRESENTATION FROM MRS GILLIAN BENJAMIN, SUFFOLK ACRE

Suffolk Acre was a charity formed in 1940 to help with rural affairs such as transport, housing and employment. Mrs Benjamin asked Councillors what they would like to know about Neighbourhood Plans. Initially the Chairman explained that we would like to do one. However, as the presentation went on it became clearer that this might not be the best way for the Parish Council to progress. Namely the cost between £16,000 and £72,000 and also the mere fact that the regulatory process has not yet been determined (“it is difficult to advise on these plans when

government keep changing their mind” Mrs Benjamin said). This put Councillors off. The Chairman asked if it was possible to have some sort of “policy document” at a basic level. Mrs Benjamin said that the Parish Plans have more weight than they did in the past and although planning issues had not been covered in any great depth in the 2009 plan it would be possible to add an addendum to cover those matters. Mrs Benjamin suggested a “Village Review” at an evening meeting when Suffolk ACRE would facilitate for parishioners a discussion of new topics (planning) and a review of existing issues. At the end of the evening there would effectively be a “mini” Parish Plan with identified issues to be studied further by focus groups. She thought such an approach was very beneficial and would give parishioners time to decide if they did want to do a Neighbourhood Plan.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
Queen’s Jubilee: It is proposed to hold a Street Party on Monday, 4th June on the Grundisburgh Road section of the village. A programme for the day will be published. It is intended to make the event self-financing.

REPORT BY TONY FRYATT

Mr Tony Fryatt reported that we will know more about the Off Shore Wind Farm and underground cable route in February when Phase two of the consultation process takes place.

REPORT BY POLICE

PC Justin Moss reported that there have been two crimes since the last meeting; burglary of a dwelling and burglary of an outbuilding.

WIND TURBINE – GREAT BEALINGS

Mr Sadler reported that he has organised a meeting with Ibeco for 2nd February with the aim of firming up the details of how Ibeco might initially fund the proposal if there is support for it. The draft proposal could then be put to the public.

HIGHWAYS

Mr Paul Norris reported that the traffic calming proposals in Boot Street, i.e.

the solar-powered sign and white-lining are set to be implemented in June this year. The Chairman thanked Mr Norris for all his hard work.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C/11/2826

ROSEY FARMHOUSE, LODGE ROAD, GREAT BEALINGS, WOODBRIDGE, IP13 6NW

(i) Retrospective planning for: change of use of barn from Agricultural to Home Office (pre-existing annex) and in respect of main barn change of use to combined domestic storage and ancillary use to Rosery Farm House and Rosery Farm.

(ii) Change of use of land to the west and north of the Barn to residential curtilage, retention of decking area and erection of greenhouse.

(iii) Retention of, and continuation of, Willow Fencing on existing curtilage wall.

Councillors raised no objection to this application.

FINANCE

Reporting/authorisation of cheques

Cheques were written for the village hall security lighting, hire of the committee room and hire of the Angela Cobbold Hall.

Subject to one small amendment the budget for 2012 – 2013 was formally adopted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

13th March 2012

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and will commence at 7.00 pm in the Angela Cobbold Hall. The main topic of the evening will be the Parish Plan review. Mrs Gillian Benjamin will be invited to attend. Please come along.

Sarah Cartwright – Clerk

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LITTLE BEALINGS

LET THERE BE LIGHT

Thanks to the Wilson Family of The Grove for illuminating the church on Christmas Day.

For the feast of light which we enjoyed in the second half of December and well into January, we are indebted to the very generous sponsor Mrs Jean Perkins of Dedham. The floodlights were installed in 1989 in memory of her husband Robert Perkins CBE.

Celebrate your special days or memories with a floodlit church bringing so much pleasure. A £5.00 note or cheque payable to Little Bealings PCC will work the magic.

On Thursday January 11th the lights shone in loving memory of Geoff Field, former husband of Joan, proud father of Sally, Mike and Alan, proud grandfather of Tom and George.

Parkside Cottage, Little Bealings 01473 626845

Joan Moon

PANCAKE SUPPER

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18TH
7.00PM**

Tickets are now on sale for the annual Pancake Supper to be held on Saturday 18 February at the Angela Cobbold Hall 7.00pm.

There will be savoury and sweet pancakes with delicious fillings. There will be a raffle and a quiz to keep you going while the food is under preparation! Soft drinks provided or bring your own wine.

Tickets £6 (children £4.50)

Contact Paddy Bills 01473 610219. or email paddybills@gmail.com or put your name on the list at the back of the church and I will make sure you get your tickets

*Paddy Bills
churchwarden*

SOS

"We few, we happy few" This is an SOS as we few are getting fewer! Our small church needs t.l.c. not just for Sunday services but to keep it fresh and welcoming for visitors, during the week, who are delighted to find it open and obviously cherished.

You do not have to be a churchgoer, just someone who cares and with some time, however small, to spare. You can "adopt" a corner or area and select your own time, regularly or when the mood takes you.

If you feel able to assist please give me a call on 01473 626845 to discuss details.

Joan Moon

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Little Bealings Parish Council Meetings held on **2 December 2011 and 9 January 2012**

HIGH RIGG, MARTLESHAM ROAD

During the period of public participation before the meeting the Parish Council advised that, in view of this property being outside the village physical limits boundary and bearing in mind environmental and traffic issues, it did not support development of this site and would rather see the replacement of the property with one new family home.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

There were continuing concerns from two residents about the speed of traffic along Martlesham Road and the safety of the Hall Road crossroads. It was agreed that PC Wright would give further consideration to identifying a location for speed monitoring on the road, making participation in a Community Speed Watch Scheme a possibility.

DESIGNATION OF SINKS PIT AS CONTAMINATED LAND

SCDC had advised that it had met with SCC, the owners of the land, and SCC was preparing a Remediation Statement

setting out what would be done to address the designation. Any residents with concerns should contact George Onuoha SCDC Contaminated Land officer on 01394 444267 or george.onuoha@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk

COMMUNITY WIND TURBINE FOR BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

It was noted that the VHMC did not intend to pursue a turbine in Holly Lane any further.

SECURITY LIGHT AT BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

The light had been installed and was fully operational. The invoice had been paid, with the Village Hall meeting the cost of a 24 hour timer and isolation switch. It was noted that Great Bealings PC had now agreed that it would meet 50% of the funding shortfall for the project (i.e. 87.32p).

POLICE

PC Wright reported that there had been one crime in the parish since the last meeting: theft of a generator from a building site.

NO COLD CALLING ZONE (NCCZ)

It was noted that a NCCZ was a specific geographical area within which local residents had identified that they did not want visits from unsolicited or 'cold' callers. The core purpose in setting up a NCCZ was crime prevention, reduction or reducing the fear of crime. It was noted that, while there were some vulnerable residents in the parish, there was doubt as to whether the parish would meet the criteria for establishing a zone and no established demand for it at present. PC Wright agreed to investigate and advise the Council further. If you would like your part of the parish designated a No Cold Calling Zone please advise the Clerk as soon as possible. More details are available at:

<http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/BusinessAndConsumer/TradingStandards/>

DOG FOULING ON FOOTPATHS

It was noted that there was a dog fouling problem on the footpath behind the School, and SCDC had been asked to erect signs to remind dog walkers that dog fouling was an offence. As the problem is not restricted to the School footpath please would all dog walkers ensure they clear up after their dogs on all paths in the parish.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk ACRE advised the Council of the process for producing a Neighbourhood Plan. The process was complex and expensive and, as the Council did not wish to promote development in the parish, was not considered to be of benefit. As it was now known that SCDC's LDF would be in place before any proposed National Planning Policy Framework was operative, there was no longer a danger that a presumption in favour of sustainable development would leave Little Bealings vulnerable to development. As a Local Service Centre the parish was protected from significant development by the LDF. It was agreed that Mr Carr would attend Great Bealings Parish Council on 10 January as a Planning Policy officer from SCDC would be present and the relevance of a Neighbourhood Plan to the future development of the parish could be established. It was also agreed that further consideration would be given to carrying out a Village Review. This would provide a refresh of the Parish Plan and renew the Council's remit in respect of development in the parish. It would be more appropriate and cost effective than producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

District Councillor Tony Fryatt also advised that SCDC was considering the planning powers given to Town and Parish Councils in the Localism Act and would issue advice in due course.

EAST ANGLIAN OFFSHORE WIND FARM

It was noted that the Infrastructure Planning Commission had approved the pre-application documents and would determine the full application in due course. It was not yet possible to register to comment on the application - see

*http://
infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/
projects/eastern/east-anglia-offshore-
windfarm/*

- but SCDC would advise once the public consultation period started and which of the two routes through the parish the applicants had chosen. More information is also available at *www.eastangliawind.com*

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

C/11/2433 - Little Bealings House, Martlesham Road – Installation of ground mounted solar photovoltaic system on grassed area sited on edge of residential curtilage

It was noted that this application, which the Council had supported, had been approved by SCDC.

C11/2232 – Blewbury, Playford Road – Erection of first floor extension, one and a half storey rear extension and detached cart lodge/garage block

It was noted that SCDC had approved this development.

C11/2768 Land Adjacent to Wychwood, Martlesham Road – Erection of one dwelling and garage together with construction of new vehicular access

The Council resolved to object to this application on the grounds that the site was outside the village physical limits boundary, there would be light pollution across the Fynn Valley and more traffic would be generated on Martlesham Road. Concerns about site clearance work already being undertaken would be raised with SCDC.

C/12/0006 – Finches Hill, The Street – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a swimming pool enclosure

SCDC would be advised that the Council was not in a position to whether plan-

ning permission was required but, as it had stated in respect of application C10/0554, the Council objected strongly to the swimming pool and enclosure on the grounds it was too large, out of keeping with the surroundings and too prominent in the landscape.

NOISE DISTURBANCE AT SUNFIELD FARM

SCDC Planning Enforcement had advised that it is investigating this matter and will report to the Council in due course. Complaint Record Forms need to be returned to SCDC for the Environmental Protection Team to investigate.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

It was agreed that this would be held at 7pm on Monday 5 March in the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall. Any local group who would like to give a report on their year's activities is invited to contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

FINANCE

There had been no income. A cheque was signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses.

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

It was agreed not to erect any beacon in the parish, but to investigate whether any tree planting or the creation of a copse or managed woodland could be undertaken to celebrate the Jubilee.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Council will meet next on 5 March in the Angela Cobbold Memorial Hall immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. Future meetings will be on 14 May 2012 (Annual Parish Council meeting), 2 July 2012, 3 September 2012, 12 November 2012, 7 January 2013 and 4 March 2013 (Annual Parish Meeting). Other meetings will be arranged as necessary to respond to planning application consultations.

All regular Parish Council meetings start at 7.30pm and are held in the Village

Hall Committee Room. 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.

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00 PM MONDAY 5th MARCH

ANGELA COBBOLD MEMORIAL HALL

All Little Bealings parishioners are invited to take part in the **Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting** and hear of the Council's activities over the last year.

Community Groups are also welcome to give a report on their activities over the last year at the meeting – please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available by kind permission at the Admiral's Head pub.

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PLAYFORD

ST MARY'S

We are hoping that nearly everyone had a good Christmas, loss is sad at any time but around what may have been a magical time it is maybe a little more poignant. One of my friends lost their mum last year at Christmas and another this year; what do we say.....anything I would say even the words "I do not know what to say" shows we care. Bishop Nigel in his sermon at Grundisburgh talked about vocation and calling in the many ways. I for one looked around me and thought about the callings that people have. Pat, my friend's mum, along with her husband Dave fostered hundreds of children over a 42 year period. Pat did not actively attend church every week, but believed and had, what I would call, a true calling. She gave more than she ever took which showed in the turnout in her community. I hope as a village we can show that harmony and support, that we can support Diana and Philip in their calling, Bishop Nigel most certainly gave me a nudge.

Our Posada again was great; talking to Liz our posse of sheep is ever growing! The flowers in the church were great. At the Carol Service we even upped our numbers by a bat! The Crib Service in Playford was well attended and our young readers did very well. Thank you to all our angels, kings, shepherds and to our splendid Mary and Joseph. A note of thanks must be added for our angel Gabriel who many have noted did a most splendid job of flapping wings!

Any offers of help in cleaning or doing the flowers would be most welcome and thank you to all who continue to help to keep St Mary's going.

The Village carol singing was very well attended this year and I thank Gill Peck and those of you joined us out and about. A big thank you to those of you

who gave so generously; we collected £112.00 for the church. Very special thanks also to Mr Charles Lofts and his team who provided very welcome refreshments.

It is lovely to see the church lit up and if you have a special occasion or even just want to help support the church please see details in the parish magazine about the church lights. Thanks to Veronica who so ably co-ordinates this along with the opening and closing of the church.

In closing I hope you have all read Norman's piece about the need for churchwardens. I would like to add that as Churchwardens we need you too. Wishing everyone a belated happy New Year.

*Gina Corani
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

The lights over Christmas were sponsored by Alison Baker and her family and Brian and Anne Seward both of whom responded so generously to my plea for sponsorship and to whom grateful thanks. This meant that we were able to keep the lights on for ten of the 12 days.

Requests for lights to be put on to:

Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage

PLAYFORD WI

Veronica from The Body Shop at Home came to our January meeting and demonstrated some of their products using us as 'Guinea Pigs'. She had a wonderful display of samples for us for us to test and we all went away feeling refreshed and invigorated.

Lester Firkins is the speaker at our meeting on Tuesday 7th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. His subject

is 'Experimental Drug Taking for Everyone'. This is an open meeting and visitors, including gentlemen, are invited to attend at 8.00 p.m. Tea and coffee will be served after the talk.

Liz Royle

PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

There is likely to be a need for new people to become involved in the Parish Council in 2012.

If you think you might be interested please come to a meeting, see what we do and talk to the Councillors.

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PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the Playford Parish Council Meeting held on **4th January 2012**

Mrs Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk ACRE gave a presentation on Neighbourhood Plans. She questioned Playford's suitability for such a plan and advised Councillors that a "Village Review" might be the answer to our questions. These evenings are run by Suffolk ACRE and are tailored to suit the Parish. Reviewing the Parish Plan would be at the forefront of the evening with "Planning" high on the agenda of topics for discussion.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Footpath between Butts Rd and Church Rd

On behalf of the Village, Mr Herrington kindly agreed to complete research to

see whether this path could be "claimed". Once his research is completed, the Parish Council will, if it's supported by evidence, submit a "claim" for this path to be recognised.

Kerbing outside High Meadows

Realignment of the kerbing is scheduled to take place in March. A road closure notice is on the Parish noticeboard.

Footpath 20

A tree has also blown over across FP 20 in the Alder Carr itself between the pond and the exit at the Tuddenham end.

Playing Field Hedge and Planting of Sweet Chestnut Tree

SCS have trimmed the hedge and felled the diseased Horse Chestnut tree (the stump needs to be removed). The logs are now readily available subject to a donation to the Parish funds. Planting the Sweet Chestnut tree that Mrs Judith Dunnett is holding was discussed and it was agreed to inform the Jubilee Committee that the Parish Council is happy for this tree to be planted in the place of the diseased Horse Chestnut and dedicated to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee should they see fit.

Church Lane wide loads & Correcting sat-navs

Church Lane has been logged as unsuitable for HGV's on the website "Correcting sat-navs". This might act as a deterrent.

Brook Lane flooding by bridge and Church Road flooding by playing field entrance

This will be reported to the Highways Department

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Celebrations for this event are going to be split into two different events. On Saturday there will be a Street Party in Spring Meadow from 2.30pm – 5.30pm approx. and on Monday there will be an evening celebration 5.30pm – 11/12pm ish with hog roast, beacon bonfire, musician playing the Ceilidh

etc. This will be hosted on Mr Charles Lofts land and his barns will be accessible in case it rains. It is intended to make the event self financing.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

C/11/2040 Bransons College, Bransons Lane, Playford, IP6 9DN

Erection of two dwellings)

Permission has been granted by SCDC.

C/11/2099 Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Alterations and extensions to facilitate conversion of outbuilding to annexe (existing modern stables to be demolished)

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C/11/2097 Playford Mount, Playford, IP13 6PH

Resiting of existing stables.

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C/11/2739 Algorta, St Marys Drive, Playford, IP6 9EB

Erection of car port

Councillors resolved to support this application.

FINANCE

A cheque was written for Suffolk County Council for grass cutting on the village

playing field. Thank you letters have been received from Suffolk Accident Rescue Service, the East Anglian Air Ambulance, the Benefice Newsletter and the Village Hall Management Committee for donations from the Parish Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Lester Firkins has received an OBE for his work to charitable services. The Parish Council minuted their congratulations to him and will be writing to Mr Firkins to that effect.

NEXT MEETING

7th March 2012 at 7.30 pm in Playford Parish Hall. 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.

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CULPHO

SPONSORED LIGHTS

On the 15th and 17th December, 2011 the lights were sponsored by Rosemary Hartfall in loving memory of her Sister, Veronica (Chota).

Shirley Grey

P.C.C. MEETING

The next meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place in the Church at 5 p.m. on Wednesday 29th February, 2012.

Margaret Gornall

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Contributions for the March 2012 Newsletter should be submitted by **Tuesday 21st February.**

The newsletter will be ready for distribution by noon **Saturday, 4th March**

Please be aware that this magazine will be available online. Names of children 16 and under must have parental/guardian approval before inclusion in the newsletter.

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CHURCH DIARY - FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 1 st	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Culpho
FRIDAY 3 RD	9.30 am	OTB	Angela Cobbold Hall
SATURDAY 4 TH	9.45 am	Collaborative Ministry morning	St Andrew's Britannia Rd

SUNDAY 5th		3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Great Bealings
WEDNESDAY 8 th	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Culpho
THURSDAY 9 TH	12.00 noon	Clergy Chapter Eucharist	Culpho

SUNDAY 12TH		2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Playford
TUESDAY 14 TH	7.30 pm	Little Bealings PCC	Broombank
WEDNESDAY 15 TH	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Culpho
SATURDAY 18 TH	7.30 pm	Pancake Party	Angela Cobbold Hall

SUNDAY 19th		SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Little Bealings
	3.00 pm	Evensong	Culpho

WEDNESDAY 22 nd		ASH WEDNESDAY	
	10.30 am	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Culpho

THURSDAY 23 RD	7.30 pm	Lent Course 1 with Bishop Nigel	
		St John's Church Woodbridge	

SUNDAY 26th		1ST SUNDAY OF LENT	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00 am	Family Communion	Great Bealings
TUESDAY 28 TH	9.30 am	LTG (Diana)	7 Richards Drive
	7.30 pm	Great Bealings PCC meeting	Admiral's Head pub
WEDNESDAY 29 TH	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Culpho
	5.00 pm	Culpho PCC meeting	Culpho

THURSDAY 1 ST MARCH			
	7.30 pm	Lent Course 2 with Bishop Nigel	
		St John's Church, Woodbridge	
SATURDAY 3 RD		Diocesan Synod	St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich

SUNDAY 4th MARCH		2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist	Playford