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## FEBRUARY 2014

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During the period of interregnum in the benefice, the letter for your monthly magazine will be written by members of the Carlford Ministry Team in turn. Clare Sanders, Wendy Gourlay, Catherine Beaumont and Jane Hall are all priests within the team; James Hall and Bill Herbert are Readers and Fred Woods is a retired clergyman.

*Clare Saunders*

### COMMUNICATE!

Yes, that has been addressed to me, more than once, and many's the time when, although I did try to communicate something to someone, the message was not received as I intended. I also know that poor listening on my part has meant that I have often not received an intended message. "There has been a breakdown in communication" may be a commonly-heard excuse, but when it comes to the Gospel, we should never shelter behind it, either as we try to share it with others or receive it from God.

We have been thinking about how best to use The Grapevine and the different magazines circulating in our eight villages to best effect. When we next meet, we shall consider other ways of disseminating information – websites, group emails, Facebook, Twitter and other modern methods that some folk may read more. (Fortunately some of the group understand these things better than I).

Of course, any discussion must include thinking about whom each message is Intended for. Different information needs to reach different people and the best method for one may not be the same for another. Getting it right becomes harder as choices widen and information-overload increases. Data protection, privacy, and duplication all complicate the subject.

God has never been constrained in his communicating with us. Think of the written word of the Bible – law, poetry, narrative, lament, prophecy, teaching, letters, visions are all included. Think beyond the written word – God reveals himself in creation, in history, in people and in ways that often take us completely by surprise. The Word, with a capital W, in the person of Jesus, has no limits. Nor are there any limits on how we may communicate with God – "Pray continually with all kinds of prayers" wrote Paul to the Ephesians.

The benefice has a ministry team (clergy and readers), but theirs is not the sole responsibility for ministry any more than communication is the sole responsibility of the communications group. As God's people, we are all called to proclaim the Gospel, the good news of the love of God, among those with whom we live and work – as St. Francis of Assisi reputedly said, "Use words if you have to." Equally, we must all be open to receive that love; however God communicates it to us. Communicate!

*James Hall*

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## BENEFICE

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### **PAULINE'S FAREWELL SERMON GIVEN IN ST MARY'S CURCH GREAT BEALINGS**

What we call the beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from. "We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." Familiar words by TS Eliot from his poem Little Gidding. In my end is my beginning? Have you noticed that life is cyclical? Village life is dependent on its residents to build community.

However community life is fragile and can fail alarmingly when, for very good reasons, a large proportion of homes change hands at the same time. It can take many years, 10 or more, to build again that community spirit. But it may well be that in the growing the cycle has become more of a spiral. Remember flared trousers and bell bottoms in the 60's & 70's made in those gaudy colours? Flares and bell bottoms are around again but this time in more subdued colours. The same but different.

12 years ago I stood in this church and celebrated my first Eucharist as priest. Today quite by chance, because this is where the rota put the service, I stand here as your Incumbent about to celebrate my last Eucharist.

"What we call the beginning is often the end, and to make an end is to make a beginning"

In our church life we recall and remember and then take from the remembrance that which is good and helpful. And hopefully because we are pilgrims on a journey to God we

reinterpret the essentials for our own times. Archbishop Desmond Tutu talks a lot about the concept of *ubuntu*, an African understanding of community based on connectness. We depend on one another, as was shown so recently in Hemsby when the community rallied round to rescue as many contents as they could from the house that went over the cliff in the tidal surge.

On a trip to Moscow I was privileged to see Rublev's famous Icon of the Trinity - otherwise known as The Hospitality of Abraham. As you are probably aware it is a favourite and I have used its imagery in several sermons. Its theme is at the core of my spirituality. It contains three figures, often thought to be the three persons of the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit, sitting at a table sharing a meal appearing to be deep in conversation.

If you gaze at the icon with a blank mind then you will find yourself being drawn into that silent conversation. The figures are adult and wise and at the same time youthful and even perhaps playful, they are male and female, they are individual and they are community.

It has been said that the answer to everything can be found in that Icon. If Rublev were here though he would remind us that an icon always points beyond itself to the life of God, and to the possibility of community which that life inspires and enables.

During my time with you I have tried to build up community life among our four parishes, sharing what is common and rejoicing in what is diverse and innovative. It has been said that I am the glue which has kept everything together and that once I go things will revert.

I would encourage you not to loose

sight of working and talking together you will be stronger if you keep together. The Icon is a wonderful symbol for community life and I would invite you to keep it at the forefront of your thinking and praying. In fact I challenge you to build further on your community life together as the people of God in these parishes.

To do that though you will need to walk closely with God through prayer and worship together, you will need strength and sensitivity to each other's needs. Strength comes with a common purpose.

You have Elders in Alison, Virginia, Denise, a Reader in Diana, a priest in training in Phillip, and wise experienced lay people, not all signing up to the Church of England, but willing to be part of community life. You will also have the stability of retired priests making regular visits, as well as Canon Mark Sanders from across the parish boundary. I commend them to you and ask you to welcome them as you welcomed me when I was newly ordained.

Priests are privileged to walk along side those who live and work and worship in their area of responsibility, which they hold in trust from the Diocesan Bishop.

You the people of these parishes are the bedrock from which the love of Christ will radiate in these villages. Priests are only with you for a specific time, to encourage your journey to God through the example of Jesus Christ, the journey which is taken with the help of the Holy Spirit.

As disciples we journey together and we learn from each other as we grow in the love of Christ. It takes strength, loyalty, faith and love to be a disciple, but if you look at the first disciples it took another ingredient - transformation.

Without the resurrection the disciples might have stayed frightened

and disappointed and disillusioned. But they recognised Jesus' presence and understood something of the meaning of the cross and it changed them and their world. The cross was central to their message and is central to our faith. The secret of the cross of Christ is the knowledge of God's transforming love and power, which enables us to begin again, face tomorrow and find hope in our world.

Transformation in our lives, communities and environment will come when our experiences have taught us to look for the life-giving way forward and in our future together. When a community imagines a new way together, greater hope and focus on the common good will be seen in signs of the coming Kingdom of God. The secret of the cross is the secret for transformation.

As I wish you all the very best for 2014 and for the future together, I would like to leave you with another sentence from T.S. Eliot

"For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice"

So for everything that has been "Thanks"

And for everything that will be "Yes"

*Amen*

# TRIBUTE TO REV. CANON PAULINE STENTIFORD DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> 2013

*The following is an edited version of what was said at the end of Pauline's final service in St Mary's, Great Bealings, as representatives of the four parishes paid tribute to her work in the Benefice.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

*Norman Porter - Great Bealings*

The four parishes of this Benefice have come together today for this, Pauline's final service. It is a sad occasion, but it is also a time to celebrate. Despite being part-time, despite not living in our midst, despite having to spread her ministry across a wide area and a large number of households, she has ministered amongst us with great commitment, and run our affairs and services with great efficiency, often, maybe, to the detriment of her own family life and interests. I now ask upon representatives of our four villages to sum up the impact of Pauline's 13 years in our midst. You will notice that the letter C plays a central role.

## **CAREER**

*Richard Garnham - Culpho*

Just 14 years ago Pauline was a part-time music teacher. She was playing a significant role as a lay member of the Deanery Synod. She was also in training for the ministry. Her ordination was a happy day, and several members of this Benefice were there to witness it. Her first post was as a curate working alongside Christine Everett in this benefice. We were spared the full consequences of an interregnum, because when Christine moved on, we were blessed with a ready replacement – our Curate became our Priest. That was ten years ago. Since then Pauline's career has flourished and her talents recognised. She became a Canon at St Edmundsbury Cathedral. She subsequently became our Rural Dean.



Even when she had given that up, she was called upon rather more recently to be part of the response team dealing with the 2013 tidal surge. She has been heavily involved to the end. And all this theoretically working part time. In just ten years she has become well known and her talents recognised within the Diocese.

### **COMMITMENT**

#### *Paddy Bills - Little Bealings*

Even though Pauline has theoretically been working in a half-time post – and living 10 miles outside the Benefice as well – her commitment to the parishes and people of this benefice has been extraordinary.

8.00 a.m. communion services have meant early rising week after week, and journeys in from Boyton whatever the weather – fog, ice, snow – she hardly ever failed to make it. If anyone was of a mind to cancel, it was us, the locals, just a walk away.

Hospital visits, numerous funerals, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, commissioning of elders, special services, PCC meetings galore, home communion visits, service rosters, all those sermons to write, the training and encouragement of elders and of Philip and Diana, support for Benefice events such as concerts and our Plant Sale - put all that together and it is a formidable commitment. Pauline has also been a great supporter of the choir and the treasured musical traditions of this benefice – even if it has meant bringing across her own keyboard. In summary our lives, our good times and our bad times, have been her business. The commitment of a good shepherdess to her flock.

At this point Jill Peck made a special presentation on behalf of the Choir.

### **CREATIVITY**

#### *Gina Corani - Playford*

Pauline has been tireless in ensuring

that the regular services take place across the Benefice and in ensuring that there is cover whenever she has been away. We should also remember the way in which she has introduced new services, new activities, and prepared services for special occasions. These are often services which bring in people who are not necessarily regular churchgoers. The list is long: Remembering Special People, the Easter Vigil, Rogation Sunday walks, with a picnic en route, pet services, Stir-up Sunday with our own Christmas puddings, workshops bringing in children at Christmas and Easter, Tiddlywinks club, Open the Book presented at Bealings School as a way of bringing to life stories in the bible, the annual Clarkson Service, the service commemorating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. We are also immensely grateful to her for setting up the majority of next year's services – an act of devoted commitment – and creative in itself. We thank you, Pauline, for the energy that you have deployed in ensuring that not only do we enjoy regular services, but also that you have found creative ways to involve more people in the life of the church.

### **CONCLUSION**

#### *Norman Porter - Great Bealings*

The sort of commitment we have heard described involves sacrifices. Weekends are when most of Pauline's work is done – that is when most of us are enjoying times with our families and friends. I suspect that Pauline would be the first to recognise that none of what she has achieved would have been possible without the loyal and unflinching support of her husband, Fred –and I would like you to applaud HIM at this point. Their two sons and their families have had few opportunities to see their mother and father at weekends – and, perhaps – every bit as important, at the times of the major bank holiday

festivals, when Pauline is at her busiest. She has been consistent in her loyalty towards us – striving to keep fit for purpose through her and Fred’s increasing dedication to cycling.

Pauline’s retirement is richly deserved, and as she pedals away towards it, I’m sure I speak for us all, when I wish her a friendly wind at her back, the pedalling muscles propelled by good health and happiness, the weather set fair, and no foreseeable reason to use the bell or the crash helmet.

Pauline – on behalf of everyone here – and many who aren’t - we thank you for what you have done for us collectively, and for the many times, happy and sad, when you have been part of our lives.

### PRESENTATIONS

Pauline was then presented with four wine goblets, each engraved with the name of one of the parishes, together with an inscribed paperweight. This paperweight was something that Pauline had specially asked for. In making the presentation, Norman Porter

added:

Some of you may have noticed that in all the above, two Cs were missing: Christ and the Cross. This paper weight is engraved with a cross, the symbol of our religion, together with the names of our parishes, and the dedication “**Pauline –with love and thanks from the Benefice**”. I hope that those simple words sum up our feelings on this day, and that they reflect what everyone here would wish to say.

He also presented Pauline with a cheque for just over £1,000.00; this being the sum remaining after the glassware had been purchased.

### LUNCH

Well over 100 people attended a special lunch, hosted by Pauline, in the Village Hall. Four churchwardens, representing all four parishes and on their behalf, thanked Pauline for her generosity in laying on the lunch, and wished her well in her retirement, recalling that due tribute had already been paid at the Service beforehand.



## THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes on my retirement, and also for your generosity. The paperweight inscribed with the names of the parishes, a cross and my name is beautiful and has pride of place in my collection. The 4 goblets also inscribed with the name of each parish, are a permanent reminder of my time as your priest. I was overwhelmed though by the size of the cheque which accompanied the gifts. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I have purchased a Garmin Edge Touring Plus cycling satnav/computer. It will make sure I find my way home, but more than that can also produce selected routes for a cycle ride, either by time or mileage. It is an all singing all dancing piece of kit! The rest of the money is safely banked and an embryo idea is for Fred & I to spend a weekend in London and see a show, not something we have done before. I wish you all the best for the future and thank you for making my time with you so enjoyable.

*Pauline Stentiford*

## READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS — FEBRUARY

### **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

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

### **Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)**

Malachi 3.1-5 White  
 Hebrews 2.14-18 RCL pg. 60  
 Luke 2.22-40

### **9<sup>th</sup> February**

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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Isaiah 58.1-12 Green  
 1 Corinthians 2.1-end RCL pg. 65  
 Matthew 5.13-20

### **16<sup>th</sup> February**

*OT Lesson* 10.00 am / 3.00 pm  
*NT lesson* 10.00 am  
*Gospel* 3.00 pm

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Deuteronomy 30.15-end Green  
 1 Corinthians 3.1-9 RCL pg. 70  
 Matthew 5.21-37

### **23<sup>rd</sup> February**

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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Genesis 1.1-2.3 Green  
 Romans 8.18-25 RCL pg. 82  
 Matthew 6.25-end

### **2<sup>nd</sup> March**

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

### **Sunday next Before Lent**

Exodus 24.12-end Green  
 2 Peter 1.16-end RCL pg. 89  
 Matthew 17.1-9

## HOSPITAL RIDES

A new car-share scheme is now operating at Ipswich Hospital. The scheme is not only for outpatients but also for those wishing to visit inpatients at the hospital. The car-share scheme is organised by Suffolk County Council in conjunction with Suffolk NHS.

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*Andrea Cahillane  
Suffolk County Council*

## HEALTHWATCH SUFFOLK

Healthwatch Suffolk would like listen to your views about health and social care in the county and is inviting people to attend a listening event on 30<sup>th</sup> January in Wickham Market Village Hall. There will be two sessions from 1-3pm and 6-8pm.

Email: [info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk](mailto:info@healthwatchsuffolk.co.uk) or phone Healthwatch office on 01449 703949 if you wish to attend.

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*Jenny Ward  
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Town Concert

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### **LENT COURSE 2014**

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Themes to be confirmed at a later date.

The four sessions will be led by the The Very Revd Frances Ward, Dean of our Cathedral.

The dates are:-

Thursday 6th March

Thursday 13th March

Thursday 20th March

Thursday 27th March

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## BEALINGS

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### **ANGELA COBBOLD HALL - Community Lunches**

Thank-you to everyone who joined us for Christmas Lunch, especially Sandra Banham for the delicious Christmas pudding and Mary Mitton for the chocolates. From the profits we were able to donate £50 to the Appeal for the victims of the hurricane in the Philippines. The remaining profit has been used for the maintenance and running costs of the Hall.

The next Community Lunch will be on Tuesday 4th. February. The menu will include homemade meatloaf and ginger sponge pudding. For bookings and enquiries ring 01473 620213.

### **BEALINGS WI**

For the December meeting Bealings WI and guests from neighbouring WIs enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment by Don's Melody Makers. The song of the Donkey was much appreciated and also a fully choreographed "Twelve Days of Christmas"! A sumptuous festive tea followed.

At the afternoon January meeting warm knitted hats for seafarers were on display (26 so far). A well-filled Market Stall and Greetings Cards both did brisk business.

Water Aid was the subject of the talk by Dr Paul Williams and was followed by questions and discussion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 20th February at 2.30pm when Mr Chris Parfitt will tell of his "Search for the Northern Lights" Visitors are always welcome.

*Jennifer Cook*

### **2014 BEALINGS ANNUAL PLANT SALE**

A date for your new diaries is Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup>. Our Annual Plant Sale will be taking place at Bealings Village Hall at 10.00 till 12noon. There will be the usual vast array of plants including perennials, shrubs, specialist grasses and vegetable plants. There will be a raffle and refreshments served throughout the morning. We hope for your support and look forward to seeing you all there.

#### **NOTE FOR OUR GARDENERS**

The plant sale will only be a success if we have all your support in providing the many plants that are needed to keep the high reputation of our quality products which we have built up over the years. We are asking you to find yet again those extra plants and seedlings that are surplus, pot them up and let us have them on the day. I still have plenty of pots. I was given a number of larger pots this autumn so I can now supply most sizes. Just phone me (Paddy Bills 01473 610219) to collect.

#### **PRELIMINARY SALE MEETING**

May we remind all helpers and committee members that the only preparation meeting for the sale is on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm and will be in the Angela Cobbold Hall, which is in Little Bealings.

We hope that this meeting will confirm that people will be prepared to take on the same responsibilities as in the previous years and this meeting will be about co-ordinating our efforts.. Please come, bring along your skills and enthusiasm and we will be very grateful for any help you can offer. If you are new to the villages or have not been involved with the Plant Sale before, but would now like to be, you will be very welcome to come either on March 3<sup>rd</sup> or April 26th or better still both.

*Norman Porter and Paddy Bills co-ordinators for the Bealings Plant Sale  
(contact details- see inside front cover)*

## TREASURE ISLAND – 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March

The cast, having passed rigorous auditions by their pronunciation of "Ooh Aar!" are now busy in rehearsal for our pantomime "Treasure Island" which takes place on Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> March evenings at the Bealings Village Hall Theatre.



Come and see how evil Long John Slither (Johnny Depp failed his audition for this part) and his motley band of raucous pirates, Pink Dog, Blind Puke, Israel Feet, Billy Fishbones, George Merry, to name but five, seek to find the secret treasure buried on lonely "Warden Porter's Island", despite the amorous intentions of widow Mrs Adriana Ladd, mother of dashing Jim Ladd, whose father Alan Ladd passed away some years ago.

Add to this unbelievable mixture, urbane wealthy Squire Pegg, his pretty daughter, Nancy, rugged old sea dog, Capt. Smellit, Doctor "where's my scalpel" Liversausage, double act Abercrombie & Fitch, Ship's Cook, Scurvey McFaggot, a stranded local M.P., a couple of singing Spanish Tapas, a Five foot Parrot and 5 feisty young mermaids and you will discover a Treasure Island beyond your wildest

imagination! So, put your Pirate gear on m'hearties, and climb aboard "The Grand Pianola" – Book your tickets now – 12 years and under £3 – Over 12's - £6



At each performance there will be a prize given to the best dressed "young pirate" – The best dressed "old pirate" will receive a vote of thanks!

Booking Office now open: Tel: 01473 735153

*Roger & Margaret*

## GREAT BEALINGS

### ST MARYS

We are now in Interregnum – a big Latin word which simply means that we are "between priests", following on Pauline's retirement, and with the search now underway for her successor. We are grateful to Pauline for having ensured that a range of visiting ministers will be taking most of this year's services. That gives us breathing space to go through the lengthy process of finding the next incumbent. All four parishes and their PCCs will be involved in this process. The vacuum is a challenge, but it is also an opportunity. Your PCC will be seeking views and ideas, not only as to the ideal profile of the next incumbent, but also as to what the role of the

church and its members should be in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What should be its part in village life? How can we make the church more relevant to the lives of more people? Do engage with members of the PCC and make sure that your views are heard, however irregular a churchgoer you may be. The life of the church will go on. Services will continue to be held. But without one guiding figure at the centre we need the support of as many people as possible to move forward to the next stage.

### LOOKING BACK

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

The Christmas period was a busy one. Our Carol Service on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December attracted a sizeable

congregation, and we subsequently hosted the service of Midnight Mass, straddling Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This too brought in a large congregation, several of them visitors, staying with local families.

We were also privileged to be the venue for the final service of Pauline's ministry amongst us on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December. A large congregation from across the Benefice came together for her final service, a Sung Eucharist, and paid their collective tribute, acknowledging the commitment that she had shown towards the Benefice over the 13 years of her ministry. A full account of the occasion appears elsewhere in this Magazine.

### **CHURCHYARD**

The fallen holly tree has been dismembered and converted to firewood. Our thanks to Pat Keep for expert use of his chain saw. Similarly, in the car park, the ash, victim of die-back, came down in the gales, and Mervyn Decker, John Nesling and friends ensured that it was quickly cut up and removed, making the car park safe again. The tree would have had to be felled anyway, so the gales did us a favour. Again our thanks to Mervyn for a speedy reaction to a challenging situation.

### **IN MEMORIUM**

In memory of Ali Heydari, electrician, and advertiser in the Magazine. A kind, gentle man who sorted out our floodlights. He died on New Years Eve. The funeral was on January 22nd.

### **LOOKING AHEAD SERVICES**

There will be a range of new faces taking our services in the months to come. We have already welcomed, or look forward to welcoming: Canon David Lowe, Canon Mark Sanders and Rev Dr John Hare, while Philip Merry, Diana Gardiner and the Ministry Team will shoulder ever-greater

responsibilities. We thank them all for assuring that the life of the church goes on.

### **PCC MEETINGS**

Churchwardens of all four parishes, together with the Ministry Team met with our Rural Dean, Clare Sanders, on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, as the first stage in the process of appointing a new incumbent.

The first PCC meeting of the Interregnum takes place **Wednesday February 26th** at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall. Please ensure that any concerns you may have are communicated to a member of the PCC before this date, as this will be a great opportunity to chart the way ahead.

We shall also be holding our **Annual Meeting on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm. This is an Open Meeting and we very much hope that non-PCC members will come along, enjoy refreshments, hear about the year just past, and let us have their ideas for the future.

*Churchwarden*

### **MESSY CHURCH COMES TO GREAT BEALINGS**

On the last day before Advent -Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2013- traditionally known as 'Stir-up Sunday,' and more recently as 'Christ the King Sunday,' over 50 adults and children came together at St Marys' Church in Great Bealings to worship 'Messy Church' style. Everyone left with a small Christmas pudding, having also had the opportunity to make a crown to celebrate our Lord as Christ the King. Informal worship was scattered throughout the service, and a sense of something for all to the Glory of God was shared amongst the congregation. Thanks go out to all who helped and participated to ensure such a joyful occasion; watch this space for future,



similar worship.

A reminder for the diary, that an Easter workshop will be held on Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April, in the Angela Cobbold Hall from 10-12am, including a procession to, and act of service in, All Saints, Little Bealings, young and old welcome.

*The Ministry Team.*

## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

### **CONCERT SATURDAY DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 7-30**

'On a cold and windy December evening, over a hundred people enjoyed a wonderful concert in St Mary's Church. The church was illuminated by floodlights and candles, but it was the 'stellar' music of the Stella Quartet that really lit up the evening. We were entertained superbly by four very talented students from The Royal Academy of Music: Rose Hinton from Little Bealings and Lara Sullivan from Ireland on violins; viola player Chloe Van Soeterstede from France; and Tatiana Chernyshova, a Russian cellist. In March, the quartet participated in the international youth quartet week in Manchester, and in July was selected to perform at the Wigmore Hall. They are also planning other recitals in the UK, Ireland, France and Russia. So this was quite a coup for Bealings.

And they didn't disappoint!

The evening opened with the high melodic notes of the first violin in the "Lark" String quartet by Haydn, after which the mellow tones of the cello took the lead in the Russian themed Razumovsky, quartet by Beethoven. After refreshments (which lived up to the quality of the music), our performers played a delightful selection of Christmas music arranged by Matthew Naughtin, the Music Librarian to the San Francisco Ballet Orchestra.

It really was a wonderful evening, and how great to see the church so full. Even better is the fact that rehearsing in a freezing cold church did not put the girls off and they have said that they would love to come back. We sincerely hope that they will.

Our warm thanks go to Vivien Hinton and Norman Porter for arranging the evening and to Virginia Porter for the delicious nibbles during the interval.'

### **VILLAGE CAROL SINGING**

Our around-the-village carol singing took place, as planned, and in benign weather conditions, on Friday December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6.30 - 8.30. The singers were grateful to Charles and Ann Barrington for hospitality which put them in the right frame of mind before they set out in two groups, one at each end of the village. The sight of three Barrington donkeys profiled against the light within their stables provided a touch of seasonal magic, and gave one little grand-daughter a very special Christmas experience!

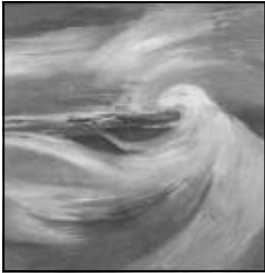
As a result of just two hours well-focused singing we were able to collect close on £200 and sent off a cheque for this amount to EACH.

Most of the singers met up for refreshments at the end of the evening in Alison Calvesbert's studio at No 1 Boot Street. Our sincere thanks to Paul and Alison for enabling us to round off the evening in such style – not least because they might have made excuses to be spared this year as they were set to be married immediately after Christmas. Our congratulations to them both on that happy occasion. It is sad to see a "Sold" notice outside their Boot Street home, but we hope they will find somewhere appropriate to live very close to where they now are.

*The Friends*

## ART EXHIBITION

There is to be an Exhibition of Abstract and Contemporary Painting by RON HURLOCK to be held at Snape Maltings from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014. All proceeds are to be donated to the St Elizabeth Hospice, so do please support Ron and visit this exhibition



## LET THERE BE LIGHT

Following on from the lighting requests received for December, two further "lights on events" took place.

Sally Stowe's birthday joined the queue for Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, making a total of 5 for that day, so I extended the illuminations until 19<sup>th</sup>. Didn't ask Sally how old she was – she looks very young to me, but then

nearly everyone in the village does!

On firmer age estimate ground was our Norman's birthday on Dec 31<sup>st</sup> when he acquired the "Soixante Quinze OGB" ("Order of Great Bealings) award for long service (attendance?). Sadly his name did not appear on the following day's honours list but our hopes spring eternal. Well done Norm!

So have a look in your diaries for those occasions to remember or celebrate, or just enjoy seeing our beautiful church shining on a winter's evening, reminding us of its near 1000 years of history. Having space to fill I came across this report in a recent bank pensioner magazine:

The graveside service had just barely finished, when there was a massive clap of thunder, followed by a tremendous bolt of lightning, accompanied by even more thunder rumbling in the distance .... The little old man looked at the vicar and calmly said: "Well.... She's There "

P.S. For political correctness you can swap the sex.

*Roger Roseboom 01473 735153*

## WANTED - PARISH CLERK

We shall need a new Parish Clerk in April 2014 when Sarah Cartwright retires after 9 years in the post.

Approximately 4 hours per week the salary will be in accordance with National Salary Scales (SCP 15, £8.34 per hour to SCP 20, £9.69 per hour, depending on experience). Duties will include:

- Working with the Chair and the Council to prepare for, and deliver, bi-monthly Parish Council meetings
- Planning and delivering the Parish Council meetings, for example: preparing agendas and drafting minutes
- Drafting correspondence and co-ordinating, summarising and sharing information from local authorities and other bodies with Councillors and parishioners
- Co-ordinating the budget for the Parish, with support from a Councillor

The successful candidate will be expected to be able to attend bi-monthly Parish Council meetings, which are held in the evenings.

Training is available, but candidates must be able to demonstrate strong organisational and good IT (Microsoft Office or similar) skills.

For an informal discussion about the role and further information, please contact Eric Barnett, Chairman on 01473 738803.

Applications in writing to [greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk)



## **GREAT BEALINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (NHW)**

Neighbourhood Watch is a scheme in partnership with the Suffolk Constabulary to make our neighbourhood more secure and our communities feel safer.

The Great Bealings NHW scheme currently does not have a contact to receive and share information about crimes which have occurred locally.

The role is not time consuming and in its simplest form is sharing information about crimes which have happened locally, and crime reduction advice, so residents can improve their security to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime. Residents are encouraged to report crime and suspicious activities to the Police asap.

The main objectives of Neighbourhood Watch are:-

To prevent and reduce crime in our neighbourhood.

To help provide reassurance to people in the community.

To provide appropriate and up-to-date crime reduction advice.

To encourage members of the community to be alert and watchful in looking after themselves and others.

To act as a channel of communication - passing on timely information from the police to the community and from the community to the police - to help prevent and detect crimes.

For more information, please contact Anne Powell, Community Watch Liaison Officer, Suffolk Police 01473 613888 ext. 3313 or email [anne.powell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anne.powell@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

### **POLICE DIRECT**

Police Direct is a high tech messaging service provided by Suffolk Constabulary, which is designed to bring you up to date information about crime and policing issues in your area.

We can send you information by email to your computer, by text to your mobile phone, or by leaving a message on your landline.

The service will give you a range of information relating to policing, which includes the following:

- Latest information on local crime
- Warnings about bogus callers
- Crime reduction advice
- Updates from your Safer Neighbourhood Team

You can register by telephoning 01473 613997 or go to [www.suffolk.police.uk](http://www.suffolk.police.uk) and choose Police Direct.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on 14 January 2014. A full version of the minutes appears on the website:

*www.greatbealings.co.uk*

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

The Chairman has discussed commemorating the outbreak of the First World War with Norman Porter who feels there ought to be something done as a Benefice under the auspices of the Church towards the end of July. Cllr Fryatt mentioned that grants are available for the Centenary and he will forward details. The concrete base of the War Memorial is cracked and needs repairing, perhaps this is something that the grant money could fund.

### **REPORT BY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TONY FRYATT**

Cllr Fryatt reported that SCDC are still discussing budgets. The Spa Pavilion in Felixstowe still has no buyer a year after being put up for sale. The planning application for Sinks Pit, Little Bealings as a commercial vehicle and plant hire operator really has nothing about it which one could object to and in terms of planning policy it is an acceptable site.

There is to be a judicial review for Adastral Park in the coming week. The upshot of the meeting on Localism before Christmas is that SCDC are trying to stimulate initiatives and activities in the community. To this end Cllr Fryatt has been given a Localism budget of £4,000 which we can apply for.

### **REPORT BY POLICE**

PCSO Justin Moss highlighted the main points of his report: - in December there were two thefts reported at Seckford Hall; the mobile police station's next visit to the village is on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and one speed check has been carried out along Boot Street in January.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Charles Barrington, as Secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group, has asked the Parish Council if they support the commissioning of a full ecological survey of Great Bealings by the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. The cost should not exceed £2,000. This was supported and it was resolved to inform Charles Barrington as such.

### **PLANNING**

#### **1 & 2 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road**

SCDC have approved these plans.

There was a discussion about this application exercising its Permitted Development Rights once again and Cllr Fryatt reported that SCDC are being criticised for seeking to remove Permitted Development Rights hence the success of this application once again. Paul Norris said that it sets an unfortunate precedent for Planning in the village.

#### **Woodend, Grundisburgh Road**

This planning application has been withdrawn.

### **HIGHWAYS**

The new Notice Board is in place and the "Think 30" stickers have been distributed in Boot Street; thanks to Colin Hedgley for organising this.

Derek Oldham of SCDC Highways has been given the green light from the Environment Agency for works to the bund in Boot Street. He will let us have a firm cost for the work as soon as possible.

Councillors raised concern over the condition of part of Woodbridge Road (200 yards approx. past the junction with Rosery Lane). There have been two accidents at this spot (neither which have been reported to the police) and it is reported that the deteriorating condition of the road edges has contributed at least in part to these accidents. The Clerk was asked to advise the Highways Department as a matter of urgency.

**FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary, the new notice board, web hosting, hire of the Angela Cobbold Hall and for the "Think 30" stickers.

**DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

11 March 2014

*Sarah Cartwright – Clerk*  
01473 621050

Email: [greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk)

## **LITTLE BEALINGS**

**PETER MOON**

**4/7/1922 – 21/11/2013**

I would like to express my sincere thanks to so many good friends who sent such beautiful cards of sympathy and again to those who came to Peter's funeral on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

It was sixteen years ago that, with little persuasion, Peter was ready to exchange his life on beautiful Vancouver Island for the delights of Little Bealings and Suffolk. He loved this cottage, the village and, in particular, our small ancient church of All Saints. He appreciated so much the warm welcome he received and endeared himself to many by his wholehearted acceptance of a new way of life, enjoying village life to the full.

I think that he would have been surprised by the 'stir' his passing has caused but would have been very proud to be so graciously acknowledged as a true member of this caring community.

Thank you

*Joan Moon*

**ALL SAINTS****ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

This will be held on Tuesday April 1st at 7.30pm in All Saints Church and will be chaired by the Rural Dean the Revd. Canon Clare Sanders. Parishioners are very welcome to attend the first part of the meeting when new churchwardens will be elected

**PANCAKE SUPPER**

Our Annual Pancake Supper is taking

place on Saturday March 1st in the Angela Cobbold Hall starting 7.00pm. (please see box advert). We have slightly changed the menu this year, starting with a jacket potato with a choice of three delicious fillings followed by sweet pancakes again with a choice of fillings. We hope you will enjoy the change and do hope many of you will be buying tickets This is an event when we hope to increase our funds to help with the cost of repairs which are needed to the church. The North side of the roof is in need of new tiles as well as some "stitching" to the tower, all very costly. So your support would be much appreciated

**THE FLOWER TEAM**

The new rota for the church flowers for 2014 has now been distributed and thanks go to all those who always make sure we have a beautiful arrangement of seasonal flowers in the sanctuary. Two of the team have had to resign. Ros Fleck has moved away with Hans to live nearer their daughter and Ann Theodosius no longer has her car. Both Ros and Ann have been doing flowers for many years and we thank them both for all their contributions. Very much appreciated. We are very pleased to have found two new replacements Dorothy Thornborrow and Kathy Price and we hope they will enjoy decorating our beautiful church.

**CHRISTMAS AT ALL SAINTS**

Both our Christmas services were very well attended. At the carol service we welcomed over 70 people with church glowing in candle light and decorated

with holly, ivy and yew which had all been pruned from the churchyard (so very low carbon footprint!!) The congregation enjoyed many traditional carols and readings and all led by the Benefice Choir. (The choir had also led the carol services at Gt Bealings in the afternoon and two carol services at Playford and Culpho the week before). Everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies afterwards.

The following day we hosted the Crib Service when nearly 120 children, parents and grandparents squeezed into our little church to re-enact the Christmas story. The young readers read their lines so well and the younger children were dressed as angels, shepherds and kings and made their way to the chancel to present a tableau of the stable at Bethlehem It was a very moving service.

*Paddy Bills  
Churchwarden*

## **PANCAKE SUPPER**

**ANGELA COBBOLD HALL  
SATURDAY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.00pm**

A fun evening with jacket potatoes and savoury fillings for starters, PANCAKES with a variety of fillings to finish

Soft drinks provided  
(bring your own wine)

**RAFFLE AND QUIZ**

Tickets £8 (children £4.50)

Tickets available from Paddy Bills  
01473 610219

email [paddybills@gmail.com](mailto:paddybills@gmail.com)  
or add your name to the list at the back of the church

*In aid of Little Bealings Church*

## **LET THERE BE LIGHT at All Saints, Little Bealings**

The lights shone out during Advent in memory of Connie and Bob Dunn, who had been part of the village for the last eight years as they enjoyed Christmas and New Year with their family. They are much loved and greatly missed by Julia, Chris and Nathan. Lights for the Christmas Season were shining through the continuing generosity of Mrs Perkins.

*Peter Carr*

## **BENEFICE MAGAZINE DELIVERIES**

Deliverers are urgently needed for part of the Martlesham Road, Hall Road and Laundry Cottages.

Please contact Peter Carr if you can help with part or all of these deliveries.

## **LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 16 December 2013 and 6 January 2014

### **PLANNING**

**DC/13/3408/FUL: Erection of new headquarters building for vehicle and plant hire operator, comprising workshop, offices, associated vehicle parking, drainage infrastructure and landscaping to allow for the hire, storage and sale of vehicle, plant and machinery at Sink Gravel Pit, Main Road, Kesgrave**

The Council considered this application at its meeting on 16 December and, following a presentation by the applicants to some 25 residents, again on 6 January. It resolved to object to the proposed development on the grounds that, as submitted, it is incompatible with SCDC planning policies DM12, DM23 and 26, specifically that:

- the size of the proposed operation is

too large for the site and would generate unacceptable levels of noise and light pollution for nearby residents. The levels could be mitigated if the building is relocated to be closer to the bund and the parking areas redesigned.

- there is insufficient information concerning the disposal of waste, drainage arrangements and the impact of the operations on existing land pollution. Any approval should require regular monitoring to be carried out.

- a noise assessment should be required before determination of the application. Any approval should set limits for noise and light levels which should also be regularly monitored. The limit for noise levels should not exceed those previously set by the Council for the site, as contained in planning permission C97/1501.

- the impact of extra very large vehicles on the A1214 is unacceptable as it would result in more 'rat running' along Martlesham Road and Playford Road.

#### **EAOW1**

The examination of the application had finished on 23 December and the Inspectors' recommendations were due by 23 March.

#### **DC/13/2799/FUL 6 Holly Close: Proposed Single-Storey Side Extension**

#### **DC/13/2976/FUL Finn Toft Martlesham Road: Erection of Single Storey Side Extensions and Alterations**

Planning permission had been granted by SCDC for these developments.

#### **C12/2483: Finches Hill, The Street: Certificate of Lawfulness of Existing Use or Development (CLEUD): For a swimming pool enclosure built under permitted development law previously attached to dwelling but since 02/12/12 not attached (Refused)**

SCDC would not be able to take any enforcement action for six months, to allow time for a planning application for the development to be submitted.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was agreed that, as well as advising residents of the Council's meetings to consider planning applications which may affect them, applicants for planning permission will also be invited to attend.

#### **HIGHWAYS**

County Councillor Peter Bellfield had asked SCC to inspect the trees along the road between the level crossing and Hall Road crossroads in view of safety concerns.

SCC had agreed to supply grit for two bins in Richards Drive.

The footpath signpost by the Church had been reported for repair.

SCC was collecting data about motor vehicles incidents near railway lines and wished to be advised on any incident which had not been reported to the police.

Please contact: [east.area@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:east.area@suffolk.gov.uk) or call 01718 652400.

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

It was agreed to make an outline application to Anglian Water, although no further evidence from residents had been supplied.

#### **POLICE**

There had been no reported crime in the parish during November or December. The mobile police station would visit on 14 January and a visit to Bealings School had been arranged for 17 January to talk about road safety. The police had decided that Martlesham Road would be included in future speed checks. Only two residents had said they would like to take part in a Community Speed Watch scheme.

Toni Cornish would represent the Council at the 12PT meeting on 22 January.

#### **STANDING ORDERS**

New Standing Orders were adopted.

#### **FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for the Clerk's salary and expenses and PAYE.

#### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: MONDAY 3**

## **MARCH 2014**

This will take place at 7pm in Bealings Village Hall and all parishioners are invited to attend. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to give a report on activities during the year in the parish on behalf of any group. SCDC has been invited to attend and advise on the designation of a Conservation Area in the parish.

## **DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2104/15**

These will be: 3 March (after the Annual Parish Meeting), 12 May (Annual Parish Council meeting), 7 July, 8 September and 3 November 2014, and 5 January and 2 March (Annual Parish meeting) 2015. Unless stated, meetings will take place at 7.30pm in Bealings Village Hall.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 3 March 2014, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. 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.

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## **LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**MONDAY 3 MARCH 2014**  
**7.00 pm**

## **BEALINGS VILLAGE 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.

### **A CONSERVATION AREA FOR LITTLE BEALINGS?**

SCDC has been invited to attend and advise on the procedures and possible benefits of applying for land in the parish to be designated a Conservation Area.

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.

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## PLAYFORD

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### PLAYFORD CHURCH NOTES

The retirement of our vicar leads many of us into uncharted territory. But the work of the church goes on and the run of the mill sometimes ordinary small jobs go on because they have to.

Our churchyard team have done a marvellous job clearing and cutting the grass and undergrowth. I know many of you are concerned about the flowers and bulbs there and we are taking care whenever we can but sometimes in order to get on top of things we have to break an egg in order to make the omelette.

We are most grateful to our neighbour, farmer Mr Parken, for cutting the hedge which forms part of the boundary between the church and his property. But I am doubly indebted to Anne Seward who spent many hours cutting and trimming our side of the hedge and doubtless in the spring we will be rewarded by having the smartest hedge this side of the Suez Canal.

Our church was awash with noise and great singing on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> January when a wedding vows renewal celebration took place. The congregation applauded every hymn and reading but as the vicar David Lowe noted, no-one applauded his sermon. Better luck next time David!

If you have any problems or queries that deserve the attention of a vicar please contact one of the churchwardens who will put you in touch with the Rural Dean.

Let's hope the snow stays away so that churchyard improvement can continue but even if it gets colder there will always be a warm welcome for you in Playford Church.

*Colin Hedgley  
Churchwarden*

### PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

10<sup>th</sup> December: sponsored by Charles Bunbury

14<sup>th</sup> December: sponsored by Chris Cocksedge to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of his wife, Rosemary.

#### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The following families very kindly sponsored the lights over this period: the Bakers, the Swards, the Listers, the Bunburys, the Corani family and Lilian Heard who most generously sponsored 4 nights in memory of her husband, David Heard, who loved this village and for whom she thought this would be a fitting tribute. The Carol Singers also most generously donated £40 of their takings towards the cost of the lights and for their efforts we are most grateful.

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

### PLAYFORD CHURCH FLOWERS

Firstly, a huge thank you to the lovely ladies who made our Church resplendent for Christmas. The flowers really did look beautiful.

We still have 4 slots on the flower rota that need a volunteer to do an arrangement in front of the pulpit, available dates are: 10<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 26<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. If you can help please email Ursula on [ursi@btopenworld.com](mailto:ursi@btopenworld.com)

Finally, although I took on my mother's

mantle with regard to organising the rota on a temporary basis, I will not be able to continue next year as family and work commitments increase. Is there anyone who might like to become 'Playford Flower Coordinator'? I'm afraid there is no official badge, but there is the opportunity to work with a super team and have the joy of making St Mary's look its best! Again, please do email me if interested.

*Ursula Richards*

## **PLAYFORD POSADA**

Throughout Advent families took part in the annual Playford Posada. Posada comes from the Spanish word meaning "a place to stay" or an inn. It symbolizes the journey made by Mary and Joseph prior to the birth of Jesus.

Mary and Joseph travelled around the village staying overnight with a different family before moving on the next day. It was a lovely way for families to stop and remember the true meaning of Christmas during the hectic pre Christmas rush. After the overnight stay each family kept a small woollen sheep that they returned to church at our carol service.

Thank you to Liz Royle for arranging the Posada and all the families who took part so enthusiastically.

## **PLAYFORD LESSON READERS**

A big thank you to all those who kindly read lessons throughout the year in Playford Church. Your dedication is very much appreciated by our congregation.

If anyone feels able to join our 2014 rota please contact Alison on 620964. The commitment is 3 or 4 times per year.

Thank you.

## **PLAYFORD WI**

Last year was a busy year for our small group. We had many good speakers & various outings to enjoy.

2014 promises to be as lively. Our new programme is on the parish hall WI notice board in the main hall for anyone who might be interested in coming along to experience one of our meetings and listen to an interesting speaker for the evening. Please note that our February meeting will not be held at the parish hall but in March our speaker will be telling us about his paper sculpture modelling.

*Sue Bruce*

## **PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

These are condensed notes of the proceeding of Playford's Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2014. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

### **STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN**

A complaint received from a parishioner in December regarding mistaken misuse of Council funds was clarified by Joan Metcalfe and although governing bodies were happy to disregard the matter, the funds have now been repaid.

### **ACTION POINT REVIEW**

The two grit bins smashed by SCC roadside verge-trimming operations last June have still not been replaced – the clerk is awaiting a report. Footpaths no./s 1 and 20 have still not been cleared – SCC are behind with their schedules. Footpath no. 9 (alongside railway line) has been closed, pending repairs by Network Rail, to steps leading down to it. These are now complete but the overgrowth has yet to be cleared by SCC before the path can be re-opened. The Action log is to be appended to the Minutes on the website in future.

## **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Peter Bellfield has asked SCC Road Safety Manager, David Chenery to assess the situation regarding trees lining Butts Road to the north of Playford. £36m is to be saved from SCC's budget for 2014/2015 without compromising frontline services. £8m – £9m will be saved by using the new Energy from Waste plant at Great Blakenham. There is a campaign for a new river crossing at Lowestoft to relieve congestion. Broadband coverage is being improved and it is hoped that by 2015 over 85% of households will have speeds of 24mbps or more. Free school meals are not being claimed for many eligible children – this means that schools are unable to take full advantage of available funds.

## **POLICE REPORT**

There were no reported crimes in Playford during December.

## **FINANCE**

Cheques were signed for a donation to the Benefice magazine, tax on clerk's salary, and expenses. Mrs Veronica Bunbury has been accepted as a signatory to the NS&I account. The budget for 2014/2015 was agreed. The annual donation to the Village Hall has been put on hold for the time being. It was decided to keep the Precept request at £4500 for another year and to claim the supplementary grant of £310 from SCDC's Council Tax Support fund. The Clerk's paid hours were increased from 4 hours per week to 5 hours per week to cover an increased workload; the increase will date from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

## **EAST ANGLIA ONE WINDFARM AND**

### **CABLE CORRIDOR**

The deadline for responses and comments to the Planning Inspectorate was 13<sup>th</sup> December 2013 – the council has been assured that all concerns which they raised will be addressed, and that we will be made aware of their findings in due course.

## **HIGHWAYS**

Thanks were extended to Mr William Stennett for cutting back the hedges in Butts Road recently. Letters are to be sent to other local landowners requesting that they cut back any trees or hedges on their land, which overhang roadways.

## **UPDATE OF STANDING ORDERS, CODE OF CONDUCT, FINANCIAL REGS & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE**

These have all been agreed and adopted and are to appear on the website.

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning permission has been granted for alterations at Copyhold, Church Lane, Playford, ref: DC13/2685/FUL.

Planning applications were supported by the council for Fork Rent Plc at Great Bealings, ref DC13/3408/FUL and for Sonnet House, Butts Road, Playford ref. DC13/3369/FUL (the latter subject to conditions regarding drainage & positioning of driveway) but the council did not support the application for planning permission for the proposed house in the grounds of Sevenoaks, ref. DC/13/3353/FUL, permission has been deferred pending a site meeting.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Pocock paintings have been bought by Mrs Joan Metcalfe and will be valued prior to being sold. Any profit will be donated to council funds. Other options are to be considered for using the Outdoor Playspace funds available as it was considered that an outdoor table tennis table might not be ideal. The grass cutting contract is to be reviewed.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**7.00pm, Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

*Marian Rosling – Clerk 01473 738648*

*Email: [playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk)*

*Website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

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# CULPHO

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## **ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH**

### **SPONSORED LIGHTS**

The lights were switched on by John and Shirley Grey on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 in loving memory of Shirley's mother and brother and again on the 24<sup>th</sup> December to celebrate Christmas.

Sponsoring the lights not only provides support for the Church but represents a lovely way to remember loved ones, special occasions, anniversaries, birthdays, or just to say 'thank you'. Five pounds is all it costs to keep the lights lit to commemorate those memorable events in our lives. Details can be placed in the letter box at the porch door of number 19 Culpho and Shirley will ensure the Church is illuminated on your behalf.

### **CHURCH ORGAN**

You will recall that the Church Organ has been given a welcome 'make over'. The work was carried out at the beginning of December with a marked improvement being witnessed at the Annual Carol Service. Grateful thanks are extended to Mr. Andrew Stevens for his expertise in carrying out this essential maintenance.

### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

The next meeting of the P.C.C. will be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at Culpho End House.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

This will take place following the 3 p.m. Evensong Service on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 and all are most welcome to attend.

### **INTERREGNUM**

During the period the Benefice is without a Priest, Church Services will continue to be held at Culpho Church with Evensong which will be celebrated on the third Sunday of each month and Holy Communion each Wednesday morning at 10.30 a.m.

*Margaret Gornall*

## **NEW TO THE VILLAGE?**

**Great Bealings:** For a Welcome Leaflet please contact Norman Porter on 735565 or [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

**Little Bealings:** Please see the parish website for information: [www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net](http://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](http://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
- getting prescriptions
- minor domestic repairs, such as checking smoke alarms and changing light bulbs
- short term help with pets

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](mailto: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?**

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

In an emergency contact the police.

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

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

**Fly Tipping and Litter:** Contact Suffolk Coastal Services on 01394 444000 or email [scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk](mailto:scsltd@suffolkcoastal.gov.uk).

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## 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 07929310480
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		<a href="http://bealings.ibooka.com/">http://bealings.ibooka.com/</a>
KEEP FIT	VH Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390	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		Gina Corani 620696
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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**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

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**PRESENTATION OF CHRIST  
(CANDLESMAS)**

	8.00	Holy Communion	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	10.00	Morning Prayer with Hymns	<b>Great Bealings</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>

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**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup>**

**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

	8.00	Holy Communion	<b>Great Bealings</b>
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	<b>Playford</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>

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**SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

	8.00	Holy Communion	<b>Grundisburgh</b>
	10.00	Family Communion	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	3.00	Evensong	<b>Culpho</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>

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**SUNDAY 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

	8.00	Holy Communion	<b>Playford</b>
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	<b>Little Bealings</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup></b>	10.30	Holy Communion	<b>Culpho</b>

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**March**

**SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**

	8.00	Holy Communion	<b>Little Bealings</b>
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	<b>Great Bealings</b>