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One of the great pleasures, indeed privileges, of being involved in rural churches, is that you invariably have to pass through an expanse of churchyard to get inside the buildings, our four churches within the Benefice are no exception. All four churchyards are wonderfully maintained, and the Benefice owe a great deal of gratitude to those who both oversee and contribute to their preservation so lovingly; not in a fashion of being manicured like a prestigious lawn or bowling green, but as wild open places for serenity.

A churchyard is more than a garden around a church. It may be a burial ground of course, but it is also a place of quiet reflection and recreation, a habitation for plants, birds and animals, as well as the setting of the church building. Churchyards are very special places, often sombre, places of pleasure, yet rarely it has to be said, places of joy, unless of course you are the wedding couple. Their character comes from the memorials and the inscribed words on grave stones, the church itself, and from the history of the community that the place encapsulates. A churchyard is a place of memories where feelings of sadness, the Christian hope and history come together, and a place where we are not forgotten.

Rabbi Lionel Blue used to be a regular contributor to Radio 4's Today programme in the 'Thought for the Day' slot. Among his many anecdotes he would often share some of the things his mother had said to him or about him. After her death he continued to mention her and speak of the times he visited her grave, when he

would sit upon a nearby bench and think about her, remember her with love and tell her quietly about the things that had happened to him, or were either worrying him, or making him feel happy. These, he said, were treasured moments and it was clear that, for him, the continuing relationship between him and his mother was real and greatly valued. Even though it had been changed it had not been taken away.

Those we love are never really lost to us, never really separated from us, however it may seem at the time of their passing. They are not just a memory but a real presence, one that we can feel rather than see when we remember them with love. Memory is a very precious gift that connects us with people and events that are no longer present to us. When someone we love dies, we still feel the need to maintain the connection between our lives and theirs and that is where our memories are so important.

We all want to be remembered, and Jesus did too. In His love He left us a special way of remembering Him, namely the Eucharist, our Holy Communion. He said, 'do this in remembrance of me.' When we remember Christ at the breaking of bread, He becomes present to us, perhaps not physically present, but nonetheless present for us, and that is something we can feel as we share Holy Communion, and so are in communion with Him.

With every Blessing.

Philip

BENEFICE

MESSY CHURCH

Judging by the numbers attending, Messy Church has so far proved a success. Held at 4pm on the 4th Sunday of each month in the Angela Cobbold Hall, it is a service with a difference. On offer is a short act of storytelling and worship followed by activities such as crafts and cooking with substantial refreshments thrown in for good measure. In March Messy Church was substituted by a Good Friday Workshop at which over 70 attended of a complete cross-section of ages. Grateful thanks go to all who support, and especially to those who give their time in practical help with the activities along with those who so kindly donate refreshments. EVERY body will receive a warm welcome to this very informal act of Church, so remember Sunday 22nd May for our next occasion, when the theme will be that of Pentecost.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW STRUGGLE TO LIVE WITHOUT CENTRAL HEATING?

Suffolk's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service (supported by all the District, Borough and County Councils in Suffolk) has secured funding from central government to help 270 households across Suffolk have fully-funded central heating. Terms and conditions apply.

To qualify, households *must meet one or more* of the following financial criteria: Have a household income of less than £17,000; *or* be in receipt of Pension Credit; *or* be in receipt of any other means tested benefit; *or* spend more than 10% of net household income on fuel; *or* be in substantial fuel debt (over £1,000). In all circumstances the property must be owned by you or be privately rented (i.e. not a council house or housing association property) and *must only have room heaters, open fires or storage heaters*. Personal saving must also not be in excess of £20,000.

In most circumstances the works will be carried out *at no charge to you* but if you rent privately your landlord may be ex-

pected to fund some of the costs. This will be determined as part of the assessment process.

Due to the limited funding more vulnerable residents will be given priority.

To find out more, contact Sue Hall at the *Warm Homes Healthy People* service by email at whhp@eastssuffolk.gov.uk or call (local rate) **03456 037686** and quote 'DECC Central Heating Fund 01'.

More information is available on Suffolk County Council's *Warm Homes Healthy People* service website: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/warm-homes-healthy-people>

ANDREW KEEP

Firstly may we take this opportunity to say how very much we appreciate the innumerable acts of kindness we have received from the villages following the road accident which resulted in the death of our son Andrew a few weeks ago.

We found out after the accident that Andrew was a regular giver to the East Anglian Air Ambulance, saying that if ever he needed an emergency service, it would likely be them. They did in fact attend the scene, piloted by Prince William.

In order that some good for someone will come out of this devastating event, our eldest son Chris, with Andrew's friend Callum, sky dived to raise funds for EAAA. This took place at Beccles airfield at midday on Sunday April 17th.

Our thanks to those of you who were there. But more importantly we would be grateful for any donations in memory of Andrew. The link for Just Giving (jump for Andrew) is attached, or an envelope in person is just as good!

<https://www.justgiving.com/jumpforandrew/>

With sincere thanks from the Keep family.

SUFFOLK COASTAL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKSHOPS 2016

Suffolk Coastal District Council, in conjunction with a range of partners, would like to invite you to attend one or more of five workshops to explore what communities could do to support local individuals and families facing specific health and wellbeing challenges, including dementia, isolation and staying active. The five workshops will be held at different locations across the District between 10 May and 20 June 2016. (See Box)

Each workshop is aimed at community groups, Town and Parish Councils, County and District Councillors and voluntary organisations – anyone who wants to find out more about how to stimulate action in their community!

Following each workshop there will be a 'community call to action' where community groups and voluntary sector organisations in the Suffolk Coastal District Council area can apply for a share of £12,500 per theme to tackle that issue. This funding is provided by Public Health and Protection, Suffolk County Council.

Each workshop will include facts and

figures to help participants to understand what's happening in the local area, information about what local voluntary organisations are doing to tackle this issue, inspirational case studies exploring what other Suffolk communities are doing to support individuals and families in their community and, last but not least, some 'possibility thinking' to generate ideas for action in your community.

The workshops will also include information about new funding that is available to kick-start your community health and wellbeing project - come along to one, two or more workshops to find out more.

To book your place(s), please contact Jo Jonas on 01502 523210 or Joanna.jonas@eastsuffolk.gov.uk but if you would like more information about the workshops, please contact Nicole Rickard, Head of Communities on

01502 523231 or

Nicole.rickard@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

Workshop 1

Communities and Mental Health

Tuesday 10 May, 4.30 – 6.30pm, Walton Community Hall, Felixstowe

Workshop 2:

Communities and Dementia

Tuesday 17 May, 6.30 – 8.30pm, Charsfield Village Hall, near Wickham Market

Workshop 3:

Communities and Social Isolation

Monday 6 June, 6.30 – 8.30pm, The Market Hall, Saxmundham

Workshop 4:

Communities and Carers

Thursday 16 June, 6.30 – 8.30pm, Woodbridge Community Hall, Woodbridge

Workshop 5:

Communities and Active, Healthy Lifestyles

Monday 20 June, 4.30 – 6.30pm, The Westbury Centre (St John's Ambulance), Framlingham

IMPORTANT

Report on Way Ahead meeting.

ACH. 31st March 2016

As was reported in the last issue the Magazine made a loss last year, despite the support of a considerable number of advertisers, and of our Parish Councils. This was self-evidently unsustainable, and a special meeting was held on March 31st to discuss the way ahead. Clearly we need more income, to offset costs, but this meeting provided an ideal opportunity to look at the Magazine from all perspectives and to consider how we might improve it. We now publish the outcome of those discussions, and hope that readers will let us have feed-back, and also add to the ideas that have already been put forward, as below. It was decided that we had already had two questionnaires, one relating to the Neighbourhood Plan, and the other initiated by Rev Celia Cook in the first year of her ministry, so we already had access to significant information about local views on our Magazine. This is your opportunity to add to them and to comment on the proposals below.

PRESENT AT MEETING: Rev Celia Cook; Fran Hopkins; Colin Hopkins; Colin Hedgley; Marian Rosling; Dee Knights; Margaret Gornall; Richard Garnham; Bob Tate; Jim Newbold; Carol Ramsden; Margaret Newbold; Phil Holmes; Peter Prentice; Sue Prentice; Charles Barrington; Jane Hartley; Vicki Carr; Peter Carr; Veronica Bunbury; Joan Metcalfe, Norman Porter (Chairing)

BRIEF SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

The Chairman began by welcoming those present, and warmly thanking the team who had worked so hard over many years to produce the current Magazine. Many of them were present at the meeting. He then gave a brief introduction, explaining how the magazine had evolved from being a church-centred Newsletter (funded by subscriptions), to a free-to-every-household, increasingly secular publication, funded by advertising income

and donations from Parish Councils. For the past two years the Magazine had operated at a loss. This was not sustainable. This shortfall had triggered the need for a long overdue reassessment of the purpose, production costs, content, format and distribution of the Magazine.

The following proposals had substantial support:

1. **OVER-ALL:** The time is right for a major updating of the Magazine.

2. **FINANCE:** Income must be increased. Parish Councils are prepared to contribute more. (Proportional to population – Lt B 191; Culpho 26; Gt B – 126; Playford 103 – posted - 6) = TOTAL 452). They view the Magazine as an essential means of communicating with residents of the villages. It should be possible to increase advertising revenue, but not at the cost of making the publication too advertising-heavy. Charitable adverts from outside the village took up space, and should not be entirely free – some donation could be asked for, or there should be a reduced charity rate.

Some individuals might be prepared to make donations, via an identifiable channel.

Overall, tighter financial control is needed. Income and expenditure are currently open-ended. Set an outline budget towards the end of the year. It was subsequently suggested that the Magazine should have its own Bank Account, rather than be incorporated within the Benefice Account.

3. **THE CHURCHES AND THE COMMUNITY:** It was agreed that the Magazine should be community-based with input from the churches, as part of that community, rather than church-based, with community input. **This was fully supported by Rev Celia Cook, who felt strongly that the Magazine should be inclusive of all in the community.**

4. **COLOUR:** There was wide support for

the use of COLOUR, for at least part of the Magazine, particularly the cover.

5. THE COVER AND THE NAME: It was agreed that, consistent with item 3, above that the cover should change, as should the name of the Magazine. **We invite suggestions, with a prize for any suggestion which is eventually adopted. Similarly please make suggestions as to the cover.** One idea was to have colour photographs of the villages which reflect the changing of the seasons. Modern technology makes for easy sending of photographs – we may well now move to having the means of publishing them as colour photos.

6. Format: The A5 format should remain unchanged. A4 would be unwieldy, and not justified by the amount of content. The number of issues would remain at 10 per annum. Any fewer than this would result in a combination of stale news and inability to promote imminent events. The number of copies produced should be around 480/500, giving scope for leaving spare copies in public places (ie The Village Halls)

7. FREE MAGAZINES TO ALL: The principle of free-to-every-household was central to the Magazine and should be sustained.

8. EDITORIALS: Rather than having a regular church-contributed editorial, the introduction to the Magazine should come from a range of sources. It was suggested that young people in the villages might welcome the opportunity for some 'work experience' on the magazine. Similarly there were certain church items which could be distributed by email on a need-to-know basis. (eg Liturgical colours and Readings for the month)

9. PRINTING COSTS: Cost comparisons should be made by obtaining quotes from other printers. If a favourable alternative were found to the present printer then there was no reason to delay change until the end of the current year. Sharward Services were favourably mentioned. If there is a template for the Magazine with regular headings content just slides

in. Costs will be constant. Sharward Services offer a design facility at lowish cost.

10. Management: There was surprise that there had been no meeting of those involved since 2007! It had been amazing, in the circumstances, that things have been running so smoothly. However, the Magazine, as now envisaged, would need to be run by a small editorial panel – perhaps up to 2 from each village, representing the secular and religious activities, with possibly one person doing both. Such a group would not need to meet more than a couple of times a year. Individuals with particular expertise could be co-opted to advise. (We already have 2 offers of help)

11. READERSHIP SURVEY: While it was important to have the views of the readership on possible developments, there had been 2 surveys in recent times, so yet another would be superfluous. That said, readers are invited to contact the Chairman with additional views.

12. DISTRIBUTION: This can sometimes be difficult if local deliverers are out and there is no obvious receptacle or place to leave piles of Magazines. An alternative would be to leave all copies at a central collection point. Over-all, distributors seemed to prefer doorstep delivery, but with clear instructions as to where the piles should be left. The Chairman would contact all distributors and local deliverers and try to resolve any difficulties. The postal option remains.

13. CONTENT: Possible innovations:

- Regular contribution from Bealings School
- Young people's Section;
- Self-contributed profiles of newcomers to the villages;
- similarly there could be an accepted format for Obituaries.
- Occasional Puzzles/jokes/crossword
- Children's page.
- Cookery items
- Occasional write-ups/critiques of personal visits (Theatre, cinema/NT, RSPB)

- Ideas for school holiday activities

- Letters-to-Editor page.

The Magazine is contributor-led, but there is a need for some form of editorial control. Similarly contributed photos may need editing.

14. ON-LINE VERSION: this is a useful extension of the service, possibly not known to all. It was felt that, although wider use of the on-line version would save costs, it was better to ensure that all households had a hard copy of the Magazine.

15. ADVERTISEMENTS: we could offer colour adverts at an additional cost. Our tariff should be more widely publicised, both in the Magazine and on parish websites. The number of adverts is fewer than in comparable Magazines and could be increased.

There could be space for small ads – items for sale etc, at a small cost.

Perhaps we could have a “Register of Services” – with basic contact details, for non-advertised services – in exchange for a small contribution?

The better the Magazine and the greater the number of confirmed readers, the greater the attraction to advertisers.

It was subsequently agreed that a steering group should meet some time in mid-May, before material was due for the June issue, so that the above proposals could be more closely studied and suggestions made for implementation. Suggestions from readers would also be considered – to this end **please pass on your ideas as soon as possible , with a deadline of Monday 9th May.**

It is likely that the printing of the Magazine will be undertaken by a company closer to home, so this would be a good time to introduce such changes as were agreed. **This means that, unless there is a major revolution amongst our readership, and outpourings of support for the Magazine in its current form, this could possibly be the final issue in the present format.**

Norman Porter

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Town Lecture

ST MARY AT THE QUAY: A DRAMATIC HISTORY

Suzanne Hawkes

Museum Street Methodist church Thursday 12 May 2016 1.00pm to 1.50pm

This medieval waterfront church has gone through many stages, from its beginnings rooted in the rich merchants of the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries until a WW2 bomb closed the building as a working church. Yet St Mary's still stands, overseeing the changing face of Ipswich waterfront from bustling medieval port to the vibrant café and cultural area it is today. Local playwright Suzanne Hawkes has been commissioned by Suffolk MIND to write a play about the history of the church and the characters involved in its life to celebrate its reopening as a Wellbeing Heritage Centre. She discusses her research and the process of converting the raw material into a drama.

Tea and biscuits are available. The kettle will be on the hob at 12.30pm. Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £3.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series.

More details can be obtained from *secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk* www.ipswich-arts.org.uk or Tel. 01473 836973

HEADWAY SUFFOLK – Events

2016 promises to be another bumper year of service developments, awareness events and fundraising campaigns for brain injury charity Headway Suffolk.

These are the five main events:

Garden Party -Wednesday 29 June

Join us on a what we hope will be a sunny day for a Garden Party in the stunning 10-acre gardens of 16th Century Otley Hall from 11.00am to 5.00pm.

There will be Headway stalls and sideshows with the garden cafe available for lunch. The gardens will also be open to the public and there is a £3 entry charge by the Hall.

We hope as many clients, families and carers can come along as possible, as well as friends and supporters of Headway, to make it a memorable and fun day!

Sponsored Walk - Saturday 3 September at 11.00am

Our Sponsored Walk returns for a second year after a successful inaugural event that saw 60 participants and £3,000 raised. The route is expected to repeat last year's six mile course, with some possible alterations, through Bury St Edmunds and neighbouring villages, and again have participating pubs providing refreshments.

We plan to further expand on 2015's "family fun" theme - with dogs allowed and fancy dress for added entertainment!

Neuro Conference - Wednesday 5 October

An incredible 800 people will be attending our second Neuro Conference at two venues - Adastral Park and Conference Centre in Kesgrave.

An illustrious line up of guest speakers include world-famous scientist Professor Stephen

Hawking, Prof John Pickard (director of brain imaging at Addenbrooke's), Dr Trevor Powell (author of head injury publications) and Dr MR Chowdhury (stroke consultant at Ipswich Hospital). Delegates will also hear from Suffolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Care, head injury lawyers Irwin Mitchell and Headway Suffolk. Last year's Conference attained coverage across some of the UK's biggest newspapers, and this year is another not to be missed!

Awards Ball - Saturday 12 November.

An evening at Seckford Golf Club celebrating the achievements of brain injury survivors, volunteers and family carers and delegates who will enjoy a delightful four-course dinner and hear inspirational stories of triumph over adversity from those who have made great strides following a brain injury.

After last year's inaugural Ball, award-winner Martin told the media: *I'm elated - to get the award is like a stepping stone achievement back into the real world.* Don't miss out on hearing similar powerful stories like Martin's this year.

JOIN US Website: www.headwaysuffolk.org.uk/events for further details

Enquire by contacting Helen on 01473 712225 or

email - info@headwaysuffolk.org.uk

CREATING A WOOD FOR WILDLIFE – illustrated talk by Malcolm Key

Some 20 people came along to this fascinating talk by Malcolm. He not only described the process by which 20 acres of arable land was converted to a n entire wild-life friendly area, but illustrated the talk with a fine range of pictures of the wild life in action. Malcolm retired early from BT, and decided to invest his time and energy in this project. The site is on the way to Debenham and Malcolm would be prepared to welcome us to an away-day next year, if a group of people would like to visit the area.

Our thanks to all who supported this occasion – and do let us have ideas of other people who might be approach to give talks on similar subjects.

HOME-START SNOWFLAKE BALL

Come along to our Snowflake Ball on Friday 20th May at Milsoms, Kesgrave Hall, 7.00 pm onwards. A glamorous night of fine dining, music and entertainment!

Tickets are £55pp to include an arrival drink and three course meal with entertainment provided by the band Soul Kitchen.

During the evening there will be the chance to win a beautiful cultured white freshwater baroque pearl pendant kindly donated by Woodbridge Jeweller Chenevix. Bid for a holiday in the auction or for a Spa and lunch at The Swan Hotel, Lavenham as well as many more exciting opportunities.

For tickets or further information please contact 01473 621104

rofice@homestartcoastal.co.uk alternatively book your tickets by visiting our

website *www.homestarteastsuffolk.org.uk*

If you are a local business who would like to support this event sponsorship opportunities are available please contact *ella@homestartcoastal.co.uk*

The Ball will have a ‘Snowflake’ theme, as every child Home-Start supports is as unique and fragile as a snowflake. Home-Start supports families in the East of Ipswich and Suffolk Coastal areas for whom the pressures of family life have become too great to cope with alone this can be for many differing reasons such as bereavement , physical and mental health problems. Families are matched with a trained volunteer who supports them on a weekly basis enabling them to grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children, improve their health and wellbeing and widen their links locally.

DIARY - WHAT’S ON

MAY

Thursday 12

7.00 pm

Playford Parish Hall AGM

Playford Parish Hall

Monday 16th

7.00 pm

Great Bealings Annual Parish Meeting

Bealings Village Hall

JUNE

Saturday 11th

5.00 - 9.00pm

Playford Village Barbeque to celebrate H.M. Queen’s 90th birthday

Playford Hall

Sunday 12th

2.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Great and Little Bealings celebrations for H.M. Queen’s 90th birthday

The Lodge, Great Bealings

READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS - MAY

1st May		6th Sunday of Easter	
<i>1st Lesson</i>	8.00/10.00	Acts 16.9-15	White
<i>2nd Lesson</i>	10.00	Revelation 21.10,22-22.5	RCL p. 876
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	John 5.1-9	
5th May		ASCENSION DAY	
<i>1st Lesson</i>	7.00pm	Acts 1.1-11	White
<i>2nd Lesson</i>	7.00pm	Ephesians 1.15-end	RCL p. 240
<i>Gospel</i>	7.00pm	Luke 24.44-end	
8th May		7th Sunday of Easter	
<i>1st Lesson</i>	8.00/9.00	Acts 16.16-34	White
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/9.00	John 17.20-end	RCL p. 880
15th May		PENTECOST	
<i>1st Lesson</i>	10.00/3.00	Acts 2.1-21	Red
<i>2nd Lesson</i>	10.00	Romans 8.14-17	RCL p. 885
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00/3.00	John 14.8-17,25-27	
22nd May		TRINITY SUNDAY	
<i>OT Lesson</i>	9.00	Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31	White
<i>NT Lesson</i>	9.00	Romans 5.1-5	RCL p. 891
<i>Gospel</i>	9.00	John 16.12-15	
29th May		1st Sunday after Trinity	
<i>OT Lesson</i>	10.00	1 Kings 8.22-23,41-43	Green
<i>Gospel</i>	10.00	Luke 7.1-10	RCL p. 898
5th June		2nd Sunday after Trinity	
<i>OT Lesson</i>	8.00/10.00	1 Kings 17.17-end	Green
<i>NT Lesson</i>	10.00	Galatians 1.11-end	RCL p. 904
<i>Gospel</i>	8.00/10.00	Luke 7.11-17	

FROM THE REGISTERS – MARCH

BAPTISMS

20th March Harriet Rose Robinson-Game All Saints, Little Bealings

FUNERALS

1st March Ethel Beatrice Phillips St Mary's, Playford

BEALINGS

BEALINGS WI

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm in Bealings Village Hall when we will welcome Mrs Janet Dann and her talk entitled "Suffolk Chapter and Verse". Visitors are always welcome.

For details of Coffee Get Togethers, Summer visits and events and also the Resolution to be presented at this year's National Federation of Women's Institutes Annual Meeting in June, please contact Jennifer Cook 01473 623985

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Thank-you to everyone who came to the Easter Lunch on April 5th.

We raised £66.50p to support the amazing work of MSF/Doctors without Borders.

The next Community Lunch will be at the Angela Cobbold between 12.30-1.30pm on Tuesday May 3rd.

We shall be serving

Swiss Farm Bangers
(veggie option available)
mash, red cabbage with apple
onion gravy.

Bread and butter pudding
custard/ice cream
tea/coffee.

For enquiries and bookings please contact 01473 620213 or
e-mail pandvcarr55@gmail.com

GIRL'S COAT - AGE 8/9 YEARS

Found on Playford play area on Mon 11th April, would like to reunite with owner.

Please phone 01473636186
simonyoung777@btinternet.com

POLLUTION WATCH - SPOT, REPORT AND STOP

A key part of our business is to return used water from homes and businesses safely back in to the environment. This is no small operation and requires a huge number of assets, including over

76,000km of sewer pipes - that's enough to go around the world twice! We work hard to ensure that these operate effectively at all times. However, very occasionally sewage escapes from the system causing a pollution incident. Pollution can kill fish and other aquatic life and also affect the use of water and land for agricultural, business, community purposes.

Escapes from the sewage system are commonly caused by the build-up of fats, oils and greases, sanitary waste and wipes; all of which cause blockages and reduce the flow of sewage through the network.

There are many tell-tale signs that pollution has entered a river or a stream. These include:

- sewage solids
- toilet debris such as toilet paper, condoms and sanitary products
- soap suds or a milky-looking discharge in the water
- grey coloured water
- a noticeable sewage smell

Our Love Every Drop strategy, which puts water at the heart of a whole new way of living, includes a business goal of No Pollutions. We're investing millions in pollution prevention through continually maintaining and improving our asset base and enhancing our understanding of its performance. This includes £5.5 million of network maintenance; analysis to predict potential sewer blockages; enhanced maintenance at pumping stations; increasing the number of staff on pollution control and working with river-users to help us identify and report problems quickly.

We are working hard to minimise pollution incidents from our assets, and we'd really like your help to look after rivers and waterways too. By calling our Pollution Hotline on **03457 145 145** and informing us about potential sewage pollution issues, we can respond sooner meaning we have the best opportunity to minimise any environmental impact.

To support this, we plan to launch the "Pollution Watch" campaign to raise awareness of sewage pollution, the causes of it, and what to do if you spot it. We aim to work at parish level with local communities to help understand the sewerage network and its performance and what to do if you spot a problem.

To launch the campaign, we are running a project across our region to work together on the following areas:

- to explore the general level of under-

standing of the sewerage network and its function within your area

- to identify the likely locations of discharges from the network within your area
- to discuss the wording for signs at these locations
- to consider ways of working together to spread the word

If you would like to be involved, call us 03457 145145 or

pollutionwatch@anglianwater.co.uk



Lady Hamilton
Says

*"Come to my
Marvellous Merry May Madness
Pop-up-Pub"*



- Cask Ales
- Fine Wines
- Great Food
- Pub Games
- Good Company

Friday May 6th
6:00 - 11:00
Bealings Village Hall
"Save The Admiral's Head"
admiralshead.com
info@admiralshead.com

GREAT BEALINGS

ANDREW KEEP

15.1.1994 - 29.1.2016

Andrew entered this life much as he left it: in too much of a tearing hurry. He first tried to appear at the level crossing in Little Bealings en route for Ipswich Hospital. He was born completely as soon as we reached the bed in a delivery room. Sadly, his life was to end in a catastrophic car collision just over 22 years later. Speed will, I guess, prove to be a major factor there too.

Andrew was a Bealings boy through and through, and whatever befell him outside the village, in his mind, Croft Cottage was where his emotional base resided. His body rests now, forever 22, in the grounds on the sunny side of Great Bealings church.

Andrew's interest in machinery was evident from the earliest days, starting with obsessive watching of the wheels on his pushchair: a trait shared with his brother Christopher. His Grandad being a Shropshire sheep farmer, this interest was widened to include tractors and any other farmyard machinery that belched smoke, roared, or was just big. He shared this interest with his Grandad, who was probably the family member he felt closest to latterly. He drove up to visit him in January just 10 days before he died.

Andrew was always doing stuff and making stuff and spent a great deal of time constructing ever more fantastical Lego models of lorries, which consumed so many bricks they had to be dismantled to make the next one. He moved on to bows and arrows. The bows worked and the arrows were flint tipped and feathered. They became so fearsome and accurate they had to be banned for the protection of all of us. His eventual qualification as a motor vehicle mechanic was a long held dream and a natural progression for him.

Although Andrew was bright with words, ideas and problem solving, his skills didn't fit the model schools currently value and so that enterprise became a bit of a dis-

traction for him. On the other hand it did offer lots of people for friends and a platform for performing to the crowd, another of his specialities, much to the chagrin of his teachers. At Bealings Primary he met both Jake Mosely and Ben Newman who were to be lifelong friends, with his petrol-head buddy Josh Cotton coming from Otley College.

Andrew attended Kesgrave High School and got very creditable GCSE's, despite doing no exam revision. He also increased his circle of friends and conspirators in his various pranks. Otley College, which followed on, was a horrible shock to his system, but in the second year, the serious students remained and life got much better for him. He went on to an apprenticeship at John Grose, the Ford Main Dealer and again made good friends there too. One of his bosses used to go off-roading with him and would visit here to help Andrew fix a gearbox or other complex task.

He moved on from John Grose to two other vehicle service centres, once he had passed his apprenticeship, but had reached a stage where he wasn't really sure what came next. Having been tutored so well by Mark Moseley in making an engine produce more power, this was the sort of thing he really wanted to do. He loved the world of the race track in all of its various guises and most of his later friends were involved in some way. He revelled in the joys of Santa Pod and the drag racing and speed trial. The loan of a bike gave him the thrill of aiming for 200mph at Woodbridge airfield (he achieved 178mph). He was quite a late comer to go-karting, but his ability to focus totally on what he was doing earned him the opportunity of a trial with Porsche; sadly one that he won't be able to take up.

He left home just after 8 on Friday January 19th, not sure if he would be back that night or not. Just going for a quick drive in his beloved, bespoke Honda Prelude, then meeting up with friends later. He

was in good humour and didn't even throw up gravel as he reversed down the drive. Just another normal Friday evening.

He leaves behind a devastated family, as you might expect. Great Bealings was shell-shocked, as most folk were aware of Andrew, even if only as a get-up noise on work-days as he drove off at 7:40 a.m. But through the wonders of social media, we know also how deeply he affected those outside the family circle. Trusted loyal friend; always rely on you; always a laugh; loved you so much: these are the things Mums and Dads don't get to hear about their own kids. We are eternally grateful for all the messages, directed to us or to Andrew himself via Facebook. Beloved son and brother you would expect; loved and loyal friend: that's something he earned himself.

ST MARY'S

Please make sure that you read the item about the future of this Magazine, which appears elsewhere. A group of 20 people representing various interests in the Benefice came together to discuss a range of aspects of the Magazine and agreed on suggestions as to how it should evolve for the future. The Magazine has made a small loss in the past two years, so this is a situation that has to be remedied – more advertising is the obvious route, and that means reassurance for advertisers that the Magazine is widely read. That, in turn, means ensuring that the quality, format and content meet the expectations of readers.

Accordingly we invite you to add to proposals put forward at the preliminary meeting, so that these can be considered at a meeting of the steering group in mid-May, before the June issue is prepared. Please feel part of this discussion, and let us have your views. Satisfaction at the status quo is only valid insofar as it addresses the issue of finding more funding to ensure free delivery to every household in our four villages.

LOOKING BACK ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting took place after the 10.00 am service on Sunday April 3rd. The Annual Report was presented, and will be handed over to the Diocese alongside the Financial Report. It has been a busy year, with the spending of £40,000 on internal and external repairs, and with the promise of an even more expensive period coming up as we seek methods of paying for repairs to the roof.

There is one retirement from the PCC – Adrian Melrose, Treasurer, who is now living in Playford. His place has been taken by Charles Barrington, who is returning to the PCC as Treasurer. We are also pleased to say that Will Self (Bridge House) has been elected to the PCC. We cannot move forward without recording our sincere thanks to Adrian for all that he gave to this village, in terms of his commitment to the church, the community and The Friends of the Church. Few will forget the mammoth undertaking which was the Great Bealings Country Fayre, or the fireworks on the top of the hill. Rosery Farm was a wonderful setting for such occasions, and it was generously opened up to our community. We thank Adrian for all that he did for us as Treasurer and events host, and also wish him, Fiona and family, happiness in their Playford home.

Otherwise the PCC remains as before, with Norman Porter continuing as churchwarden, Eric Barnett as Secretary, Jonathan Keer as Electoral Roll Officer, and Virginia Porter as Deanery Synod representative. Pat Keep also remains a member.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Archdeacon's **Visitation Service**, at which Churchwardens are sworn in for the new term of office takes place at Hollesley on Monday 9th May.

CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY.

Although the birthday is actually on April 21st, the nation's celebrations are focused on the weekend of 11th/12th June. You will see that FOGBC, together with

the Village Hall Playing Field Committee are jointly organising an event in the garden of The Lodge, by kind invitation of Charles and Ann Barrington. It has always been made clear that the Queen's sense of duty and her Christian beliefs are very much at the heart of the wonderful service that she has given this country over so many years, so it is fitting that the church community is involved in paying tribute to her and in celebrating 90 years of the life of a remarkable monarch. Do join us – full details below. Sunday 12th is the day set aside for street parties, including the massive event in The Mall.

CHURCHYARD

An item of good news is that we have managed to repair the lantern over the gate. Not only that, but the gate has been re-set on its hinges so it moves and shuts smoothly. We are very grateful to local craftsman metal worker, Chris Barber, for his expertise, and for carrying out the repair so promptly and at very reasonable cost. Our thanks to one major donor, who wishes to remain anonymous. With four weddings coming up, we need to ensure that the approach to the church looks good!

There are veritable armies of rabbits in and around the churchyard. They seem to be unfazed by humans. The mild winter must have had an effect on numbers surviving through to the breeding joys of spring.

Churchwarden

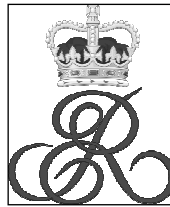
FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

CELEBRATIONS – to include residents of Little Bealings

At last we have clarity about village celebrations of The Queen's 90th birthday. The Parish Councils are not officially involved, but will, we are sure, help to support the event to be jointly organized by The Friends of Great Bealings Church and The Playing Field Committee. Both organizations need money, so there is a fund-raising element, but essentially we wish to ensure that the villages of Great and Little Bealings have the opportunity

to celebrate the 90th birthday of a remarkable monarch.



Essential details (slightly tentatively!): are **This is a joint event open to families and friends of all living in Great and Little Bealings.**

Time and date: 2.00 – 5.00 on Sunday 12th June

Venue: The Lodge, Lodge Road, Great Bealings, by kind invitation of Charles and Ann Barrington. There is plenty of space for parking, and directions will be given.

Royal theme: Face painting; bunting; prize for best look-a-like-royal – not limited to QE2! Large flat royal-themed cake. Possible visit by Her Majesty – likely to be chauffeur-driven, rather than carriage-drawn.

Live Music: JoySpring – classic jazz for social occasions. (This 4-piece band has previously given a concert in a packed Culpho Church)

Cost: We need to know numbers for catering purposes and to cover necessary expenditure in advance so tickets will be available in advance at: Adults: £2; Children £1 – Under fives free. Tickets at the gate: £3. Advance tickets will be obtainable from Sally Johnson, Norman Porter, Alison Self and Sue Prentice as from May 16th – they will also be energetically marketed and offered around on doorsteps!

Refreshments: Tea/coffee and a biscuit will be included in the entry price. There will be a barbecue and drinks tent. Ice-cream on site.

Activities: golf, tombola (offerings sought), plate-smashing, bowling, ladder and beanbag game, children's races; nature trail.

Bealings Bake-Off – details to be released the day before. Royal theme. Just sign up.

Seating: A few chairs available, but you

are advised to bring your own.

Plan B – in case of very wet weather – we hope to make a provisional booking of the Village Hall.

FINAL DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE MAGAZINE – ALL YOU HAVE TO DO NOW IS PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY – and, of course, all offers to help, in whatever capacity, very gratefully received. (Contact Sally Johnson or Norman Porter)

ANNUAL CRICKET AFTERNOON

The Douse family have once again very generously offered to stage a summer cricketing event, involving enthusiastic participants of all abilities. This will again be held on the meadow behind Barn Pyghtle in Boot Street. The date will not clash with the royal celebrations.

The Friends

LIGHT THE LIGHTS?

Only 1 order this month, but a very happy one;

Geoff & Rita Drake celebrated their Diamond wedding anniversary and flew off to the U.S.A. where no doubt Rita's thespian skills were already on record following her performance here with BYAT when she stole the show with her song "Nobody loves a Fairy when she's 40". I suspect that Rita is probably older than that, but be assured Rita, we still love you! The lights were on for both 13th & 14th April.

All requests please to Roger Roseboom
01473735153

BENEFACTIVE SMILES

In view of the paucity of Lighting requests I am back on my hopeful quest of making you smile – so "On with the Motley"

★His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork – *Mae West*

★He has Van Gogh's ear for music – *Billy Wilder*

★The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around you're not going anywhere!

★God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer before her first question.

★Answering machine message: "I am

making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes"

★Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked "Father, my dog is dead. Could ya'be saying a Mass for the poor creature?" Father Patrick replied "I'm afraid not – we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, an there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.

Muldoonsaid "I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think five thousand pounds is enough to donate to them for the service?" Father Patrick exclaimed "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?"

PARISH COUNCIL

CONSULTATION REGARDING POTENTIAL QUIET LANES

In parallel with the Great Bealings Neighbourhood Plan (NP) (which has no jurisdiction over traffic matters since they are covered by Suffolk County Council (SCC) and are thus outside the NP's scope) the Parish Council has been asked if it wishes to propose certain roads within the Parish for nomination as Quiet Lanes. This is an initiative that has the support of SCC and it has been trialed for the last year in a couple of areas in the Suffolk Coast AONB.

The object of such a nomination is to give all users of the road in question equal access rights, so that cars and other vehicles would be expected to respect walkers, cyclists, horses, etc on an equal basis and allow them quiet enjoyment of the road concerned. As a Parish Council we are required to consult with residents by giving 21 days notice of our intention to propose the roads in question, and since this magazine goes to all parishioners, it will qualify as due notice to all residents of Great Bealings. The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on May 16th (see notice elsewhere in this issue) and re-

sponses to these proposals will be requested at that meeting. You may of course contact the clerk before that if you have any questions about the proposed nominations.

In the NP under 'Other Matters' we suggested the following roads as possible Quiet Lanes:

- **Seckford Hall Road.** This would probably only apply from Bird's Hill to the Seckford Golf course.
- **Rosery Lane.**
- **Lower Street.**
- **Hasketon Road.** This road has been the subject of much concern since it is frequently used as a short cut (probably as a result of satnav use) by heavy vehicles which cause damage to verges and the road surface.
- **Grundisburgh Road.**

Also:

- **Lodge Road.** We have been advised that this would probably not be acceptable due to its 'through route' status and its width (for most of its length).
- **Kiln Lane.** This may not apply since it is currently an unmade-up road anyway. One issue of concern is that of signage. It is often said that there is a proliferation of signs in the countryside, and thus this scheme should not add to the problem. It is proposed that there would be a sign at each end of the agreed section and a design for such a sign will be available at the public meeting on 16th May. We have proposed locations for the relevant signs and a map will also be available at the meeting.

If it is agreed to submit these roads based on responses to this consultation and the discussion at the meeting, we would then have to wait for a further 21 days so that any objections can be made by any property owner who lives adjacent to or has access over any of the roads in question, after which we would notify SCC's Rights of Way Committee of our nominations.

Other parishes currently considering such nominations include:

Stutton
Melton
Holllesley and Boyton
Rendlesham

Further background can be obtained on the Suffolk Coasts and Heaths website. This initiative is supported by our respective local councillors - Tony Fryatt, Peter Bellfield, and Colin Hedgley – who are all aware of its links to the SAVID (Safer Village Driving) campaign.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the formal consultation over Christmas we have now made some minor amendments to the Plan and agreed the form of the supporting documentation with SCDC. We are therefore pleased to report that the Submission Version of the Plan has now been posted on the website - gbnp.co.uk - and the formal submission of the Plan to SCDC has been achieved. They will now appoint an independent examiner to ensure that the Plan meets all statutory requirements, as well as sending it to various bodies for their official responses (SCC, Environment Agency, SWT, etc.) following which SCDC will be in a position to organise the Referendum later this year. Assuming, as we hope, that the majority of residents voting in the referendum will be in favour, the Plan can then be formally 'made', at which point it becomes a statutory document and must be used as a basis for all planning applications in future. The Parish Council will keep you informed of progress as SCDC goes through these various stages of the process.

UK POWER NETWORKS

UK Power run a free Priority Services Register for those who may need more support in the event of a power cut. Every resident over the age of 60 would be eligible to join the register. So are those residents with a disability, are blind or visually impaired, are chronically sick, dependent on medical equipment, or have young babies. If anyone would like an application form to register, it can be obtained from the Parish Clerk, or alternatively registration can be made online at:

<http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/power-cuts/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/>.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 16 May at 7.00pm. All residents are welcome to attend, after which refreshments will be provided. This meeting will be immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Full minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website once they have been approved by the Council.

Dee Knights – Clerk 01473 624240

Email: greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk

Website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00p.m. Monday 16th May 2016 Bealings Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend and hear of the Council's work over the last year and discuss any issues. We hope that you will be able to join us.

An update on the submission of the Neighbourhood Plan will be given.

All community groups are also invited to come and give a report on their activities. Please contact the Clerk before the meeting if you would like to give a report.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will follow immediately after this.

Refreshments will be provided after the Annual Parish Meeting

Contact *Dee Knights, Clerk Tel: 01473 624240 greatbealingspc@hotmail.co.uk*

LITTLE BEALINGS

LET THERE BE LIGHT

*March 26th. was marked with lights as Margaret Wilson and Glenn Harold fondly remembered Emma Harold, who would have been 34years old on that day.

On her return from Australia Joan Moon lit the lights for several important dates.

*On April 3rd. there were lights in loving memory of Reg Smith.

*On April 4th. Trixie McMaster, an amazing Mother, was remembered with love.

*Joan's late husband Peter Moon, was lovingly remembered on his birthday.

*Joan also lit the lights to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty the Queen on Thursday 21st April.

*And for Anzac Day on Monday 25th. April, remembering the loyalty and sacrifice of the Australians and New Zealanders in both World Wars.

*Finally, on April 9th. Joan celebrated 30 years living in Little Bealings. Congratulations!

If you have an occasion you would like to celebrate with 'Lights' please contact Peter Carr, on 01473 620213.

LITTLE BEALINGS COOKBOOK

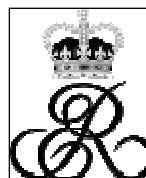
Favourite recipes and handy hints are still needed. Please email ideas to *pandvcarr55@gmail.com* or drop them through the letter box at Corner Cottage, The Street. Thanks to every one who has already contributed.

MEMORIES OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD CHURCH ROOMS

The collection of memories and events continues. These can be dropped into Corner Cottage, The Street or e-mailed to *pandvcarr55@gmail.com*

CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

For information about the joint celebration with Great Bealings please see the details on page 18 under Friends of Great Bealings Church



PLAYFORD

ST MARY'S CHURCH NEWS

Well the pews have now been changed. A horse-shoe shape now exits at the back of the church so that on Sunday service days children can play safely alone or with parents sitting with them if they wish. The area can also be used for coffee mornings, 'get to-gethers' and meetings. It is available to all – no charge!

Our next task is to move the font nearer to the door so that the whole of the back of the church becomes more user friendly and will certainly be more conducive to the Sunday 'after service' cup of coffee. Talking of which we now have a coffee machine which produces a more drinkable cuppa. No more coffee powder! All good stuff. A big thank you to the generous gift of the machine by an anonymous donor.

The new loo appears to be popular with requests that it be left open 24/7 so that church visitors and walkers can be made more welcome. I will give it a go but if we have any misuse I will take appropriate action. Not sure what but be warned! Even the wee-niest graffiti will result in instant closure, vacant or otherwise.

BINKY AND CO.

Mr and Mrs Stickleback were not on the best of terms. Everyone knows why and I am not going to go into it all again. Suffice to say it has been recorded in these august volumes on more than one occasion and this being a church based magazine forgiveness will be our watchword. (Unless of course you enjoy tittle tattle, in which case wait for the omnibus edition).

No, Binky was fairly easy going, but Mrs S held a grudge. Deeply. Venomously. Clutching it to her ample bosom like a gold medal winner at the Olympics. Cross Mrs S and it was the last thing you did before being excommunicated from the WI. Is there a worse punishment? Who knows? Those that have suffered

this torment have since left the area. Moving to Ipswich was considered heaven on earth compared to the continued cross eyed stare from Mrs S. at the AGM.

The thing was Binky did not consider his actions in any way a breach of marital agreements. To Mrs Stickleback it was the glue that held marriage together. To Binky it was an irrelevance. I am talking of course of how to load a dishwasher. Some Hollywood stars have it written into their pre-nuptials. There is a right way (the Mrs S way) and a wrong way (Binky's way). Binky could not fathom the crime of putting side plates into the large plate rack. Or for that matter why spoons could not be placed in the same cutlery square. Numerous admonishments by Mrs S made no difference to our home grown genius. Even the display of three spoons stuck together with marmalade after a dishwasher cycle could not convince Binky he was wrong.

Lessons had to be learned. Mrs Stickleback's lessons of course. Consequently the morning of retribution arrived. Mrs S had gone off on her daily foray into the depths of the Turban Centre just in case there were any lonely sailors that needed rescuing. Binky, on sitting down at his desk to start writing, noticed almost immediately that there were no pens, pencils rubbers or paper etc. So began the great pen hunt which even now, years after the event, is talked about in the Stickleback household, in hushed tones. It was once brought up at the Parish Council meeting by the clerk, who was never seen again after the July meeting. Pity because she was of a very pleasant disposition. Or so said Bill Trenchard a bachelor farmer of long standing who insisted on wearing a Norfolk jacket with pockets bulging with "farming implements" in case a cow suffered a difficult delivery. Bill stank.

It must be said that when the clerk heard that Bill T fancied her she immediately asked for a pay rise in order to compen-

sate her for the clear and present danger. It was turned down under the Town and Country Planning act 1957 as amended para 13B. (Details on the web).

Anyway Binky eventually found all his pens, pencils, rubbers and paper in the dishwasher after a long and very hot 'glass and saucepan' cycle. Luckily Mrs S did purchase the lemon and lime dishwasher tablets which hid, to a large extent, the smell of decaying elastic bands. Getting the paper clips out of the sump proved tricky. But Binky had learned his lesson. Mrs S was triumphant.

Hence a new business card went up in the telephone box in the Turban Centre. "Mrs Stickleback, by appointment, Man Training" And you can read into that what you will,

*Colin Hedgley,
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

Sadly, there was no sponsorship for the lights during the past few weeks. Perhaps this is a good time to remind everyone in Playford that to sponsor the lights to celebrate the birthday or memory of a family member or friend is a lovely thing to do. A request (see below) and small donation is all that is required (£5 is the suggested amount).

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366. please note new email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment please ensure that Veronica is at home but please be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time.

CHURCH CLEANING

We are thrilled with the response to our plea for cleaners for the church and we can now announce that we have ten cleaners who will split the ten months between them. The other two months are "blitz" months pre Easter and Christmas.

However, many hands make light work and we would be delighted to welcome more cleaners to the team.

We have had the first "blitz", before Easter, and are very grateful to all who turned up to help; the church shone; windows cleared of cobwebs and pews polished. Thank you to all concerned.

"Sidesman"

EASTER CHOCOLATE FAIR – Review

We arrived to a flurry of excitement with children and toddlers scrambling over the playing field, heads down and eyes focused for the glint of foil-wrapped chocolate treasure left behind by the Easter bunny. In true Playford style, it was lovely to see some of the older children sharing their bounty and helping out the younger ones. Once inside, there were plenty of fun "choctivities" for the kids to enjoy like egg decorating and a chocolate fountain, and for the less sweet-toothed, making sun catcher decorations, sparkly toddler tattoos, a raffle and name the cuddly duck competition. The artistic talents of the village were aptly demonstrated with some wonderful Easter bonnets and decorated eggs. Plus of course teas, coffee and tasty homemade cakes courtesy of the Playford WI.

A huge thanks to all involved in organising such a fun community event and congratulations on the funds raised - £491

Sarah Royle

And from Jos Saunders:

Well the sun sort of shone and the Easter Bunny came along which encouraged lots of Children. We had some wonderful entries to the competitions, although we would always love more next year! Next year we will also open them up to Adult categories - because lets face it Adults like to play with Chocolate & Cake too. Well done to all those who entered and those that won a prize. I personally love seeing all the creativity!

It really was a hub of activity with Eggs, Blown Eggs, Colouring Light Catchers and Finger Puppets, Decorated Cakes

(which were yummy), The Chocolate Fountain; Bonnets, Teas & Buns served by our lovely WI Ladies & Bunnies and yes we really had an Easter Bunny visit! The day was such a success we raised £491, well done everyone. It certainly wouldn't and couldn't go ahead without all the lovely volunteers or all the great donations. Thank you all.

Jos

PLAYFORD WI

Our usual monthly meeting held on 5th April at Playford Parish Hall saw a new member, Bridget Lapsley from Culpho, joining us.

Our speaker for the evening was Dan

Pennock from Healthwatch Suffolk who gave us an enlightening and amusing talk about the work which they undertake on behalf of all the NHS patients in Suffolk.

Next month's meeting is on May 3; we shall be debating the pros and cons of the two resolutions suggested by the National Federation of the WI for voting at the AGM at Brighton in June when Astrid Llewellyn will represent Playford. The two resolutions which the NFWI will be voting on are 'Avoiding food waste' and 'Care in hospitals for people with dementia' both of these resolutions are most important to the community.

Sue Bruce

PLAYFORD PARISH HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting for 2016 of Playford Parish Hall will be held in the hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 12th May.

Please come and hear about the progress of the hall and let us know your views on current facilities and activities, ideas for future activities and any other issues you wish to discuss.

All are welcome.

*Sue Lister
Secretary*

VACANCY FOR A PARISH COUNCILLOR

Playford Parish Council is keen to co-opt a new councillor following the recent resignation of Bob Coppillie.

If you are interested in joining the parish council and would like more information please contact the Clerk, Marian Rosling 01473 738648 or e-mail: playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk

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ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The recently held Annual Parochial Meeting saw Churchwardens Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall re-elected for a further term of office. All existing Parochial Church Council members were returned to serve for the next twelve months with Mrs. Bev. Pickeringshaw of Culpho being newly appointed. We are pleased to welcome her onto the P.C.C. Additionally, with effect from the 1st May, Guy Hartfall was appointed Treasurer. Details of all appointments are displayed on the Church Notice Board.

During the meeting Celia thanked all those who, throughout the year, had supported the Church in a variety of ways; recognizing that without help the Church would not be able to continue as it does. One of its' biggest challenges remains increasing the size of the congregation and although there are only

two services each month, a warm welcome awaits if you feel you would like to come along. There is also the question of meeting financial responsibilities, which is a huge problem facing rural Churches with small communities and St. Botolph's is no different. However, with the help of those who give generously and others who willingly provide their time and talents, the Church is able to remain open and your support is much valued and appreciated.

CHURCH NOTICE BOARD

A new notice board has been acquired and will shortly be located at the front of the Church and lists address and telephone details of the Reverend Celia Cook and Assistant Curate Philip Merry together with times of services. The current Notice Board will remain and used for publicizing events and other Church matters.

Margaret Gornall

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

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511
	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
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 Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/ Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.15	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	07809594685
PILATES	VH Tue 11.00	Pauline Mursell-Head 07870926980
	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
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

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	Dairy Crest 747272
NEWSPAPERS		Grange News 01394 384082
PARISH HALL BOOKING	Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	playfordtoddlers@gmail.com
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
WI	PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 pm	Sue Bruce 738265
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00	Astrid Llewellyn 610635

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For more information please contact the Club secretary: Ian McIvor on 01473 738866

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CHURCH DIARY - MAY

SUNDAY 1st

8.00

6th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion – said

Little Bealings

10.00

Holy Communion

Great Bealings

THURSDAY 5th

7.00pm

ASCENSION DAY

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

SUNDAY 8th

8.00

7th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion – said

Great Bealings

9.00

Family Communion

Playford

SUNDAY 15th

10.00

PENTECOST

Holy Communion

Little Bealings

3.00pm

Evensong

Culpho

WEDNESDAY 18th

9.30am

Holy Communion - said

Culpho

SUNDAY 22nd

9.00

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy Communion

Playford

4.00pm

Messy Church

Angela Cobbold Hall

SUNDAY 29th

10.00

1st Sunday after Trinity

— Benefice – Songs of Praise

Little Bealings

JUNE

SUNDAY 5th

8.00

2nd Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion - said

Little Bealings