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This month we hear from Philip Merry who over the summer spent some time with the Chaplain of the Mission to Seafarers at our local ports. It is a behind the scenes account of a life that few of us have experienced.

Pauline

During the first part of July this year, I had the immense pleasure of working with the Chaplaincy department of the Mission to Seafarers at our local ports of Harwich, Felixstowe, Ipswich and Mistley. It was a wonderful insight into the lives of merchant seamen from every part of the world. The Burmese sailor who requested a Bible in his native language, and there was one in the missions library for him to take away, as well as one written in Swahili requested by the seafarer from Tanzania. Sailors from the sub-continent, who looked as though they should still have been at school, and upon reflection, probably should still have been at school. Then there was Ronnie, the young boy cook from the Philippines, recently released from being held hostage for 75 days by Somali pirates.

There were sailors who had just come fresh from mainland China and the young crew from Cape Verde, about to leave for Egypt and then onto Syria, with all the perilous uncertainties that that particular engagement might throw up. Apparently, along with the Philippines and parts of Eastern Europe, Cape Verde tend to supply a whole host of nautical personnel. All things considered, there did not appear to be a great deal of romance to the job, engaged very often for 10 months at a

time, 7 days per week, every week. For those who were married, it was invariably a better lifestyle than they would otherwise have afforded. Their sacrifice at sea, so often meant that their children back home could have an education, which otherwise might well be denied them.

The hospitality demonstrated invariably left you with an immense feeling of humility; always refreshment, and sometimes a full-course meal. The ships themselves were as varied as the crew, some nearly 400 metres in length and weighing up to 150,000 tons, with a cargo sometimes to the value of one billion pounds – no wonder they are so highly prized by Somali pirates!

The work of the Chaplain? A pastoral exercise in listening and offering words of encouragement. A never ending supply of mobile phone cards, and access to the internet for the short time we were on board, along with a printed news-sheet in various languages to update the sailors on life back 'home.' Then there were the much sought after woolly hats, if you had come from Africa you were hardly likely to have packed one!

Back on dry ground, I am left to reflect how in this 21st century each and every one of us are so completely interconnected worldwide, totally dependent upon each other. My thanks go out to the Reverend Simon Davies, Chaplain, for allowing me to have seen Gods saving grace at work in His Kingdom here on earth.

Philip

REMEMBERING PRECIOUS PEOPLE

Our annual service where we remember by name those of our loved ones who have died, takes place on Friday 1st November at 7.30pm in Little Bealings Church. It is a quiet service of music and readings and the opportunity to light a candle. New names of those you wish remembered to Pauline in writing by Sunday 27th October please.

BENEFICE

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

This year's joint service for all 4 parishes will take place at 10.00 am in Little Bealings Church.

NOVEMBER 24TH "STIR UP CHRISTMAS PUDDING SUNDAY!"

In place of the usual Christmas all-age workshop at the Angela Cobbold Hall, this year's seasonal activities have been transferred to St Mary's Church, Great Bealings.

On the 24th November at 10.00 am, instead of the usual service, there will be activities for ALL ages, as well as some songs, prayers and a story, running until approximately 11.15am. We can all have a stir in the traditional making of a Christmas pudding, and, as it is the start of Advent, we will decorate our calendars and Christ the King Crowns. The morning will also include light refreshments. Our intention is that all will go home with a Christmas Pudding!!! All ages are extremely welcome and encouraged to this lovely start to the season of Advent.

Pauline & The Ministry Team

DEANERY LENT COURSE 2014

The 2014 Lent Course for everyone who is interested, will be held in Woodbridge, venue and topic 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 for your new 2014 diary are:-
Thursdays March 6th, 13th, 20th 27th.

HOME-START SUFFOLK COASTAL

Could you be a Home-Start Volunteer? Home-Start Suffolk Coastal is a charity which has provided support to families locally for over 14 years. We support families who have at least one child under 5 and for whom life is an uphill struggle. Over the past year we have supported over 80 families for many different reasons including families where there is illness or disability, families experiencing mental health issues or feeling isolated and families who have twins or triplets.

Support is provided by volunteers who are parents themselves or have parenting experience. Before visiting a family, volunteers attend a preparation course to look at their own experiences and cover subjects such as child protection and local facilities for young families. They are then matched one to one with a family to offer whatever help is needed, a confidential listening ear, an extra pair of hands and eyes, time to spend with the children or support through a difficult time.

Once matched with a family, volunteers receive ongoing support, training and expenses.

The course is OCN level 1 or 2 accredited. We offer either a one week course (Mon-Fri) or a course which is held one day a week over a 9 week period.

If you would like to find out more please ring Louise or Sarah at Home-Start Suffolk Coastal on 01394 389402 or visit www.homestarteastsuffolk.org

NOVEMBER READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

3rd November

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

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Daniel 7.1-3, 15-18
 Ephesians 1.11-end
 Luke 6.20-31

WHITE

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10th November

NT lesson 8.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am
NT Lesson 10.00 am
Gospel 10.00 am

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

2 Thessalonians 2.1-5, 13-end
 Luke 20.27-38
 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
 Matthew 5.1-12

RED

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service sheet

service sheet

17th November

OT Lesson 8.00 am/10.00 am/3.00 pm
NT Lesson 10 am
Gospel 8.00 am/10.00 am/3.00 pm

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Malachi 4.1-2a
 2 Thessalonians 3.16-13
 Luke 21.5-19

RED

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24th November

NT Lesson 8.00 am
Gospel 8.00 am/10.00 am

CHRIST THE KING/STIR UP SUNDAY

Colossians 1.11-20
 Luke 23.33-43

RED

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1st December

Readings change to year A

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

ADVENT SUNDAY

Isaiah 2.1-5
 Romans 13.11-end
 Matthew 24.36-44

PURPLE

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ADVENT

We will shortly be starting a New Year in the life of the Church. The year begins in Advent when we prepare for the celebrations of Christmas. It is a time of reflection and making ready to receive the Christ child in our hearts and in our homes.

The lectionary follows a three year cycle and we are about to enter year A.

During this new liturgical year we will be looking at the Gospel of Matthew and many of the readings will be taken from this gospel. (This past year we have been listening to many readings from the gospel of Luke).

A list of the Sunday readings is published in the Benefice magazine. I find that it is helpful to read through them even when one can't be in church as it can sometimes help one to see the wider picture. Happy New Year.

Diana.

TOWN LECTURE

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to 1.50pm



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

More details can be obtained from

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In these stressful times more and more of us are enjoying hand-crafting be it for the home the garden or just the pure enjoyment. What more satisfying to handcraft gifts for our friends and relations? There are so many crafts that we might choose; far too many to mention. Did you know that crafts over a wide spectrum can be produced in miniature? Miniature artistry has a very strong following, whether pieces stand alone or they are included in a diorama or a miniature house.

You can find out more about these fascinating crafts at Wolsey Miniaturists Club. At every meeting there is a workshop on a different theme and members can hone their own crafts or learn new ones all in a friendly and informal atmosphere. If you would like to know more come along to a meeting. You will be assured of a warm welcome and a cuppa

The club meets in Bealings Village Hall, Little Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6LJ on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

Contact Tricia Pitcher

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ADVERTISING

Advertisers are reminded that December/January will be the final edition of the year. We have been very full this year, and are very grateful to our advertisers for their invaluable and continued support. That is what enables us to deliver this magazine free to every household in our 4 villages.

Renewal notices will be sent out during November, with an absolute deadline of 10th January for re-committing. Please be aware that space is limited, so 'first come, first served.' Also do please check if there is a gap you might fill in our advertising for some service/product which is currently not advertised to readers.

Norman Porter

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BEALINGS

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thank-you to everyone who shared the Community Lunch on 1st. October. Our next Lunch on Tuesday 5th. November 12.30--1.30pm. will be Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings and Pumpkin Pie followed by Tea/Coffee and time for chat, Cards, knitting etc.

Enquiries & Bookings please contact 01473 620213 on or before Sunday 3rd. November.

The Hall provides indoor "playspace" and has table tennis equipment and can be booked on a hourly basis.

Contact 01473 620213 for rates and dates.

Cheque payments should now be made payable to Little Bealings PCC Fabric Fund and marked AC Hall on the back. Thank-you.

POPPY APPEAL 2013

This year we have been able to arrange a house-to-house collection in Lt Bealings and Playford and cover parts of Gt Bealings too. We are grateful for the support of all the collectors - especially where houses are spread out and have long drives! Please do support the appeal locally if you can - collecting will go on until 10 November.

BEALINGS WI REPORT OCTOBER MEETING

Bealings WI members arrived at the October meeting to find a collection of bulbs, plants and containers for a talk and demonstration of Autumn, Winter and Christmas planting by the Institute's good friend Pat Matheson.

With many tips on how to achieve multi-layer effects Pat planted pansies and cyclamen for colour now with bulbs to provide interest in the spring.

Then it was "putting to bed" fuchsias by preparing them for winter as well as planting hyacinths and taking cuttings.

Plans were finalised for visits to Bury St Edmunds and Norwich and opportunity to join a WI knitting group. Following a very generous donation of wool a project to knit woollen hats for sea-farers will go ahead.

THE ADMIRALS HEAD NEEDS A BODY!

Can the Admiral's Head be saved? We believe so, but we need your help.

Visit our website www.admiralshead.com and complete our simple survey if you would like to see a pub operating in Bealings once again. We can then get an idea about the level of support locally and what sort of a pub local people want.

In mid 2012, the Admirals Head stopped trading as a pub. In 2013 the parish council had the pub registered as a "Community Asset". This means it has to be offered to a local group to bid to buy it if it is to be sold on the open market. This new legislation effectively stops it being used as anything other than a pub, if there is enough local interest to buy it.

A community group has been beavering away gathering information in preparation for when a bid may be required in response to a formal offer of sale. We do have to make sure that there is enough interest in the local villages to give any new business a chance of success. The number of responses we get to the questionnaire will obviously give an important indication of interest levels.

If you know any history of the pub, do let us know. We can then add this to the website to make it more informative. Contact details are on the website.

Just visit www.admiralshead.com and complete the simple survey.

BENEFICE MAGAZINE DELIVERIES

Mr. & Mrs. Syrett of Playford Road are retiring from delivering the Benefice Magazine at the end of this year. We want to thank them for all their hard work and commitment over the years.

Volunteers to take over their deliveries in Martlesham Road and Hall Road are urgently needed.

Please contact Peter Carr on 01473 620213 if you can help with all or part of this delivery. Thank-you.

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All profits to the maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing Field

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

We are now in limbo-land in a number of ways. We seem to be between-seasons, so not the usual ecological blurb by way of introduction. And we are very close to the start of our interregnum, with plans being made for Pauline's retirement and beyond. So we need to focus on what is ahead, while enjoying both the latter days of autumn and the final weeks of Pauline's ministry in the benefice.

LOOKING BACK

CHURCHYARD WORKING PARTY – Saturday October 5th

Thank you so much to the dozen or more helpers who turned up, both on the Friday afternoon, enjoying solitary status, and to the massed work gang on the Saturday morning for their sterling efforts to prepare the churchyard for winter. It is some time since we completed the job on the day, so it was a great relief to survey the total area of strimmed vegetation, and to know that no further significant work needs to be done until next May or so. Both the machines and their human operatives performed to perfection and helpers thoroughly deserved their ploughman's lunch and can of Adnams at the conclusion of it all. A heart-felt thank you. Our reserve date –the following Saturday – saw heavy downpours, so our efforts were more than timely.

OTHER

Very little to report: no weddings, no funerals, and no special events. But that is not to say that life has been quiet. Routine call fill in most of the time.

LOOKING AHEAD

Again, not much out-of-the-ordinary, but do please make a note of the Remembrance Service at 10.00 on November 10th. This is a Benefice Ser-

vice and will be held this year in All Saints, Little Bealings.

Churchwarden

LET THERE BE LIGHT

As always , after a flood we get a drought ! After taking CoCo up the hill to light the lights 7 times last month, we achieved a “ Nil Point “ Icelandic Euro-vision score for this month. Consequently CoCo was not amused by the paucity of her night walks and is putting on weight. I also missed the weight reduction exercise. I am therefore lighting the lights on October 24 to celebrate West Ham's historic 3-0 win away to Tottenham Hotspur, and on 25th to celebrate St. Crispin's day and Agincourt, being my birthday date – having to admit that it is cheaper to turn the lights on rather than buy the numerous candles relating to my age. So please support CoCo by sponsoring her night walks to turn on the lights !

Roger Roseboom

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH Family Bonfire Evening! Possibly TONIGHT!

If you are lucky, you may just have a few hours notice of this event to be held on **Saturday November 2nd** on Rosery Farm. Hopefully you have already decided to be there and enjoy a bonfire/fireworks get-together, with refreshments and a bar. Entry is free, and the event will last from 5.30 until 7.30. Disposable dry wood and/or cuttings can be received on site from 10.00 until 12.00 on the Saturday morning.

All Great Bealings households should have received a flier through the letter-box.

VILLAGE CAROL SINGING

Around-the-village carol singing is planned for Friday December 20th -6.30 – 8.30. Further details will be published in the December Magazine, but it is likely that once again there will be two groups, starting from opposite ends of the village, and meeting up somewhere for refreshments at the end of the evening.

PLANT SALE

Although this is not scheduled to be held until Saturday April 26th now is the time to be thinking about potting up plants and getting them ready to survive the winter. Most gardens will have a stock of potable items: self-sets, clumps that can be broken up, redundant plants. Rather than throw them on the compost heap or into the recycle bin do just ask yourself whether they might be saleable. People coming in from urban gardens do have gaps which can be readily filled by plants which village gardeners can take for granted.

Once the plants are potted, they may die down, but just keep a kindly eye on them during the winter and they will emerge with new growth, so with a little bit of tidying up they will be ready for sale in April. It's very satisfying to be able to produce plants for virtually nothing apart from the cost of compost, and to know that we can offer them for sale in a good cause.

We are totally dependent on a small band of suppliers, so it would be great if a few more gardeners could join us, and have this on-going eye for saleable items. We have a band of enthusiasts who would be happy to offer advice, should you need it.

Paddy Bills still has a supply of pots, should you need them

Norman Porter and Paddy Bills

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Great Bealings Parish Council meeting held on 24 September 2013. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.greatbealings.co.uk

MALCOLM GOOCH – Presentation on Speed Watch

Mr Gooch gave a presentation on Community Speed Watch. The cost for joining Speed Watch is minimal and we have 6 willing volunteers who will be trained in the use of the speed camera along Boot Street. The training is done in groups of 3 persons – one manning the camera, one writing down details of the car (make, model, colour of car etc) and one other. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare and are interested in volunteering please contact the Clerk (details below.)

REPORT BY COUNTY COUNCILLOR PETER BELLFIELD

The new office in Lowestoft has been approved and Waveney and SCC are to be combined all in one site. There will be 500 staff in the new building and it is estimated that £3 million could be saved over the first 10 years. £150 million of savings needs to be met and Suffolk is facing a 40% cut in grants.

Peter Bellfield has agreed to finance a new notice board for Boot Street and the Chairman thanked him for his generosity.

REPORT FROM COLIN HEDGLEY, 12PT REP

Colin Hedgley reported that speeding along Boot Street is now set to Priority 2 and the police will visit Great Bealings once per month to carry out checks. The police commissioner is also instrumental in wanting to get something done about speeding in villages in Suffolk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We have just had delivery of the Hous-

ing Needs Survey which will be distributed around the village at the weekend., The deadline for completion of the surveys to Community Action Suffolk is 18 October. A detailed report will be produced from the results and this will be available at the end of November.

EAST ANGLIA ONE WIND FARM

Eric Barnett and Paul Norris attended the site meeting.

PLANNING

SCDC's new Local Plan has been received.

C13/1251 1 & 2 Wood Barn Cottages, Seckford Hall Road, Great Bealings, IP13 6NX

Variation of Condition 8 (Permitted Development Rights) of Planning Permission C13/0676

SCDC consented to this.

C13/0858 The Willows, Orchard Lane, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NN

Erection of a porch and a new roof with dormer windows to provide additional living accommodation at Seckford Hall.

Permission has been granted by SCDC

C13/1114 Seckford Hall, Great Bealings, Woodbridge, IP13 6NU

Erection of detached building to provide additional bedroom accommodation

Permission has been granted by SCDC

HIGHWAYS

Speeding in Boot Street cropped up again and the idea of sticking labels on bins saying "Think 30" or words to that effect explored. On bin day cars would be met by a sea of "Think 30" yellow signs and because the bins would only be put out once a week it might be more effective.

Mrs Nesling had contacted the Parish Council reporting an electricity pole "stay" that is unnervingly close to the road. It was agreed that the clerk would contact UK Power Networks. John Lewis vans continue to use the Hasleton Road and the verge close to the war memorial end is being cut away. Paul Norris and Martin Cripps reported that the pot holes are really bad in Hasleton

Road appearing in the same locations where remedial work had been carried out.

Derek Oldham from Suffolk County Council has yet to price up the remedial works to the Bund.

Lodge Road is subsiding particularly along the stretch of road from Rosery Farm to Birds Hill. Derek Oldham has been informed of this.

The Chairman reported that the Neighbourhood Plan will establish any interest in Quiet Lanes.

FINANCE

Cheques for the Clerk's salary, data protection and Insurance were approved and signed.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:

12 November 2013

Sarah Cartwright – Clerk
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LITTLE BEALINGS

COFFEE MORNING

Saturday November 23rd

10.00 am – 12.00 noon

7 Richards Drive

Little Bealings

Stalls

bring & buy - cakes - raffle

Do come and join us

*All proceeds to
Little Bealings Church*

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 10th

The Benefice Remembrance Day Service takes place at Little Bealings Church this year. There will be a service of remembrance in the church at 10.00am followed by an act of remembrance at Little Bealings War Memorial at 11.00am with the laying of wreaths, when representatives from all four parishes will lay wreaths remembering from their parishes who fell in both the Great Wars. You are welcome to attend either one or both of these services.

COFFEE MORNING - NOVEMBER 23rd

Please see the box advertising the Coffee Morning to be held at 7 Richards Drive on Saturday November 23rd 10.30 - 12 noon. A chance to have a get together before the Christmas rush and you may pick up a few goodies for Christmas. A cake and produce stall, books, and bits and pieces to rummage through as well as a raffle.

Do come and support your church, everyone welcome.

CAROLS THIS CHRISTMAS

For those who need to plan well in advance all the many Christmas activities and like to include the Carol Service Little Bealings will be holding theirs on Sunday December 22nd at 6.30pm, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

For the "young at heart" the Crib service will also be celebrated at All Saints Church on Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th at 4.00pm

If anyone would like to help decorate the church for Christmas with holly and ivy, candles and berries, I would be very glad of some help. Perhaps some of our families would like to decorate the small tree we have in the porch. This will be done on Saturday December 21st. Please let me know if you would like to join in.

*Paddy Bills
Churchwarden*

LET THERE BE LIGHT

On Thursday September 26th the lights were sponsored by John Clements in loving memory of his late wife Rosemary Ethel Clements.

Since then All Saints has remained in darkness in the evenings, growing ever shorter as winter approaches. The lights will be on for our service on Friday November 1st when we remember our 'Precious People', those who are no longer with us. Why not remember and mark our friends and family on their special days now – birthdays, anniversaries, any cause for celebration?

The floodlit church in the centre of the village brings pleasure and cheer as well as supporting an ancient building.

Times are hard but £5 is still a bargain price! Cheques for £5 or a £5 note to Parkside Cottage, Little Bealings – 01473 626845.

Joan Moon

PLAYFORD

CHURCH NEWS

Well the wet weather has definitely arrived now. As all you gardeners know this makes grass cutting problematical at just the time when everything is looking slightly untidy and needs a good chamfer up.

However due to some clever liaising by Melanie Brooks we have a team of good men and true who are attacking the long grass and overgrown areas in the churchyard with strimmers and shears. We hope to have another couple of days of their services which will than make it a lot easier for me and our other brilliant volunteers to keep on top of things.

Our hope is that by next spring we should see a big improvement all round. Our other news is that we have made some small changes inside the church. The pulpit has been refurbished and the lectern moved to the space between the alter rail and the choir pews. The reasons are twofold. One, the congregation on the right hand side now has an uninterrupted view of the altar, choir and vicar. (Yes, yes, I have heard all the jokes about uninterrupted views of vicar's thank you).

The second reason is we are now having the 0800 communion service held in the choir pews. Our first service in this format went very well and unless there is outright rebellion by 90% of the congregation we shall probably stick with it for an extended trial.

Lastly, Pauline's final service as our vicar will be at Great Bealings on 29 December at 1100. All welcome
colinhedgley@aol.com or 738468.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

CHURCH LIGHTS

Wednesday, 16th October. Happy Birthday Wendy Wilson from her partner, Brian Buckles

Saturday, 19th October. Sponsored by Charles Bunbury

Friday, 1st November. For Rikki Buckles on his 13th Birthday from Grandad and Wendy.

Requests to sponsor lights to:

Veronica Bunbury
Church Corner Cottage

Tel: 01473 623366 or
email: *vronx@btinternet.com*

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

POSADA 2013

Mary and Joseph will leave Playford St Mary's church on Advent Sunday, 1st December at 11.30a.m after a short story. Liz Royle will be in touch with all the families that have taken part before but if you are new to the village and would like to join in with the journey please contact her on Ipswich 01473 622443. Mary and Joseph (and the sheep) will return to the church at the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December at 6.30.p.m.

Liz Royle

STAR OF PLAYFORD, SWEETLY SHINING...

This year, we would like to invite all families in Playford to decorate a star to hang on the Church Christmas Tree.

There will be simple DIY craft packs available to pick up from the Church after the Posada Service on Advent Sunday, 1st December. (The packs will also be available to pick up anytime from the Church porch in the following

days and weeks.) Using this craft pack, please make and decorate your star at home, put a festive message on the reverse and bring it with you to pop on the tree at the Carol Service at Playford on Sunday 15th December 6.30 pm.

Let's see if we can make our tree sweetly shine for Christmas...

Ursula Richards

CHURCH FLOWERS – HELP NEEDED!

A huge thank you Anne, Catherine, Jos and Rosemary for the beautiful arrangements done with very short notice for Harvest. A small band of village ladies have kindly offered to do flower arrangements for Christmas, Easter and Harvest, HOWEVER, we need help for the rest of the year!

Volunteers are needed to do flowers for the remaining Sundays in the year. It would only be one arrangement (or flowers in a vase) and it would be to go in front of the pulpit. Could you offer 15 minutes of your time, just once over the next year to help us? (Gender, age and beliefs are no barrier; it is your village church)

If you would like to volunteer for one of the dates below, please email me on ursi@btopenworld.com

12th Jan, 9th Feb, 11th May, 8th June, 15th June, 13th July, 10th Aug, 12th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov.

Thank you in advance for your help and support.

Ursula Richards

PLAYFORD WI

We celebrated our 90th Birthday at our meeting on 1st October. Our County Chairman, Jane Collier, and Celia Davies from the Executive Committee, Representatives from other local WI's and friends joined us for the evening. Everybody enjoyed the talk by Ivan Cutting about The Eastern Angles Theatre Company. Birthday cake and a celebratory drink were served after the singing of 'Happy Birthday' and the lighting of a 'sparkly' candle.

Our next meeting will be our AGM on 5th November at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and although we are always pleased to welcome visitors don't expect any fireworks!

Liz Royle

CULPHO

P.C.C. MEETING – 3rd October, 2013 –Synopsis

•The meeting took place in the Church where we formally learned that Pauline would be retiring at the end of the year. During the Interregnum, and until a replacement Priest is appointed, the Rural Dean, Rev'd Canon Clare Sanders and Churchwardens Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall will assume responsibility. We are fortunate that Ordinand Philip Merry and Licensed Reader, Diana Gardiner will officiate at the Sunday Evensong Services. The Wednesday Holy Communion Service will be conducted by an Ordained Priest, who will come from within the Carlford Group.

•It would be remiss not to mention our gratitude for Pauline's service at this time, however, there will, at a future date, be a more fitting opportunity to acknowledge her selfless commitment to all four Parishes over the last thirteen years.

•Following a joint Benefice Meeting, which discussed the vacant position of Treasurer, we formally co-opted Derek Wilson to act as Treasurer for St. Botolph's Church and Adrian Melrose as Assistant Treasurer. Both Derek and Adrian will assume responsibility for all four Churches which will produce greater continuity and consistency of stewardship within the Benefice. We welcome both onto the Parochial Church Council and look forward to working with them and their Book-keeper Emma Knight.

•With effect from the 18th November, parts of the Church Organ will be removed for refurbishment. The work will take several days to complete but will be reinstated prior to the December Carol Service.

HARVEST SUPPER

This took place on Friday 18th October where in excess of thirty people, made up of resident and church community, were in attendance. The Church looked lovely, and our thanks are extended to Christabel Garnham, Shirley Grey and Denise Merry who gave of their time to ensure the Church was beautifully decorated. As on previous occasions, the Grey family provided the raffle prizes which ensured almost everyone received a gift, and for which we are extremely grateful. This successful event was made possible by the co-ordination and planning of Christine Pearce and the wonderful array of food provided by guests. Sincere thanks for all who attended and made the occasion so special.

HARVEST SERVICE

The Harvest Service, in the form of a Songs of Praise, was conducted by Philip Merry and Diana Gardiner. Pauline welcomed everyone to this important occasion. Little Bealings forwent their morning service so we could enjoy the presence of the Benefice Choir and we thank them for their consideration. Twenty nine members of the resident and church community, from across the Benefice, were present and without doubt the Harvest celebration was enjoyed by all present. Elder Denise Merry kindly provided coffee and biscuits which was a fitting end to an extremely enjoyable and successful weekend.

Margaret Gornall
Secretary

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

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Jenny Shaw 07962087205
ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	Martin Yates 07710187722
BALLROOM DANCING	VH First 3 Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 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		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
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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CHURCH DIARY - NOVEMBER

FRIDAY 1 st	7.30	REMEMBERING PRECIOUS PEOPLE Readings, music and prayers for the departed	Little Bealings
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SUNDAY 3rd	8.00	All Saints Sunday Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Great Bealings
WEDNESDAY 6 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 10TH	8.00	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00	Joint Benefice Remembrance Day Service	Little Bealings
WEDNESDAY 13 TH	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 17th	8.00	2ND BEFORE ADVENT Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Playford
	3.00	Evensong	Culpho
WEDNESDAY 20 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 24th	8.00	CHRIST THE KING/STIR UP SUNDAY Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00	Songs prayers and activities for Stir up Sunday	Great Bealings
WEDNESDAY 27 th	10.30	Holy Communion	Culpho
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SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER	8.00	ADVENT SUNDAY Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00	Sung Eucharist	Little Bealings