

Fynn - Lark News

December - January 2017



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

It has been a worrying year on many fronts. The world seems to be becoming a more and more uncertain place in which to live and work and raise our children. Extremist groups have wreaked havoc at home and abroad with terrifying acts of violence and hatred. Our political world has been turned upside down with changes in leadership and direction, which have unsettled us and threaten our call to equity and justice for all. I am sure like me you have sometimes been tempted to batten down the hatches and shut out the outside world for fear of any more bad news. Closer to home many are fearful about changes at work, school and within their communities that seem to threaten the things they cherish. In this transient world, it is an understandable response to want to keep as much as we can unchanged.

The birth of Jesus came at a no less fractious time. The Jews were living in fear, under occupation by the Romans. Some wanted a political revolution; others outright war. Others still prayed quietly for a King who would redeem humankind, not just better their own circumstances, feather their own nests.

Change came and not as most expected. There was no press conference or public announcement: no glittering event for the wealthy or the worshipping

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community. It began with a single star, shining through the darkness and a couple of refugees seeking shelter in a filthy cowshed where their first baby would be born. Then the drama began. Some shepherds living rough with their sheep on the hillside were terrified by the appearance of angels. They left their precarious circumstances and followed the star. They embraced the change.

Jesus wasn't sent by God to keep the status quo. He came to start a revolution: to challenge attitudes and transform lives so that everyone was included, everyone loved and cared for, regardless of race, religion, sexuality or class. Change was long overdue and change was needed to re-right the scales. We too need to

embrace that change. Not for change's sake but in order to live selfless lives, serving others generously, openly, vulnerably, particularly finding ways in which to connect with the younger generations who feel forgotten and ignored. This of course comes at a personal cost to our security and comfort. But that for me is worth it if it means that everyone can join the party.

I wish you a peaceful, loving Christmas with those whom you love and for whom you care, and a New Year filled with change and challenge that will not only enrich your lives, but the lives of those around you in greater need.

With every blessing, *Celia*

NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW 'SUPER DISTRICT' COUNCIL

Following a recent independent survey of 1,000 local residents which showed that a clear majority of people are in favour of a new council for east Suffolk, we are now asking all residents for their views.

A decision to combine the Waveney and Suffolk Coastal District Councils, and create a brand new 'super district', delivering services to communities in east Suffolk, will be taken in January; however both councils are determined to hear the views of as many local people as possible before a final decision.

With this in mind, an independent telephone survey by leading research consultancy ComRes was conducted in October. One thousand local people, representing the different backgrounds of people who live in east Suffolk, were asked a number of questions about the proposals. Of these, four out of five respondents (78%) expressed a favourable or neutral view about the proposals and of those who "don't know" (20%), the majority then expressed a favourable view when provided with more information about the plans.

Now, we are asking EVERYONE in the two districts to tell us what they think, as part of an engagement campaign which is running until December 12th. Residents are invited to read the proposal summary and email their views about the plans to

merger@eastsuffolk.gov.uk.

It is the view of both Council Leaders that a new, larger organisation would be better placed to address a range of challenges and better serve our local communities by ensuring that crucial services are protected and sustained. Both are determined to do so while maintaining a low council tax base and a new council would be better able to deliver this.

A copy of the proposal can be found online at:

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/yourcouncil/new-single-council/>.

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THE FYNN-LARK NEWS

– 2016 retrospective and preview of 2017.

A budget meeting was held on November 15th 2016, with Peter Carr, Tim Llewellyn and Norman Porter present. It was agreed that a summary of conclusions should be shared with all who had attended the meeting that re-launched the Magazine earlier in the year and that, subject to their approval, everything should be shared with our readers. We are now pleased to report on the current situation. Those present agreed on the following:

1. The revamped Magazine has been broadly welcomed.

2. We should always aim to have enough money in the kitty to secure one year's worth of Magazines, and that, subject to sufficient funds being available, we should consider ways in which we might improve the magazine.

3. The minimum sum needed for the next year's Magazines: 10 issues x approx £200 = £2000. Income from advertising, donations, standing orders, PCCs and PCs and advertising should at least match that figure. The financial situation is now viable and we should be well placed to get through 2017 without financial difficulties. Parish Councils and PCCs will be formally notified of the situation and invited to kindly continue to give financial support.

4. The account with The Yorkshire Building Society is now set up. So far two dozen people have set up 2017 Standing Orders or made donations and we are very grateful to them all. It gives us confidence to proceed as planned.

5. Adverts and pricing; advertisers living outside the villages will be sent copies of the re-vamped magazine with the renewal notice. In order to recoup costs per page we are considering advertising rates of: Sixth of a page: £35; quarter page: £50. Half page: £80; Full Page £150 – all per annum. Colour advertisements would be 20% extra – dependent on discussions with the printer. We can continue to take one-off adverts pro rata.

6. Editorials of 500 - 750 words will con-

tinue to be shared amongst the villages, plus 2 for Philip and Celia – at Christmas and Easter. More reviews and profiles are needed.

7. We remain disappointed that there is no regular input from Bealings School. The school is at the heart of our community and people are very interested in hearing of its achievements and plans.

8. Photographs. We welcome them, from whatever source, either for the front cover, or as memories of events. They can be filed away for use as appropriate. Please submit before deadlines.

9. To be further developed:

I. *Monthly diary page*. What's On – to enable people to plan ahead and avoid clashes

II. *Young people's page* – young editor sought.

III. *Thought for the month* – welcome from any source. To compensate for what is perceived as too great a reduction of religious material.

IV. *General news* – to follow the editorial. Much news seems to be restricted to individual parishes.

V. *Obituaries*. We are happy to receive these – contributed by family members or friends.

VI. *Nature notes* – these valleys are rich in wildlife and many residents have an interest in the natural world around them.

VII. *History on your doorstep*. Contributions concerning local history very welcome. We know of potential editors! Example given: History of the village signs, as displayed on the back cover!

It was finally agreed that we should have an annual meeting, to complement the small November budget meeting. This main meeting should be held mid-year around May, to confirm that all involved with the Magazine are happy with progress, and to discuss possible improvements.

Norman Porter.
Mag co-ordinator.

BEALINGS WI

There is nothing like a well-cooked, piping-hot jacket potato with a tasty filling to start an afternoon meeting. So it was in November when Bealings WI held the Annual General Meeting followed by entertainment and nostalgia. Mr Trevor Mackley brought along his keyboard to accompany songs from the 1930s and 1940s. The music and singing was loud and clear despite heavy rain thundering on the Village Hall roof!

The Christmas meeting will be on 8th December when the WI will welcome members and guests to a festive meeting followed by an equally festive tea.

Dates for the New Year include Coffee Get-togethers – especially welcome in the winter months - and a shopping trip to Norwich in February.

The first meeting in 2017 will be at the Village Hall on Thursday 19th January at 2.30pm. At 1.30 there will be jacket potatoes - please place your order.

Visitors and new members are warmly welcomed at all meetings.

For further details contact Jennifer Cook 01473 623985

POPPIES

Thank you very much to all those who carried out the door-to-door collection in Great and Little Bealings in November and to all those who donated. The total raised in Little Bealings was £299.89. In Great Bealings a collection raised £198.33.

Thank you. *Sarah Cartwright*

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DECEMBER PROFILE ERIC RICHARDSON

Eric and his stands of beautifully crafted walking sticks have been a regular feature at recent Plant Sales and other local events. Such has been his reputation that he has even had sticks put into the hands of our local bishops who use them as ceremonial crooks. Eric makes his sticks in his small workshop in Lower Street, Great Bealings, and takes enormous pride in what has been a very creative retirement.



That retirement came after a life-time of teaching. Eric hails from South Wales – home of many sheep and crooks - but moved to these parts for a career which took him to Kesgrave and Thorpeness, before he embarked on a final career move to a post in Ipswich Museum.

The material used is usually local hazel, ideal because of its qualities of straightness and strength, but blackthorn, holly and ash can also be used. Eric's favourite wood is yew. The sticks are normally kept for a year before they are topped and tailed with ornamental heads and brass ferrules – this allows the shape of the stick to settle first. The craftsman in him loves enhancing the natural lines of the grain through oiling and varnishing. Bone and horn is also used.

Eric takes great pride not only in producing his sticks, but the teacher in him still combines with the craftsman and he is more than happy to explain how he does it all, and to pass on his knowledge to others. If you are interested either in purchasing a stick for some special occasion, or in learning how it's done, Eric would love to hear from you on 01473 735428 or via email e.richardson.richardson@btinternet.com

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

JANUARY

Friday 20 th	Winter Cheer Supper & Quiz	Playford Parish H
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MARCH

Friday 17 th	Talk 'Designing Georgian Britain' by Paul Bruce	Playford Parish Hall
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APRIL

Sunday 9 th	Chocolate Fair	Playford Parish Hall
Saturday 22	Bealings Plant Sale	Bealings Village Hall

JUNE

Saturday 24 th	Playford Village Fete	Playford Hall
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This 'What's On' is published to help organisers avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice which can result in reduced attendance.

COMMUNITY LUNCHES @ THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 13th. December 12..30pm.onwards

Traditional Christmas Lunch

including Sandra Banham's delicious Christmas pudding

Entertainment will be provided by Gill Peck and the Hummingbirds

Donations to the Ipswich Night Shelter

'Leftovers' Lunch for the New Year

Tuesday 3rd. January 12.30-1.30 pm

Chicken Broth, Bread & Cheese

Baked Apples & Custard

The following review is of a book. We welcome others, on whatever you may have seen or heard or read - books, films, plays, concerts –anything that may hold some sort of local interest.

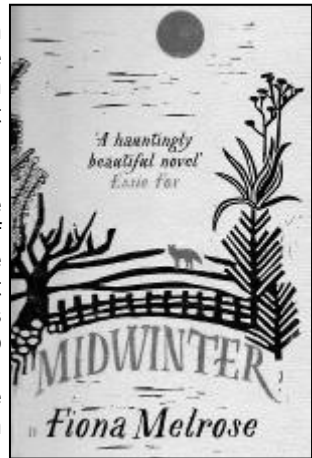
MIDWINTER by Fiona Melrose

This first novel by Fiona, the sister of Adrian Melrose, Playford Hall, was launched by Waterstones, both in London and Ipswich. Our review aims to bring it to the attention of readers, rather than presume to judge it on its literary merits. Suffice it to say that it is difficult enough to find publishers for novels in this day and age, and its promotion by Waterstones speaks for itself.

What makes it of particular interest to readers of the Fynn-Lark News it that is was precisely this part of Suffolk which was part inspiration for the novel. The title itself calls to mind residents of Lower Street, Great Bealings – even though you can be assured that it is only the name which has been recycled. There are also references to the Admiral (if only....!), Playford (Manor), a long peninsula, second world war bunkers, the Sandlings, even Norfolk and Norwich, as well as much about pigs, foxes, lots of rabbits, including “rabbit hill”, with echoes of Rosery Farm. And crucial action around rivers and boats. An important part of the novel is also set in Zambia, so it is far from parochial. But don't go away with the idea that the novel is all about place. Much of the action is based on psychological turmoil and revelation – and that powerfully complements the fully drawn background of landscape.

Fiona spent some time living with her brother at Rosery Farm, Great Bealings, and the influences of that time are strongly reflected in this novel. So over to you. Certainly there were many familiar faces at the Ipswich launch, and several copies already scattered around homes in these Fynn-Lark valleys.

The book is published by Littlebrown. ISBN is 9 78172 151780.



Norman Porter

LOOKING BACK ON REMEMBRANCE - THIEPVAL

– AND LOOKING FORWARD TO CHRISTMAS – FRENCH-STYLE

As many of you are aware, Brian and I have been fortunate enough to have been toiling and fro'ing to our house in the department of Herault in the Languedoc, France, for the past twelve years. These years have flown but we do have so many good memories and photos of happy times spent in Cruzy and other areas of France which will stay with us forever.

This year, relevant as I write but rather late for the November 11th commemorations, we were fortunate enough to visit, with French friends, the Thiepval Memorial to the Fallen of the Somme battlefields.



The sheer size of this awe-inspiring building is breathtaking, not to mention the thousands of names inscribed within its facade.

As we approached, a delegation of approximately two dozen Irishmen, dressed smartly in black trousers and white shirts, arrived to pay homage to their fallen countrymen. This was a very moving and respectful sight to witness and we felt privileged to have been a part of it. Apparently, they make this pilgrimage every ten years and visit most of the First World War cemeteries of Northern France, of which there are many.

It is always very striking to notice how

immaculately kept these cemeteries are, no matter what the size or which country they primarily commemorate. Some years ago, we were thumbing through the pages of names in a cemetery near Arras and were astonished to see the name of a young man from Sandy Lane, Little Bealings. Sadly, due to heavy rain we were unable to search for his grave. For most of the twelve years, we have attended the service of remembrance in our village, which is always on the 11th November. It is a very respectful service and wonderful to see the young Pompiers, together with the primary schoolchildren, standing so proud of their country and singing La Marseillaise.

Now, as Christmas approaches and in our country, shops are decked for the oncoming season.



In Cruzy certainly, as in most of the South of France, there will be little sign of Christmas festivity until the beginning of Advent, then and only then will the streets be decked and the Christmas season be getting under way, and when we are buying our Hot Cross buns when the twelve days of Christmas have expired, the Nativity scene in the 11th century Church of Sainte Eulalie in Cruzy will remain until the end of Epiphany.

Wendy Wilson

COOKBOOK

Thank-you to everyone who has supported this project in any way.

Special thanks to the manager of the new Co-op in Hamlin Walk, Woodbridge, who has agreed to stock and display copies of the Cookbook.

Thanks also to Bealings School who both contributed to the Cookbook and are selling copies.

The interest and support of Tom Potter from the EADT is also greatly appreciated.

All profits from sales will go towards the costs of maintenance and upkeep of All Saints Church.

A copy of the **COOKBOOK**, price £5.00, is now available for viewing and ordering in All Saints Church, Little Bealings.

Recipes contributed by local cooks

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BONFIRE NIGHT

I should like to say thanks to Chris for organising the Residents Association bonfire night event.



I talked my friend Guy (above) into coming to the event with us. He liked it so much that he stayed down there!

Michael Lacey

A family pantomime is coming to delight us

RED RIDING HOOD

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Roy Preston

GREAT BEALINGS

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GREAT BEALINGS

We are immensely grateful to all those who have responded positively to our letter outlining the financial predicament of the church. We are especially grateful to those who have responded with new or increased regular donations and to those who have made one-off donations. We are happy to report that, with the amounts already promised, we are within touching distance of our target.

At the time of writing most households will have received the letter, but a combination of dark evenings and wet or busy weekends has meant that a small number remain to be delivered. Doorstep chats have been invariably cordial, and a number of creative ideas have emerged. Thank you to all for listening to our proposals and for sharing your thoughts as to how we might do better. The theme of the doorstep chats has been that we must maximise the ways in which the church can be of some relevance to people living in the village. Almost all agreed that it is a beautiful church in a beautiful setting and that it would be not far short of tragic if we were to lose it.

If the letter is still in your in-tray please dig it out and reply as positively as you can manage. Your suggestions as to other creative uses of the facility are very welcome. Even if you feel that you can add little that is positive in your reply, please do return the reply slip to either Charles or Norman. The predicament is on-going!

LOOKING BACK

WEDDING –SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

Apologies for a misprint in the last issue which had Annette Burt marrying her now son-in-law. The bride was, in fact, Annette's daughter, Tessa!

PCC MEETING

There was a meeting of the PCC on October 25th and the question of **survival strategy** was further discussed. Proposals were put forward for encouraging the use of the church in a variety of ways. Several of these proposals are dependent on the granting of various permissions, not least from the Diocesan Advisory Board. The proposals revolve around the 4 themes of: a/ Wildlife, b/ Local History, c/ Pastoral involvement, and d/ Concerts/talks.

Our Treasurer, Charles Barrington reported on progress with the **roof project**:

The PCC is now fully aware of the conditions of the Listed Places of Worship Grant, and has agreed the appointment of KLH as our architects. Together with KLH, Charles has drawn up a timetable for the work. KLH will review the work required, finalise the specification, send it out to tender, with a view to getting the work completed next Summer, well within the 2 year deadline. We need to identify other potential grant-awarding bodies. The required Statements of Significance and Strategy Paper needed to support these applications are complete.

The solutions to challenging problems such as these invariably involve a mass of paper work, and we are grateful to those who work so hard to get it all in place.

CHURCHYARD

All rather damp and soggy, but if the day is a cheerful one, or if your dog would like a variation on the walkies theme, do take a stroll around the paths. It **is** a burial ground, but it also so much more – a place for quiet contemplation, a place for quietly watching the flora and fauna, and

there are benches for having a quiet “sit” – and now, even picnic tables. It’s only a few steps away from the meadow footpaths.

WILDLIFE PROJECT: Suffolk Wildlife Trust have donated two nesting boxes.

Water butt: this is now defunct. It had been pulling the drainpipe away from the wall, creating damage. Drainage is now directly into the ditch in the nearby field – the channel has been filled in with shingle. If you need water, there is a mains tap just to the right of the porch on the outside wall.

Perimeter wall: we are hoping to get the large hole in the wall repaired before long, and thereby prevent any further collapse.

CYCLE RACK: many of our church tourists arrive on two wheels. We have commissioned a cycle rack which will be positioned next to the toilet/store block at the bottom of the path.

Floodlights: all are now functioning, apart from the light to the left of the main path. We have arranged for the severed wire to be repaired.

AND FINALLY: our Christmas Services:

Our **Carol Service** is on Wednesday 21st December at 6.00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the Service. Full details of all services can be found on pg 27, 28 & 29

We very much look forward to seeing a large gathering at these services, and take this opportunity to wish you and your families peace and joy at Christmas – and, of course, a very happy New Year.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER.

Invitations to participate will be emailed out in early December. The supper will take place on the first Saturday in February viz **February 4th**. We have quite a large database of those who have participated before, but if you are new to the village, or would like to give it a try, just email Norman Porter on

nhp@rillcott.co.uk or 01473 735565. As a participant all you have to do is offer to cook one course for 6 (occasionally 8) people, and then for the two other courses, plus the finale, you enjoy the hospitality of others.

We are also hoping that we might have a brief **auction of promises** at the end of the evening. Participation in this event costs nothing, apart from the cost of what you serve your guests, but we hope that an auction of promises might offer some way in which it can help to contribute to the financial challenges faced by the church.

WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES

If this is your area of interest then please be aware of two future dates:

Saturday June 3rd (half term): group visit to 2 venues: Framsdon Community Wildlife area –around 10.00 am – (this project won a County award last year) – a coffee/tea and biscuits opportunity. Followed by visit to Poker Wood, near Winston (20 acres of woodland for wildlife – project undertaken by Malcolm Key, who gave us a talk earlier this year about it). A bring-your-own Picnic Lunch opportunity! So a full morning of activities in prospect. Details of times and transport arrangements nearer the time.

On the evening of **Friday June 9th** there will be an Open Evening at the church, with Suffolk Wildlife Trust Community Officer, Tracey Housley, guiding us around what we’ve got on site, but may not know about!

Those from other villages more than welcome to join us on these two occasions.

FUTURE PLANS

Nothing has been finally decided yet but unofficial soundings have suggested that we might well be able to run an event alongside the annual Suffolk Historic Churches Cycle Ride in September, avoiding the over-popular June dates. The date suggested would be **Saturday 9th September**, and the plan would be to hold a weekend devoted to a **Flower and Creative Arts Festival**. We have a

significant number of talented people in the village and we will be discussing ways in which they might be able to showcase their talents over that weekend, at the same time enlisting the services of our Bike Ride church-sitters to keep an eye on things during the day. Creative thoughts very welcome as from now.

The Friends

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Plan has now completed its Independent Examination and the Inspector has recommended that it may now go forward to a referendum. This is great news and a tribute to all the members of the working group who have put so much time into the process over the last three years. The Inspector was most complimentary about the Plan, its structure and objectives, but has made a few recommendations which affect the wording of the proposed policies so as to make them more effective for the purposes of determining future planning applications. The recommendations do not change either the basic structure or objectives of the policies and they have been approved by the Parish Council. The next step is for Suffolk Coastal to formally approve the Plan which can be done by the cabinet member for planning, Tony Fryatt. Work can then commence on the referendum itself, which is conducted by Suffolk Coastal. The intention is to hold the referendum in February. This notice is to keep you up to date with developments, and the Parish Council will be writing to all residents in due course ahead of the referendum when the actual date has been set. In the meantime copies of the Plan are available from the Clerk, or by visiting the Plan website, gbnp.co.uk. When the recommended wording changes have been made, an updated version of the Plan will be posted

on the website.

PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th NOVEMBER Water meadow (Lower Street)

As the depositing of waste had continued, a letter was sent to the landowner asking for details of his waste carrier's registration, but no response has been received. The waste has been inspected by a Planning Enforcement Officer from SCDC who has stated that the waste appears to be compostable material which will biodegrade. However, Sally Johnson reported that brick rubble is also being deposited. Paul Norris said that a licence is still required and there is a risk of contamination of the river. The Clerk will write to SCDC Environmental Health and the Environment Agency.

Defibrillator

Charles Barrington has written to the Village Hall Management Committee expressing disappointment at their refusal to house a defibrillator. This matter will be re-considered at their next meeting on 15th November.

Report by District Councillor Colin Hedgley

This report had been circulated to Cllrs and a full copy is attached to the minutes which are on the website. Cllr Hedgley verbally reported on the updated situation regarding devolution.

Planning

the latest application for Wood Barn Cottages has been refused by SCDC.

HIGHWAYS

Boot Street bridge – the Structures Engineer at SCC has stated that in addition to interim protection measures and outstanding repairs to the bridge, they are proposing to extend the 30mph limit beyond the bridge and introduce a priority system at the bridge. Concerns were expressed about the current safety of the structure and the fact that there are bricks in the river which could impede the flow and cause a flood risk. The two proposals were agreed but it was suggested that SCC imposes a temporary speed limit now.

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Workshop is now up and running**

Quiet Lanes

This project seems to have ground to a halt at SCC due to lack of funding. Colin Hedgley agreed to ask our County Councillor Robin Vickery to find out the latest position.

Finance and Admin

Cheques - Twelve cheques were authorised for purchase of a new laptop for which a grant had been received, office and training expenses, Clerk's salary and PAYE and village sign insurance.

Draft Budget 2017/18 – This had been circulated and was approved by Councillors. The Clerk drew their attention to the current underspend on the amounts budgeted in 2016/17 for tree planting (£120) and charitable donations (£150). Cllrs decided that we should provide two oak trees in Lodge Road and two more on the footpath between Boot Street and Park Farm. Charles Barrington will get in touch with the Farm Manager of Lord Cranworth's estate to discuss this. Cllrs agreed that GBPC would be prepared to make a further £50 donation to the Fynn-Lark News provided Lt. Bealings and Playford do the same, pro-rata where relevant. The Clerk will advise Norman Porter. It was also agreed to donate £50 to the East Anglia Air Ambulance and keep £50 in reserve.

Emergency Plan – Anthony Sheppard has received some comments from the Emergency Planning Officer which he will incorporate. Once this has been done, he requested permission to circulate it as a final document. This was unanimously agreed.

Dates of Meetings for 2017 – The list of proposed dates which had been circulated was approved and will be posted on the web site

Correspondence -

East Anglia ONE windfarm – Charles Barrington reported on correspondence between Little Bealings PC and Scottish

Power concerning closures of public rights of way. They have stated that any closures will only be temporary. We have also been approached by Bawdsey PC who are liaising with all parishes affected with regard to setting up a joint liaison group to monitor the project. It was agreed to seek a volunteer to act as our liaison officer. As no-one came forward, it was agreed that an advert should be placed in the Fynn-Lark news for one or more volunteers from the parish. John Carter-Jonas has not yet taken any photos to show how the roads are before the project starts, but he will now attend to this.

Filing Cabinet – the Clerk has reserved a two drawer filing cabinet from the surplus stock available from SCDC. This will be available in December. Charles Barrington will be able to collect this and dispose of the old one.

Visiting Scheme – There has been a suggestion from the PCC that some form of visiting system is set up in the village for people who are living alone. The PC would need to work with the PCC to identify people, and volunteers would be needed to be on a rota to do the visits. Cllrs supported this idea so Charles Barrington will report back to the PCC.

The public are welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes on any item on the Agenda at the beginning of that item. Full draft minutes and approved minutes of the Parish Council are available on the Council's website

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EAST ANGLIA ONE WINDFARM SCHEME

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

You will be aware that this scheme has been granted planning approval and work is expected to start as soon as next year. The route of the cabling that will carry the power to the Bramford switching station runs through Great Bealings, Little Bealings, Playford, and adjoining parishes.

The parishes intend to set up a liaison group whose role will be to monitor, observe, record, and check the work on the cable route as it proceeds. There will be a number of issues that will affect the parishes and these could be severe, including noise, traffic, road closures, etc.

Great Bealings Parish Council is seeking one or more residents who would be prepared to act in support of the liaison group by acting as monitors. We would be asking for regular reports, supported by such evidence (photographs, sound recordings, etc) as is possible to collect. If you would like to help us ensure that this work is carried out in accordance with the relevant permissions and act to prevent more disturbance than is absolutely necessary, please contact the clerk to the council as follows

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CHURCHWARDEN

HARVEST FESTIVAL

View from the Editor's Desk

It is not the role of this Magazine to exploit the occasional local disagreement as a way of promoting circulation – heaven forbid. On the other hand, it might even occasionally be able to play a role in leading people towards amicable agreement. It is in this spirit that we publish accounts of the recent Bealings Harvest Festival service and lunch. The accounts are written from different perspectives, but we do not attribute them to individuals but use those accounts as representative of two valid sets of views – views which overlap at various points. We have done our best to ensure that views are based on the facts. For that reason it is important to emphasise that all the Little Bealings lunches were paid for by private donations, and that a significant part of the Great Bealings share was similarly covered. That is not to say that this would always be the case, so the cost to cash-strapped PCCs must be borne in mind for the future. On this occasion both PCCs received a half share of the collection which amounted to a three-figure sum to each PCC. Thank you all for that generosity – and very importantly, massive thanks to those who contributed so generously to the cost of our meal and delicious extras.

As to next year – it seems fair, to achieve balance, that the next Harvest Festival service should be planned to take place in Little Bealings Church and that it should be a joint service. The large congregation, comprising of both villages, brings with it significant singing power

and the sense of a joyous community occasion. These two villages have so much in common. A further point has been made that Harvest time has traditionally been a time of giving – both produce and thanks – rather than a time of receiving and paying. So perhaps next year we can try a joint lunch based on the Little Bealings formula of individual contributions, from all attending, of food and drink to the harvest meal. And maybe we can also identify potential local recipients of harvest gifts delivered to the service, in traditional Christian spirit.

We would then have a basis of comparison. PCCs can further discuss the issue, and arrive at an agreed formula for the future. If no consensus can't be reached, then – hey ho – we can always go for a local referendum! Maybe not....

HARVEST FESTIVAL

View from the pulpit

Over 150 children, parents, staff and villagers filled All Saints Church for a colourful harvest service. The church was decorated with flowers and harvest artwork, also some impressive vegetables grown by the pupils in the school garden. Harvest songs were sung, poems written by the children read and thanks given.

This is the first time in 10 years that the school has used the church and was a wonderful opportunity for outreach and a coming together of the community. We are delighted that they are looking forward to coming again in the near future and I am really looking forward to taking on the role of school governor.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

View from the pew

I would like to add my thoughts to Peter Carr's disappointment at the omission of a Harvest Festival service in All Saints Church this year. I think it is a great pity that this service was denied to us and also the lunch which used to be prepared by the parishioners. It should be born in mind too that some residents in Little Bealings are unable to attend services elsewhere and whilst it is understandable that there cannot be a service at All Saints every Sunday, indeed this has been the case for many years and is completely understood, Harvest Festival is special. Of course encouraging young people into our churches is important but the elderly matter too and are much more likely to be lonely or sad or disabled a fact that is lovingly addressed by Vicki and Peter Carr.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

View from the lunch table

This year there was a request from young families in the village to break with tradition and hold a Joint Harvest Festival for both Little and Great Bealings on Sunday 30 October, starting with a Service at St Mary's Church, Great Bealings, followed by a lunch for both villages at the Bealings Village Hall.

All those who had helped both Churches in any way over the year were invited to the lunch in thankfulness for all they do and all those who attended the Service were also cordially invited. After a lovely Service at St Mary's over 70 parishioners, including several families and children, attended the Village Hall for a very tasty lunch with wine. The food was all prepared by Corinne, Tony and Jackie, who gave their services free of charge. The wine, food and pretty flowers were all generously donated by residents of both villages, so there was no charge to the PCCs. The Revd Celia and her family together with Philip and Denise could also be seen busy in the kitchen to ensure that the lunch ran smoothly.

We have previously held combined events for Little and Great Bealings, such as the Annual Plant Sale, and this new venture of combining the Harvest Festival for the two villages was judged to be a great success. The villages have much in common and the Harvest Lunch, which filled the Village Hall, gave a real sense of occasion with excellent fellowship.

Many thanks to: Corinne, Tony and Jackie, Celia, Dick, Philip, Denise and all other helpers, and to those who donated the wine and the flowers.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

October 14th was marked with lights to welcome Madelaine Emma Webb, a great grand daughter for the late Peter Moon, born on this day in Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

On October 28th lights shone to commemorate the birthday of the late Sylvia Chenery on behalf of her husband and family.

The patronal feast of All Saints was marked by lights.

Lights shone on November 3rd at the request of Melanie Hollinshead.

The wedding anniversary of Joan Moon and her late husband Peter, was remembered with lights on November 7th Joan also marked Remembrance Day, November 11th.

Sam and Alex requested lights for November 20th remembering the sacrifice of Eddie Butler R.N. Lost on HMS. Royal Oak at Scapa Flow and Reg Butler R.N. lost on HMS. Barham in the Mediterranean and their brave mother. Natasha Coward has requested lights for December 9th to celebrate her father's birthday and on December 30th their 5th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

The lights will shine to mark the Sundays of Advent and the twelve days of Christmas, thanks to the generous donation of Mrs. Perkins, in whose husband's memory the lights were installed.

If you would like lights to mark a special occasion please contact Peter Carr 01473

620213 pandvcarr55@gmail.com. A £5 donation gives 2 hours of light at a time and date of your choice. Payments and requests can be dropped into Corner Cottage (next to Angela Cobbold Hall)

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2016

KESGRAVE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AREA DESIGNATION APPLICATION

SCDC had determined the application, and amended it to only include land in the parish of Kesgrave. SCDC had responded to the Council's letter of complaint and, although the response was considered inadequate, it was resolved not to take the matter further.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR LITTLE BEALINGS

It was resolved that as neither the Parish Plan nor the Village Review had identified any demand for housing in the parish, there was no remit to propose development and therefore no benefit in producing a Neighbourhood Plan for Little Bealings.

SINKS PIT

Planning Application:

Variation of Condition 3 of planning permission SCC\0086\16C to allow an additional 8 months for the removal of all aggregates/waste and materials from the temporary aggregate material stockpile area

The Council was aware that local residents had recently met with the owner of the site and were supportive of the extra time to be allowed, subject to there not being noise during the summer. It was therefore resolved to support the application, subject to the stipulation about noise during the summer, and comment that the material could be used for new bunding.

Update from SCC: SCC had advised that the gas flare was being relocated, after which bunding profiling and a planting scheme would be progressed. The acoustic survey was understood to be imminent.

EAOW 1 and 3 PROJECTS IMPACT

Scottish Power had responded to the Council's query about the impact on public rights of way by saying there would be short term closures, of perhaps a week, for construction, such as for the haul road and for the installation of the cabling. After that the routes would be reopened and access managed, with construction traffic giving way to the public. A Code of Construction Practice and a Traffic Management Plan were to be prepared although consultation on them had not been received.

PLANNING APPLICATION

DC/16/4343/FUL: Extensions and Alterations (including rooms in the roof) at 5 Michael's Mount.

There was no objection to this application.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

SCC had advised that it hoped to have a design ready for the Council to consider in December.

FLASHING SPEED SIGN

It was noted that these had been erected at various sites locally, including in Rushmere, and resolved to investigate if one could be installed along Playford Road.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Colin Hedgley reported on the proposed devolution of powers to Suffolk and Norfolk and the proposed merger of SCDC and Waveney District Council.

POLICE

In response to a query from Kesgrave Town Council it was resolved to respond that the Council did not intend to fund a PCSO during 2017/18.

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The free website hosting provided by Onesuffolk had ceased on 1 November and the website had been transferred to CAS to run. CAS proposed a charge of £50 plus VAT to host the site for the next year. Jenny Shaw, the Council's webmaster, had attended an event promoting an alternative host. Her recommendation to stay with CAS for the present was accepted by the Council.

FINANCE INCOME & EXPENDITURE

The second half of the precept, £3012.61, had been received from SCDC. SCC had reimbursed the Footpath Cutting expenditure of £166. The following expenditure was authorised:

- CAS Business Services: £180.81 – insurance premium
- Clerk's Salary for November and December and expenses and HMRC PAYE for November and December

EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2015/16

The auditors had concluded the audit and notice of this had been advertised. The Annual Report was accepted by the Council and it was agreed to claim VAT at the end of a calendar year in future. The Risk Assessment for the current year was approved.

BUDGET FOR 2017/18

This was approved and is published on the Council's website.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 9 January.

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

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CHURCHWARDEN

SPONSORSHIP OF PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS OVER CHRISTMAS



This photograph of the floodlit Church was taken last month by Will Hanson and shows just how lovely our Church looks when lit up.

As I am sure everyone knows, the lights are put on every year over the Christmas period and this year will be no exception. With sufficient sponsorship I hope to be able to put them on between Saturday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) and Sunday, 8th January 2017 inclusive.

Anyone feeling moved to sponsor the lights please give their sponsorship money to Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner

Cottage.

Photograph by Will Hanson

CHURCH LIGHTS - NOVEMBER

29th and 30th October: sponsored by Mark Krishna

3rd November: sponsored by Ursula Richards for Jean Hedgley

14th November & 22nd November: sponsored by Brenda Brewer

15th November: sponsored by Glenda Grimwood in memory of Jose Booker on what would have been her birthday. A much loved Mum, Nanny and Great Nanny.

18th November: sponsored by Charles and Veronica Bunbury

Requests to sponsor lights to : Veronica Bunbury, Church Corner Cottage. Tel: 01473 623366.

email address: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

Last minute requests are not normally a problem but to avoid disappointment



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Christmas and winter blues**



**WINTER CHEER-
SUPPER & QUIZ**

Friday January 20th From 7.00pm

Playford Parish Hall

Up to eight in a team (*size of teams limited by table size*)
Evening will consist of quiz and a sit down meal

Children welcome

Tickets: £5.00 for adults £3.00 for children under 12

Includes main course and cake dessert

Drinks - pay as you go

Tickets available after January 2nd 2017 from
Joan Metcalfe Lynda Sweeney

PARISH COUNCIL

These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Playford Parish Council meeting held 2nd November 2016. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: www.playford.org.uk

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Robert Whiting stated that SCDC's move to new offices at Riduna Park, Melton may not be completed until the new year. The question of Devolution is still being discussed. Talks on the proposed merger of SCDC with Waveney District are still progressing and a vote will be held early in the new year. The Better Broadband scheme is offering a free voucher to those getting speeds of less than 2Mb/sec and who have no other means of getting higher speeds in their property. Canvassers are calling on residents in the area to ensure all eligible voters are on the Electoral Register. Cycling along the promenade in Felixstowe is now officially permitted following a

12month trial period. £3.5m is to be spent on Deben Leisure Centre to improve changing facilities and to include a new sauna, steam room and ice room. Arthur Chavonia is to be the new Chief Executive of SCDC.

ACTION POINT REVIEW

No further progress with Byway19. A letter has been received from Alexandra Maher, Definitive Map Officer SCC regarding unregistered FP across fields between C330 & C3311 to say the claim will be prioritised after their meeting in Nov – forms have been sent to the landowner but no response as yet. Permanent fix for temporary repair to broken tarmac at the junction of Butts Road/ Brook Lane is still outstanding. Build-up of silt on C324 – still outstanding. Arm missing from signpost at junction of C324 and Church Road –repair is now imminent. Overgrown vegetation affecting FP's 9 & 13: this task is still outstanding. Ash tree in Butts Road near Lux Farm entrance appears to be suffering from Ash Dieback, SCC Highways Manager

Derek Oldham is aware of this. FP1 - boggy section where springs flow through, remedy is being discussed with contractors.

County Councillor Robin Vickery is to be consulted on all outstanding items and asked for his advice.

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

FINANCE

Payments have been authorised for the clerk's expenses, salary and tax to HMRC. Hours worked by the clerk have been monitored and shown to have increased – this is to be further discussed when the budget is reviewed and recompense considered. Budget is on track for this year and Financial Regs have been reviewed with no change.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Concerns have been raised as to the state of roadside hedges and the need for landowners to keep them trimmed. Eastern Areas Highways Manager Derek Oldham to be contacted for a possible resolution and Clarke & Simpson to be contacted to deal with hedges in Brook Lane and three trees which are possibly suffering from Ash Dieback.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A date of 18th (or possibly 25th) January 2017 has been set aside for a meeting of interested parties to discuss the com-

mencement of Playford's Neighbourhood Plan with a member of SCDC's Planning Team. Further details will be circulated in due course.

OTHER MATTERS

Kesgrave Town Council has amended the proposed boundaries of its Neighbourhood Plan and will now proceed using just the area contained within the actual town boundaries.

James Wright co-ordinator for the Speedwatch project has contacted the clerk to enquire if Playford would consider including Kesgrave TC in the joint venture with Rushmere St Andrews PC – it was resolved not to agree to this due to size differentials.

Parking in Church Lane continues to be a problem with a large truck being left there overnight on a regular basis – this could pose a hazard if an ambulance or fire engine needed to access properties quickly.

Complaints have been received about the amount of dog dirt in the village, especially on the FP used by children to get to school and on the playing field near to the children's swings. Dogs should not be taken on to the playing field.

PLANNING

Planning application DC/16/2137/FUL (pertaining to work at Airys Cottage) has been passed by SCDC Planning officers but this may be quashed by an appeal.



Christmas Coffee

Wednesday 21st December 10.00—12.00



Bring your creative drawing of a Christmas



Plus win a signed copy of Della's Anniversary Christmas Book!

Come and meet people, make friends, enjoy a cuppa & some homemade cakes



In aid of St Mary's Church Roof Repairs

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 11th Jan 2017 at 7.00pm

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POPPY COLLECTION 2016

The Poppy collection around Playford raised the magnificent sum of £181.14

Very many thanks to all those who contributed so very generously.

Veronica Bunbury

CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

We are of course all looking forward to the Christmas period and at Playford we will again be having our candlelit carol service on the 18th December at 1800. Please put it in your diary. Mince pies and mulled wine at the completion of the service. Every one of all faith and no faith - you are welcome.

BINKY & CO.

Binky always had trouble with Christmas presents. Not for himself you understand, but for other people.

He always promised himself to start during November, but time seemed to slip by so quickly it was often the 22nd or 23rd of December before panic set in and a mad dash to the discount shop was arranged and a "that will do" attitude was the order of the day. Most of his relatives were either dead or had disowned him so that made things slightly easier. His father who was still alive had disowned Binky when he was six with the comforting words "he was born an idiot, he is an idiot and he will die an idiot." Yes Binky had baggage. However the past is the past and it was now time to concentrate on Mrs Stickleback's Christmas present. Binky was determined not to repeat the disaster of last year when he booked her a flight in an ageing spitfire. The take-off was aborted at the end of the 1000 yard runway due to 'excess baggage problems' as the pilot so carefully put it. The aeroplane was towed back to the hangar where a winch was used to extricate Mrs

S from the observer's seat. The whole thing was terribly embarrassing, not so much for Mrs Stickleback but for the BBC film crew who had turned up to record the great occasion streaming it live to the world service. However looking on the bright side more than 200 million people from Clopton to Pago Pago (look it up) now knew of the 'big fat lady that brought down a Spitfire'.

This time Binky had studied the free catalogues that cascade through letterboxes at this time of year.

Flicking through the pages and moving swiftly past the £25 all-weather washing line, knee bandages and a ladies travelling urinal with spill-proof stopper, Binky at last began to see some light at the end of the tunnel. There were some good ideas in the pages of these somewhat similar magazines, only the posing models seemed to differ. Binky did wonder why a lady would wish to take a 'walk in bath' wearing a swimming costume but then Binky never did understand women. It was a modesty thing he told himself. The flyer from the local butcher offering a whole pig for £50 was tempting but then the added expense of purchasing an outside roasting spit kit made of hard wearing plastic rather put him off. No, he would have to be slightly more thoughtful and adventurous.

The internet now reared its head and Binky went at it like a demented Boxing Day sales aficionado, if there is such a thing. There was so much to look at and consider that his brain was in a whirl. That is not a good place for Binky to be. Fraught with danger. Mistakes can be made. His guardian angel was telling him to stop, but he surfed on. And on. And on. Eventually he succeeded and leaned back supremely confident that all would be well.

He had settled on £100 of online vouchers for the outsize shop and - so his wife had something to open on Christmas day - a state of the art, heavy handled, non-stick frying pan.

Champion!

Happy Christmas.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

The Benefice Remembrance service took place at Little Bealings Church on Sunday 13th November. There were more than seventy people in attendance with many having travelled some distance to remember relatives with a connection to either the Villages or the Church. We were reminded of the sacrifices made by those whose names are displayed on the War Memorials of Great and Little Bealings and Playford. Poppies were laid by representatives of the three Villages and a candle lit to remember Culpho as a 'Thankful Village' having lost no one during the two wars. It was a moving Service which involved both young and older members from all Churches.

'CREATING A DIOCESE FOR SUFFOLK'

TALK BY ROY TRICKER

This event took place on Friday 18th November with a goodly number of people braving the cold weather to listen to a fascinating talk on the history of forming a Diocese for Suffolk. Without doubt Roy Tricker has an enthusiastic style of delivery, coupled with a gentle humour which allows him to convey facts and statistics in a very enjoyable way. He brought personality and life to those early Bishops who were instrumental in shaping the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich for over one hundred years. Our grateful thanks to Roy and all who gave of their time and generosity in supporting the event. A total of £147.50p was donated to the upkeep of the Church.

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Celia and the Churchwardens extend their good wishes and every blessing for a peaceful Christmas and Happy New Year. They also offer their sincere thanks for the support provided throughout the year. Flowers are willingly made available, the Church kept clean and tidy and time and talents given freely in support of Concerts and other notable fundraising events. This 'coming together' throughout the year, with the financial support given, helps to ensure St. Botolph's remains open and at the heart of the Village.

Carol Service

Christmas is a time to celebrate with family and friends and a warm welcome awaits if you can join us for our Carol Service at 3 p.m. on Sunday 18th December. Mulled wine and mince pies await!

SHINGLE STREET FOLK – PRESENTS

'SCOTS WHA HAE' - an evening of Scottish Song and Verse on Friday 20th January, 2017 at 7 p.m. in St. Botolph's Church. This popular group have kindly agreed to give of their time and talent (of which they have plenty – talent that is!) to entertain us close to Burns Night. Cost will be £6 including refreshments, with a raffle held in aid of Church funds. Posters will be circulated nearer the date and it promises to be a lovely evening. To reserve seats please contact Chris Pearce on 01473 738324 or email her at cmp0601@hotmail.com. Tickets can also be obtained at the door. If you can join us, you will be made very welcome.

Margaret Gornall

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Great Bealings

The season of Advent, which began on the 27th November this year, is the time when we wait and prepare ourselves to greet the Lord Jesus as we celebrate His coming into this world at Christmas. It is also a time of change in the Church's year, a time of endings and new beginnings. Many of us do not really like new beginnings because they take us into areas of uncertainty and we are reluctant to let go of the things we know and understand, all those things of which we have become most comfortable. And yet this next stage of our journey is not all unknown for we have a familiar story to take with us, the story of a man who looked on outcasts with affection, who spoke words of forgiveness to those who could not find it anywhere else and who died for His friends.

At this time of year there is always a great sense of anticipation and of hope. As we make our plans for Christmas, we can anticipate the variety of services which help us to celebrate the birth of Jesus; school Christmas services, carol services, crib services and the uniquely special service of midnight Mass. We anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth, not only because it is a great excuse for a bit of a party, but also because His birth gives us hope. Hope for the future. Hope in the midst of much that seems to be changing all around us.

Our Christmas celebrations lead into celebrations of the new year, with a heightened sense of anticipation for all that 2017 might bring. Many will be praying that the next year will be better than the last, others will be going into the new year with a deep sense of anxiety and uncertainty. Yet however we approach the future, it is to do so accompanied by the promise of Jesus to always be with us in whatever it is that life brings; in the happy times and in the sad times, in the pain and also in the joy.

On that first Christmas there was no room at the Inn for the baby Christ, but all will be warmly welcomed to the variety of different services which our churches have to offer this Christmas as we join together in celebrating the birth of Jesus. There literally is 'room for all' because God welcomes each and every one of us, He does not want anyone to be turned away. For Christians we have an important part to play in making the Christmas story a reality both in our own lives and in the lives of other people. Worshipping, serving, growing, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ is our story as we begin a new year in the life of the Christian Church.

At Christmas, God welcomes us all to celebrate the birth of His Son. May you know the rich blessing of the Christ-child in your life this Christmas.

Philip

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Just a reminder of our seasonal Advent and Christmas Services

Tuesday 13th December

7.00 pm

Compline

– a short meditative service

Little Bealings

Sunday 18th December

3.00 pm

Carol Service

Culpho

Sunday 18th December

6.00 pm

Carol Service

Playford

Tuesday 20th December

6.00 pm

Carol Service

Little Bealings

Wednesday 21st December

6.00 pm

Carol Service

Great Bealings

CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm

Crib Service

Little Bealings

11.15 pm

Midnight Mass

Great Bealings

.NOTE EARLIER TIME

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am

Family Communion

Playford

10.00 am

Family Communion

Little Bealings

All other services as usual, please see elsewhere in this magazine.

FROM THE REGISTERS – October 2016

WEDDINGS

8th October

Colin Stanley Hedgley and Marian Jill Rosling

St Marys Church Playford

CHURCH DIARY – DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY 4th

8.00
10.00

2nd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion with; --
Recommissioning of Benefice Elders
Virginia Porter and Denise Merry

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SUNDAY 11th

8.00
9.00

3rd Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion – said
Family Communion
Compline

Great Bealings
Playford
Little Bealings

TUESDAY 13th

7.00pm

SUNDAY 18th

10.00
3.00pm
6.00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion
Carol Service
Carol Service

Little Bealings
Culpho
Playford

TUESDAY 20th

6.00pm

Carol Service

Little Bealings

WEDNESDAY 21st

9.30am
6.00pm

Holy Communion – said
Carol Service

Culpho
Great Bealings

SATURDAY 24th

4.00pm
11.15pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Crib Service
Midnight Mass

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

.note earlier time

SUNDAY 25th

9.00
10.00

CHRISTMAS DAY

Family Communion
Family Communion

Playford
Little Bealings

RECOMMISSIONING of ELDERS

During the 10.00am Holy Communion Service at Great Bealings on the 4th December, Virginia Porter and Denise Merry will be recommissioned as Elders; all are warmly welcome to show their support.

HOME COMMUNION

If anybody would appreciate a Home Communion during the Christmas Season, or indeed at any time, please contact Philip Merry.

CHURCH DIARY – JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY 1st

8.00
10.00

Naming of Jesus

Holy Communion – said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SUNDAY 8th

9.00
10.00

Baptism of Christ

Family Communion
Family Communion

Playford
Great Bealing

SUNDAY 15th

10.00
3.00pm

2nd of Epiphany

Holy Communion
Evensong

Little Bealings
Culpho

WEDNESDAY 18th 9.30am

Holy Communion - said

Culpho

SUNDAY 22nd

9.00
4.00pm

3rd of Epiphany

Holy Communion
Messy Church

Playford
Angela Cobbold Hall

SUNDAY 29th

10.00

Candlemas

Benefice Christingle Service

Little Bealings

FEBRUARY SUNDAY 5th

8.00
10.00

4th before Lent

Holy Communion - said
Holy Communion

Little Bealings
Great Bealings

SERVICE TIMES

Please note that from January the two services on the second Sunday of the month will be 9.00 Family Communion at Playford as well as 10.00 Family Communion at Great Bealings

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

On Sunday 29th January there will be a Benefice Christingle Service at 10.00am in All Saints Little Bealings; if you would like further details please do ask Celia or Philip. This is for all ages, and do please bring friends and family who might otherwise not attend church; all most warmly welcome.

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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/
	VH	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	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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