

# *Fynn - Lark News*

**JUNE 2018**



## **CULPHO EVACUEES**

Twelve years ago, I received a letter from a Mr. Don Hardy who lived in Essex but, as a boy, had lived in Stratford, London during World War two.

Along with three million other children he had been evacuated at the beginning of the war as part of Operation Pied Piper. His letter, in which he enclosed a photostat of a letter written by his brother Jim to their parents, is no doubt reminiscent of pieces of correspondence written by thousands of youngsters who found themselves billeted with families in parts of rural England.

**Magazine for the Parishes of Great & Little  
Bealings, Playford and Culpho**

These are the unabridged letters from Don and his brother Jim about their time spent at Culpho End House.

*"This reminded me of the events that happened when we were evacuated from Stratford, London to Culpho End in September 1939. I hope this will be of interest of what happened in your house 65 years ago.*

*We left our mothers at Park School, Stratford and travelled to Ipswich, then by bus to Culpho Church. There we were selected (like a slave market) to which houses we were allocated.*

*Our house was Culpho End, the bedroom was opposite a long window upstairs and there was a selection of "Just William" books for us to read.*

*The household consisted of Mr. Sunderland-Taylor, Solicitor, Mrs. Sunderland-Taylor who was an Organiser of the Woman's Land Army. Two Maids (one was called up soon after). One old Gardener, One Chauffer-Gardener (who was also called up). The young gardener impressed us, he showed us how to water-divine, make a pop-gun and a whistle out of a twig. Then there was Mr. Woodward our teacher and his wife.*

*We walked to school in Grundisburgh, which was quite a long way, so we were very pleased to be sent our bikes.*

*Our evacuee friends, the Goff Brothers, lived at Johnsons Farm (Culpho Hall) which was a thriving farm growing Sugar Beet, Grain, Pigs and Cattle. We enjoyed*

*ourselves playing Hide and Seek in their barns and sliding down the Hay Stacks which were thatched. We helped on the farm, feeding the pigs, plucking the chickens and there were still plenty of Dray Horses on the Farm to ride back from the fields.*

*As the maid and gardener were called up, we were expected to do jobs around the house like washing the tiled step in the porch, sawing logs with a two-handed saw.*

*A deep trench was dug in the garden as an Air-Raid shelter and covered with earth, but the heavy rain made it collapse. There was a huge rabbit warren behind the house.*



*Hope these little snippets of information convey some light what life was like in your home 65 years ago.*

The following is a transcript of the letter Jim Hardy sent to parents; again unedited.

*“Dear Mum and Dad, I was very pleased with my bike thanks to you and Dad. It is a B.S.A. if you noticed but thank you. I was looking forward to seeing an old rusty bike. Goffs bike comes next week.*

*We caught a rat in a trap. We had fine week at school. We plucked two pheasant. Robert caught a rabbit Friday. We went to an evacuee’s Social hours every week what Miss Watkins got up for us. We sawed wood did our usual jobs this week. Mr. Taylor show us how to measure the petrol and put distilled water in, like an accumulator, then we pumped up the tyres and measure the pressure of it with a small instrument. It went to thirty. We went to Johnson’s and groomed the horses fed the calf with milk and brandy and gave the bull a new bed, fed the pigs. Goffs pulled sugar beet up and laid new rat traps, sawed Nellies coconut for the blue-tits to eat. Mum have you told Grandad we sent him a birthday card. It is blowing very*

*hard now it is blowing a lot of leafs down from the trees. The road sweeper has got a good job on hasn’t he – poor old sweeper. We have done a lot of knitting this week. Is Dolly going to send us some wool. I am sorry for calling you Dolly instead of Dorothy. Mum, Don has no reflector nor glass in his light. It was a big lorry with our two bikes on it, I was so proud signing for my own bike. Donald did not believe Mr. Woodward when he came and told him our bikes were here, they both go easy. We filled in the dugout and we are going to make a bicycle stand for our two bikes. Nellie thought our bike marvelous. I believe Mr. Woodward was jelous of our bike being better than his, again thanks for the bike Mum and Dad xxxx Your loving sons xxxxx Don and Jim. DON’T WASTE PAPER HA! HA! HAVE A KISS EACH NIGHT.*

Don’s story doesn’t end here. I have made contact and both he and his wife are well and living in Essex. In the near future I am hoping to meet up and for them to spend the day at Culpho End House.

*Guy Hartfall,*

*Churchwarden St. Botolph’s, Culpho*



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#### THANK YOU GATHERING FOR HELPERS:

This has now been mentioned at Parish Council level, with the suggestion that a very small proportion of the PC contribution to the magazine might be channelled into bringing our large team of helpers together for an early evening drinks party, by way of saying thank you – and helping you to get to know one another better. As far as we know such a thank you has never before been organised, and is long overdue. Watch this space

### PROFILE

#### PAT KEEP

Pat has been active in the village of Great Bealings and beyond for some 20 years. He has been rooted into the area through his connections to Kesgrave High School, and his position as Head of Science there. That has meant that many young people locally – and some who are slightly less young! - know him and have reason to be grateful to him for what he taught them. He retired some 3 years ago but has continued to help at the school with Duke of Edinburgh expeditions –

activities, which, along with long-distance cycling, are close to his heart.

Pat has also been involved with the setting up of the Pop-Up pubs, and with attempts to fill the gap left by the closure of the Admiral's Head. He has contributed richly to Great Bealings PCC thinking over the years, and his energetic practical side has found an outlet in major contributions to controlling hedges and trees in the churchyard. He has also, for many years, organised pre-Christmas carol-singing around the village

The motivation for profiling Pat is that he has now stepped down from the PCC, has his house on the market, and is likely to move out of this immediate area sometime in the future. As many people will be aware, the last couple of years have been difficult, not least in that tragedy darkened the lives of the Keep family. Pat has responded positively, throwing himself into outdoor activities and also signing up for a Christian counselling Degree course in Surrey. Pat has not yet moved, but as he prepares to move on we thank him for all that his has contributed over so many years and wish him well in his life away from Bealings. The Keep family has strongly supported St Mary's Church over the years and have strong memories of the times spent in Croft Cottage and of friendships made in and around our villages. We shall miss them all, but, as so many people know, strong motivation remains to return to visit the churchyard.

### REVIEW

#### “SHAKESPEARE AND EAST ANGLIA”

##### Professor Jeremy Tambling

Jeremy, Professor of Comparative Literature, gave this talk in Great Bealings Church on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May. A couple of dozen people, several from outside our villages came to hear this entertaining,

## DIARY - WHAT'S ON

### JUNE

Saturday 23rd

Playford Fete

Playford Hall

### November

Sunday 11th

Commemoration End of World War 1 Great Bealings

*This 'What's On' is published to avoid clashes of dates for events and fundraisers within the benefice resulting in reduced attendance.*

*It also allows organisers to give advance notice of forthcoming events and help with planning. We will only insert larger adverts when the event is imminent, not two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.*

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mind-stretching and perhaps unlikely talk - unlikely in that few people were probably have been aware that Shakespeare had any contact at all with East Anglia. But he did, through his actors and acting, and through the plots of his history plays, not least King John, his links with the barons, particularly the Bigods of Framlingham Castle fame, and the de la Poles of Fressingfield, the Dukes of Suffolk with links to the Wars of the Roses. One of the Bigods, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Norfolk, is named among the knights who surrendered to King John at [Framlingham Castle](#) in 1216.

Jeremy recounted his anecdotes with good humour. Particularly entertaining was the story of a clown who jiggled all the way from London to Norwich, via Ingatestone – slightly reminiscent of a modern-day train journey on an engineering weekend! And only slightly slower. Manningtree too, featured strongly, and emerged as a some-time centre of significant dramatic activity. The full gamut of Shakespeare's richly textured work was described, from the gruesome, via the comedy through to the historically fascinating. In a brief allusion to modern times, Falstaff earned the description of the Donald Trump of his day.

It was an evening for those who wish to continue their education by other means, and a rare opportunity to try not to be baffled by scholarship, but to understand an unlikely subject better, from an unexpected angle. This was borne out by the time taken over refreshments afterwards, discussing the content of Jeremy's talk. We are so grateful to him not only for the research that went into the talk but also for giving what was, in fact, the first public delivery of this talk in our small country church. We very much hope that he will return next year, making it three years in a row.

## **HISTORY CORNER**

### **MEADOW MEMORIES**

*by Francis Mutimer*

At the bottom of Boot Street, as you cross the old hump-back bridge, many of you will be familiar with those lovely green meadows which lie alongside the river as it meanders through our villages.

As an original 'Bealings Boy' who grew up in Boot Street in the 60s, those meadows hold many fond memories. Unlike our parents' generation, playing in the street was not an option for us, and so those pastures became our playground, providing us with hours of entertainment and amusement in whatever ways we could devise.

Our adventures were mainly centred



around the four meadows which lie on either side of the river next to the bridge. I still remember their original names – Church Meadow, Winton Meadow, Bridge Meadow and the mysteriously named Ankester Meadow.

Many and varied were the ways we found to amuse ourselves as we roamed those verdant pastures. There were streams to be jumped across or dammed, fallen trees to clamber over and explore, boggy areas in winter to stomp around in and, of course, the river itself, which provided various diversions.

Fishing for 'tiddlers' with net and bucket was always popular in summer – minnows, sticklebacks and stone loach were abundant and easy to catch.

Jumping across the river was just about

possible at one or two narrow spots along its length, provided you took a long enough run up and had the confidence and athletic ability to launch yourself across and reach the opposite bank.

These attempts were not always successful of course, resulting in much mirth from the onlookers and varying degrees of dampness for the failed jumper.

Lobbing large logs and other handy objects into the river to see who could make the biggest splash provided much entertainment, the aim usually being to make the missile land as close as possible to any unsuspecting victim who had foolishly ventured too close to the water.

Bridge Meadow was where I first learned to ride a bicycle. Over the course of a few summer evenings, my father took me and my newly acquired velocipede and patiently taught me the rudiments of how to balance on two wheels.

He employed the time honoured method of running along pushing me, then letting go as I pedalled furiously while trying to stay upright. While the grassy surface afforded a soft landing if I fell off, the meadow was liberally dotted with various patches of nettles, thistles and of course, cow pats, so there was always a good chance of landing in something unpleasant should I fail to maintain my balance. This proved a good incentive for staying upright and I quickly learned to do so.

Different seasons brought their own pleasures. Ice would sometimes cover parts of the flooded meadows in winter, simply begging to be stomped on or picked up in great frozen chunks and thrown around. April showers would send us running for the shelter provided by the canopies of the venerable old lime trees which still stand in Church Meadow to this day.

Summer brought many diversions. On one memorable occasion we discovered a hornets' nest in an old fallen tree and

one or our number decided, for reasons best known to himself, to poke it with a stick. At first, he looked somewhat puzzled as to why the rest of us were retreating across the meadow with considerable haste. He soon discovered why.

'Cow pat frisbee' afforded some energetic fun in hot dry weather, as we gleefully explored the surprisingly aerodynamic qualities of this readily available bovine by-product.

Ah yes, the simple pleasures of childhood. Nowadays, on my occasional walks around the meadows, it seems very little has changed in the intervening years. Long may it remain so.

## **WHO WAS ANGELA COBBOLD?**

When we moved to our house in Little Bealings in 2003, I asked several people about Angela Cobbold because the Church Rooms are next door to us. There were several answers, she was a child who died in infancy, she was a woman who died in childbirth, few really knew. I was determined to find out. With the aid of the internet I discovered many facts about Angela.

Angela's parents were Francis and Frederica Cobbold, her father was the grandson of John Cobbold the brewer. Freda Angela was their second child, she was born in 1884. Her brother Francis Alfred Worship Cobbold was born in 1882 and her sister Gladys Jessie in 1886. The family lived in Westbury Lodge, Anglesea Rd, Ipswich. Angela as she was known was went to school in Haywards Heath, Sussex.

The years of the First World War were unhappy for Angela as her brother was away at war, her father died in 1915 and her sister died two years later. Both were buried in Ipswich.

In 1920 Mrs Cobbold and her daughter moved to Crossways their new home in Little Bealings. It was a much happier



time for them both. Mrs Cobbold indulged her passion for gardening and Angela threw herself into village life, especially All Saints Church. In 1924 a Trust was established to build a village hut/hall on land in Sandy Lane. Angela became one of the trustees. This was very much a non-sectarian, non-political place of recreation. Angela was always sorry that there was no hall specifically for Church activities. She became a member of the Mother's Union and worked hard for charitable causes.

In 1936, tragedy struck the family, Angela was diagnosed with cancer. Her life came to a close in a nursing home in Fonnereau Rd, Ipswich on 25th July at the age of 51 years. She left £8,575 10s 10d to her brother. She was buried in Little Bealings Churchyard, where her grave can still be seen: it has a large cross near the War Memorial.

Mrs Cobbold, Angela's mother was devastated and desperately wanted a memorial in the village to her beloved daughter.

Capt. Eric Hervey of the Grove agreed to sell a small parcel of land to Angela's brother for £25 . Angela's dream of a hall for Church use could now be fulfilled as her memorial.

The hall was designed by a Mr Worthingham and was duly opened in 1938 or 1939.

Sadly, it is thought Mrs Cobbold did not live to see the project finished. Her brother died without children so that line of the family finished.

There is one resident in Little Bealings who still remembers Angela. I would have liked to include a photograph of Angela but could not find one so if you have one tucked away I would like hear from you.

*Peter Carr*

## **SANDRINGHAM - a free day out**

There's lots of driving to watch at Sandringham Estate, 29 June - 2 July. See elegant driven dressage, exciting



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There's a new ridden Trec event which includes various tests of horse and rider. Entry and parking is free: dogs are welcome provided they are kept on a lead. Refreshments and all the usual facilities are available, and Sandringham's cafe serves delicious afternoon tea, I'm told.

For further information:

[www.sandringhamestate.co.uk](http://www.sandringhamestate.co.uk)

## **NATURE NOTES**

It's the time of year when birdsong reaches a crescendo. How often do we see blackbirds and other species seeking out the highest local viewing point, the top branch of a tree, or bush, a rooftop, a telegraph pole? It's a sort of avian "I'm the king of the Castle" statement. Celebrating territorial rights? Singing a tribute to the hen bird quietly sitting on the eggs in the nest? Or just sharing with human beings the joy of springtime? We've been lucky

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enough in Lower Street to have a relatively rare song thrush serenading us. How different would country life be without birdsong?

Many years ago, a book was published with the title "Silent Spring", by Rachel Carson. It anticipated the possibility of the demise of birds, and their chorus of spring-time song, killed off by various kinds of human pollution. It was a landmark publication. Happily, we as human beings, are now so much more aware of the fragility of species and of what we need to do to ensure their survival. Our farmers and conservationists have done so much to ensure that Rachel Carson's nightmare did not become reality. And so many gardens have an array of bird-feeders, a sign of broad commitment to that cause. Long may it continue. Spring without birdsong would be unthinkable – but still not impossible.

## **BEALINGS WI**

New members are always very welcome to attend the monthly meetings or any activities organised by the group. You do not need to be a Bealings resident in order to join Bealings WI.

The local group enjoys monthly meetings (on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month) where members are provided with information about various activities arranged for the future and then speakers give a talk on a variety of topics. The subject for June is "The Connie, holiday camp life in the 50s and 60s."

Some of the planned events include Fish and Chips at Dunwich, a visit to Otley Hall and an opportunity to explore the shops in Wickham Market, after enjoying tea and cake in the tearoom.

Please contact the Secretary, Jennifer Cook 01473 623985 if you would like more information.

### **COMMUNITY LUNCH @ ANGELA COBBOLD HALL**

As always, a big thank-you to everyone who joined us for a May Day lunch. After expenses a donation of £82.50p went towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Angela Cobbold Hall. We would also like to thank Vicky Hutchinson, from Age UK Suffolk, for joining us and explaining the support and services that are available for older people. She also offered to run a monthly "Reminiscence" afternoon tea in the Hall.

If you are interested or know of someone who would enjoy these occasions you can contact Vicky Hutchinson directly on 07841 460379 or Peter and Vicki Carr on 01473 620213.

The next Community Lunch is on Tuesday 5th June 12.30pm  
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A scheme whereby your local District Councillor can allocate sums of money to projects with a clear community benefit that will stimulate a new community activity or to address a gap in services or extend an existing community activity and is within the Suffolk Coastal Area.

Since its inception there have been annual increases in the amount of money each Councillor can allocate. Currently the sum is £6500. In the main the projects should be “not for profit” and are more often Town and Parish Councils, voluntary groups, and social enterprises. Schools can also be considered if they are looking to provide community and/or extracurricular activities. Grants to individuals will not be supported.

In my first year I had £5500 to allocate and this was spread over a number of organisations.

In the second year (2016-2017) I had £6000 to allocate and this went as follows: -

Little Bealings Parish Council	20's Plenty Project	£2,500
Friends of St Marys School Woodbridge	Purchase of equipment for the PTA	£500
Woodbridge Riverside Trust	Match Fund a Music Event at Sutton Hoo	£500
Just 42	Money towards a new hut and office	£500
Great Bealings parish Council	Purchase of a Defibrillator	£1,500
Safer Village Driving	Part fund a Speed Indicator Device	£500

Last year (2017-2018) I had £6500 to allocate and this is where it went: -

Parish Planters of Great Bealings	Funding towards plants and shrubs to keep verges and small plots tidy.	£500
Little Bealings PCC	Part fund the Café Hub project	£3,500
Friends of Great Bealings Church	Funding to improve Car Park and Public access to the Wildlife Park	£2,500

There are strict rules but if there are any organisations in this area that feel a grant would help them in a new or ongoing project please contact me to see if I could help.

*Cllr Colin Hedgley*

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## ST MARY'S

We have enjoyed a busy fortnight. An outdoor Rogation-tide service took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> May, with a mini-pilgrimage around the churchyard, looking out on to the surrounding fields, meadows, river, and small settlements – all reminding us of the beautiful natural context within which we live our lives. And then a week later a celebration of all that has been achieved in the last two years by way of repairs to the church, and the wonderful way in which major expenses have been met. In a world where the news seems to be so often gloomy it is sometimes good to focus on the good things that are happening closer to home – in the real sense of that word – and enjoy the context in which we live our lives. See below for a fuller description of the event.

## LOOKING BACK

We celebrated the completion of major works at our 11.00 am service on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup>. The order of service booklet was specific to the occasion, with illustrations of the work undertaken. We had invited to join us in celebration representatives of the various organisations who had helped with the

funding and repairs. Charles Barrington very appropriately, as the mastermind of the operation, gave the address, an eloquent one, and explained the intricacies – and scale – of the process. He rightly traced his commitment to the task back to his late father-in-law, a former churchwarden emeritus – and the man responsible for ensuring that the roof timbers were still in good order, thereby saving us from needing to dig deeply into our contingency fund, and probably overshoot our budget.

It was good too to welcome our Patron, Lord Cranworth, who kindly performed the



*Lord Cranworth with Revd. Celia Cook*

official opening ceremony of our new wildlife cabin at the end of the service.

The service was followed by a barbecue lunch, put together by Will Self, with various other refreshments and drinks on offer, as ever skilfully managed by Virginia Porter. After lunch Roger Roseboom treated us to a wonderful talk on John Betjeman, together with readings from his poems. Then Farran Scott further treated us to some finely played violin pieces. So, we celebrated the occasion in words and music, and in a style appropriate to the context of a beautiful



*Charles Barrington and Rachel*

medieval church.

Meanwhile a dozen or so intrepid souls and slightly apprehensive bodies made their way to the top of the tower under the watchful eye of Julian Haywood Smith, and were able to see the stunning views around and across the village.



*The Tower Conductor*

The occasion brought together a wide range of people from across the village and beyond, and across the generations. The weather turned out better than had been forecast, and the outcome was a gathering which showed how the right occasion really can make the church a focus of village life, giving a wide range of villagers the opportunity to claim it as their own. Our thanks to all those who in so many different ways contributed to the success of the occasion.

While the theme of celebration was not consistent with an obtrusive effort to bring in further funds, we did also benefit financially from generous donations offered for a range of refreshments and thank everyone for their support. In all, this was a day to be remembered, not least for the coming together of so many people in celebration and friendship.

#### **CHURCHYARD**

The observation cabin is now officially open. Peter and Sue Prentice have done further work in preparing the interior, adding plywood to the walls, and fitting up a shelf for wildlife magazines, together with a "Book of Lives". Anyone who has a relative lying at rest in the churchyard is

invited to send a profile and picture on an A4 sheet to the churchwarden, for inclusion in this book. The idea is to complement the epitaph on the gravestone with a recognition of the live once led. The walls of the cabin now offer a display of wildlife recognition charts and poems appropriate to a churchyard. Our final task is to put together a plan of the graveyard which will enable visitors to locate specific graves.

#### **CAR PARK EXTENSION**

We are hopeful that work will start on this at the end of May. Meanwhile we are enormously grateful to Ben Nesling for his hard work in keeping the grass cut in the present car park area. The Nesling family take a great pride in ensuring that this facility is kept in good order, and we thank them for that.

*Churchwarden*

#### **PLANT SALE RETROSPECT**

Apologies for lack of fulsome thanks to all who contributed so much to the Plant Sale on 21<sup>st</sup> April. We managed a stop press notice in the May Magazine, but, having had no time and space to reflect further, we can now offer a few more considered thoughts.

The final total raised was around £2500 – a brilliant effort all round and greatly appreciated by the beneficiaries, our two medieval churches.

There were probably fewer people attending this year – maybe because the promotion of the event was not vigorous enough, widespread enough, and not through modern media channels. This needs to be thought through.

The Raffle, organized by Faith and Toby Chapman, was once again a great success. Local residents responded to well to the inclusion of a book of raffle tickets delivered with their copy of the Magazine and appreciated having local collection points for stubs and money. (See list of winners below)



There are mixed thoughts about the 8-page illustrated programme, selling at £2, including entry fee and tea/coffee. The idea was to give those who so generously donate raffle prizes a chance to advertise with us – a quid pro quo. We welcome further comments on this change.

The gradual move towards a Garden and Wildlife Festival (including traditional Plant Sale) was tentative. The idea is to extend our appeal both across the generations and across interest groups. Margaret Roseboom again worked very hard to put together activities on the stage to engage younger visitors, while Gary Farmer's pictures in the Committee Room proved to be a bit too far off the trodden track. Again, we welcome constructive suggestions.

The date next year, with Easter Day falling on April 21<sup>st</sup> has still to be decided. A date before Easter, if spring weather comes early, picks up the pre-Easter trade. A date after Easter risks missing the Easter gardening activities but allows plants to grow to a more customer-attracting size and healthiness. The vagaries of English weather will always present a challenge to long-term planning.

Our thanks to all who contributed, in whatever capacity, to ensuring that the Bealings Plant Sale maintains its place as a major event in the local calendar.

#### **Raffle Prize Winners:**

Light aircraft flight: **Mike Cummings**

Seckford Spa: **Michael Gornall**

Gressingham Duck Hamper:

**Martin Cripps**

White Horse Voucher: **Peter Wilmott**

Notcutts Voucher:

**Mr. and Mrs. K Beaumont**

Cream tea for 2 at Milsoms: **Yu**

Grange Farm shop vouchers:

**Alison Self and Norman Porter**

Vehicle Surgeon MOT **Susannah Yallop**

Selection of Thompson and Morgan Seeds: **Mrs. Bloom**

Leah Hincks Pottery session: **Fran Hopkins**

The Riverside; **Bridget Tanno**

Adnams Prosecco: **Marian and Colin Hedgley**

Costa Coffee Hamper: **Kerry and Alun Jones**

Wine and Chocolates: **Victoria Orford**

Chocolate Parcel: **Clifford Hicks**

Photo Frame; **Susannah Yallop**

Remraf framed photos: **Eddie Taylor**

Our grateful thanks to Colin Hopkins for offering the flight experience, to all who donated prizes, and, of course, to all who supported us by buying tickets.

*Norman Porter*

## **FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH**

### **TALK ON MAY 11TH**

A review of the talk given by Professor Jeremy Tambling appears elsewhere in this publication. Some two dozen people attended, and it is good to report that funds benefited to the tune of about £80. It all helps! To say nothing of bringing people into the church, giving them the opportunity to come together and to show that a church building can be adapted for a whole range of activities.

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS**

We are hoping to put together an entertainment package with music, drama and art a week or so before Christmas. The date and contents will be confirmed in due course.

### **EVEN FURTHER AHEAD! THE IPSWICH HOSPITAL BAND – MAY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2019**

We have a specific date for a Concert to be given by the Ipswich Hospital Band. We have already agreed with them (and this is a band with close on 50 players!), that the event will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

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2019 at 4.00, and that it will take the form of an outdoor concert with picnic with light refreshments available. This is the equivalent date of this year's special celebration, so you could make a note of it in your diary NOW! Proceeds will be shared between the church and Hospital Charities, so all in a very worthwhile cause.

#### **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>.**

Keep your eyes open for further details of the parish's commemoration of the end of World War One.

In the meantime, can we thank all those who, whatever their religious sentiments, offer wonderful support to us in our efforts to ensure that events held in the church help to keep it a vibrant centre of village activity.

*The Friends*

## **GREAT BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL**

*Summarised notes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14<sup>TH</sup> May.*

#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Robin Vickery itemised the various committees etc that he has been appointed to. He mentioned that he is encouraging the Planting of Oak Trees across the County as a memorial to those who lost their lives in WW1, especially members of the Suffolk Regiment. He reported that he has attended many Parish Council meetings and events and the main concerns he has encountered are issues relating to Highways. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website. Charles Barrington advised Robin Vickery that the PC has had no response to the detailed letter sent to the Highways Engineer in early April regarding the proposed speed limit extension in Boot St. Robin Vickery said that a new leader of SCC will shortly take up his position and he will be having a personal meeting with him at which he will raise the matter of Boot St. Charles Barrington said that the PC will write

direct to the new leader stating dissatisfaction that the PC is not even getting a reply to its correspondence.

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Colin Hedgley spoke about the forthcoming merger of SCDC and Waveney DC. The number of Councillors will be reduced from 90 to 55, and Great Bealings will be in Fynn Valley Ward which will have two Cllrs. He advised that the Adastral Park development is to go ahead, also the re-development of the Melton Hill site and the refurbishment of Deben Leisure Centre is almost complete. Martin Cripps queried why local contractors were not used in the latter scheme. Colin Hedgley was unable to answer this but will find out. A full copy of the report is available on the Parish Council's website.

#### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT- REVIEW OF YEAR**

Charles Barrington began by expressing his thanks to his Councillor colleagues and to the Clerk for their support during the year. He reported that now the Neighbourhood Plan had been 'made', it is now statutorily a part of SCDC's Local Plan and must be consulted when planning applications come forward. During the financial year 2017/18 10 planning applications were received of which 4 were approved and 6 objections were submitted. He spoke about the sensitive cases which had been dealt with. He thanked Colin Hedgley for the funding for the defibrillator which is now in place on the outside of the Village Hall. He also covered the Emergency Plan, the Wind Farm project, Boot Street Bridge, Fynn-Lark News, a Parish Care initiative, and the forthcoming Beacons of Lights project on 11<sup>th</sup> November. The full report is on the PC's website.

#### **VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Charles Barrington read the report submitted by Margaret Wilson of a busy year for the Village Hall which continues to be well used. Current projects include the replacement of the remaining single glazed windows. Bookings for the sports

court and Village Hall can now be made via the Little Bealings Parish website. Appreciation was expressed from the Trustees for the funding for the defibrillator and the donations from the two Parish Councils. The full report is on the Parish Council's website.

#### **FYNN-LARK NEWS REPORT**

Norman Porter reported that the magazine continues to thrive and expressed thanks to all the people associated with the production. The main concern is that all these volunteers have no understudies. He would like to arrange a small party gathering for them in the near future. He said that the magazine is now financially stable and the objective of being able to fund a whole year ahead has been achieved. A full copy of his report is on the Council's website

*Summarised notes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May.*

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following Officers were elected:

Chairman	Charles Barrington
Vice Chairman	Colin Hedgley
Footpaths	Martin Cripps
Village Hall	Sally Johnson
Trees	John Carter-Jonas

(subject to his approval at the next meeting)

#### **MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH MARCH 2018**

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record, subject to the addition of the following relating to Hasketon Road: "MC stated that in his opinion, it was a waste of public money to keep maintaining this road and he proposed that it be closed. This proposal was rejected by the PC."

#### **WATER MEADOW**

Rob Munn reported that the planning officer from SCDC had made a further visit to the site and had ruled that there was "no change of use".

#### **TREES**

Martin Cripps reported that the new trees have all been planted. He expressed thanks to his wife Sharon and Mr and Mrs

Prentice for their assistance. A plaque should be sited stating that the trees were planted by the PC. Martin Cripps will write to Robin Vickery about his scheme for planting oak trees. The EADT are compiling a register of the rare black poplars, and Great Bealings has one by the river, which Martin Cripps considers warrants a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). He will ask for more information and report back to the next PC meeting. SCC have replied to the request that the PC be allowed to plant some trees along the North side of Lodge Road and stated that there is insufficient verge width. Charles Barrington will measure this strip to see whereabouts the stipulated distance of 15ft from the centre of the carriageway comes. If we are not able to plant trees it was agreed, we would plant bulbs.

#### **PLANNING**

**DC/18/1828/FUL – Bridge House, Lodge Road – Proposed first floor extension over existing playroom to form additional bedroom and en-suite** - The PC resolved to support this application

#### **Rosery Farmhouse and Rosery Farm Cottage– SCDC responses to PC letters**

Cllrs discussed the replies received from SCDC, and it was agreed to submit a formal follow-up response to the Head of Planning, following his meeting last year with Charles Barrington and Martin Cripps, specifically relating to pre-application policy.

**Rosery Farm Cottage – use of agricultural building** - The Enforcement Officer at SCDC has concluded that there is no evidence of residential use at this building and the case is now closed.

#### **HIGHWAYS - SAVID**

Colin Hedgley said that he has now been able to obtain a SID. He will arrange for it to be erected on the pole already in place on Lodge Road. As no other PC has sorted out anything on insurance, it will remain in Great Bealings.

#### **REVIEW OF PROCEDURES**

The various documents have all been circulated, and, with the exception of the Model Standing Orders (SOs), Charles Barrington asked Councillors to let the

Clerk know within seven days if there are any comments, otherwise it will be assumed they are approved. The Risk Assessment will need updating to reflect the new Data Protection Regulations. The SOs have been recently updated by NALC and need careful inspection, and decisions will have to be made on various insertions.

#### **FINANCE AND ADMIN**

**Data Protection** – The Clerk had circulated a paper summarising the new regulations (GDPR) which become effective on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. The Government has removed the need for PCs to employ an external Data Protection Officer (DPO). The PC agreed that the Clerk should act in the capacity of DPO, subject to appropriate remuneration. The Chairman thanked the Clerk for all her hard work in assessing the options and making such a clear recommendation to the Council.

#### **AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES**

11 cheques were signed for Clerk's salary, PAYE and office expenses, annual donations, SALC Subscription, postage, and Data Protection Templates.

#### **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

This was approved and signed

#### **ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2017/18 AND CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION**

The Accounting Statements for 2017/18 were approved by Councillors and The Accounting Statement and Certificate of Exemption were signed. The accounts had been internally audited and signed but the internal auditor was now stepping down from his role. Cllrs were asked to think of any suggestions as to a suitable replacement

#### **OTHER FINANCE AND ADMIN MATTERS**

The £500 from Colin Hedgley's enabling budget for the Parish Planters has been received, also the first half of the precept for 2018-19, £2,272.50.

#### **GRIT BINS ON HASKETON ROAD**

A request had been received by the Clerk in March for the grit bin at the top of Hasketon Road to be refilled, however SCC had advised that no further refills would be made until the Autumn. A new bin has been requested for the lower end

of Hasketon Road. However, there is no funding available for such items and therefore this was rejected.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 3RD JULY 2018**

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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#### **LIGHTS AT St MARY'S**

On May 5<sup>th</sup> it was the occasion to celebrate Michael Crimp's birthday of some significance. To give you a clue, the occasion also reflects the possibility of a batsman walking to the wicket, hitting the first ball for six, then being bowled out next ball ! Having weathered this, our best wishes are for Michael to move on to his century. Continuing the Haywood Smith link, Michael married Sara H-S in 1988, step forward Flo H-S, much younger than Michael (and more beautiful) who was 19 on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Why do all these years fly past?

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*Roger Roseboom 01473 735153*

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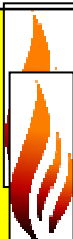
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# LITTLE BEALINGS

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## CHURCHWARDEN

*Appointment pending*

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## LIGHTS SHINE FORTH

There have been two requests for the Church to be illuminated this May. Once to celebrate a very happy occasion and once to mark a very sad event..

Lights shone, courtesy of Joan Moon, on Saturday 19th May to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

However the lights shining on Sunday 20th May were requested .by Margaret Wilson and Glen Harold to mark the passing, on 18th May, of son-in-law.Vernon Womack. Vernon and Margaret's daughter, Jeanette, were married at .All Saints Church in 1989 and a photo of the illuminated church has sent as a .memory of happier times.

.If you would like the Church lights to shine for a special occasion or anniversary .please contact Peter Carr 01473 620213 [pandvcarr55@gmail.com](mailto:pandvcarr55@gmail.com) or drop a note into Corner Cottage IP13 6LN.A donation of £5 secures two hours of light at a time and date of your choice.

## LITTLE BEALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meetings held on 17 and 30 April 2018

### COMMUNITY ASSET LISTING: APPEAL BY THE ADMIRAL'S HEAD

Both meetings excluded the public for the consideration of the Council's defence of its application for Community Asset Listing of the Admiral's Head at the SCDC hearing held on 4 May. The Listing en-

ables the community to bid to buy if the pub is put on the market for sale. SCDC has since issued its decision, rejecting the owners' appeal and confirming the Listing. The owners can appeal the matter further to a First Tier Lands Tribunal.

### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**DC/18/1268/OUT:** The proposal seeks permission for the development of 8 new residential dwellings on land formerly used for agriculture. The proposals cover the demolition of the existing buildings on the site, along with the removal of significant areas of hard standing: Grove Farm Buildings, The Street

It was agreed to object to this application on the grounds of traffic and pedestrian safety, unsustainability given the limited bus service and as the location is outside the village envelope for development.

**DC/18/1388/FUL:** Proposed single storey extensions to bungalow and garage: Four Winds, The Street

There was no objection to this proposal.

**APP/014/18:** Appeal against refusal of planning permission: Erection of detached dwelling and garage. Formation of vehicular access to Holly Close: The Orchard, Holly Lane

It was agreed to add to the Council's previous objections and submit representations based on the environmental, social and economic unsustainability of this site, which is outside the village envelope for development.

### SIGNAGE AT SINKS PIT CLOSED LAND-FILL SITE

It was agreed to ask SCC to replace the new 'Kesgrave' signs with ones which

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correctly identified the site as being in Little Bealings.

#### **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

It had recently been announced that Parish Councils did not have to appoint a Data Protection Officer, although the work to comply with the Regulations still needed to be undertaken. It was agreed to appoint the Local Council Public Advisory Service to carry out this work.

#### **EXPENDITURE**

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

#### **Notes of the Annual General Parish Council Meeting held on 21 May 2018**

#### **ELECTIONS**

Mrs Margaret Wilson was elected Chairman and Mr Ian Ransome Vice Chairman for the following year. Ms Denise Head would be the Council's representative on the Bealings Village Hall Committee and Mrs Cornish would attend Police/Anti-Social Behaviour Meetings. Other representation would be arranged as required.

#### **STANDING ORDERS**

The Council adopted revised Standing Orders, as updated by the National Association of Local Councils and Financial Regulations.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATION**

**SCC\0015\18C: Alterations and Improvements to existing gas infrastructure on land adjacent to Sinks Pit**

SCC had approved this application.

#### **LOCAL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Mr Hedgley reported that the parish was proposed for inclusion in a new Fynn Valley ward with Great Bealings Playford, Tuddenham St Martin, Westerfield, Rushmere St Andrew Village and Rushmere St Andrew Tower. There would be two District Councillors.

#### **GDPR**

The Council approved a Data Protection Policy and General Privacy Statement, as required by the legislation. These will be published on the Council's website.

#### **FINANCE**

The Council considered the internal audit and reviewed internal control. It approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements for 2017/18.

The first half of the precept had been received from SCDC. Expenditure was approved for payments to Community Action Suffolk, the Suffolk Association of Local Councils, Fynn-Lark News, Bealings Village Hall and Playing Field and the internal auditor, and for the Clerk's salary and PAYE for May and June and for the Council's representation at the Admiral's Head Community Asset Listing appeal. It was agreed to transfer £500 from the Council's saving account to the current account.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is on Monday 2 July 2018, at 7.15pm.

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

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## PLAYFORD W.I.

At our resolutions meeting on 1<sup>st</sup>.May we discussed the proposed AGM resolution of Mental Illness. Joan Moon from Bealings WI will be the delegate representing our group. We all agreed that mental illness is a great concern but as we detailed in our discussion there are so many forms of mental illness that are not mentioned in the remit and have informed Joan accordingly.

We have submitted a class at the Suffolk Show which is a playroom/bedroom for a child. Lots of hard work has gone into it and we hope that we get good marks this year !

On 6<sup>th</sup>.June Pauline Walker will be speaking to us about the Co-op Juniors.

Anyone who was a Co-op Junior or is now would be welcome to join us.

*Sue Bruce., Secretary*

## HARVEST

We thought it would be rather FUN – that is the operative word - fun if anyone in the village who is growing some produce might like to bring a few samples up to the church on Harvest Festival Sunday. A little mini Produce Show, perhaps with children being the main contributors.

Please 'have a go', no pressure, just for fun.

Thank you. *Astrid Llewellyn*

## PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

It was rather a Royal month for the lights.....

23rd April - St.George's Day and for the birth of Prince Louis of Wales

1st and 2nd May - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for the Silver Wedding Anniversary on 1st May of her daughter,

Jacqui and son-in-law Steven.  
Congratulations, love Mum

And on 2nd May for Grandson Dylan on his 18th birthday and Granddaughter Antigone on her 14th Birthday, love Grandma Barbara

And for Niece, Julie, on her birthday also on 2nd May. Happy Birthday from Auntie Barbara

4th - 7th May inclusive - sponsored by Sue Kennedy on the first wedding anniversary of her daughter, Amy and her husband Tom on Sunday, 6th May.

19th May - for Meghan and Harry, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their wedding day.

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 please ensure that Veronica is at home and be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time.

## PLAYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

*These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 2nd May 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in Playford Village Hall and attended by councillors and residents. Joan Metcalfe was proposed as Chairman and took the Chair. Joan then read out her report thanking councillors and the clerk for their hard work and support during the year. She stated that the Precept would remain at the same level as the previous year and went on to list the council's achievements, also thanking the Co. and District Councillors for their support and generous donations from their budgets.

Keith Carson, Chairman of Playford's Neighbourhood Plan Committee gave an update on progress then a discussion on the benefits of a Neighbourhood Plan was held, with questions being answered by a team of Planners from East Suffolk District Council.

The County Councillor report was read out by District Councillor Robert Whiting in the absence of County Councillor Robin Vickery, stating Robin's appointments and main areas of concern in the County.

Robert Whiting then gave his District Councillor's report explaining the big decisions made at District level with the merger of Suffolk Coastal and Waveney District Councils and the fact that ward boundaries would be changing to even up the size of the wards thus reducing the number of District Councillors. There will be a chance to comment on this before the final decision goes to the Boundaries Commission later in the year. There have been several large housing developments in the SCDC area and money spent on renovating Deben Pool Leisure Centre. Brown bin emptying will be taken over by SC Norse Ltd and an annual charge levied.

Full copies of reports and the full minutes

can be seen on the website. [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

*These are condensed notes of the proceedings of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2018. A full version of the minutes appears on the website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)*

## ELECTION AND APPOINTMENTS FOR 2018/19

Joan Metcalfe was voted in as Chairman for the forthcoming year and Steve Hicks as Vice-Chairman and Footpaths rep, Tim Llewellyn will be Parish Hall rep and Colin Grimwood was proposed as Internal Auditor – this is to be confirmed.

## ACTION POINT REVIEW

Build-up of silt on C324 still not attended to, Clerk was advised to contact Carol Poulter, cabinet member for the Environment for advice. Water constantly trickling down FP7 from Church Lane to Spring Meadow - drains in Church Lane have been flushed out, it seems the problem is an underground spring, Robin Vickery to be asked for advice on this. Verges and ditches in Hill Farm Road – Clerk is regularly chasing action from Clarke & Simpson over this. Issues with FP's 1,3 & 20 – progress is being made but please report any new problems to the Clerk as they arise, statutory declaration has been signed to authorise re-routing of FP20 and this will be implemented by degrees.

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

## FINANCE

Payments were authorised for annual SALC subscription, Clerk's expenses, and a donation to Grundisburgh Baptist Chapel for the internal auditor's services. Quotes for annual insurance renewal have been received by the Clerk and it was resolved to sign up with Community Action Suffolk for an agreed period of 5 years. The first instalment of the Precept has been received. An increase to the Clerk's salary, as recommended by NALC

was agreed (backdated from 1<sup>st</sup> April) and expenses to continue at the same rate, also agreed. The pricing of assets was reviewed and agreed.

The Annual Accounts 2017/18 were accepted unanimously and signed by the Chairman and Clerk, the Exemption Certificate, the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts were similarly agreed and signed. These will all be included in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/2018 part 2 to be sent to Accountants PKF Littlejohn.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Keith Carson gave an update on progress. 38 responses to the NP questionnaire have been received, more need to be sought and a drop-in session at the Village Hall was suggested to enable more involvement from the community so that everyone's views could be addressed. Questions were answered by a team of 3 experts from SCDC Planning Dept. It was agreed Playford should be promoted as a Special Designated Landscape Area, but diversity should also be acknowledged to obtain a balance.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

The defibrillator has been ordered and will be fitted outside the Village Hall towards the end of May, training to use the

equipment will then be arranged. A policy on allowing the use of barbecues and small gazebos at the Village Hall has been agreed. Speedwatch VAS sign for sharing amongst local villages - still no progress on this but Rushmere St Andrews PC will keep us informed. A donation was agreed to Sam Webber's RRT for their help in renovating verges and tidying up the centre of the village so successfully in February.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**DC/18/0424/FUL** (proposed annex at Treetops, Church Lane) This was re-submitted having been amended to remove the proposed access via Spring Meadow. There remains a problem as to how waste water and sewage will be dealt with and concerns still persist about the location of the proposed annex and the impact to trees and wildlife. The PC voted against acceptance of this application.

#### **NEW COUNCILLOR REQUIRED**

A vacancy still exists for a new councillor to join the parish council – please contact the Chairman or Clerk if you are interested.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Weds 4th July 2018 at 7pm

*Marian Hedgley– Clerk 01473 738468*

*e-mail: [playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:playfordpc@hotmail.co.uk)*

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## **PLAYFORD FETE**

### **TICKETS**

Tickets can be purchased in advance at a discounted price of £3.00.  
Please call Brian Seward on 624556 or email [brianjseward@gmail.com](mailto:brianjseward@gmail.com)  
OR from Playford Village Hall Friday 22nd June, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

### **HELP WANTED**

We are still looking for two or three helpers to 'do a job on the day'. Nothing more.  
Either a full 3-hour shift or a half.

Please call Brian Seward on 624556 or email [brianjseward@gmail.com](mailto:brianjseward@gmail.com)

### **PLANTS & PRODUCE STALL AND TOMBOLA**

We would be very grateful for donations to the Plants & Produce stall and Tombola. Items can be dropped off in advance to Sidehill or Rivendell, Spring Meadow, Playford, or brought to the Fete on the day.

Many thanks, *Sue and Catherine*

### **CAKE AND BISCUIT COMPETITION**

With all the Royal Wedding 'buzz' we have decided we need a Royal Competition. We know there are lots of budding bakers out there and thought cakes and biscuits were better than say hats or dress up.

So, enter your Royal Themed Decorated Cakes and Biscuits at the Playford Fete at 2.00 p.m., judging will be at 2:30 p.m.

There is a £2 entry fee per category. There are prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place in each category.

All these wonderful creations will be on display throughout the Fete for all to see and then ready to be taken home after the prize giving at the end of the Fete.

Age categories are -

#### **Decorated Cake**

10yrs & Under

11-16yrs

17yrs & Over

#### **Four Decorated Biscuits**

10yrs & Under

11-16yrs

17yrs & Over

The Biscuits can all be different or all 4 the same, as long as they link and complement each other. But there must be 4!

There is no size restriction on the cake. It just needs to be a full-sized cake i.e. not a cupcake or a bun.

Just one tip though: Keep in mind that your entries will be on display, albeit under a gazebo, so if it is as hot as last year your cake/biscuit needs to stand up to the heat! So, I advise no ice-cream!

# *Playford Village Fete*



**SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE**

**2.00 P.M. - 5.00 P.M.**

**PLAYFORD HALL**

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Adults £5.00 - Children FREE (under 16yrs)

## **STALLS, SIDESHOWS & ACTIVITIES**

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TREASURE HUNT | SPLAT THE RAT | GLITTER BODY ART

WASHING LINE | CARD MATCH | LADDER & BEAN BAG

PLANTS & PRODUCE | SKITTLES | CAKE & BISCUIT COMPETITION

Participation on rides and at stalls is by tokens which can be purchased from the Token Stall at the entrance on to the lawns

## **TEAS**

Tea, Coffee and soft drinks together with a selection of homemade cakes and sandwiches will be served from 2:30pm

## **CAKE & BISCUIT COMPETITION**

Entry details opposite—page 30

*PROCEEDS TO PLAYFORD CHURCH AND VILLAGE HALL*

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## BINKY AND CO

Binky loved his little office at home. He was surrounded by his knick-knacks, his books, and his beloved computer on which he wrote his best-selling travel books about Suffolk and its surrounding hills. Looking out of his window the sun glinting on Mount Bealings always gave him an inner joy. But that was interrupted by his gorgeous wife shouting up the stairs "Binky where are you, come and give me a hand changing this tractor tyre."

The annoying thing was he knew she could do it herself, but she did insist on him standing there holding the wheel spanner while she lifted the tractor and took off the wheel all in one go.

That tractor was a nuisance though. Mrs. S contracted herself out to local farmers when they wanted unsavory jobs completed like muck spreading and heavy ploughing in the pouring rain. Binky refused point blank to put a cabin on the old Fordson and just tied a golf umbrella to the seat. But it did the job. The downside was that his slumbers, always disturbed by Mrs. S snoring loudly, were interrupted with the added aroma of farmyard muck. Of course, Mrs. S always had a shower when she returned home after a long day in the fields. But Binky was never quite sure which was preferable. The wafting waves of cow dung or the overpowering stench of carbolic. No wonder they only had one child.

But Binky always had his office to retire to and dream of better things. He was looking at some of his knick knacks and recollecting the foreign parts from which they came. The fluffy Spanish bull with the grotesque undercarriage, the Egyptian fez that would not have fitted an eight-year-old the boomerang from Australia which never came back when

thrown. And of course, the small pole from West Africa which he was assured was a fertility stick and would bring him instant success if left under the bed. On reflection he was quite pleased that it had never worked. Why does one bring back such things he wondered? But then his eyes rested on a small and dusty wooden camel. He did not recall purchasing that. He remembered the Fez. That was Port Said. But a camel? He vaguely remembered going for a camel ride in Giza, but a wooden camel? No that was strange. His mind went back to that boiling hot day when he and Mrs. S went to the pyramids. They queued for over an hour in the blistering heat in order to climb the three hundred odd steps and ladders to the king's inner chamber only to be shown into a vast empty room and the guide informing them that all the artifacts were held in Cairo Museum. So down they went again to the main entrance. There they were met by A'med the camel man who convinced Binky that a camel ride was the highlight of every one's visit to Egypt. Binky did notice that Amed's young son was helping Mrs. S onto her camel in a most immodest manner. His wife and the son shot off quite quickly and were soon a distant speck on the horizon whilst Binky's camel moved at a snail's pace. On return to the camel post Mrs. S was looking particularly flushed which Binky naturally put down to the soaring heat. But hey! Now Binky remembered. Mrs. S was holding something in her hand but did not refer to it. At dinner Binky broached the subject of the dusty wooden camel sitting on top of his bookcase. "Oh" said Mrs. S, "yes that was given to me by a young camel boy after a particularly long and bumpy ride in the desert". "Oh" said Binky "I thought it may have been something like that". Mrs. S's eyes glazed over as she focused on some distant tree on the horizon.

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# CULPHO

## PARISH COUNCILLOR

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## ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

### ST. BOTOLPH'S FEAST DAY

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June is the Feast Day of St. Botolph and we are fortunate to have our Evensong Service on this date. St. Botolph was a Saxon missionary who built a monastery in 654 at Ikanhoh, which is believed to be Iken, where a Saxon Cross has been discovered. Botolph is the Patron Saint of Travelers, Agricultural workers, and Sailors, whilst sharing his work with other Saints. He is known to have made missionary journeys in East Anglia and Lincolnshire and it is quite possible that he may have brought Christianity to Culpho. The Doomsday Survey mentions at "Culfolā" one Church having 10 acres, worth 20 old pennies'. The cost these days doesn't bare thinking about!

It was sometime during the 13<sup>th</sup> Century when William de Valoines gave the Manor and church to the monks of Leiston Abbey and it seems they set about rebuilding it shortly afterwards. Most of the windows and doorways date back to the 1300, although the tiny lancet window in the Chancel is a little earlier. It is believed the Nave and Chancel is of Norman origin. St. Botolph's is a simple but beautiful little Church and if you can join us at 3 p.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> June you will be most welcome.

*Margaret Gornall*

## DATA PROTECTION

You will be aware that on the 25<sup>th</sup> May new legislation is being introduced which covers all aspects of Data Protection.

Churches, like other organisations, are required to review their current policy to ensure compliance.

This E.U. legislation is designed to safeguard the information we hold, which in the case of St. Botolph's is confined to your name, address, telephone number and/or email address, including names of those whom we contact within the Diocese, the Benefice and neighbouring Churches. Other than sharing information with the DWP, concerning gift aided donations, we do not share any information with a third party.

However, in order that we can continue to contact you we are required to obtain your consent prior to the 25<sup>th</sup> May.

If permission is not obtained before this date, we can no longer assume consent, and will need to seek your specific written authorization before we can make contact. In this respect it would be very helpful if you could reply before the 25<sup>th</sup> May indicating whether you are happy for us to contact via telephone, text, letter, or email advising of Church activities. You do, of course, have the right under this legislation to refuse consent and ask that all information held by St. Botolph's Church on yourself is removed, which we are happy to do.

In the fullness of time the Church will produce its Data Privacy Notice which explains in greater depth how we process your personal data and how we use it. This will be made readily available.

Very appreciative of any early reply you are able to provide.

Kind regards,

*Margaret Gornall*  
Secretary to St. Botolph's P.C.C

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# **CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS**

## **PRIEST in CHARGE**

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## **LAY ELDERS**

### **Great Bealings**

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## **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)**

On the 25th May 2018 new rules, under the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) were introduced which govern the processing of personal data held about individuals.

You will no doubt have received correspondence from organisations, notifying you of how their Data Privacy rules have changed and in what way they are committed to ensure your personal data is safe.

Briefly, this new piece of legislation is designed to safeguard the information held, to dispose of it when redundant, ensure records are accurate, updated and material facts are not shared or disclosed without your consent.

The Church is no different and we too must confirm we are dealing responsibly with the limited information we hold about people who are connected in any way with the Church.

In small rural Churches, principally the data kept relates to no more than the name, address, telephone number and/or email address of individuals who kindly volunteer to help in a range of ways or attend concerts and fundraising. Additional data is held on Clergy, ChurAchwardens, Elders, Readers, Safeguarding Officers, Treasurers, Parochial Church Council members, and on those whose names appear on the Church Electoral Roll and people whose donations to the Church are gift aided.

Once the Regulation has been considered a Data Privacy Notice, which

advises how your personal data is dealt with, including details of persons to contact within each Church, will be produced and made available.

In the meantime, it would help us greatly if you would send an email or letter to your PCC secretary advising them that you are happy to be contacted by email/ phone/letter about any church matters.

Thank you for your help with this.

*Revd. Celia Cook*

## **ROGATION SUNDAY**

This year's Rogation Sunday was held at Great Bealings. It was the most beautiful day and we were able to hold the service outside in the sunshine with Jane's organ playing reaching out to us. The view around Great Bealings Church is quite outstanding with the water meadows and pastures on every side and far reaching panoramas to woods and hamlets. All was green and lush with the infinite variety of green tones so magical at this time of year. It was a delight to walk the boundaries to bless the land in all directions for the coming year, walking through the well-kept church yard and to admire the newly installed bird hide.

The church looked quite magnificent after its refurbishment and wonderful to spend time after the service talking to the other parishioners and drinking coffee in the sunshine.

## CHURCH DIARY – JUNE 2018

### June

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8.00

10.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Family Communion

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**Little Bealings**

**Great Bealings**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>**

9.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Family Communion

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**Playford**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

10.00

3.00

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

9.30

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Evensong

Holy Communion

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**Little Bealings**

**Culpho**

**Culpho**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

9.00

4.00

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion

Messy Church

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**Playford**

Angela Cobbold Hall

### July

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

10.00

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Family Communion

**Great Bealings**

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

## ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

### BEALINGS

**VH: Village Hall**

**ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall**

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
BADMINTON	VH Thu 7.30	<i>Martin Yates 07710187722</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH Mon 7.30	<i>Corinne Jarvis Fear 07810355511</i>
	VH Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	<i>Gill Peck 625077</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Kathy Price 621419</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	<i>Jo Saggi 01394 448846</i>
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		<i>http://bealings.ibooka.com/</i>
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Thu 10.00	<i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>
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	<i>07809594685</i>
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	<i>Dawn Maile 07876506327</i>
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
STRICTLY DANCE FITNESS	VH Thu 6.30 - 7pm	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
	:	<i>bookings.vh.bealings@btinternet.com</i>
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.00 Oct - Mar
		7.00 Apr - Sep <i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>

### PLAYFORD

**PH: Parish Hall**

AGE UK	Village Representative	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
ART CLUB	PH Thu 10	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
COFFEE WITH GOD	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly 9.30 - 10.30 at St Mary's	<i>Jos Saunders 07753903056</i>
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i>
NEWSPAPERS		<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
PARISH HALL BOOKING	Book on line: <i>bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com</i> or contact via voicemail <i>01473 487215</i>	
PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	<i>Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245</i>
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	<i>playfordtoddlers@gmail.com</i>
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month ) 2.00 pm	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
WI	PH Tue (1st in month) 7.30 pm	<i>Sue Bruce 738265</i>
YOGA	PH Tue 9.30 - 11.00	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>

## NEW TO THE VILLAGE?

**Great Bealings:** For a Welcome Leaflet please contact

Norman Porter on 735565 or [nhp@rillcott.co.uk](mailto:nhp@rillcott.co.uk)

**Little Bealings:** Please see the parish website for information:  
[www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net](http://www.littlebealings.onesuffolk.net)

**Playford:** A Welcome Leaflet can be obtained from Mrs Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage, Church Lane, Playford. For more Information please see the parish website: [www.playford.org.uk](http://www.playford.org.uk)

## BEALINGS AND PLAYFORD NEWSGROUP

An e-newsgroup operates for residents of Great and Little Bealings, Playford and Culpho. If you would like to receive emails about local events and items of interest from the Parish Councils and other groups, please send your email address to: [bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com](mailto:bealingsplayfordnews@googlemail.com)

Please say which village you live in so that you can receive the most appropriate information. Your email address will not be shared with others. The newsgroup can also be used to send information that residents would like distributed. BUT-please note that the newsgroup does not distribute any information involving commercial ventures or for the sale of goods and services, other than for charitable fund raising relevant to the parishes.

## LOCAL CRIME INFORMATION

The Police Direct scheme sends phone messages/texts/emails with the latest information on local crime, warnings about bogus callers, crime reduction advice and updates from the Safer Neighbourhood Team. Sign up at

<http://www.suffolk.police.uk/Services/Police+Direct/Welcome+to+police+direct.htm>

or phone 01473 613500.

Report Anti-Social Behaviour to SCC call 08456 034715

## NEED TO REPORT A PROBLEM?

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

In an emergency contact the police.

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

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

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





## JULY-AUGUST 2018 NEWS

Contributions for the July August 2018 News to be submitted by:  
**5.00 pm Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

The news will be ready for distribution by **Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

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