

BENEFICE MAGAZINE

MARCH 2012

**GREAT BEALINGS St. Mary, LITTLE BEALINGS All Saints,
PLAYFORD St. Mary and CULPHO St. Botolph**

PRIEST in CHARGE

Rev'd Canon Pauline Stentiford, Sheepstor, Boyton, Woodbridge IP12 3LH
Tel:01394-411469 Mobile 07719 394200

LAY ELDERS

Benefice	Mrs Denise Merry, Abbey School, Church Street, Woodbridge	01394 610972
	Mr. Philip Merry, Abbey School, Church Street, Woodbridge,	01394 610972
Great Bealings	Mrs Virginia Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings	lps 735565
Little Bealings	Dr Clive Rowe, Kennilworth, Playford Rd, Little Bealings	lps 624635
	Dr Ann Tate, Horsenden House, Martlesham Rd, Little Bealings	lps 622995
Playford	Mrs Alison Baker, 5 The Courts, Church Lane, Playford	lps 620964

WARDENS

Great Bealings	Mr Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings	lps 735565
Little Bealings	Mrs. Paddy Bills, 7 Richards Drive, Little Bealings	lps 610219
	Dr Ann Tate, Horsenden House, Martlesham Rd, Little Bealings	lps 622995
Playford	Dr. Gina Corani, 4 Church Lane, Playford	lps 620696
Culpho	Mrs. Joyce Dunnett, Flat 19, The Walk, Kesgrave, IP5 1NL	lps 611064
	Mr. Philip Merry, Abbey School, Church Street, Woodbridge,	01394 610972

PCC SECRETARIES

Great Bealings	Mr Eric Barnett, Southernhay, Lodge Rd, Great Bealings	lps 738803
Little Bealings	Mrs. Linda Cooper, Weavers Cottage, 1 The Street, Bawdsey	01394 412030
Playford	Dr. Gina Corani, 4 Church Lane, Playford	lps 620696
Culpho	Mrs Margaret Gornall, Flintstone Cottage, Dallinghoo Road, Wickham Market 01728 747605	

PCC TREASURERS

Great Bealings	Mr Adrian Melrose, Rosery Farm House	01394 648007
Little Bealings	Mr. Roger Cobley, 5 Beacon Lane, Little Bealings	lps 626196
Playford	Mr. Paul Gardiner, Jerusalem, 2 Hill Farm Road, Playford	lps 611007
Culpho	Mr. Paul Gardiner, Jerusalem, 2 Hill Farm Road, Playford	lps 611007
Benefice	Mrs. Frances Hopkins, Broom Bank, Sandy Lane, Little Bealings	lps 626755

BENEFICE CHOIR LEADER

Mrs Gill Peck, 7 Beacon Lane, Little Bealings lps 625077

BENEFICE SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

Lisa Wigmore, 2 Hill Farm Cottages, Playford lps 622111

ANGELA COBBOLD BOOKING SECRETARY

Mrs Vicki Carr, Corner Cottage, The Street, Little Bealings lps 620213

PARISH COUNCIL CLERKS

Great Bealings	Mrs. Sarah Cartwright, Hillside, The Street, Little Bealings	lps 621050
Little Bealings	Mrs. Carol Ramsden, The Hollies, Holly Lane, Little Bealings	lps 610088
Playford	Mrs. Sarah Cartwright, Hillside, The Street, Little Bealings	lps 621050
Parish Councillor for Culpho	Mr. Guy Hartfall, Culpho End, Culpho	lps 785347

MAGAZINE ENQUIRIES

General Editorial Team *beneficemag@gmail.com*

Advertising	Mr Norman Porter, Rill Cottage, Kiln Lane, Great Bealings	lps 735565
Distribution	Mr Peter Carr, Corner Cottage, The Street, Little Bealings	lps 620213

A H Electrical

Fully qualified and registered local electrician

- *Supply and installation of solar panels*
- *Underfloor heating*
- *Rewiring*
- *Testing & Inspection*
- *Sockets & lighting*
- *Fuse board replacement*
- *Minor works welcome*

Free estimates and survey

Tel: 01473 737333
Mob: 07986 036966



*Bordy Green,
Charsfield*



Tel: 01473 735575

*

Fax: 01473 738385

VEHICLE SURGEON LTD

Grundisburgh Road

Hasketon

Nr. Woodbridge

**M.O.T. Testing – Petrol – Diesel
Recovery & Breakdown
Servicing on all makes of vehicle**

Used car sales

Tel: 01473 738975

Ray & James Aldous

Heritage Clocks



Restoration,
Repairs & Sales
of Fine Clocks
& Barometers

19 Playford Road, Ipswich, Suffolk
Tel: 01473 270690

- ★ Collection & Delivery all areas
- ★ Clocks & Barometers bought & sold
- ★ Fee estimates & advice given

Mobile: 07719 274358

Email: ray.aldous@ntlworld.com
heritageclocks@hotmail.co.uk

G. W. Smith (Alderton) Ltd
50, The Street, Alderton
Nr Woodbridge, IP12 3BL

Builders & Contractors
Established for over 50 years

**We offer a complete
building service**

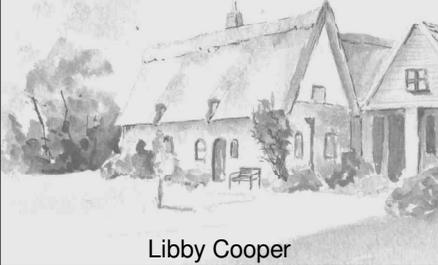
**All trades covered
Advice & estimates free**

01394 411314/411699/411584



Bed and Breakfast
@
Little Thatch

Restful and relaxing B&B in charming surroundings,



Libby Cooper

**Little Thatch, Culpho,
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP6 9DJ**

Tel. 01473 738330

www.little-thatch.co.uk



**Award Winning
Farm Shop**

Selling a wonderful selection of mouth watering food and drinks from Suffolk & East Anglia.

Open 7 days a week
Closed Bank Holidays

Tel. 01473 735610

**E. B. Button & Sons
Ltd.**

Funeral Directors

24 St. Johns Street
Woodbridge
Suffolk IP12 1EB

Tel: 01394 382160

Fax: 01394 386814

Directors:

D. E. Moore Dip.F.D.

J. V. M. Moore

K. J. Eagle

C. S. Moore Dip.F.D.

S. J. Moore

Registered in England No 1193659

PAUL BEGGS

**CARPENTER & BUILDING
CONTRACTOR**

*Established family business
for over 50 years*

CARPENTRY JOINERY

Design and installation
of kitchens & bathrooms
Alterations Renovations
Extensions

Free estimates & advice

TEL. 01473 623215

MOBILE 07748758884

paulbeggs@talktalk.net

Fir Tree, St Marys Drive
Playford, IP6 9EB

PAULINE'S REPORT FOR 2011

Once again I would like to thank all of you who take on parish responsibilities and without whom parish and church life would be the poorer. Many people help throughout the course of a year in each parish, many tasks remaining unseen, until they are not done! It needs to be faced though that every year it is harder to find people to volunteer for jobs which make the difference between your church being open on a regular basis and looking welcoming or not. If you feel that you could offer some time please contact your Churchwarden.

As always we are very grateful to our benefice choir led by Gill Peck. We also thank our organists, Andrew Clarke, Margaret Cotton, Maurice Jones, Jane Hartley and Elaine Strouts. We are very fortunate indeed to be able to enjoy such a high standard of music.

We have faithful Churchwardens, and Elders, who are the eyes and ears of their communities, they help me to keep in touch with the joys and sorrows of community life. During the year Philip Merry one of our Elders was selected to train as a Locally Ordained Priest and joins Diana, our Reader in ministerial training. During the year our 'Open the Book' team made monthly visits into Bealings School for dramatised bible storytelling assemblies. We have also welcomed children and their families to church services, to our 2 All Age workshops held at Christmas and on Good Friday and to the pre Christmas Posada service in Playford. The annual Crib service which moves around each year continues to break Box Office records. Thank you to all who give their time to involve children in church life

While we have lost some good and loyal friends from our villages during 2011 the

good news is that 3 couples were married in our churches, and 1 person was confirmed.

I am pleased to report that the production of the benefice news seems to be working well, although in 2011 production costs, which are at a minimum, were in excess of income. We are grateful to our Parish Councils, various parish halls and those who advertise, for their patronage. I hope that you enjoy the wide variety of news that the magazine brings each month.

With the help of Jos Saunders and Virginia Porter we ran an autumn course across the benefice called Christianity Explored. 12 people signed up and for 8 sessions had a meal together and studied St Mark's Gospel and what it meant to follow Christ.

We said goodbye to Roger Roseboom, as Great Bealings Treasurer and thanked him for all his work, and welcomed Adrian Melrose in his place. Finance is always a problem; yearly expenditure exceeds yearly income in each of the parishes. This is not due to sloppy housekeeping but to the fact that the Diocese has to pay the costs of their clergy – stipend, housing, pensions and training, funded mainly from parish contributions, the Church of England does not have pots of invested money yielding income. This is a heavy burden leaving very little for keeping body and soul together, never mind the lead on the roof!

The Angela Cobbold Hall continues to be well used. Thanks must go to Peter & Vicki Carr who look after the hall so well and as a bonus provide us with delicious soups in Advent and Lent and cream teas in the summer, with profits going to charity.

Since retiring as Rural Dean in February I have had more time to spend as your parish priest. If you want a visit or a chat please ask. I am always happy to meet you, either in your home or in my office in the Angela Cobbold Hall. Our church communities are delighted to welcome

those who visit our church buildings and churchyards and those who come to services and we pray that in 2012 we still have the resources to keep our churches and churchyards in good order.

Pauline Stentiford

BENEFICE

EVENTS NOT TO BE MISSED DURING LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

As we go to press the season of Lent has started. This is a time when Christians are encouraged to learn more about their faith and review their relationship with Jesus. A spiritual spring clean if you like. Below is a summary of events that are happening in and around our parishes. Please feel that you can opt into anything that takes your fancy. There is something for everyone, and you don't have to book just turn up.

DEANERY LENT COURSE "IN PENITENCE AND FAITH" LED BY BISHOP NIGEL

Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March held in St John's Church Woodbridge. Refreshments 7.15 p.m., Opening Worship 7.30 p.m.. Admission is free and everyone is most welcome.

LENT LUNCHESES

Wednesdays 29th February - 4th April, 12.20 p.m. - 1.30 p.m., Angela Cobbold Hall, Little Bealings, Home-made bread and soup, donations welcomed with profits to charity. Enquiries 01473 620213

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Little Bealings Church 10 a.m. Family Communion Service with posies.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm crosses will be distributed at the 8

a.m. service of Holy Communion at Great Bealings Church, and at the service in Playford Church which starts with a procession from the top gate at 10 a.m..

COMPLINE DURING HOLY WEEK

A service of Compline will be held on the following evenings during Holy Week; Sun 1st April Culpho, Mon 2nd Playford, Tues 3rd Little Bealings, Weds 4th Great Bealings, all at 7 p.m. lasting approximately 15 minutes.

Compline originated from the monastic tradition as long ago as the 6th Century and is the last service of the day, taking its name from a Latin word *completorium* – completion. All are welcome to one or more service to reflect through prayer and word.

Philip Merry

GOOD FRIDAY ALL AGE WORKSHOP, 10 A.M. ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Once again we are running our craft based workshop which starts at 10 a.m. in the Angela Cobbold Hall Little Bealings and finishes in Little Bealings Church at 12 noon, with refreshments served during the morning. Everyone is most welcome from babes in arms to Grannies and Grandads. If you haven't been before this is not to be missed, we welcome you for some or all of the morning, just turn up, no booking needed. For safety reasons we are unable to accept unaccompanied children.

Pauline

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE
LITTLE BEALINGS CHURCH 7.30 p.m
 A Sung Service of Holy Communion remembering the events of the Last Supper, which ends with a meditative ending

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH - 2.00 p.m.

A service lasting one hour with all your favourite Lent/Passion Hymns, interspersed with short Passion Story readings and Choir Anthems. This service is very much like the Christmas Carol service, but tells the Easter Story up to and including the Crucifixion. It is a very moving and reflective service and

makes the Joy of Easter day even more special. Do come along and join in all the lovely hymns give yourself space to experience the Good Friday story.

Gill Peck

HOLY SATURDAY LITTLE BEALINGS CHURCH - 7.30 p.m.

Come & celebrate Easter at this service which starts outside with the lighting of the Easter fire and continues with readings and hymns, culminating in a celebration of the first communion of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

8 a.m. Holy Communion Great Bealings Church, 10 a.m. Sung Eucharist at Playford Church.

MARCH READINGS AND LITURGICAL COLOURS

4th March

OT Lesson 10.00 a.m. only
NT Lesson 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.
Gospel 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 17.1-7,15,16
 Romans 4.13-25
 Mark 8.31-38
 Purple
 RCL pg.510

11th March

OT Lesson 10.00 a.m. only
NT Lesson 8.00 a.m. only
Gospel 8.00 a.m./10 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20.1-17
 Corinthians 1.18-25 1
 John 2.13-22
 Purple
 RCL pg. 514

18th March

OT Lesson 3.00 p.m.
NT Lesson 8.00 a.m.
Gospel 8.00 a.m. / 3p.m.

4th Sunday of Lent

Numbers 21.4-9
 Ephesians 2.1-10
 John 3.14-21
 Purple
 RCL pg. 519

OT lesson 10.00 a.m.
Gospel 10.00 a.m.

Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2.1-10
 Luke 2.33-35
 Purple
 RCL pg. 125

25th March

OT Lesson 10.00 a.m. only
NT Lesson 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.
Gospel 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.

5th Sunday of Lent

Jeremiah 31.31-34
 Hebrews 5.5-10
 John 12.20-33
 Purple
 RCL pg. 522

1st April

Gospel 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.
NT Lesson 8.00 a.m./10.00 a.m.
Passion Reading 10.00 a.m. only

Palm Sunday

Mark 11.1-11
 Philippians 2.5-11
 St Mark (on sheet)
 Red
 RCL pg. 526/530

Churchyard Gate

GEOFF BOOKER R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we record the death of Playford resident and Churchwarden Geoff Booker. I would like to pay tribute to Geoff for all his support he gave to St Mary's Church and me as parish priest and also my predecessors going back over many years. We shall miss his gentle presence. May he rest in peace and rise in glory..

Pauline

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

18 th February	Rosamond Firebrace	Memorial Service, Great Bealings
1 st March	Geoffrey Booker	Cremation Playford

JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT

Pay and Play Hire Charges

£9/hr Tennis etc; £12/hr 5-aside

Subscribers' pay 1/3rd Hire charges

£3/hr Tennis etc; £4/hr 5-aside

Subscriptions valid for 12 months from 1st April 2012

Subscribe early for 50% discount:

Household* Annual Subscription at only £25

Individual Annual Subscription at only £13

Application forms available:

on-line <http://bealings.ibooka.com/>

Or by request to email playingfield@btinternet.com

Or via Administrator: Mob: 07925 181390

*Household Subscriptions also benefit from

FREE hire charges for UNDER-16s

between 4pm and 6pm WEEKDAYS only

Operated by Bealings Village Hall Trust

Registered Charity 304.572 Chairman's Mobile: 07849 181014

TENNIS COACHING - at the Playing Field, Bealings Village Hall

LTA coach David Fewkes will be starting his Summer evening coaching sessions on Tuesdays, starting on the 17th April, at the John Belstead Sports Court located behind Bealings Village Hall..

Depending on demand, the sessions will start at 5.00 p.m. or 6.00 p.m. for Juniors, and 6.00 p.m. or 7.00 p.m. for Seniors, for an hours intensive, but friendly Matchplay practice.

Please register your interest with him on 07874 155337, or email him at fewkesy_1990@hotmail.co.uk with your preferred timings.

The cost for the first 7 weeks of the Summer term is only £42 – come and play!

Julian Haywood Smith

TOWN LUNCHTIME LECTURE
***Delightful Mr Dickens* - Janet Dann**

AT MUSEUM STREET METHODIST CHURCH
Thursday 8 March 2012 1pm to 1-50pm

In the year that marks the bicentenary of the birth of Charles Dickens, it is fitting to celebrate the life of this extraordinary man and remind ourselves of his connections with Suffolk. Dickens had three professional careers: journalist, novelist and public performer and in all three, East Anglia played a significant role. Whilst his domestic life was less than exemplary, there exist first-hand testaments to his being a delightful, good-humoured companion, full of boundless energy. Janet Dann takes a look at the man and his work as she follows his links to our county. Tea and biscuits available – the kettle will be on the hob at 12.30pm.



Although admission is free, a retiring collection of £2.00 will be appreciated. This is to defray expenses incurred in hosting the series. More details can be obtained from secretary@ipswich-arts.org.uk www.ipswich-arts.org.uk or Tel. 01473 836448

BEALINGS

BYAT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

IT'S PANTOMIME TIME!

Oh No it Isn't - I hear you say - Oh YES IT IS!
For the first time we are putting on a pantomime in Bealings

CINDERELLA

but not exactly as you may know it

SATURDAY - 7.30 P.M. AND SUNDAY 6.00 P.M.

10TH AND 11TH MARCH

BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

Come in Fancy Dress and join in Cinderella's Ball - you may win a prize!

Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment
Adults £6 12 yrs. and under £3
Telephone Box Office 01473 735153

ANGELA COBBOLD NEWS

LENT SOUP LUNCHES

Wednesdays

12.30 - 1.30 pm.

24th. Feb - 4th. April

Homemade soup & bread

All profits to charity

Enquiries - 01473 620213

CORRECTION

Food Hygiene Course
Thursday 29th March 10.00am - 4.00pm
Contact Margaret Gornall 01728
747605

PLANT SALE

Preliminary meeting and looking ahead

Our preliminary meeting is scheduled for Monday March 5th. It was originally to be held in the Angela Cobbold Hall at 7.30, but do please note that it will now be held in the home of Paddy Bills, 7 Richards Drive, Little Bealings. We do hope that anyone who has an organisational role in the sale will make a very special effort to be present, as this is the only meeting at which we make all the necessary arrangements for the Plant Sale itself, scheduled for Saturday April 21st.

For all would be plant-providers, now is the time to start getting down to planning in earnest, checking out the pots, planting/seeding as necessary, and scouring the garden for saleable items. The very sharp frosts may once again have claimed a few victims.

Local advertising boards seem to carry

more and more notices of Plant Sales elsewhere, so we have to strive all the harder to maintain the pre-eminence of our own sale in the face of the competition. The quality and quantity of our plants together with a good social atmosphere are the ingredients that have made for success in the past and we look to full and wide support from our villages to maintain our reputation.

If there are itchy green fingers out there whose energy and expertise has yet to be harnessed by this popular and long standing event, do please contact Paddy Bills or Norman Porter (contact details on inside page of this Magazine).

BEALINGS WI REPORT FEBRUARY MEETING 2012

On a bright February afternoon when village snowdrops were coming into bloom after wintry weather, members gathered to hear how 17 members and friends enjoyed a day visit to Norwich, then joined in a member's forum to plan summer activities.

The speaker, Mrs. Linda Sexton, gave a fascinating insight of "54 Miles to Yarmouth", the story of the Ipswich to Great Yarmouth Turnpike. She explained that in medieval times the upkeep of roads was the responsibility of the parishes, but with the coming of the Industrial Revolution and the need for better travel and distribution of goods, trusts were set up to run the road systems. Toll gates and houses for gatekeepers were provided and horses made available. From a list of toll charges – drove oxen, cows – 10 pence per score, with calves, sheep, lambs, hogs and swine at 6 pence per score. Pedestrians went free. Milestones were very important; a particularly fine one in Rushmere gives location and distance to London and mileage to Ipswich on one side and the other side gives distance to onward destination. The milestone is clearly

marked with the maker's name, J. Garrett, Iron-founder, St. Margaret's Ipswich, dated 1818.

BEALINGS WI REPORT

February 2012

After enjoying a lunch of baked potatoes, all settled to welcome guests and new members, and also reviewed plans for 2012 and Bealings WI's 90th birthday celebrations.

Another stitch-up day at a member's studio is arranged to sew knitted squares into blankets for Tools with a Mission. Stitchers will be aided with delicious home-made soup and generous coffee and cake.

The guest speakers were Hilary and Stephen Pearse, who told of their exciting journey on The Orient Express.

Hilary, dressed in a summery outfit, bought especially for the occasion, explained the "no jeans, no t-shirts or trainers" dress code of the company. From the start they were treated like royalty, nothing too much trouble for the attentive staff amid luxurious settings as the Northern Belle left Ipswich. Comfortable armchairs and tables set with immaculate linen, silver and crystal, fresh flowers and Champagne was their entry into a different era.

On arrival at Kensington Olympia via north London, transport was waiting to take them on a sightseeing tour, then a flight on the London Eye and a boat trip on the River Thames. Back to the train for the main meal – the red carpet was out again –and the return to Ipswich after a memorable day.

GREAT BEALINGS

ST MARY'S

Our erratic late winter has seen temperatures lurching from the teasingly spring like to the genuinely arctic. There has been quite a lot of hunkering down and getting on with indoor jobs. Not that events in the outside world have made for complacency. It can sometimes be a bit too easy to escape from them and to put them to the back of our minds. That said, the media ensure that we have our fill of Syria, Iran, economic gloom and joblessness. We live in challenging times and, from the relative comfort of our relatively affluent village, need to keep in mind the victims of events which can sometimes seem personally and geographically remote.

LOOKING BACK.....

ROSAMOND TO THE CHALLENGE

The weather forecasters had been grimly promising us hefty amounts of snow overnight from Saturday 4th to Sunday 5th.February. They were right. We were scheduled to have a 10-00

service, and the omens were that few people would make it. In the event, not only did Pauline, our Priest, make it over from Boyton, but she came to us via the 8-00 Communion Service at Playford. Equally intrepid was Dorothy Yule who had walked all the way up and down the treacherously snowy hill from Grundisburgh Road, despite the conditions. No choir, and quite a lot of improvisation, including an on-the-spot choice of hymns, dependent on which Pauline could play, but the 8 people who managed it enjoyed a service with a difference.

ROSAMOND FIREBRACE

A Celebration of Life Service for Rosamond took place in St Mary's on Saturday 18th February. She was 92. Close on 70 people celebrated in words and music the fullness of her life. Rosamond moved into The Willows, Great Bealings about 6 years ago, from the Wiltshire village of Shalbourne where she had lived since the all-too-early death of her

husband, Anthony. Before that she had lived in Holland and Austria. At the service, her son, James paid tribute to her sense of dignity, her stoicism and above all her ingrained optimism, a characteristic of her generation. In Aden and Alexandria she had picked up some basic Arabic, including the enigmatic '*Bukra fil mishmish*'- 'tomorrow in the apricots'. For her this was '*tomorrow will be better, even better*'. Her uncomplaining optimism stayed with her to the very end, as she continued to defy the medical odds. Her final words were typical Rosamond "*I think I've caught a bug*".

Those present will remember Rosamond's hand-painted Christmas cards, James' description of her familiar green Peugeot as "a fairground bumper car" – the Willows gates were just a bit too narrow – and for her love of nature.

James concluded with these words of the Second Caliph Omar Al-Khatāb, hung in a house in Argyll, where four generations of Rosamond's family had spent some of their happiest childhood years:

There are four things that come not back: The Spoken Word, The Sped Arrow, The Neglected Opportunity, and Al-Haya al-Madhīya, the Past Life.

We offer our sincere condolences to the Firebrace family in their loss.

LOOKING FORWARD

Our Annual Meeting is to be held on Wednesday 28th March. This is the occasion when the Annual Report is presented, and when elections of Churchwardens and Officers of the PCC take place. Unless you are otherwise notified, this will take place in The Admiral's Head.

HISTORY OF ST MARY'S CHURCH – A THANK YOU AND A REMINDER

Many thanks indeed to the considerable numbers of you who have returned the flyer with orders for/donations towards this project. Our most distant contribu-

tion has come from America, in memory of grandparents who lived in the village before the Second World War! Good progress is still being made towards publication, but it will still be a few weeks before all the proof-reading etc is complete, and we go to print, so, if you have been intending to return the form and have not got round to doing so, there is plenty of time. I do also have spare copies. The booklet will certainly now have a considerable human dimension with the names of residents, friends, and contractors from the here and now complementing the history of the building and its treasures dating back to the there and then.

CHURCHYARD

The snowdrops are out, in all their glorious splendour. Despite the mildness of much of the winter, they seem to have been put on hold by the recent very cold snap. The inconsistency of the timing of their flowering from year to year is indicative of our volatile seasons. Do go and have a look at them –and maybe this is the time to remind you that we have cards depicting these snowdrops available for sale.

Churchwarden

Friends of Great Bealings Church

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 8th March

7.30 - 9.30

Angela Cobbold Hall

Village Fete

Jubilee Street Party

Other village events

Everyone is welcome

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

For those of you who do not already have the date in your diary, the AGM of the Friends of Great Bealings Church is on **Thursday 8th March** at 7.30 in the Angela Cobbold Hall. It will be followed by an open meeting to discuss the Village Fete and other events due to take place in 2012. Everyone is very welcome.

Looking back, it was good that almost 60 people took part in our Progressive Supper. The heavy snow arrived half way through the evening, so the first two courses went ahead without difficulty, and there was no need for Plan B, which envisaged cluster groups of people travelling minimum distances and making sure that no culinary preparations were wasted. Our sincere thanks to Nicky and Alan Major for hosting the final gathering at The Croft, for arranging for the snow to arrive while we were enjoying coffee and liqueurs, and thus able to enjoy a magical snowy departure and a slithering home, replete with animated conversation and good food. Same time next year –the first Saturday in February.

Sue Prentice and Norman Porter

GREAT BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

7.00pm Tuesday, 13th March 2012

Angela Cobbold Hall

Mr Philip Watkins from Eastern-Edge will be present to answer questions regarding the preferred cable corridor for the offshore wind farm “East Anglia ONE”

Mrs Gillian Benjamin from Suffolk ACRE will also be present to talk about a Parish Plan Review in the village

Please come along and hear what has been going on in the village over the past year.

Sarah Cartwright: - 01473 621050

PARISH PLAN REVIEW

Wednesday, 25th April 2012

7.00pm

Angela Cobbold Hall

Great Bealings Parish Council with Suffolk Acre invites you to an Open Meeting to review of the Parish Plan and to discuss the next steps
Please come along

Refreshments will be served.

Sarah Cartwright - 01473 621050

LITTLE BEALINGS

LET THERE BE LIGHT

On Thursday January 26th the lights marked Australia Day. A special day on Saturday January 28th merited “Birthday wishes and our love to Marguerite Boughton from the whole family. Still going strong!” The church lights were lit on Thursday 2nd February to celebrate the joint birthdays of Joseph and Jeffrey Donnelly, with best wishes from Vicki and Peter. “On Thursday February 7th the lights shone to remember the passing three years ago of dearest Bill/Daddy. Always here with us, Marguerite and the family”. In Sydney, Australia Mike Field celebrated another birthday on Saturday March 3rd.

A £5 note or a cheque payable to Little Bealings PCC will light the lights for you. To Parkside Cottage,
01473 626845

Joan Moon

LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Annual P.C.C for All Saints Church will take place on Tuesday March 27th at 7.30pm in Little Bealings Church. All parishioners are welcome to attend when the new churchwardens and officers for the coming year will be elected.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Our Annual fundraiser took place on Saturday February 18th at the Angela Cobbold Hall. We all enjoyed the delicious sweet and savoury pancakes. In all 160 pancakes were devoured by just over 40 people!! Quite a marathon cook up, but a great evening with £250 made for Church funds and £55 from the raffle going to the Wynaud Trust which is our charity to help Kabulamema in the Zambia.

Thanks go to the team who helped with cooking the food, arranging the hall, selling raffle tickets, clearing up afterwards and to all who supported yet another successful Pancake evening

Paddy Bills

LITTLE BEALINGS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MONDAY 5 MARCH 7.00 PM ANGELA COBBOLD MEMORIAL HALL

All Little Bealings parishioners are invited to take part in the Little Bealings Annual Parish Meeting and hear of the Council's activities over the last year.

Community Groups are also welcome to give a report on their activities over the last year at the meeting – please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

Refreshments will be provided. Parking is available by kind permission at the Admiral's Head pub.

*Carol Ramsden
Clerk*

01473 610088

Email:

littlebealingspc@btinternet.com

Website:

www.little-bealings.suffolk.gov.uk

PLAYFORD

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

2nd February - Barbara Dunnett for her daughter, Jacqui's, birthday and also niece Lisa's birthday on 3rd February and remembered with love her Mother's birthday on Sunday, 5th February. The Church was lit on 6th February 2012 to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the Throne

And during March:

1st March – Lester and Wendy Firkins in memory of their son, Ellis. 18th March – Lester and Wendy Firkins on their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Requests to sponsor lights to: Veronica Bunbury at Church Corner Cottage

PLAYFORD WI

Lester Firkins was the speaker for our February meeting and we were very pleased to welcome seven visitors who had braved the cold and wintery weather to join us. Following the death of his son Ellis from CJD, Lester agreed to chair the Human B S E Foundation and this led to the realisation that medical research needed a lay perspective. The James Lind Alliance aims to identify the most important gaps in knowledge about the effects of treatment by bringing patients and clinicians together. Lester is now the chair of this team. We had some interesting discussions about how research can be or-

ganised and how we trust the medical profession implicitly and don't ask questions when we should!

Visitors are very welcome to attend our next meeting on Tuesday 6th March in the Parish Hall at 7.30p.m when Mr B Skelcher will be talking to us about English Glass. Mr Skelcher will talk about any items of English glass that we bring to the meeting.

E Royle

**THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND
JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
IN PLAYFORD**

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE

Street Party in Spring Meadow
Sandwiches, Cakes and Tea
3.00 p.m. till 5.00 p.m.

MONDAY 4TH JUNE

Hog Roast, Bar and Céilidh
Village Photo & Beacon Lighting

Hill Farm, Playford
5.00 pm until around 11.00 pm

Don't miss this great weekend - Put the date in your diary

Keep up to date with the latest news of the weekend at www.playford.org.uk or contact Judith Dunnett

**CHOCOHOLICS
DAY**

Saturday March 31st

2.00-4.30p.m

Playford Parish Hall

Children come to the Chocolate Fair at Playford
And bring your parents!

- Easter Egg hunt for the children
- Decorate your own Easter Egg to win a prize
- Easter Card decorating
- Cake stall
- Draw

Tea for Mums and Dads

Entry £1 fee per person which includes Easter Egg hunt

In aid of Playford Parish Hall

CULPHO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Parochial Church Council will take place on Sunday 15th April, 2012, in the Church, following the Evensong Service. All members of the Church and Village community are most welcome.

ST. GEORGE'S FLAG

You will be aware that the flag of St. George had to be taken down as it became very frayed and not fit to be flown. A new flag has been purchased, with a re-enforced outer hem, which hopefully will last that little bit longer. The flag will be flown continuously and may already be in place.

Margaret Gornall

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

ACTIVITIES/SERVICES

BEALINGS

VH: Village Hall

ACH: Angela Cobbold Hall

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING			<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
ART	VH	Wed 10.00-1.00 & 1.30-3.30	<i>Sula Rubens 01502 723408</i>
BADMINTON	VH	Thu 7.30	<i>Nick Marsh 735633</i>
BALLROOM DANCING	VH	First 3 Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Rudd 07929310480</i>
BENEFICE CHOIR		Fri 7.30	<i>Gill Peck 625077</i>
CARPET BOWLS	VH	Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	<i>Nigel Abbott 611005</i>
COUNTRY DANCING	VH	Mon 7.30 Phoenix Dance Group	<i>Liz Wright 01394 388787</i>
DANCE CLASS	VH	Fri 9.30	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
EMBROIDERY GROUP		Home Wed (alternate) 2.00	<i>Sylvia Chenery 622477</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 Slim 448846</i>
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT			http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator	<i>07925 181390</i>
KEEP FIT	VH	Thu 10.00	<i>Joyce Bradley 726392</i>
LIBRARY		Tue (alternate) 12.50-1.05 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 1.35-2.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	<i>07809594685</i>
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH	Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
SNOOKER	VH	Any day <5 hours	<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
TABLETENNIS	ACH	Bookable	<i>Vicki Carr 620213</i>
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING			<i>Margaret Wilson 07769195132</i>
WI	VH	3rd Thu Alternate 2.30/7.30	<i>Jennifer Cook 623985</i>
WOLSEY MINIATURES	VH	4TH Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Pitcher 624580</i>

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

ART CLUB	PH	Thu 10	<i>Mary Spillett 01394 385295</i>
BOULES	PH	Playing Field	<i>David Lewis 620259</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		Tue (alternate) 12.25-12.40 mobile library at phone box	<i>07809594685</i>
MILK		Tue, Thu, Sat Mon, Wed Fri	<i>Dairy Crest 747272</i> <i>Co-op Dairies</i>
NEWSPAPERS			<i>Grange News 01394 384082</i>
NOTICE BOARD	PH	See for art, bridge & social events	
PARISH HALL BOOKING			<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
TODDLERS	PH	Fri 9.30 toddler group	
WHIST DRIVE	PH	Wed (2nd in month) 7.30	<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
WI	PH	Tue (1st in month)	<i>June Gosling 622039</i>
YOGA	PH	Tue 9.30	<i>Astrid Llewellyn 610635</i>
	PH	Thu evening 'Yoga for Mums'	<i>J Lawrence 738104</i>

Please submit corrections/additions to editor

PAULS TREE SERVICES LTD.

Covering Suffolk

- ✓ Tree Surgery & Felling ✓ Pruning, Reshaping
- ✓ Trees & Shrubs ✓ Fully Insured
- ✓ NPTC Qualified ✓ Free Quotes On Request
- ✓ Stump Grinding
- ✓ General Garden Maintenance
- ✓ Emergency Services Available
- ✓ All Waste Chipped & Removed From Site



Felixstowe 01394 277776 Mobile 07979 226497

85 St. Martins Green, Trimley St. Martin IP11 0YD

AI SANDHAM BUILDING SERVICES



**Carpentry Plumbing
Plastering Kitchens
Bathrooms Extensions**
Tel: 07734583759

LANGUAGES SERVICES

French, German, Spanish



**Translation, Conversation
Tuition all levels
40 years experience
Rates negotiable
Norman Porter
01473 735565
nhp@rillcott.co.uk**

LAND ARMY DESIGNS

Garden design and build

Call Jane Hamblin

Tel: 01359 231344

www.landarmydesigns.co.uk

For an instant garden try "Bed in a Box"

www.bedinabox.net

Would *YOU* like a **Maid2Clean** your home

Could you use some help with your cleaning,
ironing or both?

Want the same person each week?



0800 878 6388 - free from landlines
0330 010 6388 - incl in talkplan mins

Competitive rates—covering your local area
All workers vetted and insured

www.maid2clean.co.uk/suffolk

Fuel and heating oils for home, farm and business



Freephone 0800 731 0612
www.hardycraske.co.uk

- Home heating oil
- Monthly payment scheme
- Fuels for industry & agriculture
- Lubricants and fuels cards



**PAUL
SMITH
CARPENTER**

BESPOKE/GENERAL CARPENTRY
FURNITURE RESTORATION
FENCING
OUTDOOR CONSTRUCTION

Free written quotes for any size job

**PHONE
07788 182 921**

**email
psmithcarpentry@gmail.com**

MT SAVAGE

Chimney Sweep

- *Inspections & Repairs*
- *CCTV Inspections*
- *Bird Guards & Cowls*
- *Covering Suffolk Area*
- *Based in Kesgrave*

Mob: 07876 252750

Tel: 01473 626752



Essex & Suffolk PEST SOLUTIONS



*Your Local Pest Control experts
for homes and businesses*

- **Free advice & quotations**
- **Fast response**
- **Discreet & confidential**
- **Fully qualified & insured**

*All pests covered
from rodents & insects
to moles & birds*

www.eandspestsolutions.co.uk

Tel: 01473 328092

APRIL 2012 NEWSLETTER

Contributions for the April 2012 Newsletter should be submitted by

Tuesday 20th March.

The newsletter will be ready for distribution by noon **Saturday, 31st March**

Please be aware that this magazine will be available online. Names of children 16 and under must have parental/guardian approval before inclusion in the newsletter.

DISCLAIMER

The views expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Editorial Team.

Editorial Team email address beneficemag@gmail.com

CHURCH DIARY - MARCH

SUNDAY 4th	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	
	8.00 Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	Playford
WEDNESDAY 7 TH	10.30 Holy Communion	Culpho
	7.30 pm LTG (Philip)	Abbey School
THURSDAY 8 TH	7.30 pm Bishop Nigel's Lent course 3	St John's Church Woodbridge
	7.30pm Friends of Great Bealings Church AGM	Angela Cobbold Hall

SUNDAY 11TH	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT	
	8.00 Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00 Choral Matins	Great Bealings
WEDNESDAY 14 TH	10.30 Holy Communion	Culpho
THURSDAY 15 TH	7.30pm Bishop Nigel's Lent course 4	St John's Church Woodbridge
SATURDAY 17 TH	2.00 pm Wedding preparation afternoon	Grundisburgh Church

SUNDAY 18th	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – MOTHERING SUNDAY	
	8.00 Holy Communion	Playford
	10.00 Family Communion	Little Bealings
	3.00 Evensong	Culpho
	3.30pm Justice Service	Cathedral
WEDNESDAY 21 ST	10.30 Holy Communion	Culpho
THURSDAY 22 ND	7.30pm Bishop Nigel's Lent course 5	St John's Church Woodbridge

SUNDAY 25TH	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT – PASSION SUNDAY	
	8.00 Holy Communion	Little Bealings
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	Great Bealings
TUESDAY 27 TH	2.30pm LTG (Diana)	Horsenden House
	7.30pm Little Bealings Church Annual Meeting	Little Bealings Church
WEDNESDAY 28 TH	10.30 Holy Communion	Culpho
	7.30pm Great Bealings Church Annual Meeting	Admiral's Head pub

APRIL		
SUNDAY 1st	PALM SUNDAY	
	8.00 Holy Communion	Great Bealings
	10.00 Sung Eucharist	
	with Palm procession from top gate	Playford