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March 2017



This editorial is not one expressing an opinion. It is one which lays out facts, and hopefully helps to prepare villagers for what may well be a year or so of disruption. The off-shore wind farm is about to become a fact: all the various consultation and planning stages have been gone through, and we now have to be forewarned and prepared for the practicalities of the implementation of the project. There will be interim challenges, and events will unfold quickly, but the scenario below is the "state of play" this month.

We may need to swallow hard in the meantime, and persuade ourselves that these hopefully short-term challenges will be in the interests of providing a significant amount of energy to a large area of the country – and that this will go some way towards keeping our electricity-based civilization going for a few years yet. This magazine is about communications, and what follows needs to be communicated.

The summary that follows is that of Marian Hedgley,

who writes in a personal capacity.

Renewable Energy comes to Suffolk and will hopefully benefit us all eventually – in the short term, the work involved in laying the underground cables for this, will soon become apparent to us all.

Preparations for the East Anglian Offshore Windfarm One (EAOW1) cable-laying route will start on Tuesday 28th February. Local roads will be closed in strict rotation to enable passing places to be created and for signage to be strategically placed for large lorries delivering equipment to the temporary depot which is about to be created to the north of Playford. This is just the start – as soon as the

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Sea from where the cables come ashore Bawdsev. and continuing to substation at Bramford where the energy will be fed into the National Grid

We are assured that everything has been considered e.g. size of lorries being used, the optimum routes and timings of main deliveries and of employees arriving at work (so as not to interfere with local peak travelling times and school runs) and that drivers will adhere to the prescribed routes. This will be monitored carefully by local volunteers in the hope that potential before verv quickly thev become significant.

Mechanical digging is due to start in August this year and four trenches will be excavated for pipelines to be laid, two will be used in the near future for EAOW1 and EAOW3 projects and the other two will be left ready for future proofing. A track for lorries and large machinery will run

depot is up and running, work will alongside these trenches and as soon as commence locally on the actual cable this is established, site traffic using local route. This will run through all our roads should be greatly reduced (so we parishes, across the countryside carrying are told). The disruption could last for current from the wind turbines in the North several months depending on weather conditions and various other unknowns but we are told that everything will be "made good" afterwards and that the land will again be able to be used as farmland. Also, any roads that have been widened will be restored to their former glory. Oh and a few local footpaths will need to close while work is being conducted, but that this will be for the minimum time possible.

The net result should be that our countryside will return to normal with very little evidence of having been violated. problems may be reported and ironed out Also, we will be supplied with wonderful clean energy and not have to look at a row of enormous metal giants linking hands and striding across our green and pleasant land.

Marian Hedgley

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

MARCH

Friday 17th Talk 'Designing Georgian Britain' by Paul Bruce

Playford Parish Hall

APRIL

Sunday 2[™] Chocolate Fair Playford Parish Hall Saturday 22[™] Bealings Plant Sale Bealings Village Hall

JUNE

Saturday 24th Playford Village Fete Playford Hall

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NEWS & GENERAL INTEREST

EAST ANGLIA ONE OFFSHORE WINDFARM PRE-ENABLING WORKS

INVITATION TO RESIDENTS AND LOCAL PARISH COUNCILS 7PM ON MONDAY 6 MARCH AT BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

Little Bealings Parish Council has arranged for Scottish Power to give a 30minute presentation to residents and local Parish Councils to explain the 'preenabling works' for the East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm Project. Various road closures are planned, including along Seckford Road in Great Bealings, at Playford Mount and along both Ipswich and Grundisburgh Road, Culpho, different dates between the end of February and beginning of April. The alternative route takes traffic Grundisburgh.

There will also be surveyors in the area, demarcating the cable route and marking-up parts of the highway where road improvements to give access for the installation of power cables are due to be undertaken. In addition, there will be some clearance of vegetation at certain points along the cable route over the next few weeks. The developers are required to replant post construction.

There may also be some metal detectorists out on site.

The works are preparation for the East Anglia ONE Offshore Windfarm project, which involves installing pipelines for power transmission cables running from offshore wind farms to an electric substation at Bramford.

After the presentation, there will be the opportunity to ask the developers questions and raise any concerns about the works.

The Annual Parish Meeting for Little Bealings residents will follow immediately afterwards.

BEALINGS WI.

Thanks to a generous donation of knitting wool. 2 colourful knitted blankets and more than 70 knitted hats from tinv neonatal sizes to warm larger sizes for children were complete at the February WI Stitch-up afternoon, helped by tea and homemade biscuits. The January WI afternoon meeting was considerably enlivened by the visit of Major Reverend Stuart Turner, Padre at Rock Barracks. Woodbridge, who came to tell of his life. From growing up in the Woolwich area of London and a journey to his present vocation. A thought provoking and very entertaining afternoon. February and a change of speaker when Mrs. Ann Day made a return visit to talk of Ipswich, Then and Now. Come and see us at the next Meeting on Thursday 15th March at 2.30pm at Bealings Village Hall. More details from Jennifer 01473 623985.

HISTORY CORNER

2017 marks the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Village Hall in 1957. The official opening of the Hall was marked by the staging of a series of three plays, as indicated in the illustration –see over pg.6

The names of some of the performers may stir a faint memory in the minds of some of our longest established It is not inappropriate that residents. BYAT should be putting on a similarly varied set of pieces in the first week of the month of March 2017, 60 years on from the opening. The format may be roughly the same, but our producers are keen to point out that the content of BYAT on Broadway is very different from that of the 1957 plays. There was no John Cleese then, for a start!

If you haven't yet booked your tickets, then hurry – there's still time to do so. Call 01473 735153. Or contact any of the numerous members of the cast. A snip at £6 for adults and £3 for those under 13.

Opening of the Village Hall in 1957

"NINETEENTH CENTURY DAUGHTERS"

THREE ONE-ACT PLAYS with a common theme-the Relationship of Mother and Daughter.

1510

"THE WEDDING AT PEMBERLEY"

(A footnote to "Prime and Prepudice") BY ANNE AND ARTHUR RUSSELL.

ELIZABETH DARCY		10.00	MC	NICA BOWLING
JANE BINGLEY		9		OLET DUNNETT
CATHERINE BENNET		Sisters		_ NELL STOTE
LYDIA WICKHAM			AL	BREY RAMSAY
Mrs. BENNET, their mother	-	J. F.		PHOEBE HART
GRORGIANA DARCY, Elizabet	h's	sister-in-	law:	EVELYN JUDD
Mrs. REYNOLDS, the housek	eeg	per -		DORIS DRAKE

Scene: Elizabeth's Boudoir at Pemberley, in Derbyshire,

1838

"THE YOUNG OUREN"

BY NORMAN HOLLAND.

CRAWFORD, (a maid	servan	1):+	0.0	 DORIS DRAKE
LOUISA DILLON			-	BRENDA OLDFIELD
BARONESS LEHZEN	2	-	+ 3	MONICA BOWLING
MARY DAVYS -	83		23	VIOLET DUNNETT
QUIEN VICTORIA	*5	- 4		YVONNE WALLIS
DUCHESS OF KENT		0.0		NELL STOTT

Scene: Drawing-Room of Lehzen's suite in Buckingham

1870

"HEARTS AND HUMOURS"

By RICHARD TYDENAN.

MAMA	+00	VIOLET DUNNETT
Ansen, her eider daughter -	-	 EVELYN JUDD
Jevery, her younger daughter	-3	MONICA BOWLING
EDWARD, an admirer	-	GEORGE WELLARD

Scene: Mrs. Dyrenforth's Drawing-room.

PRODUCED BY ELSIE BERSEY WELLARD

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NATURE NOTES

This remains an open space, still waiting for contributions. This month we have been sent this picture of a muntjac deer at



the bottom of a local garden.

These tend to be the least loved of the deer seen locally - perhaps less graceful than our native species. And quite a lot of them appear as what is rather brutally described as "road-kill". Just for the record here is a brief description of the muntjac species: A large feral population exists in England. The muntiac was introduced to England from China, with wild deer descended from escapees from the Woburn Abbey estate around 1925. Muntjac have expanded very rapidly, and are now present in most English counties. It is anticipated that muntiac may soon become the most numerous species of deer in England. Once inhabiting tropical regions, the deer have no seasonal rut. and mating can take place at any time of year. This behaviour is retained by introduced to populations temperate countries. Males have short antlers, which can regrow, but they tend fiaht for territory with "tusks" (downward-pointing canine teeth). The presence of these "tusks" otherwise unknown in native British wild deer.

This Month's Profile:

ROBINA HEARLE



Robina was born in Hollesley but grew up in Bungay. She attended Allhallows School, Ditchingham. Her husband, Jeremy, was imported from Hertfordshire and they met at the Angel Inn in Woodbridge. Many people will know of Jeremy as an excellent joiner and carpenter.

A brief description of Robina's family may go some way towards explaining how she comes to be doing what she describes in her own words below. Her father, as well being a Royal Marine, was spiritualist and healer. Her mother was a psychic. Her sister too, is involved in healing. Rosina followed a course in Chartered Psychotherapy at Birmingham. but things were then put on hold until she was about 40. She then moved into Reiki and flower essences and everything took off. She explains how she now travels all over the world – in spirit – to help with disasters: war, torture, tsunamis, train crashes etc., bringing light where there is darkness. This is the metaphysical dimension with a difference. It is inclusive species: fauna and flora. other Robina's explanation of the lost telepathic dimensions is fascinating, and readers may like to know that she is very much prepared to lead a discussion group at some stage in the future.

GOINGS-ON AT ROSE COTTAGE, PLAYFORD MOUNT, GREAT BEALINGS.

Many people who come past our

driveway see a sign saying Meditation.

On a Monday evening and a Tuesday morning I hold Guided Meditations. They last an hour, in which time I tell four stories that people can imagine themselves in. People come along for a variety of reasons. Mostly they go home very relaxed and able to sleep, such are the benefits of meditation.

The second going-on is Flower Essence production. Many of you will have heard of the Bach remedies, the most well-known of which is Rescue Remedy. What you may not know is that there are many English Flower Essence producers, more than seventy in fact, and I am one of them. All over the world, every country has its essence makers and these are used for emotional well-being. Essence making is a kitchen craft and is classed as food under the law.

The third going-on is Unfolding Enlightenment, a trifold therapy consisting of the use of a healing energy known as The White Crystal Light,

working with Healing Teams in spirit (we have our own spirit NHS!) and the use of The Rose Cottage Flower Essences, many of which spirits I have helped develop. It's like psychotherapy with energetic tools. We have people from all walks of life: doctors, solicitors, teachers, a high court judge, social workers, and non-professionals. ΑII people unresolved issues, fears, and worries. My sister and I are the co-founders and we have been going since 2002. It is a huge subject for which I can talk for hours upon but I will stop now, and allow you to ponder.

THE NEXT COMMUNITY LUNCH

Tuesday 7th. March 12.30-1.30pm
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ST MARY'S

We are just emerging from a sequence of rather dark, cold days, with scatterings of light snow, and reminding ourselves that this is a bit more like a proper winter. Last year we had daffodils basking outside the garden wall in Mid-December. This year they are now just coming out in mid-February. By way of consolation we can tell ourselves that we are now almost two months on from the shortest day. And the woodpeckers can be heard pecking, and the great tits emitting their staccato territorial mating call. We're almost though into Spring. Without seasonal ramblings how on earth would we ease you into the meat of this column!

LOOKING BACK

Our monthly family communion service took place on February 12th, just before St Valentine's Day, so we did our best to engage with that theme. Heart-shaped cakes were provided, red heart-shaped "wish" cards were distributed and filled in. items loved members of bγ congregation included a couple of mice, dolls, pictures of long gone family dogs and, of course, family members. Thanks to all who supported the service, and do please remember that we are open to ideas as to other ways in which we can incorporate appropriate themes into these services.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our next Family Communion Service is 3.Dessert on March 12th. It would be good if we 4.Cheese

could increase numbers at this newly organised service. Those who attend will tell you that we do our best to exercise imaginations and to make these services special. We are pondering what might be appropriate for the early days of Lent: giving up something, or maybe giving away something?

FAREWELL TO PHILIP AND DENISE MERRY

We should now know that the last service for Philip and Denise before their departure for West Suffolk will take place in St Mary's at 10.00 on Sunday April 2nd. This will be the opportunity for the whole Benefice to say farewell to them, and to wish them the very best in the new job in and around Walsham-le-Willows. The service will be followed by lunch in the Village Hall. This will be a do-ityourself affair, with those attending offering to provide something for the occasion - see below. Leaving present: please see the Benefice item from Colin Hedgley about donations. I am happy to serve as a collection point for Great Bealings donations.

Special lunch: Those intending to come to the lunch are asked to let Virginia and Norman know (for the sake of numbers) and also what you would be prepared to contribute in (at least) one of the following 5 ways:

- 1.Meat ham, beef, chicken, sausages
- Salad

required

Please let us know by March 22nd what vou would be prepared to offer -the broader the range of possibilities the better - and we will co-ordinate across the villages and let you know what we would like you to bring - to ensure a balanced meal! You will know a good week in advance.

LOOKING A LONG WAY AHEAD **BUT MAKE A NOTE OF THIS NOW**

across the country at 7.00 pm on 11th November 2018 and will represent the 'light of hope' that emerged out of the dreadful darkness of War as the guns fell silent on 11th November 1918. The beacons will also help us to remember the millions of brave men who either died or returned home dreadfully wounded, not just physically, but mentally too.

Great Bealings intends to commemorate this occasion, with its own beacon, plus barbecue etc. Details to be forthcoming in due course.

PCC NEWS

progress on various fronts, including reorganisation of car parking facilities. We the programme. have had an unofficial visit from someone close to the decision-making process, the upshot of which was that, if handled carefully, these projects are quite feasible. So we are quietly encouraged.

CHURCHYARD

All is dormant, but doubtless ready to

5. Financial contribution to extras- as spring back to life. We wonder whether. with a Suffolk Wildlife Trust Open evening coming up in June, and with all the midsummer growth, it might be a good idea to get together an early Summer working party together after the first surge of growth. Saturday 27th May seems suitable. so be prepared for a round-robin email inviting input. Summer picnic to be served afterwards – we can use the picnic tables! Churchwarden

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PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

1000 WWI Beacons of Light will be lit This took place on Saturday, February 4th. Numbers were just over 40, and everyone seemed to arrive at the right place at more or less the right time. We are very grateful to the Lynches for inviting participants into their splendidly refurbished barn for a final get-together.

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

You should be receiving а handy diary together this reference with Magazine. Please mark down appropriate dates in your own diary.

Details on all events will appear at appropriate times. but we would particularly like to hear of people who We continue to make slow but sure would like to help over the week of 8th/9th/10th September, or indeed, from grant-raising for our tower/roof repairs, people prepared to exhibit, perform etc as rearrangement of the back of the church part of the Festival. As previously noted, in order to create more space for human Chris Chestnutt has very kindly offered to circulation, the wild life area, and possible coordinate the display/exhibition side of

The Friends

PARISH COUNCIL

EAST ANGLIA ONE OFFSHORE WINDFARM PRE-ENABLING WORKS

Scottish Power are now at a stage where they are preparing for works to be undertaken along parts of the cable route through Great Bealings some of which might involve road closures diversions. The C327 Seckford Hall Road. Bealings and Martlesham scheduled for closure at various times until 28th March. As part of these preparations, surveyors will be seen in our area, demarcating the cable route and marking-up parts of the highway where these improvements are due to be undertaken. In addition there will be some clearance of vegetation at certain points along the route over the next few weeks. It should be noted that the vegetation will be replanted post construction.

You might also see some metal detectorists out on site. These are specially trained individuals and, while it is appreciated that members of the public will be interested in their work, Scottish Power ask that they be allowed to continue with their investigations.

The Parish Council will receive updates about these works nearer the time and we will keep you informed as best we can. Formal notifications about the highways improvements will be sent to parish councils. councillors. residents. businesses, emergency services, schools and transport services in the affected area prior commencement. to their Please note that all highways improvements will need to conform to a number of checks, including health and safety regulations, and it is only when these have been satisfied that the works can start.

Scottish Power will be making a presentation to residents and Councillors at the Annual Parish Meeting for Little Bealings in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Monday 6th March. This meeting will be attended by some of the Great Bealings Parish Councillors together with some members from our team of volunteer observers.

GREAT BEALINGS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - REFERENDUM RESULT

We are delighted to announce that the result of the referendum was resounding 'Yes' with 96 voting in favour and 3 against. Turnout was close to 45% a lot better than normal council elections! It is a welcome endorsement of the work done by the Working Group and the Parish Council over the last four years and will serve as a blueprint for the future in so far as planning applications in the village are concerned. The Parish Council would like to express its gratitude and appreciation to the members of the Working Group for all their efforts. Many commentators have said that Great Bealings should be proud to have written such a sensitive and constructive plan for a rural village. It is now up to the Parish Council to apply it in relation to future planning applications. It is intended that they should report at each Annual Parish Meeting so that members of the public can see how it is being used.

The text of the Plan is still on the website (gbnp.co.uk) but hard copies are available from the Clerk. Thank you for your votes. As the Plan states, it is now up to residents and the Council together to use it for the benefits of all who live in our special village.

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CHURCHWARDEN

PARISH COUNCIL

Notes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13 February 2017

PLANNING

Applications:

DC/17/0150/FUL: Proposed New Office Unit at Station Yard, The Street

It was agreed to support the principle of this application but to object to the design in respect of windows which were proposed to overlook the neighbouring residential property.

DC/17/0343/FUL: Erection of attached Garage/Store to side of Property (Renewal of Planning Permission C07/1296/FUL) at Homefield, The Street

It was agreed there was no objection to the development, apart from the proposed windows on the eastern boundary, which would overlook the adjoining land.

Proposed Identification of the Angela Cobbold Hall as a Non-Designated Heritage Asset

SCDC has an aim of protecting and enhancing the District's heritage assets, such as buildings, monuments, places and landscape, through identifying them assets'. 'non-designated heritage When determining planning applications, the effect of a planning application on an asset should then be taken into account. The criteria for designation considered and it was resolved propose to SCDC that the Angela Cobbold Hall should be listed as such an the basis of asset. on its 'Association' (being associated with an important local family) and 'Social and Communal Value' (being a source of local distinctiveness identity. and social interaction).

SINKS PIT

Parish Councillors had visited the site to see the operations which were being carried out and met with the owner. Strong representations had been made to SCC by residents for it to be pro-active in resolving the noise issues, including allowing bunding on the old landfill site. A meeting with SCC, the owner, residents and Dr Poulter, MP, had been arranged for 24 February to consider this further. A solar farm was also а possible consideration on the landfill area.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT FOR THE STREET

Residents' comments on this proposal were considered and it was resolved to propose to SCC that the scheme should extend from the railway crossing to beyond the footpath access to the Playing Field at the Village Hall.

DR WATSON'S LANE

It was resolved to object to a proposal to prevent a right hand turn between Dr Watson's Lane and Main Road, Kesgrave during the rush hour.

FINANCE - EXPENDITURE

Expenditure was authorised to T Fear/ Happy Garden Services of £35 for repair of the sandbox by the Church. There was National Savings account income of £6.53 interest for 2016.

PRESENTATION ON EAST ANGLIA OFFSHORE WINDFARM WORKS

All residents and local Parish Council representatives are invited to attend a 30 minute presentation by Scottish Power on the impact of the works, at 7pm on Monday 6 March in Bealings Village Hall.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This will be held immediately after the EAOW Offshore Windfarm works

presentation on Monday 6 March. parishioners are invited to attend, meet Councillors and give their ideas for the village and opportunities which could be explored. Local community groups are invited to give reports on their activities over the last year - please contact the Clerk if you would like to do so.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Parish Council will follow the Annual Parish Meeting on 6 March.

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

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Special thanks to the manager of the new Co-op in Hamlin Walk, Woodbridge, who has

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PLAYFORD FETE SATURDAY 24 JUNE

WE'RE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS!

In a survey across residents of all four parishes in June 2015, by far the most popular suggestion - 65% of those who responded - was for holding a fete. Well, folks.... we're here to please! Now's your chance.

With thanks to Adrian and Fiona Melrose who have kindly offered the grounds of Playford Hall, the iconic Playford Fete is returning.... beautiful setting, lovely time of year. A committee has started laying plans and will be approaching people to ask if they would like to run a stall, a side show or to help in any other way. But if you would like to volunteer.... that's even better!

Please contact Jos on 620604, Colin 738468, Astrid 610635, Eileen 635236 or Brian 624556. It's in aid of the Church Roof Fund - the final opportunity to reach our target of £26,500 before work starts in September.

CHURCH NEWS

The saga of the trees continues. Following the accident that befell the tree man, who has since recovered, he is now trying to catch up with his outstanding work. We were pencilled in for the last week in January but that has now slipped back until the last week in February. If it gets any later then it the work will be postponed to later in the year. That will then take us to a year's delay. Fingers crossed then everyone. We do not want the tree saga to become another thunderbox saga.

Colin Hedgley Churchwarden

PLAYFORD CHURCH LIGHTS

2nd February - sponsored by Barbara Dunnett for daughter, Jacqui Coates on her birthday. Happy Birthday Jacqui, lots of love from Mum, Steven and children also for niece, Lisa, on her birthday, 3rd February and my late Mother, remembering her on her birthday, 5th February.

5th February - sponsored by Wendy Wilson for her grandson, Harry Halls to mark his 20th birthday.

9th February - sponsored by Glenda Grimwood. In loving memory of Geoff Booker who died five years ago.

Remembered with much love by all his family.

13th February - sponsored by Veronica Bunbury for Charles' birthday

24th February - in memory of our friend and neighbour, Charles Lofts who died on 27th January at the grand age of nearly 92. He will be sadly missed - Brian Buckles and Wendy Wilson. Also remembering all the wonderful times enjoyed by the whole village thanks to the generosity of Charles, including village fetes, Royal Jubilee occasions etc. His presence around the village will be much missed by all.

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

Tel: 01473 623366.

email: vronxbunbury@gmail.com

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

Illustrated talk by Paul Bruce of Culpho

William Kent 1685—1748 Designing Georgian Britain



Playford Village Hall Friday March 17th at 7.30 p.m.

To include an auction of celebrated local artists' work.
Wine and Nibbles
Entry £5 on the door

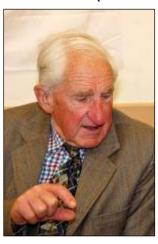
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William Kent may not be a familiar name; however, he was not only an artist, furniture and interior designer, architect & book illustrator.

Kent was the most predominant designer of the 18th. Century and his work is still evident for all to appreciate today.

You will be amazed to discover more about his life and work.

CHARLES LOFTS (1925-2017)



The death of Charles Lofts on 27 January at the age of 91 has been described by many as the end of an era. Coming to Playford in 1946 at the age of 21, he held centre stage for 70 years not only as farmer and landowner but as feisty committee member and host of many fund raising and jubilee events that gave lasting pleasure to many. His most significant legacy however is the comprehensive redevelopment that he carried through in the 1960s and '70s with the clearance of many of his farm cottages making way for executive homes that dramatically transformed the appearance of the village and its social make-up.

Charles Lofts left school at 16 determined to go farming and, with no appropriate background, he spent the war years as a farm pupil in Baylham. On learning that a farm in Playford had become vacant, in a field of 40 applicants, he persuaded the selectors to give him a chance and his early years were overseen by a much respected Suffolk farmer. He married in 1947 and son Tom was born the following year. Until his father's death in 1965, the young family lived in half of Hill House, his parents in the other. Initially there was

no electricity, he had six horses on the farm and German PoWs boosted the labour force. With no money behind him. there were weeks when he was unable to pay the wages. But a combination of hard work, no fear of borrowing and good fortune saw him through. Continued food shortages held up farm prices and, when still under 30, he had the opportunity to buy the farm following the death in 1951 of his landlord the 4th Marguis of Bristol. The sale included the meadow land between Hill Farm Road and Church Lane but, with the country still recovering from war, no consideration had then been given to its development potential. But within ten years he had sold it for building; mains drainage and mains water followed. In 1968 he added Grove Farm in Little Bealings to his acreage. Demolition and rebuilding of The Brook came in the 1970s.

On retirement in 1995, he held back some 120 acres and devoted much of his time to developing The Mere into a highly regarded conservation area. In the same year he stood down as steward of the Suffolk Show having twice been appointed deputy director. He was a Trustee of the Village Hall for 54 years and a member of the Parish Council for 53. From the 1970s onwards he hosted many fetes and the Queen's Silver, Golden and Diamond Jubilees were all celebrated in his grounds: hog roasts and ceilidhs in the farm buildings , 'athletic sports' and bonfires in the meadows by the house.

Widowed in 2000 and latterly suffering from dementia, he received 24 hour care for the last three years of his life dying at home as he had always wanted.

For a fuller version of his life and times go to www.playford.org.uk/History.htm click on Playford Village Website, then History, then Hill House. Publication due spring 2017.

Brian Seward

Playford Easter Chocolate Fayre

Sunday 2nd April

Easter Bonnet Parade

2:00 - 4:30 p.m.



£2/Child (includes the egg hunt) Parents FREE

Enter our competitions £1 entry into each: Your entries returned Blown Egg Competition

Easter Themed Cake: Over 18's 11-18yrs & 10yrs & Under



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PLAYFORD WI

and showed us many wonderful images animals, close up and Phil was telling us stories as we went through the pictures. We had just one visitor and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening. We thank Phil once again for sharing his adventures with us. Phil produces a calendar which will be obtainable later in the year with some of his wonderful shots of wildlife. Anyone interested in buying one should contact Phil direct. All monies go to the Felixstowe CAB.

In March (7th) our speaker is Davina Watson on the subject of the benefits of 'Aloe Vera' welcome and I suggest that ladies would later, he had never seen anything like it in be more interested in this one!

BINKY AND CO

At our February meeting we were Mrs Stickleback, Indigo to her friends, delighted to introduce Phil Holmes who (needless to say the name wasn't oft came along with his power point pictures used) was perusing her photograph album one afternoon, having set tea for which he and his wife took on their recent two of her friends who inexplicably had African safaris. We were enthralled by the pulled out at the last minute. What she fabulous shots of such a wide range of was going to do with her mango and strawberry flan she didn't know. Binky would not be a recipient, it was too good for him. A quick read of the days' paper would be a good way to relax and get Binky out of her head. Anyway she was reminded of her album because there were photos in the newspaper of HM driving a lorry during the last war. Indigo's time in the Royal Tank Regiment brought back fond memories. It was strange because in those days women were not allowed to serve in the regiment but she seemed to have slipped through the All visitors as usual are medical. As the M.O. said some years his life and so just signed her off in order Sue Bruce to avoid embarrassment. His. not hers. Secretary, Playford WI. Anyway Indigo took to the job of tank

Tea, Coffee

maintenance like a duck to water and boy through "Assume BDA, Assume BDA". At did she get on well with the chaps. The fact that she could down eight pints of Guinness in one hour gave her almost God like admiration from her comrades in arms.

As one private said, he (she) was awesome. So from then on her nickname was Orsum. It gave Indigo some standing amongst the tank crews. In fact once she had lifted a tank's front nearside corner whilst a new track was fitted. So what. you may say. Well usually it took three special heavy duty jacks and half a day. With Orsum it just took a couple of grunts and half an hour.

This led to some pretty nasty language between tank crews as to who had first call on his (her) services. The upshot was she eventually became embedded (if that is the right term) with Sierra Oscar tank from D squadron, Indigo was originally given the job of main gun aimer but due to Indigo's immense size she could not get into the seat. Therefore 'external machine gunner' was to be her forte. should This have been auite straightforward task but like everything in the armed forces one main job was never enough. Her secondary task in the event of war was to be the "Blind Drivers' Assistant" or BDA. So for exercise purposes only on Salisbury Plain the flaps would come down over the driver's aperture and the order would come

which point Orsum would shout down "left 4 degrees or right 5 degrees".

This worked well until Orsum got her left and right mixed up. Unfortunately it was foreign visitors' day and the podium looked a treat. As Sierra Oscar sped through the mud at forty miles per hour with Indigo's machine gun rattling away and her shouting "Go left, go left" it didn't take the top brass long to realise that they were about to take part in a modern day Laurel and Hardy remake accident. And so it came to pass. Which is why we do not sell too many Challenger 2 mark 2.7 tanks to either the Middle East or China.

Orsum expressed her deep regret to the Colonel. The Colonel blamed the tank The commander. tank commander blamed the driver. The driver blamed his training officer. The training officer blamed the user instructions. A board of inquiry was convened. And so it came to pass that a very junior civil servant was admonished for not writing an instruction manual with "sufficient technical clarity that would prevent a disaster under any situation".

Indigo once explained all this to Binky. He was baffled. But there it was, thought Indigo: people who haven't served in the armed forces just do not understand personal responsibility.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S 'SCOTS WHA HAE' IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS AND SAVE THE CHILDREN SYRIAN APPEAL

On Friday 20th January, Shingle Street Folk Band – Stephen Harding, Mike Tyndale Biscoe, Chris Pearce, and Jane Burn, were joined by Ellen McAteer – Poet, songwriter and Suffolk Poetry Society member, and Stevie Wishart, Musician and composer, for an evening of Scottish song, Hurdy Gurdy music and poetry.



The Church was full, and the event raised £444 for the Church and £160 for Save the Children Syrian Appeal.

Shingle Street Folk Band wishes to thank all those who attended and supported the event, with special thanks to Christobel Garnham, Margaret Gornall and Rosemary Hartfall for providing interval refreshments; Lynn Chapman for her support with the Raffle and Richard Garnham for stewarding the car park on a particularly cold night!

Special thanks also to Ellen McAteer and Stevie Wishart for their part in the evening's entertainment. Shingle Street Folk Band will be performing next at Friston Church on Friday evening March 24th.

Christine Pearce

LENT APPEAL

You will recall in the last issue of the News a request was made on behalf of the Diocese of Kagera, for our help in raising money during Lent. The Diocese links with Kagera goes back to 1994, is part of the Anglican Church and lies in the North West region of Tanzania. It is however, poor, and remote. Its 2 million people typically live on less than one dollar a day, mostly through subsistence farming and disease is widespread. The Church serves the community by providing healthcare, education, and alleviating poverty where needed. The appeal comes at a time when there is lack of rain, failed crops, hunger, and no income for the Church to care for the poor.

To support this endeavour we have chosen a simple means of raising money towards the £15,000 the Diocese hope to collect.

The 5p Lent Appeal asks if you would kindly put to one-side any five pence coins you may have in your purse or pocket at the end of each day throughout Lent 1st March to 16th April. We are fortunate to have an Easter Service at Culpho Church at 3 p.m. and if you can join us you would be most welcome. A suitable receptacle will be at the back of the Church where donations can be deposited. In the essence of sharing, recent events held at the Church have made meaningful donations to local chari-

ties and more recently to Save the Chil- support which will provide considerable Street Folk evening.

Despite Culpho being very small we know tice Board. that a spirit of generosity exits, which has Margaret Gornall been liberally demonstrated in the past. and once again we seek your help and

dren Syrian Appeal following the Shingle opportunities for the people of Kagera. Their appeal poster is on Church the No-

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Great Bealings

PHILLIP and DENISE MERRY

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To that end I will be the point of contact for received financial gifts.

I would suggest that these be in the form of either cheque or cash. This can be given to me:-

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or

2. Put through my door in an envelope.

or

Sent by post to my home address.

Cheques should be made out to Playford PCC or Playford Church.

My address is:- The Coach House, Playford Mount, Great Bealings. Woodbridge, IP13 6 PH

All gifts will be confidential.

Any gueries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Colin Hedgley 738468

FORTHCOMING SERVICES

There will be a service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, at All Saints Church Little Bealings 7.00pm on the 1st March.

Mothering Sunday this year is on the 26th March, when there will be a service of Holy Communion at St Marys Church Playford 9.00am.

For those who may wish for a more informal way of celebrating our mothers, a Mothering Sunday themed Messy Church will take place at the Angela Cobbold Hall at 4.00pm 26th March; with worship, workshop activities, refreshments and friendship.

A service of Compline will be held in All Saints Church Little Bealings at 7.00pm Tuesday 21st March.

All are warmly welcome to all of the above.

CHURCH DIARY - MARCH						
SUNDAY 5th		LENT 1				
	8.00	Holy Communion – said	Little Bealings			
	10.00	Holy Communion	Great Bealings			
SUNDAY 12th		LENT 2				
	9.00	Family Communion	Playford			
	10.00	Family Communion	Great Bealings			
WEDNESDAY 15 th	9.30	Holy Communion – said	Culpho			
SUNDAY 19 th		LENT 3				
	10.00	Holy Communion	Little Bealings			
	3.00pm	Evensong	Culpho			
SUNDAY 26 th		LENT 4 – MOTHERING SI	JNDAY			
	9.00	Holy Communion	Playford			
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Angela Cobbold Hall			
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