

Fynn - Lark News

November 2016



Buzzard by Phil Holmes

THE BIRDS OF CULPHO VILLAGE

*That's the wise thrush,
He sings his songs twice over,
Lest you should think,
He never could recapture,*

That first fine careless rapture'

Robert Browning

From March till August I hear, as I cycle through Culpho, a **Song Thrush** singing. Song thrushes are slowly recovering after a serious decline their numbers. This thrush repeats his song over and over again from the churchyard of St. Botolph. I found the nest this year – a mud lined basin with four bright blue eggs that were speckled black. In early February another thrush can be heard from the top of the churchyard conifer. This is the **Mistle thrush** – a bird that serenades me with mellower tones.

Because Culpho still has magnificent hedgerows, it is an ideal habitat for our resident finches, **goldfinch**, **linnet**, **chaffinch** and **greenfinch**. But there are two places where the dandy of them all, the bullfinch, nests. Not much of a songster but by a mile the most attractive of finches.

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It is worth spending a few minutes perusing the meadow at the corner of the village. An area of various grasses and wildflowers, it is perfect for the **barn owl**. I have often stopped to watch this ghostly owl quartering the meadow as have dozens of car dwellers, although I am sure the sight of a barn owl compensates for their being late for school or work.



Occasionally a **kestrel** hovers over the piece of 'set-aside' for both this bird of prey and the barn owl hunt for short-tailed field voles that are plentiful in most years. I once witnessed a kestrel attack a barn owl and after a locking together of talons, the kestrel

made off with a vole. More serious was the time when a large female **sparrow hawk** that took a dislike to the barn owl, dived in with talons out stretched and drew blood from the owl's neck. Luckily the owl recovered. With the spread of **common buzzards** in England it is not unusual to hear, and indeed, see one of these wonderful raptors in a thermal over Culpho. At least three pairs nest in this area. Another bird, indeed my favourite bird of prey, is the **hobby**. This small summer visitor is a dashing, handsome falcon. A pair of these visitors waits for the young crows to leave their nest in a tall oak between Culpho and Tuddenham and then rear their own young from that disused nest. It was a red-letter day for me when I saw a red kite floating over Culpho. The gnarled oaks are also home to two other **species of owl, little and tawny**, and although the latter is mainly nocturnal, it is not unusual to see little owls perched on overhanging branches in the middle of the day.

The above is just a few of Culpho's resident birds. There are many more, especially in winter when the area becomes a magnet, not only for **redwings and fieldfares**, but for hundreds of **lapwings and golden plovers** that flock to the freshly ploughed

We are most grateful to Reg Snook for agreeing to provide the Editorial 'The Birds of Culpho Village'. Reg is a well-known ornithologist and artist, having spent most of his life working with wildlife and art both as a representative of the RSBP and, for 29 years, an Inspector for DEFRA. He is the author of a trilogy of books depicting Portraits of Christchurch Park, the Owl and Birds. His wildlife paintings depict almost every bird in the British Isles. In 2001 his art took a change of direction when he commenced painting portraits of the people of Grundisburgh, in particular those working for Lord Cranworth. Over 200 paintings have been produced and this wonderful piece of social history has been bound in six volumes and placed in the Village Archives. As Reg points out this is an ongoing project. His studio in Grundisburgh is always open to visitors and his web site well worth viewing. <http://www.regsnook.co.uk/>

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**THE FYNN-LARK NEWS
RETROSPECT AND PREVIEW OF 2017**

We have come through the first few issues of the revamped Magazine without major problems and are very much heartened by the encouraging and supportive comments that we have received. Thank you. We are also pleased to say that we should finish the year in the black. There will be a meeting of the core production team sometime in November to consider progress so far, to see how we might further evolve, and, most importantly, to look at next year's budget, and ensure that finances are healthy enough to see us through.

MAGAZINE FINANCES – and why you have received a Standing Order Form

As most people know, we are dependent for our financial health on contributions from Parish Councils and, to a large extent, on income from advertising – always something of a volatile commodity. In order to offset that volatility we have enclosed with this issue a Standing Order form, hoping that people will sign up in sufficient numbers to make some sort of voluntary donation to give us a bit more budgetary certainty at the beginning of the year – hence the proposed payment date of January 1st. We would be delighted to receive any sum, but something around £10 pa contributed by 30 or 40 people would make a major difference to our financial confidence. Hopefully this will be seen as good value for money – and, of course, the more contributions we receive, the more enjoyment for our readers, and hence the greater interest to advertisers. If we receive more by way of financial contributions, a small surplus will not come amiss – and we could possibly consider some increase in the size of the Magazine. As always, your thoughts and ideas are warmly welcomed by the production team – all of whom are volunteers – on your behalf.

NOVEMBER PROFILE

RON HURLOCK



Ron Hurlock is a figure regularly seen around our villages and in our churches, of which he is a great supporter. His reputation as an artist is spreading too. Following his successful exhibition last April at Snape, he is staging another exhibition of his work this year at the same venue. The exhibition – which has free admission – is to be held in the Workshop Gallery, Snape Maltings, between Friday 11th November and Thursday 17th November – open 10 am to 5 pm each day. All proceeds will be in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice.

Ron's artistic background is that he attended Ipswich Art School, followed by 20 week-long residential courses in West Sussex. He subsequently staged an exhibition of paintings in France, and has also exhibited annually at Dennis Taplin's Gallery in Woodbridge. Some of these earlier paintings will feature in November's Exhibition. Previously Ron ran an Opticians business in The Thoroughfare, Woodbridge, so painting is very much a retirement project – and a highly successful one.



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Bealings WI's next meeting is on Thursday 17 November at 2.30 pm when Mr. T.Mackley will entertain with popular music of the 1930s and 1940s. This promises to be a relaxing afternoon, with refreshments to follow. Plans are well ahead for the Christmas meeting on Thursday 8th December when the WI will greet members, friends and guests from local Institutes - the festive tea always a highlight. For more information contact Jennifer Cook 01473 623985.



BEALINGS PLANT SALE 2017 – Saturday April 22nd. Planning Ahead!

Still no rest for those green fingers! – just another gentle reminder to bear us in mind when you are carrying out all those autumnal clearing up tasks. And come across redundant or surplus plants.

We could use them – and hopefully sell them.

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

NOVEMBER

Friday 18th Talk 'Discussions, Deals and Wangle
–Creating a Diocese for Suffolk' by Roy Tricker Culpho Church

MARCH

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

APRIL

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

JUNE

Saturday 24th Playford Village Fete Playford Hall

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

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 for two or three months in advance, thus allowing us to keep our escalating costs under control.

REMINDER TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

Christmas is coming! may we remind all contributors that the next edition will be combined to cover December & January. *Deadline & publication dates are on pg.27*

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

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CHURCH WARDEN

ST MARY'S

Many households in the village will by now have received a letter from Charles Barrington, our Treasurer, and myself, outlining the severe challenges facing our church. We are doing our best to ensure that these letters are delivered direct, hand-to-hand, giving recipients a chance to chat about the content. So far these letters have been delivered in person to more than half the households in the village. It takes time, but the rest will have been delivered in the latter weeks of October. We take this opportunity to thank most sincerely those who have so far responded.

If the letter is still in your in-tray we do urge you to dig it out and to read it carefully, and then to reply as positively as you can manage. Your suggestions too are very welcome. Even if you feel that you can add little of positive in your reply, please do return the reply slip to either Charles or Norman. In our view, unless we act with real purpose, there is a very real threat that we may no longer have either an open church or a priest in the relatively near future.

In the meantime we are doing our best to

ensure that the church and churchyard have a function and an attraction way beyond its use for church services. As well as our Sunday services we can identify four other strands of possible interest:

1. **Wildlife** and further development of the churchyard in partnership with the Suffolk Wildlife Trust. In that respect we have already arranged for an **Open Evening on Friday June 9th**, when the Trust's Community Liaison Officer, Tracey Housley will tell us what flora and fauna we have to appreciate in the churchyard.

2. **History**, including a better focus for visitors to the graves in the churchyard. We hope to set up a small cabin, with a map of the position of the graves, visitors' book etc. There is also great scope for using the church as a focus for village history, with occasional small exhibitions etc. We have already installed a couple of recycled picnic tables, courtesy of The Ramsholt Arms. We are very aware that the church has had cycling visitors, so are hoping to install a cycle rack too.

3. **Talks and concerts**. If anyone can come up with names of possible performers or speakers do please let us know. We

have a good reputation for high quality concerts, but a recent lack of performers. Use of personal contacts will help here, please.

4. Neighbourliness: We are looking at ways in which the church can play more of a secular pastoral role in the village. One idea is that we might have a list of people who might offer an hour a week, helping with gardening, shopping etc. for those whose independence of living is under stress.

LOOKING BACK

WEDDING –SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 24TH

September proved to be a fine month, weather-wise, and the wedding on Saturday 24th of Annette Burt and Alexander Vitali benefited from another fine early autumn day. Annette is the grand-daughter of the late Joy and Peter Doble, once of Boot Street, so there was both poignancy and happiness in the occasion, in that a Memorial Service for Joy had been held in the church just a few weeks previously. But what beauty there is in continuity through the generations.

PCC MEETING

There was a meeting of the PCC on October 25th and inevitably the question of survival strategy will have been further discussed. Details will follow in the December issue. Membership of the PCC is quite a weighty responsibility in these challenging days, so we would really welcome inquiries about possible membership of your PCC, and a chance to make a real contribution to this community, by becoming involved. There are around 4 meetings a year.

CHURCHYARD

Suffolk Wildlife Trust

There was an on-site meeting, lasting close on two hours with a representative of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Tracey Housley, who subsequently sent a very full report outlining the ways in which the churchyard could best be managed, She was warmly supportive of the plans outlined in the introduction to this column. Plans for more nesting boxes, bird-

feeders, a hedgehog house, bug pile, were discussed. Tracey will be coming back to an Open Evening on June 9th. In the meantime, a copy of her report will be displayed in the porch.

Working Party

The annual working party morning was on October 15th.

A small and energetic army of close on 20



people came along, armed with an impressive array of implements and made a real impact on the churchyard. Trees were clipped, hedges cut back, scrub strimmed, trenches dug, doors painted, grass cut, blazing bonfire tended – and the whole scene exuded purposefulness – with participants spurred on perhaps by the thought of a calorie-rich ploughman's lunch. We do thank most sincerely all who gave of their time and energies to prepare the churchyard for winter.

Churchwarden

FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

FUTURE PLANS

Once we have received all the replies from our letter to all in the village we will be doing our best to set up a new committee, bringing together people with different skills, ages and interests, but having in common enthusiasm and determination to have a working structure with the objective of supporting the church but in so doing ensure that we arrange events and occasions that are fun for all, and which bring people together. As

explained in our letter, we are also energetically seeking to recruit new members to the committee, and to complete an up-to-date database so as to ensure effective communications.

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

We confirm that this will once again be organized for the first Saturday in **February viz February 4th**. We have quite a large database of those who have participated before, but if you are new to the village, or would like to give it a try just email Norman Porter on nhp@rillcott.co.uk (01473 735565). As a participant all you have to do is offer to cook one course for 6 (occasionally 8) people, and then for the two other courses, plus the finale you enjoy the hospitality of others.

The Friends

THE LIGHTS WERE - OFF!!.....

Not just because there were no requests,

but unfortunately due to the electricity being cut off, not I hasten to add because we forgot to pay the bill, but because the "bill" cut the grass! Consequently my mind turned to the present Ipswich Town F.C.'s drought of scoring goals thus matching our England team's similar dearth and their both wondering what to do when they stray into their opponents penalty box. Will our next world cup song be "World Cup Wally" instead of "Willy"? But enough of this banter let me offer you some "Light Relief" in the absence of your requests.

How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark..... to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?

Talking of goals – My goal for 2016 was to lose just 10 pounds. Only 15 to go!

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reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good. Then God considered the function of bladders and decided that seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing even more exercise. God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more remember its God's will. It is in all your best interest, even though you may sometimes mutter under your breath.

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CHURCHWARDEN

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Many thanks to Norman Porter for his interesting and very poignant article about the importance of the village church in village communities.

I read this with great interest but wondered why, of all the four villages in the Benefice, Little Bealings is the only church not celebrating the Harvest this year.

In past year's villagers, of all persuasions and none, have had the opportunity to celebrate the Harvest in All Saints. The church was decorated, traditional hymns were sung, thanks given and the all-important shared meal was eaten.

This year's celebration has been denied to us. Sadly a missed opportunity; missed for both outreach and fostering community spirit. *Peter Carr*

By way of hopeful alleviation and compensation for this break with tradition, and to show that there will still be a coming together of villagers we attach the following response:-Ed

Thank you so much for your concern regarding the harvest celebrations this year. There is a shared harvest service for Little & Great Bealings at Great Bealings Church followed by a shared harvest lunch at Little Bealings Village Hall which is being provided free of charge by the churches. We would also like villagers to know that Bealings School will be having their Harvest Service at Little Bealings Church on Tuesday 1st November at 2.30 p.m.

Blessings,

Rev Celia Cook

pp Little Bealings & Great Bealings PCCs

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LET THERE BE LIGHT

There have not been any requests for the flood lights at All Saints to shine this month. However the lights will shine on 1st. November to celebrate All Saints Day, the patronal feast of the church. If you would like the church lit up for an anniversary or special occasion please contact Peter Carr on 01473 620214 pandvcarr55@gmail.com £5 buys two hours of light at a time and date of your choice. A dedication can be printed in the magazine if you wish.

Stop press... Lights shone on 16th. October to welcome Madeleine Emma Webb, a great grand-daughter for the late Peter Moon, on October 14th in Geelong, Victoria, Australia.

ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD - WINTER TIDY UP

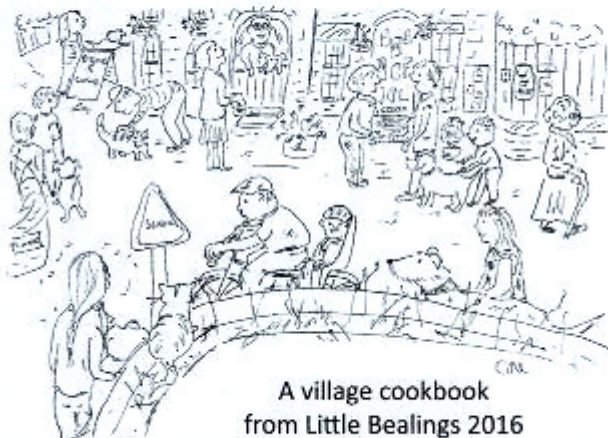
We have arranged to tidy up All Saints Churchyard for the winter on Saturday morning 26 November. We would be very grateful for volunteers to come and help from 9.30 am. Refreshments provided. Please come suitably attired including gloves. Useful implements to bring: broom, spade, strimmer and a wheelbarrow, if you live close enough. If you can help in any way, please contact: Bob Tate on 01473 6229926 or robert.tate9@btinternet.com

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PLAYFORD CHURCH ROOF FUND - an up-to-date (and upbeat) report

Brian Seward

It's all coming along very nicely.... though there is still a way to go. The building work is not scheduled until next September so there is plenty of time and we have every confidence that the target will be met by then. Thanks to some very generous donations, a good response from grant-giving bodies and great support from local people, the fund now stands at an impressive £17,000 leaving another £7,000 to find. We await the outcome of one more grant application and have several village events lined up in the coming months. Please do make a note of the dates in your diaries for 2017:

- ◆ A share of the Benefice Christmas Draw
- ◆ A talk on 17 March by Paul Bruce of Culpho on William Kent entitled 'Designing Georgian Britain'. Paul Bruce is a painter and sculptor and Vice-President of the Friends of Ipswich Museum. William Kent was a man of extraordinary talent: an artist, sculptor, landscape gardener and the foremost designer of furniture, silver and metal ware of the 18th century. He played a significant role in the design of many notable buildings in London, Euston Hall in Suffolk and Houghton and Holkham Halls in Norfolk.
- ◆ The annual renowned Playford Chocolate Fair on Sunday 9 April
- ◆ On Saturday 24 June, a summer fete at Playford Hall (by kind permission of Adrian and Fiona Melrose).

And with your help and continued generosity, we shall have reached our goal before the builders move in.

CHURCH NEWS

The fund raising for the church roof repairs continues. It may appear slow at times but be assured that people are working diligently in order to capitalise on any funding streams that are out there. There are quite a few but we do not always fall within the necessary criteria.

Both Marian and I were most fortunate to have been married at Playford Church on the 8th October. We would like to thank all those that made it such a special day. We know the grass was cut, the leaves swept, the church cleaned, the brass shone and lots of small acts of kindness that when put together add up to a great deal. I can assure you it was all noticed and not just by us. Many people commented on what a lovely church we had. Sometimes one does not always see the beauty that surrounds us simply because we see it all the time. It was a wonderful day. Thank you everyone.

BINKY AND CO.

It was Mrs Stickleback's birthday in one week's time and Binky really did have to put his thinking cap on. It was one of the "big ones" although Mrs S was not forthcoming on which one and Binky was sworn to secrecy. He intended to keep that secret not out of loyalty to Mrs S but purely out of life preservation. His life. Binky thought long and hard. What did his little periwinkle like the most? Well there was gin but she had her own still in the garage. There was money but then she had Binky who never failed to give her £5 a day pocket money whether she

needed it or not. So what do you get someone who has everything? It came like flash. She likes sailors. (Who doesn't?). So off Binky went to the Little Bealings Birthday Acts and Pop Groups Emporium headed up by the friendly French man Jean-Claude Grenouille, a small moustachioed man from Brest. Apparently he came over to England during the Second World War as a small child aged six months and never went back because he could not speak the language. Anyway he said that he could arrange a good half an hour's entertainment with a nautical flavour for £500. Binky "left it all to him" as he said later at the hearing. The day of the great birthday party arrived with Binky taking his darling beloved a cup of tea in bed plus the home made birthday card covered in hearts and kisses as every husband does. Or should do. Mrs S was not that impressed. Tickets for a holiday in the Maldives would have been nice she thought. Failing that, Bognor. Anywhere romantic. Never mind, at least he had remembered which was just as well as he forgot last year and she forced him to sleep in the shed for five nights. That would teach him she thought. Actually it didn't because that's where Binky stored his home made sherry and he did think of contriving another five nights this year but thought better of it. Anyway the evening of the party arrived and it was held down at the old church hall.

Binky was banned from using the new church hall due to the "Experimental Night" that Binky put on for fellow inventors which turned it into the Partially Burnt Down New Church Hall. Anyway friends and neighbours from far and wide came along for some warm white wine and spam sandwiches with the crusts still on. Binky read out the birthday cards and good wishes. Mrs S preened. Such lovely words and so true. Daphne Pillbox sent a card wishing her well on her "Big 40th". Mrs S was happy with that. Olive Whalebelly sent her one wishing her well on her "Big 70th". There always was coldness between those two. Next, everyone sat down in their seats

and faced the small stage. Jean-Claude was now in his element. Some taped music started, the curtains opened and onto the stage danced six half naked men in various forms of human sagginess. Middle age spread would be a kind term to use. Nevertheless they kept in time with the music and their round sailors hats were held in the correct position. Or should I say legal position. Daisy the vicar seemed guiltily interested but feigned shock. Mrs Whalebelly cheered the dancers on with slightly more excitement than a Millwall supporter watching an on field fight between two players. As the last song reached its rousing end the six sailors threw their hats into the audience. One was caught by the vicar who immediately fainted. Mrs Pillbox demanded an encore and 92 year old Gertie Spendlove sat there with a big grin on her face reliving past memories.

Mrs Stickleback rose from her chair and shouted in a very loud voice "BINKEEEEEEEEE COME HERE!"

But Binky had gone.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

CHURCH LIGHTS

8th October - To celebrate the wedding, that day, of Colin Hedgley and Marian Rosling. Sponsored by their friends.

10th October - sponsored by Brian and Anne Seward, celebrating 50 very happy years in Playford.

16th October - sponsored by Brian Buckles for Wendy's birthday.

21st October - sponsored by Trish Laws in memory of her Mother, Mrs. Violet Price on what would have been her birthday - a dear Mum, Nan and Great Nan; much treasured.

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, but be aware that very short notice requests via email or telephone answer machine might not be picked up in time

PLAYFORD WI

We spent a pleasant evening at the Parish Hall on 4th October but unfortunately our speaker had to cancel due to ill health. We proceeded with our monthly meeting and then commemorated our 93rd birthday. Liz Royle baked a delicious cake for us as is customary.

On 1st.November we will hold our AGM.

*Sue Bruce,
Secretary*



*'Here be buried treasure'
by Mackenzi Saunders*

Enough to repair the church roof? - Ed

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ST. BOTOLPH'S CHURCH

TALK BY ROY TRICKER

The Celebrated Church Historian, Roy Tricker has agreed to give a talk at Culpho Church at 2.30 p.m. on Friday 18th November, 2016 on 'Discussions, Deals and Wangles – Creating a Diocese for Suffolk'. Entrance Free, tea and biscuits at the end of the talk, with a retiring donation appreciated in aid of Church funds. The talk promises to be very informative and entertaining and a warm welcome awaits if you are able to come along.

Fund-raising events throughout the year contribute significantly in keeping the Church open. Dwindling congregations mean that small Churches, like St Botolph's,

are in danger of becoming redundant and every year the Churchwardens and P.C.C. members work hard to arrange events to protect the Church from closure and maintain a focal point within the community for everyone to enjoy. If you can offer your support, then this would be very much appreciated and help towards keeping the Church in good order and less vulnerable to closure. Roy Tricker is certainly one not to be missed. He has tremendous knowledge of Churches and their history, and the event promises to be very entertaining. Thank you if you are able to give your support.

Margaret Gornall

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Great Bealings

BALANCE OF RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR CONTENT

We received the interesting observation below on the new format of the Magazine, referring to the shift of balance between religious and secular. Both as editor and as a churchwarden, I am more than happy to encourage such contributions, as appropriate, not only from our Priest and Curate, but also from others. The spiritual and caring dimensions of our communities are very much part of village life, and should not feel suppressed by the more secular approach of this Magazine. *Norman Porter*

Reading the new and much enhanced format of the Benefice News I feel it must appeal to many with its more secular style and approach. Could I suggest however that the church affairs be adjusted to include the occasional letter of address from the Priest in Charge, Curate or who so ever is appointed. Sometimes these few words and prayers can give great comfort to those who are ill or suffering from a recent bereavement. This would I feel give much more depth and point to church affairs as they are presently given and can be an invitation to further pastoral care.

FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

11th September Alec Aneurin May & Victoria Ellen Foster Little Bealings

16th September

David Braidwood Allan & Jessica Kathleen Lewis-Jones Little Bealings

24th September Alexander Simon Vitali & Tessa Katy Burt Great Bealings

BAPTISMS

4th September Otto Donald Spear Major Great Bealings

25th September William Peter Byrom Little Bealings

BURIAL of ASHES

23rd September Basil George Boggis Little Bealings

FORTHCOMING SERVICES ALL SOULS DAY / REMEMBER- ING THE DEPARTED

There will be a service of Compline; a short meditative service from the Monastic tradition, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 2nd November in All Saints Church Little Bealings. During the service only the names of those whose funerals have been held in the Benefice during the last twelve months will be read out. If you would like anybody else to be remembered, please do let me know. All are most welcome to the service.

Philip Merry

REMEMBRANCE DAY

This years' Benefice service of Remembrance will be held in All Saints Church Little Bealings at 10.00am on Sunday 13th November; all are warmly welcome.

CHRIST the KING / STIR UP SUNDAY

Our annual ALL age stir-up Sunday workshop will be held in All Saints Church Little Bealings at 10.00am on Sunday 20th November. All ages really are most welcome, and as with previous years there will be puddings to stir, Christ the King crowns to wear, calendars to construct, refreshments to enjoy, amidst hymns and prayers of thanksgiving.

POSADA

This year's Posada service will be incorporated into the 9.00am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Church Playford on Advent Sunday, 27th November. As always everyone is warmly welcome.



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CHURCH DIARY - NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 2nd **All Souls Day / Remembering the Departed**
 7.00pm Compline / Reading of Names **Little Bealings**

SUNDAY 6th **3rd Sunday before Advent**
 8.00 Holy Communion – said **Little Bealings**
 10.00 Holy Communion **Great Bealings**

SUNDAY 13th **2nd Sunday before Advent/Remembrance**
 8.00 Holy Communion – said **Great Bealings**
 10.00 Benefice Remembrance Service **Little Bealings**

WEDNESDAY 16th
 9.30 Holy Communion **Culpho**

SUNDAY 20th **Christ the King/Stir up Sunday**
 10.00 Stir up Sunday Workshop **Little Bealings**
 3.00pm Evensong **Culpho**

SUNDAY 27th **Advent Sunday**
 9.00 Holy Communion/Posada **Playford**
 4.00 pm Messy Church **Angela Cobbold Hall**

DECEMBER
SUNDAY 4th **2nd Sunday of Advent**
 8.00 Holy Communion – said **Little Bealings**
 10.00 Holy 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

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ANGELA COBBOLD HALL BOOKING		Vicki Carr 620213
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	VH Tue 7.30	Teresa Rudd 07929310480
BENEFICE CHOIR	Fri 7.30	Gill Peck 625077
CARPET BOWLS	VH Tue 1.30/Wed 7.00	Kathy Price 621419
DANCE CLASS	VH Tue 9.30 am Fri 9.30 am	Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513
FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
GUIDES	ACH Tue 6.30 - 8.30	Jo Saggi 01394 448846
JOHN BELSTEAD SPORTS COURT		http://bealings.ibooka.com/
	VH	Or via Volunteer Administrator 07925 181390
KEEP FIT	VH Wed 2.15	Julia Drewell 620511
	VH Thu 10.00	Joyce Bradley 726392
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 2.15 – 2.30 mobile library at Boot St, Great Bealings 2.35-3.00 at Admiral's Head, Little Bealings	07809594685
PILATES	ACH Wed & Fri am	Dawn Maile 07876506327
REMOTE CONTROL TOYS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
SNOOKER	VH Any day <4 hours	Margaret Wilson 07769195132
TABLETENNIS	ACH Bookable	Vicki Carr 620213
VILLAGE HALL BOOKING		Margaret Wilson 07769195132
WI	VH Thu (3rd in month)	2.30 Oct - Mar 7.30 Apr - Sep Jennifer Cook 623985

PLAYFORD

PH: Parish Hall

AGE UK	Village Representative	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
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FRESH FISH	Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	Catherine 07971970836
FOOT CLINIC	PH Fri (every 8 weeks)	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
LIBRARY	Thu (every 4 weeks) 1.50 – 2.05 mobile library at phone box	07809594685
MILK	Tue, Thu, Sat	Dairy Crest 747272
NEWSPAPERS		Grange News 01394 384082
PARISH HALL BOOKING	Book on line: bookings.playfordvillagehall@gmail.com or contact via voicemail 01473 487215	
PILATES	PH Wed 7.30 - 8.15	Julie Gorevan on 07702 883245
TODDLERS	PH Fri 9.30 toddler group	playfordtoddlers@gmail.com
WHIST DRIVE	PH Tues (4th in month) 2.00 pm	Astrid Llewellyn 610635
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For more information please contact the Club secretary: Ian McIvor on 01473 738866

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