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Tomb of the Unknown Warrior, Westminster Abbey

EDITORIAL – A PLEA FOR PERSPECTIVE

This month, November 2018, sees the nationwide commemoration of the centenary of the end of the most bloody war in the history of mankind, the tragedy that was World War One. People are coming together from across the nations and across the generations to reflect on that terrible tragedy. Millions of people will meet up in mind, body and spirit to rue the reasons that brought about that war, to reflect on the massive loss of life and solemnly to agree that such it should never happen again. And so they should.

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Sadly, conflict, both on the macro- and on the micro- scale is a thread that runs through human history. There are conflicts within families, conflicts between communities, conflicts between nations. Small conflicts can lead to large ones. Some conflicts result in bloodshed, others lead to damaged relationships and emotional hurt. Most conflicts can be avoided. In most conflicts there is a point at which decisions can be taken, either to escalate a confrontation, or to draw back and seek reconciliation.

Is it not ironic that at a time when nations across the world are united in commemoration and regret that within our very own small community we find ourselves embroiled in issues which have now reached such a point as to lead to the resignation of our priest, together with a sorry trail of bitterness, damaged relationships and disrupted projects?

We are now at a point where so many people can conclude either to take steps or say things which would lead to an escalation, or to make a deliberate point of saying and doing things which apply balm to the wounds. There are choices to be made. Any one of us might be called upon to make them. Let us hope that we make the right ones. As the scale of this month's WW1 commemoration demonstrates, human beings do prefer to avoid conflict, and to seek peaceful outcomes. Perhaps this national commemoration will help us to put our own local issues into proper perspective and help us, on however small a scale, to show that resolution and reconciliation are far preferable to escalation. The prize of ultimate harmony is well worth it. The choice is ours.

Norman Porter.
Co-ordinating editor

EDITORIAL NEUTRALITY

Last month we recorded our decision to publish nothing further on the Café-Hub/ACH controversy until such time as it was moving towards a happy outcome. We applaud those who have taken steps to make such a happy outcome a more realistic possibility. It is highly regrettable that the controversy has led to the resignation of our priest, but that, sadly is a measure of the level of conflict. There are many in the Benefice who are deeply upset about the resignation of Rev Celia Cook, particularly those villages who have not been in any way involved in the matter. However, in evolving circumstances we now judge it proper to publish two further items relating to the Café-Hub and the sale of the ACH. We trust that balance has now been restored, and that we can move forward with greater confidence, and in the spirit of our editorial.

THE FUTURE

It has been difficult in recent months to maintain both neutrality and balance in terms of coverage of the ACH/Café-Hub issue. Such have been the pressures that your editorial team has been very close to resigning from the production of the Magazine. We cannot ourselves judge the extent to which we have been successful in maintaining our neutral stance, so welcome feedback, both positive and negative from our readers.

Please register your views by emailing fynnlarknews@gmail.com. The weight of opinion expressed will determine whether this Magazine will continue into 2019. Non-returns are assumed to be relatively content!

SHOULD WE REMEMBER THEM?

November 1918, at 11 a.m. on the eleventh day of the eleventh month, the guns of World War 1, The Great War, fell silent. After more than 4 years, during which over 20 million young men were killed and twice that number were either wounded or missing, peace reigned for the first time. Either by chance or design a world pandemic occurred and killed a further 50 million. At the time when the League of Nations was formed to penalise the "losers", little did Europe and the USA think that millions more would suffer in 20 years' time. Now, 100 years later, we bow our heads to commemorate the bravery and futility of what happened, and it is just as important that we do so today, in recognition that those who gave their lives, all those many and subsequent years ago, did so, in order that we could live today in peace. I would therefore like you to reflect upon the immediate period after The Great War ended and the actual events that led to "The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior" and the building of the Cenotaph in Whitehall, past which those remaining soldiers, sailors and airmen of later wars, proudly march.

In 1919 the 1st anniversary of the ending of the war was for many, a joyous occasion. The then Cenotaph was made of wood, bands played, soldiers marched, people sang, and the country celebrated in style. However, the realisation of the true cost of the war was soon acknowledged and the need to commemorate rather than celebrate, resulted in a major change of mood. The idea of a Tomb of the Unknown Warrior was first conceived by the Rev. David Railton, who, while serving as chaplain on the Western Front had seen a grave, with a rough wooden cross, upon which was a pencilled legend "An Unknown British Soldier". In 1920 he wrote to the Dean of Westminster proposing that an unknown

British soldier from the battlefields of France, be buried with due ceremony in Westminster Abbey "amongst kings" to represent the many hundreds of thousands of Empire dead. Both the Dean and Prime Minister Lloyd George gave approval.

Lord Curzon prepared in committee, the service and location. The remains of six bodies from various battlefields were brought to the chapel at St Pol near Arras on the night of 7 November 1920. The bodies were received by the Rev. Kendall, Brigadier I.J. Wyatt and Lt Colonel E. Gell, all 3 went into the chapel alone. The remains were then placed in six plain coffins, each covered by Union Jack Flags. None of the 3 men present knew from which battlefield any individual soldier had come. Brig Wyatt, with closed eyes, rested his hand on one of the coffins, the other bodies were taken away and buried by Rev Kendall. The chosen coffin stayed at the chapel overnight under guard and in the afternoon, it was transferred, escorted by Rev Kendall, with troops lining the route from St Pol to the castle at Boulogne. There a company of the French 8th Infantry Regiment, recently awarded the Legion d'Honneur en masse, stood vigil overnight. The following morning the body was placed in a casket of Oak Timbers from Hampton Court Palace. The casket was banded with iron, and a medieval crusader's sword, chosen by the King was affixed to the top and surmounted by an iron shield bearing the inscription "A British Warrior who fell in The Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country"

The coffin was then placed onto a French Military Wagon, drawn by six black horses. At 10.30 a.m. all the bells of Boulogne tolled, the massed trumpets of the French Cavalry and the bugles of the French infantry played "Aux Champs" (the French Last Post). Then a mile-long procession, led by one thousand local schoolchildren and escorted by a division

of French troops, made its way down to the harbour. At the quayside, Marshal Foch saluted the casket before it was carried onto the destroyer HMS Verdun and piped aboard with an admiral's call. The "Verdun" slipped anchor and was joined by an escort of six battleships. As the flotilla closed on Dover Castle, it received a 19-gun Field Marshall's salute. Placed upon a waiting train, the body was taken to Victoria Station, where it arrived on Platform 8 at 8.32 pm that evening and remained overnight on Nov 10th. Every year a small Remembrance Service takes place by the blue plaque between platforms 8 and 9, at the time and date the body was received.

On the morning of Nov 11th, 1920, the



casket was placed on a gun carriage of the Royal Horse Artillery and drawn by six horses, through immense and silent crowds. The route followed was, Hyde Park Corner, the Mall and to Whitehall, where the rebuilt stone Cenotaph, a symbolic empty Tomb, was unveiled by King George V. The cortege was then followed by The King, the Royal Family and Ministers of State to Westminster Abbey, where the casket was borne into the West Nave flanked by a guard of 100 recipients of the Victoria Cross. The Guests of Honour were a group of about 100 women, chosen because each had lost their husband and all their sons in the war. The coffin was then interned in the far western end of the Nave, only a few feet from the entrance, it was buried in soil brought from each of the main battlefields and covered with a silk pall. Servicemen from the armed forces stood

guard as tens of thousands of mourners filed slowly past. Unlike the previous year's celebrations, the ceremony appears to have served as a form of catharsis for collective mourning on a scale not previously known.

The grave was then capped with black Belgian marble stone and is the only tombstone in the Abbey on which it is forbidden to walk. When, in 1923, Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon married the future King George VI, she laid her bouquet at the Tomb, on her way into the Abbey, as a tribute to her brother Fergus who had died at the Battle of Loos in 1915. Royal brides married at the Abbey now have their bouquets laid there the day after the wedding. Before she died in 2002, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, who first laid her wedding bouquet at the tomb, expressed her wish for her wreath to be placed on The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. Her daughter, Queen Elizabeth II laid the wreath the day after the funeral.

It is a fact that many in the Great War, were just machine gun and artillery fodder carrying out orders issued by Generals, some distance from the battlefield itself. Whole Towns and villages suffered grievous losses as their "Pals" Battalions were slaughtered in 1916. Then, in the Second World War, our armed forces took the brunt of Hitler's quest for world domination, which resulted in, for the first time, the civilian population suffering on a scale previously unknown, as new technology improved the ability to kill. Thankfully, since 1945 the threat to our country has not been invasion, but at the cost of lives in Malaya 350, Korea, 865, the Canal Zone 181, N. Ireland 719, Falklands 255 and to these sacrifices, we must add those killed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Should we remember those who gave their lives? or should we forget them?

We have many to thank. We must never forget; We must remember them; WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM!

Roger Roseboom

POSTHUMOUS PROFILES - Arthur and Wilfred Mutimer

We publish this memory, as we publish the Boggis story, in order to give a personal dimension to statistics of fatalities which are sometimes too overpowering for us to grasp. May this individual tribute to Arthur be symbolic of the deaths of all those who died in the course of World War One, plucked from our villages and from across the land.



Arthur Mutimer



Arthur Mutimer, one of the two Mutimers named on the Great Bealings War Memorial, is the great uncle of Francis Mutimer, of Little Bealings. Arthur died in hospital of 'sickness' on 13th May 1918, just two days after his 19th birthday, while serving in northern France. The official record of his death states that he died of Emphysema. A visit to the Record office in Ipswich yielded more information, in the form of an announcement of his death in the *Suffolk Chronicle and Mercury* newspaper dated 31st May 1918. Francis assumes that the announcement below was placed by Arthur's grieving parents.

Death whilst in service.

On May 13th at No 10 Stationary Hospital, St Omer, France. Rifleman Arthur E (Jack) Mutimer, Irish Rifles, aged 19 years.

Youngest dearly loved son of Mr and Mrs E W Mutimer of Great Bealings.

***We often sit and think, dear one
And wonder how you died
With no one near who loved you
Before you closed your eyes
If we could have held his dying head
And heard his last farewell
It would not have been so hard to part
With one we loved so well.***

From his sorrowing Mother, Father, Brothers (in France) and Sister.

Francis challenges us all to imagine what this must have been like at the time for his Great Grandparents, Edward and Kate Mutimer. With all four of their sons serving in France during the conflict, they had already received the news of the death of their third son, Wilfred, killed in action the previous year, on 21st April 1917. Wilfred was born 30th December 1895 in Great Bealings.

He was the third of the four sons of Edward and Kate Mutimer of Boot Street



Wilfred Mutimer



In 1911, at the age of 15, Wilfred was working as a gardener. Wilfred enlisted in the Suffolk Regiment, 11th Battalion during the war. During the Battle of Arras, the 11th Battalion were involved in a raid on the Chemical Works at Roeux, near Arras. The assault was delivered at 4:25 A.M. and to quote the Divisional commander, General Nicholson *"It began badly, continued badly, and ended worse."* The barrage was inaccurate and at the time of the assault the enemy machine guns were highly active. The 11th Battalion lost 103 men during the raid on the Chemical Works that day. The site of the former Chemical Works is near the railway at Roeux station and is now occupied by a Carrefour shop and petrol station. Wilfred is buried in Brown's Copse cemetery, between Roeux and Fampoux.

This was followed by the news, later the same year, that their second son, Reg, had been awarded the Military Medal for bravery for his actions as a stretcher bearer, rescuing several wounded soldiers under enemy fire, on 26th September 1917.

Wilfred and Arthur are remembered on the memorial opposite Great Bealings church. The name Mutimer is the only one which appears twice on the list of those who were lost.

Contributed by Francis Mutimer



HISTORY CORNER

The Boggis family

As we commemorate the end of WW1 most people will have in their heads images of the trenches and of the horrors of the land war and of the hundreds of miles of trenches that ran from the Channel all the way down to Switzerland. But there was also a war at sea, and that, as well as the war on land, impacted on the Boggis family, one of the great extended families of Bealings. When the ambulance ship *Warilda* was sunk by torpedoes on August 14th 1918 one of the 123 lives lost was that of William Arthur Boggis.



The Boggis family originated in West Suffolk. Frederick George was the first of the family to move to Bealings. Their eldest son, *Frederick Willie* was landlord of The Boot until the mid-1930s, and also started up a haulage business, first with horses only and then with steam traction engines and lorries – he also owned a few acres of land on the corner of Boot Street and Holly Lane, and was a miller and pork butcher too.

He had three children. *Frederick George*

lived at The Boot Inn at the time of the First World War. He fought at the Battle of Jutland and survived. He moved to Little Bealings and was landlord of the Admiral's Head. He too started a haulage business and was village blacksmith for a while. The second son was *William Arthur*. He enlisted to serve in WW1, and served in France and Flanders. He was wounded in action in 1918 and was torpedoed on the *SS Marilda* in the English Channel, while being sent home wounded. The third son, *Walter Charles*, enlisted in the Royal Artillery. He gave his age as 19, but was actually 15. He served in France until 1916, when he was discharged for being under-age. Later, at the age of 18 he re-enlisted in the Rifle Brigade. He joined up again in WW2 in September 1939 and joined the Royal Army Service Corps. He died in 1954, still relatively young, asthmatic, perhaps because of WW1 gas.

The family, like so many others, dispersed, around the world, but this month, November 2018, one hundred years after the end of the war, seems an appropriate month, not only for remembering how that one family was once rooted in this area, but also, how that one family, again typical of so many others, was affected by that war. We remember them now, at this time of commemoration, as symbolic of so many others.



BATTLE'S

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A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

GREAT BEALINGS BEACONS OF LIGHT ARMISTICE COMMEMORATION

**An invitation to all residents of Great
Bealings and of other parishes in the
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11TH NOVEMBER AT 6.00PM - KILN LANE MEADOW

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A rocket for each name on the War Memorial

**The Parish Council and the PCC invite you to join us on this historic
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Programme

6.00 BBQ starts

**6.40 The sound of an artillery barrage will be broadcast,
ending at 6.45**

**6.45 Names of the fallen will read out, followed by two
readings of commemoration**

6.55 Bugler sounds Last Post, followed by 2 minutes silence

7.00 Rockets set off and bonfire lit

7.05 Church bells ring out

- Bring wet weather gear and a torch.
- Parking in the church car park - flares to mark the route onto the field - you are advised to walk.
- No parking on the field itself.
- Donations to cover drinks and the BBQ – any profit will be donated to the Royal British Legion.
- Collecting buckets will be available on the night.
- Bad weather Plan B: as far as possible transferred to St Mary's, Great Bealings.

Contacts:

To say you're coming: (for refreshments purposes) - Norman Porter
nhp@rillcott.co.uk **You are urged to do this by November 7th.**

To volunteer to help: Charles Barrington
charles.barrington@ardachy.com

DIARY - WHAT'S ON

November

Sunday 11th 6.00 pm Commemoration End of World War 1
Kiln Lane Meadow, Great Bealings

December

Sunday 2nd 7.30 pm The Nightingale Wind Quintet
St Mary's Great Bealings

Friday 21st 7.30 pm Sing Christmas
Bealings Village Hall

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

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

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We published the September item on saving the Angela Cobbold Hall together with the Cafe-Hub Committee's statement of corrections herewith in good faith. Both views are contributed in all sincerity. Where there are possible disparities we have to leave it to readers to decide. The statement about progress on the purchase of the ACH is hopefully a strong pointer towards a happy outcome.

CORRECTIONS TO THE RECORD ON THE SALE OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL AND THE CAFEHUB PROJECT

While we want the Newsletter to continue to be a valuable resource for information about our 4 villages, we need to correct recent factual errors.

1. No representation was made to delay the ACH sale until the CafeHub was "completed", other than an unauthorised statement made by a PCC member at a Parish Council Meeting. The unanimously approved Parochial Church Council (PCC) minutes stated that "We will not start any work until we have the necessary funds to pay for them, but we would like to find a way to open up the Church to group activities in a welcoming setting as soon as *is feasible*."

2. The January 23rd PCC meeting was not "greatly reduced" and not missing "several members" – five out of six voting members were present, and all voting PCC members were correctly entered onto the electoral roll by our Electoral Roll Officer following the April Annual Meeting

3. The 8 resignations from the PCC over the course of the past 4 years were for a variety of reasons, both personal and professional, and not due to its management.

4. The Viridor information has not been shared with PCC members due to repeated violations of confidentiality by some members of the PCC. However, everyone has been made aware of the terms of the grant letter.

5. The initial intention was to use the ACH sale proceeds for the Church's maintenance. However, in order to honour the Trust's purpose ("*for charitable purposes or to promote the Spiritual,*

Moral, Intellectual or Physical Improvement or Welfare or reasonable recreation, advantage or benefit of the Parishioners of Little Bealings") the advice was to use the funds for the CafeHub project, including necessary repairs and upgrades to the building. On this point, we believe all are in agreement.

6. It was first proposed that the Hall be sold in 2000. Out of kindness to the users, the sale has been repeatedly delayed. A potential Community Asset application proposed at the October 2017 Parish Council Meeting was supported by both Revd Celia Cook and Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend in attendance.

7. The Priest in Charge had been advised by the Diocesan Registrar to put the Hall on the market for a 4-week period with sealed bids. The advice of the Acting Diocesan Registrar was *not* sanctioned by the Rural Dean, the Archdeacon, the Diocesan Registrar or the Bishops. It was reviewed and rejected by a majority of PCC members before voting on the continued sale of the Hall.

8. As evidenced by an ad in the same September Newsletter as the article, the ACH has not been closed and is available for short lets during the sale period. The Acting Diocesan Registrar instructed the Priest in Charge to recover the keys from the caretakers due to a conflict of interest with potential buyers. We are sincerely grateful for all that Vicki and Peter Carr have done for our community and wish them well in their stewardship of the ACH.

9. We are not sure why such a threatening statement is made at the end of the article proposing a village meeting “to give greater information on why the envisaged CafeHub project has major problems in both its financial and usage assumptions”. The business plan was developed by a start-up expert, reviewed by major historical societies, the Diocese and the Chancellor and approved by the PCC, including an independent audit by a qualified financial expert.

10. It is sad that the PCC does not have sufficient on-going funds to run and maintain two aging buildings and to treat them both with the respect that they deserve. For this reason the majority of PCC members remain in favour of a sale.

In summary, we believe that the editors are not to blame for the misstatements that were published, and we understand

the affection that some villagers have for the ACH. We do, however, strenuously object to those who seek to spread malicious lies and undo the hard work of those who want to keep the Church going and create a community resource. We also strongly oppose publishing anything anonymously and hope that this will not happen again.

We look forward to putting aside differences and working together for the good of our Village, which we all love. We are grateful to Norman Porter for his leadership and his willingness to do all he can to calm the waters and correct the record. We wish the Newsletter continued success as a vital conduit for information about the Benefice and its residents.

*Reverend Celia Cook
Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend,
Secretary, PCC*

AN UPDATE ON THE “VILLAGE PURCHASE” OF THE ANGELA COBBOLD HALL

Thanks to the wonderful support we received from a large number of donors, we were able to achieve our target of £60K for the purchase of the Hall. At a PCC meeting on 17th October, the PCC agreed unanimously to support our offer, subject to the strict condition of an exchange of contracts by 30th October. This condition was accepted by STACH (Save the Angela Cobbold Hall) Team.

Sadly, one of our principal donors had a most unfortunate serious accident, which resulted in hospitalisation. More happily the prospects for recovery are good, but the consequences have been that it has been impossible to meet the PCC’s deadline for exchange on 30th Oct. and we advised Rev. Cook accordingly. We were advised by our donor’s solicitors to delay the exchange of contracts to confirm our donor’s recovery. A period of 3 weeks was suggested, i.e. 20 November, as an extension to the PCC’s

deadline.

We are aware that the PCC’s present lack of funds presents a problem to the progress of the Café/Hub project, but trust that the PCC will be mindful of our present inability to exchange, in line with advice received. We are seeking to lodge the sum of £12,000 with Birketts, solicitors, as a token of good faith, and very much hope that an extension will be agreed.

Separate to this we are setting up a Charitable Trust so that qualified donors can Gift Aid their donations to the benefit of the Angela Cobbold Hall. Once completion of our purchase is achieved we shall then detail how we intend to improve the Hall’s facilities to the benefit of our Village Community.

*Roger Roseboom
STACH Team
(Save the Angela Cobbold Hall)*

NATURE NOTES

In praise of Grass

We tend to take grass for granted. But then along comes an extended drought and great bare, brown patches appear in our lawns and we realise we can't always be sure that it will grow back again. Apparently grass-seed sales went through the roof in September/October as repair work began. Life without grass is, or would be, rather colourless.

Grass, as a multi-species, is more complex than we think. Yes, it comprises those common grasses used to cover [lawns](#) and other places, but it also includes [sedges](#), [rushes](#), reeds, [cereals](#), [bamboo](#), sugar-cane, cereals - [corn](#), [wheat](#), [barley](#), [oats](#), [rice](#) and [millet](#) – rather useful for making bread, [beer](#), [whisky](#), thatch, [paper](#) and so on.



Grasses are an important food for many herbivorous [animals](#), like [deer](#), [buffalo](#), [cattle](#), [mice](#), [grasshoppers](#), [caterpillars](#), and many other [grazers](#). Unlike other plants, grasses grow from the bottom, so when animals eat grass they usually don't destroy the part that grows. We can all envisage those wonderful grasslands – prairies, savanna, steppes, home to herds of grazing animals. Many of the dinosaurs were herbivorous too. Grass is a valuable source of food and energy for so many animals. Grasses can grow in all sorts of

forms, in all sorts of habitats.

Most of our sports pitches are based on grass. People use bamboo to build houses, fences, furniture and other things. Grass plants can also be used as [fuel](#), to cover [roofs](#), and to [weave baskets](#). When it grows sturdily in our gardens, we may moan about having to cut it all too regularly, but maybe this very dry summer should remind us that grass is not only a central part of our landscape, but it also serves a wide variety of uses. There are not many arid summers standing between the greenness of grass, and the brown of a desert, so let's enjoy it, and appreciate it – the green, green grass of home.

BEALINGS WI

Bealings WI meets on the 3rd Thursday of every month in the village hall.

At these meetings there is always a guest speaker. The subjects vary tremendously and are always very interesting. The speaker in September told us all about renovating old books and how this is done providing samples of his work and the materials used. In October we welcome Chris Parfitt who will tell us about the Isles of Scilly.

Outside of the monthly meetings, visits are arranged to a variety of places from Dunwich Flora tearooms for their wonderful Fish and Chips to newly discovered garden centres. Members are also welcomed into homes for coffee and chat providing a chance to catch up with people whilst the hostess makes the coffee.

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ST MARY'S

Sadly, we are now about to enter another Interregnum. The reasons for this, as most readers will know, are complex, with much that is to be regretted. We can but look back with sadness at what has gone wrong, but with gratitude to Celia for the many things that have gone right. Her well-attended final service gave us the opportunity to reflect back on the many good things that have happened during Celia's ministry with us, and to thank her for all that she has contributed to the life of our parish, its celebrations, its commemorations, its times of grief and its spiritual well-being. We wish her and her family well as they move towards the next chapter in their lives.

Now we, as a parish have to move forward without her, firstly to ensure that the framework of activities in our church remains intact during the inter-regnum and also to rebuild the future. Thanks to our Rural Dean, almost all services across the Benefice have been covered up until the end of the year. Do keep an eye open for possible enforced changes. We are very grateful to Rev. Clare Sanders for that, and do ask everyone to be warmly welcoming to those who have kindly agreed to take our services.

LOOKING BACK

The main event, referred to above, was our farewell service for Rev Celia Cook. Some 40 people attended the service, which was scheduled as a family communion service, but which assumed a significance way beyond that. At the end of the service, Churchwarden Norman Porter thanked Celia for her support of the many happy events that had occurred during the course of her ministry: the 500th anniversary of the birth of Thomas

Seckford, our Creative Arts Festival, the completion of some £140,000 worth of restoration work, her work with young families, a joyful confirmation service with Bishop Mike, her support for the promotion of the churchyard as a wildlife area. Particularly poignant had been the funeral service for Andrew Keep, an occasion which brought together hundreds of mourners from across the generations, and which symbolized the inclusiveness of Celia's ministry.

In conclusion he said that her three and a half years with us had been witness to much that had been good and joyful, whether it has been celebrating the past, nurturing our Christian faith in the present or building for the future. A small gift was the presented to Celia "from all your friends in Great Bealings".

The congregation then enjoyed extended conversations over refreshments.

CHURCHYARD

Sunday November 11th

The Benefice Remembrance Service for this very special year, 100 years after the end of WW1, is being held in our church, so we need to ensure that everything, inside is in good order. Your churchwarden attended a meeting of the Parish Council and ways were explored as to how the PCC and Parish Council could combine their efforts to ensure that the parish beacon commemoration of the end of World War 1 will be an event matching the importance of the commemoration. See separate item.

CLEANING AND CHURCHYARD TEAM

Prior to the special remembrance Service on 11th November we need to ensure that the church and churchyard, together with the area around the War Memorial is in tip-top condition. We are therefore

organizing a comprehensive working party on the morning of Saturday 10th November, starting at 9.00. Do please contact Norman or Virginia Porter if you are prepared to give up an hour or so of your Saturday morning to help. Coffee will be served at 11.00, and, depending on numbers, provision will be made for a ploughman's lunch at 1.00. We look forward to seeing as many helpers as possible – not only to get the work done, but also to enjoy a productive social occasion.

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

Some parishioners will have been aware of the difficulty of combining the position of Churchwarden with that of editing this Magazine. Allegiances are divided, firstly, as churchwarden, towards the village church and parish priest, secondly as editor of the magazine, towards the community as a whole, a position which requires a delicate neutrality on community issues.

The allegiance towards our church has, hopefully, been total, and will continue to be so. The second allegiance has been more difficult, as our Benefice has been involved in a controversy which has divided our community. As a magazine, we have tried to remain neutral. Your churchwarden is on record as having been in favour of the objective – see the item “View from the other side of the Bridge” in a previous issue, but, as editor, has had to publish conflicting views as to how the objective should be achieved. He has done his best in challenging circumstances, but apologises for where and when the problem of split allegiance has caused upset.

Churchwarden

PARISH COUNCIL

SUMMARISED NOTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 16th OCTOBER
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FINANCE AND ADMIN

Two cheques were signed for Village Sign insurance and the purchase of bulbs by the Parish Planters

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th November at 7.00pm

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

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FRIENDS OF GREAT BEALINGS CHURCH

Sunday December 2nd - The Nightingale Wind Quintet.

The Quintet will be providing a programme of seasonal music, interspersed with appropriate readings to allow the performers to get their breath back. We look forward to celebrating the start of the Christmas season by welcoming the performers to St Mary's and warmly invite as many as can make it to join us for music and interval refreshments at 7.30 pm.

Tickets are available from Norman Porter @£8, £10 on the night, but we would far prefer to have a good idea of numbers in advance so as to cater appropriately. Please phone 01473 735565 or email nhp@rillcott.co.uk if you would like to support us. Programmes will be available on the night.

The Nightingale Quintet were the support group to the Giippeswyk Singers last year, and made an excellent impression then, so much so that we were urged to

invite them back. This we have done, so do come and join us.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday May 11th 2019 - Return of Professor Jeremy Tambling.

May 12th 2019 – 4.00 pm. The Ipswich Hospital Band

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LIGHTS, LIGHTS, LIGHTS

As there have not been any requests for October, Margaret decided to shine the lights on St. Crispin's Day, 25 October. When Henry V beat the French at Agincourt in a sort of pre-warm up for Waterloo. They've never forgiven us since. I shall lift my glass to both Henry V, The Duke of Wellington and Teresa May who will hopefully complete a victorious trio. Number of years? You must be joking. Thankfully the tablets are still working and best of all, on my birthday, our daughter, Henrietta, who runs the Thursday Morning Breakfast Radio Show at U.E.A. will play my request "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen, also a new film now on release, that's what I call a great birthday present. You can hear it on Livewire 1350.

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CHURCHWARDEN

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NEWS FROM ALL SAINTS

The Autumn season really shows off the beauty of our little corner of Suffolk – while the weather gets a bit chillier, there are still so many blue skies and sunny days – it's no wonder we all have a spring in our step even though the days are getting shorter! We were delighted to celebrate the Harvest Festival at Little Bealings Church on September 15th. The hymns were sung with gusto and the flowers were exceptional and really showed how beautiful our little church is. We are also very happy to have so much light filling the Church as a result of the removal of the old organ. The temporary organ fits well into the church and sounds very good. Thanks as ever to Jane Hartley for accompanying the parishioners gathered together and to Peter Kidd for leading the sidepeople and supervising the bell ringing – even letting some of the children who attended ring them “just for fun”.

We are so very sorry to see Reverend Celia Cook leave the Benefice last month. She was overwhelmed by the numerous letters, phone calls and emails of support she has received as well as 5 farewell events and services when so many people expressed their sincere thanks for all she has given. We wish her well and look forward to her visiting when the CafeHub is open!

ANGELA COBBOLD HALL SALE

Five bids were received and we are moving forward with the community bid led by Roger Roseboom and the Save the Angela Cobbold Hall (STACH) Team. By the time you read this article, we hope that contracts will have been exchanged and a final completion imminent. We hope that this sale will resolve some of the

discord that has occurred as a result of the sale of the Hall and wish the STACH team well in its stewardship.

CAFEHUB UPDATE

The PCC has approved the phasing plan, which will allow us to develop the project in 3 phases: the votes were 4 in favour (Rev Cook, Dick Cook, Corinne Fear and Tony Fear) with Bob Tate and Jim Pawsey abstaining (Helen Clarkson-Fieldsend and Gill Peck do not vote since they are co-opted members. The first phase will entail removing most of the pews (retaining 10 for worship and the Café), making the flooring good with similar bricks, replacing the boilers with a woodburner, and laying pipes for conventional fan heaters. We will endeavour to keep the Church open throughout the work, but there may be occasions that we will have to close for health and safety reasons.

The second phase will cover needed repairs and updates to electrical work, plumbing, drainage and the installation of a projector and screen for talks and films, and the third phase will allow installation of the kitchen, purchase of the chamber organ and repair of the path leading to the church. All of this is, of course, dependent on funding and we hope to have approximately 60% in hand by the end of the year. We will also be having regular fundraising activities in the Church once the first phase is complete, since we will have the flexible space we need for social meetings, toddler groups, concerts, art shows and more!

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Here in this benefice, Private Charles Mower was one of very few who returned wounded and was then interred in the United Kingdom. There will be a short service of readings and prayers at his graveside concluding with the laying of a poppy wreath at his headstone and the Last Post.

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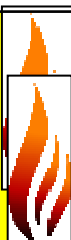
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ST MARY'S

REVEREND CELIA COOK

Just under fifty people attended Celia Cook's last service at Playford Church on Sunday 14th of October. It was both a joyful yet sad occasion. But spirits were lifted when the children presented Celia with a bouquet of flowers and she was also presented with a small present on behalf of the PCC and the



congregation.

A cake was made by Jos Saunders for the occasion and I must say it was magnificent and beautifully decorated. Many an admirer. Thank you Jos.

AMENDMENT

There is a small change to the notice sheet that was distributed that day. The Christmas Day service will now start at 0900 and not 1000 as stated.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

We have the Playford services mapped out until the end of the year. You will understand, I am sure, that compromises have had to be made in the short term but the Churchwardens of the benefice are getting together soon to map out the future services.

VOLUNTEERS

In the new year we will be looking for the odd volunteer to help keep services and the church alive in Playford. Don't be shy in coming forward when the time comes, they will not be onerous tasks.

*Colin Hedgley
Churchwarden*

PLAYFORD W.I.

In September some residents of Playford may have seen groups of ladies walking and taking notes around Playford. We were making the most of our summer evenings and having a treasure hunt cum geocache adventure.

At our 95th.birthday meeting in October... yes 95 years and we hope to make it to 100 years, we celebrated by holding an indoor kurling event which we all found very enjoyable. Followed naturally by savouries and a birthday cake.

Next month, November, is our AGM when our speaker will be Peter Carr, on spinning.

*Sue Bruce
Secretary*

Binky is away on holiday.—Ed.

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ST. BOTOLPH'S

REVEREND CELIA COOK

Sunday 21st October saw the final service conducted by the Reverend Celia Cook. There were more people in attendance than usual which reinforced the fact that, during her time in the Benefice, Celia has been held in high regard. Whilst we remain saddened by the events surrounding her decision to retire, we are pleased to learn that she will be continuing her Ministry elsewhere. Churchwarden Guy Hartfall spoke on behalf of us all and presented Celia with an appropriate gift with our grateful thanks for all she has done for both churchgoers and residents alike. Churchwarden Richard Garnham also handed Celia a flower arrangement and leaving card. A short time amongst us, we shall miss her Ministry, her friendship and leadership but wish Celia and her family all good wishes for the future.

WE ARE NOW IN AN INTERREGNUM.

An interregnum is the period which lapses before the appointment of another Minister. Whilst such decisions respecting appointments are taken on our behalf, services continue as normal. Already our Rural Dean, Clare Sanders of St. Mary's, Grundisburgh, has arranged for visiting Clergy to cover the services at St. Botolph's.

BUSINESS AS USUAL?

Nothing should change in the interim. Ecclesiastical law provides for our Churchwardens, Richard Garnham and Guy Hartfall to take charge of all matters relating to the running of the Church and the Parochial Church Council continues to make decisions in the best interests of the Church and its community. Whilst an interregnum is not an ideal situation, we are grateful to those members of the Clergy who have agreed to take the services on

our behalf and welcome the distinct interpretation they bring to their Ministry.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETINGS

Church law provides that the Rural Dean officiates at Annual General Meetings and this has already been agreed for the 14th April 2019.

NEW ELECTORAL ROLL

Next year also sees the preparation of the New Electoral Roll and it may be opportune to ask that, if you are over 16 years and have been baptized, you kindly give some thought to being on the Church Electoral Roll. Nominations will be sought by individual letter (subject to recent Data Protection Rules) and whatever decisions are made in respect of the Church we promise to keep you advised.

THE PATRONAGE OF CHURCHGOERS AND RESIDENTS

This has always been appreciated and without which the Church would have long gone into decline. Your support is perhaps needed more at this present time and if we can increase the numbers on our Electoral Roll then the adage 'strength in numbers' will demonstrate to any prospective Incumbent that they have the support of the Community they seek to serve. It will also show we have a community which cares about the future of Church.

Our Benefice profile is an attractive one and if we can keep the Church open and welcoming we hope to encourage applicants to move to this lovely part of the Country to minister amongst us.

Details of Churchwardens Richard and Guy are contained within this publication should you wish to contact them. Once again, on behalf of Churchwardens and P.C.C. members, may we extend our grateful thanks for your continued support.

Margaret Gornall, Secretary

CHURCH & BENEFICE NEWS

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Bishop Martin represented Archbishop Justin Welby at an anniversary celebration of the Anglican Church in Hong Kong. Some 3000 people attended the Thanksgiving Eucharist. Although the church in the Province is just 20 years old, the church has had a presence there for over 150 years. Bishop Martin, presenting greetings from the Archbishop of Canterbury, described it as an immense privilege to be part of the celebration.

Picture: Bishop Martin Seeley, on the left,



in the middle is his host, the Archbishop of Hong Kong, the Most Revd Paul Kwong, and on the right, the preacher at the service, the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Revd Josiah Idowu-Fearon.

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CHURCH DIARY – NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2018

It has been a complex operation to put this schedule together, so there may be inaccuracies. Please keep an eye on church notice boards and on the email news service for possible amendments. We are immensely grateful to our Rural Dean, Rev Clare Sanders, who has helped to put all this together. Also to those who have so kindly agreed to provide this cover.

Sunday 4th

10.00 am Family Communion, *Dr John Hare* **Great Bealings**

Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday

10.00 am Benefice Remembrance Service, *Rev Peter Wintgens*

4.00 pm Messy Play **Great Bealings**
Little Bealings

Sunday 18th

10.00 pm Holy Communion, *Dr John Hare* **Little Bealings**

3.00 pm Evensong, *James Hall* **Culpho**

Wednesday 21st

9.30 am Holy Communion, *Rev Peter Wintgens* **Culpho**

Sunday 25th Christ the King

10.00 Stir up Sunday - all ages, *Rev Canon Sally Gaze* **Playford**

December

Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent

10.00 Family Communion, *Dr John Hare* **Great Bealings**

Sunday 9th Second Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Family Communion, *Rev Peter Wintgens* **Playford**

Sunday 16th Third Sunday of Advent

10.00 am Carol Service, *Dr John Hare* **Little Bealings**

3.00 pm Carol Service, *James Hall* **Culpho**

6.00 pm Carol Service **Great Bealings**

Wednesday 19th

9.30 am Holy Communion, *Rev Peter Wintgens* **Culpho**

Sunday 23rd Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.00 pm Carol Service, crib, posada, *Rev Canon Sally Gaze* **Playford**

Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00 pm Crib Service, *Dr John Hare* **Little Bealings**

11.15 pm Midnight Communion, *Rev Canon Sally Gaze* **Great Bealings**

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00 am Family Communion, *Rev Canon Sally Gaze* **Playford**

Sunday 30th First Sunday after Christmas

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	VH	Tue 7.30	<i>Teresa Jay 07929310480</i>
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DANCE CLASS	VH	Tue 9.30 a.m. Fri 9.30 a.m.	<i>Debbie Watkins-Jones 403513</i>
FRESH FISH		Thu am Little Bealings top road: noon Playford: p.m. Great Bealings	<i>Catherine 07971970836</i>
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