

potential there is to improve it in the future

With your help, the fundraising has got off to a great start. We have two more events planned for 2006 - please come along and support us at the 'Curry 'n Quiz' Night on September 22 and the Casino/Auction of Promises on November 18 - both will be held in the Village Hall.

Friday 22nd September  
BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

*Come to a fun*

### QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

in aid of  
Bealings Playing Field  
Refurbishment

**Quiz starts at 7.30pm**  
**Licensed Bar**  
**Chicken and Vegetable**  
**Curries**

**All for £7.50**

*Tickets from Sally Johnson at  
Bealings Post Office or Malcolm  
Watson on 614855*

If you have suggestions for fund-raising events please contact me on 614855 *Malcolm Watson*

Saturday 18th November 7.30pm  
BEALINGS VILLAGE HALL

### CASINO NIGHT and AUCTION of PROMISES **Licensed Bar**

A ticket for £10 buys you betting chips for blackjack, roulette and Horseracing (videos)

**Prize for the most chips at the end of the evening.**

**Auction lots include—**500 litres of heating oil, preparation of legal wills, ride in a racing car.

*To offer auction promises, please ring Malcolm Watson on 614855  
Or email malx@malx.co.uk*



*Tour de Bealings*

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# JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD

## AHEAD OF THE GAME

In 2012 London will host the Olympic Games. Suffolk will be a prime location in preparation for the events and it should reap some of the greatest gains outside the capital. Lord Coe, the bid chairman, promises a Games where magic happens and is a vision of inspiration and a legacy for future generations. There will be lots of opportunities that will give young people a real chance to engage in the project. Local recreational areas will be popular with inspired and enthusiastic young people and many others from a much wider age range. The Playing Field project will put Bealings ahead of the game.

*Ferial Evans*

## JOHN BELSTEAD

The project team is proud to announce that John Belstead's sister, Jill Ganzoni, has given her blessing to the new name. The Project has benefited from a most generous donation of £35,000 from the John Belstead Trust. A former leader of the House of Lords and Lord



Lieutenant of Suffolk, this son of the Suffolk soil was a resident of Gt. Bealings. He loved his home and he farmed

in the area. John Belstead's name has another reason for being very appropriate. Throughout his life, he was a keen sports enthusiast with a particular passion for tennis. He served as chairman of Suffolk Playing Fields Association, president of Felixstowe Lawn Tennis Club and president of the Suffolk Lawn Tennis Association. He played tennis for the county, and was a member of the All-England Lawn Tennis Club and the MCC.



*11th June: Raring to go*

**The Team :** Eric Barnett, Jenny Shaw, Julian Haywood Smith, Roger Roseboom, Malcolm Watson, Keith Beaumont, Margaret Wilson, Charles Barrington, Rick Kerry, Jim Newbold, Sally Johnson, Ferial Evans .

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## PLANS GET GO-AHEAD

On 20th July, Suffolk Coastal District Council's Development Control Committee gave consent to the plans for the Playing Field. This has paved the way for us to apply for major grants. (More on this in the next issue)

We also have expressions of support from both Great Bealings and Little Bealings Parochial Church Councils



***THE VISION***

## NEW CHAIRMAN: V.H.M.C.

Roger Roseboom, major fund-raiser for the Playing Field, has been appointed as Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.



## PATH LINKING GREAT AND LITTLE BEALINGS

We are a step closer to having a safe pathway linking the Lower Street area of Great Bealings and Little Bealings.

After Mr. Rolfe's kind agreement to allow a permissive path on his

land, we are pleased to announce that Little Bealings Parish Council has been successful in securing an agreement with SCC to take responsibility for creating and maintaining the permissive path. All that remains now is for the parties to work out the terms of the licence agreement.

## YOUNG PEOPLE VOTE

We were thrilled that 50 children took the opportunity to vote for their 3 favourite pieces of play equipment at Fun on the Field. The results are:

1<sup>st</sup> **Pendulum with Cage** 39 votes (pictured). 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Climbing Wall** 32 votes and 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Birds Nest Swing**. 31 votes.



Duncan Bathgate then allowed us to consult with the school and they added other favourites such as **Giro Spiral** and **Spica bouncers**. Through these two consultations we have been able to develop the ideas in particular for the Play Area for Ages 5-12. With the Aerial Cableway and the Toddler Area, our design is ready for

making grant applications. Watch this space for more news.

## FUND RAISING NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone for a very successful first six months of fundraising for the Playing Field. Through snow at the first car wash, soaked by Spring showers and into the scorching June heat, volunteers have scrubbed, biked and worked their way to an impressive total. So far, the five car washing sessions on the first Saturday of the month, have raised a fantastic total of £552.50. After a two month



*Observe the Highway Code*

break (plenty of time to let the grime build up) the car washes will be back on October 7. The sponsored bike ride and 'Fun on the Field' on June 11 represented a huge communal effort. Urged on and watched over by marshals around a grueling two mile circuit, more than sixty cyclists covered a total of almost 400 miles in just 90 minutes. As this newsletter goes to press, the bike riders have raised a brilliant total of £683.01.

From the finish line it was a short stroll to the Field, which came to life with food, drink, music and amusements provided by a hard-working and committed team of volunteers. There was the father and son who slept out in the beer tent to ensure that the barrel of ale was in perfect condition - as indeed it was. Barbecuers who braved scorching heat to feed the hungry crowds. Face painters who never had a moment to rest their brushes. The cake-makers, goal-savers, all the stall-holders and many others who gave their time and energy before, during and after the event. There were many kind donations of prizes and there was much generous spending. The afternoon was rounded off by a very amicable Tug-of-War and a launch of 120 red balloons which were last seen heading towards Norfolk. In total we raised £850.00. THANK YOU ALL.

Fun on the Field also gave local residents a chance to see and discuss elements of the planned refurbishment with members of the 'Friends of Bealings Playing Field'.



*You look neat upon the seat of a bicycle made for two*