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# JOHN BELSTEAD PLAYING FIELD



*Aerial Cableway*

**FUNDS REACH £110,000  
WITH BIFFAWARD GRANT**

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# CHRONICLE

May	2007	Biffaward grant for £45,454 confirmed [stage 2]
April	2007	Aerial Cableway installation—opened 21st April
April	2007	Big Lottery Application—final submission
April	2007	Lord Belstead Charitable Trust donates a further £10,000
February	2007	Aerial Cableway ordered
January	2007	SCDC Community Grant £10,000 awarded for Project
January	2007	Full application submitted to Biffaward for National Panel
December	2006	Barclay's Bank PC donates £1,000
November	2006	Local Fund raising reaches £8,000
November	2006	Suffolk Foundation approves £1,000 grant for Trim Trail
November	2006	Local Network fund approves £7,000 grant for Aerial Cableway
September	2006	Parish Councils transfer donations to the Project [£5,000]
September	2006	Big Lottery approves the outline Project for submission to National charity
August	2006	Outline Business Plan complete
August	2006	Suffolk ACRE and Rural Action East approve outline Biffaward application
July	2006	SCDC grants Planning Permission
May	2006	Options appraisal complete
May	2006	Open Meeting confirms design and capital costs [£150,000]
May	2006	Lord Belstead charitable Trust pledges £35,000 for Sports Court, [stage 3]
March	2006	Little Bealings Parish council receives SCC Locality Grant £1,500
February	2006	Landscape Architect, Giles Hill appointed
November	2006	Open Meeting confirms requirements
March	2005	Great Bealings Parish Council receives SCC Locality Funds £1,500
January	2005	Joint Village Consultation by Questionnaire
June	2004	Feasibility Study complete
March	2004	Great Bealings Parish Council receives SCC Locality Funds £3,000
November	2003	Great Bealings Parish council proposes Project



*Lord Belstead Charitable Trust*



### **A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE**

All these organisations have shown their faith in this major project with their invaluable support and guidance. As you will note from the Chronicle on the opposite page, we have come a long way. Now we have reached a momentous milestone, the practical work begins. The aerial cableway, installed for a month now, heralded the impending appearance of the ground preparing equipment. We will not have to wait long before more play apparatus appears.

We read much about the need to reduce food miles; in this area we are going to reduce leisure miles. Local people will have a well-equipped play facility on their doorsteps.

These are indeed exciting times!



## AERIAL CABLEWAY

This first piece of equipment installed is proving to be an attraction. There is a significant rise in, mainly young, people visiting the playing field. I walk my dogs over there every day and previously it was invariably deserted but not anymore. To jump on the seat and zip down the wire is a source of safe and enjoyable entertainment.

I always have a ride myself when it is free. I propel myself down the line with some verve but still need to work up the momentum for the return!

Editor



## BIFFAWARD

The JBPF project team is indebted to Suffolk ACRE and Rural Action East for being guide and mentor in achieving the full grant of £45,454, for stage 2 of the project, which delivers play equipment.

This large injection into the coffers has boosted the fund to a magnificent £110,000.

*Only £45,000 to go folks*

Biffaward is a multi-million pound environment fund managed by Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, which uses landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services. The aim of Biffaward is to support projects that will be of lasting environmental benefit, improve quality of life and foster 'vibrant communities'. To date, nearly £85 million of Biffaward funding has been awarded to worthwhile projects across the UK. Funding is directed to projects that provide and improve public amenities for communities within ten miles of a Biffa operation. In addition, it funds projects that increase or maintain biodiversity. The fund offers three levels of support.

~ The Small Grant Scheme provides grants between £250 and £5,000 for projects that enable communities to improve local facilities and to conserve wildlife and habitats.

~ Main Grants Scheme offers grants between £5,001 and £500,000 for projects that provide and improve community facilities to act as mechanisms for recreation, sporting achievement life-long learning and community involvement. In addition, it supports projects that increase or maintain biodiversity

~ The Flagship Scheme offers grants between £150,000 to

£500,000 for larger projects that support regionally or nationally significant voluntary sector led regeneration or biodiversity projects to make a significant impact on the quality of life in the region.

For information, see our website: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org) or call 01636 670000

Biffaward operates a rolling programme of grant giving so applications can be submitted at any time.



investing in the environment

### **WORK BEGINS**

Levelling of the main playing field is underway. This will include the Toddler maze. Installation of toddler and main play equipment is planned for early August. It will not be long before apparatus numbers ten items.

### **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE**

To ensure that all this new equipment stays in good working order the project group has decided that a rota of volunteers will be formed so that daily inspection of the play ground can be made.

The original volunteers for this rota signed up as long as two years ago when the first consultations for the playing field took place. Having heard nothing for quite some time these kind souls had probably thought that they were not now required. No such luck folks! Your names are on a list and in due course, you will be asked to join a schedule that I will be putting together. The tasks will not be too taxing - a simple check to ensure that the equipment is still functioning properly and also to ensure that the playground is free of discarded and potentially dangerous rubbish. The good news is that it gives all the inspectors a valid excuse to have a go on the aerial cableway - just to check that it is still working of course!



So that all our volunteers know exactly what is expected a half day training course will be held for them by ROSPA. The course will be held on site at a date to be set when the equipment is in place. I will be in touch with the volunteer list in the near future.

Nigel Hall-Wright

## VILLAGE HALL GOLDEN JUBILEE

Since the playing field is part of the Village Hall estate it is an integral component in the Project. In the second phase, an annexe will be built on to it to provide essential changing rooms. Thus affairs of both, fiscally and otherwise are finely interwoven. The hall was constructed in 1957 to serve both Great and Little Bealings.

On 11th May that year an intrepid band of villagers saw their ambitions for a modern hall fulfilled when the opening ceremony took place. The total cost was £6,400, thanks to the fact that the footings were put in by the villagers themselves. Since then it has been the main venue for many societies and clubs and it has hosted many social occasions. It is still going strong and when the new Playing Field is established, new opportunities will arise for our community to socialise together and strengthen the village spirit that already exists. The committee is now examining the need for various improvements to the framework of the building. Bearing in mind that the existing structure is more or less the same as it was in 1957, one could certainly say that £6,400 was money well spent!

Sadly over the fifty years many of those involved have either moved or passed away. They were remembered fondly at the Jubilee Celebration on 12th May 2007.

## THE KING



*One for the money, two for the  
show, three to get ready,  
now go cat go.....*

In the afternoon, a large number of mature visitors came from near and far to enjoy old memories and faces that they had not seen for a number of years, both in the flesh and the photographic history on display in the snooker room. Photos came from a variety of sources, but pride of place must go to Jim Pawsey. Many conversations ensued fortified with lashings of scrumptious cake and tea. In the evening, a younger group of villagers took to the floor, supported by only a sprinkling of more seniors whose numbers were more than compensated for by over thirty children, who enjoyed a free cinema show, before

taking to the floor themselves. A well merited sumptuous buffet was enjoyed after which, some rock and rolling was performed by all age groups, complimented by a short appearance of Elvis Presley - sorry I missed him!

The final moments of a most enjoyable day provided the opportunity to sing "Happy Birthday to Us" and cut the excellent cake made by Sandra Banham.

My sincerest thanks for all those who supported and helped to create this special day.

Roger Roseboom  
(Chairman VHMC)



*.....but don't you step on my blue suede shoes...*

## FUNDRAISING NEWS

On 29th April cars from Bealings and beyond met at the Village Hall for a **Car Treasure Hunt**.

Clasping clues devised by the inimitable Chris Mason in their nervous hands, ten teams set off on a route that wound its way to Martlesham, through Woodbridge

to Bromeswell and back through Bredfield. At each location, hunters scoured the area for obscure dates, names and numbers to complete the clues. Back at Bealings Village hall it became clear that there were four winning teams with all questions correct but only one prize. The prize was deposited in the middle of the hall floor and a member of each of the four winning teams was placed in a corner, wearing a blindfold. Youth, speed and agility won the day in the shape of Sam Elias. Congratulations to all the hunters and thanks to Chris Mason for devising the clues. £100 was raised for JBP.

A team from Bealings took part in the **Orwell Charity Walk** on 17th June. At the time of going to press, it is too soon for a report. This annual event is organised by the Rotary Club of Ipswich East and 75% of money raised will go to the John Belstead Playing Field, 25% to the Rotary Club.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Twenty different acts will be taking to the stage to showcase singing, dancing and all sorts of music. There really will be something for everyone, with a bar and a raffle. Old musical instruments are being dusted off and voices ring out across the Fynn Valley as performers of all ages prepare for.....*Cont.*

## 'BEALINGS GOT TALENT'

Bealings Village Hall is the venue for an evening of fun and entertainment starting at 7pm.

Tickets are on sale now from Bealings Post Office or Malcolm Watson on 614855.

All money raised goes to the John Belstead Playing Field.

We welcome any prize donations for the raffle. Please contact Siobhan Williams on 738168

Malcolm Watson

*(Right - Future events - details later)*

## Dog Show

16th September 2.30pm

Bealings School Playing Field  
Plans are being finalised for a fun Dog Show with numerous Categories

## Quiz and Curry Night

28th September

Bealings Village Hall

Following the success of last year's spicetastic brain teaser, we will be doing it all again!

## Now, here is an exercise to tone those tonsils!

There's no business like show business like no business I know

Everything about it is appealing, everything that traffic will allow

Nowhere could you get that happy feeling when you are stealing that extra bow

There's no people like show people, they smile when they are low

Even with a turkey that you know will fold, you may be stranded out in the cold

Still you wouldn't change it for a sack of gold, let's go on with the show

The butcher, the baker, the grocer, the clerk

Are secretly unhappy men because

The butcher, the baker, the grocer, the clerk

Get paid for what they do but no applause.

They'd gladly bid their dreary jobs goodbye for anything theatrical and why?

There's no business like show business and I tell you it's so

Travelling through the country is so thrilling, standing out in front on opening nights

Smiling as you watch the theatre filling, and there's your billing out there in lights

There's no people like show people, they smile when they are low

Angels come from everywhere with lots of jack, and when you lose it, there's no attack

Where could you get money that you don't give back? Let's go on with the show

(There's no business like show business like no business I know)

You get word before the show has started that your favourite uncle died at dawn

Top of that, your pa and ma have parted, you're broken-hearted, but you go on

(There's no people like show people, they smile when they are low)

Yesterday they told you, you would not go far, that night you open and there you are

Next day on your dressing room they've hung a star, let's go on with the show!!