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ED'S COMMENT

Tucked away in one of those examples when politicians 'hide' important news when they hope nobody is looking, Owen Paterson, the Environment Secretary, recently announced plans to help farmers and landowners reroute historic footpaths. This is a significant change in the law which currently gives farmers and landowners few legal rights to even ask for, let alone alter, footpaths. It is within living memory that these rights for ordinary people to enjoy the countryside were won after many hard fought battles. Arguably the most famous was the 'Mass Trespass' of Kinder Scout in the Peak District in April 1934. The mass trespass marked the beginning of a media campaign by The Ramblers Association, now just called the Ramblers, which culminated in the establishment of National Parks and finally the 'Countryside Rights of Way Act 2000'. That is over 65 years of campaigning to have the right to walk on mapped access land.

The Ramblers recently published a report called 'Paths in Crisis' which highlighted the deteriorating state of many footpaths due to budget cuts and lack of upkeep. Some, allegedly, deliberate in order to make paths impassable. Apparently there are currently 100,000 disputed footpaths. That is rights of way marked on OS maps but access denied in some way. The proposed change to the law would shift rights from walkers and local councils to landowners and could put us back to the time before the mass trespass and wipe out, at a stroke, the gains won over all those years.

Here in Suffolk we take the rights of walkers and the love of walking along the marked footpaths very seriously. The 7th Suffolk Walking Festival starts in May and plans are for around 80 organised walks enabling people to enjoy the very best of our beautiful county. More details in the next 'Bugle'.

'LiveWellSuffolk', linked with the Ramblers and Walking for Health, organise walks published regularly in their booklet 'Stepping out in Suffolk' which you can download from www.livewellsuffolk.org.uk, including some walks in our area.

We know many villagers love walking around our area and regularly use the footpaths. What a terrible shame it could be if the rights of walkers shifted to the rights of landowners and some walks were lost or altered as a result.

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News From Bildeston Primary School

My Fab Trip!

Extracts from children in Years 5/6 after their trip to Aylmerton Field Study Centre



Day One

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Day Two

Once back at the lodge, we had our evening meal and had a talk then a story teller came and he was amazing and scary at the same time.

Whilst we were eating our breakfast, we were introduced to some people who were going to be with us for the day – their names were Fuzz, Shrek, Skippy and Tricky. Then we did some team building activities and we went on a monster walk through the woods without being caught and finding the clues would help you win. It was really hard not to get caught because they hid well and squirted us with water guns!



Day Three

Sadly, this is the day we had to go home but there were just two more activities to do. First we had to take a coach to Aylmerton where we were going to do some pirate activities! But first we had to look like pirates so we put on bandanas and our teachers put moustaches and beards on their faces with black face paint.

Although some of us were scared of heights, we still went on the bungee where you had to wear equipment round your waist so you didn't fall off. It was quite frightening when we had to clip ourselves onto the poles so you didn't fall because whenever we stood on the platform, we felt like we were going to fall off! Finally we had to zip wire over some water and we got our feet wet! But it was especially funny when Miss Howlett and Miss Hockridge had a go because they nearly got wet!

After lunch, we got our bags and suitcases packed and had to make sure we hadn't forgotten anything before we made the trip home....



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A super time was had by all!

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FOREWARNED IS FOREARMED : DUNWICH

DYNAMO CYCLE EVENT – JULY 12TH& 13TH

For those of you who are unaware of the above, let me fill you in with some of the details. The Dunwich Dynamo is an annual cycle event held each summer. What makes it unique and possibly adds to its appeal, is the fact that this ride is held during the night. Riders assemble in London and set out during the late evening to cycle the roads and lanes of rural counties, finishing in Dunwich. The route brings these cyclists through Bildeston.

Now, you might be wondering what the problem is, but let me just explain further. The first riders arrive in Bildeston at around midnight and thereafter there is a constant stream coming through until maybe six o'clock in the morning. For those of us who live at the Chelsworth end of the village this means a night without sleep. Many groups of riders pass with cheery shouts amongst themselves giving directions, or stop to take a break and have a chat, whilst enjoying a drink and snack.

Last year the level of disturbance was the worst we have ever had to endure with a total of some 2000 riders. We were disturbed by bright headlamps intruding into our bedrooms and the inevitable shouts of “turn right here ... up the hill” every few minutes. Some riders chose to lean their bikes on our walls or to make use of our driveways and doorsteps to rest, showing total disregard for property or residents. Litter was strewn about and driveways used as toilets. Young children and dogs were frightened, older residents felt vulnerable and threatened and a small group of riders were quite aggressive in their response when asked to be quiet or move on.

This year we have noted the date set for the ride and hope to put measures in place, so there is no repetition of last year's problems. A group of over 20 residents contacted the Parish Council for their support in dealing with this matter. At the Parish Council meeting held on February 10th it was requested that the Police provide some sort of cover throughout the night. PSCO J. Fudge said that he would bring the matter to the attention of his superiors and they would consider the deployment of officers; Special Constables or a police car to be stationed at the Chelsworth Road junction. It was agreed that signage would be made and erected to give directions

for the riders and to request them to be quiet. A litter bin will be stationed at the Chelsworth Road junction to alleviate the litter problems from last year. Councillor Robert Lindsey also agreed to contact Dynamo Riders via Facebook in the run-up to the event to make a personal request for respect.

I would just like to point out that we are not anti-cycling in any way, just against anti-social behaviour. We hope that this year the Dynamo riders will have a successful event and that we will have a better night's rest!

Jo Silburn

Note: Please see Parish Council Draft Minutes

It was with the utmost sadness The Bugle learned of the death of 'Bib' Edwards. 'Bib' was a regular contributor to The Bugle His extensive knowledge of our village and tremendous talent as an artist enriched the lives of many 'Bib' will be greatly missed. Our condolences and deepest sympathy go to his family.



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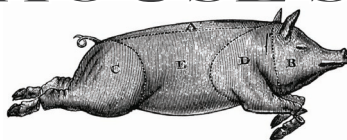
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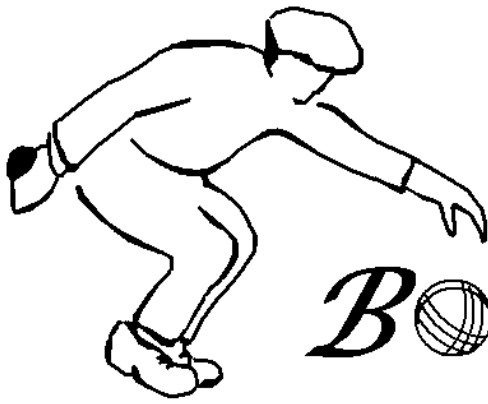
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Flight day arrived and we travelled to the BA offices to book in and then on to Heathrow by coach. It was quite foggy as we left, getting thicker all the way and finally very dense at the airport where we were told, “All flights are cancelled, go home and wait for new flight details.” So back home we went arriving very late.

Bad weather all over Europe caused chaos so it was a week later when we received a new flight time. Off again to the airport to find the seats we had booked were no longer available and boarding the plane was a ‘free for all’! It was disturbing to see the reactions of some passenger at take off. Two nuns near us praying, fingering their rosary beads, some were still arguing about their seats and overhead lockers and several small children screaming their heads off. Altogether, not a calming scene for first time flyers.

First stop was Abu-Dhabi for re-fuelling, where we all had to leave the plane. Everyone had to pass through a security arch as there was a military event taking place. All was OK until my turn when the alarm suddenly went off. It took some time to explain to the two soldiers who grabbed me that it was the metal pin which had helped fuse my broken leg and not a concealed weapon! Everyone except me thought it was funny.

Next stop was Bombay to change planes, which was not on the original itinerary. So everybody off to a transit area. We were concerned about our luggage ending up in the same destination, but hoped for the best. As it was a two hour wait my wife went off to the toilet. She returned very cross. She had been handed just two pieces of toilet paper and then, having washed her hands, given a cloth to wipe them which had been used to clean round the WCs! Mental note, if ever we go to India, take our own toilet paper. and towel. Back on the plane, new passengers boarded so more problems about seating.

Another announcement in mid-air informed we were landing at Perth to take on more people. Touch down at Sydney, many hours late, to find we had landed at the domestic side of the airport to let the Perth passengers off first! Our holiday finally began after 32 hours of travelling. They say travel broadens the mind, but after 32 hours non-stop, other parts of the body as well!

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Playing bowls is not an expensive sport, the criteria being that you play in grey trousers/skirt and a white top, with flat soled shoes. Coaching is available so why not give it a try. Yes we do have membership fees and on league nights there is also a rink fee but don't let that stop you, come and give it a try for 3 months and see if you like it. You will be welcome whether a beginner or experienced player.

We play in the Stowmarket leagues on a Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. All members no matter how good or inexperienced can expect to be given the opportunity to play regularly. 2013 saw the Wednesday team captained by Julie Halls win the league!

If you would like to talk to someone about bowling and the club, please either come to our signing on night on **12th March**, or phone **Peter Vallance** on **01449 721667**, for a chat. We are also holding a **Race Night on March 22nd at Chamberlin Hall**, we invite you to come along for an evening of fun and hopefully good fortune. Further details can be found in the advert. Peter Vallance Chairman Bildeston Bowls Club

'POSTIE' GETTING WED!

Our postman, Craig, is getting married in April. Carol Poulding thought it would be nice to have a collection for him. Instead of going round every door, maybe put a collection box on the counter at Bank House Stores. Joan and Richard kindly agreed, so as from now, the box can be found on the counter. It will be there until the end of March.

A card from the residents of Bildeston will accompany the money. Please don't tell Craig as it will be a lovely surprise from our village to say 'Thank you' for the lovely smile and help he is prepared to give us all and, of course, to wish him and his bride all the best on their special day. This just goes to show Carol does have some good ideas! I know they are few and far between, but don't ever change Carol, we love you the way you are! Lynette Miles

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REMEMBER THE 1970s?

The Bugle received a wonderful letter from Sue Andrews, our local historian, following last month's piece about the 1970s. We asked for your memories and what Bildeston was like during that decade. Sue shares the following interesting events in the life of our village.

- Feb 1970 Bildeston appears in East Anglian Daily Times feature 'Village Visit' under the headline 'Youthful council is just one sign of a go-ahead community'
- Nov 1970 The first edition of Bildeston Bugle drops through our letter boxes.
- Mar 1971 Danford Park on the Chelsworth Road is lost as the village sportsfield
- May 1971 Bildeston and District Community Council hold Bildeston Festival '71 to raise funds towards purchasing the old school in Chapel Street as a community centre.
- April 1973 To ease stress upon the crumbling church tower, the six great bells were lowered to the ground and stored in the nave.
- Jan 1974 Rector Revd Lionel Pratt reveals his secret recipe for beer to the Sunday Express!
- May 1975 Bildeston appears in the national newspapers when St Mary Magdalene's tower collapses.
- Mar 1977 The branch library at the back of Dukes Hall in Duke Street is closed and the village is henceforth served by a mobile library van.
- June 1977 Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee is celebrated with a week of events outlined in a souvenir programme that is delivered to every household.
- Aug 1978 The Parish Council holds a public meeting concerning the purchase of land in Consent Lane as a sportsfield.
- Feb 1979 Bildeston Health Centre is opened by Leo Russell, former Chairman of the East Anglian Regional Health Authority.
- April 1979 Local Conservative MP Keith Stainton spends 20 minutes in Bildeston during his campaign for the General Election.
- June 1979 The Parish Council pays tribute to Dr G. Bernard on his retirement after 33 years here as general practitioner.
- Sep 1979 Suffolk County Council reviews public footpaths and rights-of-way in Bildeston.

Has that sparked any memories about those, or other events through the 70s? Who else has got some interesting facts to share about our village in other decades?

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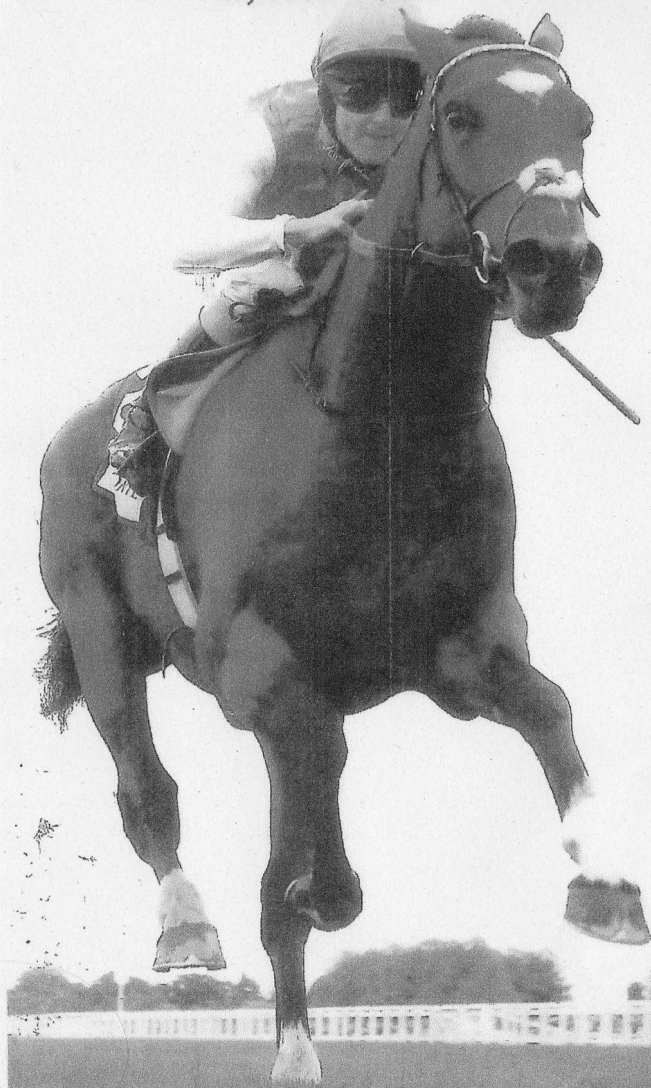
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Brian has left us with so many special memories, so much laughter, so much warmth and guidance and this gives us the support we all need at this difficult time.

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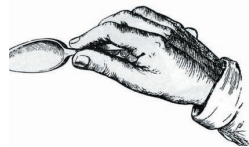
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Sausage and Butter Bean Casserole with Herby Crumb Crust

Ingredients

- 8 sausages
 - 1 onion diced
 - 1 garlic clove, chopped
 - 1 tsp dried mixed herbs
 - 1x400g/14oz tin butter beans rinsed and drained
 - half bunch parsley rough chopped
 - 400g/14oz tin chopped tomatoes
 - 500ml/18floz chicken stock, made from stock cube
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
- For the herby crumb topping
- 100g/3oz bread (ideally day old) crusts removed
 - half bunch parsley, finely chopped
 - 1 tbsp olive oil
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Sausages, tinned beans and tomatoes are a classic combo for a cheap and flavoursome casserole. With its crunchy topping, this version of sausage stew is super-irresistable

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas6
2. Heat a large frying pan over a medium heat. Once hot, add the sausages and cook for 6-8 minutes, turning now and then to colour evenly
3. Add the onion and continue to cook for three minutes, then add the garlic and dried herbs and cook for two more minutes, stirring from time to time.
4. Meanwhile, for the herby crumb topping, tear the bread into small crumbs (or put into a food processor if you have one) and mix it with the finely chopped parsley
5. Add the butter beans, parsley, tomatoes and chicken stock to the pan. Stir to mix everything together and season well with salt and pepper
6. Sprinkle the herby crumbs evenly over

the surface of the stew, drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and pepper and bake for 25 minutes, or until the topping is crisp.

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FACTS ABOUT MARCH

Readers of last month's issue clearly liked the February Facts. The Bugle is indebted to sharp eyed Richard O'Sullivan who spotted the error with Ash Wednesday's date. Shrove Tuesday is indeed the 4th March this year, which means that, in time honoured fashion, the following day must be Ash Wednesday, this year 5th March!

Back to March facts. The name comes from the Roman month 'Martius'. It was originally the first month of the year in the Roman calendar and named after their God of war, Mars. It made sense in Rome for it to be the first month because 'Martius' was the beginning of spring and the start of the military campaign season for the Roman legions. If you think about it, Spring as the start of a year made a lot of sense. The end of cold, dark winter with the emergence of new life in flora and fauna was the time the world seemed to be revived, a fresh new start in so many ways.

It wasn't until 1752 with the introduction of the Gregorian calendar that March was moved to the third month of the year. The Anglo-Saxons called the month Hlyd or Hraed monath, which meant stormy or rugged month. Given the English pre-occupation with weather it is not surprising that March has weather folk lore too. Such as:

When March comes in like a lion it goes out like a lamb.

A dry March and wet May, fills barns and bays with corn and hay.

As it rains in March so it rains in June.

March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.

Some interesting events linked to March include:

- 18th 30 mile an hour speed limit introduced in built up areas in 1935 and still a hot topic in Bideston!
- 22nd English Football League first formed in 1888 (who were the teams?)
- 23rd In 1891 goal nets used for the first time in English football!

For 3 years many scores had been suspect!

March has St David's Day, Commonwealth Day, Crufts Dog Show, St Patrick's Day, Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday, Simnel Sunday (eat special Simnel cakes) and perhaps the most important one to take note of - British Summer Time begins when clocks go forward one hour! **Sunday 30th March.** Make a note now.

BIG THANKS FROM JANET RATLIFF

I was surprised when I read the article in the February 'Bugle', re the 'CBE', and I would like to say thank you. I have been pleased to fulfil this task and therefore did not realise how the years had mounted up. I am very grateful to the rest of the 'staplers' and in particular Pam Weaver who, when I dropped the reins 'at the drop of a hat', picked them up and organised a rota of the other staplers to carry on the good work.

As well as being a vehicle for bringing news of village events to us all we need new ideas which have already begun with Valerie Allard's book review. I can heartily endorse 'The Riddle of the Sands' and suggest "The Road to Tibet" as another good read. I read it in 1954 and cannot recall the writer's name, but the librarian at Hadleigh would soon find it for you.

Janet Ratliff

Editor's note.

The Bugle, and all of Bildeston, are so grateful to Janet for her work over the years to lead a team of dedicated volunteers making sure The Bugle is distributed on time. If you are interested, the book Janet refers to is 'On the Road to Tibet' by Francis Kingdon Ward, a collection of articles about that most fascinating region.

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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on 10th February 2014 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm



In attendance:

Councillors: A. Guttridge (Chairman)

P. Bullen P Cousins, D Dempsey D Drury, R Lester, R. Lindsay, R.

Taylor. Also Present: PCSOs J. Fudge and D Rudd (Suffolk Police)

D Blackburn (Clerk) 5 Members of the Public

Councillor Guttridge opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

C187/13/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology had been received from County Councillor Mrs J Antill

C188/13/14 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The Chairman declared a non-pecuniary interest because he was an employee of Suffolk County Council. Councillors Lester and Taylor both declared non-pecuniary interests with respect to Kings' Pightle and the Sportsfield

C189/13/14 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C190/13/14 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th January, 2014 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C191/13/14 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

There had been no expression of interests received regarding the vacancy that existed on the Parish Council.

C192/13/14 POLICE REPORT

There had been no crimes during the period 10th January, 2013 to 6th February 2014 compared with 2 during the same period in the previous year. In response to an issue raised at the previous meeting about crime in the High Street, PCSO Fudge said that there was no clear pattern of crimes however, the Police would be monitoring the area.

It was AGREED: That the report be noted.

C193/13/14 DUNWICH DYNAMO CYCLE RIDE

The Chairman introduced the item and referred to the problems encountered in the village during the Dunwich Dynamo Cycle Ride in 2013. Local residents were invited to address the meeting and they referred to anti-social behaviour, urinating in public or private places, littering and the disrespectful attitudes demonstrated by some cyclists towards people living in the village at the previous event. The lack of any formal organisation of the event created a problem in seeking more responsible behaviour by participants. The Parish Council was informed that the event was due to be held again overnight on the 12th and 13th of July 2014. Parish Councillors and local residents recognise the need to take some positive measures

that could help alleviate some of the problems that had been experienced in recent years.
It was AGREED:

- a) That a formal request be made for a Police presence on the night of the event and a Police car and/or Police officers be sited in the village to deter anti-social behaviour;
 - b) that signage be prepared and deployed on the night so that cyclists have a clear route to follow (to be provided by local resident);
 - c) that bins be supplied and deployed on the night near the village entrance from Chelsworth (to be provided by local residents);
 - d) that contact with the event participants by social media be coordinated by Councillor Lindsay; and
 - e) that should the Parish Council obtain an intelligent street lighting system for the village in the future, the lights shall be turned off on the night of the event as it is recognised that cyclists tend to congregate in well-lit areas causing disturbance to local residents.
- The Chairman thanked local residents for attending the meeting to discuss this matter.

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

It was noted that Neil Holloway had volunteered to coordinate Community Speedwatch. Members of the Parish Council expressed their gratitude and Councillor Lindsay undertook to liaise with him over the provision of training and equipment.

C194/13/14 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

There was no report on this occasion

C195/13/14 DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORT

There was no report on this occasion.

C196/13/14 STREET LIGHTS

There was a brief discussion about the use of intelligent lighting and potential energy savings from the use of LEDs. The Chairman suggested that a representative of the County Council be invited to attend a future meeting to provide a briefing on the matter.

C197/13/14 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

The proposed location of the new village sign on Ipswich Road near Copt Hall has been agreed in consultation with local residents and notified to the County Council. There had been no further information received from the County Council about the proposed half gateway on Hadleigh Road and the Clerk was asked to pursue this matter.

C198/13/14 VILLAGE GROUND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Clerk submitted a briefing paper on the procurement process for grounds maintenance equipment and possible pay rates for the employment of an odd job man. The Parish Council considered capital and revenue elements of the project, financial support that might be provided by local groups and grass areas that would be in the scope of the arrangements. It was noted that large areas of grass such as at the Sportsfield would require cutting by gang mowers and would need to be brought in. This could be rolled forward for a year under the existing maintenance agreement with the Council's contractor.

It was AGREED: That the cost projections for the project be reviewed by Councillor Taylor and circulated to all members of the Parish Council before the next meeting.

C199/13/14 UPDATE ON VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Lester reported upon an application made to Biffa for funding a bird hide and picnic

bench. A volunteering day would be held on the 27th February to undertake a tidy up before the Spring. There would be another volunteering day in June. It was proposed that the signage for the Kings' Pightle could be improved and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries of the County Council with regard to this. A local farmer had agreed to flail trim the road side hedge on the edge of Kings' Pightle and the hedge between the tennis court and the car park at the Sportsfield also required flailing. A 'one-off' cut of the non-playing area of the Sportsfield was also required. The maintenance programme had been developed for the Sportsfield and supplied to EFMS Ltd (the Council's current contractor) for a quotation. The problem of littering near the car park was raised by Councillor Bullen and he suggested that a bin be provided in the area.

Councillor Drury referred to a positive meeting that had been held regarding the Sportsfield. It was noted that the Clerk had produced an inspection schedule for the Skate Park and that the Skate Park Group would be providing assistance in conducting regular inspections and helping with the removal of rubbish from bins near to the Skate Park. It was noted that there had been no response received from the land agent of the neighbouring landowner to the Playground with regard to access to the site. A proposal was raised to obtain ballast to improve the stability of the picnic tables at the Coronation Playground.

It was AGREED:

- a) That the Parish Council approves in principle, the release of funds from the John Artiss Conservation Fund to enable the proposed maintenance works at the Kings' Pightle and Sportsfield;
- b) That a new bin be obtained and sited near to the entrance of the Sportsfield car park; and
- c) That a tonne of ballast be obtained for the stability of the ground near to the picnic tables.

C200/13/14 CLERK'S UPDATE

The Clerk referred to the following

- a) A proposal from Mr James Buckle to offer a tractor and trailer tour of the farm to the public on Tuesday 17th June 2014 from approximately 6.00pm;
- b) Confirmation from Robin Sidgwick that the Annual Litter Pick would be held on the 26th April 2014; and
- c) A proposal for a fundraising event for the Scout's Jamboree in the form of a Summer Fayre in the Market Place on the 28th June 2014 from 11am to 2pm.

The Clerk also provided an update on the action points from the previous meeting.

It was AGREED:

- a) That the report on Internal Control Measures be received and approved;
- b) That Financial Regulations be updated as identified at the meeting; and
- c) That the proposed changes to Standing Orders be developed into a final draft by the Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and submitted to the next meeting for approval.

C202/13/14 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND NOTING OF RECEIPTS

It was AGREED: a) That the following payments be approved:

Payee	Description	Amount (incl VAT)
Suffolk County Council	Street Lighting Annual Charge	£2535.66
Babergh District Council	Litter and Dog Bin Emptying	£410.81

Clerk	Clerk's Pay	£171.83
Unity Trust Bank Ltd	Bank Transfer from Barclays Bank	£40,000.00
Paul Cousins	Postage Expenses - Grove Cemetery	£10

and it be noted that a cheque had been received for £200 in respect of Burial Fees

C203/13/14 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation

Items for comment by the Parish Council:

Application Number:	<u>B/13/01257</u>
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Proposal:	Insertion of 4 no.PVCU windows to first floor front elevation (in lieu of existing painted timber sash windows).
Decision:	The replacement PVCU windows should be in a sash window style, not opening outwards, and the sizes of the plastic should be as close as possible to the existing windows.

Planning Appendix B: Determined by Babergh District Council

There had been none determined since the previous meeting

C204/13/14 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Councillor Taylor referred to the bollards in the Market Place and the need to replace the 3 bollards to the rear of the Clock Tower on the far side from the High Street. Proposals for the removable bollards next to High Street would be submitted to a future meeting.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk be authorised to approve quotations for the replacement of the bollards to the rear of the Clock Tower.

Councillor Lester had forwarded a letter to the Clerk from Bildeston Lawn Bowling Club. A letter seeking financial support had also been received from Magpas Lifesavers. It was agreed that the Grants Policy be reviewed at the next meeting prior to the forthcoming grants round and liaison be undertaken by the Clerk with the Bowling Club and MAGPAS.

C205/13/14 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no questions

C206/13/14 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

It was AGREED: That by virtue of the provision of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

C207/13/14 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Councillor Cousins reported on the completions of cataloguing of the local historical records bequeathed to the village as part of a parishioners estate. It was noted that the amount of storage equipment required for the records needed to be established before arrangements could be made for moving the records to Chamberlin Hall. Opportunities to display some of the records on the walls of Chamberlin Hall were discussed.

Councillor Dempsey reported that a headstone would be obtained for the deceased's grave now that the earth surrounding the plot had settled. There were still a number of legal matters to be resolved before the assets could be released.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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Blog for Beth Clements' Scout Jamboree fundraising

The fundraising is going well. What an exciting month! I have already held two events; the Coffee Morning and the Jumble Sale which were both a great success. The Coffee Morning, which was held on 31st January at our house was well attended by villagers and friends. It was an opportunity for people to meet and have a chat over coffee and a delicious selection of home-made cakes. I was at school while this happened but I did help prepare the event, pick snow drops and bake cakes with the help of my friend Anna. Secondly, the Jumble Sale which was held in the Baptist Church last Saturday. I am very grateful to all the friends who donated jumble, baked cakes and helped set up, run and clear away after the event, and the BBC for allowing us to use their great community facility. We sold some more 'jumble' at a car boot sale the next day too. In total with the coffee morning, the jumble sale and car boot proceeds I have raised approximately £650 in the past month. The next event is an Easter Fair at Hadleigh High School on Wednesday 26th March 6.30 – 8.30 pm. This is a joint fundraising event with other Scouts and Guides at HHS. There will be lots of interesting and varied craft stalls, raffle, refreshments, etc. Come and get some ideas for Easter and it is an ideal opportunity to buy gifts for Mothers Day on Sunday 30th March. This event is to be closely followed by a Quiz Evening to be held at Bildeston Primary School on Saturday 29th March 7.30. Teams of up to 6 people. £3 entry per person. For more details or to book a team contact us on 01449 741961.

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March 2014

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St Mary Magdalene

2nd March	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
	11am	Benefice Communion	Whatfield
5th March	9.30am	Ash Wednesday Service	Whatfield
	7pm	Alpha Course starts	Baptist Church
9th March	11.am	Morning Prayer	Bildeston
16th March	11am	Parish Communion	Bildeston
23rd March	11am	Family Service	Bildeston
30th March	11am	Mothering Sunday	Bildeston
6th April	9.30am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
	11am	Benefice Communion	Nedging

For more information, contact Revd Barbara Stanton
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If anyone has any difficulty in coming to Church, please contact the Rector and transport can be arranged.

For all services across the Benefice please refer to *Roundabout*, available in St Mary Magdalene Church

Baptist Church, Duke Street, Bildeston

Jim Haley tel: 01449 740716 email: bildestonbc@gmail.com

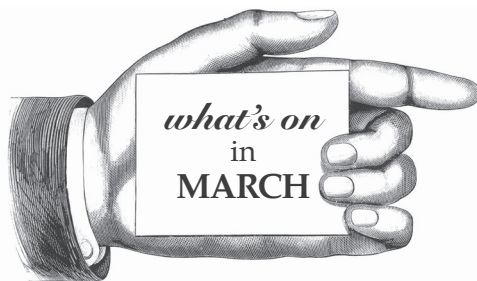
Service every Sunday morning at 10:45

Lunch Club: at 12:30 on the **first Wednesday** of each month –
Anyone in the village is most welcome

Community Coffee Centre: Every Friday from **09:15 to 11:30**
Enjoy meeting old and new friends at these events!

‘Craft it Together’ - Mondays at 7pm

‘Men’s Breakfast’ - last Saturday of each month at 8am



Bildeston Community Coffee Centre

Baptist Church 9:15-11:30 **Every Friday**

Craft it Together

Baptist Church 19:00 **Every Monday**

Strollers & Striders

Baptist Church Car Park 10:00 **Every Monday**

Baby & Toddler Group

Baptist Church 9:45-11:45 **Every Tuesday**

Alpha Course

Churches together in Bildeston.....**Wednesday 5th**

C'est la Vie

Chamberlin Hall dance**Saturday 8th**

Bildeston Bowls Club

Membership signing on 7:30..... **Wednesday 12th**

Winter Warmer 6

Cycle ride 9.30 meet at Market Square.....**Saturday 15th**

B Natural AGM

Open invitation to all, The King's Head.....**Monday 17th**

Bildeston's Got Talent

Bildeston School PTA **Friday 21st**

Bildeston Bowls Club

Race Night at Chamberlin Hall.....**Saturday 22nd**

Men's Breakfast

Baptist Church 8:00 **Last Saturday of the Month**



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