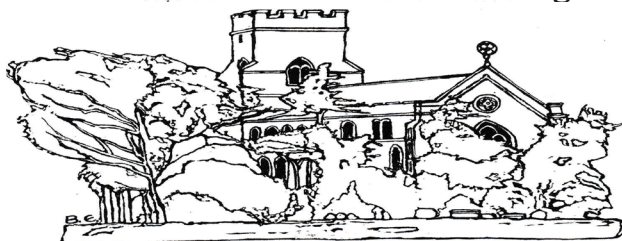


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# ED'S COMMENT

December and the Christmas season is one of those times when we get the chance to show our appreciation by the act of giving gifts. It's a time honoured tradition that stretches back to the Romans and their festival of Saturnalia.

Saturnalia was the Roman festival in honour of the deity Saturn, held on the 17th of December of the Julian calendar and later expanded with festivities through to the 23rd of December. The holiday was celebrated at the Temple of Saturn, in the Roman Forum, and a public banquet, followed by private gift-giving, continual partying and a carnival atmosphere that overturned Roman social norms: gambling was permitted, and masters provided table service for their slaves! The timing of Saturnalia, linked to the mid-winter solstice, has always been important in terms of ritual and festivals and maybe explains the link with the setting of Christ's birth and Christmas at about the same point in the year. Many other pagan traditions have been incorporated into what are now Christmas traditions.

With the Roman influence stretching right across the then known world it is not surprising that some Roman practices have seeped into traditions right through history, and the giving of gifts is one that has stood the test of time for obvious reasons. It is lovely to receive a gift and heart warming to give!

But we do not just need Christmas (and birthdays!) to give gifts. Like several things in life we owe a lot to a few people who care enough to give the gift of their time and organise things, manage events, pitch in, help, attend meetings, join committees, etc. Life is full of 'doers', thank goodness, because without them we simply would not enjoy aspects of village life that we tend to take for granted.

The team of Bugle people are just one of many in the village, like those who manage the sportsfield, Chamberlin Hall, sports clubs, toddlers groups, various Church helpers, Friends of Bildeston Surgery, skate park, Parish Councillors, Kings Pightle, bike rides, school helpers, clubs and societies, music and beer festival... the list goes on and on.

Their time, enthusiasm and effort is their gift, and they give it freely throughout the year not just at Christmas. So, on behalf of everyone in the village, many, many thanks to all you unsung gift givers who work behind the scenes to make our lives here in Bildeston richer and more interesting.

From us here at the Bugle, festive seasons greetings to you all from the whole team of volunteers who, working together, take great pride in getting the Bugle out to you each and every month. Have a wonderful December and a very Merry Christmas ! See you all in the New Year!

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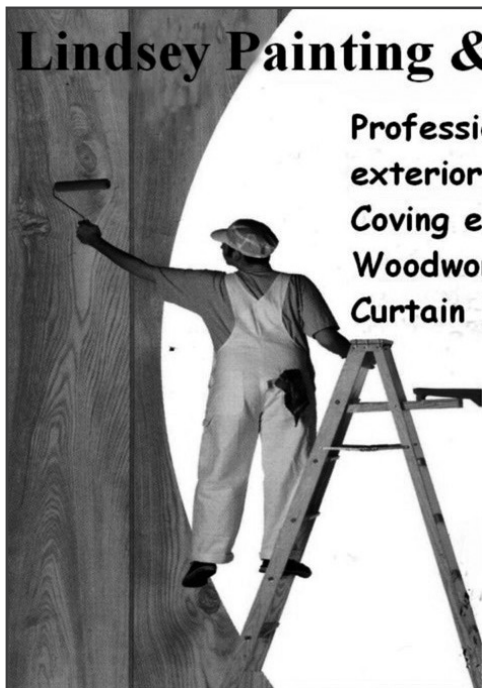
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## **Able Gifted and Talented Workshops**

Two of our pupils recently took part in a workshop at Beaumont Primary School where they looked at computer programming using ipads and two pupils will be attending a cookery workshop this week at Elmsett Primary School. These are great opportunities for our children to meet and learn with children in other primary schools within our pyramid of schools.

## **Bonfire Lunch**

Our menu offered bangers and jelly with sparkles for a special Bonfire Lunch on Wednesday 5 November. All of the children enjoyed the menu for the day. The school often has special lunches over the course of the academic year and children are always encouraged to take part to promote healthy eating.

## **Walk to Bildeston Memorial**

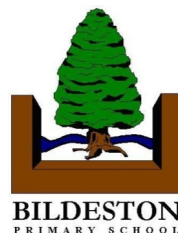
Children in Bee and Owl class walked up to the war memorial at Bildeston square and laid a wreath of poppies that they had made in school. The children also took part in a two minute silence on Remembrance Day.

## **Tag Rugby Tournament**

A tag rugby tournament was held on Wednesday 12 November at Hadleigh High School where eight of our pyramid schools took part. Bildeston played fantastically and came third overall – a result the team were absolutely thrilled with! One of our children received a fair play award and was presented with a goody bag by the head of the PE department at Hadleigh High. **Well done Bildeston!**



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I have mentioned our two Springer Spaniels Smudge and Coco in earlier observer musings. Smudge sadly suffered a stroke in July and was left staggering around home the worse for wear. Hadleigh vets put him on a course of steroids which remarkably have appeared to cure him. Dogs unlike humans can suffer a catastrophic stroke and heal themselves often with little evidence of the stroke remaining. His walks are now shorter, he drags one rear leg slightly when tired but other than that he's been a remarkable fighter and continues to lead a full life. At over 12 years old we sadly accept Smudge is in the twilight of his doggy days so the decision was taken to get a new Spaniel. We were lucky to acquire a Springer pup from near Diss. As he was a singleton he was nicknamed Billy (Billy no mates) by the breeder, we have kept this as his name.

out on the bonding a litter, we have been he has all the more Smudge and Coco the whirling dervish in their lives and they domestic harmony when Coco allowed



the two cuddled up together to sleep. In fact Billy has further rejuvenated Smudge as is often the case when introducing a new pup to older dogs.

The hens have been moulting and consequently are off lay with only 2-3 eggs per day rather than the usual 6-7 at the height of the laying season. Our five hatchlings continue to pile on weight, I am still unsure of the mix of young pullets versus cockerels, all will become evident in the coming months. I am pretty certain we have two maybe three cockerels, time to consult the recipe book for yearling poultry!

Who can't be moved by the sound of geese high overhead. Up near Old Felixstowe and further along the Suffolk coast it's ragged skeins of pink foot and Canada geese one sees mostly. Once you've heard them, urging themselves on, you can't not search the skies for them, so they do us that favour, make us look up from our own concerns. Because of the wintering geese, I look up at the sky more often in December than any other month. They make us aware that the world is wider and stranger than we usually give it credit for in our daily lives. As refugees from that otherworld, the Arctic, they gabble: "if you think it's dark and cold here, you should try where we've come from!" So December is the closing down of the year, but it suggests not death but mystery, a sense of worlds beyond this, of the past and the future.

A single pup of course misses and closeness of being part of extra careful to ensure that love and attention. Initially were not overly impressed at who had suddenly appeared let him know. Two months on ensues with proof one night Billy into her basket and the



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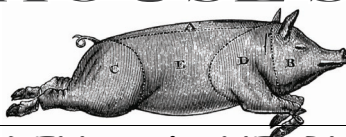
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**AZALEAS** They like a cool but light spot, out of afternoon sun, and not in dry heat. Humidity is their requirement, and the pot placed on a container or saucer of gravel or pebbles which is kept moist, will create the right condition. If it begins to look droopy or the flowers fall, take it into the bathroom for an extra bit of steam.

**CYCLAMEN** The corm should be kept dry... so watering should be from underneath the plant. Once a week, place the pot in sink or container of rain water, half way up the pot, and leave for 1/2 hour for water to be absorbed. Just once a week should be sufficient. Keep in a cool room, away from direct heat, and it should be happy.

**POINSETTIA** As this comes from South Africa, it will enjoy full sun. Keep the compost moist but avoid the plant standing in water, or, drying out. Avoid overwatering which will soon turn the leaf tips yellow. Just water once weekly.

**MOTH ORCHID** Once thought to be very challenging, but now almost thrive on neglect. Keep the aerial roots and foliage moist with a daily spray of warm rainwater. There is a feed especially for orchids, and the instructions are clear. Keep out of direct sunlight and if possible do not fluctuate their temperature.

Do not leave any plant on the windowsill behind a curtain at night. On a cold winter's day in a centrally heated room, the humidity levels can drop to the same level as the Sahara! Misting is best done using rain water and it will not leave white deposits on the leaves. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas.

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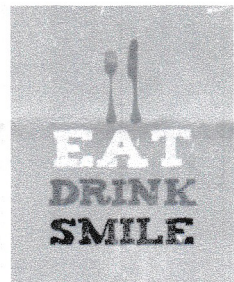
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# CHAMBERLIN HALL- PALATIAL BUT POOR!

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It is said that the overheads in Bildeston are considerably higher: this is probably so but does not address the fact that people are voting with their feet and seeking out cheaper venues for their activities. Several years ago, a Pre-School Group moved to Hitcham; as the facilities in Bildeston are vastly superior one can only assume that the reasons for this move were financial. The Annual Flower Show and the local Art Exhibition are held in the Church; the Sportsfield Pavillion hosts Bingo sessions; Jumble and Table Sales along with various other activities are held in the Baptist Church. These are all events which would probably be better held at Chamberlin Hall but, as many of them are fund-raisers, it is not surprising that they go for the cheapest option. Even the Bowls Club are contemplating vacating the hall and restricting themselves to the veranda to save money.

One wonders why the overheads at Chamberlin Hall are so high: if the costs preclude people from using the place, the more they will have to charge; conversely, the more the place is used the more likely it is that they could afford to reduce the costs. There must be a solution to this issue. Last year the "Sportsfield" found itself in financial trouble and a General Meeting was held: a new committee was formed with some Parish Councillors on board and a solution was found, albeit with some public money involved. Maybe something similar could be sorted out for Chamberlin Hall because it is patently ridiculous for Bildeston to have this wonderful facility which nobody can afford to use. Perhaps the Parish Council could subsidise the hall? Shouldn't they be representing us, ensuring they keep to Kate Chamberlin's legacy, namely a wonderful amenity to be used for, and especially by, the residents of Bildeston? What are your thoughts about how we could make more use of our own village hall? **Tim**

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Some people may not be aware of the history and the long tradition of this event, which has become a much-loved institution within the village of Bildeston. We started from small beginnings in 1986 - just a few musicians gathering at the Crown to play Christmas carols. At our first outing we were no more than eight players, but we were very well received and the landlord invited us to return the following year. More musicians joined us, together with a few singers, and the patrons of the Crown joined in with enthusiasm. The following year, supper was provided for players and audience, and the event was firmly established as an annual happening in the village.

We eventually outgrew the space available at the Crown, so moved to the village hall (still in Dukes Street at that time) but we remained true to the origins of the event, with the landlord both running a bar at the hall and providing supper at the Crown afterwards. The event has continued an unbroken tradition since then, and although the numbers have grown and grown, we remain true to the original idea - people from Bildeston, or closely connected with the village, providing a carol event with minimal rehearsal and full audience participation. As a spin-off, we are also able to make a considerable charitable donation every year. Last year, we upheld the tradition admirably and as a result, were able to make a donation of £1000 to our chosen charity.

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- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. Carol Singing from 7pm** lead by Bildeston Baptist Church. Followed by our usual **open mic/buskin' night** with free Christmas buffet.
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. Charity Quiz Night starting at 8:30pm** with free Christmas buffet. To reserve a table please phone Sue or Nigel on 01449 741434. Many thanks to Octobers quiz teams who raised £105 for Ipswich Mencap.
- **Christmas Eve.** We will be serving a Fish & Chip supper followed by free live music at **9pm** from the superb **Wired Ones**. Ian on guitar/vocals and Grinder on double bass will be playing a mix of lively cover tunes.
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# KINGS HEAD

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Nigel, Susie, Ryan and Freya welcome you to the Kings Head and wish you all a very merry Christmas & happy New Year.

- For a menu and to reserve a table for **Christmas Parties** please contact Sue or Nigel on 01449 741434.
- Christmas opening / food times:

Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open 12pm-12am / full menu 12-2pm & 6-9pm (free live music from 9pm <b>Luke Thorley</b> )
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open 6pm-12am / Carols, Open Mic & Buffet
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open 6pm-12am / Charity Quiz & Buffet
Christmas Eve	Open 4pm-12am / <b>fish &amp; chip supper 6-9pm</b> (free live music from 9pm <b>"The Wired Ones"</b> )
Christmas Day	Open 12pm-2pm / <b>open for drinks</b>
Boxing Day	Closed
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open 12pm-12am / full menu 12-2pm & 6-9pm (free live music from 9pm <b>"Rag Mama Rag"</b> )
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Open 12pm-12am / roast & full menu 12-3pm (free live music from 1pm <b>Kevin Nightingale</b> )
New Years Eve	Open 4pm-2am / open for drinks (free live music from 9pm <b>Adam Keaton</b> )
New Years Day	Open 12pm-10:30pm / open for drinks
- Otherwise our normal opening times apply as follows:

Wednesday	Open 6pm-12am (open mic/buskin night)
Thursday	Open 6pm-11pm (bar games night)
Friday	Open 4pm-12am (full menu 6-9pm)
Saturday	Open 12pm-12am (full menu 12-2pm & 6-9pm)
Sunday	Open 12-10:30pm (roast & full menu 12-3pm)

## PLEA FOR HISTORY OF BILDESTON RANGERS F.C.

Bildeston Rangers first affiliated to the Suffolk FA in 1935/36 by the then club secretary Mr A E Stiff, it has had changes of names since then being called Bildeston Rovers in 1938/39 season when the club first played in the Ipswich and District League in 1947/48 it reverted back to Bildeston Rangers, in 1960/61 it changed to Bildeston Rangers Football Club. The club has won the Suffolk Primary Cup four times 1963 and 1965 and again in 1976 and 1979 a record that to date no other club in Suffolk has achieved this. In 1982 the Suffolk FA Meritorious Service award was given to Mr John Taylor (Poker) for 35 years of unbroken service to the club. Previous secretaries of the club include Mr A.E.Stiff, Mr E Raynham, Mr R Dakin, Mr H. Harwin, Mr T Mutty, Mr A Seager and now the long serving Mrs Ruth Finbow. The club still runs two teams in the Ipswich Touchline Football league.

My family have been associated with Bildeston Football club for over 60yrs with my uncles Alan and Ted Mann playing in the fifties and sixties, my dad in the sixties who later became team manager . In the seventies through to the eighties myself along my cousins Brendan, Paul and Kenneth Mann all of who along with the likes of John Taylor and his son Kevin and Des Chinery kept the team together during the eighties when we had no pitch in the village thankfully due to the hard work of those on the parish council of the time led by John Artiss this was rectified and the facilities at Consent Lane came into being. During my association with the football club I have managed to collect several photographs of Bildeston Football club this includes team photographs and photographs of football club fund raising events over the years, the earliest photographs I have are team photographs dated 1922/23.

I have started to put these all together in an attempt to get a photographic history of the club, this is where the begging starts, if anyone out there played for the club many years ago or even in recent times or any of your family played for the club, there may be just a chance that you have some associated photographs in your possession. If so I would be very interested in checking them out and hopefully get them copied for the project. I am especially interested in any showing Danford Park, the original home of the club, for those that are not sure where this is turn out of the village on the Chelsworth road go past the old Taylors garage over the little bridge, Danford Park is the first field on your left. I would also appreciate any offers to look at the photographs I have to try and identify those in the photographs. I can be contacted on 01787 211307, I can come along and look at what you have or anything you do have can be left can be left at my mum's who still lives in Bildeston. Thanks and regards Archie Seager

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**Basket of Fruit -**

**Wilf Mudd**

**Hadleigh Ram voucher –**

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## BILDESTON RANGERS FOOTBALL CLUB

At the time of preparing this article both teams are in the top third of their respective Divisions and progressing well in the League Cup competitions. The First team playing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and the Reserves the 3<sup>rd</sup> round on 29<sup>th</sup> November. Here are the fixtures for December and January which will change if further rounds are reached.



6<sup>th</sup> December First Team H v Trimley Red Devils Reserves A v Stradbroke United

13<sup>th</sup> December First Team H v Cedards Park Reserves A v Elmswell Reserves

20<sup>th</sup> December First Team A v Ransomes Sports Reserves H v Old Newton A

27<sup>th</sup> December First Team 3<sup>rd</sup> round Bob Coleman Cup ? Reserves no fixture

3<sup>rd</sup> January First Team H v Boxford Rovers Reserves A v Chantry Grasshoppers

10<sup>th</sup> January First Team A v Stowupland Falcons Reserves H v Stowupland Falcons

17<sup>th</sup> January First Team H v Saxmundham Sports Reserves no fixture

24<sup>th</sup> January First Team A v Trimley Red Devils Reserves H v Ufford Sports Reserves

31<sup>st</sup> January First Team H v Bartons Reserves A v Old Newton United A



So far a very good season for the players on and off the field with congratulations to new fathers as well!!  
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### **BILDESTON COMMUNITY CYCLING**

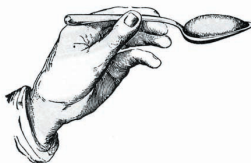
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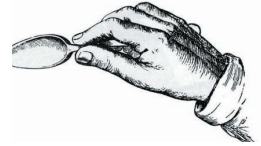
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## *Recipe of the Month*



# Turkey and White Bean Chilli

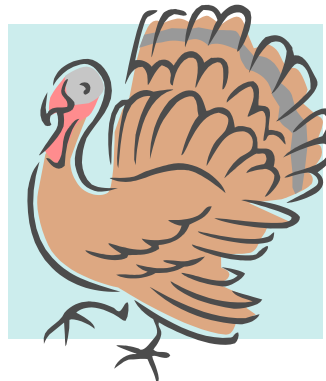
**something a little bit different for the December season!**

## Ingredients

- 1 onion
- 1 seeded Green pepper
- 2-3 seeded fresh green chillies
- 2 tablepoons chopped fresh coriander
- 700g skinless, boneless turkey breast
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-3 pressed garlic cloves
- 25g cornflour
- 50ml cold water
- 700ml hot chicken stock
- 2 cans haricot beans, rinsed and drained

## Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C - 180C Fan
2. Chop onion, dice green pepper and finely chop chillies, combine with chopped coriander
3. Cut turkey into 2cm cubes, heat oil adding garlic and half the diced turkey. Cook 2-3 minutes turning frequently, transfer to dish then repeat with remaining oil and turkey.
4. Blend cornflour with cold water stirring until smooth. Gradually add hot chicken stock until all combined.
5. Rinse and drain beans adding them and stock to the mixture.
6. Bake, covered 1 hour stirring halfway through.
7. Serve in bowls with toppings.



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## **Bildeston Ladies Club**

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were allowed to climb aboard one of the Sea-king helicopters and some ladies even got to try out the pilot's seat! Unfortunately these lovely yellow flying machines will be leaving our skies next summer, as the service is wound down by the RAF. We would like to send our best wishes to all the crew for their future and our thanks to Flt. Lt Bob Dews and Grant for a fantastic night out.

Our Christmas meal is at Chamberlin Hall on Dec 4<sup>th</sup> – meet at 7:00 p.m. for 7:30 p.m. (Don't forget your Secret Santa gift to the value of £5.)  
Jo Silburn (Bookings secretary)





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# BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on 10th, November, 2014 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm



### In attendance:

**Councillors:** A Guttridge (Chairman) P Bullen, D Drury, A Hubbard, R Lester, R Lindsay, R Taylor

**Also Present:** Councillor Mrs J Antill (Suffolk County Council) Councillor D Keane (Babergh District Council). D Blackburn (Clerk)

Councillor A Guttridge, the Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

### C128/14/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P Cousins and D Dempsey.

### C129/14/15 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Councillors Lester and Taylor declared a non-pecuniary interest by reason of being members of the Kings Pightle Management Committee and Sportsfield Management Committee. Councillor Drury declared a non-pecuniary interest by reason of being a member of the Sportsfield management Committee and Councillor Guttridge declared a non-pecuniary interest by reason of being respectively an employee of the County Council and a member of Chamberlin Hall Management Committee.

### C130/14/15 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

The Chair welcomed back the Clerk, David Blackburn, following a break in his duties for a period of six months to enable him to complete his studies.

### C131/14/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

### C132/14/15 POLICE REPORT

The Police Report for the period 1st October 2014, to 31st October 2014, recorded that there had been one crime relating to damage to a building on Consent Lane. Across the Babergh West area, there had been a number of burglaries of dwellings and outbuildings. Three offenders had been arrested with respect to some of these crimes but the public were asked to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the Police.

### C133/14/15 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Keane provided his regular update on the integration between Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils. There had not been a planning application received so far, for the proposed development between Chelsworth Road and Church Road. However, Councillor Keane indicated that he would be happy to speak to local residents and receive their views at such time as an application was submitted.

A question was raised about a recent planning consent whereby, it appeared, that an applicant was encouraged to install like for like single glazing rather than double glazing in an older dwelling as part of a conservation area consent. Councillor Keane undertook to make enquiries

into the planning policy of the District Council and report back to the Parish Council.

#### **C134/14/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Parish Council received an update on the progress made by the Neighbourhood Planning Working Party. Questionnaires were due to be distributed shortly to obtain the views of the residents of the village about all aspects of the development of Bildeston. At this stage, the only costs identified were printing costs associated with the survey which would be in the region of £200 - £250. Councillor Bullen informed the Parish Council of representations that he had received from a local parishioner expressing concerns about the adequacy of local infrastructure in coping with new residential development. The correspondent referred in particular, to the capacity at the doctor's surgery and shared headteacher for the local primary school. County Councillor Mrs Antill indicated that primary schools often had better leadership with shared headteachers such as the shared arrangement between Bildeston and Whatfield. Councillor Hubbard suggested that there could be potential problems associated with the capacity of the main sewer on High Street to cope with further development. This issue required further investigation.

#### **C135/14/15 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL**

County Councillor Mrs Antill reported on the following matters:

- An award of £5 million to the County Council for the development of the blue light partnership which would see the Police and Fire & Rescue Services share premises at 12 locations within Suffolk.
- Provisional data showed that performance in early years' development within the County had improved to within 1% of median level performance nationally.
- Access to high speed broadband would increase from 85% to 95% across Suffolk by the end of 2015.
- A visit would be undertaken to Bildeston Primary School with a County Highways Officer to examine the problems caused by parking in the area.

Members of the Parish Council asked if other issues could be raised with the County Highways Officer, Mr Merry, including progress with the gateway treatments as part of the traffic calming measures for the village and the unevenness of parts of the pavement in Brookfield.

#### **C136/14/15 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES**

The Chair referred to a new standard agreement that had been introduced by the County Council with respect to the approval of new schemes, procurement of equipment and appropriate use of Vehicle Activation Systems. Under the new arrangements, there were two approved systems that Parish Councils could purchase for use in their villages.

#### **It was AGREED:**

- a. That the Clerk seeks further information about the new scheme regulating the use of VAS equipment and submits it to the next meeting; and
- b. That an item of business be included on the agenda for the next meeting, when the Parish Council shall consider making an application to the County Council for the use of VAS in the village, the procurement of VAS equipment and identification of preferred locations for the deployment of the equipment.

#### **C137/14/15 VILLAGE GROUND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

The Chair reported that the trailer had been delivered and the Clerk reported that payroll arrangements had been set up for Mr Chinery in his capacity as Grounds Maintenance Coordinator.

The accumulation of leaves in certain parts of the village was noted and the Clerk undertook to report the matter to Babergh District Council in respect of accumulations around the Market



Place, near the Doctors' Surgery and on Church Road.

Councillor Taylor referred to maintenance works that were required to the cemetery hedge and wildflower meadow and the top meadow at Kings Pightle. Longer term arrangements also needed to be made in respect of the Sportsfield main pitch and surround which would require cutting by tractor and gang mowers.

**It was AGREED:** That Councillor Taylor arranges for the maintenance works at Kings Pightle and the Sportsfield.

### **C138/14/15 VILLAGE AMENITIES**

The sealing of the Skate Park had been ordered but the adverse weather had meant that the contractor had not undertaken the works. Councillor Drury reported upon the excellent work that had been undertaken to repair the guttering on the pavilion at the Sportsfield and her disappointment that there had been an act of criminal damage soon afterwards whereby, the downpipes had been ripped off. Proposals were being developed to replace the outer doors on the building with steel doors to improve the security of the pavilion.

The Chair reminded the Parish Council that a RosPA inspection was required for the Chamberlin Hall Play Area and Coronation Playground which the Parish Council had previously paid for. The Chair referred to electrical repairs that were been required at Chamberlin Hall. The cost of the works had been higher than anticipated and a request was made by the Management Committee to draw down funds held by the Parish Council from the Margaret Bishop legacy.

Councillor Hubbard reported upon a communication he had received from the Bowls Club. It was understood that the Club had been unable to appoint a Committee at its AGM and the Bowls Club had approached the Chamberlin Hall Management Committee about being subsumed within the management arrangements for Chamberlin Hall.

**It was AGREED:**

- a. That a formal proposal be submitted to the next meeting of the Parish Council by the Sportsfield Management Committee for financial support towards the provision of new security doors at the pavilion;
- b. That the Clerk arranges a RosPA inspection of the Parish Council's Play Areas;
- c. That the Parish Council meets the costs of essential electrical works to the Chamberlin Hall releasing monies from the Margaret Bishop Fund to in the sum of £1698.72 plus VAT with the VAT element of the works to be met from the General Fund and reclasimed at year end; and
- d. That the communication submitted by the Bowls Club be noted and the Parish Council expresses a wish that a way forward may be found that secures the future of bowls within the village.

### **C139/14/15 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT**

The Parish Council discussed a request that had been received from a local parishioner to plant a tree in memory of their relative. The idea of dedicating an area in the cemetery for an Arboretum of Remembrance was discussed. A decision was also required about the appropriate species that should be included within the Arboretum.

**It was AGREED:** That a site visit be held at the Cemetery on Saturday, 15th November, 2014 at 9.30am.

### **C140/14/15 STREET LIGHTING - SWITCHING POLICY**

Councillor Taylor reported upon progress towards the introduction of the new intelligent street lighting system. The arrangements would enable lighting times in the village to be aligned

with those elsewhere in the county and would provide a saving on energy costs. Orders had been raised to replace the two defective street lights on High Street and Wattisham Road respectively.

**It was AGREED:**

- a. That the Parish Council endorses the implementation of the intelligent street lighting system in Bildeston;
- b. That the Parish Council confirms that the hours operation of street lights in Bildeston shall be aligned to those elsewhere in the County in switching off street lights between midnight and 5am daily (with the exception of any practices adopted across the County over the festive period);
- c. That notwithstanding the policy decision at (b) above, the Parish Council shall consider any community needs for different hours of lighting based upon the merits of each individual case; and
- d. That an article appears in 'The Bugle' explaining the new hours of operation of street lighting approximately one month before they are introduced in the village.

**C141/14/15 REMEMBRANCE AND CHRISTMAS**

Members of the Parish Council reflected upon the Remembrance service to mark the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. Approximately 250 residents had attended the Remembrance Service, which was officiated by Jim Haley from the Baptist Church, with the support of the Rural Dean from Hadleigh. Also in attendance had been a contingent of 13 soldiers from 73 Aviation Company REME representing Wattisham Station. Wreaths were laid by James Buckle DL, representing the Lord Lieutenant, Andrew Guttridge, representing the Parish Council, an Officer from 73 AVN Coy REME and Bildeston Primary School, whose children also read out a series of poems.

**It was AGREED:** That Jim Haley and Rosalind Cohen be thanked for organising the service.

An article had appeared in 'The Bugle' about Christmas Carols in the Market Place on Sunday, 14th December at 3.00pm. Tina Hawkins has arranged for the supply and dressing of a Christmas tree, expected cost approximately £350. This item of expenditure was ratified by the Parish Council. Carol sheets would be supplied by Councillor Lester and Councillor Bullen would continue his efforts to make contact with the school.

**C142/14/15 GOVERNANCE MATTERS**

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had confirmed that the Annual Return had been prepared in accordance with the proper procedures but had commented that the value of Fixed Assets in Box 9 of the Annual Return should be amended. The original submission made by the Parish Council had included a third party contribution from the Skate Park Group to the skate park whereas, the amount to be recorded within the Annual Return should be that amount paid by the Parish Council less the Skate Park Group's contribution notwithstanding the fact that this did not reflect the true historic cost of the fixed asset.

The Clerk submitted a copy of the new Model Financial Regulations that had been prepared by the National Association of Local Councils. The contents had been reviewed and some minor amendments made by the Chair and Clerk so that they reflected working practices within the Parish Council.

**It was AGREED:**

- a. That the report and recommendations of the External Auditor be received and noted;
- b. That Box 9 of the Annual Return be amended from £257,682 to £251,410 and the revised information be made available for public inspection;



c. That consequent upon (b) above, the Skate Park be re-valued within the Asset Register at £38,728; and

d. That the new version of Financial Regulations, as submitted to the meeting, based upon the model version produced by the National Association of Local Councils be approved and adopted.

### **C143/14/15 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS**

**It was AGREED:**

a. That the following payments be authorised:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sandra Brown	Interim Clerk's Expenses	£76.20
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance Coordinator's Salary	£266.31
Adrian Chinery	Expenses(Grounds Maintenance Equipment)	£49.82
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	£171.83
David Blackburn	Clerk's Expenses (Remembrance Wreath and Donation to Royal British Legion)	£117.00
Tomlinson Groundcare	Ground Maintenance Service and Sundries	£238.19 (inc VAT)

b. That the following income be noted:

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Geoff Artiss	Receipt for John Artiss Fund for Nature and Conservation	£176.99

### **C144/14/15 PLANNING MATTERS**

#### **Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation**

There were no new applications to be considered at the meeting.

#### **Planning Appendix B: Determined by Babergh District Council**

There had been no applications determined since the previous meeting

### **C145/14/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL**

Councillor Guttridge referred to a request from the proprietor of the curry van operating in the Market Place to be able to provide a wider range of food. The consensus of the meeting was that the Parish Council would have no objection to the proposal subject to this not creating additional littering in the area.

Councillor Lester referred to the need to replace the Church noticeboard. The consensus of the meeting was that the noticeboard should continue to be located next to the bicycle shop on the High Street.

### **C146/14/15 PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no matters raised.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm



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## SAGITTARIUS

23rd Nov to 21st Dec

Symbol - Archer

Birthstone - Turquoise

Element - Fire

Sagittarius is an optimistic sign, they look on the bright side, and this helps them to give their best in difficult situations. Sagittarians will always speak the truth, even if it is brutal, they are often tactless without realising it, and they always mean what they say. Sagittarians are usually intelligent and enthusiastic, with many interests, but sometimes having so many interests they can lose interest, and can be seen as superficial, also they can be very impatient, and over confident, tending to believe they can do no wrong, which means they make a lot of mistakes.

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Jimi Hendrix, C.S. Lewis, Winston Churchill, Judi Dench and Jane Austen.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

*Bildeston Parish Council warmly invites all residents to our traditional village carols and refreshments event. This year to be held on Sunday 14th December at 3.00pm in the Market Place. Do come along and help start the seasonal festivities together.*



## St Mary Magdalene Church Bildeston Church Services – December 2014

<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	11am	Benefice Communion at St Margaret's Church, Whatfield
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	11am	Morning Prayer
<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Carol Service with refreshments
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.30pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Communion
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>	11am	Christmas Family Service
<b>28<sup>th</sup> December</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas	11am	Benefice Communion
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	11am	Benefice Communion with Epiphany Carols at All Saints Church, Semer

During the Interregnum all enquiries should be made to either the Rural Dean – Revd Martin Thrower (01473 822281) or the Churchwarden – Mrs R Cohen (01449 740530)

## 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 9:15-11:30 ..... **Every Tuesday**

### **Ladies Club**

Christmas Dinner at Chamberlin Hall 7.00 for 7.30pm.....**Thurs 4th**

### **Winter Warmer 3**

Bike Ride Market Square.....**Saturday 6th**

### **Over 60s Christmas Lunch**

Chamberlin Hall 12.00 for 12.30pm.....**Saturday 6th**

### **Chamberlin Hall**

Christmas Dinner and Dance 7.00 for 7.30pm.....**Saturday 13th**

### **Village Christmas Carols and refreshments!**

Market Place 3.00pm.....**Sunday 14th**

### **Waytes Christmas Carols**

Chamberlin Hall.....**Monday 22nd**

### **Men's Breakfast**

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

*More details on events inside.*

**Please tell us about your events in January 2015!**

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