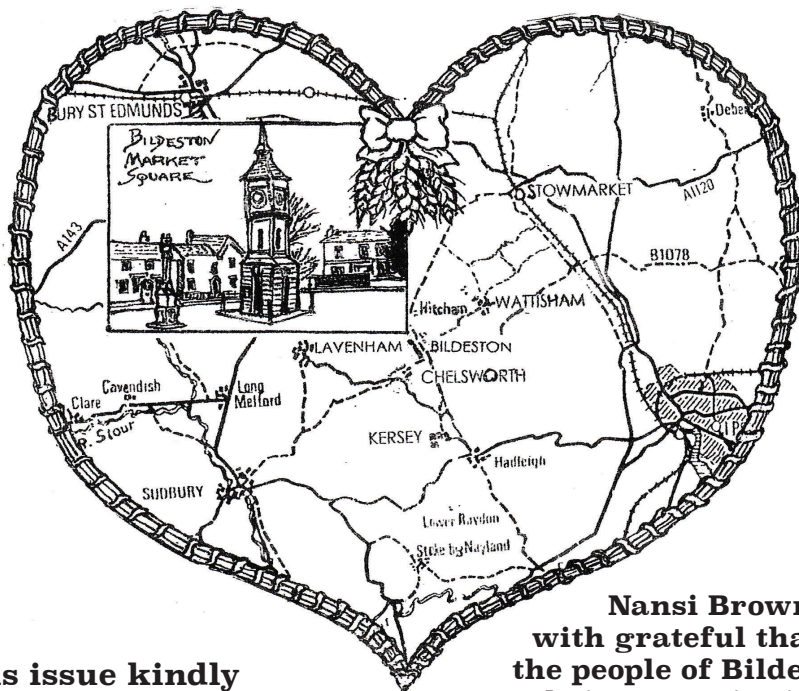
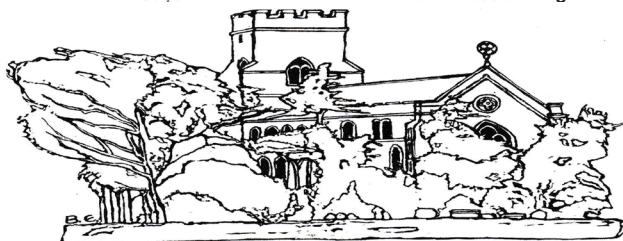


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ED'S COMMENT

There are often two sides to every story, (see centre pages) but could the issues raised by 'opposite' sides of the Bildeston development debate have a meeting point? For example on one side, points are raised about the potential benefits of development by reminding us of a golden time of village life when rural communities were largely self-sufficient and well served by local commerce. But the car, supermarkets, on-line shopping, home delivery and a huge change in society and shopping habits have changed that. Perhaps new residents to our village might help stop the steady decline to which the piece refers and breathe new life into local groups and amenities. Those people who now live in what were the 'new' developments can attest to the improvements in their quality of life since moving to Bildeston. It is very difficult to win an argument shouting, "Pull up the drawbridge!" after you have just been let in!

The other side of the debate takes a similar approach by reminding us of a romantic ideal of the countryside and the need to preserve it as a legacy to be passed from one generation to another. This is a major reason why people choose to move to Suffolk and immerse themselves in village life quite different from an urban experience. The view from the top of Church Lane looking down over our village is lovely, but is a view that includes areas that once were farmland, woods, meadow and pasture but are now homes.

Keeping to facts, according to the 2013 report 'Ipswich Housing and Population and Household Projections 2011 to 2031' Suffolk's population is expected to increase significantly. Babergh's population, however, rises the least of all districts, by just 5450. Babergh District Council has identified a need for more than 1000 new houses by 2031. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has just published a study based on current council records which shows that there is space for more than one million homes to be built on derelict land and vacant plots, with 400,000 already with planning permission, half of which are in the East and South East of England. The CPRE clearly has its agenda but metropolitan councils acknowledge the huge number of empty houses that could be refurbished and added to the housing stock. The national campaigning charity 'Empty Homes' data for 2013, also based on council records, shows that Suffolk has 3207 empty houses, with Babergh listed as having 332. In other words if these 'brownfield' sites and empty homes were used it would go a long way to help solve the housing crisis without having to encroach on any countryside land at all. A crucial question is why are we even considering the loss of designated food production land just when the population is increasing at the fastest rate in human history?

Change is inevitable. It is right to point out that Bildeston has seen significant change over the last 15 years, both positive and negative, with new housing and people but loss of shops. It is also right to point out that turning large tracts of countryside and farmland into housing developments is not the only option to ease the housing issue. Influencing that change and its scale using accurate data and coherent arguments is the way forward. So maybe both sides really do want the same thing; a vibrant, sustainable 'village' nestling in conserved Suffolk countryside. Following the questionnaire it is up to councillors at all levels to ensure both sides can win.

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Open Afternoon

We held an Open afternoon on Wednesday 26 November for our current reception parents as well as inviting prospective parents and children who will be joining us in September 2015. The theme was "The Tiger who came to Tea". The event was very well attended and a wonderful afternoon was had by all with lots of party games! ***If you know of any parents of children born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011 please encourage them to apply for a school place before the deadline of Thursday 15 January 2015. Parents are very welcome to visit – please call the school office on 01449 740269.***



Fundraising

The children who took part in Children in Need games on Friday 14 November. They raised a total of £101.30. The children also helped with the Poppy Appeal raising £118.87.

We have also raised a total in excess of £150 so far for our Christmas charity received from performance tickets. This will be shared equally between the school and the Royal British Legion.

PTFA News

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their continued support. Recent sales of tea towels, plants and Christmas wreaths as well as the ever popular children's Christmas discos have raised vital funds for the school.

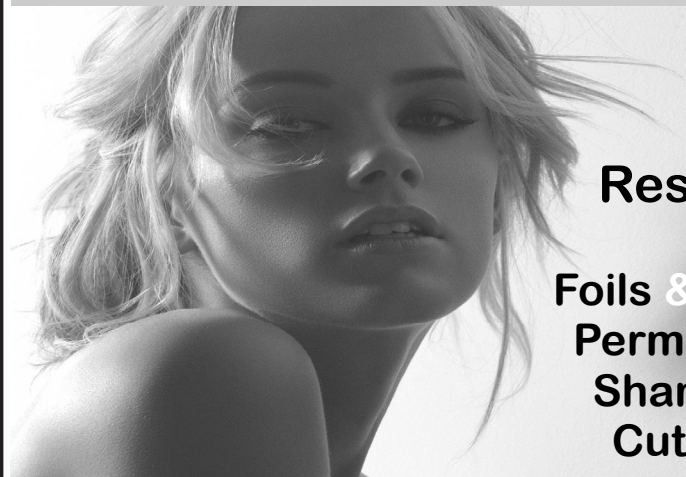
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COUNTRYSIDE OBSERVER

As I write it is the closing of the year and we are into December with all the festivities and family gatherings to look forward to over the Christmas holiday. We seem quite suddenly to have gone from a balmy late summer to wet days with temperatures dropping rapidly. The wood-burning stove has been fired up, leaf gathering is almost complete, the garden tidied and ready for whatever the winter throws at it and us.

Back in September I took a ride out to Orford. A road sign indicated fresh apple juice available at a farm and we followed the signs along ever narrowing lanes to finally arrive where four bottles were purchased. On the way back along an even narrower lane with steep banks to each side, I watched as a large grass snake slid down the bank and across the lane. He had been sunning himself on the bank and our presence disturbed him. Although I quickly stopped leaping out, he was gone, a master of camouflage and stealth.

By the time January comes around the first signs of new life will have begun to appear outside. In our garden, green shoots, standing the woods the woodland down the floor now slowly decaying and other woodland flowers walking at this time of Maybe it's the thought of or maybe we have gone



bulbs are already pushing up out against the dark soil. Up in carpet of green has long died covered with leaves from the fall offering protection to the ferns and asleep below. What is it about year that makes it feel so special? a warm fire waiting for us at home, across to Chelsworth with the

dogs and taken refuge in the Peacock inn. To walk across country is to get away from man's handiwork and to be at one with the countryside seeing things that those who choose to drive miss. There's something about our region that is primeval and unspoiled. Winter exaggerates that, especially if there is a covering of snow. It covers up the signs of man's presence but reveals other things as well. You see animal tracks you might not notice, it makes everyone feel like a bit of an explorer.

There is something about the fact of human traces in the countryside, its paths and chance encounters. Paths are human, an exploration of our ties to the ancient pathways of Britain's landscape. They are the traces of our relationships in some ways. Walking, too, is a social activity, no matter how much we associate it with the search for isolation. There's no doubt that more people do get out, as families over the holiday, if only to walk off the Christmas meal. It is a time of year when people are far more likely to say hello. The other side of it is the knowledge that even if it's cold you are heading back to a warm house, to family, maybe a glass of "mulled wine."

An identity parade has been held at Chicken HQ here at Granary House, two cockerels have been positively identified, the jury still deliberating on a third suspect. These two as I write have been dispatched and will appear on the table shortly. Sadly they had to go as the damage being caused to the established flock of hens was plain to see, not to mention the incessant crowing starting at 3.45 most mornings. noise had continued.

May I wish all readers of this column a happy Christmas and prosperous 2015. **Mike**

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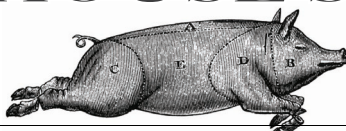
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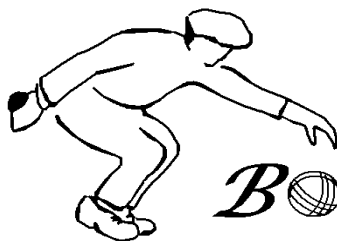
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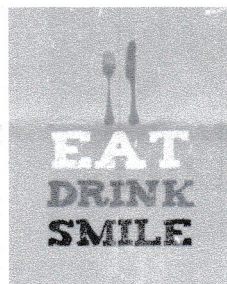
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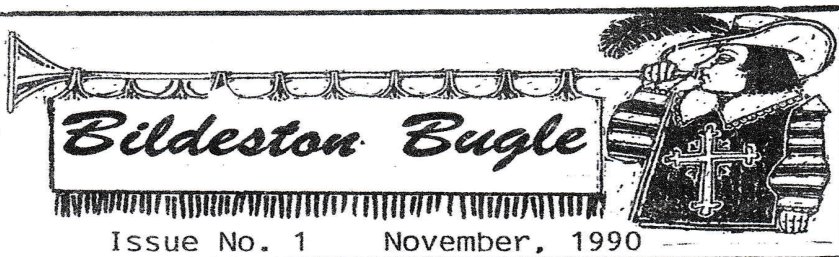
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HELLO EVERYONE:

This is the first edition of your very own Bildeston Village Newsletter. There was sufficient interest and enthusiasm at the recent meeting for us to decide to go ahead with this. It is hoped that we shall be able to deliver a copy of the Bildeston Bugle free to you at the beginning of each month.

What we need to make this a successful venture is your co-operation in providing news and views about your organisation, your club or society or, indeed, your own personal thoughts on issues relating to the life of our village. Any item for the next issue, which is due the beginning of December, may be left at Tankard House, Wattisham Road, before the 20th November.

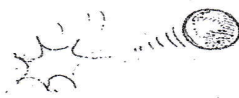
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The Youth Club will be starting up again on FRIDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER.

This is the result of a meeting held in October to try and enlist more parental help. As usual, enough parents volunteered to go on a rota for the early session, but there is still a shortfall for the late session.

The older group, in particular, need to be adequately supervised, and **UNLESS ENOUGH ADULTS TURN UP EACH WEEK, THE LATE SESSION IS UNLIKELY TO CONTINUE BEYOND CHRISTMAS.**

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DEVELOPMENT DEBATE CONTINUES...

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Some 50 to 60 villagers turned out for Keep Bildeston Beautiful's Walk&Talk on Sunday 16th November. In the Clock Tower Square, Councillor Clive Arthey's proposed new housing estates alongside Bildeston Brook, and other plans for new homes in Bildeston, were hotly debated, the conversation fuelled by coffee and cake. Jocelyn Targett addressed the crowd, saying, 'I can imagine what our roads will look like with 1-or-200 more cars driving up and down them every day – and it's not pretty.' Among Bildeston's Parish Councillors, all of whom were personally invited, only Robin Taylor, Peter Bullen and Robert Lindsay were on hand to witness the strength of feeling from villagers. Many then made their way over to The Peacock in Chelsworth for a drink and more discussion, before returning to the King's Head. Jocelyn Targett went on to say, 'Even if the roads, and the services, and the sewers can all be sorted, try telling the kingfishers who patrol the brook that 60 or 80 or 380 new homes in the fields around Bildeston are a good idea. We hear a lot about the national housing shortage. But there is no housing shortage in Suffolk villages. The notion that you solve the urban housing crisis by building vast housing estates in the countryside is laughable – it's idiotic – but its a very real threat to the calm and beauty of Bildeston, a threat to the way we choose to live, and yes a threat to the kingfishers.'

To enthusiastic applause, he finished by saying, 'We owe it to ourselves, and to future generations to cherish this place, and keep it beautiful, as previous generations have for us.'

Jocelyn

Dear Editor,

I feel I must write to complain about the amount of dog mess in the High Street. This morning on the walk to school my daughter and I had to step around no less than five piles of mess. This is unacceptable. Dog owners should take responsibility for their dogs and their mess, and ensure it is cleaned up. Not only is it a hazard, should someone have the misfortune to slip in it, it is also not 'keeping Bildeston beautiful'!

Yours faithfully, Rebecca Hiscock

I would like to add to the development debate with the following facts regarding the proposed Bildeston Expansion Plans. Bildeston has been suffering a gradual decline since the 1960s and it is up to us to rally round and work together to prevent the village from economic death. Take the time to compare the High Street of the 1960s with today:- Taylor's Garage which had its own coaches, Blacksmith, Agricultural Contract business, Car Sales & Repairs and, of course, petrol pump sales... all gone. There was a Garden Centre, Aldis Electricians, Fawley Retail & Electrical Repairs, an Undertaker, Sylvia's Hairdresser, Gordon Taylor, Edwin Raynham and D'eath's. Three building companies; Blofield Watch Repairers, the Bow Window Restaurant, The King's Head Tea Rooms, Barclays Bank, a Fish & Chip Shop as well as a Post Office, a CoOp Foodstore & CoOpButcher; to add to all these lost businesses there was Last's Flowershop, Chandler's Ironmongery, Oswald's Antique Shop, Young's Grocery and, last but not least, Emmerson's the Butcher. For the village to become the vibrant, thriving place it once was we need to accept that these businesses folded for lack of trade and, unless we want to lose the few which remain, we need to act quickly. There can be no standing still watching the world go by. Many of the houses in the High Street have single occupancy which explains the low population and the dearth of shoppers. As unpalatable as it may be for many, we really do have to consider expansion and I am coming round to the view that the Ipswich Hill and Danford Park proposals are essential.

I well recall those who jumped up and down in rage when Newberry Road, Manor Road, Rotherham Road and Squirrells Mill Road developments were proposed: but can you imagine the village today without them? So it will be when the new developments are in place. These people will bring in new blood, new ideas and support for local clubs and activities and could well prove the salvation of our few remaining assets. Let us not live in the past (like Mr. Bild) but look to the future and build a better Bildeston in step with the 21st Century.

Obviously this is a subject upon which feelings run high on both sides. Maybe the Planning Committee could be instrumental in appeasing everyone by ensuring that the architect selected for these developments has a proven track record of designing properties which blend into the surrounding area picking up styles from adjacent buildings: it would also help if the developers were instructed to plant mature trees and attractive shrubs around the perimeter of their developments. This way the very attractive part of Suffolk in which we are fortunate enough to live will be protected whilst the young should be able to find homes in the area in which they grew up.

Tim

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Looking back at 2014 we thank everyone who supported SESA, including those who braved miserable weather to help raise £1805 at our Christmas Fair and Grand Raffle. An unusual event took place when a party of SESA Volunteers was treated to a tour of the Mayor's Parlour in Ipswich. On a sadder note Boff, our resident tailless tabby who often greeted visitors, died in November. A gentleman among cats, Boff was respected by all, including us canines, and will be greatly missed.

I've just been out with lovely Debbie who responded to my plea for new helpers a few months ago, but we still need dog walkers and animal carers. Please leave a message on 01787 210888 if you can spare one morning a week, or would like to help with fundraising. We have many animals awaiting new homes including a deaf dog named Angel and Harvey the whippet, her constant companion. Next time I'll tell you more about the animals but now I've run out of time. If this article is late, the Editor will not be very pleased with me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua!

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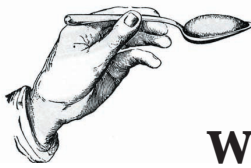
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Symbol - Goat

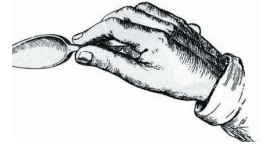
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Element - Earth

Capricorn is one of the most stable and serious of star signs. Normally Capricorn people are confident, strong willed and calm, hardworking, unemotional, shrewd, practical, responsible, persevering, and cautious of extreme ideas. Reliable in almost every profession they choose because Capricorns display doggedness, and tenacity. They set themselves high standards and expect others to have them too, they always strive for honesty. Capricorns are brilliant organisers, and are very disciplined, sometimes other people find them too reserved, and too conservative, they can be humourless, and prone to depression, this partly because they think very deeply and profoundly.



Recipe of the Month



Leek, Chicken and Wild Mushroom Risotto

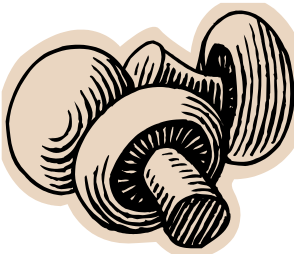
serves 4 to 6

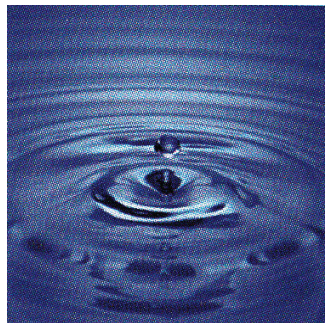
Ingredients

- 1lb finely sliced leek
- 12oz sliced raw chicken breast
- 6oz mushrooms
- 1 cup per person pre-cooked long grain rice
- 2 cloves garlic crushed
- 1 large glass dry white wine
- 1 chicken stock cube
- Half pint double cream
- Chopped parsley and chives
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- salt and pepper

Method

1. Heat 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large thick bottomed pan
2. Add the chicken pieces and fry gently until golden brown
3. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and keep to one side
4. Add the remainder of the oil to the pan together with the leeks, sliced mushrooms and crushed garlic
5. Cook gently until soft
6. Add the cooked chicken, wine and stock cube, simmer and season to taste
7. Add the cooked rice, stirring constantly
8. Add the herbs and cream and bring back to simmer until a sloppy consistency is achieved
9. Serve with a fresh mixed salad and dressing





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If you are a charity or community group, and have had some fantastic support, passion and commitment from a business, why not thank them by nominating them for the new Corporate Community Partnership Award. The winning business will get the trophy and the charity will receive the cheque.

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Community Group or Organisation of the Year

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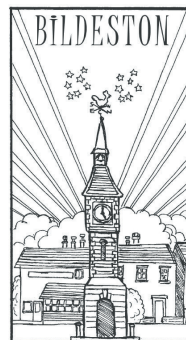
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on 8th, December, 2014 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm



In attendance:

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

Also Present: Four local residents, Two Police Officers, D Blackburn
(Clerk)

Councillor A Guttridge, the Chair of the Parish Council, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present. The Chair indicated that he would vary the order of business on the agenda to enable Planning Application B/14/01435 to be considered early in the meeting as four members of the public had attended for that item of business.

C147/14/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillor Mrs J Antill and District Councillor D Keane.

C148/14/15 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 also declared an interest in Planning Application B/14/01435 because the proposed development was on land adjoining her property. Councillor Drury indicated that in view of her interest in the planning application she would not participate in the discussion or voting on that item of business. 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.

C149/14/15 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C150/14/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2014 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C151/14/15 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appendix A: Planning Application Consultation

The Parish Council considered the application for outline planning permission in respect of planning application B/14/01435 referred to below. Four local residents provided their views on aspects of the proposed application.

Reference	B/14/01435
Address	Land East of Artiss Close and, Rotheram Road, Bildeston, Ipswich

Proposal	Outline - Erection of 48 residential dwellings with details of access
Decision	<p>Objection citing the following factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of need for the scale of development that is proposed 2. Lack of proven need to develop a green field site 3. Setting within the village and visibility 4. Poor integration of the scheme with the existing village 5. Unreliability of local consultation conducted by the developer's agent 6. Environmental/ecological impact of development on green field site 7. Concerns over the capacity of foul drainage to cope with the new development 8. Lack of surface water drainage mitigation measures regarding the site with potential impact for others living in the village, the conservation area and heritage assets 9. Inadequate planting to screen the new development from existing housing 10. Lack of access to local amenities creating dependency upon motor vehicles and increased traffic locally

Reference	B/14/01340
Address	White Lodge, 5 Market Place, Bildeston, Ipswich
Proposal	Application for Listed Building Consent - Installation of French doors and windows and internal works.
Decision	No Objection

Planning Appendix B: Determined by Babergh District Council

There had been no applications determined since the previous meeting.

C152/14/15 POLICE REPORT

PC Darren Marshall reported that there had been one reported crime since the previous meeting. This involved a break-in to a shed at a property on the High Street with items taken from a car as part of the same incident. This compared with one crime committed during the same period during the previous year. The Police advised local residents to lock up their properties and outbuildings to avoid break-ins in the lead up to Christmas. Councillor Cousins asked that the Police review parking by parents near to the Primary School which was, on occasions, causing a hazard.

C153/14/15 BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

There was no report on this occasion.

C154/14/15 SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

There was no report on this occasion.

C155/14/15 GOVERNANCE MATTERS

There were no governance matters other than that the Clerk would present an item to the next meeting on Parish Consultation on Local Infrastructure which was being undertaken by the District Council. The deadline for submitting information was 31st January, 2015.

C156/14/15 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS

It was AGREED:

a. That the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Description	Amount
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	£179.11
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance Coordinator's Pay	£123.25
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance - Fuel Expenses	£25.00
Haward Horological Ltd	Clock Tower Maintenance	£150.00
Keith Avis Printing	Planning Consultation Advertising Materials	£185.80 (incl VAT)
Keith Avis Printing	Printing Consultation Main Questionnaire Booklet	£326.00
Robin Taylor	Christmas Lights - reimbursement of expenditure	£200.98 (incl VAT)
Tina Hawkins	Erection of Christmas Tree	£20
JK. & GA Agnew & Sons Ltd	Christmas Tree for Market Place	£348.00 (incl VAT)

C157/14/15 TRAFFIC MEASURES

The Clerk submitted details of the application procedure application for the procurement and deployment of a Vehicle Activation System (VAS) that would measure and display the speed of vehicles in the village. Both County Councillor Mrs Antill and District Councillor Keane had agreed to support the Parish Council's application. PCSO Fudge was seeking Police support and it was noted that the Bildeston Parish Plan identified support from local residents for the introduction of traffic calming measures. Funding for the project had been allocated by former County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke.

It was AGREED:

a. That an application be submitted to Suffolk County Council for the procurement and deployment of a Vehicle Activation System in the village; and
b. That the preferred site for the equipment to be evaluated by County Highways shall be as follows:

- On the High Street near to the village sign (to the south of the turning into Ipswich Road)
- On the High Street in the built up area leading out towards Hitcham (to the north of the turning into Wattisham Road)
- On Ipswich Road (to the east of the turning into Rotheram Road)

C158/14/15 VILLAGE GROUND MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

There was nothing to report at the meeting

C159/14/15 VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Drury reported that new downpipes had been supplied and fitted at the Sports Pavilion. Kings Pightle Management Committee had provided the Clerk with details of equipment that they would purchase which came to £1,045.83 plus VAT. The Parish Council would release monies held within the John Artiss Conservation Fund once an invoice was presented.

C160/14/15 CEMETERY MANAGEMENT

Following the decision taken at the previous meeting, a site meeting had been conducted at the cemetery by members of the Parish Council on Saturday, 15th November, 2014.

It was AGREED:

- a. That the location and conditions for creating a Memorial Arboretum at the cemetery be approved from the north-western corner, continuing along the western edge;
- b. That EFMS Ltd be requested to supply and plant the trees with Councillor Taylor to liaise over arrangements; and
- c. That the arboretum comprise native trees with a maximum height of five metres and maximum spread of four metres.

C161/14/15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

It was noted that questionnaires were due to be collected from households during the week commencing 8th December, 2014

C162/14/15 STREET LIGHTING - SWITCHING POLICY

Further to Minute No. 161/14/15 the Parish Council discussed the timescale for switching off lights in the village between midnight and 5am daily.

It was noted that three street lights had been replaced in the village

It was AGREED:

- a. That the hours of 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) and that this arrangement shall be implemented with effect from 1st February, 2015
- b. That Councillor Taylor liaises with the County Council to implement the above arrangements; and
- c. That an article appears in 'The Bugle' highlighting the new hours of operation of street lighting.

C163/14/15 CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE MARKET PLACE

It was noted that Councillor Taylor would deal with the supply of mulled wine and mince pies for Christmas Carols in the Market Place on Sunday, 14th December at 3.00pm. Councillor Lester would provide copies of the carol sheets to Mark Powell-Davies.

C164/14/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillors Hubbard and Taylor would liaise over putting the new grit bin out at the corner of Robin Road and Smock Meadow.

Councillor Lester had been approached by a parishioner about drainage problems at the bottom of Wattisham Road and High Street. Members of the Parish Council felt that the resident was going through all the appropriate channels to tackle the problem in respect of this particular issue.

C165/14/15 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no matters raised.

C166/14/15 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.

C167/14/15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Councillor Dempsey reported upon advice received from the Charity Commissioners regarding the establishment of a trust to administer funds from a parishioner's estate. Members of the Parish Council discussed correspondence sought and/or received from various beneficiaries of the parishioner's will.

The meeting closed at 9.38pm

BILDESTON OVER 60s CHRISTMAS LUNCH MANY, MANY THANKS

We would like to thank Brenda Salisbury and her helpers, for the lovely food and entertainment, at the over 60's Christmas Lunch. It was very much appreciated. Also thank you once again to Tina for the beautiful Christmas tree on the Market Square.

From Ted and Betty Robinson, Trevor and Daisy Sharp and June Mann

It was a great privilege to help at the Over 60s Christmas Lunch this year and it is right to pay tribute to Brenda and everybody in her wonderful team.

Thanks also needs to go to the organisations and people who donated the food, which was superb, baked mince pies, donated raffle prizes and various other items without which this annual event put on for, and by, the village, just could not happen.

But Ted and Betty, Trevor and Daisy and June are so right, Brenda is the 'general' who marshalls the troops and ensures it goes ahead smoothly. The ladies in the kitchen worked for hours and the waitresses between them served three courses, followed by tea and mince pies to a hall of around 80 appreciative villagers.

The entertainment, including singing, Irish dancing and the Dave and Adrian sketches filled the gap perfectly between the main meal and afternoon tea.

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Helen McDermott and Christine Webber have both donated their own Winter Fuel Payments for a number of years.

Christine says "I do hope everyone who is in a position to help, whether they receive the Winter Fuel payment or not, will realise what a difference their contribution will make."

Helen says "Without the support of this appeal, Surviving Winter is likely to be a real struggle for some of the most vulnerable older people in Suffolk."

Tim Holder, Development Director at Suffolk Community Foundation added that: "It's a really simple idea that will make a huge difference to the lives of older people in our community who are vulnerable and most in need."

The money raised is distributed in partnership with Age UK Suffolk and last year went a long way in helping vulnerable older people in Suffolk keep warm throughout the winter.

Suffolk Community Foundation is asking you to pledge your **Winter Fuel Payment** to help those desperately in need of extra support during the winter. You can do this online at www.suffolkcf.org.uk or by calling 01473 602602. You can also visit your local branch of Ipswich Building Society or fill in the coupon which will be published in The East Anglian Daily Times.



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STREET LIGHTING IS CHANGING

Suffolk County Council has been implementing 'part-night' lighting and streetlight dimming across the whole of Suffolk, with the objective of reducing energy consumption, saving both money and reducing CO2 emissions. The County Council estimates that introducing the system will save at least £550,000 per year in energy costs and has the potential to deliver a significant reduction in carbon dioxide.

Therefore, for some time now street lights have been switched off in Bildeston between midnight and 5.30am every night. Following discussions between the County Council and the Parish Council this arrangement will now also be applied in Bildeston to street lights owned by the Parish Council. This aligns us with other communities across Suffolk whilst creating some savings for the Parish Council.

The new arrangements are due to come into effect from 1st February, 2015.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

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Parish Clerk

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St Mary Magdalene Church Bildeston Church Services – December 2014

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

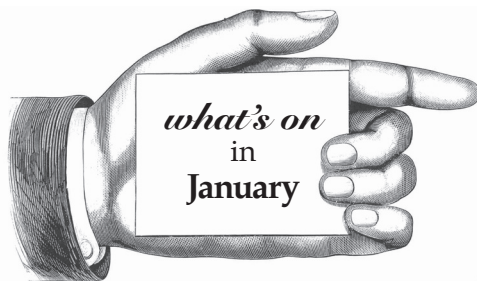
Anyone in the village is most welcome

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**

Winter Warmer 4

Bike Ride Market Square.....**Saturday 18th**

Chamberlin Hall

CHAPS Pantomime 7.30pm.....**30th and 31st**

Men's Breakfast

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

More details on events inside.

Please tell us about your events in February

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