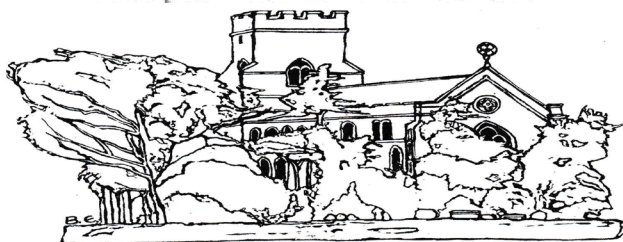


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ED'S COMMENT

After the various anniversaries celebrated through 2014 to do with the start of World War 1 and the World War 2 D-Day landings in Normandy, this May 8th sees the anniversary of VE Day, the end of World War 2 in Europe, as the war with Japan went on for a further 3 months. More details about the planned celebrations can be found in this month's Bugle.

The end of a conflict seems a far better anniversary than the start of one. Joy, relief and hope are much better emotions to remember than sadness, misery and suffering. When you realise that World War 2 was the deadliest military conflict in history and that almost 460,000 people from the United Kingdom alone lost their lives as a result of that war, you can understand why VE Day in 1945 saw some of the most outrageous and spontaneous celebrations ever witnessed. Streets were filled with people and street parties, bands played, flags flew and the air was filled with fireworks. By 1945 Britain's population was war weary and wanted to 'let its hair down' after 5 years of austerity. How familiar does that sound? But it wasn't just that the war was over, it was that the war had been won. Against some odds, especially the situation Britain had found itself in 1940, Britain and its allies were victorious. The impact of both fighting and winning that war has shaped our modern history since 1945 and helped to define the generations born since.

The celebrations for the 70th anniversary of VE Day start the day after the General Election and the questions could include which politicians will be victorious? Which political party or parties will be celebrating? What mood will Britain be in when they wake up on the 8th May? What message do the electorate want to send to politicians? What will the turn-out be across the country? In July 1945 the overall General Election turn-out was virtually 73%, in 2010 in some areas less than half that figure and no one party in total control! In 1945 there was the overwhelming sense of what people had been fighting for, what it meant to them and their desire to have a say in a new future. Certainly it was a shock to some that Winston Churchill, the great war leader, lost that election with the message from the electorate that they wanted change and a new leader for peacetime.

Such questions are just as relevant today as they were in 1945. What do the residents of Bildeston feel strongly enough about to fight for? What future do we want for our village? What message do we want to send to our local politicians? Never have those questions been more appropriate as we face an unprecedented number of proposals for change with arguments both for and against. The first signal could be the outcome of the local and general elections. The second signal, is the outcome of the questionnaire we were asked to complete in preparation for the Neighbourhood Plan, the main results of which are now published inside. Meanwhile the latest place for proposed development is the old Taylor's Garage site, which at least is part brownfield, already with a history of varied use and, arguably, might benefit from being made a more attractive first impression approach to the village. The Parish, District and County Councils will pick up these issues and questions and, hopefully, demonstrate how local democracy could actually work. Local democracy meaning: heeding the local people! Hopefully!

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A Note from the Head Teacher



It's hard to believe I am coming to the third term of my time as Head teacher of both Bildeston and Whatfield Schools. It has been a real privilege to see the schools develop, and staff and pupils take advantage of the collaboration between schools in creative ways. Pupils have worked together in writing workshops, sporting and theatre activities, yet both schools have kept their own distinctive ethos, and it is a tribute to the staff that things which could be quite complicated, have gone very smoothly.

We look forward to Bildeston developing still further with a healthy Reception class beginning in September. We have worked hard on the budget to ensure that the school can keep the small class sizes we enjoy, so that we can ensure the children get the individual attention in their learning they deserve. We have plans to give the building a little facelift, painting the windows and outside to enhance its appeal and have recently added a small shelter for playtime use. We are always looking for ways to improve and I am pleased to say that our recent parent's survey revealed that our parents would recommend Bildeston School to other parents.

I am also happy to let you know that the school itself has plenty of space for additional pupils, and our buildings and lovely grounds can house plenty more if necessary. We are all looking forward to an exciting summer term completing a successful cycle of the academic year.

Lynne CS Golding

Our topics in KS1 this term are 'The Farm', 'Animals' and 'Castles'. They will be learning about Traditional farm tales, the workings of a farm, investigating animals and their habitats and designing and making model tractors.

After half term our KS1 topic will be 'Castles'. Some of the areas we will be learning about or investigating includes finding out about castles in the local area and what life was like in a castle.

The children will also be visiting Colchester Castle in June so they are very much looking forward to that!

Our topic in KS2 this term is "Greeks Ancient & Modern". Our year 6 pupils are doing final preparation for their SATs taking place in May. Our Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils will be visiting the Suffolk Farm & Country Fair in Ipswich this term.

Cross Country



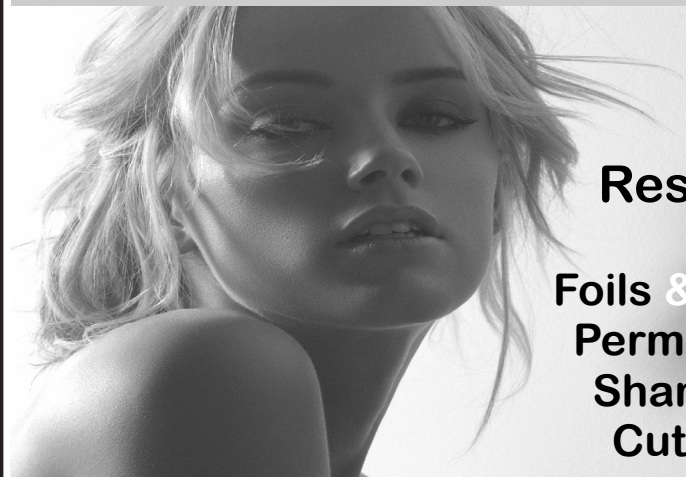
We were extremely proud of the pupil's achievements at a Cross Country event held in March at The Royal Hospital School in Ipswich. Eleanor in Year 6 came 16th in the Year 6 Girls category and Adam in Year 5 came 56th in the Year 5 Boys category – well done to them both!!!

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Our river supports a multitude of wildlife along its course. This includes wild Mallard, Kingfishers, and Heron. The European Egret in its splendid white plumage is a frequent visitor. Mammals include the water vole and rat, mink and possibly Otter. I say possibly as although I haven't for certain seen one yet they are in Suffolk and a large splash as I walked close to a stretch of the river last year told me something Otter like had taken fright and plunged into the depths.

Fish include a wide range from the wily Chub in the intimate, alder-fringed upper reaches, to Tench, Bream and Pike in the deeper water lower downstream. A walk alongside the river during May will reveal colourful damselflies flitting above the water, their colours a mix of bright vibrant blues. Down at Semer great works are in hand to restore the water mill to full working condition. This ancient building will once again be able to harness the power of the running water to turn the mill wheel and hopefully grind corn as it was for centuries before.

Is it me or am I noticing more litter around this year? It's a national disgrace the amount of rubbish that's tossed out from moving vehicles and I used to think it the preserve of urban and motorway life. Not so it seems anymore with all sorts of rubbish alongside the highways and byways of our lovely county. We had our annual litter pick in late April and saw a good gathering of helpers to assist and tidy up for those lazy so and so's who cannot be bothered to take it home. Whilst on the subject of litter I will also mention dog poo. If you keep dogs (we do) any mess they leave should be cleared up as you go. It's wrong to leave it just lying there, and if you are good enough to collect it in a little black doggy bag take it home rather than chuck the bag into the undergrowth making it impossible for natural decomposition to occur.

The clocks are now forward so we really know that summer is close by. A few days of warm weather and it's astonishing to see the progress out in the garden. **Mike**



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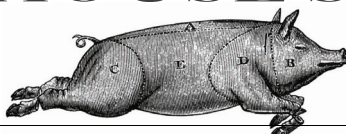
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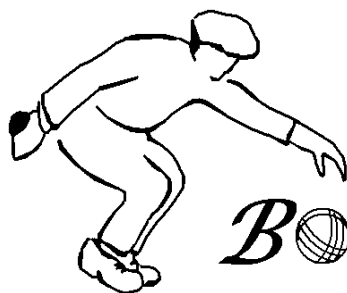
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BUGLE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

What did you think of the April Fool jokes, the old and the new? Which was your favourite? For this month we go back ten years with a look at May 2005 and the article about the village sign which had just been put up. Is it really ten years already?

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BILDER RETURNS to BILDESTON

No doubt it has not escaped your notice that our village sign has at last arrived in Bildeston.

New residents may like to know how we decided on this particular design. First of all we asked for ideas from the village and none were forthcoming. Here is an updated version of the article which was printed in the Bugle at this time. It put forward the proposals which were being considered.

There is no major event in the history of Bildeston which can be highlighted on a village sign, so the reason for the existence of Bildeston was investigated with the invaluable help of Sue Andrews.

In 878, when the victorious Danish army settled in East Anglia under their leader, Guthrum, it is thought that Guthrum stayed in Hadleigh and Bilder came here, where he found an Anglo-Saxon "ton" ("ton" means Settlement) He decided to stay, and he made it his "ton" hence Bilder's "ton".

The next major factors in past history were the arrival of the cloth and weaving industries, then agriculture. This is the reason for the ears of corn and the teazel. Modern events were to have been represented by the clock tower, the church and the minesweeper H.M.S. Bildeston.

The sign however, was to be hand carved out of a solid piece of oak and it had to be bold and simple. Small, intricate carvings were not suitable, so we have the church and the clock tower but not H.M.S. Bildeston.

Nobody knows what Bilder looked like so more help was enlisted from Sue and from Street Forge Workshops where the sign has been made. The workshops went into the Viking website in Norway. They came up with a dramatic picture of a Viking Warrior.

The sign has taken the shape of a Viking's head and helmet. The name of the village is below the head on a horizontal name board.

The structural work of the erection of the sign has been undertaken by Mr. Paul Cousins, and we offer our thanks both to him and to Street Forge Workshops.

Street Forge Workshops at Thornham Magna are for people with disabilities. It was here that the memorial seat for John Artiss was made and carved. More recently, they have built a seat in memory of Peter Ali. This seat will be placed in the adventure playground quite soon. At Street Forge Workshops they have specially trained staff and excellent wood working facilities. It is the only place of its kind serving a large area of Suffolk.

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QUESTIONNAIRE

Bildeston's questionnaire about the future of housing, conducted by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group on behalf of the Parish Council, has discovered a large degree of unanimity about how villagers want Bildeston to develop. Distributed to all 470 homes in Bildeston, 277 completed questionnaires were returned.

THE KEY FINDINGS

83% of respondents want fewer than 60 new homes in the village in the next 15 years.

93% think that the village does not need a lot more housing.

77% don't support the village expanding beyond its current limits.

Only **11%** favour new housing estates on farmland around Bildeston.

On related issues, **90%** want more litter and dog-mess bins, **62%** are in favour of a 20mph speed limit, and **95%** feel privileged to live in Bildeston. **97%** of respondents want the District Council to heed the wishes of the village regarding planning decisions.

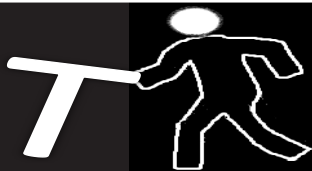
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THE BUGLE INTERVIEW

In the March issue Reverend Liz Law briefly introduced herself as Bildeston's new Church of England Parish Priest. Reverend Liz very kindly agreed to be interviewed for the Bugle to help get to know her a little more.

What was it that first made you want to be a priest?

Well, I have to say I know God called me to this vocation, else what would be the point. It always make me think though, why me and not you? Was I the only one listening? I didn't jump in a say 'yes' straightaway either - too many things stood in the way from my perspective...money, family responsibilities, age, the thought of being a student again... but eventually God and I worked it out!

You said a number of coincidences brought you here. Can you expand a little and say what happy circumstances got you to Bildeston? Where were you before?

I was living at Great Finborough before I came here and Rattlesden before that. When I was the Rector at Rattlesden I became very ill and needed some time out to convalesce. We already had our little old house at Gt Finborough which was our secret hide-out for off duty days so we left the church house and work and went there to live. I was persuaded to go back to work there with six other villages after I recovered. Sadly the house was never going to suit our old age but we loved it while we were there. Now for health reasons we have been forced to consider 'ground floor living'. I told a neighbour we would be moving soon and to our amazement word got out and that same day we sold the house. The church offered the Rectory here in Bildeston as a place to live (and work) until we found a bungalow. And just a week after we came here a bungalow came on the market in Bildeston which we hope very much to buy.

You hinted at the journey the Church is currently on, but '...we still have a long way to go before we are fit for the 21st Century'. What progress do you feel still needs to be made?

We need to make the church buildings so much more welcoming - just a toilet and kitchen and some decent heating would make such a difference to the way we could use them. But most churches are Grade 1 listed and the planning process is complicated. On top of that everything we do has to be in keeping with the old materials and structures and so costs a lot more.

I don't want to upset people who love the old ways of worship and I would like to think they can carry on with what they know and love somehow, but it won't fill our churches with new-comers who are not sure if they should be sitting, standing, kneeling or wearing a hat or not. I feel our services have to be more user friendly, with some feel good factor if we are ever going to grow the congregations. We have to think hard and long about what church is for and how to make what happens there so inviting that people will want to come - a tall order I know! I would love to know what readers want, if anything, from the village church and if they have ideas to hear them.

I think a Facebook page or a website might help - good to advertise what works and to communicate what's happening next - but would people read them?

What particular challenges are there for you as an interregnum priest? How does it feel to be between 'two reigns'?

I like living on the edge a bit and it is always exciting to me to be doing something new - I am not keen on routine. The Archdeacon - my next-in-line boss after Rev'd Martin Thrower, asked us to think of this job as open ended for now. There are plans for the future to advertise for a new person, but it might not be a priest, so I may still find there is a role for me here in the village. If not I can happily retire and enjoy painting and gardening to my heart's content.

What are your hopes for your ministry?

To be useful and helpful, to make a difference, to show God's love and demonstrate even if it is only for a short time, that Christianity is not dead - but full of life and joyful - not in a tambourine banging way you understand, but in the way it makes a difference to have a living faith. I'd like to make the church the heart of the villages, but I think that would mean taking church out, not sitting in it!

How would you describe yourself and your preferred style as a priest?

Well, I am short, plump, going quite grey - but that isn't what you meant is it? As a priest I guess some would call me quite a liberal. I have a strong faith that has carried me through sad, good and bad times in my life - it began when I was teenager after many months of resolving the big questions - you know the ones - about suffering and evolution, about resurrection and miracles. I am a scientist and an eternal student so I read and asked the big questions. I hate the way some folk take a verse out of the Bible to insist they are right - there really was an ark and all that - and ignore all the rest that says something else.

I love my work and it fulfills me, I love the big story of Christianity and the richness of it's symbols and leading people to know it all. I think worship has to be the very best we can offer God - not limp and wet and dull.

Apart from our pubs, curry van and shop what are you looking forward to as a resident of Bildeston?

Getting to know you, finding friends in this new community, being alongside people for weddings, funerals and baptisms - the days that mark our years, the festivals and celebrations. Then there's using my bus pass, exploring the countryside and the other villages and towns around us. And eventually settling down in our bungalow and tending a garden. I have heard there is a sale of all things francais and then the church has a May sale on the square, the B Natural Festival to come and who knows what else we might dream up to raise church funds....such excitement!

Many thanks from the Bugle to Rev'd. Liz for this interview.

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Bildeston Ladies Club

Thanks to Glenda for this report on the April meeting –

Collette Barrere came to give us a most informative talk and slide show of her time working at Bressingham Gardens. Born and trained in Philadelphia USA, Collette married an Englishman and came to live in the U.K. The world famous horticulturalist Alan Bloom, recently retired, needed an assistant to help in the Dell Garden with the huge variety of perennial plants grown there. Much to her surprise he also wanted her to take on his speaking engagements and help with his collection of steam engines! A lifelong sufferer from Lupus, she asked for a donation to the Lupus Society.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on Thursday 14th May at 7:45 p.m. Please note that this is the 2nd Thursday, as on our normal meeting date the hall is being used as the Polling Station for a rather more important event - the General Election !!

At the AGM we will be asking for members' ideas for our programme of events next year – so do come along and have your say. Please bring a plate of food to share. Jo Silburn 740504 (Bookings Secretary)

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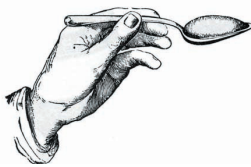
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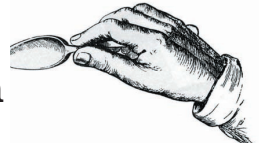
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>For the Sauce:-</u>• 150ml fish or vegetable stock• 2.5 tblsp soy sauce• 2 tsp tomato puree• 1 tblsp cider vinegar• 2 tsp caster sugar• 2 tsp cornflour• Half tsp salt• | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>For the Fish:-</u>• 4x175g thick white fish fillets• Salt & freshly ground black pepper• 2 tblsp groundnut oil• 1 tblsp chopped fresh ginger• 2 carrots cut into matchsticks• 200g halved sugar snap peas• Half bunch thinly sliced spring onion• Steamed rice to serve |
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Method

1. Combine stock, soy sauce, tomato puree, vinegar, sugar, cornflour and salt in a jug to make the sauce.
2. Season fish fillets with salt and pepper and brush both sides with oil.
3. Preheat a non-stick fry pan over a high heat until very hot.
4. Cook the fillets for 3 minutes each side, remove from pan then set aside.
5. Heat the remaining oil in the pan then add ginger, carrots, sugarsnap peas and spring onions. Stir fry for one minute. Add the sauce and bring to the boil.
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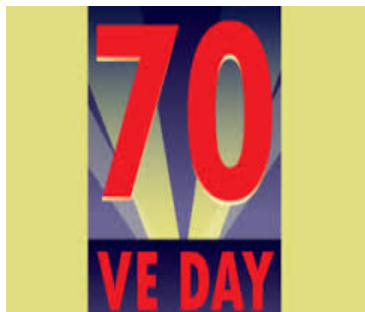
VE DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Events are planned across the UK for 3 days of celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe, ranging from a parade, a service of thanksgiving and a star-studded concert in central London, to street parties around the UK.

VE Day itself (Friday 8 May) will be a day of remembrance with a service held at The Cenotaph, including a national 2 minute silence at 3pm, marking the moment Winston Churchill broadcast his historic speech formally announcing the end of the war. That evening a chain of over 100 beacons will be lit across the UK.

Saturday 9 May will be a day of celebration with cathedrals across the country ringing their bells in celebration. Festivities will peak with a star-studded 1940s themed concert held on Horse Guards Parade on Saturday night, featuring a line-up of international recording artists, stars and celebrities. The show will be one of the highlights of the year and will be broadcast that evening on BBC One.

On Sunday 10 May a service of thanksgiving will be held at Westminster Abbey, attended by veterans and their families, members of the Royal Family, representatives of allied nations and Commonwealth countries who fought alongside Britain. Following the service, there will be a parade of current personnel and veterans, supported by bands, from the Abbey along Whitehall, past the balcony of HM Treasury where Winston Churchill made his historic appearance before crowds on VE Day. Veterans who have taken part in the service and parade will then be invited to a reception in St James's Park hosted by The Royal British Legion. During the afternoon there will be a fly-past of current and historic aircraft from the Royal Air Force, including the Hurricane, Spitfire and Lancaster of the famous Battle of Britain Memorial Flight, which played such a famous role in WW11. The Spitfire, with its unmistakable design and the Avro Lancaster, perhaps the most famous of the aircraft used by Bomber Command during the Second World War, used in many raids on enemy territory, including the famous Dambuster Raids on the Ruhr Valley, will form the central part. Central London will also be transported back to the 1940s by a display of period vehicles from the 1940s in St James's Park.



Kings Pightle Nature Reserve



As you can see from the photo Kings Pightle now has a lovely large bird hide thanks to a generous grant from Biffa Award. From this grant we have also bought two round picnic tables and created a quiet area which can be used for study or relaxation just on the edge of the nature reserve, these were installed on 28th February. We will be adding an oak bench in the next few weeks.

Two new owl boxes have been erected and we are hoping these will be used over the next breeding seasons.

We hope that the village will use and get pleasure out of these amenities as not many villages can boast their very own nature reserve. A big thank you to all the volunteers that turned up and helped put up the lovely picnic tables it was hard work but much appreciated.

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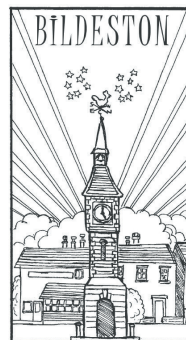
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on 13th, April, 2015 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm



In attendance:

Councillors: A Guttridge (Chairman) D Dempsey, D Drury, R Lester,
R Taylor

Also Present: D Blackburn (Clerk)

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

C228/14/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P Bullen, P Cousins, A Hubbard and R Lindsay, District Councillor D Keane and County Councillor Mrs J Antill.

C229/14/15 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. Councillor Guttridge declared a non-pecuniary interest by reason of being a member of Chamberlin Hall Management Committee and an employee of Suffolk County Council respectively.

C230/14/15 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C231/14/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th and 16th March, 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(It was noted that planning application B/14/01435 - Land at Artiss Close and Rotheram Road, would be considered by the planning authority at a meeting on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015 at 9.30am).

C232/14/15 REPORTS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Police report was considered and it was noted that there had been one reported incident in Bildeston during the period 1st to 31st March 2015.

It was noted that County Councillor Mrs Antill and District Councillor Keane had been requested to submit reports to the Annual parish meeting on 27th April, 2015 and so there were no County and District Council reports on this occasion.

C233/14/15 PROPOSAL TO OPERATE A FISH AND CHIP VAN FROM THE MARKET PLACE

Members of the parish Council considered a request to operate a fish and chip van from the

Market Place. It was noted that such a van had operated in the village at this location in the past and that the encouragement of more varied services had been identified by some residents as part of the development of the Parish Plan.

It was AGREED: That the request be accepted, subject to the fish and chip van not operating on either a Tuesday or Friday evening, in direct competition with the existing mobile caterer or fish and chip takeaway service.

C234/14/15 SITE MEETING REGARDING TRAFFIC MEASURES

Further to Minute No. 216/14/15, Councillors Bullen and Hubbard had met with the Highways Officer to discuss the deployment of Vehicle Activation System equipment in the village. There appeared to be restrictions on the siting of equipment on the High Street at two of the Parish Council's preferred locations. However, the VAS equipment could be used at a site on Ipswich Road site.

It was AGREED:

- a. That subject to evaluation of the specifications of the different types of VAS equipment that are available through the County Council, the Clerk places an order for the equipment (and spare brackets) having consulted beforehand, Members of the Parish Council regarding the systems available; and
- b. That a method statement be prepared on the use of the new equipment prior to its use in the village.

C235/14/15 VILLAGE AMENITIES

The Chair referred to reports that signage and a bin had been removed at the skate park and it was noted that wooden slats had been removed from the bench. A tree branch had also fallen.

It was AGREED: That the extent of the damage at the Coronation Playground be assessed and steps be taken to replace the signage, repair the bench and remove the tree branch.

The Chair identified that the committee that had previously managed the Chamberlin Hall playground was no longer active. The Parish Council considered the extent of maintenance required to cut the grass, remove algae from the equipment and undertake minor repairs in accordance with the recommendations of the recent playground safety inspection report that had been commissioned by the Parish Council.

It was AGREED: That the Parish Council undertakes the necessary work to ensure that the Chamberlin Hall playground remains open for public use.

C236/14/15 CLERK'S UPDATE

The Clerk reported that the notice of an uncontested election in respect of the Parish Council elections had been published by the Returning Officer following the receipt of six nominations in respect of the nine vacancies that existed.

Arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting were discussed and the extent of information that should be sought from various bodies for presentation to the meeting. Members of the Parish Council considered that it was good practice for information to be sought from charities and other bodies in the village that had received funding from the Parish Council. There was a brief discussion with regard to what constituted a parochial charity and the Parish Council's powers in respect of such charities.

The Clerk gave an update on the receipt of grant applications for the annual grants round which

would be considered at the next meeting on Monday, 11th May, 2015

It was AGREED:

- a. That an article be published in 'The Bugle' seeking expressions of interest in respect of the vacancies that existed on the Parish Council so that it may seek to co-opt to the vacancies at the forthcoming Annual Parish Council meeting; and
- b. That guidance be obtained from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils concerning:
 - i. the legal position in respect of co-opted members of the Parish Council and whether or not they may serve, subsequently, during the same term of office, as Chair of the Parish Council; and
 - ii. the definition of a 'parochial charity' and the powers of a Parish Council, in respect of such a charity.

C237/14/15 FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

The road tax for the ride-on mower had been renewed. Funeral directors had been notified of the new burial fees approved at the previous meeting. Quotations were being obtained for the renewal of the Parish Council's insurance policy.

Members of the Parish Council considered the quarterly budget monitoring report for the fourth quarter from January to March 2015. It was noted that the Parish Council was operating within its budget for 2014/15, although designated funds had been used to support local amenities leading to a reduction in reserves. Funds would be transferred from the general fund to support reserves in accordance with the budget approved for 2015/16.

The Parish Council holds its funds with the Unity Trust bank and Barclays bank with interest received on the account with Unity Trust but not with Barclays. Further enquiries would be made to establish the application of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme to bodies such as Parish Councils in respect of UK regulated bank accounts, before a decision was taken about whether or not to consolidate business banking and fund-holding within a single account.

It was AGREED:

- a. That the update on financial matters be received and noted;
- b. That the quarterly budgetary control report for the final quarter of 2014/15 be approved;
- c. That £1250 be transferred from the general fund to the grants fund and £1190 from the general fund to the asset replacement reserve;
- d. That the following payments be authorised be noted:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£173.09
Suffolk Association of Local Councils	Annual Subscription	Subscriptions	£359.00
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Broad Fencing	Playgrounds	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£234.00
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£122.17

Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance (Fuel & Oil)	<i>Playgrounds & Open Spaces</i>	£31.50
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(Note: All items of expenditure to be met from the General Fund).

e. That the following receipts be noted:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount
Babergh District Council	Precept (First Instalment of two)	Precept	£9,200.00
Babergh District Council	Support Grant (Full annual amount)	Support Grant	£1,349.33

C238/14/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation

There were no new applications to be considered

Planning Appendix B: Determined by Babergh District Council

Reference	B/15/00139
Address	19-21 Duke Street, Bildeston, IPSWICH, IP7 7EW
Proposal	Application for Listed Building Consent - Internal layout alterations to later single-storey rear lean-to extension, and removal of stud work from existing staircase. Replacement of rear window with French Casement double glazed doors and frame. Replacement of modern existing external stable type door and frame from kitchen with the existing external window from dining room.
Decision	Granted

Reference	B/14/01619
Address	88 Brooksfild, Bildeston, IPSWICH, IP7 7EJ
Proposal	Application for erection of part two-storey and single-storey rear extension and front porch
Decision	Granted

C239/14/15 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Lester asked that an item be placed on the agenda for the next meeting on the provision of a 'What's on' noticeboard for the village.

Councillor Taylor indicated that he had been approached by one parishioner seeking a meeting in Bildeston to replicate the one recently held in Chelsworth regarding the proposed development. It

was noted that a meeting had been held in Bildeston previously, about this development although few people had attended. Councillor Taylor would explore the next steps that could be taken to share information about the proposed development.

Councillor Drury referred to a letter that had been sent by the Chair of Governors to the Parish Council in respect of the capacity of the primary school in view of proposals that had been submitted to increase the size of the village. The Chair was awaiting a response to the letter and the Clerk undertook to liaise over this issue.

Councillor Drury referred to noxious odours that were occurring on the edge of Smock Meadow which appeared to indicate that there might be a leak. This was discussed by the Parish Council and it was agreed that this should be reported to Anglia Water.

C240/14/15 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised

C241/14/15 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Councillor Dempsey provided an update on Henry Morphew's estate and the creation of a charitable body to administer the funds released from the estate.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

CLERK'S MONTHLY COLUMN

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS



We have received confirmation from the Returning Officer that the election for Bildeston Parish Council will be uncontested this year, meaning that the following candidates, who were validly nominated, will be elected to serve for a further term of four years: David Dempsey, Diane Drury, Andrew Guttridge, Ashley Hubbard, Richard Lester and Robin Taylor.

This leaves us with three vacancies to fill. If you are interested in being considered then please contact the Parish Clerk, David Blackburn on 01449 721369 or email clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk.

SHOCK HORROR AS LOCAL MOUNTAIN GROWS!!

We were amazed to see the height of our local litter pile, filling up the Clock Tower as a result of the Village Litter Pick held on 21st March – see photographic evidence below. Should we be pleased that we have removed so



much litter from our environment, or horrified at its extent? We do think that perhaps we were able to access items that had been lurking in the hedgerows and ditches for longer than one year, as we were out earlier in the season and more litter was

within reach due to less vegetation growth. We were well supported this year with many new pickers joining our faithful gang and so we were able to extend the areas cleared. Our thanks go to all 29 who took part (too many to name).It is clear to us that such a grand effort on the part of the pickers is yet another illustration of how we do care about our beautiful environment and wish to maintain it as such. However, as always it's the few who let down the many , we appear to have a “ditch – dumping drinker “ stalking the neighbourhood throwing beer, lager and in particular White Lightening cider cans from his car or strewing them in the ditches along the footpaths as he enjoys the view!! We also seem to be plagued by the Vodka vandals who have decorated many of our village paths to the Sportsfield and Children's Playground. If this is you – PLEASE take your bottles and cans home with you!! Special Thanks to Peter Bullen for starting the pickers off with a chocolate brownie to fuel their efforts and to Nigel and Suzie at The King's Head for providing liquid refreshment afterwards. Robin Sidgwick and Jo Silburn

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**The United Benefice of BILDESTON w WATTISHAM & LINDSEY
WHATFIELD w SEMER, NEDGING and NAUGHTON**

Rev'd Liz Law tel: 01449 740085

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2015

Date	Time	Service	Place
3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter	11.00am	Benefice Service	Semer
10 th May 6 th Sunday of Easter (Rogation)	9.30am 11.00am 12 noon 1.00pm	Holy Communion Rogation Service Lunch followed by short service Rogation walk	Whatfield Nedging Bildeston Bildeston
17 th May 7 th Sunday of Easter	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning prayer Parish Communion Family service	Naughton Semer Bildeston Whatfield
24 th May Pentecost	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Family Service	Nedging Whatfield Bildeston
31st May Trinity Sunday	11.00am	Deanery Service (Followed by bring and Share lunch)	St Mary's Hadleigh

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 –

All are 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' - Every Monday at 7pm.

Bring along your craft activities and join us for an informal, relaxed evening -
share ideas, gain new skills or just enjoy doing your own thing.



Bildeston Community Coffee Centre

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

Lunch club 12.30pm.....**1st Wednesday each month**

Craft it Together

01449 740716 for details.....**Every Monday**

Strollers & Striders

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

Baby & Toddler Group

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

Tuesday Evening Bike Rides

6.45pm Market Square.....**Tuesday 4th**

Ladies Club

AGM Chamberlin Hall.....**Thurs 14th**

Hadleigh Show

Holbecks Park all day.....**Saturday 16th**

May Market

Market Place 10.00 to 12.00am.....**Saturday 23rd**

Bildeston 27th Annual Beer festival

King's Head.....**22nd to 25th**

Men's Breakfast

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

More details on events inside.

Please tell us about your events in June

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