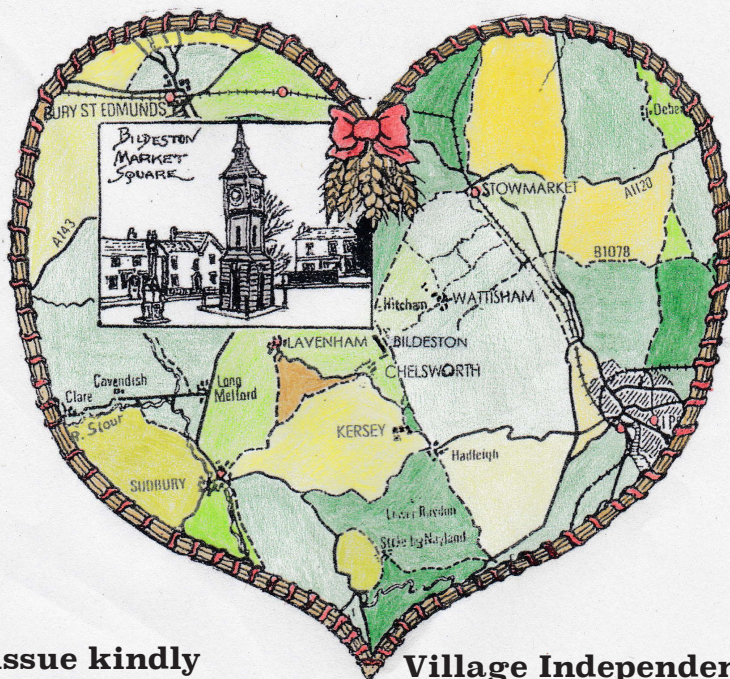


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ED'S COMMENT

This is the start of a poem by Emily Dickinson, American poet 1830-1886:

Dear March, come in!

How glad I am!

I looked for you before.

Put down your hat -

You must have walked -

How out of breath you are!

Dear March, how are you?

And the rest?

Did you leave Nature well?

Oh, March, come right upstairs with me,

I have so much to tell!

There is much to tell, as March heralds the first signs of Spring, which has always been about renewal, regeneration and fresh growth. Hopefully it is very appropriate this month for the future of our own village hall. Sue Clark, the Manager of Lavenham Village Hall, has much to tell too. She has been invited to meet with Chamberlin Hall Management Committee and Parish Councillors on 27th March at 7.30pm at the hall. The Parish Council is also inviting any **“Persons who have approached either of the above (Parish Council or CHMC) about the use of Chamberlin Hall.”** to attend by contacting the Parish Council Clerk. Sue Clark has kindly agreed to share the story of what she did at Lavenham describing the successful steps taken to increase community use of Lavenham Village Hall. It is now 75% in use, the first venue of choice for Lavenham clubs and organisations, just about paying for itself and planning for a £500,000 extension. Sue Clark would be the first to say it hasn't been easy and she faces the same challenges and day to day difficulties our own CHMC face in terms of maintenance, meeting rising costs, utilities upkeep and marketing. But she has proved it can be done.

There has been much talk, both positive and negative, about Chamberlin Hall. CHMC and the Parish Council have alerted the village to the precarious state of the hall's finances. Particularly worrying might be this financial year without the boost of the usual CHAPS pantomime income, which, presumably, was the biggest single income item of the year in the past.

The meeting to hear what Sue has done at Lavenham could not be more timely. We all have a vested interest in the hall, it is our village hall, one of the finest in Suffolk. Hopefully residents eligible under the invitation criteria will attend the meeting, listen to Sue Clark, ask appropriate questions and be a part of helping to explore solutions for its future. Anyone who meets the criteria and wishes to attend is asked to contact David Blackburn, Parish Council Clerk, on 01449 721369 or email clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk.



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Hadleigh Town KS2 Visit



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Forest Schools

Our reception class children continue to visit Kings Pyghtle weekly to enjoy Forest School activities accompanied by our parent volunteers. **Forest School** is an inspirational process that offers ALL learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment with trees.

Quiz Club

Four of our KS2 pupils were selected to represent the school at the area heat of the National Key Stage 2 General Knowledge Quiz Championship 2016-17. The event took place on 24 January. Competition was high with schools from across the county being represented. Our pupils came back so thrilled after coming in third position. Well done to them all!

Sportshall

On Monday 30 January a group of 20 pupils from Year 3, 4 & 5, accompanied by Mrs Hayes (PE Curriculum Lead) attended Hadleigh High School for a Sports Hall Athletics Competition. The event was also attended by four other schools from the Hadleigh pyramid. The competition consisted of a range of activities where the pupils took part in 1 – 4 activities each. Among the selection of the activities were, long jump, relay races, soft javelin, speed bounce, chest push and standing and triple jump. The children were fantastic, showing great team spirit and achieved third place.



Swimming Gala



Eight of our KS2 pupils were selected to represent the school in a Swimming Gala held at Hadleigh Swimming Pool. The event took place on Monday 6 February. After some exciting races, our pupils came away with a Bronze award after gaining third place – well done to them!

KS1 Science Café

On Tuesday 7 February we held our first curiosity café, which was science based.

Families joined their children in school for the morning carrying out an assortment of different science activities.



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- Thursday is bar games night, there's all the usual plus **Poker, Skittles** and **table top table football, snooker & tennis**. Our monthly **charity quiz night** is on **Thursday 30th March** at 8:30pm, please arrive by 8pm. To book a table telephone Sue/Nigel on 01449 741 434. Thanks to January's teams who raised **£129** for the homeless charity **Centrepont**.
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per hour. Golden eagles use their speed and sharp talons to snatch up rabbits and squirrels. They also eat carrion, reptiles, other indigenous birds, fish, and smaller fare such as large insects. They have even been known to attack full grown deer. Scottish ranchers once killed many of these birds for fear they would prey on their livestock, but studies showed that the animal's impact was minimal.

Today, golden eagles are protected by law. Pairs maintain territories that may be as large as 60 square miles (155 square kilometers). They are monogamous and may remain with their mate for several years or possibly for life. Golden eagles nest in high places including cliffs, trees, and sometimes structures such as telephone poles. They build huge nests to which they may return for several breeding years. Females lay from one to four eggs, and both parents incubate them for 40 to 45 days. Typically, one or two young survive to fledge in about three months. Golden eagles are fairly long-living birds in natural conditions. The oldest known wild golden eagle was a bird banded in Sweden which was recovered 32 years later. The long-lived known captive golden eagle, a specimen in Europe, survived to 46 years of age. The estimated adult annual survival rate on the Isle Of Skye in Scotland is around 97.5%. Survival rates are usually much lower in juvenile eagles than in adult eagles.

How many of our readers took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch survey on 26 and 27 January? I spent a good hour watching the comings and goings on our bird feeders. We have an apple tree on our front lawn that we have covered with a large variety of nuts, seeds and fat balls. A fine great spotted Woodpecker is a regular visitor. If you haven't already got a wild bird feeding station you should seriously think about putting one in. The birds will appreciate it, as will you, and in the hard winter months when food is scarce, they need all the help we can give them. It's wonderful to watch the activity as birds of all species, shapes and sizes arrive to feed, free TV! The following birds we have seen either in our garden or adjacent to it. In the case of the House Martins, Swifts and Swallows these have been seen overhead in the summer catching insects. Barn Owl, Blackbird, Blue Tit, Bullfinch, Chaffinch, Coal Tit, Collard Dove, Crow, Dunnock, Ferral Pigeon, Fieldfare, French Partridge, Gold Finch, Great Tit, Greenfinch, Green Woodpecker, House Martin, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Jay, Lesser Spotted Woodpecker, Little Owl, Long Tailed Tit, Magpie, Mallard, Nuthatch, Pied Wagtail, Pheasant, Robin, Siskin, Song Thrush, Sparrow hawk, Starling, Stonechat, Swallow, Swift, Tawny Owl, Treecreeper, Woodcock, Wood Pigeon, Wren, Yellowhammer. There will be others I may have missed, or have yet to visit.

Mike Biddulph

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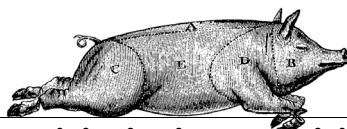
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Marion certainly spun us a very good story of her life with many amusing anecdotes from her travels.

We meet again on March 2nd to be entertained by the Barking Handbell Ringers. Do come along - I hope they will let us have a try at ringing the bells!!



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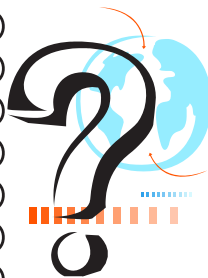
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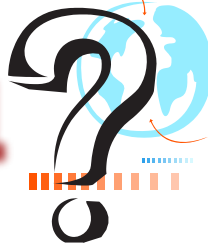
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- 2 thin slices Serrano ham (or other dried ham such as Parma or Iberico)
- A dessertspoon of homemade tomato and onion chutney or good quality bought
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 - About 6 fine slices of truffle
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council

held on 13th February, 2017 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

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

Also Present: D Blackburn (Clerk), District Councillor M Creffield

The Chairman, Councillor A Guttridge opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.



C144/16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Bullen and from County Councillor Mrs J Antill.

C145/16/17 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations were made:

Kings Pightle Management Committee – Councillors Hubbard, Lester & Taylor;

Sportsfield Management Committee – Councillors Lester & Taylor;

Parish Council's representative on the Parochial Church Council – Councillor Lester; and

Parish Council's representative on the Chamberlin Hall Management Committee – Councillor Guttridge.

C146/16/17 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C147/16/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 9th January, 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

C148/16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Creffield provided an update on the following matters:

- District Council Planning Committee meetings would be held at Endeavour House, Ipswich from May 2017 rather than Hadleigh; and

- The result of the Judicial Review of the Planning Application in respect of a Housing Development at East Bergholt where the judgement had been in favour of the claimant rather than the District Council.

The Chairman indicated that the Parish Council had seen the judgement and noted that it could be significant in respect of Bildeston Parish Council's own application for Judicial Review.

C149/16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report had been submitted by Councillor Antill which referred to:

- Devolution: The failure to reach agreement in Norfolk meant that Devolution was unlikely to proceed in the foreseeable future in Norfolk and Suffolk.

- Budget Deficit: The County Council was running at a budget deficit and the required £40m savings had not yet been identified. The basic level of Council Tax would not increase but the government had announced that it would allow a 3% levy to fund social care although this would only deliver a further £2m which would still leave a £5m shortfall.

- Bildeston: Highways issues remained outstanding with regard to:

1. Provision of gateways to the village entrances;
2. Replacement of bollards that had been damaged outside 141 High Street; and
3. Additional bollards to prevent parking on the pavement near the village school.

However, with regard to the final point, there were some signs of progress and County

Councillor Mrs Antill had agreed to fund the provision of the bollards on Newberry Road

subject to confirmation of the Parish Council's support for the works. This was duly provided by Members of the Parish Council and the Clerk was requested to notify County Councillor Mrs Antill accordingly.

C150/16/17 CLOCK TOWER

Councillor Hubbard provided an update on the Clock Tower. Electrical works had been undertaken including the installation of an RCD spur to the underground socket which had been replaced. The clock was in need of a service because the mechanism wasn't operating properly. This had caused the clock to stop working. Councillor Hubbard had got it working again but the clock did not run with the weights wound all the way to the top meaning that the clock would have to be wound up approximately every five days rather than every seven days. It was noted that the Clock Winder, Mr Timm Joy, had relinquished his duties and it was necessary to appoint another person to fill the role. Interim arrangements would be made by Councillor Hubbard to wind up the clock pending the appointment of a new Clock Winder.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk:

- a. Arranges for Haward Horological Limited to undertake a service of the clock; and
- b. Advertises for a new Clock Winder on the Village Noticeboard.

C151/16/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE USE

Further to Minute C106/16/17, Members of the Parish Council discussed arrangements for a meeting on the promotion and use of Chamberlin Hall. The Clerk reported that Sue Clark, Manager of Lavenham Village Hall had been invited to attend the meeting to provide her insight into the running of a Village Hall. The Clerk circulated a draft agenda for the meeting. Invitees would include Members of the Chamberlin Hall Management Committee, Members of the Parish Council and persons who had either the Management Committee or Parish Council about the use of the Chamberlin Hall. The Chairman, Councillor Guttridge, also suggested that the Editor of "The Bugle" should be invited to attend so that the event could be reported upon and information shared with the wider community.

It was AGREED: That the Clerk:

- a. Finalises and issues the agenda for the meeting; and
- b. Liaises with the Manager of the Lavenham Village Hall and the Editor of "The Bugle" about their attendance at the meeting.

(Footnote: The meeting was due to be held on Monday, 20th February, 2017 however, afterwards the meeting was re-arranged as the Manager of Lavenham Village Hall had an urgent meeting arise).

C152/16/17 COMMUNITY EVENT

Councillor Lester proposed that a Community Event be held to which all community groups that were active in the village could attend to raise community awareness of their existence and encourage participation in their activities. A provisional list of 25 groups had been identified which was considered to be remarkable for a village the size of Bildeston. Members of the Parish Council considered the proposal and discussed ideas for holding it in conjunction with a wider village event to broaden its appeal.

It was AGREED: That the proposal to hold a community event be supported in principle and considered in further detail at a subsequent meeting.

C153/16/17 SAFETY INSPECTION OF PLAY AREAS

The Clerk submitted the safety inspection report which had been prepared by Mr David Bracey on the Chamberlin Hall and Coronation playgrounds.

The Chairman, Councillor Guttridge, noted that there were no medium or high level risks identified in the report which in accordance with the Parish Council's normal practice would be prioritised for work. Items of low risk would be considered as part of the Parish Council's planned maintenance programme.

The Clerk had supplied a copy of the report to the Parish Council's Maintenance Operative and

the works to repair the litter bin would be undertaken.

It was AGREED: That the report on the Safety Inspection of Play Areas be received and appropriate measures be taken to maintain the play equipment.

C154/16/17 VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Hubbard reported that he had measured the area of unconsecrated ground at the Grove Cemetery which was 19 metres from the line of the hedge nearest to the village. Spoil continued to be left on site by undertakers and such was the quantity, that it was felt that Harry Smith Aggregates should be contacted to arrange its removal. The area of unconsecrated ground would be marked out and Councillor Hubbard would liaise with the Grounds Maintenance Operative over the seeding and cutting of the area.

A recently planted holly tree had been eaten around the base and Councillor Hubbard had placed a cover around it to provide protection.

The Clerk had contacted Strutt & Parker to arrange the flailing of the hedge which was overhanging the footpath on Church Road. There had been a swift response with a contractor on site within a few days, however the footpath was unusable afterwards. The contractor had returned to site and swept the cuttings into the base of the hedge but they had now found their way back into the pathway. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to Strutt & Parker.

Councillor Lester reported that there had been a good turnout at a recent tidy up by a Working Party at Kings Pightle.

Councillor Taylor reported that there had been three resignations from the Sportsfield Management Committee in recent weeks.

The Clerk had conducted an inspection of bins to ensure that their locations tallied with the information held by Babergh District Council for emptying and charging purposes. The Asset Map had also been updated.

Councillor Taylor indicated that he had reviewed the timesheets submitted by the Grounds Maintenance Operative and prepared a report on the cost of the in-house service so that it could be compared with the cost of the service previously provided by external contractors. The consensus was that the report should be considered in more detail at the next meeting.

C155/16/17 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that James Cartlidge MP, would be holding a surgery at Chamberlin Hall on Friday, 31st March, 2017 from 3pm to 5pm. Appointments were strictly by prior appointment which could be made via Amy Bradshaw on amy.bradshaw@parliament.uk or by calling 020 7219 2081.

C156/16/17 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

The Clerk reported upon the contents of the Parish Council's Budget Book for 2017/18 which contained details of:

1. The regulatory framework set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations for managing the budget and calculating the precept;
2. The risks associated with the preparation of the Parish Council's budget;
3. The changes proposed to the budget compared with previous years; and
4. A three-year summary of income and expenditure for 2015/16, forecast income and expenditure against budget for 2016/17 and the proposed budget for 2017/18.

The Clerk reported that Local Council Tax Support Grant of £2024 had been phased out by Babergh District Council over a three-year period so that no grant would be received in 2017/18. The proposed budget was £21,755 with a Precept of £21,095 and other income accounting for £660. The risks to the budget were considered with the main risk being the costs of legal advice and support in pursuing the application for Judicial Review.

It was AGREED:

- a. That a Budget for 2017/18 of £21,755 be approved; and
- b. That the Precept for 2017/18 to support the Budget shall be £21,095 being £57.28 per Band D

property (a 4.99% increase) calculated on a tax base of 368.27

C157/16/17 INTERNAL CONTROL & RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with good practice and the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, an annual review was undertaken of the Parish Council's governance arrangements in respect of internal control and risk management. The Parish Council was invited to adopt updated versions of various policies and procedures which would be dated and published on the website.

There was a brief discussion about online banking and it was noted that the Chairman and Clerk would liaise over any changes to current arrangements.

It was AGREED:

- a. That it be recorded that the Parish Council has reviewed and is satisfied with its internal control arrangements;
- b. That Financial Regulations and Standing Orders be approved and adopted;
- c. That the updates versions of the Publication Scheme, Document Retention Policy and the Data Protection and Information Security Policy be approved and adopted (and subject to further review in three years);
- c. That it be recorded that the Parish Council has reviewed and updated its risk management arrangements (with amendments being made as identified at the meeting);
- d. That the Suffolk Association of Local Councils be appointed to provide an independent internal audit service; and
- e. That the cemetery charges effective from 1st April 2017, remain at the same level as in 2016/17.

C158/16/17 FINANCIAL REPORT - AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND NOTING OF RECEIPTS

It was AGREED:

That the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (£ incl. VAT)
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£189.46
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£17.33
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£335.39
Adrian Chinery	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£20.00
David Bracey	Play Inspection	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£144.00
Gotelee Solicitors	Judicial Review	Administrative & Legal	£52.80
Herts Fullstop	Litter Bin	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£87.54
JRB Enterprises Ltd	Dog Bags	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£195.30
Bildeston Electrical	Clock Tower Electrics	Clock Tower Maintenance	£107.97

(Notes: All the above are payable from the General Fund apart from the Clock Tower Maintenance which is funded from the Kate Chamberlin Clock Tower Fund).

It was NOTED: That the following receipts had been received:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (£ incl. VAT)
Hitcham Parish Council	Speed Gun & Signage	Traffic Calming	£94.00
W A Deacon & D G Deacon	Internment	Burials	£130.00

C159/16/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Part A: Planning Application - Consultation with Bildeston Parish Council

Reference	B/17/00064 & B/17/00065
Address	Woolcombers, Duke Street, Bildeston, IPSWICH, IP7 7EW
Proposal	Erection of first-floor rear extension
Representation	In determining the application, the Planning Authority is requested to pay particular attention to the side windows and their potential impact upon the privacy of the neighbouring property.

Part B: Planning Applications – Decisions of Babergh District Council
There were none.

C160/16/17 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised.

C161/16/17 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Hubbard referred to the fact that there were currently six Parish Councillors and the Clerk was asked to publish an article in “The Bugle” seeking further Members.

C162/16/17 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

It was AGREED: That the public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

a. HENRY MORPHEW’S BEQUEST

Councillor Dempsey reported that the Kings Pightle Trustees would need to complete a final written declaration which should then enable the funds from the Henry Morphey estate to be released to the Kings Pightle. Councillor Lester referred to arrangements for the control of funds after they had been released.

b. JUDICIAL REVIEW (B/15/01433/OUT/GP)

Councillor Guttridge reported that the hearing in the High Court was due to be held on 20th June, 2017. He noted that there were similarities between the Judicial Reviews applied for in respect of East Bergholt and Bildeston. Both cited the District Council’s failure to have regard to its own policies in granting planning permission. The favourable judgement in respect of the recent East Bergholt case appeared to support the Judicial Review applied for by Bildeston Parish Council. The Parish Council’s lawyers would be making representations to the District Council on this point.

The meeting closed at 9.23pm.

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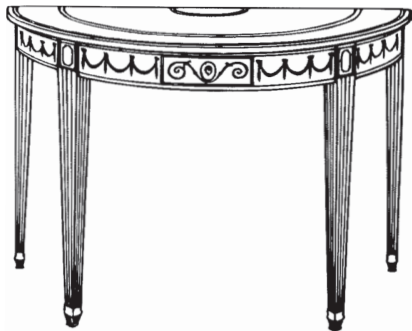
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A letter from Bideston Rectory....



We went to see the film *La La Land* at the cinema recently. Both of us came out quite bemused as the critics had all said how wonderful it was and it had won numerous awards. I am afraid we failed to see why, although it was a pleasant enough hour and half with some jazz music and a bit of dance and song, it left us wondering what all of the hype was for. And actually what stayed with me was not the fun and music, but the sad story of the two main characters, who in the film both chose fame and fortune for themselves instead of following their hearts, and so the film ended with more than a hint of regret for both of them for what might have been.

Living with regrets can stop us enjoying the life we have today and it doesn't let us move forward positively. I am sure most of us will have regrets about jobs, money, relationships, parents, travel or wasted time - we can think back and hanker for what might have been.

I am very fond of the story of Moses in the Old Testament. We will hear a story about his mother and his early life on Mothering Sunday in church. He was quite a character with an amazing back story that tells how he came to be living in a palace, as a royal prince, though he was from such a poor background. He ruins it all one day in an angry moment by committing murder - the story tries to justify it, but the upshot was that he ran away and ended up living in the backend of nowhere tending a flock of sheep. How regretful he must have been! In anger, by killing another man, he had ruined his whole life. I bet he thought about it a lot while he wandered from one patch of measly grass to another in that desert land. He would have had years to dwell on how foolish he had been, and to worry that one day judgement or revenge would be his lot.

And then God called to him out of a burning fiery bush. Forget the past Moses, I need you to do something difficult and demanding for me. I want you, Moses, God says, to represent me to the Pharaoh of Egypt and tell him to let the captive slaves go free.

God took no account of his past. Or maybe God did but reckoned that the regrets Moses had would make him a better man for the future. God used Moses to do a great thing despite what had gone before, and because of it. God didn't think of Moses as a write off because of what he had done, but as a stronger man because he had learned from his regrets.

Lent is a good time to put the past mistakes of our lives behind us and to move forward in a better way. Maybe giving up regrets could be what you take up this Lent.

"God forgives you,
Forgive others,
Forgive yourself"

Yours, Rev Liz



COFFEE MORNINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Wed 15th March at Eric and Doris Hall's, 110 High St. (nr.Bike shop)



Saturday 15th April at St Mary Magdalene Church

Come into the warm, enjoy a cup of coffee and time to talk, bring anything for Bring and Buy, cakes and any other goodies.

From 10am until midday. *Please note the changes from last month's advertisement*

LENT LUNCHESES

A soup and bread lunch, from 12-2pm. We aim to raise money for the churches and ministers of our twinned churches in Kagera, Tanzania. This year their crops have failed due to drought and they are in great need. All welcome!

Date	hosts	venue
Tuesday 7th March	Teresa Lester	Tankard House, Wattisham Road, Bildeston
Thursday 16th March	Michael and Frances Moore	Folly Farm, Lindsey £10 per ticket for Lindsey Church funds. Please ring to book 01787 210373
Thursday 23rd March	Diane and Chris Armour	Crummles, The Street, Whatfield 01473 822000
Wednesday 26th March	Stuart and Rev Liz	15 Manor Road, Bildeston
Week beginning 2nd April	To be confirmed	
Good Friday, 14th April		St Mary Magdalene Church, after the ONE FRIDAY* event

STOP PRESS: News from Bildeston Churches - St Peter's at Lindsey is re-joining the Bildeston group of churches - that makes us 6 churches with 7 parishes. If I'm looking thinner it's because I am stretching myself out a bit more!! And **Semer Church has been awarded £800** towards putting a toilet in the churchyard -thank you to Jenny Antill and the Amenities Fund. They are due to start with that project any day now. Join me at the **Table Top sale at Semer Village Hall, April 8th from 10am.** A few tables left to book: ring Gail on 01449 740455

Annual Church Meetings for 2017 - all are welcome to go to their own parish meeting and find out what has happened there over the last year, how the financial situation is and who does what. **Semer** at Hollow Trees: 7pm 5th April; **Lindsey** at the church 7.30 11th April; **Nedging** at the church 7pm 29th March; **Bildeston** at the church after the shorter service 11.15am 23rd April; **Whatfield** at the church after the Family Service 11.45am

***Look out for an Easter Card coming through your letterbox later on in March with things to do over the Easter Weekend. St Mary Magdalene Church are holding several events to tell the Easter story in various ways. It begins with ONE FRIDAY. It continues with Easter Egg hunts, games and a coffee morning and finishes with a big celebration on Easter Sunday.**



**BILDESTON w WATTISHAM,
WHATFIELD w SEMER, NEDGING & NAUGHTON, LINDSEY**

Church Services – MARCH 2017

Date	Time	Service	Place
Ash Wednesday	9.30am	Holy Communion with Ashing (and coffee after)	Whatfield
March 5th Lent 1	9.30am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Holy Communion Family Service Morning Prayer Family service	Semer Whatfield Naughton Bildeston
March 12th Lent 2	9.30am 11.00am	Holy Communion Holy Communion	Nedging Bildeston
<i>Wed. March 15th</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Whatfield</i>
March 19th Lent 3	11.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Whatfield
March 26th Mothering Sunday	11.00am 11.00am 11.00am 11.00am	Mothering Sunday service Mothering Sunday Holy Communion Mothering Sunday service Mothering Sunday Service	Bildeston Whatfield Semer Naughton
<i>Wed. March 29th</i>	<i>9.30am</i>	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	<i>Whatfield</i>

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 11:30am

Enjoy meeting old and new friends at these events!

‘Craft it Together’ - First Monday of each month at 7:00pm.

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

Drinks provided.

01449 740716 or 01449 741606 for more information

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



Bildeston Community Coffee Centre

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

Lunch club

Baptist Church 12.15 for 12.30pm start **1st Wed every month**

Craft it Together

01449 740716/741606 for details **First Monday every month**

Strollers & Striders

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

Bildeston Upbeat Contemporary Choir

Bildeston Primary School 7.00 to 9.00pm **Every Monday in term time**

Baby & Toddler Group

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

Ladies Club

7.30pm Barking Handbell Ringers **Thurs 2nd**

Quiz Night

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm for 8.00 **Sat 4th**

BNatural AGM

King's Head **Wed 8th**

Parish Council Meeting

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm **Mon 13th**

CHAPS Open Meeting

Chamberlin Hall 7.45pm **Mon 13th**

Winter Warmer Bike Ride 6

9.30am Market Square **Sat 25th**

Chamberlin Hall Liaison Meeting with Sue Clarke

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm **Mon 27th**

James Cartlidge MP Bildeston Surgery

Chamberlin Hall 3.00pm - 5.00pm **Fri 31st**

More details on these events inside

Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **April**

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