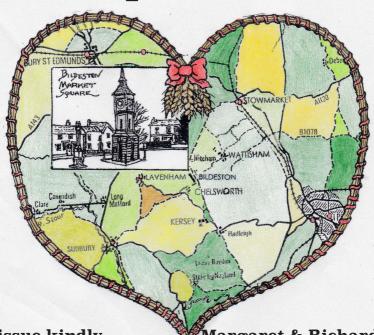


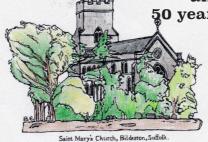
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# **ED'S COMMENT**

You would think that the beginning of the tax year would coincide with the calendar year – and in some countries it does. In the UK, however, the tax year starts on April 6. The reason for this goes way back to medieval times. In England and Ireland, the New Year used to start on March 25, also known as "Lady Day" in commemoration of the angel Gabriel's announcement to the Virgin Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus Christ. Lady Day was one of the four most important days in the religious calendar. All accounts, including debts and rents, had to be settled by these so-called "quarter days", and Lady Day was the first, gradually becoming regarded as the start of the financial year (although the precise reason for this is unknown).

The move forward to April 6 was because of changes to the calendar and the actual number of days in various years. Until 1582, Europe had used the calendar established by Julius Caesar. Under the Julian calendar, the year had 11 months of 30 or 31 days, with one month, February, consisting usually of 28 days but with 29 every fourth "leap" year. This had worked well for centuries, but because it did not align exactly with the solar calendar problems developed. The Julian year was only 11½ minutes longer than a solar year, but by the late 1500s, this had all added up and the Julian calendar was some ten days adrift from the solar calendar. The Roman Catholic church was especially concerned because the celebration of Easter had been gradually getting later than when it had been celebrated by the early church.

So in 1582 Pope Gregory XIII instituted a change (the "Gregorian" calendar) to solve the problem. While Europe adopted the Gregorian calendar, England, with its history of conflict with the Roman Catholic church, did not and continued with the Julian calendar. By 1752, when it was 11 days out of alignment with the rest of Europe, England finally accepted that it would have to make a change. The decision was made to drop 11 days from the month of September to catch up, and so September 2nd was followed by September 14th that year. To ensure that there was no loss of tax revenues, however, the Treasury extended the 1752 tax year by adding on the 11 days at the end. Consequently, the beginning of the 1753 tax year was moved to April 5. In other words, the most important thing was that the government should not lose any money! In 1800 a further adjustment was made, shifting the start of the tax year forward by one more day to April 6. The year 1800 would have been a leap year under the Julian calendar system, but not the Gregorian one, so the Treasury treated 1800 as a leap year, once again, to get an extra day's revenue! April 6 has remained the beginning of the tax year ever since. So now you know!

The meeting about Chamberlin Hall took place on 27th March. The Bugle's deadline is the 17th of every month. Therefore it was not possible to get a report in this April issue of the meeting. It will be in the May issue instead.



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#### **KS2 Science Day**



On Thursday 23rd February we held a Science morning for Key Stage 2 pupils and their families. Pupils and parents took part in a variety of different experiments across the classes.



#### Tree Planting at Chelsworth

On 30th January Miss Myers took along a group of our pupils to join in with the River Stour 500 Trees Project where they helped to plant trees along the river at Chelsworth.



#### **Quick Sticks Event**



Our team took part in the Quick Sticks Festival at St Joseph's College on Monday 6th March 2017. The team played really well and achieved joint 3<sup>rd</sup> position overall.

#### Small Schools Tag Rugby

This event was held on 9th February at Whatfield Primary. Bildeston sent a selection of Key Stage 2 pupils to represent our school and they did themselves and the school proud. Bildeston were overall winners of this event.





On 9th March four pupils from Year 3 represented the school in a cross country competition held at Hadleigh High School. Pupils from across the pyramid schools took part and we are proud to report that our pupils finished in 10<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> positions.

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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 27<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30pm, please arrive by 8pm. To book a table telephone Sue/Nigel on 01449 741 434. A big thanks to February's teams who raised £90 for East Anglia Children's Hospice.
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driven across the frozen Thames at Oxford. In Christchurch Park, Ipswich, people ice skated on the frozen pond while the hills around were turned into ski slopes. Everyday living became a struggle as food prices soared by thirty per cent, public transport was crippled and households had to rely on water from road tankers because the mains were frozen. Homes across Suffolk, which had no central heating had ice on the insides of their windows and rubbish built up in the streets as collections became impossible. Power cuts became commonplace and the ground was so solid that grave diggers could not even bury the dead. During the three-month freeze, the country was battered by gale force winds while fresh snowfall quickly froze solid. In February 1963 more snow came with winds reaching Force 8 on the Beaufort scale. A 36-hour blizzard caused heavy drifting snow reaching 20 foot in some areas. Livestock was trapped in fields, farmers desperately trying to keep them fed and watered. March 1963, The thaw finally set in and on 6th March it was the first morning of the year without any frost anywhere in Britain. The temperatures soon soared to 17 °C (62.6 °F) and the snow rapidly disappeared. No winter since has come close for the length or severity. When my parents talked about bad winters they would talk about 1947, for me it was 1962 and 63. The thing that takes me back to that time is the smell of paraffin.

In early February I called in to see an old friend who lives in the village of Yorkley on the edge of the forest of Dean Gloucestershire. When I first visited back in 1979 the village had immaculate grass and verges. Boar became feral in the area after some escaped or were released from a farm near Ross on Wye in 1999. A sizeable population has now developed in the Forest with a number of family groups or sounders holding territories across the forest with several lone wandering boars. Current estimates are between 1500 to 2000 now roaming wild. Boars are a destructive animal, using their strong snouts to sniff out food. Consequently open grass areas around the forest now resemble battle fields with soil upturned and all grass destroyed. The boars are leaving the forest and interacting with people on a regular basis and some dogs have been injured or killed. Numbers of road casualty boar have increased. Without control, there is the potential for boar to have an adverse effect on flora (e.g. the bluebell carpets) and fauna (potentially European Protected Species such as dormice or the ground nesting birds such as wood warbler which are so important. Control of individual problem animals has been undertaken, and the forest population has become increasingly nocturnal and more shy of people although they are still regularly seen by forest users.



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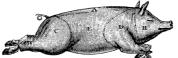
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The Barking group consisted of 9 ringers with a set of 37 bells covering 3 full octaves. Each ringer was in charge of their own section of bells and some were able to play 2 in each hand. The oldest member was 78 and the youngest member was Clem, aged



just 8 (but as he emphasised, nearly 9!) and he entertained us with his cheeky smile. It just goes to show that there are hobbies out there for all ages to enjoy together. To round off the evening some of us had a go, but I'm not sure that the sound was as easy on the ear!!

On April 6<sup>th</sup> we will have a visit from

Katrina of the Colchester Owl Rescue, to tell us about their work. The hall is opened at 7:30 for our meetings to start at 8p.m. <u>Please note</u> that this will be our last chance to add to our cash pot collection in aid of EACH, as we will be presenting our cheque to them in May - bring along your spare coins (or notes!) to add to this.



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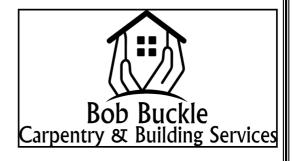
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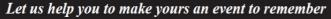
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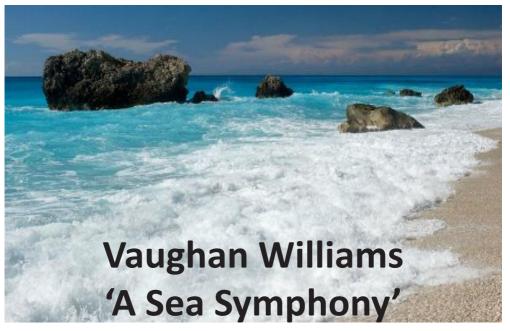
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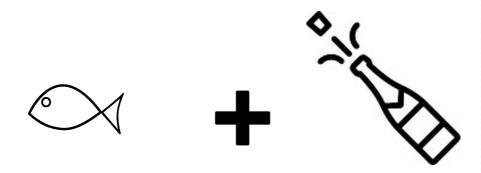
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## Recipe of the Month

## Rabbit & Duck Liver Wellington, tarragon cream

with thanks to Chris Lee Head Chef at The Bildeston Crown

## Ingredients

- 8 loins of rabbit (each approximately 8cm in length)
- 4 thin slices of duck's liver
- 8 large leaves of spinach, blanched and refreshed in boiling water
- 4 slices of Parma ham
- Block of ready-made puff pastry enough for four 10cm x 10cm sheets

#### Tarragon cream:

- 2 onions sliced
- 200ml white wine
- ½ bunch of tarragon
- 300ml double cream
- Knob of butter



This recipe is on the Select menu at The Bildeston Crown and Chris will demonstrate it at:

- East Anglian Game & Country Fair on the 23rd April
- Suffolk Show on the 1st June

#### Method

- Season rabbit loins and liver
- Pull a sheet of cling film over a chopping board. Place a slice of Parma ham on the cling film with two spinach leaves on the ham. Lay a loin of rabbit on the spinach/ham; then a slice of liver and finally a second loin so that liver is sandwiched between the two cuts of rabbit. Roll up with the cling film and tie the ends to create a tight sausage. Refrigerate for 12 hours.
- When ready to cook, roll out the puff pastry as thin as possible into x4 thin sheets measuring approximately 10cm x 10cm.
- Wrap the rabbit sandwich sausages in the puff pastry. Brush with an egg wash.
- Bake at 220°C for 15 minutes; leave to rest for 10 minutes.
- To make the sauce:

- Sauté the onions and the stalks of the tarragon in the butter until the onions ate a light golden in colour.
- Add the wine and simmer to reduce.
- Infuse the tarragon leaves in the cream and add to the sauce. Simmer for about 10 minutes so that it is of a thick consistency

Serve the Wellington with the sauce. We suggest baby vegetables and pomme pree as ideal accompaniments.







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## **BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council held on 13th March, 2017 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm

#### In attendance:

Councillors: A Guttridge (Chairman), D Dempsey, A Hubbard, R Lester Also Present: D Blackburn (Clerk), County Councillor Mrs J Antill One member of the public

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



#### C163/16/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Bullen and Taylor and from District Councillor M Creffield.

#### C164/16/17 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations were made:

Kings Pightle Management Committee - Councillors Hubbard

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

(Councillor Lester arrived late and the Clerk recorded his regular declarations in respect of the Sportsfield Management Committee, Kings Pightle Management Committee and Parochial Church Council).

#### C165/16/17 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

#### C166/16/17 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th February, 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### C167/16/17 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A written report had been received from District Councillor Creffield on the following matters:

- District Council Budget: The Babergh part of the Council Tax demand for 2017/18 would increase by an average of 10p per week, ranging from £3 to £10 per year increase depending upon the Band of the property.
- Opportunity Service Areas: Ipswich was due to become one of twelve Opportunity Service
  Areas nationally which would be able to access a package of education programmes designed
  to help young people progress from nursery school through the education system and into
  employment.
- TV Coverage: The TV programme "The Housing Enforcers" currently being shown on BBC 1, would feature local housing problems in Babergh and Mid Suffolk.
- New District Council Accommodation: Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils were due
  to be re-located to Endeavour House, Ipswich later in the year. There would be face to face
  customer access points at 54 Ipswich Street in Stowmarket and at Sudbury Town Hall.

#### C168/16/17 COMMUNITY CENTRE USE

Further to Minute C151/16/17, Members of the Parish Council discussed arrangements for a meeting on the promotion and use of Chamberlin Hall. The meeting would be held on

Monday, 27th March, 2017 at 7.30pm. Sue Clark, Manager of Lavenham Village Hall had agreed to attend the meeting to provide her insights into the running of a Village Hall. **It was AGREED:** That the Clerk liaises further with those who have expressed an interest in attending the event to confirm that they will be present.

#### C169/16/17 APPOINTMENT OF CLOCK WINDER

Further to Minute 150/16/17, it was noted that the position of Clock Winder had been advertised with one response received. Councillor Hubbard reported that a briefing had been provided on the technical and safety aspects of the role by Haward Horological Limited as part of a site visit. The clock also been serviced which had rectified problems the problems that had been encountered recently with its time-keeping.

#### It was AGREED:

- a. That Jayne Harrison be appointed to the position of Clock Winder;
- b. That the postholder shall receive an honorarium for the performance of their duties in accordance with Standing Orders; and
- c. That the Clerk prepares a letter of appointment for the postholder to sign.

#### C170/16/17 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

This item was deferred pending a report from Councillor Taylor at the next meeting.

#### C171/16/17 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that notification had been received from Mr Robin Sidgwick that the Annual Village Litter Pick would take place on Saturday, 1st April, 2017. It was noted that the participation of volunteers in this event was covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy subject to an adequate and effective risk assessment being carried out by the event organiser. The Clerk also referred to the circulation of the latest edition of Babergh District Council newsletter and steps being taken by Babergh and Mid-Suffolk District Councils to create a Joint Local Plan. The Parish Council also continued to receive information from the Babergh Alliance of Parish and Town Councils (BAPTC) which was a loosely associated group of Town and Parish Councils in Babergh District which sought to share useful information planning issues in Babergh and work together to highlight and resolve issues of mutual concern. Councillor Guttridge indicated that he had attended a recent BAPTC meeting as an observer and was of the opinion that the attendees were seeking to work constructively to influence the approach to planning and development in Babergh district, having particular regard to some of the large housing developments that were proposed in the area.

It was AGREED: That Councillor Guttridge be appointed as the Parish Council's representative to attend meetings of the Babergh Alliance of Parish and Town Councils.

#### C172/16/17 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Mrs Antill reported upon the following matters:

- Budget: The County Council had approved its budget and whilst there was no increase in respect of services generally, the County Council would be levying an increase of 3% to support Adult Social Care provision.
- Suffolk Annual Public Health Report: The County Council would be focussing on improving mental health services in accordance with the recommendations contained within the Annual Report.
- Disabled and Specialised Educational Needs Service: A poor Ofsted report had been received for these services which was contrary to improvements in education generally, across Suffolk.
- · Bildeston Highways Issues:

- a. There had been no progress regarding the installation of Gateways in Bildeston and an urgent meeting was being sought by County Councillor Mrs Antill with the Assistant Director for Highways.
   b. The installation of bollards near to the Primary School had been added to the approved list of works.
- c. It was understood that a road closure order would be required before the three bollards on the High Street could be repaired. These works had not, as yet, been added to the approved list of works.

#### C173/16/17 COMMUNITY EVENT

Further to Minute C152/16/17, Councillor Lester proposed that a Community Event should 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. Councillor Guttridge suggested that the event should be combined with the Bildeston Fun Day and he undertook to find out more details of the proposed date and arrangements.

#### C174/16/17 VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Lester reported that the Kings Pightle had an active group of volunteers undertaking regular maintenance of the site. The Management Committee of the Sportsfield was depleted. He gave notice that the Parish Council would be asked shortly to consider how it might support the Sportsfield specifically with regard to the annual mowing costs which exceeded the income obtained from the hire of the football pitch.

Councillor Hubbard reported that the Grounds Maintenance Operative had installed a new stopcock at the Sportsfield and it was hoped that this would help to identify where the water leak was coming from.

Councillor Hubbard reported that he had arranged for the spoil to be removed from the cemetery by Harry Smith Aggregates.

Councillor Lester referred to the maintenance of the Wildflower Meadow. Advice would be sought on this matter as it was understood by Members of the Parish Council that it was cut too late in the previous year which had allowed the thistles to set seed and grow.

Councillor Hubbard reported that there was a wide variety of personal artefacts near to the headstones in the cemetery. Members of the Parish Council were invited to consider whether or not it should seek the removal of some of the items, particularly those that were becoming unsightly over time.

It was AGREED: That Members of the Parish Council visit the Cemetery before the next meeting before a further discussion on this matter.

Councillor Hubbard reported that the hedge clippings along the pavement on Church Lane had not been removed by the contractor. The Clerk undertook to raise this matter with the land agent, Strutt & Parker.

Councillor Lester observed that the footpath up Church Lane was well-used and the view of the village from the top of the lane near to the Church was impressive. He enquired if the mowing of the grass verge adjacent to the footpath could be incorporated into the work schedule of the Grounds Maintenance Operative, if the ride-on mower was already being driven to, and from, the cemetery. Councillor Lester undertook to investigate this matter further and report back to the Parish Council.

The footpath from the Sportsfield to Hitcham Road was currently unpassable. Councillor Dempsey indicated that he would report the matter to Suffolk County Council.

Councillor Guttridge reported that the quiz night at Chamberlin Hall had been successful. It was noted that despite the visits made by Command Pest Control to various sites in the village, the problem with an infestation of moles at the Sportsfield remained. The Clerk was asked to seek

advice on further steps that could be taken and the associated costs.

### C175/16/17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Clerk reported upon arrangements for the Annual Parish meeting which would be held on Monday, 24th April, 2017 at 7.30pm. Councillor Lester suggested that as a minimum, the Parish Council should seek reports from all bodies for which it acted as custodian trustee. The Clerk had contacted the Police, the Primary School and the local County and District Councillors. In addition, Councillor Hubbard undertook to liaise with the Allotments Association to invite them to submit a report.

#### C176/16/17 FINANCIAL REPORT - AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND NOTING OF RECEIPTS

Acknowledgement had been received from the Pension Regulator of the Parish Council's declaration of compliance in connection with its automatic enrolment duties. Notification had been received from SAAA (Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments), that external audit services for Suffolk would change from BDO to PKF Littlejohn LLP. The new contract would be effective for a five-year period from 2017/18 to 2022/23.

The Chairman reported on delays in the authorisation of payments. Three Councillors were able to undertake this role and it was felt that it would be useful to have more Councillors able to authorise in the future. The Clerk was requested to obtain and circulate the relevant paperwork. The Clerk reported that the Parish Council was not compliant with all aspects of the Transparency Code. It was felt that with some appropriate advice from Councillor Taylor on the use of the new laptop, this should be easily remedied.

### 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	£105.68
Command Pest Control	Mole Treatment	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£252.00
Gotelee Solicitors	Judicial Review	Administrative & Legal	£105.60
Babergh DC	Bin Emptying	Bins	£531.70
Suffolk CC	Street Lighting	Street Lighting	£2103.97

(Note: All the above are payable from the General Fund).

It was NOTED: That the following receipt was anticipated before the end of the financial year:

Payee	Description	, , ,	Amount (£ incl. VAT)
Great Finborough Parish Council	Speed Gun & Signage	Traffic Calming	£62.66

### C177/16/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Part A: Planning Application - Consultation with Bildeston Parish Council

There were none.

Part B: Planning Applications – Decisions of Babergh District Council

There were none.

### C178/16/17 PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Peter Hutchings indicated that he had moved to Bildeston and was interested in playing an active part in parish matters. He was currently the Chairman of Kettlebaston Parish Council and following on from the discussion earlier in the meeting about the cemetery (Minute C174/16/17 refers), he spoke of the steps taken in Kettlebaston to improve the appearance of its cemetery.

### C179/16/17 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Hubbard noted that the Bildeston Lions which had been bequeathed to the village were not being displayed at the Red Lion. The Clerk would obtain contact details for the owner of the premises and Councillor Hubbard would pursue.

Councillor Dempsey reported that garden waste was being deposited into the brook to the rear of Chapel Street. He would raise this with Anglian Water.

Councillor Dempsey reported that there had been some smashed glass bottles at the Rotheram Road play area which had been cleared.

Councillor Dempsey said that there appeared to be an abandoned white van on the Market Place near to the clock. It was believed to have been there for 3 to 4 weeks. Councillor Dempsey undertook to report the matter to Babergh District Council.

#### C180/16/17 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 final steps would now be taken by the Parish Council's legal adviser in undertaking the necessary registration with the Charity Commission.

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

Councillor Guttridge provided an update on liaison he had undertaken with the Parish Council's legal advisers.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

### **APOLOGY**

Last month's Bugle omitted the contact number for people who would like to collect their loose change in spare boxes for the **Children's Society**. Many apologies to Joey Honeybone and the Children's Society. Joey has spare boxes and his contact number is **01449 741994**.

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  - If you would like the name of someone written in the book, please print their name clearly on the list at Bildeston Church and we will endeavour to ensure their name is printed in the Resurrection Book for you.
- Passover on Maundy Thursday 13th April from 7pm at Semer Village Hall. This year we have a visitor who is going to show us how a Jewish family celebrate Seder and that will be followed by our meal together. Tickets only @£5 each available from Rev'd Liz 01449 740085. We are sharing this occasion with Monks Eleigh Benefice and so our share of the tickets is limited to the first 25 people who ask.
- A Benefice Church Choir would you be interested in joining a choir to sing at least once a month for our Benefice services and special occasions? We have already got someone who is keen to co-ordinate it and someone to play and conduct. We would probably practise at Bildeston Church either daytime or evening to start with. You can let me know my number is above, or Jan King at Naughton would be pleased to hear from you. Phone her on 07712424901.
- May Market this year it will be on Saturday 27th May but at the church not on the square for a change at least we know we'll be OK if it's a rainy day. There will be all the usual stalls and refreshments to entice you, especially cakes, jams and plant.

If you can plant some roots or cuttings in readiness that would be great and if you would like to help on the day do let me know.

Easter Blessings, Joy, Peace and chocolate X Rev'd Liz



Friday14th April: from 10.45am with coffee and hot cross buns......

A Good Friday experience. A dramatic narration of the events of the first Good Friday interspered with the presentation of 14 art/craft works made by local children and adults from all our villages, to reflect words from the story such as Betrayal, Fear, Forgiveness, Tears.

It will end around midday and there will

be soup and bread for lunch for those who want to stay.

Saturday 15th April: From 10am - A Big Coffee Morning with cakes, crafts, balloons, raffle, games and an Easter Egg Hunt: search for a token to exchange for chocolate eggs on Easter Sunday.

**Sunday 16th April:** Easter Day Service for all ages at 11.00am with candles, singing, chocolate, eggs, Alleluias and refreshments.



I would like to say thank you to my family and friends who visited me in hospital and at home. Also, thank you for their help and the many get well cards I received. Jean Chinery

### **BILDESTON w WATTISHAM,**

## WHATFIELD w SEMER, NEDGING, NAUGHTON & LINDSAY Church Services – APRIL 2017

Place

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Organist

Date

Time

Service

Date	iiiie	Service	Place	Officialit	Organist
April 2nd	9.30am	Holy Communion	Semer	LL	
5th of Lent	11.00am	Family Service +APCM	Whatfield	LL	Henry
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Nedging	?	Jill
	11.00am	Family Service	Bildeston	?	Marie
April 9th	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bildeston	Jackie S.	Marie
Palm	11.00am	Family Service	Naughton	LL	Jill
Sunday					
April 12th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Whatfield	LL	
April 13th	6pm	BCP H. Communion	Chelsworth	Rev. C. Mansell	
Maundy	7pm	Passover service and meal	Semer	Andrea King	Tickets only for
Thursday		with Monks Eleigh Benefice	Village Hall		Passover
April 14th	11.00am	Community Stations of the	Bildeston	LL	
Good	(10.45 for	Cross readings and presentations			
Friday	coffee and Hot Cross Buns) 12.00	Lent Lunch			
April 16th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Nedging	LL	
Easter Day	11.00am	Holy Communion	Lindsey	?	Jill?
	11.00am	Family Service	Bildeston	LL	Marie
	11.00am	Morning Prayer	Semer	DA	Jill
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Whatfield	Jackie S.	?
April 23rd	10.30am	Benefice Holy Communion		LL	Marie
2 of Easter		+ Bildeston's APCM	Bildeston	LL	
April 26th	9.30am	Morning Prayer	Whatfield	LL	
April 30th	10.30am	Deanery Holy Communion	Hintlesham	Rev'd ffrench	
3 of Easter					

### 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 start1st Wed every month
Craft it Together
01449 740716/741606 for detailsFirst 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 <b>Every Monday in term time</b>
Baby & Toddler Group
Baptist Church 9:15-11:30 Every Tuesday
Annual Village Spring Clean
Market Square 10.00amSat 1st
Ladies Club
7.30pm Chamberlin Hall Katrina Colchester Owl Rescue
Parish Council Meeting
Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm
FOBS Coffee Morning
10.00am-12.00 Chamberlin HallSat 21st
Annual Parish Meeting of Electors
Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm
Fish and Fizz Night
Bildeston Crown 7.30pm please book
Tuesday Evening Bike Ride
6.45pm Market Square
Cancer Shopping Day
Chamberlin Hall 10.00am - 2.00pm
More details on these events inside



Please tell us about your forthcoming events in May

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