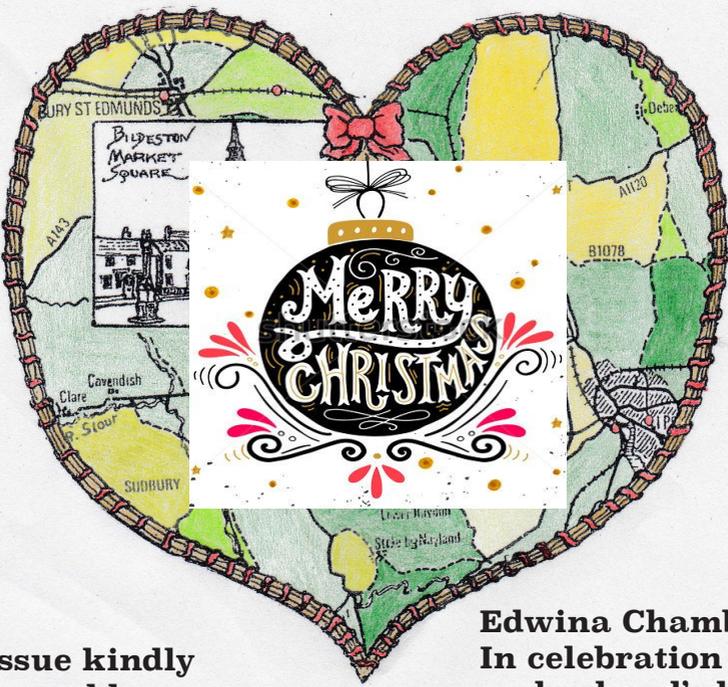
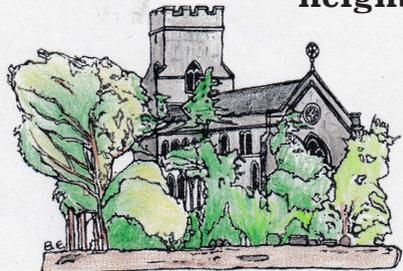


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ED'S COMMENT

We have arrived at the last month of 2017, so a very merry Christmas to you from all the team at the Bildeston Bugle. December is an opportunity to look back over a year that, arguably, will go down as one of the most significant times in our history.

Firstly, remember what happened here in Bildeston. The 'gates' announcing the arrival by road to our village were finally installed at each end of the High Street, along with flashing speed signs and a smiley face to encourage safer driving into the village. The planning application for the housing development on Needham Road went back and forth, rejected then finally approved. The primary school was inspected and was judged Good, amongst the best schools in Suffolk. We said farewell to Richard and Joan as Bank House Stores changed management. Rev'd Liz retired and leaves a huge space, hopefully temporary. Chamberlin Hall established a new Management Committee and the new Chairman and team lost no time in marketing the hall, increasing its regular use and impacting considerably on its income stream. It is great to see so many more local people enjoying the facility for Keep Fit, Zumba, Badminton, Table-tennis, carpet bowls, snooker, darts and short mat bowling. After so much concern around our village hall, the hope is that this is an example where a change of management heralds a change in fortunes and the new year will bring new ideas, far greater community use and an ever growing sense of ownership by villagers. Those people who made their wishes known through the questionnaire now need to vote with their feet and come along to the various activities being organised. Have a look at this month's double page spread!

Beyond Bildeston was also very interesting. On the 20th January Donald J. Trump was inaugurated as the 45th President of the United States. From the start his unique style of presidency has given rise to news that is reported almost on a daily basis. Unfortunately much of it controversial. In February around 500 African migrants swarmed across the border from Morocco into Spain to reach Europe, a phenomenon that continues to dominate the news as thousands of refugees and migrants seek a better life in European countries. In March, the Prime Minister enacted Article 50, confirming the UK withdrawal from the European Union. In May was the horrific bombing in Manchester Arena where a pop concert was being held attended by mostly youngsters. 22 people lost their lives and 59 were injured. Around the world 2017 witnessed several terrible terrorist attacks, such as at Westminster Bridge, Stockholm, Barcelona and Paris and the September London Tube bomb which, thankfully failed to explode. June saw a snap election called and despite the fact that just a month before the Tories gained over 500 seats at local level with labour and UKIP suffering, the result was a surprising hung parliament. How fickle is politics? Then on 14th June the tragedy of Grenfell Tower happened with 71 people dead. In August Usain Bolt ran his last competitive race in London, coming second to Justin Gatlin which again raised the issue of drugs in athletics and other sports. Through September the tension was raised by North Korea's determination to defy the UN and develop long range ballistic missiles making the world hold its breath. October and the issue of Catalan self-determination reached a climax with Spain taking control over the region. November was full of details of how the super rich use secret off-shore accounts to avoid paying tax, which we all knew, but the surprises came from knowing who they were and how they used British territories to do it. To finish on a really positive note, it was the Queen's and Prince Philip's Platinum anniversary. With all that going on, the tranquility of our small corner of Suffolk is a true oasis! See you for carols in the square.



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U9 Cross Country Event

Six of our children were selected to go to Hadleigh High School to compete in an U9 cross country event on Wednesday 1 November 2017. They competed against other schools within our pyramid of primary schools. Our highest positions were 10th in the girl's race and 9th in the boy's race.

Village Tag Rugby Event

On 2 November 2017, a team of nine of our KS2 children competed in the annual village Tag Rugby festival at Whatfield Primary School. They worked really hard as a team and they came second overall which was a great result.

U11 Tag Rugby Festival

The same Tag Rugby team went along to St Joseph's College on 7 November to play against other primary schools from across the county. They had a long but great afternoon winning three matches, drawing two and losing one.



Remembrance Sunday

Four of our children represented our school at the service held at the market place on Sunday 12 November. It was an opportunity for pupils to think about and commemorate the sacrifices made by previous generations, as well as the people who work for our security today. They read poems they had written and laid a wreath of poppies that had been made at school.



Children in Need

On Friday 17 November 2017, the children supported Children in Need by dressing up in the theme of "Be Bright, Be Seen" wearing lots of bright and fluorescent colours for the day! This tied in very well with the work our road safety officers are doing. So they were raising money for a great cause that makes a massive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK and raising awareness for road safety!

Federation Proposal

The Governors of Bildeston Primary school with the Governors of Whatfield CEVC school are in the process of exploring the possibility of forming a Federation. The formal consultation process ends on 13th December. The schools have been in a collaboration for the past 3 years, and the Governors regard this as the next logical step to formalise the arrangement for the benefit of both schools.

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BILDESTON CHAMBERLIN HALL

What's on December



Every Monday 8.00pm to 10.00pm Badminton Club and table tennis

Everyone welcome, please remember to wear white soled trainers, not black.

Every Tuesday	1.30am to 2.30am	Keep Fit with Kelly
Every Tuesday	from 7.00pm	Snooker Club
Every Thursday	11.00am – 12.00	Zumba Gold with Sarah
Every Thursday	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Music Youth Group
Thursday 7th	7.00pm	Ladies Club
Every Friday	7.00pm	Friday Night Activity & Social Club

except last Friday of the month when we have Bingo

Saturday 16th Christmas Dance

Friday 29th 7.00pm Bingo!

KEEP FIT WITH KELLY

On Tuesday at 1:30 we now have a Keep Fit class at Chamberlin Hall, led by Kelly, our own Personal Trainer. The exercises are really easy to follow and each of us works at our own level – it is surprising what progress you can make if you just try a little bit harder each week! The exercises are the sort of thing you might do in a gym setting but using the basic equipment of chair, step, band or mat. So far we are quite a small group of men and ladies, so we would love a few more of you to come along and give it a go in order that the class can continue in the long term.

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Hope to see you there, Jo Silburn.



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Time continues to fly and as one watches the sands speed through the great egg timer of life there are one or two things it would be nice to see resolved before the last grain of sand takes the plunge. As I write it's that time of year unguided ballistics clatter down on your roof complete with smouldering embers. The sky lights up in all directions in celebration of Guy who failed to remove Parliament at the stroke of a match - or whatever they used in 1605.



Living in a part of the UK where we have plenty of tree varieties I thought it was time we looked at some of our native species current and those we have lost. The most British of trees the Elm

is sadly almost extinct due to Dutch Elm disease that arrived in the late 1960's. This species of tree beloved of landscape artists especially Constable was a familiar site across the UK and is now all but extinct. The disease arrived in a shipment of affected timber carrying a beetle that set off into the countryside. It has truly devastated Elms throughout England and Europe and much of North America in the second half of the 20th century. The disease is caused by a micro-fungus transmitted by two species of elm-bark beetle. The disease affects all species of Elm native to Europe, some Asiatic species have evolved anti-fungal genes and are resistant. Fungal spores, introduced into wounds in the tree caused by the beetles, invade the trees vascular system. The tree responds by producing tyloses, effectively blocking the flow of saps and nutrients from roots to leaves. This disease was identified in Europe in the late 1960s, and within a decade had killed over 20 million Elm trees (approximately 75%) in the UK alone. One or two Elms have survived and these trees have been examined and researched to see what can be learnt from their resistance in the hope a cure can be found and the disease eradicated.

Last week I was taken aback to see a Moorhen sitting in the apple tree on our front lawn having a go at the bird feeder. I had always assumed these were aquatic dwellers and had never seen one previously in a tree. When they sleep they normally roost on a branch overhanging a pond where they are usually to be found safe from predators. Moorhens, sometimes called Marsh hens, are medium-sized water birds that are members of the rail family. They are close relatives of Coots and because of their apparently nervous behavior (frequently twitching tail, neck and grinding their backs) are sometimes called "skitty coots". Moorhens are mostly brown and black with some white markings in their plumage colour. Unlike many of the rails they are usually easy to see, feeding in open water margins rather than hidden in reedbeds. They have short rounded wings and are weak fliers, although capable of covering long distances when startled. The common Moorhen in particular migrates up to 2,000 km from some of its breeding areas in the colder parts of Siberia. Moorhens can walk very well on their strong legs, and have long toes that are well adapted to soft uneven surfaces. They are omnivorous consuming plant material, small rodents, amphibians and eggs of other birds. They are aggressively territorial during the breeding season, but are otherwise often found in sizeable flocks on the shallow vegetated lakes they prefer. The Moorhen chick has to be the ugliest of all chicks, and if you see one you will see what I mean, only a mother Moorhen could love it!! **Mike Biddulph**

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We hope you have all seen our decorated tree at the church - a lovely way to share who we are and what we do.



On December 7th we meet at 7:00 p.m. for 7:30p.m. to share our Christmas meal. Don't forget to bring along your Secret Santa gift (to a value of £5) and also plenty of pound coins so that you can join in with bowling for the bubbles to raise money in aid of our chosen charity - SARS.

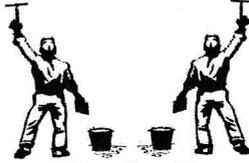
We do not have an evening meeting in January, but we will be holding a coffee morning on Saturday 13th - all welcome to come along. We will sell tea, coffee and cakes and hold a raffle of Christmas leftovers. If anyone can donate prizes for the raffle we would be very grateful. Again this event is in aid of SARS. More details to follow in the January Bugle. We take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Jo Silburn - 01787 204184 (please note this is my new number)

Jean - 01449 743650

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- **Every Thursday is bar games night,** there's all the usual plus **Poker, Skittles** and **table top football, snooker & tennis.** **Open Deck/Vinyl** night is **14th December.** On **Thursday 21st** it's our **Charity Quiz Night** starting at **8:30pm** with free Christmas buffet. To reserve a table please phone Sue or Nigel on 01449 741434. Thanks to Octobers quiz teams who raised **£105** for the **Cystic Fibrosis Trust.**
- **Christmas Eve.** We will be serving a Fish & Chip supper followed by free live music at **9pm** from the superb **Wired Ones.** Ian on guitar/vocals and Grinder on bass will be playing a mix of lively tunes to get you into the Christmas spirit, or beer or wine!!!
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 - Christmas Day Open 12pm-2pm / **Open for Drinks**
 - Boxing Day Closed
 - New Years Eve Open 12pm-2am / **Lunch Served 12-2pm, Evening Open for Drinks**
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Friday 22 December at 7.30pm

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Any local musicians, singers or instrumentalists, who are interested in taking part, would be very welcome!

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 - 200g diced dried apricots
 - 200g chopped chestnuts
 - X6 leaves of sage,
- blanched in boiling water and finely chopped
 - 3 eggs, lightly whisked
 - Salt & pepper



Method

- Combine all ingredients. Using your hands is best
- Roll into a sausage using cling film
- Steam the cling filmed sausage for about 30 minutes until juices are running clear
- Refrigerate to firm
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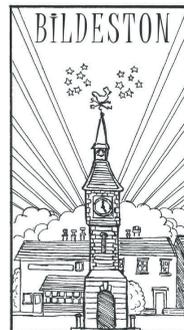
held on Tuesday 14th November, 2017 in Chamberlin Hall at 7.30 pm

In attendance:

Councillors: R Taylor (Chairman) A Guttridge & A Hubbard

Also Present: District Councillor M Creffield & County Councillor R Lindsay
D Blackburn (Clerk)

Ten other persons including representatives of Keep Bildeston Beautiful, Mr W Nicholls of Strutt & Parker and Mr M Cloke of Montagu



The Chairman, Councillor R Taylor, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

C106/17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bullen, Dempsey, Hutchings and Lester.

C107/17/18

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C108/17/18 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C109/17/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 9th and 31st October, 2017 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

The Clerk had been contacted by a local parishioner who had clarified that Minute C80/17/18 (Planning Application B/15/01628) should refer to the approval of planning permission for replacement windows at the Baptist Church. However, the published minute referred to their property (1 Duke Street) which was the address for correspondence in respect of the application. It was noted that the Parish Council's records would be amended accordingly.

C110/17/18 DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor Creffield reported upon the Joint Local Plan consultation, Electoral Review of District Council warding arrangements and Cabinet opposition to proposals seeking the formal merger of Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils.

C111/17/18 FORMER TAYLOR'S GARAGE SITE

Further to Minute C78/15/16, Mr Will Nicholls of Strutt & Parker and Mr Matt Cloke of Montagu gave a presentation on outline proposals for residential development of the brown field area at the former Taylor's Garage site and the green field to the rear. The full site extended to six acres including the landowner's property. The density of the development would be less than the maximum permitted under housing development policy.

A mixed development of 42 houses was proposed, comprising a range of 2, 3 and 4 bed homes, which would mainly be two storey buildings with possibly, two bungalows. Since the last presentation to the Parish Council in September 2015, more detailed work had been carried out in respect of the technical requirements of the site. This had led to a greater understanding of the challenges faced and it had been established that the site would be more costly to develop than had been anticipated. In order to make it economically viable to develop, the amount of affordable housing would be less than previously suggested, with five such properties proposed. Their precise location within the development had not yet been confirmed but it was likely that they would form a small cluster.

Mr Cloke indicated that there had been discussions with the Environment Agency with regard to potential flooding problems on the site. This had led to a proposal to create an attenuation

pond to allow the collection of water and to enable its slow release into the River Brett. It was intended to create an over-sized pond so that it might retain water throughout the year and act as a feature at the centre of the proposed development.

Mr Nicholls suggested that there would be good linkage to the centre of the village via a footpath adjacent to No. 15 High Street. However, concern was expressed by some of those in attendance at the meeting, that the footpath along High Street was dangerously narrow (on the side of the road where the new footpath would alight) and the developers were invited to consider other ways of securing a safer pedestrian route to the rest of the village. The entrance to the site would be near to the bridge on Chelsworth Road, so that it was an appropriate distance away from the road junction with the High Street. The proposed location would also avoid moving the existing sewage pipe.

As part of the development, there would be parking spaces provided for the school and a loop road, in and out of the site. At the top of the loop there would be a footpath through to the Primary School. In accordance with a request made by the District Council, it was proposed that there should be a small play area within the new development.

A question was asked about the number and adequacy of parking spaces on the site and the response given was that there would be two parking spaces for the four bed properties but probably only one parking space for the smaller properties.

Plans of the site were distributed at the meeting with the larger plans being retained by the Clerk for future reference. Mr Nicholls indicated that there would be a public consultation event at Bildeston Primary School (subsequently confirmed after the meeting as to be held on Wednesday, 13th December, 2017 from 3.30pm to 7.15pm), where local people would have the opportunity to consider the proposals and express their views. It was possible that there would be some changes made to the outline proposals as a result of the feedback received from the local community. Planning consent would then be sought. If this was successful, the speed of the build would be dictated by the level of demand for the properties, but it was anticipated that the whole development could be completed within a period of approximately 18 months.

The Chairman, Councillor Taylor, thanked Mr Nicholls and Mr Cloke for their presentation and asked them to continue their dialogue with the local community about the proposals including Keep Bildeston Beautiful and the Parish Council.

C112/17/18 REMEMBRANCE AND CHRISTMAS

The Chairman referred to the excellent turnout for Remembrance Sunday in the village. It was noted that the Clerk would set up a standing order with the Royal British Legion for the purchase of a wreath and a £100 donation each year.

Further to Minute C92/17/18, Members of the Parish Council reviewed the arrangements that were being made for the Christmas tree and the Christmas Carols in the Market Square on Sunday, 10th December, 2017 at 4.00pm.

C113/17/18 MAINTENANCE SERVICES

The Members of the Parish Council conducted a review of the provision of Maintenance Services in the village on the basis of the timesheets compiled by the Grounds Maintenance Operative and a summary document prepared by the Town Clerk.

A discussion took place with regard to the quality of services provided by EFMS Ltd in cutting the pitch and surrounding area at the Sportsfield. Members of the Parish Council felt that improved value for money could be obtained by reviewing the mowing arrangements and implementing different cut intervals for different areas at the Sportsfield. It would then be possible for the site to be maintained by the Parish Council's Grounds Maintenance Operative.

It was AGREED:

- a. That the report on Maintenance Services be received and noted;
- b. That a site visit be held early in the new year to discuss new grounds maintenance arrangements at the Sportsfield; and

c. That, subject to b. above, the Parish Council may give notice of the termination of the contract with Vertas for the provision of grounds maintenance services at the Sportsfield.

C114/17/18 VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Taylor reported that there had been a steady improvement in the hiring of the Sportsfield pavilion.

Councillor Hubbard reported that Mr Norman Ruffell had made ten bird boxes and helped to install them at Kings Pightle.

Councillor Guttridge reported that he had liaised with the Grounds Maintenance Operative of the siting of a new grit bin at the entrance to Chamberlin Close on flat land.

C115/17/18 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor Lindsay reported upon the following matters:

- a. The designation of Suffolk as an age friendly county;
- b. A re-think on proposals to charge more children for school bus services;
- c. An end in 2018/19 to a seven-year freeze on Council tax; and
- d. A forecast overspend on the 2017/18 County Council budget of over £10 million, principally because of increasing education and social care costs.

C116/17/18 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was **AGREED**: That the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (incl. VAT)
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£163.06
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£18.00
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£561.53
Adrian Chinery	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£62.00
Stowmarket Concert Band	Remembrance	Community Grants	£50.00
Herts Fullstop	Grit Bin	Investment in Assets	£144.72

C117/17/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation

Reference	DC/17/05373
Address	The Rowans Church Farm Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EE
Proposal	Householder Planning Application - Erection of first floor front extension and cart lodge.
Representation to Planning Authority	No objection

Planning Appendix B: Planning Applications Decisions by Babergh District Council

Reference	B/15/01433
Address	Land East of Artiss Close And Rotheram Road Bildeston
Proposal	Outline - Erection of 48 residential dwellings with detailed consideration of access.
Decision of Planning Authority	Granted

(Note: The Parish Council held an extraordinary meeting on 31st October 2017, to consider its response to this new application for the above site.)

C118/17/18 PUBLIC SESSION

There were no issues raised.

C119/17/18 MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Hubbard raised the following matters:

- a. Overgrowth along the Hadleigh Road pavement near the garage which would be reported to Suffolk County Council;
- b. Failure by a former resident to remove the double yellow lines they had outside properties on Smock Meadow;
- c. A proposal to clean the War Memorial ahead of the centenary of Armistice Day which the Clerk and Councillor Hubbard would arrange; and
- d. Information received about appointing a Recorder of the village which would be forwarded to the Editor of "The Bugle".

C120/17/18 CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

There was none.

The meeting closed at 9.16pm.

CLERK'S COLUMN

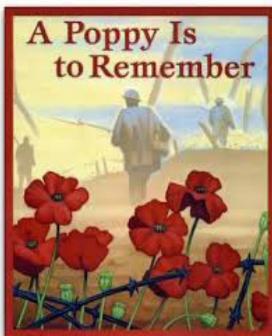
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David Blackburn
Parish Clerk

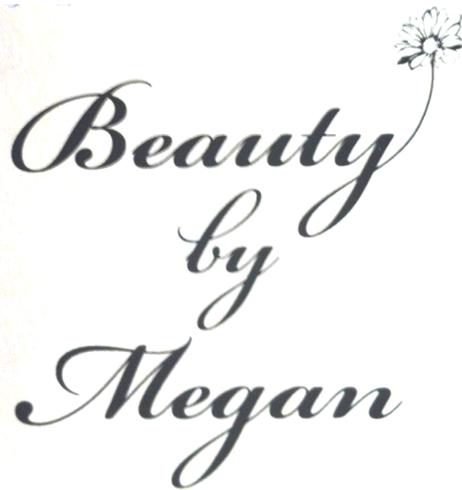


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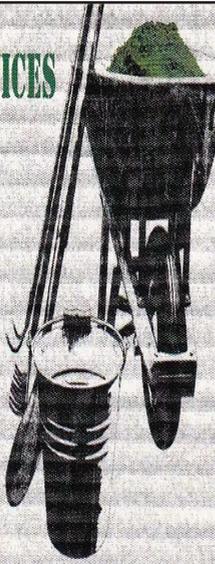
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I have a thing about good stationery and I know I'm not alone - shops such as Paperchase were made for people like me. And if you share my enjoyment you might also know that feeling you have when you open a new notebook or journal or a sketch pad and there is the first pristine page. Whatever goes on it has to be nothing but the best - I hate to spoil it. It takes me a while to get started, to be inspired and dare to make a mark, but then I'm away, enjoying words or pictures and filling the pages. I have journals from past years, filled with quotes and prayers, thoughts, poems, sketches, tickets and cards - and I treasure them and enjoy looking at them now and again. I am often surprised by a page or two as I am reminded of forgotten things.

Well today was the last page more or less in the old book, and tomorrow a new book in my life will begin. I think I will take a while to decide what will go in it, how the first page will look, and then I'll be away, in this new phase of my life. But today, at my last service as parish priest, I looked back - it was like looking through a journal as more and more people came in to the service - family I didn't expect, friends from far away and people from years ago in my life, from other books and pages, and so many people from these more recent times. I think the special service went well, the choir sang wonderfully and the lunch was fantastic. And I am full of gratitude to everyone who filled those last pages with such a richness of lovely things. Thank you so much for all your good wishes, your very generous gifts and all the cards and flowers. Thank you!

Whatfield School sang this song to me at the last assembly I did with them this week - it makes a good ending, they are lovely words to treasure and I will be sticking them inside the back cover at the end of my old journal, along with the cards and photos, a service sheet and the words of the songs the choir sang.

*As we go now from this moment, as we leave behind our time together,
May we walk with one another, may we help each other on the way.
As we go now from this moment, as we go into the future together,
May we treasure one another, may we realise how precious we are.*

*God Bless you all, today, tomorrow, this Christmas
and always, Rev'd Liz*

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

SERVICE SCHEDULE – DECEMBER 2017

December 2017		NB – Services in bold are Benefice Services	
3rd Dec Advent Sunday	11.00am	HC for St Nicholas	Bildeston
10th Dec Advent 2	11.00am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
17th Dec Advent 3	6.30pm	Carols	Bildeston
24th Dec Christmas Eve	4pm 11.30pm	Crib Service Midnight Mass	Bildeston Bildeston
25th Dec Christmas Day	11.00am	Family Service	Bildeston
31st Dec 1st after Christmas	10.30am	Deanery Holy Communion	Stratford St Mary

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.....**1st Monday every month**

Strollers & Striders

Baptist Church Car Park 10.00.....**Every Monday**

Bildeston Contemporary Choir

Bildeston Primary school 7.00pm.....**Every Monday during term time**

Baby & Toddler Group

Baptist Church 9.15 to 11.30.....**Every Tuesday**

Mens Breakfast

Baptist Church 8.00am.....**Last Saturday every month**

Over 60's Christmas Lunch

Chamberlin Hall 12 noon for 12.30.....**Sat 2nd**

Ladies Club

Christmas Meal 7.00 for 7.30pm.....**Thurs 7th**

Christmas Tasting!

Village Store & Post Office all day!.....**Thurs 7th**

Winter Warmer Ride 3

Market Square 9.30am.....**Sat 9th**

Carols, mulled wine and mince pies

Market Square 4.00pm.....**Sun 10th**

Parish Council Meeting

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Tues 12th**

Taylor's Garage Site Public Consultation

Bildeston Primary School 4.00pm to 7.15pm.....**Wed 13th**

Village Carol Concert

St Mary Magdalene Church 6.30pm.....**Sun 17th**

Waytes Carols

Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm.....**Fri 22nd**

Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **January 2018!**

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