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### **ED'S COMMENT**

One of those cliches often quoted is, "We are living in historic times!'. It could be argued every time is historic, as every time is littered with events that will one day be looked at through the lens of 'history'. Right now there are 'history' books being pored over by students about the 1960s and 1970s. Times that many of us lived through, without realising at the time we were living through history. As John Gardner once said, 'History never looks like history when you are living through it.'

Recent events seemed to have changed that, and we do realise that we are living through exceptional times, that one day, and quite soon, it will make a fascinating area of study for future historians. Years from now, students will write essays answering questions such as:

What were the circumstances that led to the UK referendum in 2016? Discuss!

Why did the 2016 referendum take so long to resolve? Discuss!!

What was the impact on UK politics as a result of the 2016 referendum? Discuss!!! How many UK Prime Ministers were there between 2010 and 2020? Why? Discuss!!!!

A better quote about history describing the times through which we are living might be:

'History is merely a list of surprises. It can only prepare us to be surprised yet again.' Kurt Vonnegut

The main surprise is how long it has taken Members of Parliament to realise the British people are on to them. MPs should realise the great British public know full well what they are doing when they vote, and what they expect politicians to do following the result of a vote. The British public have handed MPs a huge lesson by condensing politics down to a simple statement: You say you believe in something, you are going to make that something happen, a majority want that something and vote for those who say they will make it happen. Simples!!

The British public has witnessed, perhaps for the first time, what happens though when some politicians face their own personal dilemma, their own crisis, when what they said they stood for is not what they actually believe! Worse, it is at odds with the democratic outcome of the vote they organised! One of my own heroes, Nicolo Machievelli pointed out: "Politics have no relation to morals." He advised the Prince that the biggest issue always remained firstly, getting power, then secondly hanging on to it!

That's the game of politics, and to get power you must first say things that the people want to hear, and then weave a course between giving them crumbs of comfort while you keep your eyes firmly fixed on the main prize, retaining power come what may. When that power seems to be slipping away, for example from the government right now in the UK, then change your tune, or your leader, and get the people back on your side. This has served UK democracy reasonably well, especially with the main party system, because we believe in lots of things and have opinions across a range of issues. As another cliche is oft to point out, the main parties are a *broad church*! Where it breaks down is when a simple question is asked requiring a straight yes or no, in or out, leave or stay! The result is bound to be close to half and half! Why wasn't that a surprise?

Maybe this is cynical, but politicians need to realise that there is a lot of cynicism as a reuslt of what has happened the last three years. By the end of July we will have some answers to the questions our turbulent times have thrown up. Who will lead the Conservatives? Who will be the Prime Minister? What will the next stage of Brexit look like? What kind of solution for Brexit will eventually be found? Only history will tell, and we are living through it!



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#### **SATs Breakfasts**

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#### **U11 Netball Tournament**

On Tuesday 21 May, we sent two teams of Years 5 and 6 pupils to play in a Netball Tournament against other schools in the county. Several schools took part with fair play and sportsmanship being the theme running through the tournament. We were so proud of our teams, who had children taking part for the first time in this event and showed great spirit and determination!



#### **Wattisham Visitors Day**

On 22 May, Kestrel class were visitors to Wattisham Airbase as part of their visitor's day along with children from our federated school, Whatfield Primary. The event took place within one of the hangars where visitors were briefed and had the opportunity to look at an AH Apache, historical aircraft, military museum exhibits and the small arms display. We thank Wattisham for inviting us again this year as our children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the base.



#### **Hitcham Centenary Visit**

On Thursday 23 May, children in Kingfisher class visited Hitcham church as part of their centenary celebrations. Whilst they were there they gave the children a flavour of what life was like in the pre-digital era. They had set up part of the building to represent a classroom from the past. They also lead an old style assembly and a few exercises on the blackboard! They had also gathered a collection of items from the past such as toys and household items. Even weighing a few items in pounds and ounces using weights and scales and working out how to pay for something in pre-decimal coinage and a few similar activities. Thank you to Hitcham for inviting us to your celebrations and for the work that went into a great morning with you!

#### **Trampolining**

Children in Goldcrest class enjoyed a Trampolining session at Hadleigh High School on 24 May. They thoroughly enjoyed their session and it gave them an insight into where their future sporting events will be held.



#### **Junior Road Safety Officers**

Our Road Safety Officers were extremely busy this last term putting the finishing touches to their scrapbook which forms part of their work as officers for the year. The scrapbook is sent to Suffolk Highways for judging and awards are handed out to winners as the annual Junior Road Safety Officer event in July. Our road safety officers completed lots of safety work with the children in school including safety on roads, when exercising, making reflectors, when walking to school.



You can find out all about their work at <a href="http://www.bildestonprimaryschool.co.uk/junior-road-safety-officers/">http://www.bildestonprimaryschool.co.uk/junior-road-safety-officers/</a>



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### **COUNTRYSIDE OBSERVER**

Some years ago Country Observer was an idea that I felt needed an audience. Three years ago we as a nation voted to leave Europe. Two things, Country Observer is still alive and undivided in its purpose, yet in our land of undivided democracy we find ourselves divided, with Europe still wrapped around our necks and today as I write responding to the call of the Polling Booth for an election we voted never to have. Apparently today's political theatre is presented at a cost of around £150 million for our United (?) Kingdom to appear on its stage.... One thing is certain, we live in "You couldn't make it up" land!

Last week a beautiful moth caught my attention. I identified it as a deaths head hawk moth. The Death's-Head Hawkmoth gets its name from the skull-like mark on its thorax. These wonderful insects are attracted to bright light. Given its unusual markings, it's probably not surprising that people once considered it a bad omen. In 1840, entomologist Moses Harris wrote that "It is regarded not as the creation of a benevolent being, but the device of evil spirits-spirits enemies to man-conceived and fabricated in the dark" The very shining of its eyes is thought to represent the fiery element whence it is supposed to have proceeded. There are actually three species in the genus Acherontia, which takes its name from the Acheron, the River of Pain in the underworld. The caterpillars come in three colours—bright yellow, bright green, or a mottled brown—and have a tail horn that changes colour and curves as the larvae mature. The caterpillars moult four times before it's time to pupate, at which point they cover themselves with a saliva-like secretion and go to ground. Hawk moths are big, the smallest has a wingspan between 3 and 5.11 inches whilst the largest, has a wingspan of 4 to 5 inches. When disturbed, the moths squeak. The sound is produced by an internal flap, called the epipharynx, which sits at the base of the proboscis. Some scientists believed it might have been the moth's squeaking—which sounds like the noises a queen bee makes-while others thought that the mark on the thorax resembled a workers bees face. Recently research shows that the moths excrete an odor that contains the same compounds present in honeybee odor, which might mask their presence from the bees. An interesting record came from Joanna Turton in September 2015 when she found two forms of the Death's-head Hawkmoth caterpillar, a yellow/green form and a dark form, in her garden in Hertfordshire. There were several aspects about this sighting that are particularly interesting. Firstly, that there was was more than one in a single garden although it seems odd this doesn't happen more often given the likelihood of a visiting female laying several eggs on a single food plant. Secondly, it was an example of different colour caterpillar forms hatching from eggs laid (almost certainly) by the same female. Thirdly, the sighting came from a typical modern estate back garden with no vegetable beds containing potatoes as might have been expected. And there seemed little chance that the caterpillars had wandered in from more suitable habitat as the immediate surrounding land was developed. There is, of course, the possibility, given this species is popular with commercial breeders, that some reared locally could have been dropped over the wall into the garden - but this seems highly improbable. Finally, and perhaps most interestingly, the caterpillars were feeding on Jasmine a food plant that hasn't been seen or referred to as a food plant in this country before. So a fascinating story and one that suggests they could turn up in any ones garden - I live in hope! Mike Biddulph

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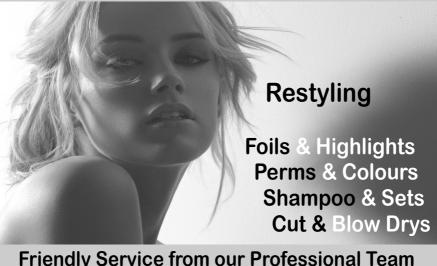
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footpath.

James explained his passion for conservation and trees and astounded us with the number he had planted over the years. We were lucky to see several buzzards, a kite, and deer as well as many game birds.



Our meeting on July 4<sup>th</sup> is a visit to Wattisham Airfield Heritage Museum. All places on this trip need to be pre-booked with Jo by Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June. We will meet at Chamberlin Hall at 7:00p.m. to organise carshare and arrive at Wattisham for 7:30p.m.

Members -£2 guests -£3

Remember to bring any spare change for our "pennies" pot in aid of our new charity - The Suffolk Oxygen Therapy Room. Chairlady -Jo Silburn - 01449 257045

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This is advance notice of this year's village Golf Day to be held at Brett Vale Golf Club on Monday 16th September. Enquiries to Martin Rodgers on 01449 743120 or mam.rodgers@btinternet.com and look out for more detail in the August Bugle edition.

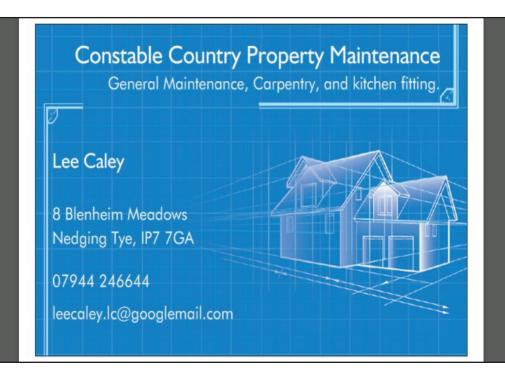
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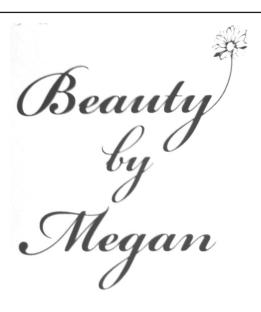
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- Thursday is bar games night, there's all the usual plus Poker, Skittles and table top football, snooker & tennis. Open Deck/Vinyl night is 18<sup>th</sup> July. Charity quiz night is 25<sup>th</sup> July at 8:30pm, please arrive by 8pm. To book a quiz table telephone Sue/Nigel on 01449 741 434. Thank you to April's quiz teams who raised £78 for SESAW small animal charity.
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These collaborative awards celebrate and recognise the huge contribution that groups, individuals, town and parish councils make on the overall quality of life in our communities across the length and breadth of Suffolk.

Christine Abraham, Chief Executive of Community Action Suffolk, said "The CAS awards celebrate and recognise those "who go the extra mile" and make positive contributions to their community. We are delighted this year to be joining with SALC and Most Active County to bring all these awards together in one evening recognising many unsung heroes in Suffolk."

Sally Longmate, Chief Executive of the Suffolk Association of Local Councils said "our Village of the Year Competition has not run for a few years and needed a review. I am especially excited about putting the spotlight on the work of town and parish councils and the important contribution they make."

Cllr James Reeder, Suffolk County Council's cabinet member for health, added "as we continue to work towards our goal of becoming the most active county in England, this is a great opportunity to pay tribute not only to groups and individuals that make things happen but to showcase ideas and projects that can make a real difference."

There are 15 awards available ranging from youth participation and young person of the year to community building, contribution to volunteering, most active communities and village and town of the year.

There is a simple online application/nomination process through a new dedicated website. The closing date is 21st July 2019.

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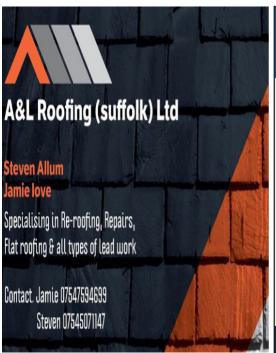
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#### **BILDESTON'S WHO'S WHO**

This month I met up with Michael Heath, the man behind Bildeston Honey. Mike and his wife Rita have been living in Bildeston for eighteen years and love it. Mike got himself an apprenticeship with Eastern Electricity and became an electrical engineer. He moved on to work for the MOD at various RAF stations in the UK maintaining the mechanical & electrical infrastructures. On one occasion Mike got a call from a distressed Rita complaining about having to hand milk their newly acquired Jersey cow. Rita would manage to get almost a full bucket of milk, but the cow would put her foot in it and the milk became unfit and had to be thrown away. Mike came up with the idea of buying redundant milking machine bits and pieces from farmers on his route back home to Chatteris from work, and with an old freezer compressor he already had, he built a milking machine. Soon Daisy was producing around three gallons of milk a day. Family and friends enjoyed the lovely fresh milk and even the chickens had their share!

I asked Mike how he became interested in Bee keeping. It all started during his posting to South America. His son Toby had been set a project by his UK school over the summer holiday. Toby was keen on insects, so Mike suggested doing a project on Bees. Mike wrote to Thornes of Wragby (Beekeeping suppliers) in the UK explaining the situation and asked if they could visit their factory. After an amazing tour Mike purchased a hive, equipment and a protective suit! After returning from South America to Germany the hive was stored in his cellar untouched, until one day Mike spotted a swarm of Bees from his study window. Mike and Rita decided to catch them. Rita was standing some distance away reading from a book and shouting instructions on how to collect them while Mike was up the ladder. They placed them in a cardboard box upturned on the ground leaving a little gap for the stragglers to go in. Later, they placed the bees on a white sheet in front of the new hive [apparently this is a traditional way of housing bees]. However, the next morning Mike and Rita discovered they had all gone! Mike wasn't going to give up and joined the local German Bee Keeping Society [Imkerverein]. When Mike moved to Bildeston in 2001 he brought his hives with him and started up again. Mike can get around 30/40 lb of honey from a hive but due to this Winter's losses has only two active hives at present. He is hoping to catch more swarms this year; each hive can have up to 40,000 bees in them. Apparently there are around 100 different types of bee. Mike inspects his bees every twelve days or so to check on their health, making sure the bees are not plaqued by any of the various parasites or diseases bees can have. Mike tells me he gets stung once or twice every year. All the bottling and labelling is done by Rita and Mike sells the Honey at craft fairs and to the Bildeston village stores. If anyone finds any unwanted swarm of bees that need removing they can contact Mike or go to www.bbka.org.uk and this site will tell you where the nearest beekeeper is to them.

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#### Bildeston Bookworms

even inspired some of our readers to pick up 'the Enchanted April' and give it a go. As a lifelong lover of books, I am well aware of the health benefits of reading from increased mental stimulation, which is considered a huge factor in delaying the onset of dementia to aiding our sleep and reducing feelings of loneliness. For me there are few joys that compare to settling down to a good book and loosing yourself. It is one of the few times when I can sit and not feel guilty about being inactive.

Greetings Bildeston. I do hope you enjoyed our first article and maybe it

Our book club introduces us to books that we may never have considered and authors we may not have heard of, but all of them introduce us to different emotions and perspectives and through discussion we listen, learn and consider.

My next suggestion for you to ponder is 'Into the Water' by Paula Hawkins, she of 'Girl on the Train' fame. Another mystery thriller where each chapter is narrated by one of 11 characters. Multiple storytellers seems to be quite a popular concept at the moment, but at times 11 did seem a lot.

A woman's body is found in the local pond known as 'The Drowning Pool', so named after Libby, who was drowned in the pool for being a witch, followed some 300 years later by another drowning. That makes 3 women! Is there a curse? Was it suicide? Murder? All these ideas run through the book as each character's individual story unfolds and the relationships (or lack thereof) become clear.

It is a dark book, flitting from the present to the past and back again. A story of supportive and strong women, of guilt and secrets.

As a group we enjoyed the book, even with the challenge of chronology. Enjoying the surprises and twists. One of the overriding feelings was that it would make an exceedingly good holiday read, where you can really get into the story and have the time to keep reading. It is not a book to put down and pick up again a few days later as it is easy to lose the thread.

Why not read it for yourself and make up your own mind? We would love to hear your thoughts and ideas about our chosen books and have a Facebook page, Bildeston Bookworms. Looking forward to hearing from you and meanwhile something to make you smile:

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# Recipe of the Month Mushroom and Steak Stroganoff

with thanks to Alison

#### Ingredients

#### Serves 2

100g brown rice
250g lean sirloin steak, fat trimmed off
1tbsp sunflower oil
2 shallots or 1 small onion, peeled and
sliced
150g large flat mushrooms, wiped and
sliced
½ tsp paprika
1tbsp tomato puree
80ml red wine or beef stock
3tbsp Greek style 0% fat natural yoghurt
2 tbsp flat leaf parsley, chopped



#### Method

- 1. Cook the rice according to pack instructions
- 2. Slice the steak into thin strips

Freshly ground black pepper

- 3. Heat the oil in a large pan and fry the steak with the shallots (onion) and mushrooms for 5 minutes until the meat is sealed and the mushrooms are beginning to soften
- 4. Sprinkle the paprika over, then, add the tomato puree and red wine along with 100ml boiling water.
- 5. Bring this to the boil then reduce the heat and simmer for 15 minutes
- 6. Stir in the yoghurt, parsley and black pepper to taste.
- 7. Serve with the cooked brown rice

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#### **BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL**

DRAFT minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th June, 2019 at Chamberlin Hall at 7.30pm In attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hutchings (Chairman).

Angela Chapman, Andrew Guttridge, Ashley Hubbard, Sarah Leigh-Hunt,

Richard Powell and Virginia Tuck

Also Present: David Blackburn (Clerk) A local parishioner

#### C17/19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

#### C18/19/20 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations of non-pecuniary interest were made:

Chamberlin Hall Management Committee - Councillor Hutchings

Kings Pightle Management Committee - Councillors Hubbard

Sportsfield Management Committee - Councillors Hutchings

#### C19/17/18 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

#### C20/19/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 8th May, 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### C21/19/20 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

Expressions of interest in joining the Parish Council were received from three local parishioners. **It was AGREED:** That Angela Chapman, Sarah Leigh-Hunt and Richard Powell be co-opted to serve as Members of the Parish Council.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office were duly signed by them. Forms for Declarations of Registrable Interests and copies of the Code of Conduct were provided by the Clerk.

Councillor Guttridge indicated that the Parish Council usually offered to fund training for new Councillors which was provided by the Suffolk Association of Local Councils. The Clerk indicated that he would seek to identify whether spaces were available on any forthcoming training courses.

#### C2219/20 PUBLIC SESSION

Elaine Talbott presented a proposal to issue publicity about a public meeting about the Sportsfield and the need for volunteers to come forward to help safeguard its future. The Chairman confirmed that this initiative had the support of the Sportsfield Management Committee. In response to a suggestion by Councillor Guttridge, it was confirmed that two versions of the poster would be produced: one version for door to door delivery to households and the other for inserting in book bags of children attending the Primary School.

It was AGREED: That Mrs Talbott be commended upon her initiative and the Parish Council offers to reimburse the costs of producing the leaflets about the meeting.

#### C23/19/20 COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Lindsay reported upon the following matters:



#### County Council Report

- · Ofsted had rated Childrens' Services as outstanding.
- There had been a rise in number of care leavers in unregulated accommodation.
- Refurbishment of the Material Recycling Centre at Great Blakenham meant that metal items and Tetrapak would only be recycled by taking them to a Household Recycling Centre.
- Contrary to previous information provided the 112 bus service through Bildeston would continue.
- An update was provided upon the restrictions of installing a bollard outside a property on High Street and alternative suggestions were being considered.

#### Proposed 20mph speed limit for village

Speed surveys of the village had been completed which showed mean speeds of 19-25mph for High Street, 28mph for Wattisham Road and 31-33mph for Ipswich Road. The criteria for a 20mph limit, without any extra traffic calming measures, was that mean speeds must be at, or below, 24mph. This meant that a 20mph limit could not be imposed across the whole of the village and traffic calming measures would need to be installed on Wattisham Road and Ipswich Road. The County Council would not fund these measures. A report could be commissioned about having a 20mph limit on the High Street which would be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, with an officer recommendation. It was unclear if there would be an opportunity for local input into this report under the current procedure although it was understood that the criteria would be reviewed shortly.

#### District Council Report

• A political overview of the District Council was provided. The composition of Babergh District Council following the elections was: Conservatives 15 seats, Independents 8, Greens 4, Liberal Democrats 3 and Labour 2. Councillor Lindsay had been appointed Leader of the Green Group. Councillor Lindsay undertook to report back to the Parish Council on the criteria for determining funding for bus routes and the length of the renewed 112 bus contract in order to ensure it could continue to be monitored. He would also report back on the review that was taking place on criteria for 20mph speed limits.

#### C24/19/20 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKER

The Clerk reported that the post of Community Development Worker had been advertised in The Bugle and it was noted that the deadline for applications was Friday, 21st June, 2019. The Chairman had attended a recent meeting of the Kings Pightle Trust and had presented the proposal for creating the post to the Trustees and inviting the Trust to match fund the cost of the post for 12 months. Councillor Hubbard, who had been at the meeting, clarified that the Parish Council would need to submit its proposal in writing before it could be determined by the Trust.

### C25/19/20 PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND PRIORITY SETTING FOR THE FOUR YEAR TERM OF THE COUNCIL

The Clerk presented the Parish Council's Action Plan and Members of the Parish Council discussed the following:

- Community engagement over matters affecting the village
- · Issue management and signposting of parishioners to relevant bodies for help and advice
- · Parish Council priority setting for projects and initiatives
- · Allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy Funding

It was AGREED: That a Working Group be established, comprising Councillors Peter Hutchings, Angela Chapman, Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Richard Powell and Virginia Tuck, to consider oppor-

tunities for increasing the visibility of the Parish Council within the village and improving engagement with the local community.

#### C26/19/20 PARISH AMENITIES

Councillor Hubbard reported that there would be a balsam bashing at Kings Pightle on Saturday, 22nd June, 2019. The bird hide had been refurbished. There had been some minor vandalism and between £60 and £80 had been received by way of donations to help undertake repairs. Some issues had been encountered with the ride on mower that were being dealt with and mowing matters on Consent Lane and Newberry Road were raised.

#### C27/19/20 CLERK'S REPORT

There were no specific items to report.

#### C28/19/20 APPOINTMENTS TO LEAD ROLES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

It was AGREED: That the following appointments be made:

Area of Responsibility	Role	Councillor(s)
Burials & Cemetery	Lead	A Hubbard (with support from V. Tuck)
Footpaths	Lead	V. Tuck & A Chapman
Planning Matters	Lead	A Guttridge
Roads and Traffic	Lead	R Powell
Street Lights	Lead	A Guttridge
Wattisham Airfield Liaison	Lead	P Hutchings
Parochial Church Council	Contact	R Lester
TON Class Liaison Officer	Contact	Clerk
Chamberlin Hall Mgt Committee & Playground	Nominee	P Hutchings
King's Pightle Mgt Committee	Nominee	R Lester
Sportsfield Mgt Committee	Nominee	R Lester

( Note: Where nominations are made to outside bodies, the nominee's primary duty is to act in the interests of that body, if they are serving in a position of management or control. They should also avoid potential conflicts of interest when matters relating to the affairs of the outside body are brought before meetings of the Parish Council. There are no such requirements in respect of Lead Roles or Contacts).

#### C29/19/20 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Parish Council received and reviewed the internal auditor's end of year report for 2018/19. The report gave the Parish Council a "clean bill of health" in respect of its governance and financial arrangements.

It was AGREED: That the internal auditor's report for the year ending 31st March 2019 be received by the Council.

#### C30/19/20 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2017/18

The Clerk reported on the Annual Governance Statement, and Members of the Parish Council considered the authorisations that were required. It was noted that the Parish Council had previ-

ously reviewed internal control and risk management arrangements at the meeting held on 13th March, 2019 (Minute C141/18/19 refers).

Members of the Parish Council considered the Annual Accounting Statements focussing upon variances in payments and receipts in comparison with the previous financial year. The monies held in designated reserves for particular purposes was highlighted which meant that the "free resource" in terms of general reserves was  $\mathfrak{L}$ ...... forming a small part of the total reserves of  $\mathfrak{L}$ ...........

#### It was AGREED:

- a. That the Parish Council confirms that it has reviewed and approved:
- i. The copy of section 1 of the annual return relating to the annual governance statement; and
- ii. The copy of section 2 of the annual return relating to the annual accounting statement.
- b. That the Chairman signs the relevant sections of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19:
- c. That the Clerk submits to the external auditor, the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19, details of significant variances for 2018/19, the bank reconciliation for year ended 31st March 2019 and a copy of the internal auditor's report; and
- d. That the Clerk advertises the notice of electors' rights to inspect the accounts.

#### C31/19/20 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### It was AGREED:

a. That the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (inc. VAT)
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£170.52
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£22.00
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£400.50
Adrian Chinery	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£145.30
SALC	Internal Audit 2018-19	Audit	£270.00
Bildeston Electrical	Clock Tower Electrics	Clock Tower Maintenance	£47.00
BHIP	General Insurance	Insurance	£696.66
JRB Enterprise Ltd	Dog Dispenser Bags	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£195.90

(Note: All items to be paid for from the General Fund with the exception of the Clock Tower Fund which will be paid from the Kate Chamberlin Clock Tower Fund).

b. That Bildeston Parish Council appoints the following persons as signatories for the authorisation of payments in respect of its accounts held with the Unity Trust Bank Account:

Angela Chapman, Andrew Guttridge, Peter Hutchings, Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Richard Lester, Richard Powell and Virginia Tuck.

That all other names shall be removed from the accounts (i.e. former Parish Councillors) with the exception of the Clerk, David Blackburn, who shall continue to administer the accounts on behalf of the Parish Council but who shall not be able to authorise payments.

#### C32/19/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

#### Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation

Reference	DC/19/02333
Proposal	Householder Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear and two storey side extension.
Location	26 Rotheram Road Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7TQ
Representation	
	No objection subject to it being recognised that this is a large extension within the context of the plot and that there will be a loss of a parking space.

#### Planning Appendix B: Planning Applications Decisions by Babergh District Council

Reference	DC/19/01265
Proposal	Change of use of agricultural land to residential garden
Location	Woodland Barn, Church Road, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP9 7EE
Decision of Planning Authority	Granted

Reference	DC/19/01767
Proposal	Full Planning Application - Change of use of Agricultural Land to Residential, Creation of a Domestic Pond and associated Landscaping, Erection of Shed and Greenhouse
Location	Hill Top Barn, Church Road, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EE
Decision of Planning Authority	Granted

#### C33/19/20 MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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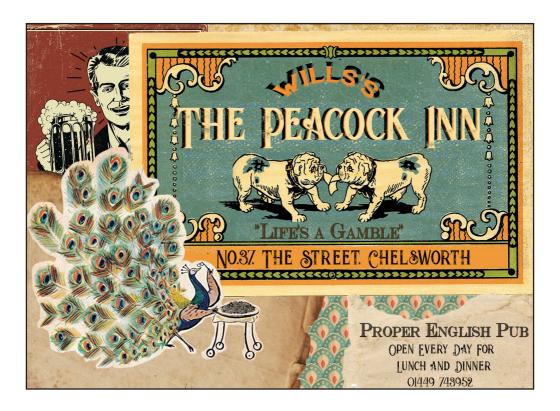
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14 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 4	11.00 am 11.00 am	Holy Communion Morning Prayer	Bildeston Nedging
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Bildeston Community Coffee Centre	
Baptist Church 9:15-11:30	Every Friday
Lunch club	
Baptist Church 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
Baby and Toddler Group	
Baptist Church 9.15 to 11.30am	Every Tuesday
Church Bell Ringing Practice	
St. Mary Magdalene church bell tower 8.00 to 9.15pm	Every Tuesday
Bildeston Community Cycling	
Market Square 6.45pm	Every Tuesday evening
Mens Breakfast	
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