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ED'S COMMENT

Bildeston village has a celebrity living in our midst. We know there are links with famous people, such as the Kray brothers, who came out from London to live with their aunt here in Bildeston many years ago, but that is more notoriety than celebrity. The celebrity we are talking about is the amazing Bob Gosling. Why is Bob a true celebrity? Because Bob celebrates his one hundredth birthday on the 12th November. 100 years young! Hard to imagine that Bob Gosling was born in the aftermath of the First World War.

A little research will tell you that on the 12th November 1919, the first London to Australia flight took place in a plane that might even make the intrepid Mike Biddulph think twice. Brothers Ross and Keith Smith landed their Vickers Vimy bomber in Port Darwin to claim a £10,000 prize as the first to fly from England to Australia in less than 30 days. The aircraft company Vickers entered the converted Vimy bomber with the registration number G-EAOU, which was said to stand for "God 'elp all of us"!

November 1919 was also the first time Remembrance Day was observed, though in the early days it was known as Armistice Day. The first two minute silence was held on November 11th 1919, just the day before Bob Gosling was born.

Mary Pickford was the most famous film star in 1919 in the 'silent movies'. The top song on that day was a little ditty with the very catchy title: 'You don't need the wine to have a wonderful time' sung by the American Eddie Cantor. It was a great hit in the Ziegfield Follies of 1919, but with no sound with film or TV, Bob wouldn't have known. The first film with sound, starring the same singer, Eddie Cantor, didn't arrive until 1927 when Bob was already 8 years old. Bob had to wait until 1937 for the first broadcast by the BBC, which, strangely for Bob, was an outside broadcast on Armistice Day 1937, when the general public could watch on a tiny television set King George lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. This was the first time the BBC broadcast a live street scene from cameras installed on the roof of nearby buildings. How many people actually had a TV set then is not known! The pictures were shown later in cinemas across the country.

The tallest man made structure in 1919 was the Eiffel Tower, built for the 1899 World's Fair, at 1,063 feet high. It stayed the tallest building for over 40 years until the Americans completed the Chrysler Building. French pride keeps buildings in Paris below the Eiffel Tower so it remains the tallest building in Paris, indeed France, to this day.

Of all the car marques manufactured in the Uk in 1919 only Bentley is still with us, now owned by the German VW group. But it started life in the same year as Bob, 1919! An example of that early car can still be bought today, but you would need £350,000!! The most popular car, in terms of numbers sold in 1919, was the Ford Model T. In 1919 the car's electric starter was invented. But for many years after, cars still retained their crank handle and the front bumper had the little slot where it fitted to turn the engine over.

Bob was just 20 years old when the Second World War began in 1939/40 and was called up straight away because of his age in 1940 joining the Duke of Yorks Own Loyal Suffolk Hussars. The unit was subsequently converted into a Royal Artillery unit, serving as an antitank role in North Africa, Italy and France during World War II.

Arguably our Bob has lived through one of the most dramatically changed times in history, in terms of science and technology if nothing else. What would an adult living in 1919 think of 2019? So, a very happy 100th birthday to Bob. A wonderful milestone, a wonderful man, a wonderful Bildeston celebrity!



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Bildeston Primary School

Visit to Gainsborough House Sudbury

Pupils in KS2 visited Gainsborough House in Sudbury where they had an introduction to Gainsborough's landscapes and became portrait artists themselves. They drew close ups and whole pictures in the style of Gainsborough looking at colours and textures. They also completed part of the Talbot Trail around Sudbury which is full of interesting and surprising information about our local town. Once back at school they researched facts about Sudbury and physically produced a chronological timeline!!





Harvest Assembly

Our children and staff were joined by parents and the newly appointed Reverend Elke Cattermole to celebrate our school Harvest assembly. Children read poems and sang songs that they had been learning. Our Charity this year was the Stowmarket Food Bank. The kind donations were collected as the children came into school and these have been taken to help those in need. Refreshments were also available and donations raised £44.00 which will go to the Macmillan Cancer Care charity. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations.

Grandparent's Lunch

Over 190 lunches in two days were served when grandparents joined our pupils for lunch! We always receive such a wonderful response from this special occasion and it is a privilege to meet grandparents and show them the school. One of our thank you notes is reproduced below of which we are very proud!

"To all the staff and Key Stage 2 students..... I would like to say a huge thank you for inviting the grandparents to share a delicious roast dinner today. It is such a lovely idea and is greatly appreciated. A special thank you too to the cooks and 'bottle washers' for all the extra work they must have had to do".

U9/U11 Cross Country Event

Pupils were invited to Hadleigh High School to compete in a cross country event held on Friday 20 September. They all completed their event and did exceptionally well!



PTFA Pumpkin Competition

On Wednesday 16 October, children from the school met up locally to show off their entries at the PTFA Pumpkin carving competition. There was an amazing turnout for this event and the three winners were each given a prize for their efforts, with the winner also receiving a Hollow Trees youcher.

Is your child due to start school September 2020 or at any time in the future?

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, then you will need to apply for a school place for academic year which starts in September 2020 before the deadline of 15th January 2020.

Admission forms, information and procedures are available from our school office. Visits by prospective parents are most welcome.

Bildeston Primary School Newberry Road, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP7 7ES Telephone: 01449 740269

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FRIDAY NIGHT IS SOCIAL NIGHT!

From the 1st November every Friday evening (except the last of the month when there is Bingo) at Chamberlin Hall from 7.00pm will be a new social evening, open to all. Come along and enjoy a game of darts, or table tennis or short mat bowling. The bar will be open and it will be a great opportunity to unwind, kick start the weekend with friends, have a laugh and chat and get a little fit at the same time!

For more information contact Kevin on 01449 740375.

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Are you like me wondering where the year is going? Next Bank holiday will be Christmas! In mid July I flew with another 12 aircraft to Arras in northern France. Climbing out from Elmsett, Canary Wharf in London Docklands was clearly visible off to my right. Route was south to Clacton climbing to 4500 ft as the Thames Estuary at this point is actually wider then the channel crossing and a dunking in its frigid waters was not planned. We spent a most convivial evening in an Arras restaurant eating food as only the French can do, with the large square behind us beautifully illuminated. After a good night's sleep aided by plenty of "vin

rouge" our group explored the town centre and its gothic cathedral. Within its lobby were a number of large floor to ceiling coloured prints depicting soldiers lost in the great war of 1914-18. Incredibly given the numbers who sacrificed their lives, one poster depicted an Ernest Rush from Capel St Mary, he was killed by an exploding shell May the 28th 1916 As autumn beckons, the English countryside transforms aged 23 not far from the city. into a riot of yellow, red and orange. From September to November entire woods change the colour of their leaves, these fiery landscapes can be viewed all around our county. This is one of the nicest times of the year to put on your walking boots, warm jacket and scarf and set forth to explore our beautiful surroundings. Visit a country pub on route, seek out one with an open fireplace and get cosy as you enjoy a pint of local ale and a hearty meal. Autumn is also the time for foraging, there is so much to be had for free just waiting in and around the hedgerows. Starting with Beech nuts, which were once used to feed pigs. They are ready now and still ripening into October. Scrape off the outer brown skin to reveal the triangular seed. They can be used in a similar way to pine nuts, sprinkled on salads and risottos. Roast in the oven then place between two tea towels and rub to remove shells. Beech nuts can be slightly toxic if consumed in large quantities due to the tannins and alkaloids. Look out for pairs of three-sided nuts in bristly cases throughout October. winter alcoholic beverages try Bullace which is a wild variety of plum. On a good year, bullace fruits can literally weigh down the hedgerow, the fruits are similar to damsons and can be used to make crumbles, jams and preserves, fruit wine and fruit liqueurs (like sloe gin). Small oval fruits varied in colour but usually blue, purple or black. They tend to taste acidic until they're ripe, this is a great late season fruit as it ripens up to six weeks later than many others from October to November. Hazelnuts begin to ripen when the leaves on the trees change colour. It's a common tree in woods, hedgerows and gardens, and bears its crop of nuts also called cobnuts from late August. If you're picking hazelnuts early in the season, when they're still green, the shelled nuts make a tasty nibble to munch on while you're out walking. Collect enough and the shelled nuts can be roasted in the oven or used to make hazelnut butter. Finally look for sweet chestnut trees in woods and by the road. A Christmas classic, sweet chestnut trees were introduced to the UK by the Romans. The nuts can be baked, roasted, boiled or microwaved. Score a cross in them to stop them from exploding when they are cooked. Once cooked and peeled they can be eaten as they are, or used in desserts and stuffings. You can also candy them, puree them or store them in syrup. You'll find the best crop at the foot of large established trees. Trees start dropping nuts from late September early October, into late autumn and early winter. Autumn, the year's last loveliest smile. Mike Biddulph

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Bildeston Ladies Club

At our October meeting Glenda Price gave us a fascinating demonstration on how to make sugarcraft cake decorations. We were spellbound by her



skills and the beautiful poinsettia that appeared. This was donated as a raffle prize for which we thank Glenda.

Our next meeting will be on November 7th with a talk about our chosen charity for the year ahead. Audrey Sparling will be explaining to us the valuable work of the Suffolk Oxygen Therapy Rooms.

PLUS we will have the "O" competition.

Bring any object starting with the letter O, be it ordinary, original or obscure! 50p. to enter each item (you can enter more than one if you wish) and some 10p pieces will be needed to 'vote' for your favourite item.

Hope to see you there!

New members always welcome.

Chamberlin hall - 7:30 for 8:00 p.m

Members -£2 guests -£3

Chairlady: Jo Silburn - 01449 257045 Secretary: Jean Radley - 01449 743650

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We hold a social evening of Whist once a month in the winter. We play 12 hands of progressive whist with an interval where tea or coffee and homemade refreshments are served.

The cost of the evening is £3.00. You do not need to have played whist before so please come and join the group.

We start at 7.30 on the third Monday of the Month and meet in the Village Hall. Dates for the 2019/20 Whist Drives are

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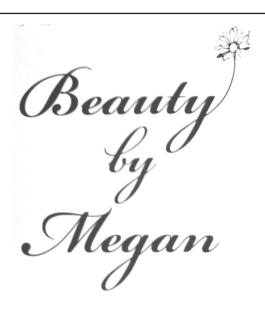
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- Here's our free live music for November every Wednesday is Open Mic Night from 8:30pm; from 9pm on Saturday 23rd the excellent Brothers Grim will be entertaining us with a mix of country, rock, blues and pop; and from 1pm on Sunday 24th have a relaxing Sunday lunch with Kevin Nightingale on contemporary classical acoustic guitar.
- Thursday is bar games night, there's all the usual plus Poker, Skittles and table top football, snooker & tennis. Open Deck/Vinyl night is 21st Nov. Charity quiz night is 28th Nov at 8:30pm, please arrive by 8pm. To book a quiz table telephone Sue/Nigel on 01449 741 434. Thank you to Septembers's quiz teams who raised £72.60 added to our Coffee Brunch proceeds totalled £506.56 for Macmillan.
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Save our Bus Service

Background: Suffolk County Council has decided to withdraw the subsidy it provides to our local bus service, the 112. It currently runs only twice a week from our village to Sudbury, on Tuesday and Thursday, returning from the bus station at 13.10. Some people depend on it. The effect of this decision would be to withdraw the service altogether and increase hardship and isolation, when the County could be looking at increasing its attractiveness, frequency and usage.

The current situation: Suffolk County Council plans to withdraw the subsidy from the end of the financial year, so the service is only 'safe' until the end of March. The Cabinet member for Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs says if all those who objected used the service, it would be safe.

Here is the current timetable:



Locations	Times
Hadleigh Bus Station	09.30
Kersey, the Bell	09.40
Semer Bridge	09.45
Bildeston, Clock Tower	09.50
Chelsworth, Peacock	09.57
Monks Eleigh, Swan	10.00
Brent Eleigh, Milden Rd	10.03
Little Waldingfield, Swan	10.10
Great Waldingfield, PO	10.15
Sudbury Bus Station (A)	10.25

Can you help us save our bus service?

What you could do:

- We need to try to be imaginative. Can you find ways of occasionally using the service? For people in full time work, this would be difficult. Otherwise, for young and old and all in between, there are reasons for which you consider using the service. Could you sometimes use it to do errands in Sudbury, go to appointments, meet friends, visit the Kingfisher leisure pool and centre, visit the heritage centre at the Town Hall, visit the library, visit Belle Vue Park, younger folk maybe use its skateboard park. Could you use it in one direction and find other means for the return journey if the times aren't ideal?
- write to or email our MP, James Cartlidge MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA, or james.cartlidge.mp@parliament.uk
- write to or email Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council Cabinet Member Highways, Transport and Rural Affairs, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich IP1 2BX or mary.evans@suffolk.gov.uk
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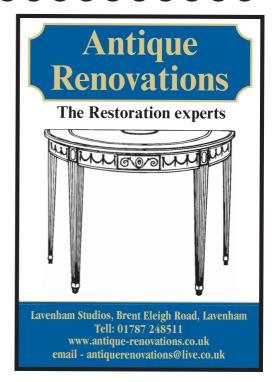
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If you sing or play an instrument, please consider joining us for this ever-popular evening – it is where Christmas begins! We will rehearse from 6pm, with the festivities starting at 7.30pm. Details of the music will be available in advance.

Please contact Nansi to find out more.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Nansi Browne
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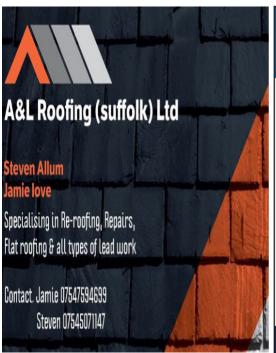
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BILDESTON'S WHO'S WHO

This month I met up with Judy Emery who used to run a "Youth Hostel" in Nedging.

Judy grew up in Walsall and worked as a "Fancy leather Preparer" at the Greautrex factory which has now become a leather museum in Walsall. Judy used to prepare wallets, note cases and brief cases ready for the machinist to stitch. Judy and her husband Fred came to Suffolk for a wedding, the reception was held in the common room of a Youth Hostel in Nedging. Later that year, Judy heard that the Hostel had become vacant, and she and Fred thought they would like to have a go at running the Hostel themselves. Within three weeks Judy had sold her home in Walsall and moved to Suffolk with Fred, and their two daughters, this was in 1972.

The Youth Hostel Association was originally for walkers and cyclists, people were only supposed to stay no more than three days. Judy had school groups stay, as well as individuals. One night Judy said she had ten people staying, all of different nationalities. Originally, there were just two dormitories which housed beds for eighteen females and twenty males, back then you were not allowed to have mixed accommodation, so Judy and Fred, with the help of various cycling clubs, converted the attic into another dormitory especially for families which housed around eight bunk beds so families could stay together. Judy had to cook the hostellers (this is the name that the guests are called) a three course breakfast each morning, then provide a packed lunch for them which had to contain five items of food, then cook a three course evening meal. In-between cooking, with the help from her two oldest girls she had to change the beds, clean and serve in the little on site shop, which stocked the basics. On one occasion Judy remembers having to ask a group of twenty five Italians to leave, as they had broken the rules by entering into each other's dormitories, they had already been warned twice. Judy used to charge £2.50 per night for a stay in her Hostel. Before the guests left the Hostel for their onward journey they had to do small chores, this is called "Hostel Duties", these may include sweeping out the common room or cleaning the tables down etc. The Hostel only closed on a Wednesday and Christmas day so this became a full time job for the Emery family. Alongside running the Hostel, Judy's husband Fred was a builder and worked locally around the area, some of you may of even had work done by him. The Hostel closed down in 1982 and Judy moved just up the road to Crowcroft road and worked for the RAF for ten years followed by two years with the Army.

Her husband sadly passed away in 2009 and Judy then moved to Bildeston in 2011. Judy has become involved with the Baptist Church and has made lots of new friends, she attends the Friday morning coffee mornings at the church and enjoys spending time with her friends and family. Judy loves the friendly atmosphere of our village and is glad that she had chosen to move to Suffolk.



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Bildeston Bookworms



Hello Bildeston. Gosh is it that time of year again when the nights are drawing in and thoughts turn to Christmas? Where has the year gone?

As we look forward and back at the past year, we may be thinking about holidays. For those of us lucky enough to have travelled a bit, there may be some exotic places that come to mind, but we should also celebrate our own stunning and special country. I know that I feel very lucky to live surrounded by such beauty and still get excited when a deer walks across a field or we spot a badger late at night. Even my simple bird feeder brings the countryside closer.

Our next choice is very different from anything else we've read so far. A travelogue and one that is written about Britain. 'Notes From a Small Island' by Bill Bryson may be a familiar book to you, being written in 1995, but for quite a few of our group it was a first time read.

It begins with a humorous description of 1970s Dover that Bryson saw when he first arrived on our shores. Although run down, it didn't seem to put him off he has lived here for most of his life.

This book was written as he and his family were about to leave for a brief return to the US. Bryson sets out on a grand farewell tour using public transport as much as possible. It is irreverent, but honest, looking at our idiocrasies as a nation, but at the same time celebrating so much that is British: Marmite, crumpets, cricket that goes on for three days, Shakespeare, and places with names like Farleigh Wallop and Titsey.

He is obviously an Anglophile and that is evident throughout the book. His humour can at times be rather adolescent, but the book is easy to read and his descriptions are both heartfelt as well as amusing.

This is a highly personal journey, which is an informative and warm portrait of this island and its inhabitants. Bryson shows the British how lovable we really are and how quirkily interesting, beautiful and worth knowing their land is.

As a group we found it a bit 'ranty' at times and some felt it didn't age well, but it did make us reflect on how Britain has changed, both for the good and bad. Not just physically, but also changes in our language and our everyday lives. Closely following 'The Invention of Wings' we also touched on the 'PC' issues raised in both books.

On a personal note, I would like to read 'The Road to Little Dribbling: More Notes from a Small Island' written in 2015 to see how he views the Britain we live in today. A good holiday read no doubt.

Maybe, at times, we all feel a bit like Bryson when he says "Suddenly, in the space of a moment, I realized what it was that I loved about Britain-which is to say, all of it." We are lucky to live here!



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Recipe of the Month Slow Cooker Chicken, Ham and Leek Pie filling

with thanks to Alison

Ingredients

1tsp vegetable oil

6 skinless boned chicken thighs -approx

500g, cut into bite sized pieces

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

3 trimmed medium leeks

1 chopped onion

Few sprigs fresh thyme

1 tbsp butter

2 tbsp plain flour

350ml chicken stock

100g ham torn into bite sized pieces

100g crème fraîche

Short crust or puff pastry for the top

TIP - All fillings for pastry topped pies need to be cooled before covering with pastry



Method

- 1. Heat the oil in a large non stick fry pan. Season chicken with salt and pepper and fry over a high heat for 10 mins until golden brown all over
- 2. Slice the leeks into 1cm rounds. Place leeks and onion with thyme leaves in slow cooker topping with the chicken
- 3. Add the butter to the empty fry pan, melt, then stir in the flour and cook for one minute until pale gold and bubbling. Take pan from heat and gradually whisk in the stock to make a smooth sauce. Pour sauce over the chicken and vegetables then cover and cook on low for 4 hours. Season again and then allow to cool.
- 4. Stir in the ham and crème fraîche into the chilled chicken mixture and it's ready to top with short crust or puff pastry.
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT minutes of the meeting of Bildeston Parish Council held on Monday 9th September, 2019 at Chamberlin Hall at 7.30pm

In attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hutchings (Chairman)

Angela Chapman, Andrew Guttridge, Ashley Hubbard, Richard Lester and

Virginia Tuck

Also Present: David Blackburn (Clerk)

C71/19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Leigh-Hunt and Powell.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-C72/19/20

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations of non-pecuniary interest were made:

Chamberlin Hall Management Committee - Councillor Hutchings

Kings Pightle Management Committee - Councillor Lester

Parochial Church Council - Councillor Lester

Sportsfield Management Committee - Councillors Chapman, Hutchings and Lester

DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS C73/17/18

There were none.

C74/19/20 PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND PRIORITY SETTING

Councillor Leigh-Hunt had circulated a draft version of the forward plan priorities suggested by Members of the Parish Council at the workshop held on Monday, 30th September, 2019.

The consensus was the workshop had been useful in identifying some early "wins" along with potentially, some longer term projects.

It was AGREED: That a follow-up workshop session be held (subsequently confirmed as being at the Sportsfield on Monday, 21st October, 2019 at 7.00pm) to appoint leads for the projects which would commence within the initial period of 6 months.

CLERK'S REPORT C75/19/20

There were no specific items of report.

HR MATTERS C76/19/20

The Clerk reported upon the piece of work that had been undertaken by Jenny Dines, HR Consultant in respect of the Parish Council's HR arrangements and contractual relationships with its employees.

It was AGREED:

- a. That the new contract of employment be approved and issued to staff in accordance with the recommendations of the HR adviser;
- **b.** That the following policies and procedures be approved and adopted:
- Employee Handbook
- Health and Safety Policy
- **Equality Policy**
- Disciplinary Policy and Procedure
- Capability Policy and Procedure
- Grievance Policy and Procedure (including harassment and bullying)
- That an external adviser be appointed to review the post of Clerk. C.

C77/19/20 **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	£18.00
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£398.37
Adrian Chinery	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£108.20
Keith Taylor	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£393.90
Keith Taylor	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£102.52
HMRC	PAYE (to end Sept)	Salaries & Expenses	£755.00
JD HR Consulting	HR Review	Administrative & Legal	£800.00
PKF Littlejohn	External Audit	Audit	£240.00
TBF Traffic	Road Closure	Community Grants	£240.00
Andrew Guttridge	Reimbursement for Christmas Decorations	Community Events	£85.97
Ipswich PA Sound Solutions	PA System	Community Grants	£1944.00

(Note: All items to be paid for from the General Fund except grants from designated reserves).

b. That the Unity Trust Bank bank mandate be updated to include the existing signatories, Councillors Andrew Guttridge and Richard Lester, and new signatories, Councillors Angela Chapman, Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Richard Powell and Virginia Tuck.

C78 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Appendix A: Planning Applications Consultation

Reference	DC/19/04331
Proposal	Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - 1no Silver Birch – reduce crown by 35% to 40%
Location	87 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ER
Representation	No objection

Reference	DC/19/04200
Proposal	Notification of Works to Trees Protected by a Preservation Order and in a Conservation Area - BT78/T2 (Large Ash) - Fell
Location	6 Chapel Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7EP
Representation	Having looked at the site, the Parish Council would like to see the precise position of the tree and its proximity to the house clarified, as a basis for deciding whether or not it would be feasible to reduce the height of the tree rather than removing the tree which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

Planning Appendix B: Planning Applications Decisions by Babergh District Council

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
Decision	Granted

C79/19/20 MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COUNCIL

Councillor Hubbard reported on access arrangements to the Clock Tower and undertook to purchase three new keys.

Councillor Lester indicated that the hedge at the top of the churchyard required trimming and the Clerk indicated that he would arrange this.

Councillor Hubbard reported on the possibility that Brook Stream could overflow. The action taken by a local resident to cut back there stretch of the riverbank was welcomed. Councillor Chapman referred to the booklet entitled "Our Water" which she had circulated and commented upon its registration process in respect of watercourses. Measures were required which required further investigation.

Councillor Hutchings would liaise with Wattisham over arrangements for Remembrance.

Arrangements for the Christmas tree in the Market Place were discussed and Councillor Hutchings would order the tree from the Rougham Estates and arrange delivery for the week before Christmas Carols in the Market Place.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

SUPPORTING BILDESTON'S VOLUNTEERS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS

This month, Bildeston's newly-appointed Community Development Worker, Fiona Lemon, gives an overview of some of the projects that she is working on to help support community events and to boost community participation in village activities. Fiona says:

"I was delighted to be appointed as Bildeston's Community Development Worker and I look forward to speaking with local community groups to find out more about what they do and learn about their ideas for the future. Being a volunteer myself—previously for the Baby & Toddler group, and currently serving as a trustee for Chamberlin Hall and being part of the Parents Teachers Friends Association for Bildeston Primary School—I have seen first-hand the benefits of getting the community involved in local events, groups and societies. There's a real buzz generated when running an event and seeing people taking part and having fun.

Bildeston has an active community that is very dependent on volunteer effort. This role will enable me to work with the various community groups and bodies to create a more joined-up approach to organising events across the village and help them promote these on a single platform. The Bugle is a fantastic resource and we have a Noticeboard for the village on social media, but the Parish Council has identified a need for a single online source of up-to-date information. The village website has been developed and maintained by volunteers over the years, but keeping this up-to-date can take up a lot of time.

The first project that has been assigned to me by the Parish Council, will be to develop a new website that advertises all village events on a single online events calendar, is easier to maintain, meets new government accessibility requirements, and which has increased functionality. The website will aim to display when venues are available for hire, provide links to online booking forms and contacts details for village groups and societies, which should simplify the bookings process for both the users and the volunteers who run the groups. It will also help avoid event clashes. I'm

also keen to engage with local groups and residents to learn more about the community's needs and help them source grants and other funding (once approved by the Parish Council). So if you are involved in a local group or society and I haven't spoken to you yet, please feel free to contact me on: **bildestoncomms@gmail.com** to let me know about any events or activities that you would like to promote on the website and potential grants and funding that you would like me to bring to the attention of the Parish Council. I look forward to hearing from you!"

PASTORAL LETTER – NOVEMBER 2019 FROM REVD ELKE CATTERMOLE Dear Parishioners.

While writing this letter, I am two weeks into my role as your Parish Priest for Bildeston w Wattisham, Lindsey, Whatfield w Semer, Nedging and Naughton. The wonderful welcome my family and I were given at my licensing service attended by the different communities was an evening we will always remember. Already in this short time I have felt such a kindness and warmth from everyone I have met both at the churches as well as in the local community.

As I have driven from parish to parish and viewed the beautiful countryside surrounding your villages, I realise the privilege of becoming part of your community. So far, I have conducted two Harvest services and will be taking a third in a few days. As I have prepared for those services and seen the farming community. I think of the importance of all who work in the farming industry and how they are totally reliant on each other. The fruits of the harvest are as important today as in the past to be both prosperous and sustainable.

I am also beginning to be aware of other parts of the community, including the biggest centralised operational Army

Airfield as part of the Benefice, with some of the families living in our villages

and their children attending one of the two local schools. I have met some young couples who commute to London for work and I am sure others commute to our nearby surrounding towns. There is much for me to learn about the people in the coming weeks and years. I want our churches to be there for our local communities and help build upon our love for each other. I have visited Whatfield School and look forward to meeting Bildeston School at their Harvest Service and feel really excited about becoming involved with both schools. There are lots of plans and ideas which I will share with you in future letters. As I read these words from the book of Jeremiah, it resonated with me and for us all.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29 v 11

Please feel free to contact me, at present I am still waiting to move into the Rectory, but I can be contacted either by my mobile or email. Prayers and Blessings to you all.

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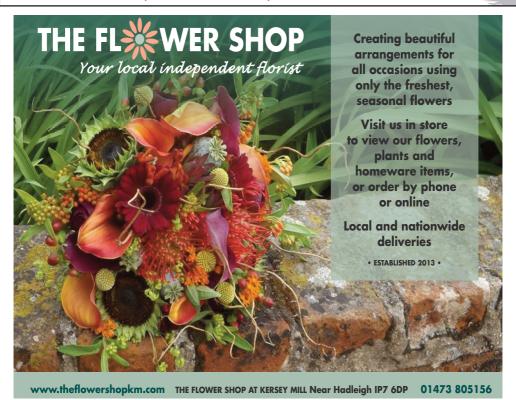
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Chamberlin Hall 7.30 for 8.00pm	Thurs 7th
FOBS AGM	
Health Centre 6.30pm	Wed 13th
Cycling Winter Warmer 2	
Market Square 9.30am	Sat 16th
Parish Council Meeting	
Chamberlin Hall 7.30pm	Wed 11th
Grand Xmas Fair	
St Mary Church 10.00 to 4.00pm	Sat 16th
Bildeston Bounders Running Club AGM	
Sports Pavilion 7.30pm	Mon 25th
Bingo Evening	
Chamberlin Hall 7.00pm	Fri 29th
Christmas Indoor Market	
Chamberlin Hall 10.00 to 1.00pm	Sat 30th



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