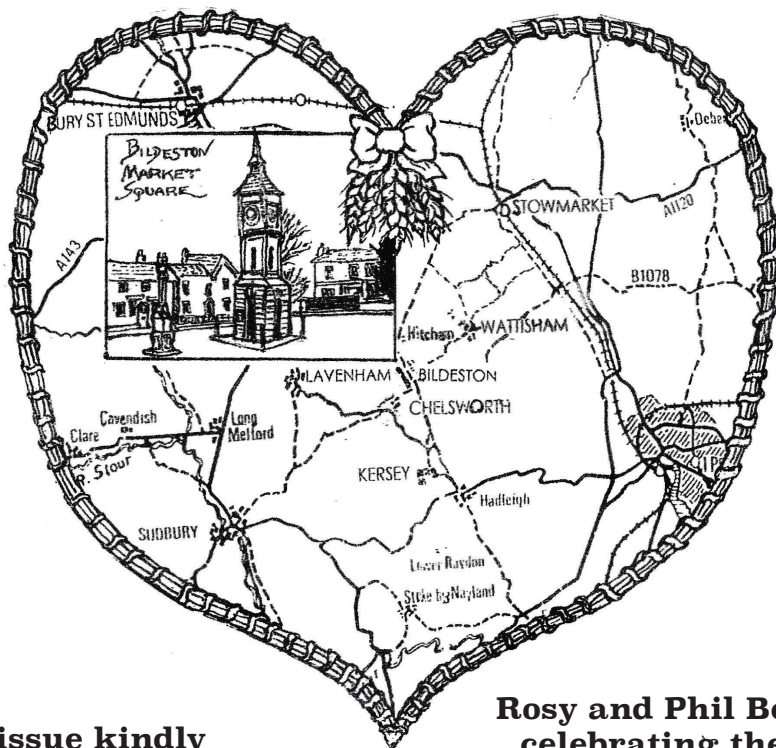


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ED'S COMMENT



Over the last few weeks people have been uploading wonderful old photos to do with the village on the Bildeston Facebook Noticeboard. Musical bands from previous centuries and sports teams who proudly represented the village, like the Bildeston Rangers football team of the 1960s shown here.

Back Row from Left

Alan Mann, Brian Pitt, Mick Webb, Jasper Wasp, Ronnie Day, Roy Halls, Front Row: Teddy Hutton, Neville Bolton, Bobby Halls, Mickey Starling, and Paul Bignell.

My good friend, Roy Halls, always told me he was a decent footballer in his prime, and here is the evidence! Now, of course, a decent lawn bowler too! What memories they stir for those involved, and what pride they conjure up too. It was one among many successful teams, stretching back in time, and it is great to know Bildeston Rangers is still going strong, successful and representing the village across the county.

Lynda Ann Seager has been posting fantastic old photographs from early in the 20th Century on the Bildeston Noticeboard. Like the team photo of 1922/23, and a moment captured of a competition where they all dressed up in different costumes. They are a treasure trove of historical documents charting people, events and our way of life all those years ago. How many of us knew they even existed? Poignant too, are the comments of Bildeston families who recognise their family and friends from all those years ago.

Thinking of July might stir up other memories from those who were around at that time, because it was this month, July in 1966, that England won the Jules Rimet Trophy, the world cup, beating Germany 4-2 after extra time. It was the 30th July in fact, a date that still thrills British football fans and gets them excited each time a major international competition comes around. Optimism rises again and the media whip up excitement, national fervour and hope that the feat of 1966 can be repeated by our national team. The team records a new song, some much better than others, and we get out our flags and hang them on windows and cars. Then we cope with the disappointment!

But that's the national team, no such disappointment for our own teams. Across the sports that can be enjoyed in Bildeston, players must be champing at the bit to get back out there. Slowly, those involved in our sports clubs are managing the gradual easing of the lockdown. At just the right time to coincide with us needing to know what is going on, the Parish Council deliver our new, updated village website. Fiona Lemon, appointed by the Parish Council to oversee the project, explains all on Page 17. Fiona and Councillor Leigh-Hunt have done a marvellous job, but it is not finished. There is a space on the site for residents to contact her with suggestions on what can be included and is also training those who need regular access to upload items for themselves. It marks a new moment in the life of Bildeston village, building on the previous website which was already the gateway for anyone on the internet seeking information about our special village in Suffolk. And it is special, just read the story on page 9 if you want more proof!

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Hello from Bildeston Primary School. I hope you are all safe and keeping well. We are still open and looking after the key worker and vulnerable pupils from our school as well as children from Years Reception, 1 and 6.

Obviously as we follow government guidance our numbers are small at the moment, but each day is different and staff continue to provide cover in school as well as leading learning on our Class Dojo learning platform.

We have 100% of our families involved, and we continue to see the interesting work pupils have produced, and give them feedback. Children are continuing to upload some wonderful work and once again our thanks go to their fantastic families for their enthusiastic involvement.



Here are some photographs below of the wonderful work our pupils are producing at home



Reception children finding worms in their garden and enjoying making play dough shapes in the garden!!

Work set for our children includes lots of outdoor work enjoying the wonderful weather we are having!



Tepees and Building Work

We thought you might like to see the new additions to our school grounds! We have three new wooden teepees which will be a huge asset to our Forest School activities with all of our children. We have also had a new gazebo/Amphitheatre installed too. Work has also started on enhancing the school windows and cladding which will continue to take place over the summer holidays.

Keep safe, keep well and look after each other, with love from pupils and staff of Bildeston School
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KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON CREATING!

There have been so many Bildeston events cancelled this summer, leaving us disappointed and sad.

But do not despair! Get ready for

A SCARECROW COMPETITION to run throughout August in aid of The Suffolk Community Foundation, a charity that supports **all** Suffolk charities, many of which have suffered financially due to Covid-19.

An entry fee of £2.50 per scarecrow will go directly to the charity and we will also be having a **GRAND DRAW** with some amazing prizes with ALL profits going to the SCF. The scarecrows will be judged during the third week of August by BBC Radio Suffolk presenter **Mark Murphy** who will be coming to the village to see your creations in person!

Prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative creations.

Chamberlin Hall Management Committee have generously donated £100 in prize money. 1st prize £50; 2nd prize £30; 3rd Prize £20. If you are able to donate anything for the **GRAND DRAW** that would be amazing and extremely gratefully received.

You will have all of July to create your very own scarecrows....any size, shape, design, you choose.

From August 1st you can display your scarecrows in your front garden or front window for the whole village to see.

The scarecrows will be judged during the third week of August and prizes will be awarded for the most imaginative creations.

Let me know if you are entering and I will make a map so people will know where the scarecrows will be popping up.

How lovely it would be to see dozens of colourful scarecrows around the village to make us smile.

If you're not sure how to go about making one give me a call and I will give you some suggestions! Have fun!

Debbie Bailey 01449 740375



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Currently the hall remains closed due to the Coronavirus.

The hope is the usual activities such as those below
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Wednesday	6.30pm	Drama Group (call Debbie: 01449 740375)
Every Thursday	10.30am-11.30	Zumba Gold with Sarah
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We would like to thank our patients and carers for their understanding recently due to the upheaval caused by the long awaited Dispensary Refit.

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FROM CYPRUS TO SUFFOLK, MARGARET AND RICHARD'S CORONAVIRUS ADVENTURE

Fate brought us to Bildeston and how lucky are we? Sailing back to Europe across the Atlantic from a Caribbean cruise, we had no idea what was going to happen next! All the Mediterranean ports started to shut down because of the Covid 19 pandemic. We should have disembarked in Limassol, Cyprus to wend our way back home to Paphos. But in Mid Atlantic it was announced that we would be diverting to Southampton!

Friday March 20th saw us in a hotel in Southampton having disembarked there and been offered a free night in a local hotel. The following day we expected a coach journey to Gatwick for a flight back to Cyprus - all arranged by TUi for 70 expats who wanted to get back to their home. However, overnight, the Cypriot authorities said "NO"! Their advice was, we could go to London and sit on the Cyprus embassy steps on the Monday - what an awful suggestion! London was then the epicentre of the pandemic, so no way were we going there.

What to do? Hire a car, get out of Southampton, then decide to head north. We have family in East Anglia and were aware of possible hotels in Bury St Edmunds. So we headed for the Angel Hotel, there in the hopes that it would be open - it was. Great service at a social distance, meals in our room and a very anxious weekend trying to find somewhere to stay for a while until we could eventually go home.

We didn't want to stay with family and risk them and us getting the virus, so we spent our time on Rightmove to see what we could rent temporarily. Several properties were appropriate but when we rang on the Monday morning many were gone to their families, also seeking shelter. Then there was the lovely Tommy of Carter Jonas; a property, formerly Airbnb, had come up. We arranged a viewing for Tuesday a.m. and then, on Monday evening, lockdown came to the UK! Luckily the very considerate young man fully empathised with our dilemma and we came to see September Cottage with him.

Straight away we loved it and decided to stay. And here we are in this beautiful Bildeston village of yours. The people here have been very welcoming and friendly. Walking in the local countryside is idyllic and we want to stay!!

We feel very lucky to have found Bildeston, or did it find us? So a big thank you for welcoming us here, and your delivery help whilst we were observing the recommended 12 week isolation. **PLEASE CAN WE STAY?? !**

We are now seriously seeking a place to rent, with 3 to 4 bedrooms. If you know of somewhere in the Bildeston area, or surroundings, please call us on **07813 118796**.

Thank you so much, Bildeston, Margaret & Richard Chapman

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Bildeston Ladies Club



I hope that you are all safe and well and enjoying the summer - at least the weather has been mostly kind to us and at last we have had some rain for our gardens and veg patches. If we had been able to meet in June, we would have joined together to

sing and wish a very Happy Birthday to Sylvia Ruffel who was celebrating her 90th Birthday.

I am sure she enjoyed her special day differently to how she had thought it would be, but a great milestone for her.

As our most senior member, I spoke to Sylvia about the history of the club and, along with other ladies who were there from the beginning, we have pieced together this information about our club. Formed in 1972 by Anne Reid of Manor Rd, they met originally in her home. The group of young mums decided to name it New Design Club (perhaps differentiating themselves from the more formal style of the W.I for instance.) They met fortnightly for many years, possibly in the old school - memories are faded at this point! Then at Dukes Hall and Chamberlin Hall, with a period at The Crown after Chamberlin Hall burnt down. Later the name was changed to our current Bildeston Ladies Club to make it clear that we are local and women !! Sylvia herself was chief tea maker for many years and others took turns as treasurer, secretary and chairman.

One lovely memory, provide by Mary Bolton (who now lives in Claydon) was the football challenge match played against the Bildeston Rangers men's team.

The photo on the right, supplied by Mary, shows that happy team - Do you recognise anyone and can you name the missing two for us ? Were any of you men in the opposing team and does anyone know the date of this match as our older ladies can't remember? It certainly looks like they had fun but what was the final score?



Football Challenge Match - Ladies Club v Bildeston Rangers

Back row : Daphne Halls Mary Bolton Joan Rampling Margaret
Burwell .. ?..
Daisy Sharp Shirley Court

Front row : Beryl Durham Olive Burman .. ?.. Deana Sparkes
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- We are now looking at how/what we can re-open on the 4th July as part of the final phase of the Governments three-step plan to ease lockdown restrictions. At the time of writing there are still no Government guidelines on Covid-19 secure/safe re-opening, so we must go on scientific advice and hospitality industry best practices. I am now working on how social distancing and cleanliness will be maintained, and how we stop the spread of the virus, whilst still providing a relaxing and enjoyable pub experience! Please rest assured that when we do re-open, maybe just the Beer Garden initially, I will have done my best (including the dreaded risk assessments) to ensure everyone stays safe.
- Until we can re-open, we will continue home-schooling our children and being are part of the **Bildeston Coronavirus Support Group**. If you need assistance, please contact them by email on BildestonCovid19@gmail.com or call on 033 33 355254 (calls are charged at a local rate and phonelines are open Mon-Sat 8am-6pm and Sun 9am-2pm).
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NEW VILLAGE WEBSITE GOES LIVE!

Bildeston's new village website is now up-and-running, providing a central source of information about the village and, most importantly during this period of lockdown, key news and information about all the various local support groups and services available to residents of Bildeston.

The original driver for the new website project, which began before the current health pandemic, was to help support community events and boost community participation in village activities through a single platform. The Parish Council also wanted a website that would meet new government accessibility regulations, making more content accessible to more people within the community.

The community has really pulled together during lockdown, with volunteers and local businesses putting in tremendous effort and developing initiatives to support the residents of Bildeston, whilst also ensuring we maintain social-distancing and the safety of residents. Information on the support services available to anyone who is self-isolating, advice on how to maintain good mental and physical health during lockdown from groups such as Active Suffolk, and details of amended business operations are all available on the dedicated Coronavirus Support Page of the new website: <https://bildeston.org/useful-info/coronavirus-support/>. At this time, a limited number of village groups are also operating online classes, which are publicised on the village-wide event calendar: <https://bildeston.org/events/>.

Longer-term, as we come out of lockdown, the website will publicise more events as they get up and running again in the events calendar. It will help improve visibility of what is going on across the village and will also seek to avoid event clashes. The new website is a community resource to support village groups and volunteers – for those village groups that run regular activities, you can request access and training, so that you can add your events to the website event calendar directly.

If you would like information on how to request grants and funding, there is also new updated information about how to apply for grants and funding on the 'Grants and funding' page: <https://bildeston.org/parish-council/funding/>

If you run a local group that is currently operating online, or that is beginning to operate limited socially-distanced activities, please email Fiona on **bildestoncomms@gmail.com**, so I can add this to the village events calendar.

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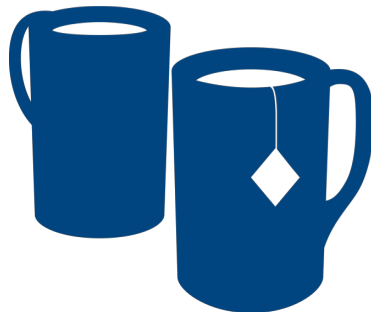
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Proposed temporary measures for social-distancing

In response to difficulties maintaining social distancing measures along Bildeston High Street, the Parish Council has submitted a new proposal for temporary traffic and parking restrictions.

The village's current road layout provides insufficient space to maintain social distancing for pedestrians, specifically outside Bildeston Village Stores & Post Office where customers queue outside on the pavement which leaves no room for passing pedestrians.

Currently, pedestrians have to step into the road to pass people queuing outside the shop. Given the high volume of traffic and a large number of large, heavy lorries that drive close to the pavement on this narrow stretch of road, this raises significant safety concerns. This pavement is the only route to the primary school and Health Centre and will become busier as more children return to school.

Suffolk County Council will be creating temporary pavement widening barriers and other measures on the High Street in the next few days. We do not know if they will implement all the measures that the parish council have asked for. We have been told that the temporary 20mph limit is unlikely to be the full length of the High Street. The measures will be monitored and, in line with Government policy, if successful will be made permanent in order to make it easier for more people to walk and cycle within the village.

Proposal

In response, the Parish Council proposes:

- temporary chicane in the road and bus stop bay to separate pedestrians and traffic outside Bildeston Village Stores & Post Office
- priority traffic flow measures to calm traffic approaching the chicane, including building out pavement at corner of Tower House.
- a 20 mph speed limit for the high Street, Newberry Road, Duke Street, Chapel Street and 150m of western end of Wattisham Road
- a 30 mph buffer zone
- kerb dropped to the East side of High Street to facilitate access across the side road leading to The Brooks, adjacent to The Old Post Office
- suspension of some parking spaces on part of Market Place to provide better access to cycle parking and enable social-distancing for users of the outside cafe.

You can view an illustration marking out the location of these proposed measures. Please direct any queries to transport.schemes@suffolk.gov.uk.

Traffic signs to support social distancing will be installed to alert drivers to the new road layout for social distancing.



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Do you hear cooing? It's Dicky Dove, he's been with us for years. Other than an injured wing which prevents him flying, he is in lovely condition. Close the door of Ruggs Cottage quietly so we don't disturb a young mum suckling her little family. So that's why Mum said we need kitten food. No sign of Ollie, he's probably sunbathing on the roof, how does that cat manage to look so superior all the time?

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BILDESTON'S WHO'S WHO

This month I had a virtual interview with George Mann. George was born in 1999 and has lived in Bildeston all of his life. George attended Bildeston Primary School then onto Hadleigh High School. George has always had a great interest in the media coverage of Football and F1, so when it came to deciding what to do after finishing school, studying media was an easy decision for him. George applied to Suffolk New College and was accepted onto a 3 year media course. During George's course the station manager of IO Radio in Ipswich came into college to give a presentation on what opportunities IO Radio could offer, by doing work experience there. So George got talking to him and he offered George a chance to host a show every week. An opportunity George could not refuse. The show is "What Trends ". George has presented "What Trends " for 3 years now on a Tuesday morning.

During George's final year at college he used the opportunity at IO Radio to present his Final Major Project called "Pitch Side Talk". A radio show all about Football, discussing and debating about the latest Football news. This show has now been running every Wednesday afternoon for over a year now, having featured appearances on BBC Radio Suffolk and EADT Kings of Anglia, talking about Ipswich Town.

At George's college awards evening he won Media Department Best Radio & Audio for Pitch Side Talk. In February this year George won Most Improved Team and Radio Achievement Award at IO Radio awards evening.

George has completed a week's work experience at BBC Radio Suffolk where he shadowed presenters and he said it was a great learning curve and experience. They also invited George back into the station to watch how Match Day Live was broadcast. George has also featured on BBC Upload. They gave George a 10 minute slot talking about Ipswich Town with his Co-Host Dan. George said it was fantastic to hear himself on BBC Suffolk. This has spurred George on to keep chasing and following his dreams to work in sports radio.

George is very active and cycles. Recently, he has also started running in the lockdown. George likes living in Bildeston and has lots of friends here. He enjoys playing football at the sports field with them, and enjoys having a pint in the Crown.

You can follow George on Twitter, @PitchSideTalk for latest news in Football, and make sure to listen in on George and his colleagues on You Tube by searching for Pitch Side Talk.

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COVID-19 BOARD NEWS

There is a lot of work being done in Suffolk to plan and develop our local approach to the national NHS Test and Trace programme. This includes thinking about the consequences of how we would lockdown a specific area if there is an isolated outbreak. This may include schools, care homes and locations. For the communities board, we need to consider our response if whole streets or villages, potentially have to isolate for 14 days and need help with food or medication deliveries. You can read more on Test and Trace below or visit www.suffolk.gov.uk/testing

Test and Trace in Suffolk

Organisations across Suffolk are working together to plan and develop our local approach to the national NHS Test and Trace programme. As local organisations we understand our residents and are able to call on resources and assets to both prevent local outbreaks, and support local organisations, groups and individuals where outbreaks arise. The tool for developing this response will be through Local Outbreak Management Plans which are required to be produced by 30th June. These plans include:

- Planning for local outbreaks in Care Homes and Schools
- Identifying and planning how to manage high risk places, locations and communities
- Ensuring local testing is accessible to the entire population
- Assessing Contact Tracing capability in complex settings
- Integrating national and local data and scenario planning
- Supporting Vulnerable people to get help to self-isolate and ensuring services meet the needs of diverse communities

The plans will identify and outline support for different settings e.g. workplaces, housing complexes, care homes, schools, groups e.g. rough sleepers and vulnerable individuals who may be most at risk from the coronavirus. Focusing on both preventive actions and outbreak response. The plan will also ensure testing capacity is deployed effectively, as well as helping the most vulnerable in self-isolation access essential services in their area. It will build on and strengthen existing relationship and processes already in place for these types of settings.

The Government has announced another lifting of some lockdown restrictions. It is important that we continue to ease back into 'normal' life with caution and care. The communities board continue to respond to immediate need, but we are also looking at what provision and additional support may be needed in the longer term.

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Recipe of the Month

Melting Middle Fishcakes

with thanks to Alison

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- 1 tbsp low fat mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp low fat natural yoghurt
- 1 tsp fresh chives chopped
- Zest of ½ lemon
- 300g peeled and diced potatoes
- 160g can tuna or salmon in spring water drained



Method

1. Start this recipe the day before needed or at least six hours beforehand. Mix the Mayo, yoghurt, chives and zest. Spoon into four ice cube tray sections. Freeze until solid.
2. Once frozen, bring a pan of water to the boil and cook the potatoes until tender (12-15 Mins). Drain and mash with the fish and pepper. Then divide into four and leave to cool for 30 mins.
3. Preheat the oven to 200C 180C fan Gas Mark 6. Mix the breadcrumbs and oil. Shape a portion of mashed fish around each frozen cube. Flatten a little then dip in the egg and coat lightly in breadcrumbs. Place on a lined baking tray and cook for 15 mins.



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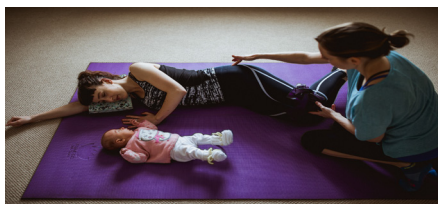
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Bildeston Bookworms

Hello Bildeston. How are you all? Time moves on and as we gradually come out of lockdown our World is changing. People speak about the 'new normal' and others wonder what this will mean.

For many, staying away from other people gives a feeling of safety. In our next book, the main character had many reasons to stay away from others, but as in real life, it isn't always possible or straightforward.

'How to Stop Time' by Matt Haig was a very easy read. Tom Hazard is 439 years old but looks more like 40. He is one of a handful of people who age slowly and have an almost unlimited life span. Presently he is a History teacher, getting the job through a shady organization called the Albatross Society, headed by Hendrich, another "time traveller". Tom has 8 years to live each part of his life, the time it takes for people to twig the fact that Tom is not aging. So, once the eight years are up, Tom gets a new assignment and a new identity, and the process repeats.

In this way, the reader is taken on a journey across the centuries, Haig painting a vivid picture of life as Tom moves through such historical events as the witch hunts and the Great Fire of London, whilst and at the same time seeing how Tom's life moves forward today. It is easy to follow, unlike some books written in this manner. The story, as with life itself, has it's ups and downs, loves and loses. Throughout his life he is searching for his daughter and for others like him.

The book takes us to many places and that is part of the joy of this book. His story strangely enough begins close to Bildeston in Edwardstone and moves to the East End of London and from there across the World. Many of us enjoyed revisiting familiar locales and seeing his interaction with historic figures such as Shakespeare and Columbus as he moves to escape the obvious questions and fears as he doesn't age.

There is a nostalgic feel to the book. A life of lost opportunities, of loneliness and being 'different', but at the same time it is not a depressing book as it also highlights relationships and love and how important that is in our lives.

Needless to say, there is a film in production starring Benedict Cumberbatch, which for me will be a must see having enjoyed the book so much.

As we move forward through this pandemic and all it's stages, much like Tom's strange life, remember to pick up a book, good or bad, classic or modern because as Tom says, 'Whenever I see someone reading a book,I feel civilisation has become a little safer.'
Matt Haig



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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL



DRAFT Minutes of a Virtual Council meeting (using Audio-Conferencing) held on Monday, 8th June, 2020 at 7.00pm

In attendance:

Councillors: Peter Hutchings (In the Chair)
Angela Chapman, Andrew Guttridge, Ashley Hubbard, Sarah Leigh-Hunt,
Richard Lester, Richard Powell and Virginia Tuck

Also Present: David Blackburn (Clerk)
County and District Councillor Robert Lindsay

C17/20/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

C18/20/21 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

The following declarations of non-pecuniary interest were recorded:

Kings Pightle Management Committee – Councillors Hubbard & Lester
Parochial Church Council – Councillor Lester
Sportsfield Management Committee – Councillors Chapman & Hutchings

C19/20/21 DISPENSATIONS IN RESPECT OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were none.

C20/20/21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was AGREED: That the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 5th May, 2020 be approved and adopted.

C21/20/21 MATTERS RAISED BY PARISHIONERS/PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING

There were none.

An email had been received from Mr Mick Collins about the need for a dropped kerb in the High Street.

C22/20/21 DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillor Lindsay reported:

- a. Creating Safer Places – the government had provided funding to Babergh and Suffolk County Council to reallocate more space to pedestrians and cyclists in our towns and villages.
- b. Dropped Kerb High Street – in response to the question raised by Mr Collins, a quotation of

£3,500 to £4,000 had been received for a dropped kerb on the High Street as it would require a road closure, installation of two kerbs and realignment of the junction. It was not a statutory requirement to provide the dropped kerb but it could be included in the application for Emergency Traffic Measures in Bildeston if the Parish Council was minded to do this.

c. Joint Local Plan – this had been delayed because of the Covid-19 crisis.

d. Primary Schools - in the first week since re-opening, 70% of primary schools had opened (Reception pupils: 16.2%; Year 1: 13.8%; Year 6: 16.8%). Parents would not be penalised if they decided not to send their children back to school.

e. Cifco – A District Council business investing in commercial property had been hit badly by the crisis and would require financial support from the District Council's reserves.

f. Funding from Government - Suffolk County Council had received £34.7 million from the government to help with the Council's coronavirus response although it forecast the financial impact would be at least £56 million. Babergh District Council had received £914,000. Although this was welcome it was not enough to cover the forecast financial impact.

C23/20/21 EMERGENCY TRAFFIC MEASURES IN BILDESTON

Councillors Tuck, Chapman and Leigh-Hunt had developed proposals, in consultation with Councillor Lindsay, to introduce emergency traffic measures in Bildeston to support social distancing, public safety and accessibility.

The measures included 20mph speed restrictions (with 30mph buffer) in designated parts of the village; the reallocation of road space to increase pavement width; new priority traffic flow and bollard arrangements; and traffic signage to indicate a new road layout to enable social distancing.

There was a wide-ranging discussion about the proposals with reference to:

- Potential problems with the line of site arising from some of the measures.
- Responsibilities for public and traffic safety.
- The potential impact of distribution vehicles loading and unloading outside Bildeston Village Stores.
- The prioritisation of traffic from either the Hitcham or Hadleigh ends of the village.
- The loss of space from the Market Square and the potential impact for events if the measures were made permanent in the future.
- The promotion of self-distancing.
- The fast tracking of the introduction of 20mph speed restrictions.
- The potential to keep the measures in place after the temporary period of implementation if they were successful.

Councillor Guttridge was asked to review and strengthen the application incorporating the key points made at the meeting prior to its submission for approval.

It was AGREED: That an application be submitted for the introduction of Emergency Traffic Measures in Bildeston as per the proposals submitted to the meeting (including the proposal for a dropped kerb for the High Street), subject to County Highways being requested to exercise their professional expertise to determine priority management measures at the narrowing of the road near the Market Square.

C24/20/21 MILL LANE FOOTPATH WORKS

The Clerk reported that Stephen Barnes of Earthworks had completed the re-instatement works to improve part of the footpath at Mill Lane and the invoice for his services was due to be settled. The consensus was that it was an excellent piece of work. Councillor Lester observed that the Parish Council might wish to undertake a further phase of work along the footpath in the future and it was felt that this should be added to the List of Future Projects.

C25/20/21 CEMETERY HEADSTONE

An update was provided on the headstone at the cemetery which had been erected without the consent of the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk was asked to pursue the matter with the support of Councillor Hubbard.

C26/20/21 VILLAGE AMENITIES

Councillor Lester reported that trees had fallen along the roadside next to Kings Pightle in high winds and they have been cut up and put into the ditch.

Councillor Hutchings reported on the appearance of an ash mound next to Consent Lane and Councillor Hubbard confirmed that it has been removed.

Councillor Hutchings referred to the appearance of pot holes on Brookfield. Councillor Chapman reported that one had been repaired and that she would review and report as appropriate any others.

Councillor Lester reported upon measures to improve the bridge at Kings Pightle. A quote had been sought for some extensive works which would increase the strength of the bridge.

Councillor Hutchings referred to the vacancy for Maintenance Operative and it was confirmed that the Selection Panel would comprise Councillors Hutchings, Chapman and Lester.

C27/20/21 LAUNCH OF THE VILLAGE WEBSITE

Members of the Parish Council praised the new village website which had been launched. It was noted that the website had involved a tremendous amount of work by a number of people. In particular, tribute was paid to the contributions of Fiona Lemon and Councillor Leigh-Hunt. Favourable feedback had already been received from some members of the local community about the new website. Councillor Leigh-Hunt asked that Members provide photographs of themselves to Fiona Lemon for inclusion on the website.

It was AGREED: That the Launch of the Website be welcomed and the steps taken to comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 be endorsed.

C28/20/21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

It was AGREED: That the following payments be confirmed as being authorised:

Payee	Description	Budget Category	Amount (inc. VAT)
Adrian Chinery	Grounds Maintenance	Salaries & Expenses	£369.82
Fiona Lemon	Community Development Worker	Salaries & Expenses	£371.69
David Blackburn	Clerk's Pay	Salaries & Expenses	£319.55
David Blackburn	Expenses	Salaries & Expenses	£18.00
Babergh District Council	Garden Waste	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£132.30
Earthworks	Mill Lane Footpath	Playgrounds & Open Spaces	£918.00
Caroline Giles	Expenses	Community Resilience	£70.00
Shaun Moffat	Expenses	Community Resilience	£250.04
Go Start	Bus Services	Community Grants	£500.00
Community Action Suffolk	DBS Check	Community Resilience	£12.00
Parish Council Websites	Website Development	ICT & Website	£818.76

(Note: All items to be paid for from the General Fund with the exception of Community Resilience items and the Mill Land Footpath from the Projects Reserve).

C29/20/21 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment by the Parish Council

Reference	DC/20/02043
Location	Dukes Hall Duke Street Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EW
Proposal	Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/00534- Condition 4 (Eaves and Verges- Cottage Element), Condition 5 (Eaves and Verges- Garden Room), Condition 6 (Fenestration), Condition 7 (Timber Frame), Condition 8 (Works to Spine Beams and Joists), Condition 9 (Lath and Plaster) and Condition 10 (Rainwater Goods)
Representation	Noted as related to discharge of planning conditions

Planning Appendix B - Items determined by Babergh District Council as relevant Planning Authority

Reference	DC/20/01623
Location	64 Brookfield Bildeston Ipswich Suffolk IP7 7EJ
Proposal	Householder Planning Application - Erection of two storey side extension with hipped roof and erection of front single storey extension (following demolition of existing porch) (re-submission of DC/19/05533)
Decision	Granted by Planning Authority

The Chair referred to the letter of resignation received from the Parish Clerk, David Blackburn and thanked him for his advice and support during his period in office. The Clerk explained some of the options available to appoint a successor to achieve a smooth transition.

It was AGREED: That the appointment to the post be undertaken by a Panel comprising Councillors Hutchings, Lester and Chapman.

Councillor Lester suggested that the flag pole in the Market Square might become a permanent feature and the Parish Council welcomed the proposal, subject to reviewing quotations at a future meeting.

Councillor Hubbard reported that he expected to be in a position to circulate the draft design proposals for the new Village Sign shortly.

Councillor Chapman reported that a wooden riser required repairing on the footbridge to the rear of Brookfield and that she would notify Suffolk County Council.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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But how many of us were aware that Bildeston clock tower has many names and comments written on the walls of the winding room near the top of the tower.

The earliest name that we could find is W Colman July 5th 1864, which was probably written around the time the tower was completed, as the casting on the bell reads J. Warner & Sons, London 1864.

In 1986 I with my family, was invited up the tower with the then winder Trevor Scarfe. We added our signatures to

the many others that were already there. My wife Jayne Harrison took over the clock winders job in 2017. I asked her if she could find our names, she did, but mine had almost disappeared. The winder before Jayne was Tim Joy, who took over from Trevor Scarfe, Trevor took over from his dad but I don't know any more than that. If anyone knows any other winders I would be interested to know. Please contact me if you have any information.

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Revd John Cohen Memorial fund

The Revd J Cohen memorial fund is available to make grants to students of Higher Education to help in the purchase of reference books to assist learning. The fund is managed by the Bildeston Parochial Church Council (PCC).



This fund was set up in 1998 to help support those who live in the Parish of Bildeston attending Degree Courses or equivalent.

Each year successful applicants may be given money in the form of a Book token.

If you wish to apply please send your application to our PCC secretary, Silwood Barns, Consent Lane, Bildeston, IP7 7SB.

Please include in your application details of your University offers and please send us your exam results when received. We will consider applicants up until the end of August 2020, for those starting their courses in Sept/Oct 2020.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope we can help.

From the PCC of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Bildeston

Television programs

Sunday: **Songs of Praise** at 1.15pm on BBC 1



Radio programs

Daily: **Prayer for the Day** at 5.43am on Radio 4

Daily Service at 9.45am on Radio 4 Longwave and DAB

(The Daily Service is available on a Radio 4 DAB side channel which is automatically made available about a minute before the programme begins. After tuning to Radio 4 DAB, select "Daily Service" (from your display) with the tuning wheel and press the selector button. On some radios the side channel can be stored on a preset button)

Weekly: Sunday's **Sunday Worship** at 8.10am on Radio 4

National "Virtual" Service at 8am on Local Radio

(and online in the Church of England and BBC from 9am)

Choral evensong at 3.00pm on Radio 3

Nedging and Naughton.

Pastoral Letter – July 2020 from Revd Elke Cattermole

“At the time, discipline isn’t much fun. It always feels like it is going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off handsomely, for it’s the well trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.” Hebrews 12:11



I wonder what you have planned for this July, getting ready for your annual holidays as the school term ends? When I think back when my children were young, I use to look forward to the beginning of the summer school holidays in July. A rest from the daily routine, planning day trips to the sea, zoo, visiting family members and preparing for the annual holiday away.

This July may be quite different for all of us as our daily routines changed dramatically in March. We have all had to comply with government regulations because of COVID19 and until recently children were not able to access their school buildings. This year many families may not be able to go away for their normal summer holidays, because of the cost or travel restrictions still being in place.

As people have started to go back to work and the gradual reduction of the lockdown restrictions are taking place in different venues and places throughout July. We pray that the level of those catching Coronavirus will continue to decrease.

From the beginning of June 2020, I with my church leaders have had to revue and risk assess the safest way we can reopen our churches. Potentially initially for private prayer and then church services in July. At the time of writing this no church(es) in this benefice have been able to be opened safely, for private prayer. No baptisms, weddings or funerals can take place and we are waiting for further government guidance when Sunday worship can resume, potentially sometime in July. Everyone is working hard in making sure all the background work is being undertaken for the readiness of reopening our churches.

We have all had to be under a certain discipline during the period of lockdown. What we have found as a church and community is there has been a maturity in the manner we have supported people in all sorts of ways, whether by prayer or physical actions. This has made our relationship to God and others more mature. As a church I record a weekly online service via You Tube and the link is on ‘Church Near You’ and Bildeston Churches Facebook page.

There is a “Hope” for our all our futures, and I will let you know as soon as the church (es) are reopened for you.

Keep Safe

God Bless you all.

Revd Elke



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**

Mens Breakfast

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

The usual activities and events planned for July could be cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Any meetings, clubs etc. still published, the Bugle would strongly encourage participants to check with the organisers if they are still running, before turning up.

**Meanwhile, please observe the social-distance advice.
Continue to wash your hands regularly and thoroughly,
Stay alert, control the virus and save lives.
Keep well and let kindness go viral across our community.**

Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **August**
email: editor@bildestonbugle.co.uk



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