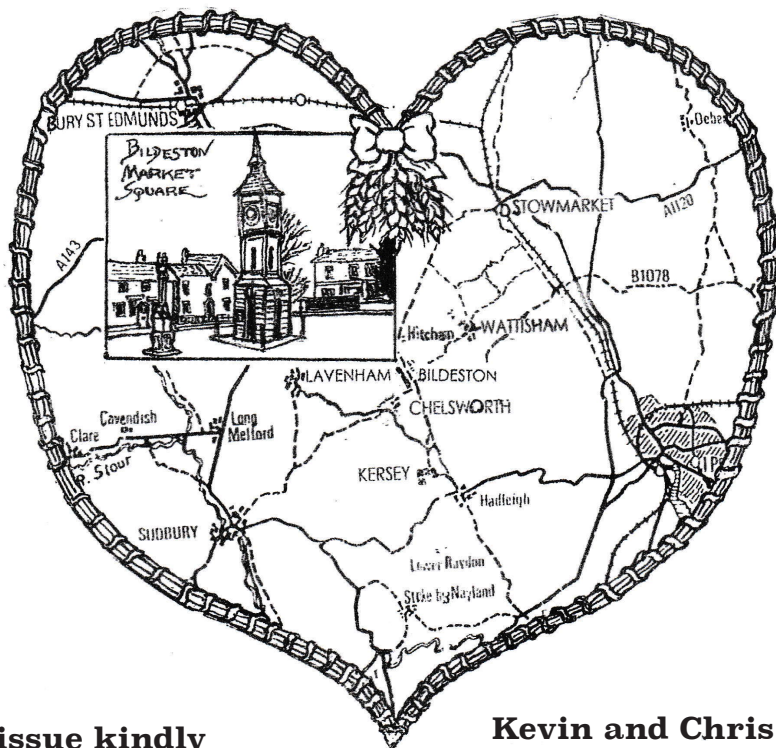


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ED'S COMMENT

There is nothing like personal experience to bring home the true impact of major events on our lives. As we enter February and this phase of our fight to beat the virus, it's put into perspective by borrowing a phrase from Churchill, *"This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."*

The first personal experience was the decision by the Bugle team to suspend printing the January and February Bugle, the first time since it was established in November 1990. A sad and difficult decision given what it takes to produce the Bugle. Even though we now have the printer housed in Chamberlin Hall which collates, folds and staples, it still takes from 9.00 in the morning until 5.30 in the afternoon to print them all. We normally work in pairs on a rota through the day, finish the folding and bag them up before handing them over to the wonderful team of deliverers. Given the need to stay indoors, social distance and not put anyone at risk we had no alternative. We are very grateful for the digital version on the village website but fully appreciate not all our villagers have access to the internet. We hope to be back printing the Bugle as soon as possible.

The mass vaccination roll out continues. I drove my 95 year old father-in-law to East Bergholt Constable Country Health Centre for his vaccination. We were not the only ones from Bildeston in that priority group, who had agreed to travel there for the jab. It was very well organised, even though the day was blighted by awful weather, bitterly cold and driving rain and the most elderly, and some infirm, of our community queued outside. Days later it was my turn. Again, along with many others from Bildeston, vaccinated at East Bergholt. The whole experience has been very good indeed, with excellent service from our own Health Centre staff and superb organisation at Constable Country Health Centre. Seeing the mass vaccination at local level brings home the dedication, expertise and professionalism of the NHS staff supported so well by an army of local volunteers. Heartfelt thanks to you all.

At the other end of the age scale, I helped remote learning for my youngest grandchildren. Perhaps more hindrance than help! Complete days of school lessons planned and delivered by teachers working from home, leading 'Zoom' meetings with classes of children. A day in an infant classroom is hardwork at the best of times, emotionally and physically, to replicate that on line is quite a task. The work that has gone into helping to make sure our children do not lose their natural curiosity for learning, is astonishing and we need to pay tribute to all the teachers working from home whilst trying to retain a sense of what it would be like if the children were in their classroom with their teacher. Not every child's remote learning experience has been so positive. The system relies on each child having access to a decent device and then quality experiences being planned and delivered on a consistent basis. The ones I saw, from a teacher who lives in Bildeston, were very good indeed.

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Welcome to our new head teacher

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Mrs Shaw is in the unusual position of having to introduce herself to most parents and pupils virtually or through personal phone calls to each family, since January has started with a national lockdown whilst we are in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope you will join us in wishing her success in her new role.

Remote Learning



The last few months have been a very unusual time, and many of us have had to adapt and learn new skills, from zooming at school to teaching at home. Again, our staff has jumped to the challenge of maintaining in-school provision as well as guiding the learning of pupils at home. Our parents continue to work with their children at home guided by the teachers and this is greatly appreciated. We have regular Monday assemblies and during these we showcase children's work from the week before. We also have a regular Collective Worship assembly on Thursdays hosted by Reverend Eike Cartiermole, an opportunity for parents and children to take part together.

Whether the children are at home or in school, they continue to join in with county incentive PE events. Currently they are completing skipping challenges using school score sheets but also personal best score sheets for the activities being completed at home.

Hadrian's Wall

Kingfisher class well and truly conquered their Hadrian's Wall walking challenge with family members and dogs! They managed to clock up 27.15 miles in one day to take their distance total to a massive 89.30 miles meaning their goal was surpassed by 3.72 miles - well done!

Talk 4 Writing

Teachers within our school have undertaken Talk for Writing training over the last few months. Developed by Pie Corbett, it is a powerful resource because it is based on the principles of how people learn. Talk for Writing has had an outstanding impact on schools. Schools already performing well have not only increased attainment, but also enjoyment and engagement. We really hope it will be a great resource for our children too!

Work in School

Work continues in school with recycled plastic fencing around our early years and key stage 1 areas. We are really proud of what we have been able to achieve in our school over the last year and we hope the children will be able to get back into school soon to enjoy their great surroundings!



If you are considering Bildeston Primary as a school for your child, do please get in touch with us. When restrictions allow, we would welcome a visit after school hours due to Covid-19. Please phone the office on the number below or email us. We would love to meet you.

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Many congratulations to Shaun Moffatt and all the team of helpers who run the Bildeston Food Bank. The BBC Radio Suffolk 'Making a Difference Award' is well deserved and so appropriate for the incredible achievement of establishing such an amazing supportive resource from scratch.

Shaun Moffatt said, "Congratulations to everyone who has helped us in running Bildeston Foodbank. We've won our first award - The BBC Radio Suffolk Making a Difference Award. This has been a team effort and every one of you is appreciated."

20 MPH LIMIT IN HIGH STREET A STEP CLOSER

It has been announced that Suffolk County Council has finally agreed to the plan for a 20MPH speed limit for Bildeston High Street.

Robert Lindsay, County Councillor, recently announced, "I'm delighted to say that, after years of campaigning and nagging, Suffolk County Council Highways has agreed to my and the Parish Council's request for Bildeston to have a 20mph limit on the High Street and some other roads. This is a major hurdle jumped, since they normally do not allow 20mph limits on A or B roads. However they will not directly fund any of it, so funding has to be raised and the final details of the extent of it have to be agreed by Highways."

What measures and their costs to inform and maintain the speed limit are yet to be agreed and, more crucially, how the funding would be raised has also yet to be decided.

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BILDESTON HEALTH CENTRE

COVID VACCINATION - FEBRUARY UPDATE

Bildeston Health Centre continues to undertake the covid vaccination programme run collaboratively with our two local practices, Constable Country Practice at East Bergholt and Hadleigh Health Centre. The two hubs will be Hadleigh and East Bergholt.

We are not writing to patients to invite them due to the short notice required to deliver the programme, instead we are calling our patients from the surgery by telephone to invite you to attend either the Hadleigh or East Bergholt site. This may change as we move through the cohorts.

Please can we request that you do not call us, we will call you. Please help us by waiting for your turn according to the Government's guidelines. Patients will be invited following the strict criteria we have to follow. The first cohort, patients aged 80 and over, have been called and we are now working our way through the next cohort of 70 and over. We cannot vaccinate you earlier outside your cohort. Please be patient with us, the roll out of the covid vaccination programme requires a lot of planning in order for us all to deliver safely and efficiently while we continue to deliver our normal service.

FAKE NHS TEXT

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the Covid-19 vaccine. It takes you to a fake website and asks for your personal details, which the scammers then use to access your bank. Please take extra care during this vaccination period and delete any suspicious texts or emails.



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Firstly on behalf of all us bookworms I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!!

As we start 2021 we all hope this year will be better! With a New Year brings new optimism and for us bookworms a hope that we will be able to all meet up in person one day in the not too distant future! We are carrying on as normal though with book choices and for December we have read *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. I, myself am three quarters of the way through and am finding it to be a compelling read. Each time I pick it up I find it hard to put it down. The author describes the characters so well you feel like you know them, an intense psychological thriller which keeps you gripped with unfolding twists and turns. Well worth a read!

Other members echo my thoughts, with reactions such as 'a great read!' and that they were 'unable to put it down'.

Our meeting to discuss this book is on 29th December and we will be choosing another book then.....

So if you feel like doing more reading in 2021 why not join us and read books you may never choose for yourself

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I do hope that you are all staying safe and well and that some of you have already had your Covid vaccine.

I have received several Thank-you notes from the recipients of our Christmas goody bags which I will share with you when we next meet.

The winners of the Christmas Foody Fact Quiz were Angela and Martin Rodgers - well done to them.

In keeping with the food theme, their prize was a fish and chip supper for four people, kindly supplied by our local mobile fish van The Travelling Friar.

Many thanks to them.

The money raised by the quiz has been added to your donations over the Christmas period and we are now able to donate another £266 to the Food Bank to help them to provide for the families in need during the coming months.

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- My family and I are doing our part and supporting the NHS by keeping the pub closed and staying in. We will continue to do so until instructed otherwise by the Government. We are keeping very busy home-schooling Ryan, in his second year of high school, and Freya, in her penultimate year at Bildeston primary school. Any spare time is used to try to keep us all fit and active with walks at the weekend...
- We will of course have the Covid-19 vaccination when it is offered to us, the only way we can all get back to some semblance of normality.
- If we can help anyone in any way, please contact us by telephone on 01449 741 434.
- **In the meantime, by staying in, maintaining social distancing, with extra cleanliness and by staying alert we will protect the NHS and save lives.**

KEEP SUFFOLK SAFE

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Wear a face covering

Wear a face covering in any indoor public space. Children under 11, people who need to lip read, and people with other disabilities are exempt.



Wash your hands

Wash your hands regularly, with soap, for 20 seconds.



Get tested

Get tested if you have symptoms: a high temperature; a new, continuous cough; a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.



Isolate

If you or anyone in your bubble has symptoms, follow the guidance on self-isolation.

What you can and cannot do during the national lockdown – February update

You must stay at home. The single most important action we can all take is to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives. You should follow this guidance immediately. This is [the law](#).

Leaving home

You must not leave, or be outside of your home except where necessary. You may leave the home to:

- shop for basic necessities, for you or a vulnerable person
- go to work, or provide voluntary or charitable services, if you cannot reasonably do so from home
- exercise with your household (or support bubble) or one other person, this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- meet your [support bubble](#) or [childcare bubble](#) where necessary, but only if you are legally permitted to form one
- seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse)
- attend education or childcare - for those eligible

If you do leave home for a permitted reason, you should always stay local - unless it is necessary to go further, for example to go to work. Stay local means stay in the village, town, or part of the city where you live.

If you are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) you should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential. You should not attend work

Meeting others

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone you do not live with or are not in a [support bubble](#) with (if you are legally permitted to form one).

You may exercise on your own, with one other person, or with your household or support bubble. This should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.

You cannot meet other people you do not live with, or have not formed a support bubble with, unless for a permitted reason.

[Stay 2 metres apart](#) from anyone not in your household.

Education

Colleges, primary and secondary schools will remain open only for [vulnerable children and the children of critical workers](#). All other children will learn remotely until February half term.

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SESAW NEWS

We little dogs have a reputation for being noisy creatures with plenty to say. Nevertheless, I sometimes wonder what to write as your magazine deadline approaches but this time Mum has an important message for anyone struggling to look after their animals - **PLEASE DO NOT ABANDON YOUR PETS!**

We currently have space to take in animals so if you, or someone you know, needs help, please get in touch by leaving your name and number on 01787 210888.

Mother and daughter staffies, Alice and Tia are amongst our animals re-homed last year. The pair soon settled into their new home and now enjoy being thoroughly spoilt. It is taking much longer than usual to work through the waiting list of people looking for new pets. Apologies for this but it's unavoidable in the present climate and the prospect of holding fundraising events is still a long way off. Please hold onto good quality items until further notice but we would be grateful for clean duvets, blankets, towels and newspapers.

It's very cold and muddy outside, even awkward old Ollie (the Black) Cat is staying indoors recently. We will wait in the kitchen for Mum's return then it's dinner and a warm bed by the Rayburn for me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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Every February 14th, lovers from around the world exchange chocolates, flowers and lavish gifts to celebrate the most romantic day of the year: **Valentine's Day**.

- Valentine's Day was named after its patron saint, St. Valentine — but there's some confusion around which St. Valentine the holiday honours. There are at least two men named Valentine that might have inspired the holiday, including one Valentine who was a priest in third century Rome. This Valentine defied Emperor Claudius II's ban on marriage (he thought it distracted young soldiers), illegally marrying couples in the spirit of love until he was caught and sentenced to death. Another legend suggests that Valentine was killed for attempting to help Christians escape prison in Rome, and that he actually sent the first "valentine" message himself while imprisoned, writing a letter signed "From your Valentine."

- Some historians believe that Valentine's Day commemorates the death of St. Valentine on February 14th, others believe the day actually has its origins in a Pagan fertility festival called "Lupercalia," which was celebrated on February 15th in ancient Rome. Dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, and Roman founders Romulus and Remus, the day was celebrated by sacrificing animals and smacking women with animal hides, a practice that was believed to encourage fertility.

- At the end of the 5th century, Pope Gelasius officially declared the date of February 14 "St. Valentine's Day." It wasn't until the Middle Ages that the holiday became associated with love and romance, a tradition that first started from the common belief in France and England that birds started their mating season on February 14th.

- Cupid is the cherub that appears on Valentine's Day cards, depicted with a bow and arrow. The figure can be traced back to 700 B.C., to the Greek god of love Eros, who was a handsome, immortal man with the power to make people fall in love. In the 4th century BCE the Romans adopted Eros into the image of a cute little boy with a bow and arrow, naming him "Cupid." By the 19th century, Cupid had become linked to Valentine's Day due to his love-matching powers.

- The oldest record of a valentine being sent, was a poem written by a French duke to his wife in 1415. He penned a sweet note to his lover while imprisoned in the Tower of London. One of the lines was "I am already sick of love, My very gentle Valentine." People started exchanging cards and letters to lovers and friends during the 17th century, but it was in the 1840s that the first Valentine's Day cards were mass-produced.

- It wasn't until the late 17th century that giving flowers became a popular custom. The practice goes back to when King Charles II of Sweden learned the "language of flowers" — which pairs different flowers with specific meanings — on a trip to Persia, and subsequently introduced the tradition to Europe. The act of giving flowers then became a popular trend during the Victorian Era — including on Valentine's Day — with red roses symbolizing deep love.

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Recipe of the Month

Spaghetti with Sprout Pesto

with thanks to Alison

Ingredients

Something a bit different!

Serves 4

375g spaghetti
50g mixed nuts, eg; almonds, pecans,
hazelnuts and walnuts
250g cooked Brussels sprouts
25g basil
3 garlic cloves crushed
40g parmesan grated plus extra to serve
Finely grated zest and juice half lemon
125ml olive oil
40g fresh white breadcrumbs



Method

1. Cook pasta in a large pan of salted water according to packet instructions.
2. Heat a frying pan on a medium heat and toast the nuts until golden. Leave to cool before pulsing in a processor to finely chop.
3. Add the sprouts, basil, garlic, lemon zest and juice to the nuts in the processor and pulse until fairly smooth.
4. Add to this mixture 100ml of olive oil until amalgamated and season to taste.
5. Heat the remaining 25ml olive oil in the empty frying pan and fry the breadcrumbs, chilli and seasoning until golden and crisp. Stir through the nuts.
6. Drain the pasta, reserving 175ml of starchy cooking water. Return pasta to pan over a low heat and toss through pesto and reserved cooking water.
7. Cook stirring to warm through. Divide between 4 bowls and top with the crumb mixture and extra cheese.

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According to the Chinese 12-year animal zodiac cycle, the Chinese year beginning in **2021** is the year of the Ox. Each Chinese zodiac year begins on Chinese New Year's Day.

The New Year festival is centuries old and gains significance because of several myths and customs. Traditionally, the festival was a time to honour deities as well as ancestors. Chinese New Year is celebrated in countries and territories with significant Chinese populations, including Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Mauritius, Australia, and the Philippines. Chinese New Year is considered a major holiday for the Chinese.

Within China, regional customs and traditions concerning the celebration of the Chinese New Year vary widely. Often, the evening preceding Chinese New Year's Day is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. It is also traditional for every family to thoroughly clean the house, in order to sweep away any ill-fortune and to make way for incoming good luck. Windows and doors are decorated with red colour paper-cuts and couplets with popular themes of “good fortune” or “happiness”, “wealth”, and “longevity”. Other activities include lighting firecrackers and giving money in red paper envelopes. In about one third of the Mainland population, or 500 million Northerners, dumplings (especially those of vegetarian fillings) feature prominently in the meals celebrating the festival.



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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes for virtual meeting held Monday 11 January 2021,
7.00pm, via Teams**



Present:

Cllr Alex Banks, Cllr Andrew Gutteridge, Cllr Ashley Hubbard, Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Cllr Richard Lester, County Cllr/ District Cllr Robert Lindsay, Cllr Virginia Tuck, Clerk – Angela Chapman

C92/20/21 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies

In the absence of Chairman Peter Hutchings, Vice Chairman Richard Lester took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received: None.

C93/20/21 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests:

Cllr Alex Banks – Bildeston Sports Field, Cllr Ashley Hubbard – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve; Cllr Richard Lester – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve, St Mary's PCC.

C94/20/21 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests - None.

C95/20/21 Minutes of the meeting held 9 December 2020 signed as a true record.

C96/20/21 Adjournments – meeting adjourned at 1929hrs

County & District Councillor reported Babergh DCs discussion on car park charges was delayed due to a petition being received against the proposed charges. BDC council tax to increase by 3%, maximum allowed, will be approved on 23 Feb 2021. RL wrote to Andrew Reid/SCC/ Highways regarding the 20mph limit, being looked at tomorrow 12 Jan 2021. Paddocks Way fence, deadline for removal given to tenant. RL advised the housing at Paddocks Way was deregistered from sheltered housing 3 years ago, but the emphasis was on the over 40s. Due to several staff having COVID the brown bin collections have been suspended with effect 11/1/2021.

Cllr Hubbard pointed out that the Parish Council were not informed of the deregistration from sheltered housing at Paddocks Way. Cllr Hubbard advised some road markings around the village had been re-done, however, not all despite some being in the same area.

Reconvene 19.42hrs

C97/20/21 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A – Items for comment by the Parish Council

DISCHARGE OF CONDITION(S)

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Proposal: Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/02182 - Condition 20

(Construction Management Plan)

Location: Land To Rear Of Verandah House, 150-152 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich Suffolk

Parish Council do not need to comment/ for info.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh DC None.

C98/20/20 Joint Local Plan

Cllr Guttridge reported the two consultants employed by the Council through Cllr Banks had both carried out excellent work. Representations were sent to BDC on 23 December 2020, deadline was 24 December. Invoices as estimated, plus a couple of extra hours. Invoices approved.

Cllr Banks reported the highways consultant had put in a very thorough and concise argument, lucky to have Kevin Ayen represent the Council.

Due to change of planning legislation from central Government JLP may be amended, but down to the Inspector who will determine.

C98/20/21 Projects and Progress Reports

a) Bildeston COVID Support Group – Cllr Tuck reported Shaun Moffat had sent the groups new Constitution which will allow the group to open their own bank account and hold their own insurance policy. Cllr Tuck gave the aims of the group, officers being – Chairman Shaun Moffat; Vice Chair Gill Buchanan; Shelia Ashton - Treasurer; Elaine Haley – Secretary. Bildeston Community Support, as the group will now be known will cover Bildeston and the twelve villages which comprise its “functional cluster”, total population 5,000. They have talked to the school, church and other parish councils in the cluster. It is not known if the group will apply for charitable status. A suggestion was made that the PC make a small donation to the groups funds when monies transferred, on February meeting agenda. The Parish Council wished Bildeston Support Group every success.

b) Village amenities –

Market Place – The Parish Council received 7 responses to the proposed new seating/planter area, majority of which were positive, “We fully applaud any action by the Parish Council to enhance the amenities of our lovely village”, “it will be a great improvement to change the heart of the village from being a car park to somewhere people can meet and socialise”, “Very much approve!”, I would like to add my support, it is such a wonderful proposal and will only enhance this lovely village”, “please place planters so that wheelchairs and baby buggies can get through”. The scheme was agreed in principle. Clerk to ask Robin Sidgwick for a final detailed plan with sizes and specification of materials to be used.

Village sign – Cllr Hubbard had distributed sketch of the brick plinth to be used to support the village sign, size and height to be determined and agreed. Suggestion of a

plaque/s on the plinth.

Cemetery – Cllr Hubbard confirmed 2 burials and one memorial. Boundary hedge trimming has commenced.

Sports Field – Cllr Banks confirmed the Pavilion is closed due to the COVID pandemic.

Christmas tree – Cllr Hubbard confirmed the tree had been taken down and Hadleigh Young Farmers had disposed of for a charity donation

Paddocks Way – see CC Robert Lindsay report C96/20/21

C99/20/21 Administrative, Finance & Governance Reports

- a) payment for approval – payments sheet approved Cllrs Leigh-Hunt and Tuck
- b) Precept/ budget – proposal of a 3.9% increase, plus the Government grant, Cllr Hubbard proposed, Cllr Tuck seconded, proposal passed
- c) Scribe accounting system – Cllr Leigh-Hunt and Clerk agreed to have a demonstration of the system

C100/20/21 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Cllr Leigh-Hunt – Quiet Lanes/SCC – any progress

Cllr Lester – website – Cllr Leigh-Hunt reported in state of transition – Cllr Leigh-Hunt and Clerk progressing, Fiona Lemon is training village organisations representatives to use the website to upload their own text and data/pics.

Cllr Guttridge – website domain registration – approved moving of domain to Parish Council Websites. Cllr Lester to action.

C101/20/21 Items for agenda

Quiet Lanes/ SCC

Market Place proposed seating area – formal approval with plans

Scribe accounting system

Donation to Bildeston Support Group

Meeting closed 2032hrs.

Next meeting: Mon 8 February 2021 7.00pm via Teams

BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council currently have 2 vacancies for Councillors.

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Parish Councillors are subject to re-election every four years unless there are the same number (or less) of Councillors to vacancies in which case those nominees will be co-opted on to the Council. All Members of the Parish Council are required to comply with a Code of Conduct in the performance of their duties.

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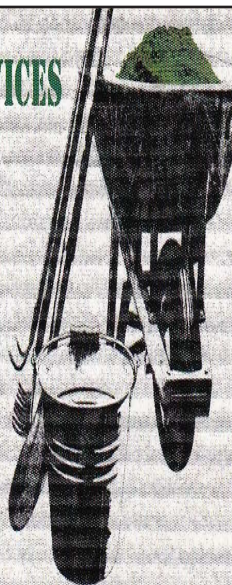
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housed in the British Museum in Russel Square, London – of which the metal mask and helmet are the best known. The Dig, a film about how the treasure was discovered, stars Carey Mulligan as the Suffolk landowner Edith Pretty, who had an instinct that the mounds on the fields around her home contained something really interesting. Ralph Fiennes plays Basil Brown, the taciturn, self-taught excavator who first realised the significance of the remains. It is these two people, the wealthy widow who funded the excavations and the farmer's son who left school at 12, who, in 1939, really brought to light one of the most extraordinary archaeological discoveries ever made in Britain: a ship-burial, likely of a king Raedwald.

The novel on which Moira Buffini's screenplay is based is by Peggy's nephew, John Preston. He never knew his aunt, because she and his father didn't get on, and only found out about her involvement from a chance remark by a second cousin: "you know that your aunt found the first gold to be discovered at Sutton Hoo?" He got a copy of her journal from his half-sister who had grown up with Peggy, which helped him get to know her voice. "The more I read about the excavations the more interested I became. It seemed like buried treasure for grown ups. It was about class and about digging up the remains of a lost civilisation at a time when people's own civilisation was on the brink". Friday 29th January sees the start of a new film series on Netflix. Find someone who has netflix to record it so you can see it later, when we are able to meet up!

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Pastoral Letter – February 2021 from Revd Elke Cattermole

Dear All,

I am writing this letter for February on a bright January frosty morning. The sun is coming through the trees and how uplifting it feels after a few days of gloomy weather. We are soon leaving January behind us and as we enter February, we are becoming hopeful to what lies before us. The vaccines are starting to be administered to people in our community, yet we know we still must be careful and not become complacent.

February is a time when couples remember Valentine's Day, a custom that had been inspired by St Valentine, who was martyred by the Romans in the third century. On February 14th, many couples will again offer their undying love to one another. These words from 1 Corinthians chapter 13, I often use in marriage services;

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends".

Whether we are married or not how many times do we fail in loving our family and friends as we should. Many people are starting to get upset because they feel the distribution of the vaccine across the county or country is not fair. We can all argue about fairness about all sorts of things, but it is still a time for us all to pull together to help and support one another.

This month starts our time of **Lent**, a period of 40 days which comes before Easter beginning on Ash Wednesday, it is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, it can help us remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice for us all.

Many people often give things up during this time, but I often feel it should be a time of giving more by loving and caring for one another. In this third lockdown, although we know there is a more positive outlook on life because of the vaccine. Many people have found it more difficult as they find life more stressful for different reasons.

Let us all show a sense of love and care as we begin to reflect on our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ.

Blessing and love to you all in this month of February.

Revd Elke

Services during February 2021

Unfortunately due to the virulent strain of the recent virus I have made the decision with the support of my churchwardens to close the churches across the benefice for public Sunday Services.

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revdelkecattermole@gmail

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God Bless
from Revd Elke

Revd Elke Cattermole
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