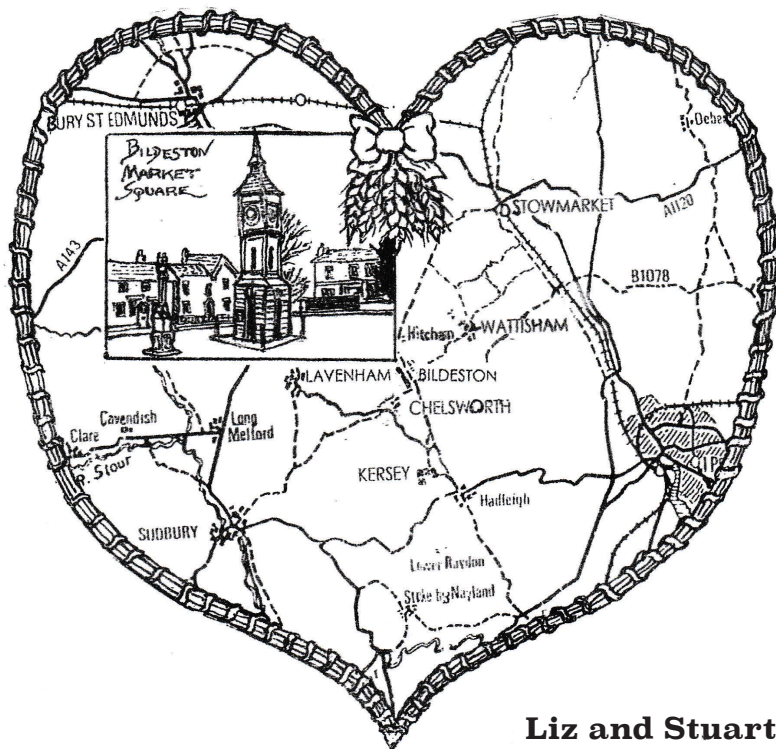


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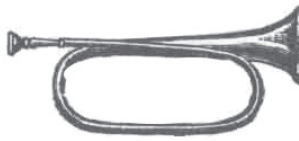


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# ED'S COMMENT

Once again the Bugle prints the announcement from Robin Sidgwick about the planned Bildeston Street Party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It is repeated to help make sure everyone in the village knows about the party and helps to link together any other planned street parties to complement each other rather than compete. Although celebrations are planned for June, this month is significant as it was 6th February 1952 when Elizabeth became Queen.

The Platinum Jubilee of Elizabeth II will be marked in 2022 in the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in recognition of the 70th anniversary, an extra bank holiday will be created and the traditional Spring bank holiday will be moved from the end of May to the start of June, to create a special four day Jubilee bank holiday weekday weekend from Thursday 2nd June 2022 to Sunday 5th June 2022. The British government has promised a "once-in-a-generation show" that will "mix the best of British ceremonial splendour and pageantry with cutting edge artistic and technological displays". It will be the first time that any British monarch has celebrated a platinum jubilee.

Elizabeth has been Queen for 70 years as she was just 25 years old when George VI, her father, died in the early morning of 6 February at Sandringham House in Norfolk. A period of national mourning began and Elizabeth II was proclaimed the new monarch by the Accession Council. George VI's coffin lay in St Mary Magdalene Church, Sandringham until 11 February when it was carried, in procession, to the nearby Wolferton railway station. The coffin was taken by train to London King's Cross railway station where another formal procession carried it to Westminster Hall where the king lay in state for three days. Some 304,000 people passed through Westminster Hall with queues up to 4 miles long.

To have been the longest reigning monarch in our history is remarkable in another sense. When Elizabeth was born she was third in line to the throne and not destined to be Queen. The abdication crisis in 1936 ended with her father becoming King George VI in place of his brother and Elizabeth suddenly becoming next in line to the throne. Queen Elizabeth II has been our Head of State for most of people's lives. The longest serving Head of State in the world. Whatever one's views about the monarchy, it cannot be denied that Queen Elizabeth has kept steadfast to the promise she made to the nation when she first became queen 70 years ago. As our monarch and Head of State, Queen Elizabeth has personified the values of duty and service, an example that some public servants of today would do well to learn from. No wonder much has been made of the contrasting images of the Queen alone at Prince Philip's funeral, and 'work events' at Downing Street.

There will be many and various events taking place through the months leading up to June. Several are planned for Suffolk, so our contribution of a Bildeston street party will sit proudly amongst them. Something to make us feel happier, to look forward to in a time full of unhappy news.

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What super Christmas table decorations made by Kingfisher class today!

## Henri Rousseau Artwork KS2

Children in KS2 produced some stunning artwork influenced by the famous artist.

## Decorate a Star Competition

A huge thank you to everyone who entered the competition. Mrs Shaw kindly judged the entries, a task she found very difficult, as the standard of the entries was very high. Our winners are shown here with all the star entries adorning our cherry blossom tree at the front of the school. £1.00 per entry was donated towards our Big Hoot project for Saint Elizabeth Hospice Charity and a total of £65.00 was raised.



## MP Christmas Card Competition



We had a surprise visit from Mr James Cartlidge, our local MP. We are incredibly proud to announce that Maisie in Kestrel class won his Christmas Card competition. Mr Cartlidge presented Maisie with a copy of his printed card with her front cover design, a certificate and a small gift. Congratulations Maisie, a superb piece of work! Prime Minister Boris Johnson with his card from our local MP!



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Fridays	11.00 to 1.00pm	Pilates (call Claire: 07900 440141)
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Sat 12th	6.30 for 7.00pm	Bingo

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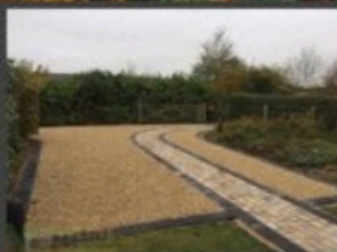
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It has been a while since we have been able to meet, so I



am looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting of 2022 on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Our speaker is local wood-turner Shaun Clifford, who is giving us a talk entitled "From a childhood dream to an adult's reality"

As we were unable to meet in December, we will also be sharing our Secret Santa gifts and playing a game to raise funds. If you had purchased a Secret Santa gift, please bring it along, but if you don't have one, please don't worry - it isn't compulsory!

For our fundraiser game you will need to bring £1 coins, so don't forget your purses.

We will begin the discussion about celebrating our Golden Jubilee year, so do come with some ideas for what you might like to do.

I hope to see you all there.

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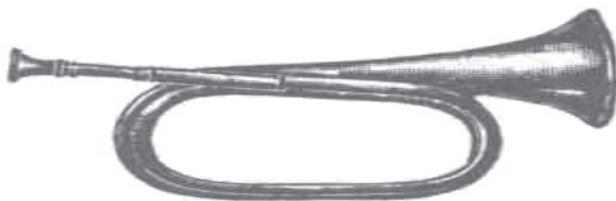
# THE BILDESTON BUGLE NEEDS SOME HELP

Like many things that go on in Bildeston, the Bugle is run by a wonderful team of volunteers. We need people to join our team of deliverers and some to join the Management Team.

Delivering the Bugle is not too onerous, just once a month with one bag of Bugles in a specific part of the village, have a nice stroll and push a Bugle magazine through letterboxes.

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Dougie and Hazel love their cuddles but tend to tell other dogs off so would be better as the only pets. Hazel is rather bossy and Dougie's sight is poor but that does not stop him, although sometimes he returns from walks in someone's arms! If you can offer this delightful twosome a loving home with a very secure garden, please phone for an appointment to meet them.

That's enough from me, rest assured the chatty Chihuahua will be back next time, hopefully having learned that people sometimes need to read the feline point of view and a prime example of the superior species is me, Ollie (the Black) Cat.

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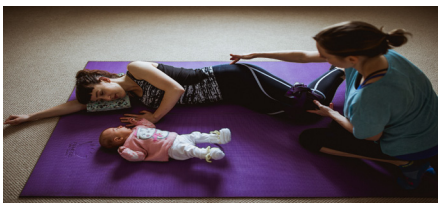
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As in recent years, we are trying to get out there before the weeds and nettles grow too tall and hamper our efforts.

**We will be conducting the Litter Pick from 10:00 a.m. on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>.**



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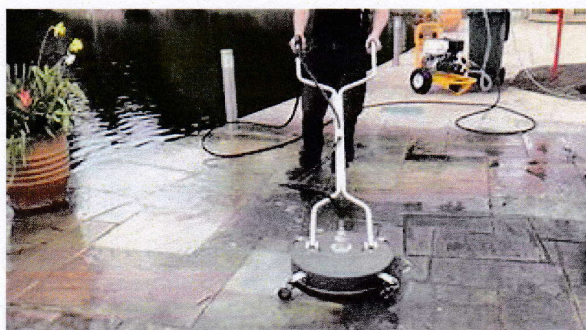
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## *Baked Peppers with Tofu and Olives*

*with thanks to Alison*

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### **Ingredients   serves 3**

A red pepper, cut in half is a hollow in which to bake small sweet and sour tomatoes - the juices of both mingling in the bottom with the olive oil. Lumps of sheep's milk feta and a sprig or two of thyme may also be used. This recipe forms a quick supper and serve with chewy white bread to soak up the juices.

3 red peppers  
500g tofu  
250g cherry tomatoes  
100 ml olive oil  
10 green olives  
10 chives  
2 tbsp chopped parsley

### **Method**

1. Set the oven at 200C ( fan 180C ) gas 6
2. Halve and de-seed the peppers and place cut side up in a baking dish.
3. Divide the tofu evenly between the peppers, then cut each tomato in half and tuck these between the tofu. Pour some of the olive oil into each of the peppers.
4. Season and bake for an hour or until the peppers are tender.
5. Stone and chop the olives and put them in a small mixing bowl, finely chop the chives and mix them with the olives. Toss the parsley over this mix and when the peppers come from the oven scatter over the tops.
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# BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL



**Draft minutes for the Parish Council meeting held Monday 10 January 2022, 19:00hrs, at the Baptist Church Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston**

Present: Cllr Alex Banks, Cllr Andrew Guttridge, Cllr Ashley Hubbard, Chairman Peter Hutchings, Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Cllr Richard Lester, Cllr Virginia Tuck.

## **C206/21/22 Chairman's welcome and apologies.**

Apologies: Clerk Angela Chapman. Apologies accepted.

C207/21/22 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Cllr Richard Lester – King's Pightlie, St Mary's PCC. Cllr Alex Banks – Bildeston Sportsfield and Pavilion.

## **C208/21/22 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests.**

None.

## **C209/21/22 Minutes of Last Meeting held 13 December 2021:**

Amend C200/21/22 Adjournments, third line from end to read: "17 December deadline for Lorry Review submission. Cllr Virginia Tuck to complete and submit Lorry Review questionnaire form citing damage to Newberry Farmhouse porch on multiple occasions."

## **C210/21/22 Adjournments.**

Meeting adjourned 1915hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners. None.

Meeting reconvened 1917hrs.

## **C211/21/22 Planning applications**

### **Planning appendix A – Items for comment by Bildeston Parish Council**

DC/21/06502 Proposal: Planning Application - Erection of 1no. detached single storey staff/managers dwelling Location: Bildeston Village Stores And Post Office, 118 - 122 High Street, Bildeston, Suffolk IP7 7EB.

Objection: reference response to previous application, the Council considers that the site's access onto the High Street is restricted, raising concerns of poor visibility for traffic with additional vehicles.

DC/21/06672 Proposal: Request for formal Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Scoping Opinion - Bury St Edmunds to Colchester Water Pipeline Scheme affecting parishes as per Schedule A Location: Bury To Colchester Pipeline Scheme.

Comment to be submitted as follows: the Council requests that all construction traffic should avoid routing through Bildeston, accessing the site off the B1115 via Stowmarket and off the B1078 via Needham Market.

DC/21/06922 Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Replacement of windows to the side and rear. Replacement of rear door and conservatory. Location: 87

High Street, Bildeston, Suffolk, IP7 7ER.  
No objection.

## **Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council**

DC/21/04459 Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application -  
Erection of greenhouse and shed. Dukes Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston, Suffolk IP7 7EW  
Granted.

DC/21/05941 Proposal & Location of Development: Householder Application -  
Erection of single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing); Erection of front porch extension including bay window canopy and conversion of existing garage to form home office and erection of retaining wall. 174 High Street, Bildeston, Suffolk, IP7 7EF  
Granted.

## **C212/21/22 Projects and progress reports**

Joint Local Plan examination and representation. Cllr Guttridge updated that inspectors are to consider and improve the interim plan. Key point to note is that district councils will be requested to revert any built-up areas around their boundaries back to where they were located in the original plans, not as shown in latest versions.

a) **20MPH project/design costs/funding.** Cllr Guttridge reported that there were no further updates from the previous meeting – awaiting further news from County Councillor Robert Lindsay at this stage.

b) **‘Heating Bildeston’.** Cllr Lester reported that the project is in the process of selecting a consultancy firm to undertake the feasibility study, with shortlisting down to two firms. These two are currently undergoing an interview process. Preapplication documents were submitted last week and progress remains on track. Shaun Moffat will lead on marketing and communications.

c) **4 Year Work Plan review/update.** Cllr Leigh-Hunt updated the meeting on the amendments proposed to the Council’s Work Plan, with agreed changes to be incorporated into spreadsheet. Updates will be made latest version uploaded to SharePoint shortly. As the Council moves into the last year of implementing the current Work Plan, it was agreed that it would be review on a quarterly basis.

d) **Dropped kerb next to Old Post Office, High Street.**  
No further update from last meeting.

e) **Update on village amenities.** Cllr Hubbard reported that the village sign is in the process of being made. The hedge has now been cut around the cemetery. An application has been made for a memorial tree at the cemetery, which is currently being processed. The subsided grave reported at the last meeting has now been corrected. The current location of the electricity supply at the Sportsfield was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would support the Sportsfield in the removal/reallocation of the electrical supply from the track shed (and the shed’s removal). Cllr Banks to confirm next steps after next Sportsfield committee meeting.

f) **Website.** Cllr Tuck suggested creating a page to update users on items the Parish Council has actioned, for example, the recent reporting of the issue with noise from the bird scarers in the fields. It was suggested that where matters reported were mentioned, a link to self-reporting tools (such as environmental health) should also be included to encourage villagers to act on concerns themselves.

g) **Electric vehicle (EV) chargers.** Cllr Lester asked the Council to consider investigating the possibility of providing EV charging points in the village. It was agreed that he would investigate further ahead of the next meeting, including reaching out to two independent suppliers who currently provide EV points to other nearby villages.

### **C213/21/22 Administrative, Finance and Governance reports**

a) Payments for approval. All approved. Hadleigh Young Farmers donation of £20 agreed for disposal of Christmas tree. Cllrs Guttridge and Tuck to authorise.

b) Receive Internal Audit 2020/21 report. Deferred to next meeting on account of Clerk's absence.

c) Budget setting for financial year 2022/23. Approved.

d) Precept setting for financial year 2022/23. Agreed at 4.7%, £27,750.

e) Review and approve Standing Orders document.  
Deferred to next meeting on account of Clerk's absence.

f) Review and approve Financial Regulations document.  
Deferred to next meeting on account of Clerk's absence.

g) Review and approve Risk Assessment Register.  
It was agreed that this would be reviewed by the Finance Working Group.

h) Review and approve Fixed Asset Register.  
It was agreed that this would be reviewed by the Finance Working Group.

i) Review and approve Internal Control Statement.  
Deferred to next meeting on account of Clerk's absence.

### **C214/21/22 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council**

Councillor Hubbard confirmed the Chamberlin bench had been approved and we are awaiting contact from the family.

It was agreed that Cllr Hubbard would obtain two quotes for the sale of the mower.

### **C215/21/22 Items for next agenda**

The Jubilee and Parish Council support for any groups wishing to plan events.

Meeting closed 20:23hrs

Date of next meeting: Monday 14 February 2022, 19:00, Baptist Church Hall

# Tree Planting at the Sports Field



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If you are interested in helping with the planting, we will be looking for volunteers who would be available in early March.

For more information contact me at [councillor.lester@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:councillor.lester@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk) or phone on 744120

Richard Lester

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The role of the Parish Council is to represent the interests of the whole community, engaging with local residents, discovering the needs of different groups in the community, such as the young and elderly, and lobbying on behalf of Bildeston. The Parish Council is the tier of local government that is closest to local people. Babergh District Council and Suffolk County Council form the other two tiers of local government that cover Bildeston. Details of their respective roles and responsibilities can be found in the Council services section of the website [www.bildeston.org.uk](http://www.bildeston.org.uk) 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. If you have any questions, or think you would like to join the Parish Council please contact the Clerk on [clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk) or 07593 584209. Angela Chapman Clerk to Bildeston Parish Council

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You are no longer asked to work from home if you can. Talk to your employer to agree arrangements to return to your workplace.

17 January , this guidance applies to ENGLAND

16 and 17 year olds can now book a booster dose online. Parents and guardians of people at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19 between 12 to 15 years old, or those living with people at higher risk, will also be contacted to book a booster.

You can stop self-isolating at the start of day 6 if you get 2 negative rapid lateral flow test results on days 5 and 6 and do not have a temperature. Tests must be at least 24 hours apart. If either test is positive, wait 24 hours before testing again.



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Richard Lester

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If you're on a low income or employed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ. The following information is for England.

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### **Transport**

If your children are aged between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to your local education authority for help.

### **Uniforms and other costs**

Your local education authority might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes also advise on finding secondhand uniforms.

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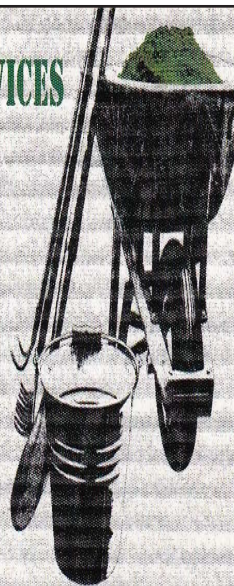
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Dear All,

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The past year had been one that we thought might be better than the year before. With the rollout of the coronavirus vaccines, there was a hope at last we would be able to fight against this pandemic. Millions have had vaccines and yet the last year has been and remains a bit of a roller coaster. We have had a chance to have holidays and meet family and friends in a way we could not the previous year. Though we have entered this year again with a return of some restrictions due to the 'Omicron' variant. As with any year we start our new year without really knowing what is in front of us.

Whilst we are in theory able to remain open for public worship at present, currently each of our six benefice churches have had to comply with the government updated restrictions for places of worship. This will hopefully reduce the risk of the virus being transmitted, and further strain being placed upon our local health service. I realise that for some of us this will feel extremely frustrating, whilst for others it may be a welcome relief. Either way, let us continue to do all that we can to support one another, and others, through this time with our phone calls, emails, and prayers, especially for those who will feel too vulnerable to attend out services.

Many people will feel very worried and concerned about their futures and really concerned what the future holds for all of us. Many years ago when I was twenty-one years old a Christian friend gave me this text from the book of Joshua in the Old Testament. ***“Be strong and of good courage, do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9***

I was going through a period of feeling very fearful about my future. This verse helped me really reflect on how God is with us even at the most challenging times of our life.

We will worry about many things but there are things that we can do to help one another and the planet to help bring about a better future. Yes, we need to recognise and comply with current regulations to help keep each other safe. We heard more about global warming in 2021, what can we do personally to help reduce climate change. Can we also help those less fortunate than ourselves for whatever reason, in helping support the food bank and other charities as well as those we know who live in our local villages.

What difference does a hope based on faith in God make to how we respond to all those issues. When we feel anxious about anything we can pray asking God to deal with it. Every time we feel that worry coming back to niggle us, we can just pray, "Into your hands, Lord, I commit this worry". Then we will find a growing sense of peace and serenity. We learn to trust God with the important things only if we start with the small ones. Peace of mind about life, with all its challenges, only comes with trust, with faith that the universe is friendly, because it is God's universe, the God who is Love, shown to us by Jesus. We can only find that out for ourselves by choosing to give it a try!

I wish you all a ***“Happy and Blessed Safe New Year for 2022”***.

**Revd Elke**

**Rector**

## ***Services in the Brett Valley Benefice***

***February 2022***

<b>Date 2022</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> February Fourth Sunday Before Lent	11 am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
	11am	Morning Prayer	Semer
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> February Third Sunday Before Lent	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Nedging
	11am	Morning Prayer	Whatfield
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> February Second Sunday Before Lent	11am	Holy Communion	Semer
	11 am	Morning Prayer	Bildeston
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Sunday Next Before Lent  <b><i>Benefice Service</i></b>	11 am	Holy Communion	Naughton

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### **Lunch club**

Baptist Church 12.15 for 12.30pm start.....1st Wed every month

### **Craft it Together**

01449 741772 for details..... Restarts Monday 4th October

### **Strollers & Striders**

9.45 - various starting points 07584 189356 or 07901 563281 for details.....Every Mon

### **Family Group - 10am-12pm**

07542 785649 to book a space.....Every Tuesday

### **Community Coffee Centre**

Baptist Church 9.15 - 11.30am.....Friday mornings

### **Church Bell Ringing Practice**

St. Mary Magdalene church bell tower 8.00 to 9.15pm.....Every Tuesday

### **Bildeston Carpet Bowls Club**

7.30pm Chamberlin Hall. Contact Mike 01284827688.....Every Tuesday

### **Ladies Club**

Chamberlin Hall 7.30 .....Thurs 3rd

### **Bildeston Parish Council Meeting**

Baptist Church Hall 7.00pm.....Mon 14th

### **Bildeston Community Cycling**

Market Square 9.30am.....Sat 19th

**Please stay Covid cautious and careful,  
especially in closed spaces or crowds.**

Please tell us about your forthcoming events in **March**

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**deadline 17th of every month**



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