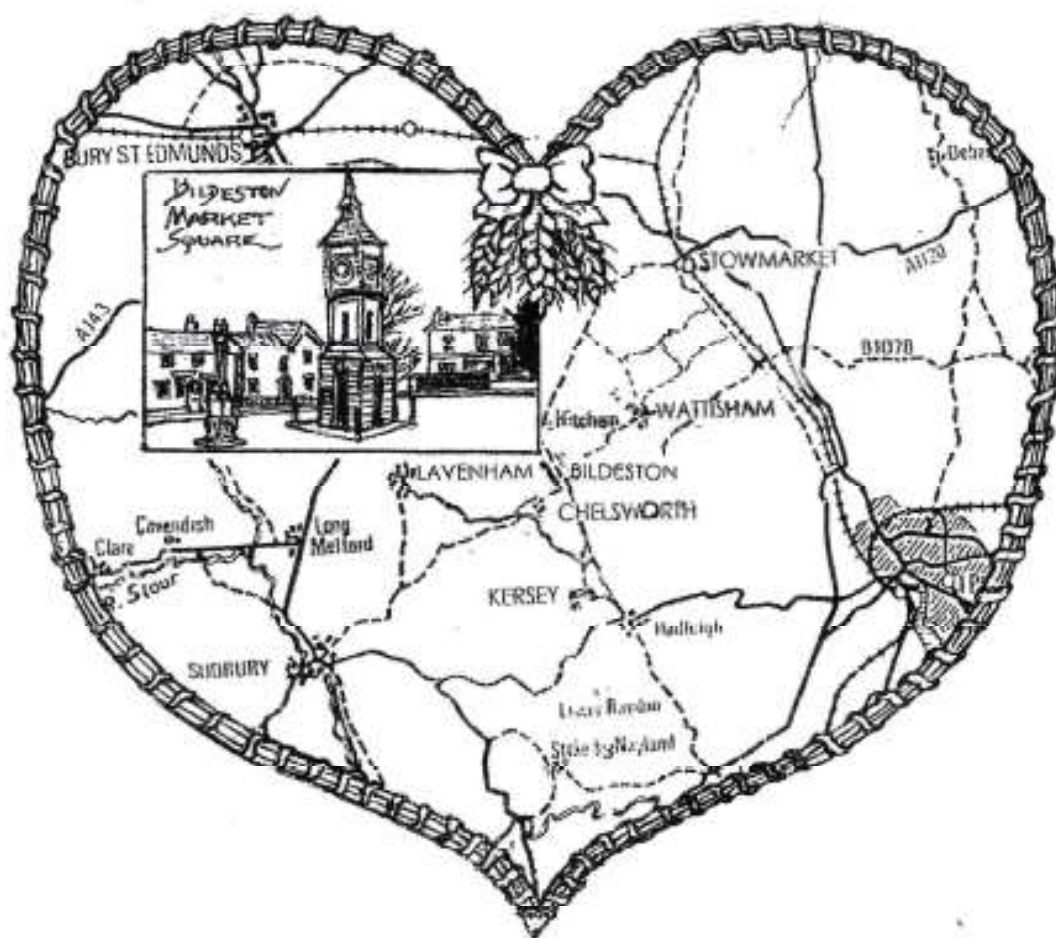


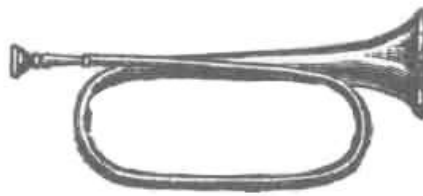
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ED'S COMMENT

Well here we are – my second issue and it's a bumper edition! Extra pages have had to be added this month as there have been so many requests to advertise events that are going on in the village!

Also some good news to share with you all – I finally have access to the editor@bildestonbugle.co.uk email address! Feel free to use this one and the new created one bildeston.bugle.editor@gmail.com as they will both be monitored.

How many of you went to the Treasure Island and The Silver Long Johns Pantomime at the end of January? What an amazing night – excellent script written by the talented Debbie Bailey. What an amazing and creative mind that lady has. We were very impressed by the whole show which has also received some amazing reviews. Please see over the page for a couple of these. I echo Alison's sentiment that there will hopefully be another show next year.

I must say that the lighter evenings and slightly warmer days are very welcome as we approach the spring. It's lovely to see the snowdrops, daffodils, crocuses, etc poking their heads through the soil – a sure sign that spring is near. I noticed some crocuses in our lawn this afternoon that I'm sure weren't there a few days ago!

I'm sure it won't be long before the trees are full of blossom again too!

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ED'S COMMENTS (cont...)

Before I sign off, a couple of important dates to mention for this month...

Mother's Day

Mother's Day falls on Sunday 19th March this year. Don't leave cards and flower orders until the last minute if you're thinking of buying them. Supermarket shelves seem to be cleared of boxes of chocolates as the days get closer to the 23rd of the month too...

Clocks go forward

The clocks always go forward at 1am on the final Sunday of March which this year falls on Sunday 26th March

Unfortunately, it means your weekend will be cut short by one hour, but in return we will see more daylight in the evening.

Hope you all have a good month – see you in the April edition

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Bildeston Parish Council

A short notice to inform residents the dog waste bin that was situated on Wattisham Rd near the Brookfield car park, has now been moved further along the grassed area next to the entrance to Brookfield along with the dog waste bag dispenser.

The Parish Council would like to remind everyone all the dog waste bins in the village are for dog walkers, any dog waste from private gardens should be disposed of in your domestic black bin.

Thank you.

REVIEWS FOR

Treasure Island and The Silver Long Johns

Review from NODA - National Operatic and Dramatic Association

Firstly I must welcome The VIP's as a new member to NODA. They are a small group who were only formed a few years ago. Debbie had certainly had her work cut out and been a very busy lady by writing, directing, producing and covered many of the production jobs herself for this Panto.

We took our seats in this lovely village community centre which had been decorated with suitable piratical themed items. While waiting for the curtain to go up there were some old sea shanty songs playing in the background, a nice touch to set the scene. Caroline Gage opened as Luna the mermaid, and narrator who introduced us to the characters. She was sitting on her rock throne to the side of the stage and looked brilliant in her long flowing costume all colour coordinated in sea greens and sparkly make-up. There were 7 young people in the chorus as Pesky Pirates in their opening song 'Happy'. This and indeed all their songs were performed with energy, enthusiasm, plenty of volume and they certainly looked like they were enjoying themselves. Debbie was also in one of the leading roles as Jim Hawkins in this traditional storyline, as we see them go on a voyage to an island to find the treasure and their fun filled adventures along the way. Jim's mother, Hizzy Hawkins, the dame is played by Gray Searle complete with her silver long johns. He captures well the comedy of this outrageous lady with all her colourful costumes. Billy Bones (Colin Bartram) has the role of communicator with the audience. He gives us a flavour of Tommy Cooper with the 'fez' as he tries some magic tricks which all go wrong. His character certainly gave us plenty of laughs and had good comedy timing. Both these two captured their characters well, were confident in the roles and had some great songs.

One-Eyed Willy is the Pirate Captain (Rob England) along with Scarlett O'Scurvey (Hayley Hynard), she plays his admirer who has fun flirting with Willy. Coral Trelawny (Lorraine Pearce) along with her father Squire Trelawny (Dave Bruce) and Dr Liversausage (Kevin Bailey) complete this small cast apart from the delightful Crackers, the puppet Parrot operated by Pete Garner.

This was a good traditional family village Panto which was well written with all the familiar "its behind you", plenty of comedy and some great spooky skeletons and natives played by the chorus. The set and props were constructed 'in-house'. They were effective and enhanced the production. I have already mentioned some of the costumes, these were locally sourced and all looked good and colourful and just what is required for a Panto. The audience were certainly very appreciative and we all had a very enjoyable evening.

Author: Catherine Dixey - NODA - 27th January 2023

REVIEWS FOR Treasure Island and The Silver Long Johns (cont...)

Review from Alison Sims - Village Resident

It was a treat to have our village pantomime back at Chamberlin Hall this year. A great script, saucy in some places, by Debbie Bailey and a super cast, above and below decks.

It was a busy stage when all the young townspeople, natives and pesky pirates were strutting their stuff too. I particularly liked the skeletons!

The story goes that Jim Hawkins (Debbie Bailey) wants to marry the squire Trelawny's (Dave Bruce) daughter Coral (Lorraine Pearce) but he doesn't have any money. His mother, Hizzy Hawkins (Gray Searle), superb dame dramatics, finds a treasure map and they all sail across the high seas in search of it, on a secret island inhabited with cannibals.

Songs and dances are interspersed with the comedy. The baddy of the story is One Eyed Willy (Rob England). "Who's bad?" he was also superb and had the audience booing and hissing on entrance. The comic sailor, Billy Bones (Colin Bertram) kept us in stitches. I mustn't forget to mention the pub landlady, the sexy Scarlett O'Scurvey (Hayley Hynard) and Dr Liversausage (Kevin Bailey) who acted tipsy throughout the night!

The mermaid Luna (Caroline Gage) in front of the audience sitting on a rock, kept us informed during the scenes, as did the parrot Crackers (Pete Garner). Needless to say, the treasure chest was found, the baddy didn't win and a proposal was made by Jim!

The set design and props were splendidly constructed by the very handy Robin Sidwick. The lights and sound were ably worked by Nige and Bev King.

All in all WELL DONE .

Hopefully there will be another next year!



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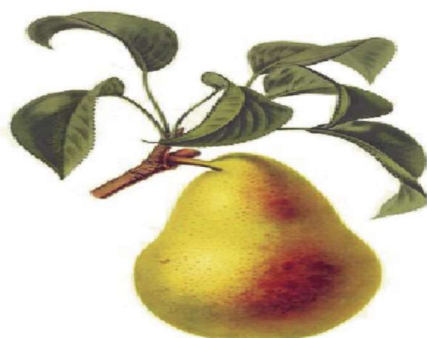


The design includes Bildeston blue and sports a new badge showing the iconic Bildeston Clock Tower in the Market Square and the year the club was established. The club will also have new bowls equipment; mats, jacks and pushers to start the outdoor season in some style. Come and be part of this new look and wonderful sport.

If you are interested in joining our village bowls club please come along to the signing on meeting **Friday 15th March 6.30pm at Chamberlin Hall** to find out more. You will be most welcome.

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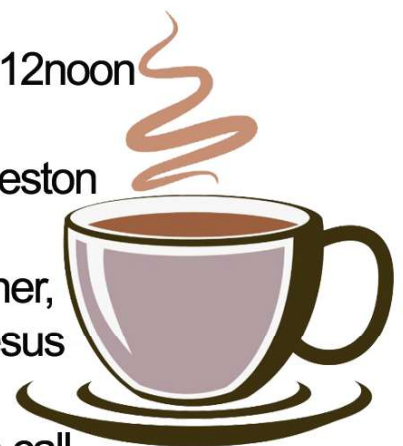
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Martin Simmonds talk about refugees was very informative and gave us cause to consider the plight of those seeking refuge in our country at present.

The Suffolk refugee Support charity has been in existence for 30 years and operates with a team of part time staff and volunteers. Their outreach work includes providing language classes, sports activities and such basics as shoes for those arriving in flip-flops. Many asylum seekers have even had their mobile phones taken away as they entered the country - imagine not being able to contact your family, or view your stored photographs of them. Paperwork for these people can drag on for a year or more and meanwhile, they have no employment and are given an allowance of just £8 a week.

Martin told us the stories of refugee communities over the centuries. For those of you who know Ipswich, you may not have realised that Fonnereau (for whom the road is named) was also the builder and owner of the wonderful Christchurch Mansion - he was a Huguenot refugee 400 years ago! The largest ever influx of refugees into the UK was a quarter of a million Belgians who fled here in 1914, with boatloads of children arriving on our coast at places such as Southwold.

Martin had stories of families from Vietnam, Iran and other countries whom he has supported for years and

Bildeston Ladies Club

seen them and their children go on to own and run successful businesses, or work as doctors for instance. Not every story is the bad image of refugees and asylum seekers that the media present to us.

We started our Book Exchange with plenty of choice for the bookworms amongst us! This will now be a feature of our fundraising for the EAAA so bring along a book next time and take away a good read!



At our March meeting, we will have a visit from the Wesley Ukelele Band. I'm sure this will be a very entertaining evening with a chance to listen to the music making, sing along and even have a go at playing the Ukelele! I wonder if we have any budding Formby types amongst us !

Hope to see you there. Guests always welcome.

Thursday March 2nd
Chamberlin hall - doors open 7:30 p.m.
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U7 Multi Skills

Well done to our year 2 children who took part in a multi skills event. When they got to Hadleigh High School they were mixed up with children from other schools and new teams were formed. Everyone did really well with one of our teams finishing in 2nd place!

U11 Basketball

Well done to our KS2 basketball team who competed against teams across the county at Inspire Suffolk. It was a tough competition but they had an amazing time!



Making Shapes

Robin class enjoyed a great gymnastics lesson making different body shapes. Then they had fun printing with their own blocks. They looked great.



Fossils and Rocks

Children in Kingfisher class categorising fossils and finding out whether they

were plants or animals and extinct or non-extinct. The children have really enjoyed this subject and have even brought their own precious things to show from home - super impressive!



Sow & Grow

Mr Weaver came in to help with our 'Sow and Grow' topic. The children know where the village allotments are, how many there are, their size, the soil type, the amenities and how much they cost per year. We now have to wait patiently for everything that they planted to grow! 🌱



New Planters

We have some new planters in school, one for each class and we will be busy planting these after half term.

Several seed companies have donated either seeds or money to KS2 for this topic. Thanks to Premier Seed Services Limited, Thompson & Morgan, Grainseed in Eye, Kings Seed and Suttons.

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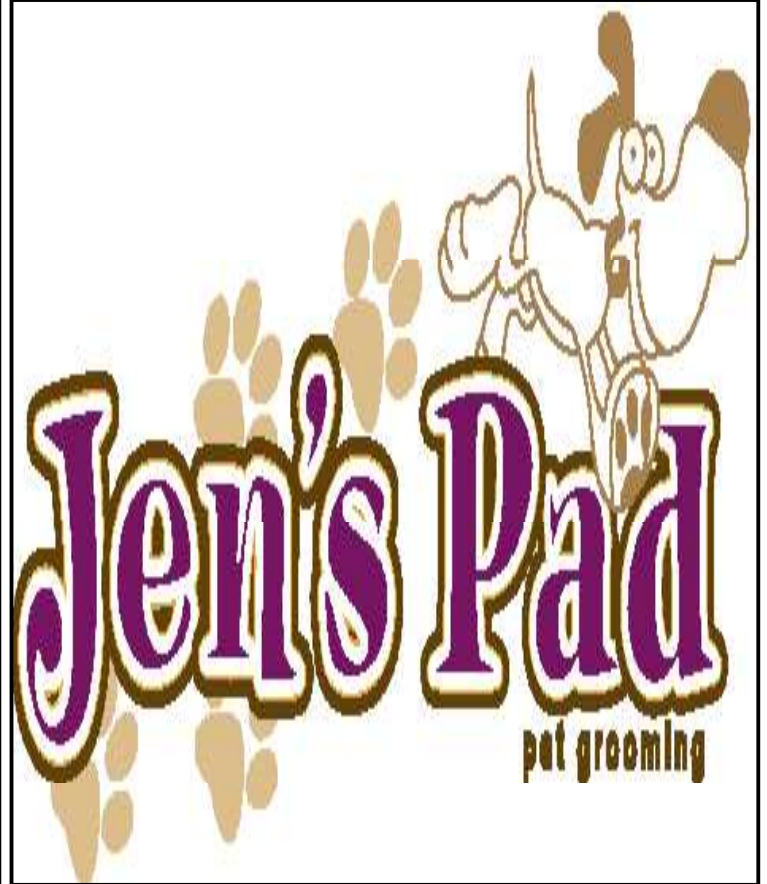


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Here comes March, in like a lion, out like a lamb and it's greetings from Oliver (Ollie to my intimates), resident top cat at SESA. I've beaten Kenny to the keyboard to tell you about Maxine, a five year old spayed female tabby in need of a new home.



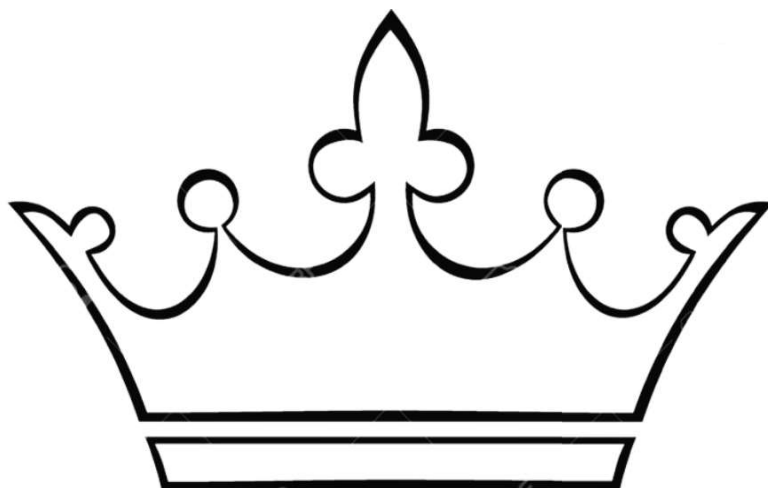
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Kenneth is snoozing by the Rayburn but his fans will be pleased to know he can write next time, under the auspices of me, Ollie (the Black) Cat. Suffolk & Essex Small Animal Welfare, Stoke Road, Leavenheath, CO6 4PP. Reg.Charity No.1124029.
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Bildeston King's Coronation Picnic at the Pavilion Sunday 7th May - 12.30 - 16.00ish

To celebrate the King's coronation we are hosting a chilled community catch up!

There will be a BBQ, Bar, live music, face painting, a fun dog show and some crafting activities.
Fancy Dress optional but there will be a prize...

Welcome to bring your own Picnic

We'd love you to join us at the
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(If the weather looks wet we'll move indoors to Chamberlin Hall)

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Annual Village Spring-clean

Bildeston's annual litter-pick is fast approaching and we have already had quite a few volunteers, so if you want to join in please give one of us a call.

As usual, you can pre-book a particular area of the village that you would like to work on or turn up and join in where needed. For newcomers to our lovely village this is a great way to get involved with the community and work alongside some fellow villagers.

We hope to cover all the pavements and pathways within the Parish boundary and the roadsides towards our neighbouring villages. As you will appreciate this is a lot of work, so the more volunteers the easier it is for us.

Come along and do your bit!



Saturday March 18th
Meet at 10a.m. on the Market Square
Bring your own gloves
(Hi-vis vests, bags and litter-pickers provided)
Children welcome with adult supervision.

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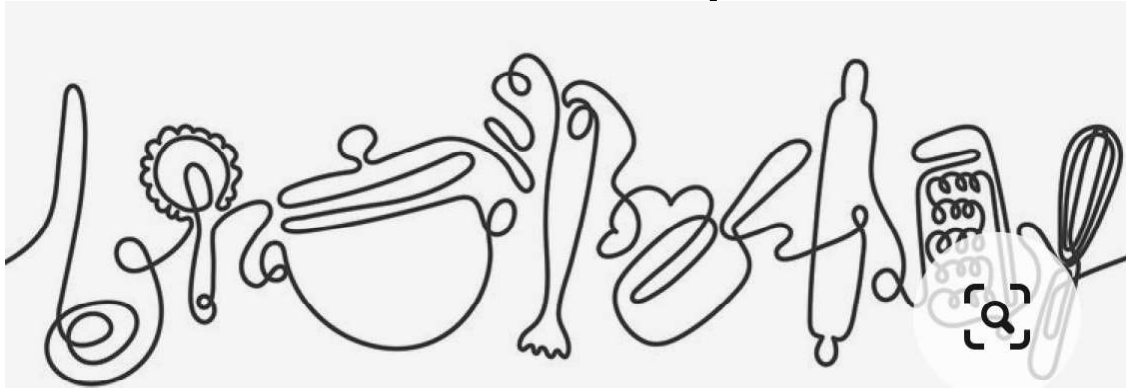


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Recipe of the Month

with thanks to Nicola

March recipe



Beetroot Hummus

For all beetroot lovers! This very quick and easy recipe makes a lovely pink hummus, perfect as a dip, in wraps or as a sandwich topping.

You will need:

250g cooked beetroot, drained and roughly chopped
400g tin chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1 garlic clove, peeled and roughly chopped
1tsp ground cumin
1tsp ground coriander
2tbsp fresh lemon juice
2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
freshly ground pepper and sea salt flakes to taste



Simply add all ingredients to a food processor and blitz until smooth. Keep covered in the fridge for up to 3 days.

For a light lunch try this open sandwich:

Toast or griddle a slice of sourdough bread, drizzle with good olive oil, spread some hummus on and scatter crumbled feta cheese over. Then drizzle with a tiny bit of thick balsamic vinegar and sprinkle with freshly chopped herbs and/or seeds (alfalfa works well too). Serve with a wedged of lime...Enjoy!

And show us your results! #bildestoncooks

Warm Spaces in Bildeston

With all the news of inflation, rising fuel prices and the cost of living crisis that bombard us on the news and hit us in our pockets, there is some good news in Bildeston.

The following places have been designated as warm spaces. A friendly place to go in the warm where you can have a hot drink and something to eat at reasonable prices. Come along and try them out. All ages catered for - a variety of activities are provided, play cards or board games or just sit and read or have a snooze, the choice is yours.

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Social Sundays 10.00 - 12.00 Sports Pavilion Breakfast snacks, cakes etc

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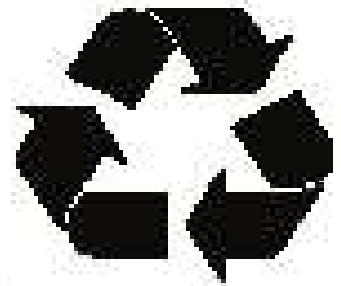
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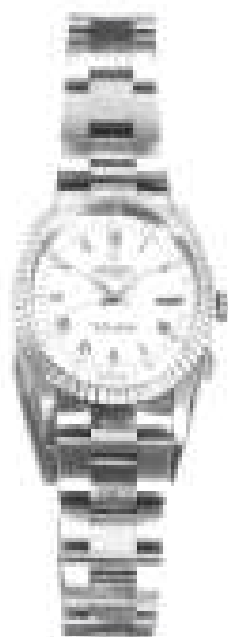
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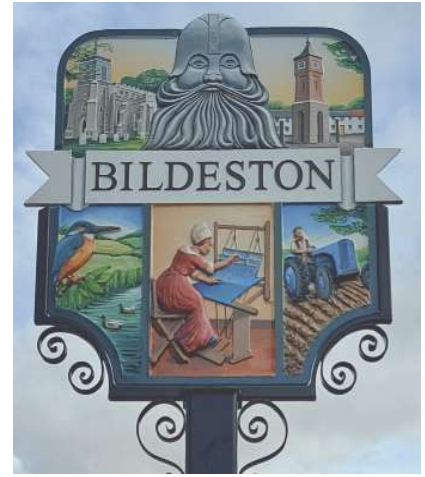
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BILDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes for the Parish Council meeting for Monday 13 February 2023, 19:00hrs, Baptist Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

Present: Cllr Alex Banks, Cllr Andrew Guttridge, Cllr Ashley Hubbard, Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Cllr Richard Lester, Cllr Ray McCann, Cllr Virginia Tuck (Vice Chair), 1x residents. Clerk – Angela Chapman.



C327/2223 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies: Cllr Tuck chaired the meeting due to the lateness to the meeting of the Chair. Apologies: CC/DC Robert Lindsay. Apologies accepted.

C328/2223 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Cllr Richard Lester – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve & St. Mary's Church PCC; Cllr Alex Banks – Sports Field/Pavilion

C329/2223 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C330/22/23 Minutes of Last Meeting held 9 January 2022, approved as true record with amendment to C314/22/23 road sweeper – corner Church Rd and Consent Lane, not Chapel Street. Minutes of meeting held 16 January 2023 approved a true record.

C331/22/23 Adjournments. Meeting adjourned 1910hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

CC/DC Robert Lindsay – report sent in absence as below –

Ipswich Road 48 houses

I am told the case officer at Babergh has agreed an extension on the outline planning permission to the end of March to allow time for Orwell to put in new reserved matters application of up to 48 houses. I have been told that if Orwell was to submit a completely new application (with more housing say) it would be judged under current circumstances, ie the fact Babergh currently meets its five year housing land supply target and "any other material change in circumstance" which I take to include the absence of the Joint Local Plan. The JLP, having been rejected by inspectors, is now years away from legal adoption. The JLP had put the site within the village built up boundary, but the Ipswich Road site is outside the boundary in the current local plan on which Babergh must now rely.

Babergh admits failure to meet health and safety standards for its tenants

The council has reported itself to the Social Housing Regulator for failing to keep up with checks on gas, electrical and asbestos safety checks for its council tenants.

Councillors were told at the end of November that the council had begun its own "in depth review" using two outside specialists. The first phase of the review included compliance, we were told. At the end of January they announced that:

- More than 150 properties had not received an annual gas safety inspection. Also carbon monoxide monitors were not yet installed in all relevant properties
- It did not have valid communal asbestos surveys for all its communal blocks. The Council reported over 70 (over 70%) of re-inspection asbestos surveys were overdue.
- More than 150 domestic properties do not have a current electrical condition report (meant to be every five years).
- Overall the council admitted there had been a lack of accurate data and record keeping around health and safety compliance.

The regulator found that there was the potential for serious detriment to Babergh tenants. Because the council had begun an urgent programme to remedy the matter, it would not take statutory action but would monitor the council closely.

The Assistant Director Housing left the council in the summer and a permanent replacement has yet to be found.

The Government tightened rules around council tenant safety after the Grenville Tower fire. I will be asking publicly what triggered the probe and if the backlog of housing repair work is also being investigated, particularly whether outside contractors are completing work in a timely manner.

Close to 40% of housing in Bildeston is social housing (though a big part of this is housing association) so this is relevant to our village.

Floods and drainage backlog

Due to a number of long-running flood issues in our Cosford division, which are not being prioritised by the county's drainage team, I requested details of what jobs had been done. Just 17 of the nearly 1000 flood and drain problems on Suffolk County Council's list have been completed. The extra £10m that was allocated in Dec 2021 to be spent over 3.5 years is being used for "low hanging fruit" – minor civil work – that are not in this list, and that work has been speeded up. Climate scientists have been predicting an increase in rain fall for some time, so it is a shame drainage repairs and maintenance appears to have been underfunded over the years.

County Council budget

For the 2023/24 budget the county council last week (9th Feb) voted to increase the council tax precept by 4%, (2% social care, 2% general tax) below the 5% cap the council is allowed. There are growing pressures from inflation, social care and childrens' services. By not going up to the full cap they are missing out on £3.78million and they will have to part fund a predicted shortfall partly by not budgeting for the extra social workers and occupational therapists they need. This is justified by the argument that in previous years they have not been able to recruit them. Our Green-led group proposed an amendment to go up almost to the 5% cap and use the extra to finance lower speed limits, help for libraries, electrifying community minibuses and extra specialist staff needed in social care. However, this amendment was voted down by the majority Conservative group.

Road re-classification Thorpe Green Lane

At the request of Thorpe Morieux Parish Council, I have asked County Highways to downgrade the classification of Thorpe Green Lane (from C to unclassified), and upgrade that of Bury Road (from unclassified to C) these will go to the Dept for Transport for final sign off and to GeoPlace who will in turn tell Ordnance Survey. The PC felt that satnavs were sending vehicles along narrow Green Lane instead of up the wider Bury Road. However, not all Satnav companies use Ordnance Survey for their information.

Resident – a representative from the Families Together toddler group, which uses the sports pavilion in Consent Lane as its venue, gave a report on the closure of the group. This was discussed at length, it was confirmed the PC are holding a small amount of funds from a previous toddler group. It was agreed and approved the PC would fund the venue for the group until the end of the Summer term, utilising the funds already held, when they will hopefully be able to find funding for the Autumn term. Sports Pavilion to invoice the PC directly.

C332/22/23 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A

DC/22/06309

Proposal: Cross Boundary - Hybrid Planning Application - Full Application for Bury St Edmunds to Colchester 69k Pipeline Scheme and associated above ground infrastructure at Raydon Water and Rushbrooke Water Treatment Works, Raydon Tee Chemical Dosing Site and Wherstead Water Reservoir. Outline Application for above ground infrastructure at Little Saxham Water Reservoir, Little Whelnetham, Nedging Tye Water Reservoir, Hadleigh Water Reservoir and Great Horkesley with all matters reserved except for Access (accompanied by EIA Statement).

Location: Anglian Water Services Bury To Colchester Pipeline.

Deadline: 14th February 2023

All construction traffic from Stowmarket and Needham Market to use the A14 and not go through Bildeston.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh DC

See Notification of Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Remove dead branches and reduce one

heavy branch from 1No. Ash (T1). Granary House, High Street, Bildeston, Suffolk

Babergh District Council as Local Planning Authority, hereby give notice that it DOES NOT WISH TO OBJECT

C333/22/23 Progress and Projects Reports

- a. Mill Lane footpath – work complete
- b. Environmental management – Clerk to arrange a FWG meeting with operatives.
- c. High St/ Ipswich Rd grass triangle project – SCC have issued a license to enable the project to go ahead. The costings and works approved. A resident to oversee the project, give labour and a donation for the materials. It was agreed for resident volunteers to carry out watering for the first year, review installation of a tap in a years' time.
- d. Village accessibility – footways – go via CC Robert Lindsay.
- e. Information board/ Market Place – Clerk to put advert in Bugle for volunteers to be involved in design of the style of map, and landmarks features etc, they will need local knowledge.
March agenda – add Henry Morphew historical papers.
- f. Anglian Water – March mtg – Mark Pryke to attend.
- g. Home Start family group – see above.
- h. Sports field hedging and possible fencing – wildflower area needs to be raked, Clerk to contact contractor.
Saplings/ hedging on bund, it was agreed a fence, as requested by BDC would not help. Contact Woodland Trust for possible saplings.
- i. Update on village amenities
Grove cemetery – hedge cutting complete; grave sunk in November, it was reinstated badly, Gwinnells have been contacted numerous times, with no response. Gravediggers responsibility. Clerk or Chair to contact them if nothing heard by end of this week.
Review Grove cemetery fees in May.
Bilder sign needs to be put up by St Mary's church, Clerk to chase.
Plaque to be engraved on brass for village sign. Clerk to arrange.
Sports field – boiler packed up, looking at replacement; also leaking pipes. Defib—ongoing.

C334/22/23 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a) Payment for approval – Cllrs Guttridge & Tuck to authorise
- b) Scribe monthly accounting reports – check, approved and signed
- c) Internal auditor Trevor Brown appointed and approved
- d) note the external auditor by SAAA, PKF Littlejohn - noted
- e) internal control statement fin yr 2023/24 – approved and signed
- f) grant/ donation request from Bildeston PTFA – send application form, May meeting
- g) to consider encouraging attendees to meetings – MPs, County & District Councillors, Police – discussion took place around how to promote physical presence.

C335/22/23 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

Bugle – advert for Cllr vacancies and info board.

Royal British legion Remembrance Day collections for 2021 and 2022, donation figures not received. Write to RBL in London for collection figures from parish and surrounding areas. Advise local collectors.

Market Place clearing leaves – chase BDC.

Clerk to arrange patch up fence at Chamberlin Close playground; buy new swing supply and fix.

Heating Bildeston stakeholder meeting – Cllr Tuck to represent the PC, 23rd Feb.

High St/ Squirrells Mill – temp bus stop sign to be removed. Report to SCC.

Quiet Lanes – SCC run out of brackets! Signs will be put up as soon as to hand.

C336/22/23 Items for next agenda

Anglian Water/ Mark Pryke

Elections

Henry Morpew Trust historical papers

Meeting closed 2107hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 13 March 2023, 1900hrs, Baptist Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

Village website: www.bildeston.org



Bildeston Parish Council

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You could help the Parish Council in a project to design an information board to be placed in the Market Place. It would assist walkers, cyclists and anyone visiting the village giving information on interesting places and walks.

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The Duet - 'Bei Männern, welche Liebe fühlen' - for soprano & baritone from The Magic Flute.

The soloists are: Kathryn Jenkin (Soprano), Maria Brown (Mezzo Soprano), Phillip Conway-Brown (Tenor), Mark Saberton (Bass-Baritone) & double bassist Clare Larkman. Both Mark and Clare have local connections; Mark being from Sudbury and Clare from Woodbridge.

Our conductor is Benedict Collins Rice and William Baldry will be playing Chamber Organ.

Mozart composed part of his Requiem mass in D minor in Vienna in late 1791 but it was unfinished at his death on 5 December that year at the age of only 35. His student Franz Xavier Süssmayr completed the piece in 1792.

Mozart imagines a very dramatic end of the world in the Dies Irae, the day of wrath - whilst Lacrimosa, the day full of tears, is very beautiful and sad. Mozart only wrote the first eight bars before he died. However, in composing the remaining parts Süssmayr may well have accessed Mozart's incomplete notes and have recalled previous discussions with the composer. Regardless of who wrote which parts of the Requiem it still sounds wonderful to most of us. As Beethoven said 'If Mozart did not write the music, then the man who wrote it was a Mozart.'

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Dear All,

Hope you are all keeping well as there appears to be outbreaks of ordinary 'Flu' and 'Colds.' This is normal at this time of year but left us with a slight apprehension since the pandemic.

March is the month I often think can be a slight crossroad for us all. This March we are into the season of Lent a time each year when we can reflect on what we are giving up or sharing with others. This year we have already seen such devastation in all its forms. Highlighted through the continuation of war in Europe, a natural disaster in the middle east and the concerns surrounding the of cost of living. A roller coaster of events makes us all think and reflect on what can we do to make things better for others.

During the season of Lent on the Fourth Sunday each year we celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' or also known as 'Mother's Day.' Centuries ago, the Church developed a tradition of encouraging worshippers to make an annual pilgrimage to their '**Mother**' Church on the 4th Sunday in Lent. This would often be at the local Cathedral and a time when people would share refreshments after the service. Local servant girls would be encouraged to attend and meet up with their families and especially their mothers. On the journey to the Cathedral the girls would pick wild spring flowers from the hedgerows and woods to make a posy to give to their mothers.

The tradition of meeting up with your mother's or remembering those mothers who are no longer with us gives a time of reflection. There is sadness when we see the breakup of families through war, natural disasters and through illness or tragic events. Many of you will visit your mothers or remember your mothers who are no longer with you. We can also remember those who have been like mothers to us. Remembering those who find that day very painful for whatever reason. Many though will be looking forward to having the opportunity to hug and enjoy as families that special day. I would like again to share this special prayer with all of you.

Loving God, Thank you for mothers and children and for all the joy of family life. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother. Be with those who are struggling because they have no children. Be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love. Let your love be present in every home and help your church to have eyes to see and hear the needs of all who come. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

This year we will be celebrating Mothering Sunday in three of our churches in this benefice; St Mary Magdalene, Bildeston, St Mary's Naughton and St Margaret's Whatfield. A time where gifts of flowers or plants are given to those who can attend or to those in our villages, who may still feel lonely and vulnerable. All are welcome at our Mothering Sunday Services.

Blessing and love to you all during this season of Lent, keep safe and take care.

God Bless
Revd Elke

***Services in the Brett Valley Benefice
March 2023***

| Date 2023 | Time | Service | Church |
|---|------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| 5 th March | 11am | Holy Communion | Bildeston |
| | 11am | Morning Prayer | Naughton |
| 12 th March | 11am | Holy Communion | Semer |
| | 11am | Morning Prayer | Whatfield |
| 19 th March Mothering Sunday | 10am | Mothering Sunday Services | Naughton |
| | 11am | | Bildeston |
| | 11. 15 am | | Whatfield |
| 26 th March Benefice Service | 11am | Holy Communion | Nedging |



Lunch club

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01449 741772 for details..... Every Mon

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Community Coffee Centre

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

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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

Open Mic Night Chamberlin Hall 7.00pm.....Every Wednesday

Social Evening Chamberlin Hall 7.00pm.....Every Friday

Social Wednesdays

Sports Pavilion 12.30 to 3.30pm.....Every Wednesday

Bildeston Garden Group

call Debbie 07948083769Last Wed of the month

Ladies Club 1st Thursday of the month

Chamberlain Hall 7.30pmThurs 2nd

Bildeston Parish Council Meeting

Baptist Hall 7.00pm.....Mon 13th

Bildeston Community Cycling

Market Square 9.30am.....Sat 4th

Bildeston Bowls Club Signing-on Meeting @ CH Fri 15th @ 6.30pm

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

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More details on these events inside.



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