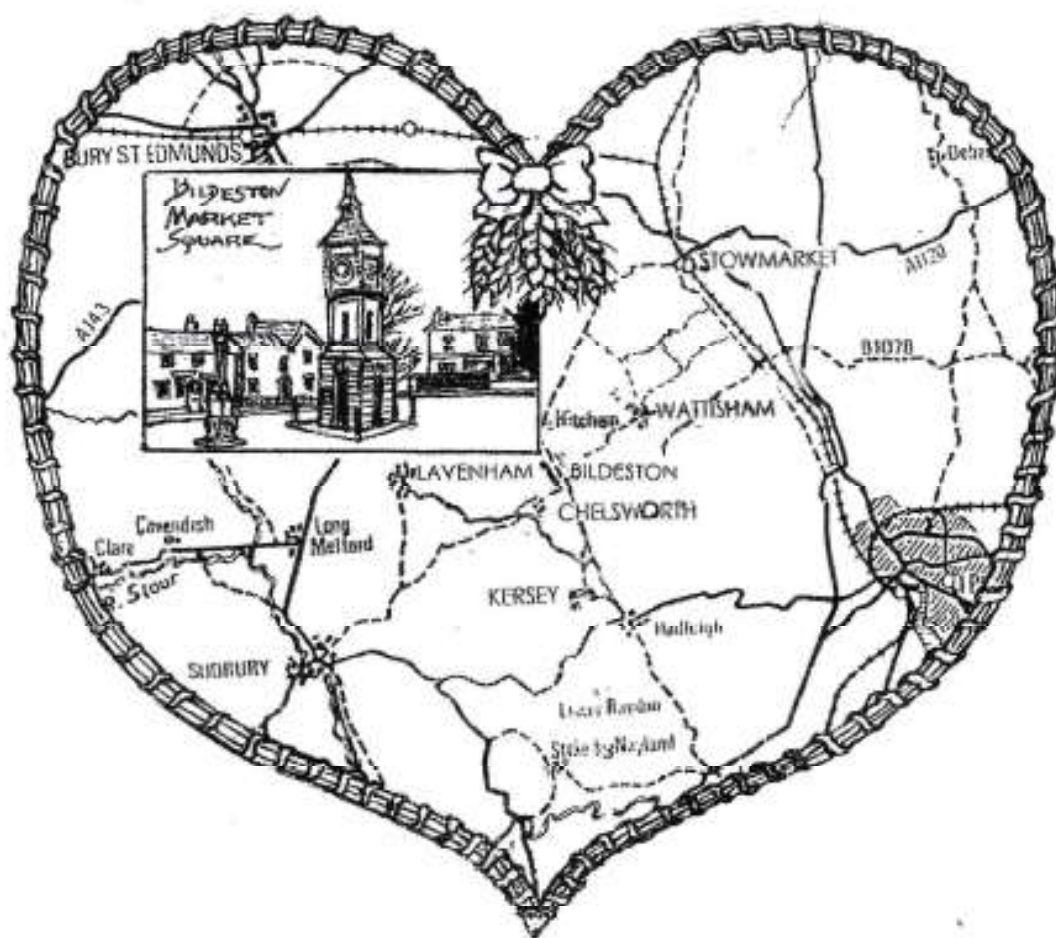


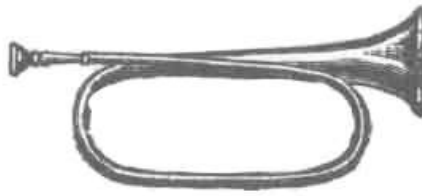
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## ED'S COMMENTS

Well that's another month that has gone by in the blink of an eye, and April is almost upon us.

It's so lovely to see lots of gardens coming alive again with so many brightly coloured flowers - crocuses, daffodils, and soon it will be the turn of the tulips to make an appearance if they haven't already.

The lighter evenings are creeping in too, and the clocks will go forward over the last weekend in March, so the evenings will be lighter for longer, although the mornings will suffer initially because it becomes darker. There's always a temptation to plant out some new plants, but please err on the side of caution with these as research suggests that we may still have some frost towards the end of April.

One of the other things to look forward to in the spring is seeing the young lambs in the fields - always an uplifting sight!

Easter is also just around the corner - I think the supermarkets have done a good job in reminding us since the end of 2022 when all their Easter goodies started appearing on shelves and gradually taking up more and more shelf space as we get closer.



P.S. A quick reminder below of the dates for Easter..

Good Friday- 7th April  
Easter Saturday - 8th April  
Easter Sunday - 9th April  
Bank Holiday Monday - 10th April



### **Music in Reception**

Goldcrest Class have had great fun learning how to play the Glockenspiel as part of their music lessons. They had a great time playing along to nursery rhymes.

### **Taste Testing in Kestrel Class**

Following their lesson where they studied vegetables the children tasted two of those vegetables made into soup - butternut squash and carrot and coriander. Very tasty! The class are really enjoying watching their seeds grow ready for planting which include lemons, peppers, potatoes and some beautiful sweet peas – our canes are ready for them to grow

onto!

### **Kestrel Class Visit**

The Wellcome Genome Campus undertakes genome and biodata research. They provide bioinformatics services to the world and they deliver vital training in genomics and biodata to scientists and clinicians.

The children learned all about the Campus, about DNA, made their own DNA bracelets and got to talk with and ask the scientists at Wellcome lots of questions. They also looked around some of the buildings and one of the labs where testing takes place. A super interesting day!



### **World Book Day**

Congratulations to everyone who brought in a potato decorated as their favourite book character, not an easy task! Children also brought their favourite book into school and they were able to enjoy the pleasure of reading in lots of different areas in the school. Staff enjoyed going into other classes to share their favourite books with the children.

To coincide with World Book Day, we were delighted to have the author, Steve Skidmore visit us at Bildeston! Steve has been writing books for over twenty-five years and has produced over 230 titles. The children enjoyed workshops and a really interactive day sharing a writers' enthusiasm for books.

### **The Great Fire of London**

This term KS1 are learning about The Great fire of London! The children have been exploring being a fire fighter, painting pictures of the fire, looking at wheels and axles by making their own cars and building London landmarks. They even recreated the houses on Pudding Lane! 🔥



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	7.00 - 10.00 pm	Carpet Bowls Contact Mike 01284 827688
Wednesday	7.30 - 11.30 pm	Open Mic Night. Food available
	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Snooker Club Contact George 07508 402370
Thursday	10.00 - 10.50 am	Zumba Gold
	6.30 - 7.30 pm	WHISTLE & WAG DOG TRAINING <a href="mailto:Info@whistleandwag.dog">Info@whistleandwag.dog</a>
Friday	11.00 - 1.00 pm	Pilates contact Claire 07900 440141
	7.00 - 11.00 pm	Social evening. Food available

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Saturday 1st	7.00 - 11.30 pm	Karaoke
Thursday 6th	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Ladies Club
Saturday 8th	7.00 - 10.00 pm	Bingo. Eyes down at 7.30 pm, food available in the interval, cash only for bingo cards
Thursday 13th	5.00 - 10.00 pm	FAMILY EASTER DISCO

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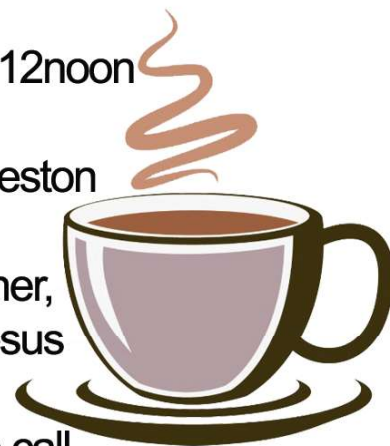
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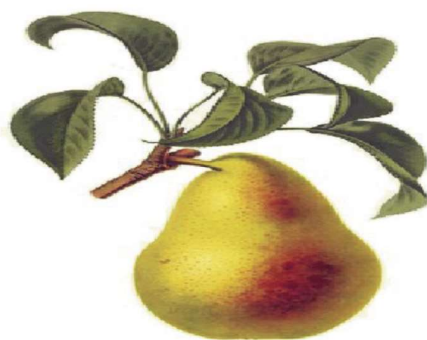
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decorate the Church for Easter Day, this year on  
Sunday 9th April.



Because of the high price of flowers at Easter we have a  
special Resurrection Book where people might like to name  
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Easter flowers. We open this book on Easter Day as we  
celebrate the resurrection at our service and leave it by the font for you to see. If  
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before Wednesday 5th April and place donations for flowers in one of the enve-  
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in donations 'hole in the wall' next to the bell tower or deliver to:

Angela Rodgers at 36 High Street. Thank you.

## FUND RAISING PLANT SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

The Church Fund Raising Plant Sale and Coffee Morning  
will be held on

Thursday 11th May 2023 at Carlisle House, 13 Chapel St  
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10am until 1pm

All very welcome

Donations of Potted Plants would be much appreciated

# Bildeston Ladies Club

## The Wesley Ukulele Band perform for Bildeston Ladies Club



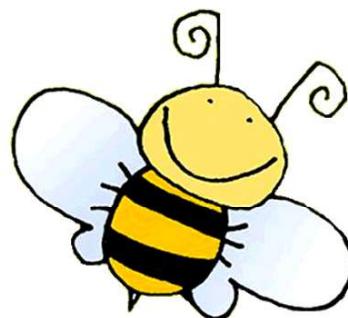
We had a fabulous evening with entertainment from members of the band, none of whom had ever played an instrument before they formed up two years ago. How brave of them to stand up in front of an audience, not pretending to do anything other than just have a go and make music together. They took us on a trip down memory lane as we sang along to many familiar hits from our youth! In the two years since the band was started they have raised over £2000 for charity and we were happy to support their latest fundraising for a young Elmswell lad suffering from Leukaemia.

# Bildeston Ladies Club



Marion and Susan - two willing volunteers!

At our next meeting we will be entertained by Roger Chapman with his talk entitled *Getting A Buzz From Beekeeping*. You might have enjoyed his honey (like me), now come and hear all about his hobby!



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CAFE STOP HALFWAY. BACK ABOUT 12.30pm.

### **PUT IT IN THE DIARY NOW!**

Warm clothing recommended. The ride will be mainly on quiet lanes, at an acceptable speed (no-one left behind!). Regret no unaccompanied children under 16.

#### **BILDESTON BELL RINGERS**

We have a regular group of ringers every Tuesday from 8pm to 9.15pm but are always happy to get new ringers ringing. This takes a few weeks to get people up and running but most people get there in the end. We also ring before our Sunday services and special occasions, weddings, Coronations etc

If anyone is interested in ringing for the Coronation of King Charles III on May 6th there may just be time in ten weeks to get newcomers involved

For more details contact: Neil Ashwell 01449 741370

**CELLO RECITAL** at St MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH on **THURSDAY 18th MAY** at 6.30pm  
Orlando Jopling, an internationally renowned Cellist, Conductor and Artistic Director, has been invited to give a Cello Recital in the Church at 6.30 pm on Thursday 18th May. He has given Recitals at over a hundred churches in recent years as part of a 'Cello Pilgrimage'. We very much look forward to the evening being well supported with any funds raised going to a specific project to enhance the fabric of the church.

Tickets will be £15 per head to include a glass of Wine & Nibbles. Tickets can be reserved through Martin Rodgers, [mam.rodgers@btinternet.com](mailto:mam.rodgers@btinternet.com) or Neil Ashwell, [neilashwell@aol.com](mailto:neilashwell@aol.com)



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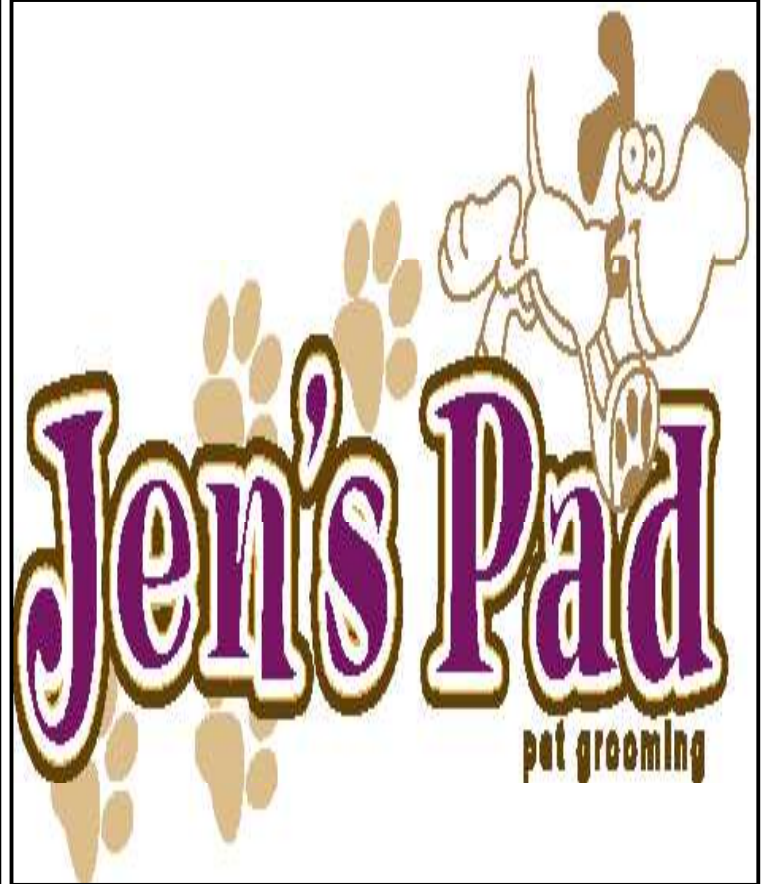
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To celebrate the King's Coronation we are hosting a chilled community get together!

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Fancy Dress optional but there will be a prize...

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## NOTICE FROM STUDIO 66

As I'm sure lots of you are all aware that sadly Tanya is no longer at Studio 66. She's now doing what has been her passion for some time now, Forest schooling.

We wish her all the best in this, but after working together for about 23 years on and off, it's an end of an era for us all, and so Studio 66 are pleased to welcome a new member to the team of Emma and myself (Darlene).

Her name is Anne Gregory and she has 36 years experience working in salons and being mobile. Anne's hours at the salon will be all day Wednesday and Saturday mornings.

Along with myself and Emma we hope you will soon be along to make an appointment with one of the team and while you're in the salon, sample some Tropics as I have now become an Ambassador, and we have lots of samples for you to try available at the Studio 66 or perhaps you'd like to book a pamper party. I truly believe in this range and use it myself.

We at Studio 66 hope to see you soon for those Spring hairdos and summer ready highlights which is just around the corner.  
From Darlene, Emma & Anne @ Studio 66



# King's Pightle News



**Fund Raiser April 23rd**



**DAWN CHORUS & BREAKFAST £10.00**

If you can get up with the lark and would like to join some like minded people in the KINGS PIGHTLE NATURE RESERVE to listen to the dawn chorus followed by a full cooked breakfast at the Pavilion this event is for you. This may be something you have always said you would do but never got around to doing it, now is your opportunity.

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Elaine Talbott [elainetalbott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:elainetalbott@hotmail.co.uk)  
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## **SPORTS FIELD NEWS**

Social Wednesdays have been running well providing a warm space and cooked meal but this will stop at the end of March, when our winter warmth grant ceases, however we will review this and keep you up to date in May's Bugle.

Social Sundays will continue but will be closed on Easter Sunday.

**A BIG THANK YOU to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HAVE MADE  
THESE EVENTS POSSIBLE**

For more information and any changes please check Bildeston Noticeboard and Bildeston Sports Field face book pages or contact Elaine Talbott 07766527433

It was a sad day that the baby and toddler group closed at the Sports Pavilion but new funding has been found for both training of volunteers and for the running of a new group which we hope will be opening very soon - full details in May's Bugle and on The Bildeston Noticeboard.

**Keep the date Sunday 9th July The Bildeston Brocante.**

# ENERGY FOR BILDESTON - THE FUTURE - YOU DECIDE

As most of the Bildeston residents will be aware of, there is at present a 'Heat Bildeston Scheme' being progressed. In simple terms this would involve deep bore-holes which would pump hot water to the properties in Bildeston via a network of pipework through the village Roads and Estates.

In the long term it is hoped this would provide hot water at a very competitive rate. However, recently where an exploratory bore-hole was being drilled on the Northern edge of the village for this scheme, another form of energy was discovered. A huge deposit of carbon neutral shale gas deep underground was discovered.

Contact has been made with L F Polario the USA Company making the discovery, and who are experts in this type of energy and have several plants like this operating in the USA. We believe within the USA they provide this type of energy free to households within a 2 mile radius of the extraction plant to compensate for any inconvenience caused.

One big advantage of this form of energy is that there would be no need for any pipework as each household would have their own storage tank, similar to an oil or propane tank which would be filled in the same way as oil/propane.

Also as electrical appliances need replacing, these could be replaced mostly by gas appliances, although televisions etc. might be excluded. These schemes are in the very early development stages, so it would be good to know what the Villagers thoughts are before either of these schemes are progressed further.

Please see page 28 for more details on L F Polario...

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## SESAW NEWS

The garden is full of birdsong heralding the arrival of Spring but it's so cold at the time of writing! Poor old Ollie (the Black) Cat is tantalised by the nesting birds he can only watch from the window as he recovers from a little accident. He has enjoyed being pampered but he's getting restless now.



The improvements outside are coming along nicely, thanks to our willing volunteers and a work party from the Colchester based branch of Informa. The team braved miserable weather to spruce up the site and were still smiling at the end of the day. A big thank you to all of them, please come back soon!

Thanks are also due to Pets At Home in Colchester for choosing SESA W as the store's official charity for 2023. We look forward to meeting customers in store during the year.

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I hope the weather has warmed up by the time you read this from me, Kenny (the Boss) Chihuahua.

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## Bildeston Litter Pick Report 2023



Smiling litter-pickers set off. I'm not so sure that we were all still smiling when we saw the amount of litter we collected again this year! Sadly, it seems that many people have no interest in protecting our environment.

The weather was not very good but we carried on as normal with our group of regular

volunteers and some folk who joined us for the first time.

A great effort was made to tidy up the village pathways and roadsides in spite of the conditions, which as well as making us cold and wet, made the rubbish soggy and heavy!

As the morning progressed the litter piled up within the clock tower, ready for collection by the council. As ever, the rubbish consisted mainly of food and beverage packaging and some surprising dumped items including a car seat, washing line and a household telephone!

Thanks to all who came out to help on such a dismal day. We do need more helpers to share the load, so perhaps you might consider joining us next year.

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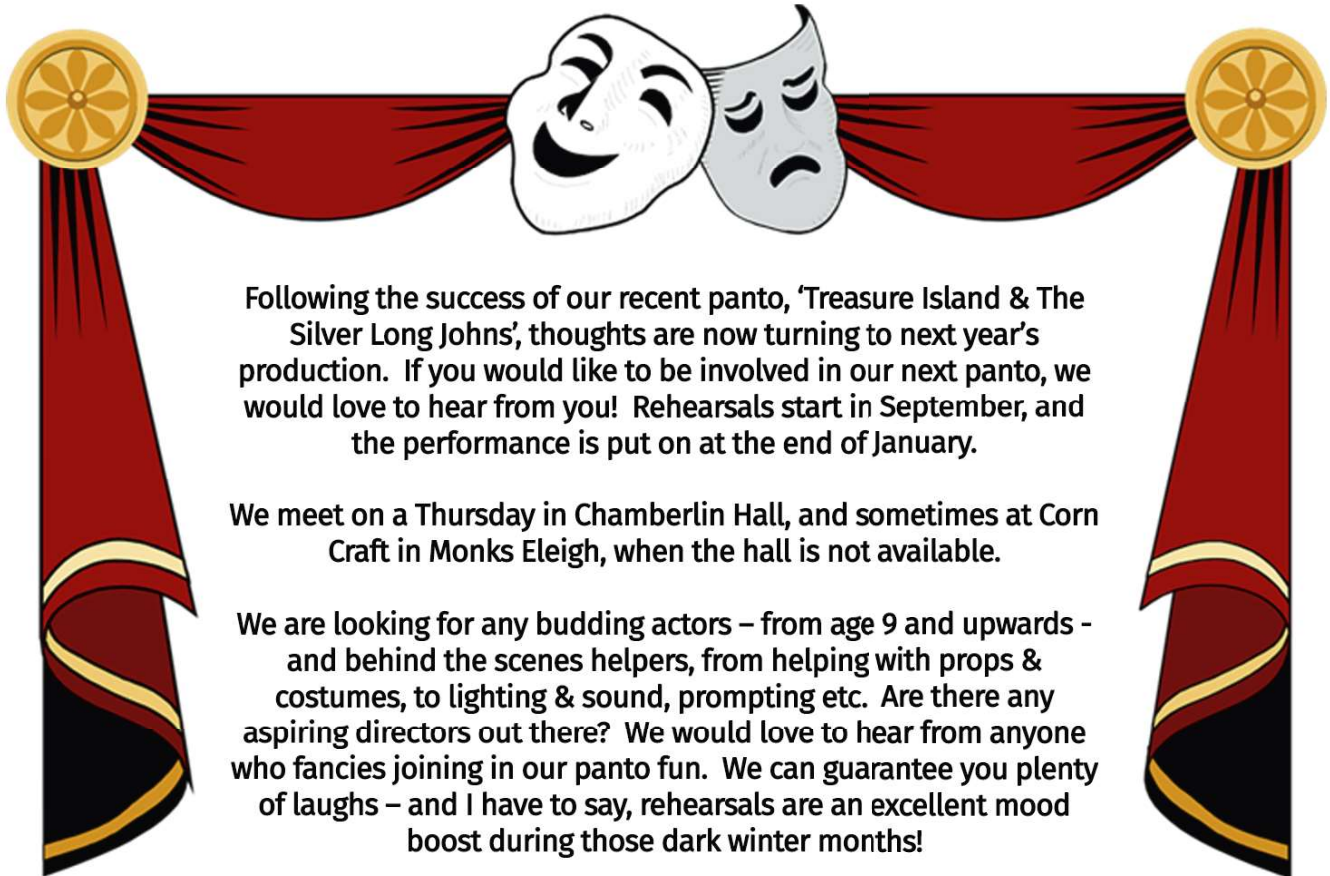
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# Drama Group



Following the success of our recent panto, 'Treasure Island & The Silver Long Johns', thoughts are now turning to next year's production. If you would like to be involved in our next panto, we would love to hear from you! Rehearsals start in September, and the performance is put on at the end of January.

We meet on a Thursday in Chamberlin Hall, and sometimes at Corn Craft in Monks Eleigh, when the hall is not available.

We are looking for any budding actors – from age 9 and upwards - and behind the scenes helpers, from helping with props & costumes, to lighting & sound, prompting etc. Are there any aspiring directors out there? We would love to hear from anyone who fancies joining in our panto fun. We can guarantee you plenty of laughs – and I have to say, rehearsals are an excellent mood boost during those dark winter months!

The 'annual panto' has been a village tradition for decades in Chamberlin Hall. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful stage and facilities, and the shows have brought much fun and laughter to local people over the years.

It would be fantastic to get more people involved, so please don't be shy! If you would like to join us or wish to know more, please call Caroline on 0777 6085277

*A pantomime horse walks into a bar. The barman says 'Fancy a pint?' The horse says 'No, two halves, thanks.'*

## ENERGY FOR BILDESTON - THE FUTURE

Thank you for reading the article on page 19. However, please re-arrange the letters that make up 'L F Polario'  
When rearranged, they also make up the words  
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# A treat for Easter - Toffee Amaretto Truffles

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## The ingredients

- |          |                                            |
|----------|--------------------------------------------|
| 12       | soft and fresh medjool dates               |
| 60g      | almond butter                              |
| 2 tsp    | Amaretto (or use a drop of almond essence) |
| 150g bar | dark chocolate                             |
| 1 tbsp   | finely chopped pistachio                   |
|          | sea salt flakes                            |



Mix the Amaretto into the almond butter until smooth. Remove the stones from the dates and fill each date with the Amaretto almond butter, squeeze the dates shut and freeze them for 5 minutes.

(To make heart shapes, cut the dates on the diagonal and stick them together to form a heart, freeze for a further 10 minutes)

Melt the chocolate and then dip each date into the chocolate, transfer to a wire rack and immediately sprinkle with the pistachios and a few sea salt flakes.

These will keep, when stored in an airtight container in the fridge, for up to a week.

Happy Easter! And remember to share your results #bildestoncooks

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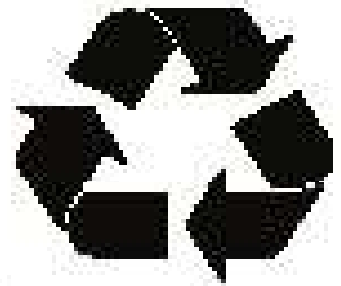
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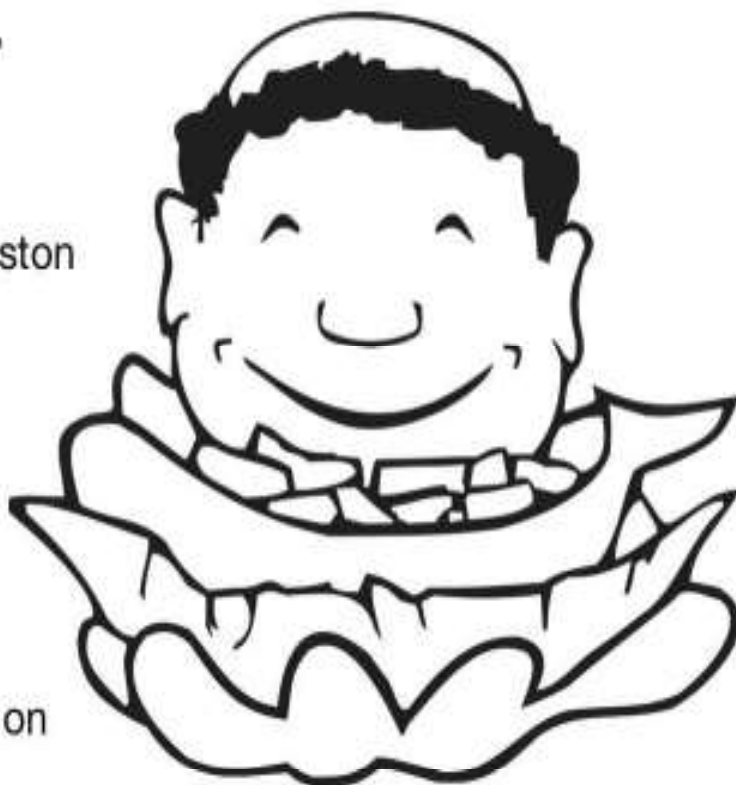
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# Bildeston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held Monday 13 March 2023, 19:00hrs,  
at the Baptist church hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.

**Present:** CC/DC Robert Lindsay, Cllr Andrew Guttridge, Cllr Ashley Hubbard, Cllr Sarah Leigh-Hunt, Cllr Richard Lester (Chair), Cllr Virginia Tuck (Vice Chair), 2x representatives from Anglian Water, 1x resident. Clerk – Angela Chapman.

**C337/2223 Chairman's Welcome and Apologies:** Chairman Lester welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies: Cllr Alex Banks, Cllr Ray McCann. Apologies accepted.

**C338/2223 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests.** Cllr Richard Lester – Kings Pightle Nature Reserve & St. Mary's Church PCC.

**C339/2223 Requests for dispensations in respect of pecuniary interests.** None.

**C340/22/23 Minutes of Last Meeting** held 13 February 2022, approved as true record.

**C341/22/23 Adjournments. Meeting adjourned 1906hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors, and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.**

**CC/DC Robert Lindsay** – report as below.

## **20mph scheme design**

I am told that Highways are aiming to get a firm proposal to put to us by the end of this month (March) and we can then arrange an online call for myself and PC reps to discuss with them.

## **Dropped kerbs by former Post Office**

The cost estimate for this has now gone up because officers tell me a safety audit will need to be done because changing the shape of the junction by "squaring off" the kerb may affect the whole junction.

They have said it could now cost in the region of £5,900 - £7,100 for dropped kerb and £9,450 - £11,250 for a raised platform crossing. They will investigate whether they can reduce this by tying in a road closure with the 20mph scheme and also if they only need to do the Post Office side.

## **Newberry House**

I have asked for a site meeting with highways to discuss with owners. Will update verbally if there is anything. Verbally updated it has been agreed to put a sign on the wall just before the property and warning colours on the porch roof.

## **Babergh Council to down-size accommodation**

Babergh Cabinet voted to give back one of the two floors they rent at Endeavour House from Suffolk County Council, saving approximately £338,000. The majority of staff are now home working with some office visits for meetings etc.

## **Empty homes funding**

Owners of empty homes may be eligible to an Empty Homes Renovation Loan designed to help improve vacant properties across the districts which have been empty for over six months and in need of significant repairs. Empty Homes Renovation Loans of up to £20,000 are interest free and can help to carry out a range of major repairs including installing a central heating system, electrical rewire or fixing a leaking roof.

## **Suffolk Biodiversity Recommendations**

The cabinet approved plans to enhance the biodiversity of at least 30% of its land by 2030. This was a result of a motion we proposed a couple of years back and a cross party panel. Examples include ensuring 30% of council owned land is managed to enhance nature by 2030, planting more hedgerows, improving highway trees, and developing nature-based flood management solutions. For more information, visit:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-news/show/councils-commitment-to-further-enhancing-suffolks-natural-environment>

### **Bus Back Better and Bus Recovery Grant**

The Government has written to highways authorities, including Suffolk to advise it that it is cutting the pot available for investing in buses from £3bn to £1.4bn. It is not clear whether this will affect the £77m bid for bus improvements from Suffolk County council. Separately the Bus Recovery Grant, which has been helping operators like Hadleigh Community Transport through Covid is due to expire at the end of April. There will be a temporary one off payment to tide them through to the summer holidays and after that funding is yet to be announced.

### **Anglian Water presentation, C343/33/23 below.**

See separate report in the Bugle.

### **C342/22/23 Planning Applications**

#### **Planning Appendix A**

##### **DC/23/01122**

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Removal of 4 courses of brickwork from top of chimney (due to safety concerns)

Location: 138 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7ED

Deadline: 28th March 2023.

Comments: No objection.

#### **Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh DC**

None.

### **C343/22/23 Progress and Projects Reports**

- a. Village accessibility – footways – defer due to Cllr McCann's absence
- b. Information board – Market Place – defer to April meeting
- c. Anglian Water – Mark Pryke giving presentation on Bildeston's water leaks see C341/22/23 above.
- d. Play area remedial works – quote received late – Clerk to give report at April meeting
- e. Families Together toddler group – update – Sports Field have agreed to take over the running of the group, funding has been secured for insurance and training. Possible Locality funding for new furniture and toys/ books.
- f. Update on village amenities –  
Quiet Lanes project now finished with the sign up.  
The old wooden village sign – 'Bilder' – has been erected at the Grove cemetery, with several complimentary comments. Suggestion made to landscape around the base, Clerk to action.

### **C344/22/23 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports**

- a) Payment for approval – Cllrs Leigh-Hunt & Tuck to authorise
- b) Scribe monthly accounting reports – not available
- c) Review and re-adopt Standing Orders – defer to April meeting
- d) Review and re-adopt Financial Regulations – defer to April meeting
- e) Request for grant/ donation towards Coronation event – Nick English/ B Natural & Coronation committee gave details of the event, requesting £500 for the event. Council approved in principle, would like the funds to be put towards something specific. Put on April agenda.
- f) Date of Annual Parish meeting – agreed to hold this before the Tues 11 April meeting at Baptish Hall, for accessibility purposes. 7.00pm start, Parish Council start approx. 7.30pm.

### **C345/22/23 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council**

### **C346/22/23 Items for next agenda**

Anglian Water

Elections

Henry Morphew Trust historical papers

Chamberlin Close play area – ratify approval of sign and opening/ closing

Chamberlin Close remedial works

Information board – Market Place

Grove cemetery – management change

Standing Orders

Financial Regulations

Donation request for village Coronation event

Meeting closed 2107hrs.

**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 April 2023, Annual Parish Meeting at 1900hrs followed by Parish Council meeting at approx. 7.30pm at Baptist Hall, Duke Street, Bildeston.**

Village website: [www.bildeston.org](http://www.bildeston.org)

## **Bildeston Parish Council Councillor vacancies**

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## **Bildeston Parish Council**

### **Report from Anglian Water**

Mark Pryke, Network Manager (Ipswich), Anglian Water representative attended the meeting with Darren Cody, Network Service Support Manager who knows the area well.

They were asked what the plan was for Bildeston.

Mark and Darren gave a comprehensive presentation on how Anglian Water works locally.

Maintenance to the main water pipe in Bildeston is coming to a head, the infrastructure in Bildeston is old, made worse due to climate change and movement of the soil.

The water to the village comes from Semer, and reservoir and tower at Nedging Tye. Water pressure also plays a part; it is very high in Bildeston because of the topography; however, pressure management cannot be used as it would mean the water then wouldn't reach neighbouring villages.

The recent road closure near the Health Centre was discussed, Mark explaining how AW have 15 year contracts with contractors, which gives continuity and co-ordination. However, the Parish Council explained it felt there is a lack of co-ordination between the various contractors and AW. Mark took this on board, explained that a full road closure, which is dealt with by a road traffic management company, has very high restrictions, though, AW acknowledged the works could be managed better and will work on this. Suffolk County Council Highways require the surface to be completely finished in one go, not a temporary fix with a return visit. All works must be carried out under The Red Book regulations.

Mark and Darren's operational team monitor works locally, reporting back to the central team. There are 5-year investments cycles with business plans built, jobs ranked for cost and maintenance, frequency and inconvenience to everyone. Any proposal goes to the repair team from Mark's team for approval.

With regards a timeframe, Mark's team are pushing for the whole main to be replaced. A feasibility study is being held very soon, which may give initial approval to the works subject to funding. There is 650 metres of pipe to be replaced through the High Street under the plan.

The Parish Council agreed to communicate with AW through Facebook, the village website and noticeboards to keep the village updated and informed.

Live operational map link [www.inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/AnglianWater](http://www.inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/AnglianWater)

There is a Priority Services Register for vulnerable residents, who can register on the AW website. [www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/)

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Dear All,

As of the date of writing Rev. Elke's husband, Roger, is in West Suffolk Hospital. Please keep Elke and Roger in your prayers.

April is the month we all look forward to as it heralds the arrival of Spring with warmer days (we hope!), opportunities to get outside more and cutting the grass again. Right outside my window is a beautiful magnolia tree with its buds about to open. Each year I look forward to seeing the blossom on this tree with its vibrant colour, a sign of the start of the renewal of creation.

In the Church year, April can be a time of sadness and rejoicing. This year, on April 2, we celebrate Palm Sunday when the Lord Jesus rode into Jerusalem to the adulation of the crowd shouting 'Hosanna', only to find five days later that we remember the death of Jesus on a cross, that same crowd's shout having changed to 'Crucify him'. The Christian message is that Jesus died for all the sin and imperfection in the world.

However, on April 9 we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in the great feast of Easter, the most important time in the Church year, providing for humanity the promise of eternal life. There are services in most of the churches in the Brett Valley benefice during Holy Week which starts on April 2 and you are most welcome to join us at any of them; the rota is on back page.

*Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory. Amen*

Wishing you a very happy Easter

Neil

Brett Valley benefice administrator

## ***Services in the Brett Valley Benefice April 2023***

<b>Date 2023</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Sunday</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> April <b>Palm Sunday</b>	11am	Benefice Holy Communion	Naughton
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Monday</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Whatfield
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Tuesday</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Nedging
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Wednesday</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Morning Prayer	Naughton
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Thursday</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Holy Communion	St Edmundsbury Cathedral
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Friday</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30am	Reflective Service Stations of the Cross	Semer
<b>Holy Week</b> <b>Saturday</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> April	3pm	Easter Vigil Service	Lindsey
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Easter Day</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
<b>Sunday</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> April	11am	Morning Prayer	Semer
<b>Sunday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	11am	Holy Communion	Whatfield
	11am	Morning Prayer	Naughton



### **Lunch club**

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

### **Craft it Together**

01449 741772 for details..... Every Mon

### **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

**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 07948083769 .....Last Wed of the month

### **Ladies Club 1st Thursday of the month**

Chamberlain Hall 7.30pm.....Thurs 6th April

### **Bildeston Parish Council Meeting**

Baptist Hall 7.00pm.....Tues 11th

### **Bildeston Community Cycling**

Market Square 9.30am.....Sat 15th

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

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deadline 17th of every month

*More details on these events inside.*



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