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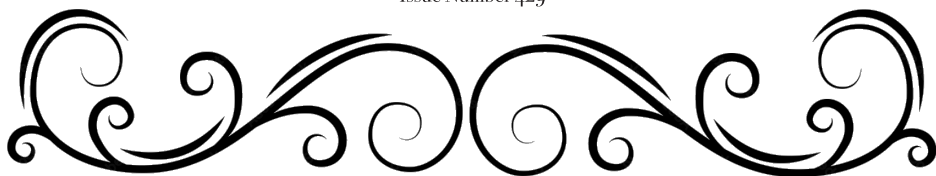
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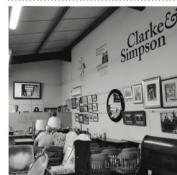
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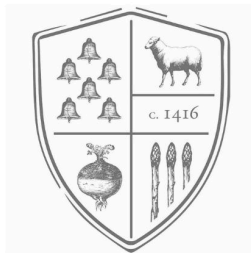
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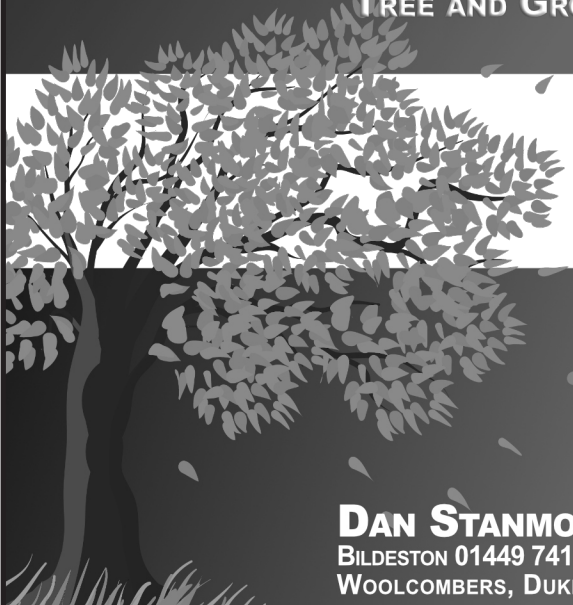
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We rely on our group of dedicated volunteers to ensure your Bugle is delivered fresh to your door every month. We are always looking for additional help to manage, print, distribute and deliver our magazine in the Village.

If you would like to join our team, even if it's only for an hour or two a month, please contact Tim at bildeston.bugle.treasurer@gmail.com.

A Crowning Achievement

HAVE YOU USED THE NEW GATE AT THE REAR OF THE CROWN CAR PARK?

The Parish Council and Nedging Hall Estates (The Crown) have worked together to install a gate between the lower end of Chamberlin Hall car park and the top of the Crown land. Nedging Hall Estates organised and paid for the installation; the PC purchased the gate. The gate is not locked, although there may be rare occasions when it will be, for example, if there is a wedding party using the upper field.

The PC have been delighted by the response from so many people as they use the gate to access walking routes, gain access to Chamberlin Hall and the children's playground. The use that is the most pleasing is the number of schoolchildren who make their way to school through the new gate. Previously, they had to walk down Wattisham Road, with the narrow pavements: cross over near the busy junction



with the High Street. Then continue along the High Street with all the traffic passing close by. With this new route children are walking, using scooters and bikes. Encouraging people and children to walk, cycle or scoot instead of car use helps everyone.



Thanks are due to Chamberlin Hall Management Committee for clearing and opening the top gate that leads onto the 'Brooks path'.

The Parish Council is busy all the time, from improving our environment in the Village to working to slow traffic on roads through the Village, as well as many other projects. If you have a concern, please speak to one of the Councillors or email clerk@bildeston.suffolk.gov.uk and we will try and help you, or put in contact with someone who can.

Bildeston Parish Council





Kings Pightle Nature Reserve

KINGS PIGHTLE COMMUNITY NEWS

Well, this period of heatwave and drought which has continued for the past month is clearly unprecedented and is leaving parts of our nature reserve quite unrecognisable. As in our gardens, we will simply have to wait and see what has survived and what has been lost. Fortunately nature and our native plants are more resilient than some of our garden exotics. We will see later what the impact has been for our nesting birds and small animals. It will certainly have been difficult for them. In the



meantime, our nature cameras continue to give us great videos of our local foxes, muntjac and fallow deer - all apparently in good health. Our meadow area has just had its annual mow, the aim being to create a varied patchwork of differing lengths of growth, to provide a range of habitats.

As many of you will be aware, the Kings Pightle Committee also administers the *Henry Morphew Legacy Fund*. Over the past twelve



months, the Fund has made grants in support of the following local organisations:

- The B- Natural Music Festival
- The Bildeston Rangers Youth F C
- The Bildeston over 60s Xmas Party
- The Bugle Community News

Before I go, here are a couple of forthcoming events for your diary:

We will be running the Breakfast stall (bacon and sausage baps) on the Sunday morning of the B Natural Festival, from 10am on Sunday 6th September in The Square.

Finally if you are interested in the Nature Reserve, please come along to our AGM to hear what we have been up to (and express your views). Thursday 24th September in the Sportsfield Pavilion 7.30pm. SM



Bildeston Rangers Youth FC Update

Although the new football season has not yet kicked off, it has been a busy pre-season at Bildeston Rangers FC. All of our teams have returned to training and are working hard to prepare for the months ahead. A full programme of friendly matches is also continuing, giving players valuable game time, helping build fitness.

One of the biggest challenges this summer has been the condition of the pitches. The prolonged dry weather and lack of rainfall have left playing surfaces extremely hard and difficult to maintain. As a grassroots club, we rely heavily on volunteers to keep our facilities in the best possible condition, and the drought has certainly made that task more challenging.

Alongside preparations for the new season, we have launched a fundraising campaign to purchase and install a defibrillator at the sports pavilion for use by the football club. Every year, children involved in grassroots football and other sports sadly suffer sudden cardiac arrests, and having quick access to a defibrillator can save lives.

If you would like to support this important project, we would be extremely grateful for any donation, no matter how small. Please support our fundraising through our *GoFundMe* page.

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Thank you to all our volunteers, parents, sponsors and supporters for your continued support.

Kirk Bradley, Chairman





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followed by a bring & share Lunch

10.30am & 12noon

Sunday 20th September

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Kings Pightle Nature Reserve

Annual General Meeting
Bildeston King's Pightle Trust and Nature Reserve

Thursday 24th September 2026 at 7.30pm.

At Bildeston Sportsfield Pavilion, Consent Lane

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Refreshments will be served.

All Are Welcome





— COMMUNITY CENTRE —

..... MONDAY

3.30pm - 7.30pm MLSPA

7.45pm - 9.30pm Badminton

..... TUESDAY

10.00am - 11.00am Zumba

2.00pm - 4.00pm Art Group

7.00pm - 10.00pm Carpet Bowls

..... WEDNESDAY

7.30pm - 11pm Open Mic

..... THURSDAY

10.00am - 11.00am Zumba

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2nd March
13th April*
*one week later because of the Bank Holiday
11th May**
**one week later due to Bank Holiday

June 1st
July 6th
August 3rd
September 7th
October 5th
November 2nd
December 7th

BILDESTON CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Hello again, Brenda here with an update on our Club. We do not have any matches in September as we are waiting to start the Winter League.

We beat Polstead at home and away, 9-1 and 10-0. A really good result. A win against Whatfield in our last match of the season will see us come second in the League.

Looking forward to the Winter League, but fixtures have not yet been agreed.

There will be some disruption in September due to the ongoing roadworks in the Village.

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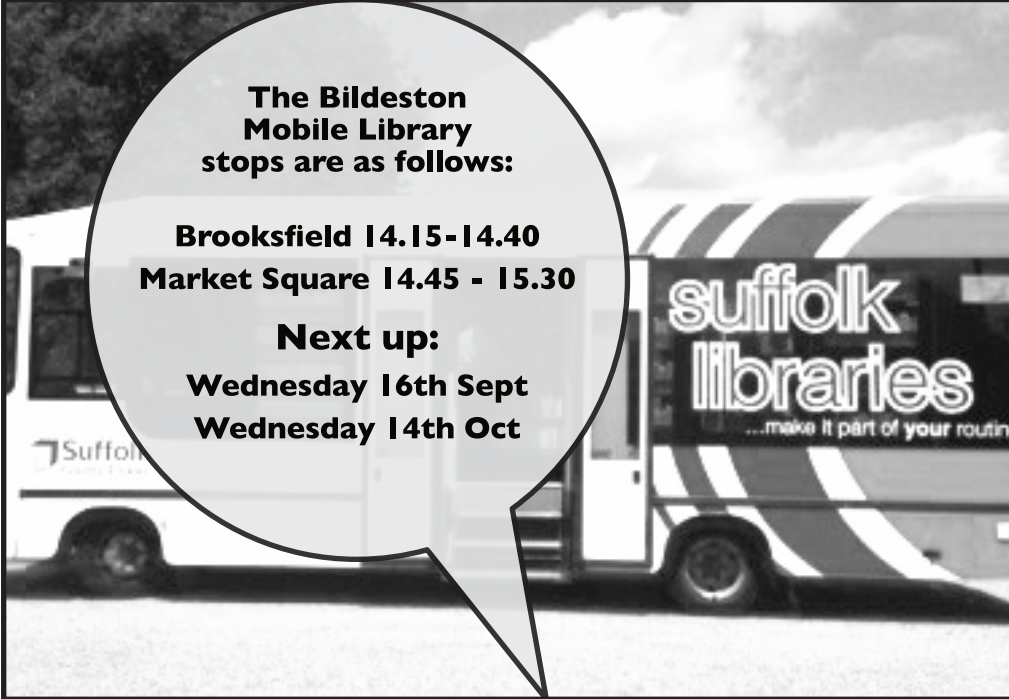
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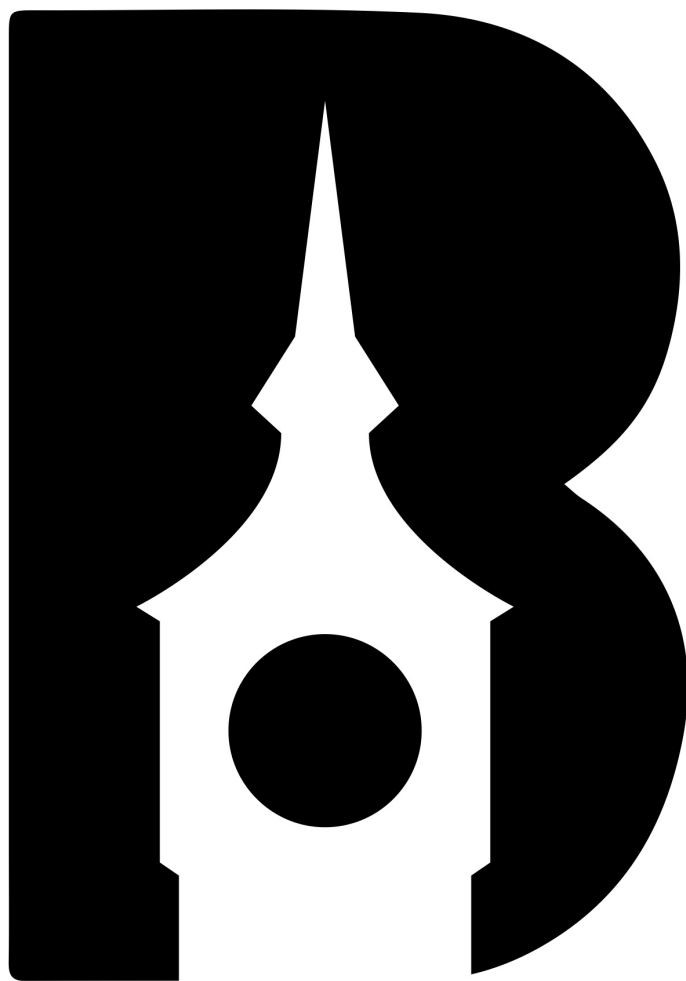
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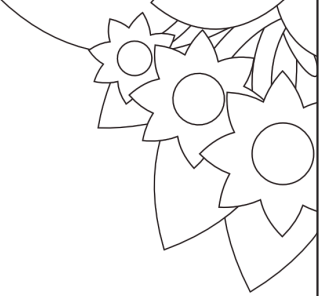
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4TH-6TH SEPTEMBER

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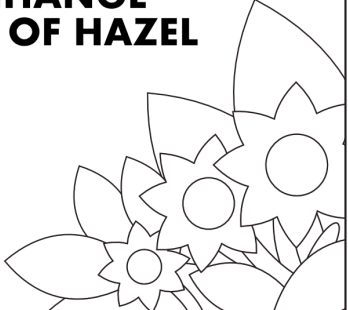
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Learning and Growing Together

As another successful school year ended, our Year 6 children celebrated the completion of their primary school journey with a fantastic sleepover at school alongside Year 6 pupils from our federated school, Whatfield Primary. The evening was filled with lots of fun as the children enjoyed games and activities and unsurprisingly, only a very small amount of sleep! It was a wonderful way for the children to mark the end of their time with us at Bildeston.



We had another excellent set of SATs results for our Year 6 pupils who worked incredibly hard throughout the year with the support of our staff and families. We are extremely proud of all they have achieved and the positive attitude they have shown throughout their final year with us.



Our Reception and Year 1/2 children rounded off the summer term with an enjoyable trip to Jimmy's Farm. Despite the very hot weather, the children had a wonderful day exploring the farm and learning about the animals.

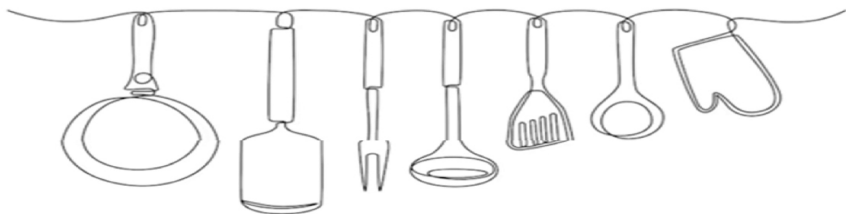
We would also like to thank our fantastic PTFA, who have worked so hard throughout the year to provide special experiences for the children. We are very grateful for their ongoing hard work and commitment.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are excited to welcome our new Reception children as they begin their school journey with us. We are also delighted to be welcoming new pupils joining our Year 2 and Year 5 classes.



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Tiny, freshly fried polpettine (or patties) are a staple in every Venetian b caro. Leave it to the Italians to take leftovers and turn them into something magical! Today's version uses aubergine, but you can experiment and vary the vegetables and herbs. Try pumpkin with ginger, courgette with mint, mushrooms with flat-leaf parsley, carrot with cumin or sweet potato with cinnamon.

Aubergine Polpettine - makes 30

1lb aubergine
 3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
 3 tbsp finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
 85g fresh breadcrumbs juice and zest of 1 lemon
 1/2 egg
 1/2tsp cumin or chilli flakes
 salt and black pepper

For frying

1-2 eggs, beaten with 2-4
 tbsp water
 60g flour
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 1ltr oil for frying
 lemon wedges, to serve

Place the aubergine on a baking tray and bake in a preheated oven or air fryer at 160  until squishy to the touch, about 20 to 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and leave to cool. Peel and squeeze out any excess moisture. Cut into chunks and transfer to a blender or chop into small pieces. Don't reduce to mush! Transfer to a bowl and add the garlic, parsley, bread crumbs, lemon juice and zest, the egg, and the cumin or chilli. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Roll teaspoons of the mixture into balls, dip in the egg and water mixture, then the flour, then the egg again, and lastly the bread crumbs. Put on a tray and put in the refrigerator until required.

Heat a wok or large heavy frying pan containing the oil. When it starts to smoke, drop a crust of bread in. If the oil starts to froth around the bread and the bread turns golden, the oil is ready; and you can start frying the polpettine in batches. Do not overcrowd. Fry six or eight at a time and transfer with a slotted spoon to paper towels to drain. Put them on a serving plate in a warm oven until all the polpettine are ready. These are best served straight from the pan but you can serve them cold or reheat in a hot oven or air fryer. Serve with lemon wedges.



BRETT VALLEY BENEFICE

Services in the Benefice -September 2026

Sunday 6th September 14th Sunday after Trinity (Creation Season begins)	09.00 am	Morning Worship	Naughton
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Bildeston
Sunday 13th September 15th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Naughton
	10.30 am	Morning Worship	Semer
	18.00 pm	Evening Praise	Whatfield
Sunday 20th September 16th Sunday after Trinity (FairTrade F/night begins)	10.30 am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival with lunch to follow - all very welcome	Bildeston & Lindsey
	15.00 pm	Harvest Praise	Nedging
Sunday 27th September 17th Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am	Holy Communion Harvest Festival followed by lunch in the Village Hall	Semer
	10.30 am	Holy Communion	Whatfield
	15.00 pm	Harvest Praise	Naughton

Morning Prayer is said on Tuesday mornings

- 1st Tuesday of the month 10am -Lindsey
- 2nd Tuesday of the month 9am - Naughton
- 3rd Tuesday of the month 10am -Whatfield
- 4th Tuesday of the month 9am -Nedging

Benefice Coffee Morning on behalf of the Bildeston Food Bank held in Bildeston Church – Monday 7th September 10.30am – 12noon

All the Benefice Churches are open during daylight hours apart from All Saints Semer, where the key can be collected from Hollow Trees Farm Shop

Please contact Revd Nicola 07521 457 844 revnictv@outlook.com for any information re. Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals or any matters of faith.

We pray for Sophie and Henry due to be married this month

We are delighted to have Revd Teresa serving as Curate in the Benefice

For more information about the Brett Valley Benefice visit www.brettvalleybenefice.uk

Brett Valley Benefice Pastoral Letter – September 2026

From the Rector – Revd Nicola Tindall

Dear Friends,

There's something about September that definitely feels like we have turned a new page in the year's cycle. The nights begin to draw in, the light turns golden and low, and after the loose, unstructured days of summer, a sense of order returns. Nowhere is this more visible than at the school gates. Although most have enjoyed the freedom of the long summer holiday, parents and children alike are waiting for the more rigid shape of the school day to arrive, some with excitement, others more anxiously. For families across the parish and Benefice, September marks a new beginning – new teachers, new classrooms and sometimes a new school altogether. I invite you all to join me in prayer for not just the children but the parents too, letting go a little more each year, and the teachers and staff who welcome them all with such patience and care.

September also brings us, in the Church's rhythm, to the Village's Harvest Festival. It follows years of tradition dating back mid-way through the nineteenth century to today where it is still one of the most community-minded services in the church calendar. This year the service in Bildeston is on 20th September at 10.30am and I hope we can gather as a village community to give thanks for the fruits of the earth and despite the road closures, fill the church with vegetables, flowers and people. We welcome you all to stay on and share a harvest lunch. If you can bring a plate of food that would be great but please the most important thing is to bring yourselves, there will be plenty for all.

Anyone who has kept half an eye on their garden or allotment over recent years will have noticed something curious: harvest doesn't arrive when it used to. Apples that once ripened in October are ready this month and blackberries appear absurdly early. This year we have all seen the combines rolling through the fields weeks ahead of schedule. Our warming climate is rewriting the calendar that generations took for granted and our own Harvest Festival – timed by long tradition now finds itself running a little behind nature rather than in step with it. Therefore, we should all be more attentive to nature, weather and the created world. As we bring our gifts into church let us also bring with us a renewed care for it.

So as September unfolds into autumn let us not only give thanks for the whole of our community but also remind ourselves to tread gently on the land that even under drought conditions, continues to provide for us.

Yours in Christ,

Nicola

Tel. 07521 457 844

revnictv@outlook.com

Always Keep in Mind ...

Bell Ringing The band of enthusiastic bellringers continue to thrive and practise every Tuesday. For more details, please contact either Church Warden.

Church Wardens Neil Ashwell: 01449 741 370 and Martin Rodgers: 01449 743 120

Fundraising footnote for St Mary Magdalene

Maintaining our historic church gives us many challenges, from cracks, movement and falling plaster, to rodent damage, updating lighting and paying electricity bills takes time and money. Your Church needs your help and support for it to survive into the future and provide the beautiful setting we need for Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings apart from our normal services and large Village events.

All donations are most welcome and, to enable easy access to cash free donations and charitable giving, you can use the QR code. We also have a card-reader in the Church. Just touch on the front screen the amount you wish to donate and then tap your card on the top. If preferred, cheques made payable to 'Bildeston PCC' or BACS transfers - Account Name: BILDESTON PCC Sort code 20-44-51 Account number 60187186 are very welcome too! If you are regular monthly donor, we really value your commitment to our church and thank you for your ongoing support but have you considered an inflationary increase in your standing order as your Church struggles to meet rising costs.

Please contact Richard Lester our Church Treasurer if anyone needs further information on regular giving on 01449 744 120 or email: *richard.c.lester@btinternet.com*



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for details



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every month Ring
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reserve a place

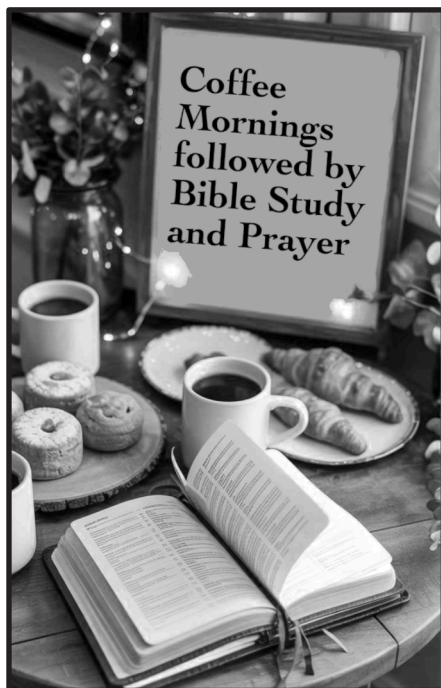
Motley Crew

Bible Study

prayer and lively
discussion 7.30pm
Thursdays at 33
Smock Meadow

Community Coffee Centre Fridays 9.00 to 11.30am

All are most welcome. Enjoy meeting old and new friends at any of these events



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Teresa Lester on 01449 744 120
email: teresalester47@gmail.com

Two buses for the price of one!

Dear Residents, I'm very pleased to say that the 51 bus between Hadleigh and Stowmarket is not only still operating during the Bildeston High Street road closure, but there are now two different routes to ensure people can still get between the two towns. The 51S is shuttling between Bildeston and Stowmarket and the 51 will run between Stowmarket and Hadleigh but miss out Hitcham and Finborough and go, instead, via Needham Market. I had been on to the bus company, Anglian Water and Suffolk County Council Highways multiple times about this, so it's great that they've found the money to run the extra bus. Below are the timetables. The operator, *Konect*, has promised me they will be putting up "roadside information" at what stops they can, as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Robert Lindsay, County councillor Cosford
Suffolk County Councillor, Cosford division (Green)

TIMETABLE

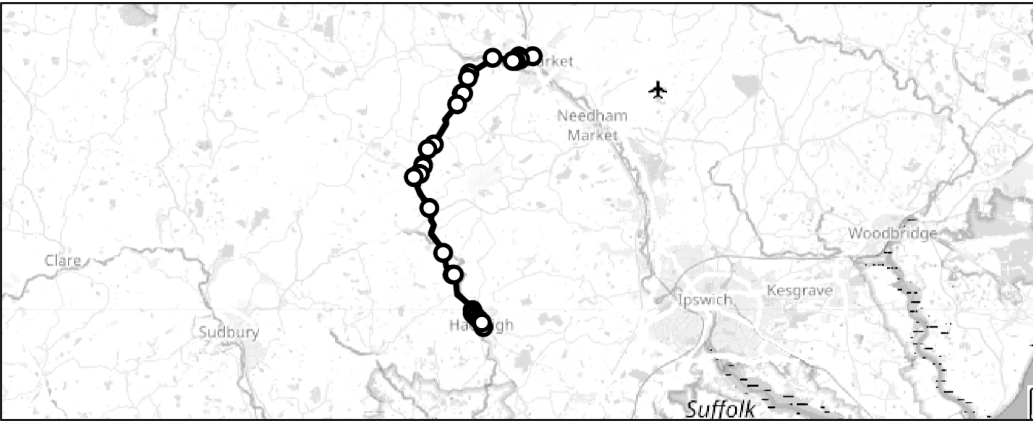
Monday 29th June to Tuesday 3rd November

	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34
	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>	<u>51S</u>
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:49	09:49	11:49	13:49	15:49	17:49
Hitcham, White Horse	07:58	09:58	11:58	13:58	15:58	17:58
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:13	10:13	12:13	14:13	16:13	18:13

TIMETABLE

Monday 29th June to Tuesday 3rd November

	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>51</u>
Hadleigh Bus Station (Stand A)	07:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
Bildeston, Clock Tower	07:13	09:13	11:13	13:13	15:13	17:13
Stowmarket, Argos Store	07:30	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:30	17:30
Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34
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Stowmarket, Rail Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Stowmarket, Bury Street	07:43	09:43	11:43	13:43	15:43	17:43
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:01	10:01	12:01	14:01	16:01	18:01
Hadleigh Bus Station (Stand A)	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16



Daily Bus Service to Stowmarket and Hadleigh
Six-service-a-Day, Monday to Friday bus service, the 51



Route	51	51	51	51	51	51
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:40	09:40	11:40	13:40	15:40	17:40
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:48	09:48	11:48	13:48	15:48	17:48
Hitcham, White Horse	07:57	09:57	11:57	13:57	15:57	17:57
Bildeston, Clock Tower	08:00	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:00	18:00
Hadleigh, Bus Station	08:16	10:16	12:16	14:16	16:16	18:16
Route	51	51	51	51	51	51
Hadleigh, Bus Station	07:00	09:00	11:00	13:00	15:00	17:00
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Hitcham, White Horse	07:16	09:16	11:16	13:16	15:16	17:16
Great Finborough, Post Office	07:25	09:25	11:25	13:25	15:25	17:25
Stowmarket Railway Station	07:34	09:34	11:34	13:34	15:34	17:34



Route 112 runs every Tuesday and Thursday leaving Bildeston Clock Tower at 9.30am and stopping in Chelsworth, Monks Leigh, Brent Leigh (on request), Little Waldingfield, Great Waldingfield and Sudbury.

The Return service leaves Sudbury Bus Station at 1pm.

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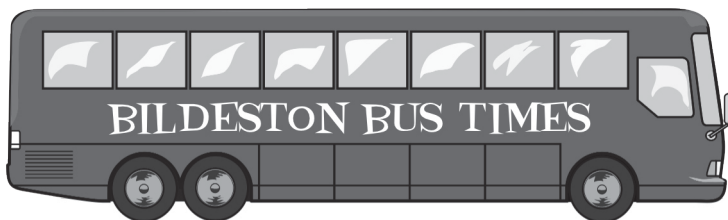
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TIMETABLE ROUTE 112 **[TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS ONLY]**

2026

OUTWARD JOURNEY		RETURN JOURNEY	
Bildeston Market Square	09.30 am	Sainsbury's store front RQ	
Chelsworth, Peacock pub	09.34 am	Sudbury bus station	13.00 pm
Monks Leigh, Swan pub	09.37 am	Tesco store bust stop RQ	
Brent Leigh, Village Hall	09.41 am	Sudbury Health Centre RQ	
Lavenham (adj. Swan Hotel) RQ		Chilton roundabout	13.04 pm
Little Waldingfield, Swan pub	09.49 am	Bantocks Road, White Hall	13.08 pm
Great Waldingfield, post office	09.53 am	Bantocks Road, Lynns Hall	13.09 pm
Bantocks Road, Lynns Hall	09.55 am	Great Waldingfield, post office	13.11 pm
Bantocks Road, White Hall	09.56 am	Little Waldingfield, Swan pub	13.15 pm
Chilton roundabout	09.59 am	Lavenham (opp Swan Hotel) RQ	
Sudbury Health Centre RQ		Brent Leigh, Village Hall	13.23 pm
Tesco store bus stop RQ		Swingleton Green RQ	
Sudbury Bus Station	10.04 am	Monks Leigh, Swan pub	13.28 pm
Sainsbury's store front RQ		Chelsworth, Peacock Pub	13.32 pm
		Bildeston Market Square	13.37 pm
		Brooksfield, Bildeston RQ	

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Hitcham – Bildeston – Somersham - Ipswich

Monday to Saturday

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station
0720	0817
0950	1046
1350	1446
1650	1746

Ipswich – Somersham – Bildeston – Hitcham

Monday to Saturday

Ipswich, Old Cattle Market Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0840 (0850 in school holidays)	0932 (0936 in school holidays)
1235	1329
1540 (1550 in school holidays)	1642 (1643 in school holidays)
1750	1843

Stowmarket Route 461 Operated by Hadleigh Community Transport & Chambers

Stowmarket – Great Bricett/Hitcham – Hadleigh

Monday & Thursday

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Hadleigh Bus Station
1305	1340

Hadleigh – Hitcham/Great Bricet - Stowmarket

Hadleigh Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0950	1003

Bury St Edmunds Route 379 – Wednesday only

Bury St Edmunds – Bildeston – Hadleigh

Bildeston Clock Tower (opp)	Hadleigh Bus Station
1351	1414

Hadleigh – Bildeston – Bury St Edmunds

Hadleigh Bus Station	Bildeston Clock Tower
0942	1009

Bildeston Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held Monday 6th July 2026, 7.30pm, at Chamberlin Hall, Chamberlin Close, Bildeston.

Present:	
CLlr Philip Alcoe	Clerk – Angela Chapman
CLlr Richard Lester	3x residents
CLlr Ray McCann - Chairman	1x representative for B Natural – Tim Hooper
CLlr Stuart McCreddie	1x representative for Sports Field committee – Chris Smith
CLlr Robin Sidgwick	
Apologies: County Cllr Robert Lindsay, District Cllr Deborah Saw	

C723/26/27 Chairman's Welcome & Apologies

Chairman Ray McCann welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies noted.

C724/26/27 Declaration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests. Cllr Richard Lester – St. Mary's PCC, Kings Pightle Nature Reserve, Sports Field/ Pavilion committee.

C725/26/27 Requests for dispensation in respect of pecuniary interests. None.

C726/26/27 Minutes of Last Meeting held 8th June 2026 approved as a true record of the meeting.

C727/26/27 Public Session – to include County Councillor and District Councillor reports.

Adjourned 1932hrs to receive reports from County and District Councillors and consider any matters raised by local parishioners.

Chairman Ray McCann summarised the reports sent by CC Robert Lindsay and DC Deborah Saw.

DC Deborah Saw – apologies given.

Full report from Babergh **District Councillor Deborah Saw** can be seen separately in the Bugle and on <https://bildeston.org/parish-council/county-and-district-councillors-report/>

CC Robert Lindsey

Full report from Suffolk County Councillor Robert Lindsey can be seen separately in the Bugle and on <https://bildeston.org/parish-council/county-and-district-councillors-report/>

Resident – advised they had been in contact with SCC Highways regarding the resurfacing of the road after the Anglian Water replacement main water pipe works. Clerk to forward email information to the resident.

Weavers Grove – Cllr Richard Lester reported the ditch on the Ipswich Road was not effective and had not been excavated correctly. He will contact DC Deborah Saw.

It was reported that the occupied houses on Weavers Grove site were not on the main drain but having the waste water and effluent pumped into a holding tank which was being emptied regularly. Clerk was asked to pass this information onto DC Deborah Saw.

Reconvened 1944hrs.

C728/26/27 Planning Applications

Planning Appendix A - Items for comment

DC/26/02230

Proposal: Full Planning Application - Change of Use from dwelling (C3) to Hotel Guest

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Accommodation (C1) (Accommodation to be associated with Bildeston Crown).

Location: 110 High Street, Bildeston, Ipswich, Suffolk IP7 7EB

Comments: No objections.

Planning Appendix B – Items determined by Babergh District Council

None.

C729/26/27 Clerks Report

Ashtons Solicitors – the Deed of Grant plans for the Chamberlin Close roadway have been returned again, as the amended copy was incorrect. PC is awaiting a response.

Smith of Derby – I have a call in to Andy Burdon at Smith of Derby to discuss the guarantee.

Environmental Improvement project – this is ongoing. Cllr Robin Sidgwick is meeting with Richard Parmee/ Babergh.

Grove Cemetery – documents, plot plan etc, have been sent to Cllr Robin Sidgwick who is supporting on Grove Cemetery. A wasp's nest was reported under a memorial tree, this has been dealt with.

Finance & Governance

All finances are in order. The AGAR and related paperwork has been sent to PKF Littlejohn the external auditors. Receipt has been acknowledged. The external audit report should be signed off for the September meeting.

Note: CC Robert Lindsay attended the April meeting. Please note that his report was not read out in his absence.

Grove Cemetery - Cllr Robin Sidgwick will deal with the memorial trees that have not survived.

C730/26/27 Projects and Progress Reports

- a. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Philip Alcoe confirmed the consultant for the NP had been engaged. The group have been approached by the Buckle family regarding an initiative to improve the village. The family have a great interest in Bildeston with a long history of attachment to the village and would like to leave a legacy. A meeting/ workshop is being held by the Buckles at the Crown, attendance by invitation. It was advised that all residents are to be involved.
It was noted that the Neighbourhood Development Plan would be a legal document, considered by Babergh District Council in their Joint Local Plan, any other plan would not be. The PC and the NDP group are pressing ahead with the plan.
- b. Concept for the telephone box – Market Place – it was agreed to look at alternative ideas. Look at the Chelsworth box.
- c. Sports field container – the container is used for storage for the sports field, the Parish Council's archived documents and any village organisations that need to store paraphernalia for their fundraising. Cllr Richard Lester, who is a Trustee on the Sports Field committee, explained the situation had changed with the current youth football team purchasing a grass cutting tractor with a grant from Kings Pightle Nature Reserve Trust. He proposed that all the contents of the container are relocated to a shed in the far corner of the field, next to the Kings Pightle Nature Reserve entrance, and into the small referee changing room in the Pavilion. The purpose-built racking in the container would be taken out.
It was pointed out that the container was paid for by the Parish Council, the Sports Field committee and a local benefactor, Cllr Robin Sidgwick and is a useful storage facility for the PC and village organisations, which was why it was installed in the first place.
It was suggested that once operatives had been trained on the grass cutting tractor they may cut the whole field, which would save the PC the cost of doing so. But this couldn't be committed to at present. Cllr Ray McCann suggested an on-site meeting. Date Monday 27th July 2026.
- d. Water standpipes in the Market Place and the triangle – Nigel Plumb/ AW to be contacted.
- e. Repainting of Market Place bollards – Cllr Robin Sidgwick offered to repaint the bollards, black/ gold trim, the same as the litter bins, including the ones around the War Memorial. PC agreed and approved costings up to £110.00 for materials. Resident Ian Ireland thanked Cllr Robin Sidgwick for all his work around the village.

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Ian Ireland offered to contact the War Memorial Commission with a view to cleaning the memorial in the Market Place. PC thanked him and asked for the PC to be kept informed.

- f. Remembrance Day service – Market Place - road closure – after discussion it was decided not to apply for a road closure as the Anglian Water works will still be ongoing and the High Street will still be closed.
- g. update on village amenities – none.

C731/26/27 Administrative, Finance and Governance Reports

- a. Payments for approval

Payee	Description	Net of VAT
Trevor Brown CFPA	Internal audit fee	£326.40
Chamberlin Hall MC	Room hire	£30.00
A Chapman	Clerks admin expenses	£39.00
SMS	Microsoft 365 subs	£43.40
P Barham	Environmental management	£484.00
A Chapman	Clerks salary	-,-
HMRC	PAYE & NIC	£225.91

- b. Approval and signing Scribe of monthly accounting reports – checked and signed.
- c. Risk Assessment Register – reviewed and approved.
- d. Internal Auditor’s report – noted; action recommendations – defer to Sept meeting
- e. Ashtons Solicitors – Chamberlin Close Deed of Grant and plan – see C729/26/27 above.
- f. B Natural grant request – Tim Hooper advised other grants are being sought for this year’s festival. Cllr Ray McCann suggested approving £1,000, with a further £1,000 available if required. Cllr Richard Lester proposed the suggestion, £1k in the first instance, 2nd £1k if needed. Unanimously approved.
- g. Playground inspections – light touch weekly inspection now required, as well as the more thorough monthly inspection. Cllrs Sidgwick, Lester and resident Ian Ireland to liaise with each other to arrange a working group to carry out the inspections and post the inspection forms on SharePoint.
- h. Working Groups – updated list distributed. Cllr Richard Lester to join the Finance Group.

C721/26/76 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council

None.

C722/26/27 Items for next agenda to be sent to the Clerk for consideration.

Email the Clerk.

Meeting closed 2105hrs.

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th September 2026 7.30pm, at Chamberlin Hall, Bildeston.

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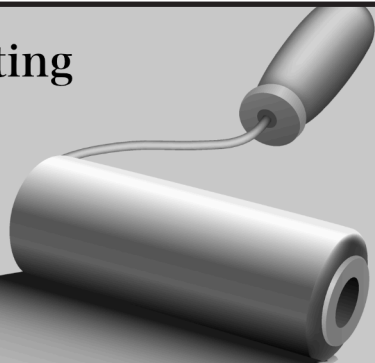
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