



What's On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - June 2010

(Including Bulmer St., Bulmer Tye, Finch Hill, Batt Hall, Upper & Lower Houses, Church Road and Hedingham Road).

Does Bulmer have a new wildlife centre?

It looks as if the feathered brigade is putting in a concerted effort to take over the Village Hall. The Carrion Crow is once more making itself very unpopular by spreading its mess all over the entrance door of the village hall. Hence the patterned film on the door so Mr Crow is unable to look at himself. Close by the doors, and a pair of much smaller birds are staging a more worthwhile protest. A pair of Blue Tits has decided to ban alfresco smokers from



using the wall-mounted ashtray, by building their nest in it! Alan and Maggie Skipper noticed the little birds coming and going through the narrow slot, and put up a notice warning smokers not to use the box. In the picture one of the parents has just emerged from feeding its brood, while the other goes "bottoms up" to deliver its offering of small caterpillars.

OTHER VILLAGE HALL NEWS

A big thank you to all who attended our A.G.M. and special thanks go to those who volunteered to serve on the Committee and become a trustee of the Charity. It has become apparent that

many of you are unaware that the Village Hall is a Charity and is run under the guidance of the Charity Commission. We now have a good working Committee and the Hall's future is again secure.

We are hoping to have a considerable amount of re-decorating done during the summer months and trust that it will not upset or disturb any of your functions or activities.

The new Committee will be planning several events for your enjoyment towards the end of the year. The first event planned will be the much-requested Ferret Racing, which will be held on Saturday 16th October. Watch out for more details on Parish Notice Boards or if you would like more information please ring John on 466030. A quiz night is also planned for November so again watch out for further details on noticeboards & www.bulmeressex.co.uk

VILLAGE LOTTERY WINNERS

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. It is a vital fundraiser for your village hall. Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the

Month	First	Second	Third
March	C Massey & S Davies	Ms N Harding	Mrs B Rawlins
April	Mr A Skipper	Mr & Mrs N Fraser	Mrs T Bowler
May	Mrs J Ward	Mr & Mrs J Duck	Mrs V Mansfield

Village Hall and the bigger the prize! Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (376676) if you would like to join.

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BULMER SKYLARKS

Do you fancy a relaxing two hours at the Village Hall, having a cup of tea and a chat with old friends or perhaps meeting new ones? Then why not come along to one of our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month 2pm until 4pm.

We have just celebrated our First Birthday and over the past year have had a varying selection of speakers and activities. We had a very enjoyable outing to "Springdales" Garden Centre in Cambridge and are planning a further trip to **Sheringham** in September. Over the next few months our speakers and activities will include **"Keeping Well and Keeping Fit"** with Sarah in July, **A Quiz** afternoon in August, **"Reflexology"** with Paula in September and a talk entitled **"My Life in Stitches"** in October.

The club is open to everyone; no age restrictions and a few more men at our meetings would be very nice! If you would like to know more please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758 or just come along to our meeting.

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BULMER NATURE DIARIES

Starting to write this on 9th May with the outside temperature more in keeping with winter, which seems par for the course so far this year, except for a few gloriously warm days in April. The 22nd of Feb. was an extraordinary day. The diary records "6.30am. raining hard, 7.30 really heavy snow, huge flakes drifting down, stopped by noon, 2" laying snow. Snowing again at 3pm. quickly turned to rain, laying snow gone by 5, still pouring rain, bitterly cold!" Predictably it's been a very late Spring, most of the flowers being about 3 weeks later than usual, but many showing in very good numbers. On Little Dean Spinney the Cowslips made a good splash of colour, despite many of them losing their heads to the rabbits. Bluebells in Deal Nursery (between Upper Houses & the Brickyard) is better than I can ever remember seeing them.

I usually regard Rooks as birds that feed almost exclusively in open fields and grassland. Watching about 40 feeding just down the backfield, I noticed that half a dozen of them were scrambling about and fighting over something low down in the hedge. Laying in the hedge bottom, is a decaying casualty of

the Dutch elm disease. This old stump has reached the stage where it falls apart at the slightest touch. It certainly couldn't withstand those probing beaks, which are designed for heavy duty earth moving when the occasion demands. They were clearly seeking out the grubs and insects that burrow inside the rotting wood and judging by the amount of squabbling going on between them, they must have found a plentiful supply.

On 24th March we had an amazing 34 Buff Tailed Bumblebees, and 2 Red Tailed on our small clump of heathers. The early spring butterflies were out in good numbers on the few warm days that we did have, several Brimstones came through our garden, but it is

the Orange Tips, which have really done well. I saw my first ones on 24th April. In May I found their eggs, about 3mm long, on the



flower heads of garlic mustard, otherwise known as "Jack by the Hedge" which is their favourite food plant.

In the March edition I wrote about the Goldfinches nest precariously attached to the end of the branch of the Chestnut tree in the churchyard. Towards the end of April, a pair of these little charmers was just outside the window. One of them was pecking vigorously at a large cobweb, I assumed that it was targeting a spider, but then it became clear that it was actually collecting the cobwebs. It did cause me to wonder if they use these silken strands to bond their nest together, this could explain how the nest at the end of the branch withstood all the battering it received in the winter gales.

Comings and goings

The dates I have recorded for migrant birds in or close to Bulmer, last years dates in brackets.

Last winter visitors;

Fieldfare 3rd April (28th Mar.)

First Spring visitors;

Swallow 16th Apr. (8th Apr.)

Blackcap 21st Apr. (15th. Apr.)

Whitethroat 20th Apr (28th Apr.)

Cuckoo 25th Apr. (27th Apr.)

Swift 30th Apr. (27th Apr.)

House Martin 1st May (7th May).

Although 16th Apr. was my first Swallow, Tom and Irene Dickinson had them around from the beginning of the month. Sadly they found one of these birds dead in mid April. On it's leg was a ring, which they passed on to me. I reported the number on the ring to The British Trust for Ornithology. At the end of May they sent the following, " Swallow, sex unknown, ringed in the nest at Broom, Nr Biggleswade, Beds. on 8th Aug 2007". So it had made three return trips to

southern Africa, before meeting it's end in Bulmer. As for the Cuckoo, I have only heard it from here about three times so far.

Of rarer birds, back in March, my neighbour at "Wheelwrights" reported a Peregrine Falcon, I thought I saw one on 15th March, but my sighting was too fleeting for me to be certain. Other than that, several people have reported seeing a Kite over the area, they're turning up more and more often it seems. In early May a pair of Blackbirds were kicking up a commotion at the end of the garden. They were mobbing a Magpie, really giving it the works, but despite all their harassing the Magpie was still intent on holding it's ground and not budging. Going down to investigate, my worst fears were confirmed. The Magpie had fled, but laying on the lawn was the body of an almost fully grown young Blackbird, with it's breast torn open. We have many more Magpies around than we used to, far too many.

A delicate little wild flower has established itself on the verge of the lane leading up to Upper Houses. Common Fumitory, which belongs to the Corydalis family. I first noticed it two years ago, when it was just a single plant, last year it had spread a little, but this year it was scattered along about ten yards of the bank. Although small, viewed in close up, it's a most attractive little flower.



The dull thud on our patio door raised the worst of my fears, and looking outside spotted a female Bullfinch huddled up against the wall. Picking it up, it lay seemingly lifeless in my hand, but then blinked it's eyes a couple of times, so there was some hope. Gradually it perked up, then after about 10 minutes in my hand and having obligingly posed for the camera, it fluttered off into a bush.



Little Dean Spinney update
I mentioned above the rabbit damage to the cowslips, it has now been decided to put rabbit netting around three areas to give some of the more interesting plants a fighting chance of coming into flower. Because several people had complained of others

letting their dogs run free on the site, I erected fresh signs requesting that dogs be kept on leads. Unfortunately, someone who obviously has no regard for wildlife and little sense of social responsibility has seen fit to tear one of the signs down. On a happier note, I was relieved to find a Slowworm recently, as I had feared that they had died out after being released there about 5 years ago. The Common Lizards, introduced at the same time, are doing quite well.

Stop press - June 11th

Once or twice over the past few days, we've had the pleasure of watching a Barn Owl. It's been hunting along the bottom hedge of the field behind Bulmer Street and further over towards Heaven Wood.

Peter Rowe

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**PARISH PATH WALKS - SPRING**

Spring's parish path walks began at the end of March with a five mile walk round Arger Fen. I walked the reckie with Margaret on the Friday of which was a fine, dry and warm afternoon. A little windy on the higher points with a woolly hat still required for the less intrepid soul. On departing the nature reserve's car park we took a left and headed uphill with the initial part of our walk skirting around Arger Fen. Heading off the path then lead us through some lovely woodland groves and across field paths to the back lanes of Leavenheath. Lush green leaves of bluebells waiting to bloom covered much of the woodland floors and field tracks were lined with hedgerows showing the first signs of spring with blossoms and shoots emerging, encouraging heightened activity among the birds and wildlife. From Leavenheath more beautiful wooded groves brought us back to the road to Arger Fen. We walked the road back a little way before taking a field path off to the right to explore the fields and tracks on the opposite side of Arger Fen. More signs of spring were evident with the reservoirs along the way accommodating several ducks and geese. Our path then headed uphill once more and back on the road to Arger Fen. The wind roared across the open tops so strongly conversation was almost impossible. Reaching the car park we stopped at the entrance of the nature reserve to spend a few minutes just listening to the birds, probably also enjoying the arrival of spring.



The second walk took place on the first bank holiday of May. The challenge was to cover a twelve and a half mile stretch of the Stour Valley Path. Our starting point was Baythorne End with the hope of finishing in Melford. Nine of us gathered on a damp Melford Green before setting off in two cars for Baythorne End. It had brightened a little on reaching Baythorne



End and remained sunny and warm except for a couple of cloudy spells that also brought a little shower of rain with it. No spirits were dampened though as the sights and views were typical of the glorious picturesque Stour Valley. We walked along footpaths, field paths, A roads, B roads and byways passing through Stoke-By-Clare and Ashen into Clare.

Early on in the walk before reaching Clare we were joined by a herd of cows. We did manage to lose them eventually by climbing over a stile. Our path



through Clare took us through the castle's country park where we stopped for our picnic lunch after wondering around the grounds and admiring another fragment of our railway heritage. It's a marvellous place with many of the old railway buildings still standing upon the old platform alongside a now trackless line which stretched out into the distance, all being overlooked by the ruins of the castle. It's not difficult to imagine how it was as a functional station. It just seems a shame that a piece of history that has

stood the test of time could well have been abandoned to a fate of dilapidation and demolition, as so many of our beautiful old stations have.



Thankfully not here and long may it remain. Heading away from Clare the Stour Valley Path then takes you through to Cavendish before reaching Glemsford, then towards the grounds of Kentwell Hall and finally Melford Green. With many miles, villages and their greens seen the sight of Melford Green and the much-awaited chance to rest our feet was a welcome one. From the fringes of Kentwell Hall I began to feel as though I was moon walking. I then discovered on getting out of the car when reaching home I couldn't walk at all.

The final walk of spring was on the last bank holiday Monday. A nice short walk of about six miles was organised for the afternoon around Henny and Hickbush. Meeting at Plough Green we headed for Ryes Lane, uncertain as to weather we should expect any rain. Turning off of the Ryes Lane byway once again ahead of us was the rolling hills of the Stour Valley. We admired the views and the sprawling greenery as we walked part of the St Edmunds Way to Henny church and the rectory on the way to Hickbush. From Hickbush we rambled on to Loshes where things became a little swampy underfoot, but heading up slightly where the route took us through a small fenced off area of trees, a sharp pair of eyes spotted our highlight of the afternoon. Laying very still in the

grass waiting for mum was a gorgeous baby deer. Not a positive identification, but it looked like a red deer.



After a couple of minutes of delighting over the deer we moved along to Fenn Farm where in the lower pastures we had the chance to admire a buzzard. Swooping from a tree just ahead of us we stood and watched as it soared into the trees higher up the hill. Leaving Fenn Farm we were on our way back to Bulmer via the old rectory and back onto Ryes Lane. We reached Plough Green having completed our walk under dry and sometimes blue skies.

Our thanks, as ever go to Margaret for enabling and inspiring us to come along and admire our wonderful countryside.

*Lisa Sandford*

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Margaret Mills (Chairman)	- 01787 269377
Mike Crome (Vice Chairman)	- 01787 378155
Peter Rowe	- 01787 375935
Peter Fulcher	- 01787 269935
Stephen Morgan	- 07973 341048
Chris. Leigh	- 01787 378133
Bethan Cook	- 01787 370435

Barbara Rawlins (Parish Clerk) - 01787 370845

DATES OF FUTURE PARISH MEETINGS

All meetings are bi-monthly, normally held on the second Friday of the month in the Village Hall at 7:45pm

9 th July	10 th Sept.
12 th Nov.	14 th Jan. 2011

All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for questions from the floor, however in order to receive a response notification of any question should be given the Clerk at least 7 days before the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BULMER PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12th MARCH 2010

PRESENT: Councillors: Margaret Mills (Chairman), Bethan Cook, Mike Crome, Peter Fulcher, Chris Leigh, Steve Morgan and the Clerk. Nigel Harley D Cllr Peter Darlington - village agent & 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: David Finch C Cllr. Peter Rowe.

DECL. OF INTERESTS: None

APPROVE THE MINUTES of the meeting held on 8th January 2010. Proposed by Cllr. Crome, seconded Cllr. Morgan.

MATTERS ARISING: Park Lane allotments – it has been established that the sewer on the allotment

serves Mayhill House. *Action:* the Clerk was asked to contact the residents of Mayhill to point out that work on the 2 manhole covers is required to make them safe and secure. **Drainage/ditching and clearing scrub/brambles and old trees at the Park Lane allotments.** *Action:* the Clerk was asked to send a letter to each allotment tenant and resident of Park Lane outlining the work needed to be carried out and to also ask Tony Dixey for an estimate to clear the ditch along the three sides of the allotment.

Parking in Church Road - Cllrs. Mills and Crome spoke to the resident concerned to ask for his cooperation in removing his vehicles from the corner of Church Road. An on site meeting was held on the 9th March with Cllr. Finch and police officials (see F.251). The result was that Traffic Police and Headquarters did not find the parking dangerous and no offence was being committed. It was suggested that yellow lines could be put down which would be watched over by Traffic police and Braintree.

The Parish Council had asked for comments from the Senior Local Bus Officer who spoke to his road safety team and was advised of 3 options;

- Escalate the matter with the police (which has already been done). The parking is creating a traffic hazard, which is an offence in itself and should be dealt with primarily by the police.
- Contact Braintree Planning Dept., as the problem is a direct result of the use of potentially domestic land for a business.
- Contact County Highways to request parking controls. This should be a last resort as the lines would need to be justified and the bend is already 'restricted' by virtue of being unsafe.

An amendment to Corres. & Notices item 1. (F.251) The Dedham Vale & Stour Project team are not involved with the **hedge planting** as originally stated. The work is being carried out by volunteers from Bulmer and Twinstead, Wickam Boys Brigade and the BTCV, who make a small charge, and others.

NIGEL HARLEY D Cllr - informed the meeting that Braintree was to introduce a Shopper Bus service to Sudbury and Tesco, one day a week, which would take in Finch Hill. We are waiting on more details. He also told the Council that the Community Warden scheme would continue for another year.

Cllr. Harley asked the Parish Council what they thought about Cluster Meetings and also the introduction of the wheelie bins. The Council found Cluster meetings very useful and a way of communicating with other nearby villages as to their views on various matters. The wheelie bins - apart from a few complaints, little was said about them.

COE'S MEADOW - work is in hand to prepare the ground for the spring/summer and also for the annual Fun Day on 27th. June. This year St. Andrews School and Bramble Hedge Nursery School will join with Coe's Meadow in creating a great day.

Grant funding has been requested for new play equipment, part of the amount needed has been approved and the balance is being sought from other sources.

PLANNING

Warlin, Bulmer Street - proposed modern embossed plasterwork above inglenook fireplace is removed. No objections from Bulmer Parish Council.

Old Vicarage, Sudbury Road - TPO to remove dead wood and diseased branches. No objections from Bulmer Parish Council

Land adjacent 3 Park Lane - plans in circulation to Councillors.

A notice was received from BDC District Development stating that by the end of the year consultation plans will only be available electronically. This is of concern to the Parish Council, as the plans would be emailed A4 size, which could make it difficult to calculate the actual dimensions of the application. It was agreed that if this situation presented itself the plans would need to be enlarged to A3 at SOS (or other).

CORRESPONDENCE and NOTICES

1. A letter had been received from a resident who asked if her **ashes** could be buried at **Little Dean Spinney** with a spindle tree and a memorial seat. The Parish Council preferred not to have ashes buried at the Spinney as this could set precedence and the Council did not want the conservation area to become a green burial site. The Council had no objections to a spindle tree being planted under the direction of Peter Rowe, who is warden for the Spinney and they felt there were enough benches on the site. *Action* - the Clerk to write to the resident.
2. The **tree and hedge planting** is progressing on the A131.

3. The Clerk had written to County Highways with regard to the **poor state of the roads**. All the roads were being surveyed and repairs carried out in order of priority.

4. The Parish Council has written to NG regarding the **Bramford to Twinstead 400kV overhead lines** stating their objections to the new 47m pylons and asking that under grounding should receive primary consideration. The Council also asked to be kept informed as to the site of the new substation what would be required if corridor 2 is selected.

5. The Speed Indicator Device (SID) needs a new battery, which would normally be purchased from Traffic Technology in Buckingham. Cllr. Morgan said that a new battery could probably be bought in Sudbury and that he would advise the Clerk. The Parish Council were also advised that Balfour Beatty could not always give Bulmer specific times and dates when the SID could be moved. It was thought that SID operatives in Bulmer might benefit from NRSWA training and once trained they could move the device when and where wanted.

6. The Community Warden - Dave Walls - continues to patrol the village and send in his reports.

7. The Emergency Plan has now been agreed with Braintree DC and a copy will be sent to every Councillor and Peter Darlington (village agent). If any resident has an emergency situation then a Councillor

should be able to direct them to the right person for assistance.

8. Complaints have been received from Park Lane residents regarding the noise from a **cockerel** owned by one of the allotment tenants. *Action:* the Clerk was asked to point out to the tenant that his Tenancy Agreement did not allow for poultry, only a few hens and would he kindly remove the cockerel. He was asked also to keep his hens secure as they have been seen wandering over other allotments.

9. BT kiosk in Park Lane - a resident asked if the Parish Council would **adopt the kiosk** (which is due to be removed) and that they (the resident) would keep it clean and tidy. The Council was unanimous that they did not want the kiosk to remain (it would not be functional) and if the resident moved away then the responsibility for it would fall back to the Council. It would then be very costly to have the electricity disconnected and the kiosk removed. *Action:* the Clerk to convey the Council's decision.

PETER DARLINGTON (village agent) - advised the Council that he now has a web page set up for any notices village organizations might like to advertise to other villages. He also mentioned the Shopper Bus to Sudbury, calling at Finch Hill. The time in Sudbury or Tesco will be two and a half hours. Fares £2.00 - no charge to bus pass holders.

There is a Community Bus, which can be hired for groups of up to 12-seated passengers with 2 removable seats to accommodate 2 wheelchairs. Drivers are provided. The vehicles are available on a first come first served basis.

Block bookings can be made 01376 327357.

RECEIPT

Bulmer Grazing	Rent Almshouse field/piece	£575.00
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PAYMENTS

CPRE	Subscription	£29.00
G. Martin	Re Little Dean Spinney	£30.00
King & Cc	Trees/hedging	£2,270.46 inc VAT
Chilton Office Supp.	Photocopies (VDS)	£8.22 inc VAT
M. Crome	Materials (VDS)	£56.12 inc VAT
A. Dixey	Manhole cover and SID base on Park Lane allotments	£129.00
B. Rawlin:	Clerks salary Sept/Mar and expenses	£960.49
S. Harris	Hire of tools etc. for hedge work on A131	£139.69 inc VAT
King & Cc	Trees/hedging	£379.18 inc VAT
Clerk & Councils	Magazine	£77.00

Capital investments were reviewed. No change was proposed.

PENDING ITEMS

- Activity Day - Braintree have booked the village hall on 4th August for its activity day.
- Bus shelter in The Street - no further action on this matter
- Bus shelter in Church Road - work will be started end March. The whole project is being funded by ECC.
- Bus route to include Finch Hill - no further information
- HGV's using Sandy Lane - no further information
- Play sign at Coe's Meadow - sign to be ordered by ECC and in place by end March.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to write to landowners on either side of Church Road where **ditches needed clearing**, as it was noted that the rain water was not running away fast enough. Also the ditches along the side of the school at Old Church Lane.

The Parish Council has heard that a person on a **quad bike** has been driving round the village **late at night**. Please let the BPC know if you have any information.

Mr. Kent has asked if an **ash tree bough** overhanging his garden from Coe's Meadow Avenue can be lopped off. *Action:* Cllr. Leigh will speak to Simon Harris.

Councillors were asked to move **circulated matters** more quickly.

A **VDS exhibition** is to be held in the village hall on 20th March.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

CHAIRMANS REPORT 2009 - 2010

This has been another busy year for Bulmer Parish Council with a wide range of matters. A vacant position was filled in July by the co-option of Bethan Cook only two days after her eighteenth birthday. The Council was delighted that a village youngster was sufficiently interested in village affairs to apply to join us. Sadly in December we learnt of the death of Ron Mansfield a past chairman and long serving parish councillor.

Financial Matters

Councillors continue to closely watch how our assets are faring; Very poor interest rates at both Barclays and HSBC led us to transfer £5000 from each account to our Arbutnot Latham Business Savings Account.

Roads and Traffic

The Community Speed Watch team continue to report that many drivers ignore their presence. Speed Indicator Device (SID) figures indicate that a third of drivers ignore village speed limits. It is hoped that volunteers may be trained to allow them to move 'SID'

I'd like to thank Christopher Stewart-Smith for kindly providing our children with a wonderful opportunity for enriching their cultural experience.

Next week sees our Year 6 pupils heading to Wales for their residential outdoor adventurous activity week. The children are greatly looking forward to this and are excited at the idea of living with each other. The children will take part in a range of activities designed to develop their skills not only in sports but also in working as part of a team. It's always amazing to see the change in them after only a week away; the children seem to come back just that little more grown up.

It's not very often that we get the opportunity to hear a harp played live, but we were in for a real treat recently when Katherine came along to Bulmer School to perform a concert. The children sat spell bound as she captured their imagination with the beautifully haunting music. She brought us a little corner of Wales that afternoon.



Mrs E Mortimer – Bulmer Head Teacher

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**PARISH PATHS WALKS**

All are welcome to join these walks including adult accompanied children and dogs on fixed leads. Strong footwear recommended as paths can be muddy.



**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm**

A circuit of Castle Hedingham - 5½ miles.  
Meet at the Castle entrance.

**Bank Holiday Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 2.30pm**

Gestingthorpe and beyond - 5½ miles  
Meet at Hill Farm by kind permission of Ashley Cooper.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 2.30pm**

Sudbury circuit – 4 miles  
Meet at entrance to Waitrose car park.

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CHURCH EVENTS

Strawberry Tea Party Sat. 10th July from 2 – 5pm

'Five Acres', Hedingham Road.
Raffle, games and stalls
Parking in field on opposite side of road.

St. Andrew's Church at Smeetham Hall Barn

The annual event by courtesy of Mr & Mrs Hyde Parker **Tuesday 7th September**
Ceilidh & Supper with the Sticky Fingers band.
Details from Sandy Maynard 269285

KIRI'S VILLAGE AGENT REPORT

Hallo everybody, well it's been three months since I started helping Peter. So far I have been to village fetes,



which are great fun where people make a fuss of me and I have been to meet people who want to ask Peter for advice. On the boring side I have been to Parish Council meetings where you don't get tea and biscuits and I have to sit still, but I now know a lot about planning applications. If any Parish Councillors are reading this I really like the meetings!!!

I have also been going round with the Mobile Library and met lots of nice people, but on a serious note please use this service as it will be lost if it's not well used and there are people who cannot get into town, and need the service.

So far we have been able to give advice to lots of people and I have been given lots of fuss and biscuits, and since I have been navigating we have not got lost (Peter not quite true).

I was able to do my own bit of help, one Saturday night there was a phone call to say that two dogs had been found in one of my villages and could Peter help, so he went and collected them and when they got to my home I was happy to let them share my biscuits and water bowl I even let them share my blanket, we managed to find the owner and he came and collected them. The next day he came and gave Mistress a big bunch of flowers and a big biscuit for me.

I must go now as I heard Peter say we are off to Bulmer, so if you have any questions please ask, I like him as he takes me for walks and to meet nice people.

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PS my spelling is getting butter.

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**COE'S MEADOW**

Three new pieces of equipment have been installed to celebrate 5 years of the recreation ground being open, just in time for the Funday. They include a lovely tractor for the young children, and whilst Mum & Dad



are watching them play, they can have a workout by limbering up on the stretcher & then take a walk on the mechanical walker. So see you all there for your early morning workout!