



What's On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - June 2014

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

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE 9 YEARS MAKE!!



Following a survey and advice it is recommended that 5 more Limes should be removed before they fall and cause any issues with anyone using Coe's Meadow or the footpath. From the photograph on the left and comparing (on location) with those on the right of the path, it can clearly be seen how they have continued to lean and decay. The Parish Council has therefore decided this work should be carried out in the Autumn of this year.

Prestigious 'FWAG Silver Lapwing' Farming & Conservation Award Presented

Winner Ashley Cooper with the Duke of Westminster and Jake Fiennes, farm manager at Raveningham, where the Silver Lapwing Award ceremony took place. Ashley Cooper of H P Cooper (Farms) Ltd, Gestingthorpe, Essex, has been given one of the highest accolades in the farming industry; the 'FWAG Silver Lapwing Award'. The award, which is sponsored by Waitrose, recognises the extensive efforts Ashley makes to protect and enhance the countryside. The farm was chosen from a national shortlist of four farms, each selected for demonstrating outstanding commitment to good environmental practices, alongside the production of food.



FWAG Silver Lapwing Award judge, Charles Beaumont, explains why Ashley Cooper was a deserving winner of the award: "In a year that produced four top-quality finalists, it was a great pleasure to see an arable holding so successfully integrating the design and delivery of practical conservation on the farm with the production of high quality crops. Alongside the protection and enhancement of habitats and species on the farm, educational access has always been of paramount importance here, in order to show school children, in particular, the process of growing food and maintaining and enhancing the countryside."

Ashley Cooper was overwhelmed to be the recipient of this prestigious award and commented at the ceremony: "I am thrilled that FWAG is able to continue. It was 39 years ago to the day that I went to the first FWAG event in Essex and I am hugely grateful to Rebecca Inman and other FWAG advisers, who have put the heart, soul and beauty into the farm and for helping me to love it the way I do. I am collecting this on behalf of all those who have worked on the farm and have encouraged my enthusiasm for wildlife."

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH BULMER

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From 2.30pm until 4.30pm

ON EVERY SUNDAY THROUGHOUT AUGUST
(3rd; 10th; 17th; 24th and 31st)

COME ALONG TO SEE OUR
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WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN INSTALLED IN THE TOWER



For further information please
Contact Liz Fulcher
01787 269935

BULMER SKYLARKS

Do you fancy an afternoon in pleasant company with a cup of tea and a cake or two? Then why not come along to one of our meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month. We also enjoy good speakers, quiz afternoons (nothing too taxing) and other activities. It is not expensive just £1 per afternoon and a small joining fee if you wish to become a member. Give it a try you might enjoy it!

Over the next few months we will be welcoming Katrina Myers from Colchester Owl Rescue on 22nd July on August 26th Pete Sandford will be demonstrating the art of Bonsai and on September 23rd we will be holding our A.G.M followed by a Quiz and other activities. On October 28th Munch Moi will be visiting us with some of their delicious Cup Cakes, no doubt this is one that will please our Gentlemen members.

If you want to know more then please call Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758

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 village Hall and the bigger the prizes!

Month	First	Second	Third
April	Mrs J Steed	Mr P Fulcher	Mrs S Coombes
May	Mr & Mrs P Rowe	Mrs J Ward	Mr S Ward
June	Mr R White	Mrs M Wood	Mrs M O'Reilly-Cicconi

Please support your village hall and contact Dawn at the Post Office (376676) if you would like to join the village lottery.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who applied for the position of Village Hall cleaner. We are pleased to announce that the vacancy has now been filled.

The vacancy arose due to the retirement of our previous cleaner and caretakers Kath and Brian Parry. They have looked after the Village Hall for many years and have done a fantastic job for which we are all very grateful. Brian was also on the Committee for some time serving as Chairman for a great deal of those years. We are indebted to them both for their hard work and support.

We are once again planning a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 6th December. Tables are already being booked so if you wish to book one please don't delay and ring Ann on 373451.

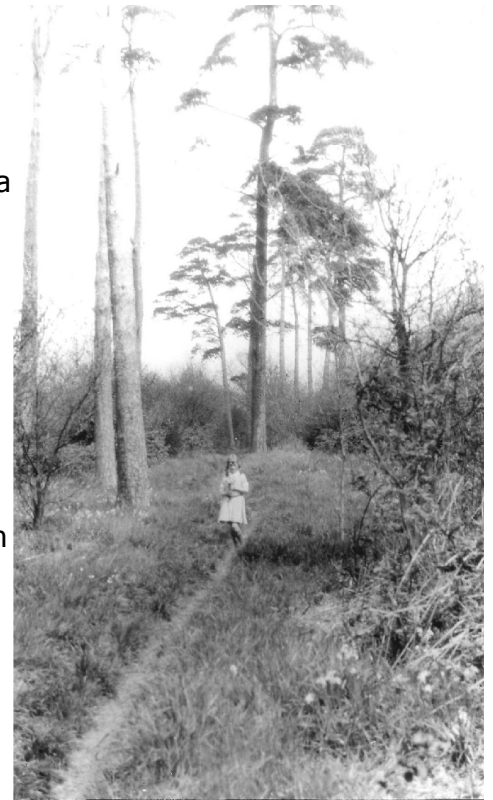
BULMER NATURE DIARIES

Bluebells ---- surely one of our most showy wild flowers and seen in broad swathes, are a spectacle that vies with any man-made floral display. Our local bluebell woods looked fantastic, a solid blue carpet, only broken by the mossy green trunks of the oaks that soar above them. The best they've ever been

In Wiggery Wood Gestingthorpe, they must have enchanted the children from Bulmer and Maplestead schools, on their weekly visits there. It's great that they all have the opportunity to experience the joys of the natural world in such an idyllic classroom and playground. Of Bulmer bluebells, Deal Nursery between Upper Houses and the Brickyard was truly spectacular, especially viewed from the sunken footpath, which puts them at eye level, enhancing the intensity of the colour.

Living history.

Deal Nursery, now populated almost entirely by oak trees, gets its name from a time in the past when it grew Scots pines (known as deal when converted into timber). These grew to a prodigious height, before being felled in the 1930s. My father said that they were a real landmark, and could be spotted from miles away, so he could always pick out Bulmer. Just one of these remains, not a towering giant, but a poor emaciated tree, now struggling to survive amongst the thriving oaks, so hemmed in that it is impossible to get a worthwhile photograph. The picture here is from Bobby Hawksley's book Snapshots and was taken by his father in the early 1930's. The name Nursery implies that these trees were nurtured there from seedlings.



A large and ancient ash tree stands beside the lane, just below Deal Nursery. It reveals the history of several generations of greater spotted woodpecker. I first noticed a nest hole in the tree about 8 years ago, an old one that had been taken over by a colony of hornets. These were sallying forth boldly, thankfully well above head height. I located this year's nest hole very high up, just as one of the adult woodpeckers popped out. Looking more closely at the tree, I counted seven old nest holes, each one would have been from an earlier year, as they never reuse them.

During the same walk, from Upper Houses and back, via Deal Nursery and Gallows Green in early May, we encountered encouragingly high number of butterflies. Orange tips headed the list, with somewhere between 30 and 40, many of them mating. There were also good numbers of small tortoiseshell and the odd green veined white.

The site of Gallows Green has recently been marked by a most interesting piece of folk art. A slender pillar of oak, carved with a scary array of grotesque heads, to remind us of the dark history of this spot close to the Bulmer / Gestingthorpe boundary.

Not yet quite finished, this fine monument will eventually stand on a plinth of Bulmer bricks. The mortar will be lime, produced from chalk dug from the old Goldingham Hall chalk pit. Moreover, Gestingthorpe artist and craftsman Chris Moulton, who works at Bulmer Brickyard, is creating the whole thing himself. A truly local enterprise, from start to finish



It's been another good year for orchids, Adrian Walters took us to one of the Sudbury water meadows where an amazing number of early marsh orchids were thriving, spread over just a few acres of meadow. He had counted something in the region of 1700 blooms.

Mention of these showy flowers leads me on to something of a real puzzle. Visiting an old friend at Gazely near Newmarket we spotted little spike of pink in the corner of her old stone sink garden. She was mystified as to how it had arrived there, except that a friend had last year given her a pot of chives, which she planted in the sink and could have been the source. I thought it was an early marsh orchid, but being unsure, I sent pictures to Martin Sanford, the botanist at Ipswich Museum. He agreed that it was a marsh orchid but was stumped as to the exact sub species and has sent the pictures on to the " National Referee". So watch this space, it could be a first for Suffolk!

To return to Bulmer's flowers, There were good numbers of bee orchids on the footpath behind Upper Houses and leading down to Lower Houses plus one pyramidal orchid . Mid May saw the pyramidal orchids flowering beside Church Road. We counted 12 heads this year, last year there were 7 so they are doing well since the first one came up in 2006. Besides these we saw 3 bee orchids, many heads of broomrape and a good selection of other flowers, including ladies bedstraw and agrimony.

Having completed our monthly bird survey at Lavenham, a group of us were gazing across a meadow, while totting up the numbers. Much to our surprise we spotted a fox, curled up against the hedge, quite close at hand.



As we watched, a disturbance in the hedge drew our eyes on to a couple of her cubs, which emerged and started to frolic around their mother. Almost as good as Springwatch!

Hugh Owen, from Smeetham Hall Lane, kindly sent me the following observations at the end of May.

In the Garden * 2 grey wagtails on the lawn on 19th. * female gt sp woodpecker on peanuts for the first time since 1st December 2013. * The most interesting sightings recently have been the number and variety of young birds in the garden, - greenfinches, blue tits (we had 2 nest boxes occupied with one box fledged), great tit, long-tailed tits, stock dove, collared dove, blackbird, robin * Have heard and seen the cuckoo on a few occasions from the garden

Like Hugh, we heard a cuckoo several times from the Belchamp direction, but not after about the middle of May.



These Greater Spotted Woodpeckers were on our feeder, the male is on the left, preparing to feed one of it's offspring clinging on tightly beside it.

Finally can I ask if anyone would be kind enough to lend a hand occasionally to help with the maintenance of Little Dean Spinney, our village conservation area, only for an hour or thereabouts every 6 weeks or so. Any help would be most appreciated. Phone 375935



YOUR COUNCIL STILL HAS A VACANCY
 Would you like to have a say in how the Parish Council should manage the village? Perhaps you have ideas on how the area could be improved or how residents' money is better spent. If the answer to any of these questions is yes, then please contact the Parish Clerk, Hannah Fraser on 374310 or email hannah.fraser@sky.com for more details. Or you can speak to any of your current Councillors, their details can be found below and on the Parish Council website www.essexinfo.net/bulmer/your-councillors

YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Chris. Leigh	01787 378133
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Cathey Ponty	01787 313344
Vacancy (It could be you!)	?

Hannah Fraser (Parish Clerk) - 01787 374310 or email hannah.fraser@sky.com

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

27 th June	12 th September
14 th November	

All parishioners are welcome to attend and there is a 15 minute slot for questions from the floor.

Bulmer Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Held on Friday 25th April 2014 at the Village Hall, at 7 for 7.30pm

These minutes are unapproved until the next Annual Parish Meeting in 2015

Present: Cllr. Crome, Fulcher, Leigh, Morgan, Raymond, Ponty; CCllr. Finch, DCllr Swift; Mrs H Fraser (clerk); Mrs E Mortimer (Headteacher), Mark Carlo (Dog Warden), Peter Darlington (Village Agent); Mrs M Skipper (BVHMC); 18 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all those present. He explained the purpose and remit of the Annual Parish Meeting. He introduced the Parish Councillors, and noted the one current vacancy. The Chairman introduced each speaker.

Cllr. Julian Swift (Braintree District Council):

- The BDC part of the Council Tax has reduced slightly. There has been investment in Braintree town centre, local industrial estate infrastructure, youth support for NEETS (not in education, employment or training), street cleaning and new community transport buses. Allotment rents have been increased.
- The issue of Solar farms in our area has been ongoing since last July – there has been a recent petition against a large development).

It looks possible the large farms will be turned down.

- District Boundary changes will mean fewer councillors, rural districts have lost out in favour of town areas.

Peter Darlington (Village Agent):

- At the end of June, Village Agents will become Community Agents as the project goes countywide, and will include the Red Cross, Neighbour Watch and other charities concerned with the elderly. Funding will continue for 5 years.
- All work is in confidence and free of charge. Peter Darlington thanked the PC for their support and he was thanked by the Chairman for all his work assisting parishioners. Peter Darlington can be contacted via the Parish Council, and his details will be put in the parish magazine What's On.

Mark Carlo (Dog Warden):

- There are only 2 dog wardens in Braintree District. Regular fouling offenders are worth reporting even if they occur in early mornings and evenings. Cllr. Morgan reported the fouling on the allotments.
- Leaflets about fouling and report sheets available, these could tie in with a poster design project with the school – Mrs Mortimer will contact direct.
- Cllr. Leigh invited Mark Carlo to have a stall at the Funday on 8th June.

Maggie Skipper (Village Hall):

- The Village Hall is a charity, answerable to the Charity Commission.
- There is a variety of activities from folk dance to pilates, carpet bowls to stitch and sew. Rents are kept low to encourage use. Fundraising is achieved through village lottery to the cover gap between expenditure and income. An annual grant is given by the Parish Council, which is spent on improvements.
- The AGM is on 20th May, and new committee members would be welcome.

Maggie Skipper (Skylarks):

- Skylarks is a popular over 50s social group with a membership of 38. It works well as a self-supporting network. The small Annual membership provides guest speakers and parties. Christmas lunch is at the school, with whom there has been a recent WW2 project. An annual grant is given by the Parish Council.

Mrs Ellena Mortimer (Headteacher, St. Andrew's School):

- The school currently has 50 pupils in 3 classes. The Ofsted inspection was Good.
- The school has good links with the parish church and runs the Forest School in conjunction with Ashley Cooper. It takes part in Funday, holds an Xmas fayre, and joins with Hedingham School for sporting events and extension events.

- The school choir recently entered the Sudbury Festival and won their class. Africa is the topic theme this term, and there will also be an exchange with a city centre school.

Cllr. Peter Fulcher (Church Warden, St Andrew's Church):

- There is currently only one church warden. Rev. Sally Wormsley is the team vicar, Rev Margaret has taken over from Father Eoin, and Rev. Hugh will be joining. There are a variety of services, the first Sunday of the month is an informal family service. 4th May will be a Pet Service.
- The Church is always open. Disabled access is now through the north door, the bolts are going to be moved to the outside, to allow entry to unaccompanied users.
- A Toilet is to be installed into the tower – there has been a grant from the parish council, no other grant applications have been successful as yet. The drainage is designed to cope with the light usage anticipated by Coe's Meadow and weddings etc. The Vicar's Vestry has moved next to the Choir Vestry.

Cllr. Chris Leigh (Coe's Meadow):

- Cllr. Leigh encouraged the older members of the community to come and join in the Funday. Coe's Meadow was donated to the whole village community, and is funded by grants and the parish council. Cllr. Leigh would welcome any suggestions for equipment for any age groups.
- Money has been raised through S106 (any development in the village has to donate a sum for use in open spaces), which this year has bought the special needs swing and wooden seesaw. Other funds are spent on equipment maintenance and, the Stour Valley Project who look after the pond and flower meadows. Any help for the twice yearly work parties would be gratefully received. Coe's Meadow won an award this year from ROSPA (playing fields safety association). The gates are locked overnight to avoid problems with cars.
- Funday 8th June - Zorbs and donkeys coming back this year.
- Thanks were given to Cllr. Leigh and Kevin Leigh for all their work.

Council Tax:

- For the past 9 years the parish council have not increased this, as they have opted to use reserves to fill the gap (varying between £2,000 and £5,000. The tax will go up by 2p this year (for a band D property). How long could the reserves be used like this? Those present discussed, and felt that this could not go on indefinitely, and that the tax should gently rise.

S106:

- This had been mentioned previously. Every new development has to provide affordable housing, but if not, the developer has to

donate a sum to improve the facilities of local open spaces. Kitchen Hill will be the next. The Parish Council have to assign the funds and apply to receive them. Examples of use could be railings around the oak tree on church meadow. Other suggestions were: more facilities on allotments, such as storage or toilets.

Broadband:

- Part of Bulmer already gets superfast broadband (over 2MB) – Batt Hall and part of Church Road. The Government scheme promises this speed by end of 2016.
- Progress with County Broadband has been slow.

Footpaths:

- Councillor Rose Raymond looks after parish paths – she indicated the map on the display for volunteers to sign up. Equipment and guidance are given. The parish receives a small grant from ECC for equipment and petrol. The paths are well used but need maintenance and cutting.

Trees:

- Every 5 years the Church generates a necessary maintenance work list, out of this came an ECC Tree report in tandem with the parish council.
- Most trees in the parish are ok, the Lime Avenue needs some repollarding and 5 diseased trees need to be removed. The work is going out to tender, to be done in the Autumn. A resident queried the tripping hazard if stumps were not ground out?
- Oak tree railings on Church Meadow were discussed – perhaps signs instead as railings would be substantial.

Church Road corner:

- The parking issue and lack of sightlines was discussed, this has been a problem for years and various avenues have been tried. The chairman has met with the Parking enforcement officer of BDC, who recommended yellow lines. Who will enforce them? The application for yellow lines would be sent for consultation to residents and if they were not in favour it would be rejected. Would this just move cars further up outside other people's houses? Greenfields will not put driveways in and refused to make spare verge into a parking bay.
- Residents present felt the problem is an accident waiting to happen. Cllr Finch suggested a parking permit scheme could be a possibility? The Clerk will add to the next agenda.

Cllr. David Finch (Essex County Council):

- At the elections held last May 75 county councillors were elected, making Essex the 2nd largest local authority in the country. There will be 36,000 over-85's in Essex in the next few years – this puts pressures on services.

- 2.3 billion is pounds spent each year. Early intervention saves children going into care. £100 million a year goes into Highways. £1 billion spent on education. County Council tax has been frozen for 4th year running. Essex has lowest percentage of NEETS in country. £3 million has gone into flood remedial work. The County Council is still facing making savings of £200,000 every day, by working leaner and cleverer.
- The new Care bill – currently the tipping point is £23,000: the new act tipping point is £118,000 of savings and lifetime care cost is capped at £72,000. The consequences are extra 30% of people will apply for state care – perhaps another £40 million. There will be Health Integration – new boards of local government, local NHS and local Doctors, overseeing integration of social care (home care and support for the infirm and frail) and medical care of NHS. This will enable early intervention.
- There was question from Mrs Mortimer of Bulmer School question re: children from nearby Ballingdon having the option of attending Bulmer School? Cllr. Finch has raised this matter with Suffolk County Council. The Chair of School Governors queried the funding for erection of the school sign, Cllr. Finch directed her to contact Tim Coulson, Director of Education.
- There was a question about recycling. There is no uniformity in recycling across the county, it is all administered at District level. Recycling is as expensive as landfill as the results need to have a market.
- A resident reported that the new 50mph limit at Bulmer Tye is still being exceeded and traffic is still going the through the No Entry turn to the Hedinghams. Cllr. Finch recommended dialogue with the police. Thanks were given to Cllr. Finch.

The Chairman thanked all those present for attending, the evening had been of great use to councillors. He hoped it had been interesting and informative, and noted that it would be an annual event.

The meeting closed at 21:54.

**Draft Minutes of the
BULMER PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL (AGM)**

held on 16th May 2014 at the Village Hall, at 7.30pm

These are unapproved until May 2015 AGM

The Chairman welcomed all those present.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Councillors Fulcher, Ponty, Leigh and DCllr. Finch. This constituted a quorum.

Present: Cllrs Crome, Raymond and Morgan, Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

2. Approval of the minutes of the AGM held on Friday 10th May 2013

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Cllr. Raymond, seconded by Cllr. Morgan and all were in favour

3. Chairman's Report

This now completes my third year as chairman and several changes/events have occurred. Unfortunately we have had two councillors stand down for various reasons, although I am pleased to welcome Cathey Ponty to the Council, which leaves one vacancy hopefully to be filled in the near future.

The first Annual Parish Meeting was held after many years, as it is a statutory requirement it will now be an Annual event. The Council's 'Facebook' page went live, although has not been used by any residents to communicate with the Council; Parish Cluster meetings have been reintroduced; after many years of campaigning, a speed restriction has been installed on the A131 at Bulmer Tye, but I hasten to add not as low as we had requested, but at least it is a step in the right direction. New policies for Emails, Computer back-up, Standing Orders and a Year Plan were introduced to ensure the council follows procedures correctly. Some of the other issues that have been dealt with are as follows.

Parish Council Tax: For 2014-15 there has been a very small increase of 2p from £17.33 to £17.35 for Band D per year, which has meant there has not been a significant increase now for 10 years, this has been achieved by taking additional expenditure from reserves. At the Annual Parish meeting the general view was that the council should start to make small increases in future years to avoid any significant increase in future years.

Development: My thanks to Cllr. Leigh for overseeing planning all applications within the Parish, of which there were some significant builds at Kitchen Hill (Barn conversion to 8 Apartments), and demolition & new build of a 5-bedroom house at Flint cottage in Church Rd. Other applications have been for extensions and tree work in a conservation area.

Coe's Meadow: A Disabled swing and a rocking horse were able to be purchased from S106 funds, which were opened at yet another very successful Funday organised by Cllr. Leigh and her hard working supporters. The annual RoSPA inspection achieved yet another high award for what was described as one of the best kept recreation grounds the inspector had seen. Thank you to Cllr. Leigh and her husband for all their work.

Allotments (Turnpike Piece): A huge thank you goes to Barbara Rawlins who has provided administration support, but has now handed the administration to Hannah. Overall management continues to be well provided by Cllr. Morgan, thank you. Water usage will now be charged to those allotment holders of a stand-pipe key. To assist with maintaining the area a new strimmer has been purchased for use by volunteers when areas are not used. Plots not maintained are causing concern to other users and the Council, this must be addressed before it becomes unmanageable.

Roads and Traffic: As previously highlighted, a speed restriction through Bulmer Tye and Church

Road has now been installed. Pressure will now be applied to have the area monitored to enforce the restriction. Applications for further restrictions around the school, Finch Hill and Batt Hall were submitted. Both the school and Finch Hill were rejected after speed recording ropes were analysed. A similar result of speeds at Batt Hall were obtained, but a view was expressed they had been placed in the wrong position, and a further test was requested and granted, resulting in a similar result. However an order is being raised for public consultation for a 30mph limit to be installed due to safety reasons of only one path & parked vehicles blocking one side of the road. Supplies of salt were again stored for the winter and the roadside bins were refilled when necessary with thanks to Cllr Raymond. A request to install a further bin on the corner of Ryes Lane and the A131 continues to be pursued.

Litter Pickers: The entire Parish continues to be kept tidy by **Barbara Rawlins and her well supported band of helpers**. Thank you Barbara and all those residents who assist.

Footpaths: As has been previously highlighted throughout the year, volunteers are urgently needed to keep the grass cut during the growing season for everyone to enjoy walking our footpaths. We have a new walk-able strimmer and other H & S equipment. Should anyone be able take on just one or part of a path, please contact the Clerk.

Tree Inspection/Survey: Following the inspection of all trees located on Parish property, they is significant recommended work to be carried with pollarding and felling particularly in Lime Avenue to ensure the safety of residents and visitors to Bulmer. This work is scheduled to be carried out in the Autumn.

County Broadband: Progress continues to be painfully slow. It is understood permission has been given by the Diocese of Chelmsford to mount a receiver on a church tower in another village and we should receive the necessary forms to apply for St Andrew's, but currently these have not been received.

National Grid/Pylons: The project has now been put on hold for at least 2 or more years by National Grid, potentially following significant pressure by 'Stour Valley Underground' group and many other opposers to the scheme. However there is now a greater threat from solar panel farms on arable land in this part of the country where there is an average potential 11% more sunshine.

My sincere thanks to our CCllr. David Finch, our DCllr. Julian Swift, my fellow Councillors and *all* the village volunteers to whom I am grateful for their commitment and dedication. Finally I must thank our Clerk Hannah, who keeps the Council and myself in order and on track.

Mike Crome

Chairman Bulmer Parish Council 2013 – 14

4. Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Officers 2014-5

Cllr. Crome was proposed as Chairman by Cllr. Morgan, this was seconded by Cllr. Raymond, there

were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously in favour. Cllr. Crome was duly elected Chairman of Bulmer Parish Council 2014-15. The following officers were nominated, seconded and unanimously agreed: Vice-Chairman and Emergency Plan Officer, Cllr. Fulcher (assent had been gained by telephone); Coe's Meadow and Planning, Cllr. Leigh; Allotments, Cllr. Morgan; Footpaths (P3), Cllr. Raymond. Tree Warden; Peter Rowe. Litter and BVHMC to be confirmed at the next meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AGM) closed at 7.45pm.

PARISH PATHS WALKS



The walkers have enjoyed seeing lots of flowers on all our walks from February onwards. We are fortunate to have such beautiful country around us. Why not join the regulars and discover just what is out there.

The walks below all begin in Bulmer. As usual strong footwear is recommended and at this time of year a bottle of water becomes important. Adult accompanied children are very welcome, as are well behaved dogs on short fixed leads.

Forthcoming Walks

Sunday 27th July at 2.30pm

'A WALK TO WICKHAM'

Approx. 5 miles

Meet at Plough Green, Bulmer Tye

Bank Holiday Monday

25th August at 10.30am

'OVER THE RIVER & UNDER THE RAILS'

Approx. 10½ miles

Meet at Plough Green, Bulmer Tye

Bring a packed lunch and plenty water!

Sunday 28th September at 2.30pm

'HALL TO HALL TO HALL'

Approx. 5 miles

Meet at Bulmer Village Hall.

Queries to Margaret Mills 01787 269377

The next edition will be published around the end of Sept. 2014. Can I please have all your pictures & articles, by the **15th Sept**. Call 378155 or email mike@mcrome.fsnet.co.uk