



What's On?

The Newsletter of Bulmer - June 2009

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

Congratulations! To our new Parish Councillor, aged 18!!



Yes, that's right a Bulmer Parish Councillor aged 18, Bethan Cook after being co-opted to the council will take her seat at the next meeting on the 10th July just *after* her 18th birthday. Bethan has become the youngest councillor to serve Bulmer since its inaugural meeting held in 1894.

The council felt it would be beneficial for the parish to have a young person on the Council bringing a different perspective to discussions and debates, also it might encourage other young people to take a more active part in village affairs. Here is what Bethan has to say about herself & why she came forward to serve Bulmer.

"I live in the family house, where I was born, 18 years ago. I am very proud to have been born and bred in the village and because of that and my love for Bulmer; I always take a lively interest in what is going on in and around the area.

I attended the privately run nursery and went onto the village primary school. Both gave me a really good start in life. I later attended Hedingham School. I have studied, Horse Management at Whittle College and I am now at Colchester Institute studying I.T.

I can often be seen around the village on my bike, walking our dog or out riding one of the horses. Through these activities, I have met lots of people. On a daily basis, I help care for a pony and exercise her. I also help and ride for another local lady and have done for a few years now. My other hobbies include photography, old buildings and architecture, sewing and design and arts and crafts. I have joined the newly formed craft workshops being held at the village hall.

Being a member of the parish council, I will be able to represent the younger villagers who are the future of this village".

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### What's On wins an award!

Earlier this year Braintree District Council held an event "Parish in Spring-time" at which Bulmer was invited to enter its newsletter into a competition with other Parishes. The winners were to be selected by visitors to the event.

Thanks to those of you who contribute articles, & those who voted I am pleased to say Bulmer's "What's On?" was the chosen winner, collecting a prize in the form of a printing voucher, giving us 50% of the normal Braintree District Council prices, up to a maximum value of £500, and must be spent by October 2009.

This award is therefore the reason this edition is published in hard copy form for the first time in colour. It also means the next edition in Sept/Oct. will also be in colour & to make this edition something to remember, it is your opportunity to take a picture which illustrates what you like best about Bulmer, send it to [mike@mcrone.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@mcrone.fsnet.co.uk) or in paper form to 6 Vicars Orchard. Those selected to appear in the next edition could also be included in the Village Design Statement. (For suggestions see back page).

## VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT -PRIZES

At the last Parish Council Meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, a draw was made for the winners of returned completed questionnaires. These were:

**53** - 1st prize a voucher to the value of £50 (a resident from Bulmer Tye area).

**397** – 2nd prize a voucher to the value of £30 (a resident from Bulmer Street area)

**314** – 3rd prize a voucher to the value of £20 (a resident from Church Road, has been claimed).

These have been published on the village website [www.bulmeressex.co.uk](http://www.bulmeressex.co.uk) & the noticeboards.

If the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes are not claimed by the next Parish Council meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> July a re-draw will be made at that meeting & re-advertised.

To claim your prize please contact Mike Crome on 378155, and present your half of the raffle ticket before being declared a winner.

(Please note: The prize will not be given in cash, only a store voucher of your choice)

## VILLAGE LOTTERY WINNERS

The Lottery still provides 3 lucky winners each month. Are you a member? The more members the more funds for the Village Hall and the bigger the prize! Please contact Dawn at the Post Office (376676) if you would like to join.

| Month | First           | Second             | Third         |
|-------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Mar.  | Mrs T Stuart    | Mrs M Dixey        | Mrs N Harding |
| Apr.  | Mr & Mrs Cobb   | Mrs Barrell        | Mrs T Bowler  |
| May   | Mrs J Dutson    | Mr & Mrs L Raymond | Ms J Compson  |
| June  | Mr & Mrs P Owen | Miss E Mack        | Mrs M Dixey   |



Following our A.G.M. the Committee would like to thank all of you who have supported

them throughout the year. A lot of work has been carried out over the last 12 months in an effort to maintain the building and make it a fit place for functions and meetings.

We will be organising our very popular "Ferret Race" evening on **October 3rd** so make a date in your diary. The "Quiz Night" will again be in **November** so watch out for details of these events on the Parish notice boards

Thank you for your support to the Lottery. If you are not a member and wish to take part then ring Dawn on 376676 who will sign you up. Remember, **"YOU HAVE TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT"**

**Bulmer Skylarks** is a new venture for all residents and friends of the Village. We meet on the **fourth Tuesday of the month** for a cup of tea, a chat and hopefully meet up with old friends and perhaps make new ones. The afternoon is intended to be relaxing

and informal and has no age limit (although not suitable for children).

We meet in the **Village Hall from 2pm until 4pm** and our meetings take a different format each month with guest speakers, quiz and games afternoons and more.

Our last meeting in June when we had a quiz, a musical interlude with Brian on keyboards and an opportunity to try your hand at bowling.

Future events will include a visit from our local police who will give advice on personal safety, and a horse racing afternoon. If you would like more information please ring Barbara on 370845 or Maggie on 374758 or come along to the Village Hall and find out for yourself.

## BULMER BOWLS CLUB

Recession getting you down?

Fun gone out of your life?

Our Carpet Bowls Club in Bulmer has all the answers – well nearly.

It will give you something to enjoy every Thursday evening. We don't play in any leagues or competitions, but do enjoy the friendly rivalry.

Hey – we even have tea and biscuits in the interval. Seriously we do need new members to keep us going.

If you want to give us a try just arrive at the hall about 7:15pm on a Thursday. Or ring Brian for more info on 372892.

As Delia Smith said at Norwich City – "Lets be 'avin you!"



## LITTER

A big **thank you** to all our litter clearing volunteers.

We have about 15 volunteers tending various parts of the village and a pretty good job

is being done. Of course, there will always be some litter about, as it is thrown down practically minutes after an area has been cleared. (It is virtually a 24/7 job), but all in all, the village is kept quite tidy.

Ballingdon Hill is sometimes a problem, but because of the traffic we have to ask Braintree Street Clean to clear this stretch and it cannot always be done when we ask.

Don't forget, if you see any dumping of rubbish around the village, report it to either Margaret 269377 or Barbara 370845 who will pass the information to Braintree Rapid Response Team who, quite often clear the rubbish within hours of it being reported to them.

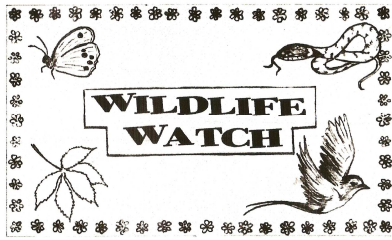
If required, we have spare yellow safety waistcoats and hand pickers and plenty of lavender coloured bags. The lavender bags must be used as this indicates the contents have not been sorted - they are collected with the black bags.

*Margaret Mills & Barbara Rawlins*



## GOOD RECOVERY

I mentioned in the March issue how Wood Pigeons had reduced the rape crop behind The Street to not much more than



skeletal plants. I may be wrong, but judging by the mass of flowers that were produced in early May, the crop hasn't suffered that much. As soon as the flowers appear, they seem to attract smaller birds, Green Finches, House Sparrows, Chaffinches and the like. I suppose that they must be after the insects, which are drawn to the flowers. Later on they will be feeding on the rape seed itself. Gazing across the flowering rape one morning in late April, we spotted a Barn Owl hunting along the hedgerows. We saw it several mornings after that, a distant white shape, floating gently over the landscape, but appearing to darken as it flew lower, to be silhouetted against the blazing yellow rape flowers. We have had a pair of Bullfinches in the garden several times this Spring, the cock was very striking, with its bright tomato chest contrasting with a jet black head. However, they are not good news for the stone fruit crop, they specialise in feeding on the flower buds of any member of the plum tribe. Blackthorn is their food in the wild, and any thick blackthorn hedge is a good place to find them. We have often seen a pair in the Slade, along the Gestingthorpe road, where there is a great thicket of blackthorn.

**Comings and goings** My recorded dates for the departure and arrival of our migrant birds in or close to Bulmer, last years dates in brackets. Last winter visitors, Fieldfare 28th Mar. ( 28th Mar.) Redwing 20th Mar. Siskin 5th Apr. We only saw one Brambling 8th Mar. A scarcer winter visitor, seen by Brenda opposite us, was a Waxwing, there was however a flock of these colourful birds feeding on berries around the Focus store in Sudbury, for quite a long period. First Spring visitors, Swallow 8th Apr. (17th Apr.) Chiffchaff 15th Apr. (11th Apr.) Blackcap 15th Apr. (11th Apr.) Whitethroat 28th Apr (28th Apr.) Lesser Whitethroat 15th Apr. Cuckoo 27th Apr (23rd Apr) Swift 27th Apr. (3rd. May) House Martin 7th May (28th Apr.) Not much pattern here, but most are within a week of last year's dates.

**Space heating?** Back in February we parked in Roys car park at about 5 pm. I was amazed to see a host of Pied Wagtails running about between the parked cars. I counted about forty, before I realised that a couple of trees, close to the store, were bristling with many more wagtails. Altogether, there were about 180 of these dapper little black and white birds. Apparently, Pied Wagtails choose to roost around supermarkets, one theory is that they are drawn to the warmth given out by the store's ventilation system.

**Less to crow about** The Carrion Crow has been resuming its battle with the Village Hall door. Mistaking it's own

reflection for a rival crow, it attacks the glass and makes an unholy mess on the doorstep. (First reported in last September's What's On) This has been countered again with the time honoured piece of black plastic tastefully arranged to blank out it's reflection. This time, however, it's not working. Clearly the crow must judge that it's rival is hiding behind the plastic! One or two smaller birds have also caught on to the fashion. In Bulmer Street I watched a Chaffinch fluttering frantically at a car mirror, occasionally diving round to the back of the mirror in a vain attempt to get to grips it's phantom adversary. Apparently the bird is very persistent and Barbara Rawlins tells me that she now folds her mirror inwards to foil this flighty fighter, which otherwise makes a mess down the side of her car. Some Vicar's Orchard folks have met with the same problem, again with a Chaffinch, are we breeding a new generation of avian vandals in the village?

**What's in a name?** Love it or hate it, you can't ignore Sheep's Parsley (*Anthriscus Sylvestris*). Appearing almost overnight in late April and May, it graces our roadsides with a mass of frothy white flowers, but often masking oncoming vehicles, to add to the perils of using our local by-ways. I have used it's local name "Sheep's Parsley". Jenny Raymond asked me why one of her friends insisted that it should be "Cow Parsley". Believe it or not, I discovered there are over fifty different local names recorded in Britain for this plant. Some of the more interesting ones include, Adders meat, and Gypsy Curtains (Somerset) Devils Oatmeal (Surrey) Dog Parsley (Herts.) Kedlock (Derbs.) Moonlight (Wilts.) Queen Anne's Lace (in many counties) but Cow Parsley is used in most wild flower books.



**Painted Ladies** The third week of May saw a great influx of these colourful butterflies all over the country. They came up from southern Europe and North Africa, some even turning up in Iceland. We had five on one flowering bush in the garden on the 25th, but most just kept fluttering on, towards some unknown goal.

2006 was the last time that we had such an invasion. Later on we will get the offspring of the ones, which lingered here long enough to breed. They lay their eggs on thistles. It was another good spring for OrangeTip butterflies, they lay their eggs on the

flower heads of Garlic Mustard (Jack by the hedge) I've been watching the progress of some in the garden, from pure white egg to caterpillar, which grows very slowly, by mid June it was about an inch long. It will spend the winter as a chrysalis, to emerge next spring as an adult butterfly.

I'm always pleased when folks tell me about their sightings or ask for help in identifying some plant or creature they have seen. Chris, from Upper Houses, was lucky enough to see a Red Kite over Parson's Wood. She commented on it's forked tail and was impressed by it's size (wing span about 5ft 6ins.) Jenny phoned to tell me she had heard her first Cuckoo. Sadly, very few cuckoos have been calling this year, yet another of our migrant birds that is causing concern.



Rob and Dee asked us to look at some flower spikes, growing down the back footpath, which they thought might have been an unusual orchid. They were in fact the flowers of Common Broomrape (seen left), an interesting plant, often mistaken for orchids. They are parasitic plants,

which grow on the roots of clover. They haven't any real leaves, just tiny scales, as they don't rely on photosynthesis to get their nourishment. They just "borrow" their food from their host plant. A little further down the footpath, though, someone else found one Pyramidal Orchid (seen right) in flower. Another Pyramidal is flowering beside Church road. There



was a good show of Bee Orchids (seen left), beside the footpath between Upper and Lower Houses. It does seem to be a good year for orchids, let's hope it's a good omen for the summer to come.

*Peter Rowe*

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St. ANDREWS SCHOOL
Sharing the Good Word!

On 23rd April, staff at Bulmer St Andrew's C of E Primary School shared outstanding practise at a countywide Conference in Wickford.

Mrs Sasha Halls our Year 5/6 Teacher and Mrs Jane Halls, her Teaching Assistant and sister-in-law, along with 12 Year 6 pupils modelled to around 40 delegates on how guided sessions for literacy are run in our school.

The school was asked to model the sessions to exemplify outstanding practise. What made the event particularly exciting was it was the first



time that both Teacher and Teaching Assistant have presented this with children live at a conference.

Jane Halls with a group of Year 6 pupils at the Wickford Conference.

Jane is the first Teaching Assistant in the county to do model her practise to teachers and, despite her nerves in front of so many teachers, did a superb job. Delegates' evaluation comments included one by Kim Hunter of Priory School, "Observing the guided session was excellent. I observed the group working independently and could really see how children work well together and take responsibility for this."

Carole Sleightholme, Lead Curriculum Advisor – Primary Literacy who tutored the course commented, "They were both wonderful and the day went brilliantly as reflected in the glowing evaluations! Every one of the delegates mentioned how this had been useful in moving their practise forward – they were very complimentary and their praise was very well deserved.

Staff from other schools have visited Bulmer to see how our practise has developed. "It wonderful to see how far the school has progressed over the last two years. Our staff work very well as part of a small team. We're all very proud of our school and the children here."

Ellena Mortimer
Headteacher

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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 Fultcher                               | - 01787 269935 |
| Stephen Morgan                               | - 07973 341048 |
| Chris. Leigh                                 | - 01787 378133 |
| Bethan Cook (wef 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2009) | - 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

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 10 <sup>th</sup> July     | 11 <sup>th</sup> September   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November | 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2010 |

All parishioners are welcome to attend

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GARDEN WASTE

The green waste collection continues for the time being. Collection points are Park Lane (9:25 – 9:45) and Vicars Orchard (10:00 – 10:30) on the following Saturday mornings.

11 th July	8 th August
12 th September	10 th October
7 th November	

ROAD & CHANNEL SWEEPING

Please note Bulmer Parish sweeping will take place on the following dates, and it would be helpful if parishioners to park elsewhere on these dates so that sweepers have clear access to the all road channels.

20 th July	28 th September
25 th January 2010	

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008 - 2009

The Parish Council has again been kept fully occupied with a wide range of matters, both local and more distant, throughout the year. Sadly two councillors have resigned, Steve Coombes due to work pressure and Ron Mansfield because of ill health. Ron has served the Council for 20 years including several as Chairman. We miss them both. One position has been filled by the co-option of Mrs. Chris Leigh and interest has been expressed by two other residents.

FINANCIAL MATTERS - due to the current world financial difficulties, councillors decided to divide the Councils' assets between three different banks. We will receive much reduced interest, but safeguarding the village money is of prior importance.

ROADS & TRAFFIC - the Speed Indicator Device (SID) broke down and was returned to Traffic Technology for repair. We were told there was an internal battery, which should have been rested and recharged at intervals. As we were unaware of this and felt that Traffic Technology had been remiss in failing to give us this information, payment for a new battery was withheld for some time. The Community Speed Watch (CSW) team indicate that a large number of drivers disregard speed limits on both The Street and Church Road/Haven Ground. CSW were concerned their reports of speeding vehicles were not followed up by the police.

Bardfield bridge - several meetings, chaired by County Councillor David Finch, were held with representatives from Belchamp Walter and Borley, to discuss the present 10ton weight limit. Belchamp Walter wants the restriction removed to allow large vehicles easier access to local businesses. Bulmer and Borley want it retained to prevent heavy vehicles joining the cars which use the narrow roads as a 'rat run' to bypass Sudbury traffic hold ups.

The present 10ton weak bridge sign is not legal, but Highways have agreed to replace it with a 7.5ton weight limit for environmental reasons. New signage will be erected this year.

The Advisory 30mph sign on the A131 at The Tye does not appear to have had any effect on traffic speed. A recent 24hour speed check showed an 85% 50mph average speed. Accidents continue to happen, but fortunately no one has been killed recently. A large number of accidents are still occurring on Hedingham Road apparently due to excess speed.

Old Church Lane - was incorrectly surfaced as a public right of way and not a public road. It was incorrectly marked on highway maps and will be repaired to a proper standard.

BT pole at Park Lane - after a lengthy search for the appropriate authority, the pole was moved to a position, which did not block drivers' view of Church Road.

Bus shelter on The Tye - was written off after an accident. Most bus passengers no longer felt it safe to wait on the

A131, so the new shelter will be erected on Church Road opposite Park Lane.

COE's MEADOW - continues to be a source of great pride and a much used village asset. The management committee, chaired by Chris Leigh, has carried out a number of improvements. The entrance way has been resurfaced; more seating provided and tree work done on the upper end of the Avenue. A very successful fun day was held in June.

Alan Burbidge continues to make his thorough weekly inspections and reports.

VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT - a very fruitful activity day was held when a crowd of villagers took photographs and recorded details of buildings, views and the general surroundings of various parts of the village. A questionnaire was drawn up, delivered and collected by volunteers and is presently being collated by Mike and the committee.

THE STREET CONSERVATION AREA REVIEW - the inaccuracies in this review horrified councillors. No assistance was asked of the Bulmer History Society or knowledgeable local residents and information to affected residents was scant. Peter Rowe spent a lot of time correcting the document and communicating with those concerned. It was felt the consultants employed were not up to the job and Braintree District Council may reconsider who does future reviews.

PLANNING - an appeal against a decision not to allow a proposed dwelling access to the A131 was turned down. Many other plans have been seen and commented on, most have been met with approval, but applications outside the planning envelopes and those thought too large for a site, have been objected to.

COMMUNICATIONS - 'What's On' has again won an award. Mike Crome and all those contributing should be congratulated for their work. Mike continues to run our website so all can be kept in touch with village affairs.

ALLOTMENTS - Bulmer Grazing have taken over Almshouse field and pieces. More of Park Lane allotments have been rented. It is good to see all the signs of activity there.

LITTLE DEAN SPINNEY - remains a pleasant and peaceful spot, thanks to Peter Rowe and his assistants. The reptilian residents are doing well, we are told.

LITTER - A dedicated number of residents continue to keep the parish clean. Any tipping occurs fairly frequently, but the Braintree Clean Team's rapid response to requests for help is much appreciated. Our Community Warden (Dave Walls) also helps the work.

FOOTPATHS - the wet weather in 2008 made footpath work more difficult, but with the help of volunteers, they were cut. Organised walks each month have continued support from villagers and friends from elsewhere.

The Council acknowledges the help and support of our District and County Councillor's, Nigel Harley and David

Finch, in many matters. I wish to thank my fellow councillors for their dedicated work throughout the year and of course our Clerk, Barbara Rawlins, for the time she spends managing parish council affairs. The official time allowed for a parish of our size is, I am sure, far from adequate and Barbara gives more. Without this help the chairman's post would be very much more difficult.

Parish Council Chairman - Margaret Mills 8.5.09

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**THE UN-APPROVED MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 8 MAY 2009**

**ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr. Mills was proposed by Cllr. Crome, seconded by Cllr. Morgan. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Mills was duly elected chairman of Bulmer Parish Council for 2009/2010.

**VICE CHAIR:** Cllr. Crome was nominated by Cllr. Rowe, seconded Cllr. Mills. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Crome was elected Vice Chairman for 2009/2010.

**OFFICERS:** Allotments - Peter Rowe. Footpaths - Margaret Mills. Litter - Margaret Mills and Barbara Rawlins. Planning - Mike Crome. Trees/hedges - Simon Harris.

**BVHMC** - Barbara Rawlins. **CMMC** - Chris Leigh and Peter Fulcher.

**Emergency Plan** - Peter Fulcher

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** none

**APPROVE THE MINUTES** of the meeting held on 13th March 2009. Proposed by Cllr. Crome, seconded by Cllr. Morgan.

**MATTERS ARISING:** Mr. Raymond had cause to further complain of the burning of horse manure. He contacted Cllr. Mills and also Environmental Services who advised him they would deal with the matter. Freedom of Information Scheme is now on the website.

**PADDOCK AT LOWER HOUSES:** Mrs Lisa Brett, who rents Great Dean Field from the Parish Council for her horses, had previously asked if electricity could be connected to the field. Her reason being on dark winter mornings when she attended her horses at 6;00am. she did not want to use the generator in fear that it would wake nearby residents. Mrs. Brett had obtained details and costs of installation from EDF and attended the meeting to discuss the matter.

Because of the high costs to install, the Parish Council felt other ways should be tried first and it was agreed that two councillors would meet with Mrs. Brett and Mr. Smiles (nearest resident) at the paddock for a noise measurement of the generator and also consult with other residents.

If, however, electricity were laid on then the cost would need to be paid back by an increase in rent carried over several years.

**COE's MEADOW:**

- Fun Day is now 28th June and not 21st June
- Extra benches have been put around the ground
- New goal posts erected
- Stour Valley Project team are to work on clearing

the pond

- It is planned to install some equipment for older children.

The CMMC is presently waiting on comments from the public.

**PLANNING:**

**Butlers Wood - Ballingdon Hill, Almshouse Wood, - Bulmer, Parsonage Wood, Hedingham Road** - all served with Tree Preservation Orders

**Splinters, Back House Croft, The Street** - removal of Condition 1 in relation to vehicular movements. The Bulmer Parish Council *did not support* this application.

The application was *granted* with the following conditions; 1). No vehicle movements in association with the business operated to and from or within the premises at any time before 8.00 on weekdays and Saturday, or after 18.00 on weekdays and 15.00 on Saturdays, nor at any time on Bank Holidays, or other public holidays, or Sundays. 2). Up to 3 nights per week a maximum of two Splinters business vehicles are permitted to return to the site to unload only, no later than 12.00midnight. On 8 Sundays, within one calendar year, a maximum of two Splinters business vehicles and a further two vehicles belonging to employees are permitted to operate from, or within the premises at any time between 8.00 - 17.00. This specifically excludes deliveries from any suppliers.

**Football Ground, Brundon Lane, Sudbury** - installation of 2 floodlight towers serving main pitch and 4 floodlight towers serving youth pitch. Bulmer Parish Council did not support this application, as the majority felt additional lighting on the main pitch was not necessary.

**Pentland, Church Road** - erection of first floor extension and single storey rear extension. No objections from Bulmer Parish Council, but commented that they preferred the original application, which was more suitable and attractive.

**Keys Barns, Church Road** - change of use of agricultural bldg. into a four-bedroom dwelling. Parish Council does not support this application; it is outside the village envelope.

**CORRESPONDENCE & NOTICES:**

1. Once again the Bulmer *What's On* has won an *award*, this time it was the Braintree Best Parish Magazine or Newsletter competition. The Parish will receive a printing voucher for a 50% discount on new printing jobs undertaken by BDC Printing Services up to the value of £500, well done to Mike and contributors.
2. There has been no movement from ECC on agreeing to the *new bus shelter site* at the top of Church Road near Park Lane.
3. Various *road defects* have been reported to Essex highways for attention.
4. The Parish has signed up to the Braintree *Street Scene Partnership* again and will receive a grant of £644.56 this year.
5. *Mr. Crumpton-Taylor* has stepped down from Chairman of Governors Bulmer St. Andrews Primary School after 16 years, to vice-chairman. He advised us that the number of children on the school role is down, reflecting the decline in the child population of North Essex.
6. BT advised that the phone *kiosk in Park Lane* will be converted to '*cashless*'.
7. Our new Community Warden is *Dave Walls* - 07785 515516.

**RECEIPTS:**

|                |                      |           |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------|
| Braintree DC   | - half-year precept  | £2,250.00 |
| Braintree DC   | - parish support     | £2,083.00 |
| VAT repayments |                      | £1,875.54 |
| Essex CC       | - Parish Paths grant | £96.05    |

**PAYMENTS:**

|                         |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| BPCC                    | - grant for graveyards  | £650.00            |
| BVHMC                   | - grant for maintenance | £1,000.00          |
| P.Rowe                  | - fuel expenses         | £8.23              |
| Mortimer                | - grass cutting         | £538.20<br>inc VAT |
| BALC                    | - subscription          | £149.63            |
| Rigby Taylor            | - football nets         | £155.11<br>inc VAT |
| Chilton Office Supplies | - Newsletter            | £82.80 inc<br>VAT  |
| Mrs. D. Allen           | - internal audit fee    | £15.00             |
| A.J. Dixey              | - work on Coe's Meadow  | £450.00            |
| BVHMC                   | - hall hire             | £135.00            |

Review capital investments - it was decided to keep the capital divided equally between the three banks.

Adopt/sign Annual Accounts

Adopt/sign Annual Return

Agree Insurance Schedule

Agree Risk Assessment - it was proposed by Cllr. Crome, seconded by Cllr. Mills and carried unanimously, to adopt and sign the Annual Accounts and Return and to agree the Insurance and Risk Schedules.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr. Leigh - asked if something could be done about the *noticeboard* in The Street, some windows are difficult to open. The Clerk said she would look into the problem. Cllr. Leigh also asked if more people could be encouraged to become *members of the CMMC*.

Cllr. Fulcher - asked if the Clerk would write to the Chief Constable of Essex regarding the *204x4's* that drove up the byway at Brickyards. It could have created a very dangerous situation. Cllr. Fulcher also advised the Council that the section of the B1058 Hedingham Road that has an advisory 20mph warning would be *resurfaced in July*

Cllr. Crome reported the *Speed Indicator Device* was having *no effect* on the speed of vehicles. Also that he was still wading through the *VDS questionnaires*.

Cllr. Rowe reported a complaint regarding the noise of the cockerel's on the Park Lane allotments.

Cllr. Mills - advised the Council that Footpath 27 at Old Church Lane, Bulmer Tye has now been re-designated as a public road.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

**CASUAL VACANCY**

A closed meeting followed to discuss the 2 applications received for the vacancy - Rose Raymond and Bethan Cook.

After much deliberation it was proposed by Cllr. Crome, seconded by Cllr. Leigh that Bethan Cook should be asked to join the Council at their July meeting. This proposal was carried by a majority, with one abstention.

Bethan will be just 18 when she takes her seat as a Councillor. It was felt, as the present members are *mostly* of

retirement age, it could be beneficial for the Parish to have a young person on the Council bringing a different perspective to discussions and debates and also it might encourage other young people to take a more active part in village affairs.

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

**WHEELIE BINS**

By now all residents should have received a pack advising you of how the new scheme (due to start in October) will operate.



If you feel you will not be able to store, or are worried about not being able to move a wheeled bin, then you **MUST** contact Braintree District Council (BDC) on 01376 552525 or email [recycling@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@braintree.gov.uk) before the 31<sup>st</sup> July. Also if you only want the smaller versions of the bins, then you need to contact Braintree District Council. Remember you **DO NOT** have to have the 'green' bin, this is optional, but again you must inform BDC. Otherwise you will be delivered both bins and the standard size by default.

**PARISH PATHS WALKS**

A big thank you to all those who cut paths near their homes and elsewhere. Clear paths get used! It would be very helpful if regular path walkers could occasionally carry secateurs to snip protruding brambles etc. and maybe a plastic bag for litter. I know some of you already do, and thank you for that. Please let me know of any path problems you come across.



Here is the list of walks for the next 3 months. All are about 5 miles and suitable for most adults and children. Dogs to be kept on a fixed lead. Strong footwear is advisable as mud is often encountered.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July at 2.30pm**

**ALL THE Bs**

Bulmer, Borley, Brundon and Ballingdon. Meet at Finch Hill end of Smeetham Hall Lane, Bulmer.

**Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm**

**A WALK INTO HENNY AND TWINSTEAD PARISHES**

Meet at Butlers Hall, off Hedingham Road

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm**

**PATHS LESS USED**

Some local lesser-known ways. Meet at Bulmer Village Hall

Ring Margaret Mills 269377 for further details.

**CHRISTIAN AID**

David Harvey, the area organiser, thanks all the collectors and contributors in Bulmer for their generosity in raising £513.65 to aid the Society's work worldwide.

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**THE VIRTUAL REALITY ORCHESTRA**

**Saturday 25th July at 7.30pm**  
**in St. Andrew's Church, Bulmer**

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refreshments  
available

**TICKETS £10**  
from **Peter Fulcher 269935**  
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**Proceeds in aid of church funds**



*St. Andrew's Church*



*Green Lane looking towards Lt Dean Spinney*

### **BULMER HISTORY GROUP**

Regarding the Bulmer History Group's article in the March 2009 issue of What's On, I feel I must clear up any confusion caused referring to Ashley Cooper as (Lord). Ashley is not a Lord and this was merely a continuation from December 2008's edition of What's On where I referred to Ashley as Lord of the manor of Goldingham Hall. I feel I must also apologise for any confusion or upset this article has caused concerning any contributors of the last History Group's meeting who feel they had been misquoted in any way.

*My deepest and sincerest apologies.*

*Lisa Sandford.*

### **THE NEXT ISSUE**

As indicated on the front page, your pictures illustrating what you like best about Bulmer, for the next issue, could be of a building, a country view, a street scene, an event or a special feature - here are a few suggestions:-



*Funday 2008*



*Griggs Farmhouse*

The **next edition** of 'Whats On?' will be published at the end of September 2009, could I please have all pictures, articles, events etc. by the **15<sup>th</sup> September**. Either by email to [mike@mcrome.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:mike@mcrome.fsnet.co.uk) or snail mail to 6 Vicars Orchard.

*(Tinker's Front Door)*

