

# **BEDFIELD & MONK SOHAM COMMUNITY NEWS**



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## **New housing development at Home Farm, Bedfield**

You will probably be aware of the development of Home Farm (formerly Barrell's Engineering) for new housing.

The District Council has approached Bedfield Parish Council asking for suggestions for road name(s) for the development. The developer has suggested The Barrells or Chapters; The Barrells (as it was previously occupied by Barrell Engineering for some years) or Chapters, as the Contractor building them is Chapter Build Group Ltd.

The Parish Council would be happy to receive any suggestions from residents for road names. If you have any thoughts, please email Geoff Robinson, Clerk to Bedfield Parish council, at [grobinson897@btinternet.com](mailto:grobinson897@btinternet.com)

## **The Community Hub building**

### **a) Thank you!**

Huge thanks to the volunteers who helped paint the building last Saturday. It looks so much better as well as being better protected. It was great to see so many members of the community giving up their time, and it is hugely appreciated.

### **b) A second coat...**

We are planning to apply a second coat on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August, starting at 8:30 a.m. (weather permitting). If you would like to come and join in the fun, please let Lisa know at [lisaj1976@gmail.com](mailto:lisaj1976@gmail.com). Refreshments provided!

### **c) ...and another request for help...**

There are still 4 marquees left up since the fete. They were left up for a number of events, and recently it has been too hot to take them down!

We are hoping to take them down on the evenings of **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August**, (again, weather permitting). If anyone can lend a hand, please email [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com) so we can keep in touch regarding timing.



## d) ...and the future!

Over the last 3 years, the coffee shop on Tuesday mornings and the Art and Craft Club on alternate Wednesdays have become well established, and there has also been an increase in other regular and occasional bookings. It is exciting to see the advent of Bedfield F.C. who will be playing football on Sunday mornings this season, thanks to the hard work of Clive, Jo and Giles Tuley. The increased activity and use of the building helps to make the Hub the centre of the community.

The Community Club Committee is undertaking a review of the existing building to ascertain whether it still meets the needs of the community.

The Committee is receiving advice and will initially explore several options ranging from minor internal modification to a more significant project. The views of residents will be sought at that stage; the Community Club is your Club, and it is very important that any alterations meet the needs and have the approval of residents. **This is a long-term project** and is looking to the future needs, and there will be consultation and community involvement at all times. More information will be shared as available...so watch this space!

## FIND food bank

As food and heating costs continue to rise at an alarming rate, there are more people than ever relying on food banks.

The FIND food bank supports families in Ipswich and the surrounding area.

If you feel you can help, you can donate items at the Hub on any Tuesday morning. Alternatively, you can drop a few coins into the piggy bank in the book swap room; all money donated there is passed on to FIND, who can buy in bulk. All help is gratefully received.

Thanks to Caroline Blyth who organises the collections and delivers the donations on your behalf. More details on the FIND website, [here](#).



## Mobile Library

Did you know that the Suffolk mobile library comes to Bedfield every four weeks?

It parks at Southolt Road from 1:45 – 2:15 p.m. The next visit is **this Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> August**.

Further details can be found [here](#) or follow the link on the village websites (details below).

## Forthcoming events – dates for your diary

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Friends First Friday at the Hub.**

Always a lovely, relaxing evening, and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. A burger van is coming, so please come along and support the event. Huge thanks to Pam and Laura Jackson who continue to organise FFF.

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September: Our Club at the Hub, 2 p.m.**

An opportunity to chat and enjoy an afternoon together. There will be a raffle, with small prizes such as a pot of jam, a homemade cake, garden produce, so you may wish to bring a donation for this and/or the tea table. We can discuss ideas about where to go for a Christmas lunch. If you need transport, please contact Debbie Pritchard. Our Club is Your Club and open to everyone.

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September: MacMillan Coffee morning at St. Nicholas from 10:30 a.m.**

Coffee and cake to enjoy, cake stall, tombola. All Riders and Striders – make it your mid-morning coffee stop!

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Pop-Up Pub at the Hub**

We are provisionally aiming to run a pop-up pub at the Hub on that evening. A chance to enjoy a drink and have a chat in good company. Further details to follow but keep the date in your diary!

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### **Stay informed!**

For more information on any of the above, to hire the Hub, or to submit items for future newsletters, email [bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com](mailto:bedfieldmonksoham@btinternet.com) or you can phone 01728 628046 or 07879 992701.

Remember, to stay informed, there is so much information on the village websites [bedfield.onesuffolk.net](http://bedfield.onesuffolk.net) and [monksoham.onesuffolk.net](http://monksoham.onesuffolk.net) And also at <http://www.facebook.com/BedfieldMonkSohamCommunityClub>.

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