

The Withersfield News

FEBRUARY & MARCH 2018

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH



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INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

**RECTORY RAMBLES**  
**February 2018**

Dear friends,

In 1989 Tim Berners-Lee invented the worldwide web and computer networks started to be used by the general public, rather than just by scientists. Today about eighty to ninety per cent of the adult population in the developed world uses the internet, and it is just about as easy to communicate with a friend on the other side of the world as it is with your next-door neighbour – especially with the rise of social networking sites like Facebook. These days, if you find someone who has something interesting to say, you can tell hundreds of like-minded people in your social network about it in the click of a button. And they in turn can pass the message on to their friends.

Are we as Christians making good use of our social networks, whether online or in person? Who do we know who might be receptive to meeting Jesus? Who do we know might be lonely or feeling lost in this busy and confusing world. Who can we share the news with? And if they object, as well they might, perhaps we should resist the temptation to argue, persuade or criticise, but simply invite them like the disciple Philip said to his friend Nathaniel, to “Come and see.”

Come and see, come and find out who Jesus is and how much He wants to love you more, if you will allow Him.

God bless.

**Father Ian (Rector)**

**Are you interested in  
Fostering or Adoption?**

Do you know someone who  
might be?

*Tell them about this information  
meeting being hosted in St  
Mary's church on:*

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018**

**From 7 30pm-9pm**

**St Mary's Church, Mill Road,  
Haverhill, CB9 88D**

**E:**

**MelissaSuffolk@homeforgood.or  
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**A prayer:**

Loving God, thank you that when even just two or three are gathered together in the community of faith, you are in their midst, always ready to listen to prayer.

Together we form a community of faith, a network of believers. Let us spread God's love and peace among ourselves, and then out into the world

May God send you out into the world

to respond to the call to invite others to meet Jesus and to work for the coming of the kingdom. And the blessing of God almighty be upon you and give you peace.

**AMEN**

**Church service times**

**CHURCH SERVICE TIMES IN FEBRUARY 2018**

Services in St. Mary’s Church, Withersfield will take place as follows in February:

**Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)**  
08.15 Holy Communion

**Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> February (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)**  
NO SERVICE IN WITHERSFIELD

**Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> February (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)**  
4.00 p.m. Evensong

**Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> February (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**  
11.15 Common Worship

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**EASTER DAY SERVICE**

**There will be a service of Holy Communion on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April for Easter Day**



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## Dates for the diary

### **Bin collection days for February**

#### **Thursday collection**

Black & Brown: 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Blue: 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### **Friday collection**

Black & Brown: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

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March

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Black & Brown: 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb

Blue: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 16<sup>th</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup>  
March



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## Happy New Year!

**No top tips to share?** I am certain within the Parish we have lots of talent to share!

We know we have budding bee keepers, quality quilters, gregarious gardeners, fancy flower arrangers & so much more.....

We are hoping to include more than just Parish news within the newsletter, so, I am reaching out to you for contributions! We would be most interested in including articles which reflect our community.

**Examples could include: news from a parish councillor; activities/groups for children; hobbies; crafts; history; cooking (seasonal recipe); gardening (seasonal tips); Quiz/crossword.**

Please share your seasonal top tips with us all so we have a Parish to envy. We would love to learn from you experts out there. Put pen to paper...it only needs a few lines & (I am happy to edit).

So now you are inspired, for those wishing to add your top tips & events in April/May, send your info to me by the **18th March for the APRIL/MAY edition.**

Additionally, we can provide space for Ads and notices. E.g. Items for sale/exchange.

I very much look forward to your contributions for the next edition to:  
[Elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com](mailto:Elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com)

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## LOST PROPERTY

An umbrella was found in the committee room after the Christmas Bazaar. They were being sold in the main hall, so if you bought one and left it behind, please contact Ann on: 01440 707819

News from the Parish Council  
Chairman

**Happy New Year to everyone - it's started pretty wet and cold, but spring can't be far off!**

**We have arranged the annual village spring clean for Saturday 24th March - meeting at the war memorial at 10am.** As usual we will aim to clear all roads and verges leading into the village and as many volunteers as possible would be appreciated. If you can't make it maybe you could contribute by clearing the verges closest to you home - either putting rubbish in your own bin and leaving a bag for collection on that Saturday morning by one of our volunteers.

In December we held a public meeting regarding the application to remove planning conditions restricting the use of the research park next to the Arboretum. The owners want to be able to let the site for light industrial use. We were keen to hear from local residents and it became very clear that everyone was unhappy at the proposal. This might have resulted in large industrial vehicles regularly using the road through the Arboretum Estate - something that everyone thought completely inappropriate. The Parish Council registered an objection with the Borough Council's Planning Department and the decision has been referred to the Planning Committee which will decide on the application at its next meeting at the beginning of February.

We are still keen to hear from parishioners their ideas for projects of benefit to the community in the coming year. We have had one request for a children's playground in the village - aimed at parents with young children. We are keen to know how many people think that this is a good idea, and if so we would welcome some volunteers to help to explore the idea further. Do get in touch if you have a view or would like to get involved.

We have set our budget for next year and I am pleased to say that we will be keeping the cost to residents the same as it has been for the last 3 or more years. So, when you get your Council Tax bill this year which we have heard will show a sizeable increase - you can rest assured that the contribution to the Parish Council will remain unchanged.

Don't forget you can keep in touch with all Parish Council business by going to our website: <http://withersfield.onesuffolk.net/>

Terry Rich,  
Chairman Withersfield Parish Council  
[Terryrich53@gmail.com](mailto:Terryrich53@gmail.com) 01440 421724

# Carpet Bowls

## Withersfield Carpet Bowls Club

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Yes, the Bowls Club is thirty years old this February!

To celebrate this milestone the current members are organising a party on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February from 7pm to which all the founder and former members are invited to.

We will have photos and other mementoes from our Club history, so you can reminisce with people you haven't seen for years. If you have any of your own photos, or Club trophies, we would love to see them.

Everyone should have received an invitation by now, either by post or through the door – if you haven't please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come. Any guests you would like to bring with you would be charged £5 to cover catering costs.

**Please contact Lin and Tony Cooke  
01440763703 by 8<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Dates for your Diary

| DATE                   | EVENT                    | WHERE        | TIME   |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| <b>Feb 2018</b>        |                          |              |        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | Hargrave-League Match    | Village Hall | 7.15pm |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb    | St Mary's Friendly       | Village Hall | 7.15pm |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Singles Club Competition | Village Hall | 7pm    |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Whelnetham League Match  | Village Hall | 7.15pm |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | 30th Anniversary party   | Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Hundon League Match      | Hundon       | 7.15pm |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb   | Club Night               | Village Hall | 7pm    |
| <b>March 2018</b>      |                          |              |        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March  | St Mary's Friendly       | St. Mary's   | 7.15pm |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> March  | Tostock League Match     | Tostock      | 7.15pm |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March  | Club night               | Village Hall | 7.15pm |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March | Singles competition      | Village Hall | 7pm    |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> March | AGM & KO Cup             | Village Hall | 7.00pm |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March | Cockfield League Match   | Cockfield    | 7.15pm |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> March | Club Night               | Village Hall | 7.00pm |





## Withersfield Speedwatch

### Sticker your Bin!!

Wheelie bin stickers, as shown below are now available.



Over 100 have been sold and for those who have bought them already now is the time to stick them on your wheelie bins and get them out there on bin collection day. The more on show the greater the impact.

If as many people as possible, put these on their bins then on bin collection day this gives out a powerful “speed awareness” message. This has already been adopted by other villages in the area such as Horringer (near Bury St Edmunds).

It is suggested that the “30 mph Please Drive Carefully” stickers are stuck to the black and blue bins and the “Polite Notice Slow Down” stickers are stuck to the brown bins.

The stickers are available for purchase from Chris Oakes at a cost of £3 for 6 and £2 for 4 (2 for each bin).

See the illustration below for the recommended way they are stuck to the bins.



If you are interested in supporting this scheme and would like to purchase stickers, please could you either email or phone Chris using the contact details below.

*Together we can make a difference!!*

Chris Oakes

01440-703939 or 07587152701

E: [familyoakes@icloud.com](mailto:familyoakes@icloud.com)

### **Arboretum/ Hanchett End traffic and highways**

We are trying to establish a picture of traffic and highway issues across the whole parish. Geoff Hayward is the Parish Councillor with responsibility for roads. He would like to know of any issues that parishioners living in the Arboretum or Hanchett End are experiencing with local traffic and roads.

**Please email Geoff at:**  
**[geoffhayward@mac.com](mailto:geoffhayward@mac.com)**

### **POT HOLES, BLOCKED DRAINS AND OTHER ROAD PROBLEMS.**

Did you know that Suffolk County Council has an on-line facility for reporting problems with our roads?

Just go to <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

And select:

#### **! Report**

Here you can select Potholes, street lighting, public rights of way or flooding.

Select the most appropriate and this will take you to the reporting site:

For **Potholes** <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/potholes/report-a-pothole/>

Here you are asked to fill in a simple on-line form and to mark on a map exactly where the problem is.

You will be able to see if it has been previously reported and the map will show the level of priority that has been given to a reported problem.

The winter weather has left us with lots of damaged roads—dangerous to all road users and pedestrians—but especially lethal to cyclists—everyone can do their bit to ensure that we keep our County Council highways team informed and on the ball.

A reminder that the deadline for items for the **April/May** newsletter is **18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Please email Elaine on:

[Elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com](mailto:Elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com)

### **WITHERSFIELD SPEEDWATCH**

We would like to re-launch Speed watch in the village, and to do this we urgently need more volunteers.

Speed watch gives a visual reminder to motorists to slow down, as well as providing statistics to build a fuller picture of the problem of speeding in the village.

This information can then be used to lobby for appropriate traffic-calming measures. We know that when lobbying, weight is given to the fact that the community is trying to help itself.

#### **We need volunteers for two rotas:**

- 1.To move the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) between its various locations in the village (half an hour once every two/three months)
- 2.To operate the speed gun as part of a team of three volunteers (two hours once every four/six weeks)

**Without more volunteers, this village initiative is sadly likely to end.**

**If you would like any further information on what is involved, please get in contact.**

**Chris Oakes (Speed watch coordinator)**

**Tel: 07587 152 701**

**E-mail:**

**[familyoakes@icloud.com](mailto:familyoakes@icloud.com)**

## News from the Arboretum



If you are a resident on The Arboretum and haven't yet joined our Facebook page, please request your membership (search for The Arboretum, Withersfield – Community) – there are a couple of Admin questions to answer before your access is granted.

We also have a community email address:

[arboretum\\_community@outlook.com](mailto:arboretum_community@outlook.com)

Lucy Guest

## TO FETE OR NOT TO FETE

Every year the church in Withersfield holds a fund-raising activity. Historically this has been a summer fete, but last year it was a tea party. The money raised helps with the running costs of the church building – the grass cutting of the churchyard and its hedge cutting, the insurance for the building, the electricity bills and possibly small running repairs.

**It is time to start thinking about this again for 2018.**

The church is looking for help with running an event this summer. Plenty of help can be given. I have all the details from the fetes over the years, and last year's tea party, and there are many willing helpers. I am calling a meeting of all who have helped in the past and those who would like to help this year on

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall Committee Room**

Please come along. Volunteers from The Arboretum are particularly welcome. At this meeting we will decide whether to fete or not to fete! If you would like to help with this, but are unable to make the meeting, please give me a call so we can chat about it.

**Rosie Wenham 01440 710798**

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In January we paid 48.75p +VAT per litre.

If you want to be included in our next order, we need to know how much you need by **6pm on Thursday 22nd February**.

If you want to find out about the syndicate, please visit <http://theoilsyndicate.wordpress.com> or get in touch by email or phone.

Cliff Hall 01440 708648  
Email [theoilsyndicate@gmail.com](mailto:theoilsyndicate@gmail.com)

## ANNUAL VILLAGE QUIZ NIGHT!



The annual Quiz night will be on the **7<sup>th</sup> April at the Village Hall**, as per usual, following the same format, except we have a new Quizmaster.....

**Geoff Hayward**

*If you are inspired to come out, mingle and test your mental agility...now is the time to sign up!*

Forming teams of up to 10 people, bringing along your nibbles and refreshments for a fun packed evening, please contact Tom on:

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## St Mary's Church information

### Church Flowers

#### FEBRUARY 2018

3<sup>rd</sup> February Karen Williams

10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February Rosie Wenham

#### Then no more flowers in February as NO FLOWERS IN LENT

*The new rota for church flowers will be distributed before the current one runs out on 17<sup>th</sup> February!!*

**BUT – please note**

**Easter Day is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018, so please can everyone do their flowers in “their” window by end of Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.**

### Church Cleaning

#### FEBRUARY 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> February Angela Kinloch

10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February Celia Hall

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## St Mary's Church

### Haverhill Lent Talks 2018

#### MY WORK ..... MY FAITH



#### Short talks on how Faith affects work

Sundays during Lent at 4pm

18<sup>th</sup> February: Maureen Byrne (local Councillor & Union worker)

25<sup>th</sup> February: Matthew Hancock MP

4<sup>th</sup> March: Major Linda Squirrell (Salvation Army)

18<sup>th</sup> March: Henry Wilson (Reach Projects)

**Short 40-minute service with 15-minute talk included.**

**Refreshments served afterwards for a chance to talk to the speaker.**

**ALL WELCOME**

## Annual Village Spring Clean



**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 10 am at the War Memorial**

Every year the Parish Council organises a spring clean when we aim to remove all the accumulate rubbish from the verges on each of the roads leading in and through the village.

**Your help is needed!**



## Withersfield Progressive Feast

24<sup>th</sup> February 2018



**Last call** for diners to produce 1 course for six people i.e. two couples plus themselves. The course could be either a starter, main or desert. Each course is hosted in a different house. Please take a bottle of wine for the main course provider, and a raffle prize to be drawn during coffee. Everyone meets up for a coffee at the stated venue.

**To participate a donation of £10 per household.**

Donations are divided between the Friends of Withersfield and St Mary's Church, Withersfield. An envelope will be provided to indicate your choice.

If you would like to participate, please let me have your name, address and telephone number along with your first and second choice of which course to host.

If you need more information, please ring or email Janet on 01440 702461 or

E: [brasstrumpet@gmail.com](mailto:brasstrumpet@gmail.com)

**Please come and have fun and support our village amenities.**

**Dress code: Best bib and tucker!**

## Celebrate Valentines Day at the Whitehorse

### Valentines Menu

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>



*Lightly Curried Parsnip Soup,  
Homemade Bread*

*Beef & Garlic Meatballs, Spicy Tomato  
Linguini*

*Local Mussels in a White Wine & Garlic  
Sauce, Crusty Bread*

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*Sirloin Steak, Grilled Tomato, Portobello  
Mushroom, Chunky Chips & Salad*

*Oven Roast Cod Supreme, Caper & Dill  
Risotto, Parmesan Shavings, Prawn  
Butter*

*Ratatouille Stuffed Aubergine, Basil  
Pesto & Rocket Salad*

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*Passion Fruit Cheesecake, Passion Fruit  
Jelly, Mango Sorbet*

*Apple & Rhubarb Crumble Tart, Vanilla  
Ice Cream*

*Chocolate & Raspberry Panacotta,  
Chantilly Cream, Shortbread Biscuits*

**£60 for two inc a bottle of wine**

## Church News

### CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Every few years the PCC must draw up a new church electoral roll, and 2018 is one of those years.

**Those who are currently on the electoral roll** will need to complete and sign a new form. I will either be calling you about this, or putting a new form through your letter box during Feb/March. Please fill it in and get it back to me as soon as you can. I will give you the necessary information to do this at the time.

**For anyone else** who would like to go onto the Church Electoral Roll – this allows you a vote at church annual meetings – please let me know and I will get a form to you. This applies to anyone interested who lives in the parish of Withersfield, whether in the main village or at Hanchett End, Barsey Close or Arboretum.

I look forward to hearing from you.

**Angela Kinloch 01440 702048**

### **Reminder that the Whitehorse are open on Monday evenings!**

Mondays Special Offer

Two for the price of one  
Burgers

Normally £9.95 each

Food served from 6pm-9pm

## Matthew Hancock MP



### **Member of Parliament for West Suffolk & Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**

I was so pleased to have been asked to contribute to the Withersfield newsletter. In the age of social media and all the other ways that we can get the news, sometimes it is a great local newsletter that works the best.

There has been much going on in West Suffolk, but one of the issues that affects so many of us, is our broadband. For many people, it won't be problem. In Suffolk, 91% can get superfast broadband. But for some, especially in the more remote areas, getting good broadband speeds can be a struggle. As both in my role as the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and as the MP for West Suffolk, it is incredibly important to me that my constituents get good speeds. Much of our daily life is conducted online, from running a business, to having our children do their homework, to the more enjoyable pursuits of keeping up with distant friends and watching television and downloading films. I am fully aware that not being able to participate in modern, digital life in 2018 puts one at a real disadvantage and I am determined, and working very hard, to getting everyone good reliable broadband as soon as possible.

**Rt Hon Matt Hancock MP**



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**THANK YOU!!**

## **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2017**

We raised £611.80 for the  
Withersfield Church Preservation  
Fund. Thank you to everyone who  
helped, donated items to sell,  
or came to support us on the day.

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## **VILLAGE CAROLLERS**

Thank you to everyone who turned  
out on a cold Winter's night to sing  
carols and to the White Horse for  
their very warm wine  
welcome. Thanks also to the people  
who fed and watered us at the start  
and the finish. We made £180.00 for  
the W.C.P.F.

**Ann Woods**



## **Top Tips for Beekeeping in Feb/March**



It's time to check if your bees are hungry.

### **How?**

'Heft' (lift) the back of the hive to check its weight... If it feels light, feed them candy over the top of the brood. The bees cannot cope with liquid at this time of year, so only candy.

Also, this is the time to check your equipment and clean the supers and brood boxes.

**Remember to keep all old wax** to melt down from the brood box. Throw away the old cells which are made of silk. This will make ready the new foundation for the next batch of bees.

Next time its Spring bee keeping news!



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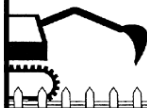
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