

The Withersfield News

February 2019 & March 2019

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH



News, Views and Information from your local area

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Editors comments

Happy New Year to all our residents!

The festive period is over and as we begin a new year lets be positive that the end of January marks the end of month two of the winter season. So far.... no snow and come March we should start to feel the start of Spring! Which always is a cause for celebration. Our newsletter has lost a couple of advertisers due to changes in their business but we do have a few new ones. This edition is 'quieter' than usual but the Parish Council's wheels are still turning. So do take a read from the Chair to gain insight into what they have been doing for our local community.

Elaine McInnes-Rich Editor

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Many thanks to everyone involved in getting the church ready for Christmas.

Thanks to those who sourced and provided the tree and got it to the church. Thanks to those who helped to set it up and thanks to those who helped make the tree and the whole church ready for celebrating Christmas.

The church looked lovely and everyone's hard work was appreciated.

Thanks also go to the church fairies who took all the decorations down and to those who got the tree removed.

You all know who you are and the church could not have done it without you all.

THANK YOU!

Rosie Wenham

On behalf of PCC

We always seek authors for news, views and information from our Parish

Residents on local interests!

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However if any of you spot errors do please contact Elaine

on: elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com

EASTER 2019

Church flower arrangers

Just and early notice to remind all flower arrangers to kindly decorate their windows for Easter, which this year is on Sunday 21st April 2019.

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Rosie

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Catering Expenses were kindly born by Sian and the Catering Crew.

Advertising and Hall Hire were paid from last year's leftover sales.

Unsold goods were donated to the British Heart Foundation.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the day and to everyone who so generously donated.

Ann Woods.



News from the Parish Council

Firstly, a Happy New Year to everyone.

At our last meeting we welcomed a new co-opted Parish Councillor – Nissa French – Ramsteyn. Nissa lives in the Arboretum/Hanchett End part of the parish and will help ensure that we have fair representation from across the parish.

Recently several Parish Councillors had the opportunity of meeting local MP and Secretary of State for Health & Social Care, Matt Hancock. This was held at the Haverhill Area Forum. Our MP talked about his work as Secretary of State and how this is informed by his experience of the health service locally. We were able to stress to him the continuing concerns of Withersfield Parish residents about our GP services – the problems getting appointments and the low numbers of GPs and surgeries serving Haverhill and surrounding villages. Whilst understanding the problem he did not have any messages of imminent changes – although did assure us that more GPs are being trained today than has been the case for many years. He also spoke about mental health services and steps being taken to improve the performance of the failing Mental Health Trust in Norfolk & Suffolk. He heard concerns from

many of those present about the lack of access to mental health care locally.

Many residents continue to have real concerns about the speed and volume of traffic through the parish especially through Withersfield village. We have a working group currently exploring what further measures might be implemented to manage the problem in the future and we await their recommendations. In the meantime, it is great to hear that Suffolk County Council now agree that the speed of traffic in our village as it enters the 30mph zone is such that we meet the criteria for “40mph buffer zones” to slow traffic on the approach roads. This would mean that Slippers Lane, Silver Street, and the roads from Great Thurlow and from Great Wratting could be re-zoned to 40mph.

However, the work to draw up and implement new Traffic Orders and to design and implement a scheme would take around a year and would cost between £5,000 and £10,000. The Parish Council will be considering how this money could be raised – how much might come from Parish Council reserves and how much might have to be raised from other sources. But, its good news that finally it has been accepted that the

high speed of traffic on these village roads is a serious problem and that there is something that can be done about it. It is now up to us to decide where to get the funds if we want to proceed.

Please can you make a note of the Annual Village Spring Clean day – its Saturday 16th March and we will meet as usual at 9.30-10.00 at the war memorial. If you cannot make it on the day, perhaps you could join in the effort by clearing the area of roadside nearest to your home. If you want to leave any filled rubbish sacks by your gate on that Saturday morning, they can be collected and will help make the task of the volunteers easier.

Lastly, the four yearly Parish Council elections are due to take place in May. Have you ever thought about becoming a parish councillor? If you are interested in finding out more about the role, please do get in touch with me or Jill Johnson our Parish Clerk – or any other parish councillor.

Best wishes,

Terry Rich Chairman WPC

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DAY	TIME	CLASS	LOCATION
MONDAY	11.00-12.15	Yoga with Sue Walters	Main Hall
	19.00- 21.30	Withersfield Bowls	Main Hall
TUESDAY	10.00-11.00	Pilates with Sarah Wright	Main Hall
	14.00-15.00	Pilates with Sarah Wright	Main Hall
	19.00-21.30	Withersfield bowls	Main Hall
WEDNESDAY (2 nd Wed each Month)	10.00-11.45	Post natal Yoga with Sarah Gibbs	Main Hall
	18.15-19.15	Pregnancy Yoga with Sarah Gibbs	Main Hall
	19.00-21.00	Withers field Bridge Club	Committee Room
	10.00-12.00	Craft club	Committee Room
THURSDAY	10.00-11.00	Tai Chi with Sarah Wright	Committee Room
	14.00-17.00	U3A Bridge Club	Main Hall
	18.00-21.00	Chippers Dog Training with Sarah Connally	Main Hall
FRIDAY	17.00-18.15	Body Temple dance	Main Hall
SATURDAY	08.00-17.00	Dance with Ronnie Walford	Main Hall
SUNDAY	Currently free for ad hoc hires		

Bin dates for the diary

February

Weekly bin collection dates for

Feb 2019

Thursday collections

Black & brown bins

7th & 21st February

Blue bins

14th & 28th February

Friday collections

Black bin & brown bins

8th & 22nd February

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CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Feb 2019

Services in St. Mary's Church, Withersfield will take place as follows on:

1st Sunday: 3rd Feb

11.15 Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 10th Feb No service

3rd Sunday: 14th Feb

16.00. Evensong

4th Sunday: 24th Feb No service

5th Sunday. No service

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March 2019

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1st Sunday: 3rd March

11.15 Holy Communion

6th March: Ash Wednesday

9.30am Eucharist Haverhill

7.00pm Eucharist Haverhill

2nd Sunday: 10th March No service

3rd Sunday: 17th March

16.00. Evensong

4th Sunday: 24th No service

15th Sunday: 3rd No service



When there is no service in Withersfield, there is 09.30 service of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Haverhill and a 11.00am Elevenses family church Wednesdays of Lent 7.30pm Lenten group at Rectory.

St Mary's Church



March 2019 Church flowers

2nd March Janet Holdom

Feb 2019 Church flowers

2nd & 9th Feb Jackie Wareham

16th & 23rd Feb Rosie Wenham

(No flowers after Ash Wednesday
6th March for remainder of Lent)

Feb 2019 Church cleaning

2nd & 9th Feb Ann Woods

16th & 23rd Feb Celia Hall

March 2019 Church cleaning

2nd & 9th March Susan Hamilton

16th & 23rd March Angela Kinloch
and Karen Williams

30th March & 6th April Stella Eve and
Sian Gilligan



Carpet bowls

Feb 2019

Sun 3rd	Suffolk Pairs Competition 1st Session	Needham Market
Mon 4th	Singles	Village Hall 7.00pm
Sun 10th	Suffolk Pairs Competition 2nd Session	Needham Market
Mon 11th	Club Night	Village Hall 7.00pm
Tues 12th	Hoggards Green League Match	Village Hall 7.15pm
Mon 18th	Whelnetham League Match	Whelnetham 7.15pm
Tues 19th	Club Night	Village Hall 7.00pm
Mon 25th	Club Night	Village Hall 7.00pm
Tues 26th	Brockley League Match	Village Hall 7.00pm

March 2019

Fri 1st	Thurston League Match	Thurston 7.15pm
Mon 4th	Singles	Village Hall 7.00pm
Thurs 7th	Stanningfield League Match	Stanningfield 7.15pm
Sun 10th	Suffolk Singles	Needham Market
Mon 11th	Club Night	Village Hall 7.00pm
Mon 18th	A.G.M. & K.O. Cup	Village Hall 7.00pm
Tues 19th	Hargrave League Match	Village Hall 7.15pm
Mon 25th	Club Night	Village Hall 7.00pm



WITHERSFIELD BYGONES

This is the 1st in a series of 7 wonderful stories full of history from our village...

1. THE WINDMILL

Over the years Withersfield has had several interesting landmarks, including a windmill and the turnpike.

The first record of a mill, found in the Withersfield archives, occurred in 1688 when the miller was Thomas Rule who wrote his will in that year. He left £40 in bequests and his estate to his son Thomas. On the Ordnance Survey maps of 1886 and 1890 there is a circle marked "Windmill (corn)" with a drawing of a postmill and a complex of buildings including Mill House and Mill Farm. They lie on an old path from the manor house, now Hall Farm, south to a

point where Mill Lane is now a footpath leading down to the Withersfield/Haverhill Road.

The Title Map of 1840/3 has a house, yard and mill with a garden, in extent two acres, paying an annual rent of 12 shillings. There is a little diagram showing the post mill. The mill house was built of brick, lath and plaster with a tiled roof and contained two sitting rooms, a kitchen, dairy, pantry and cellar with five bedrooms, a coal house, wood house and a privy plus extensive out houses for horses, cows and pigs.

There was no mill shown on the 1926 OS map.

In 1803 the country was fearful of a Napoleonic invasion and the government issued a plan for eastern counties to organise the inhabitants to evacuate their homes and retreat westwards.

Everyone was to pile into carts their belongings, livestock and moveable crops under supervision of a village overseer.

Millers were of particular interest as food suppliers. The Withersfield miller, John Watson, was also a farmer and owned 1 cow, 1 pig, 1 riding horse, 2 draft horses, 1 wagon, 3 carts, 35 quarters of wheat, 3 of barley, 3 loads of hay, 8 quarters of flour and

3 of malt. He undertook to supply six sacks of 280lb of flour every 24 hours. He was to supply a cart and 2 horses to Caleb Westrop (of Silver street Farm) for conveyance of people and foodstuffs away from an advancing army.

In 1977 Mill Farm is still there on maps with another building to the south but no-one inhabited it after 1950. Fred Bradnam was the last to live in Mill House.

Author

Christine E. Jackson.

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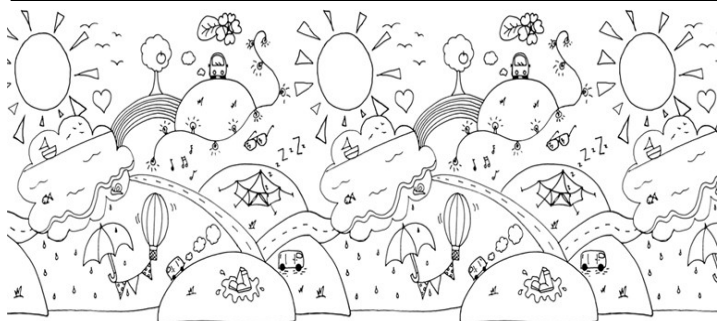
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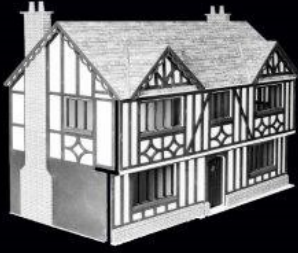
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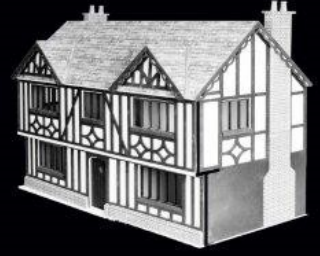


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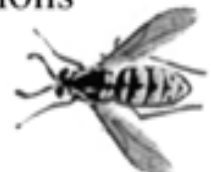
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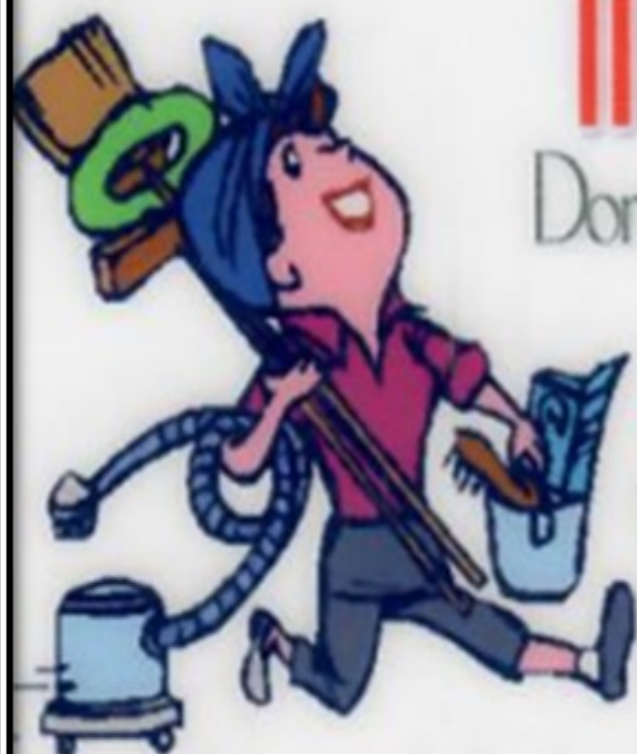
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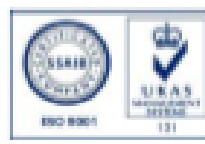
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