

The Withersfield News

August & September 2018

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH



News, Views and Information from your local area

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Police non-emergencies 101



Editors comments

Dear residents,

The long run of uninterrupted sunshine and dry days that are characterising the summer of 2018 is already impacting on our gardens ,animals and crops. Local residents and farmers are reporting water issues, low yields, a lack of grazing and uncomfortable animals! Normally lush gardens and fields are now brown wisps of hay with no sign of rain in the near future. We all agree some Vit D is good for the soul, but I am receiving reports of residents stresses over the amount of time spent watering to keep plants alive and to maintain the welfare of their animals. Climate change? Maybe its

time to build up our resilience together as a village to be better prepared for next summer!

Thanks to our increased publicity for advertising local business' in our newsletter, we are having a steady stream of new business coming our way! Do check out the new adverts to the back of the newsletter for all your needs. Please contact Richard below to advertise your business in our next edition. My appreciation to those of you who have sent lovely pictures of our village in action. **Please continue to send them via email in jpeg format to: elainemcinnes64@gmail.com**

And finally, all that remains to say is— Enjoy the rest of the summer (with a little rain coming our way, we hope).

**Elaine McInnes-Rich
Editor**

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

Residents on local interests!

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News from the Parish Council

A Local Plan for Withersfield?

I guess most residents will have seen the beginnings of the new developments on the north of Haverhill – bringing lots of new homes – and traffic to the area. Whilst it is only too clear that there is a need for new homes, and our region has to provide some of those homes – it does raise the worrying question in many people's minds about how we manage to preserve the benefits of village life in our beautiful rural parish of Withersfield.

Over the years, Withersfield has managed to maintain its identity and character, and the Parish Council is keen to ensure that we are well prepared should there be any moves to revise the borough development plan, which designates where future development should take place.

With this in mind, we want to commence the process of drawing up a "Neighbourhood Plan" – which will serve to set the parameters for future development and limits on them.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

It is:

- A document that sets out planning policies for the neighbourhood area – planning policies are used to decide whether to approve planning applications
- Written by the local community, the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority
- A powerful tool to ensure the community gets the right types of development in the right place.

To find out more about the Neighbourhood Planning process go to:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org>

If you want to get involved in helping with a Withersfield Neighbourhood Plan please do get in touch. **Cllr Ian Kinloch has agreed to take the lead on this.**

Traffic and speed

We are pleased to hear that our local County Councillor, Mary Evans is now responsible for Highways issues for the County Council – congratulations Mary.

So this could be the right time to press for further improvements in traffic management and measures to control speeding. There are a number of outstanding concerns that have been pending with the County Council for months, and we are inviting Mary to come to our next meeting to hear of our concerns and our ideas to improve road safety in Withersfield.

That meeting is on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

War Memorial:

Have you noticed the splendid restoration of our village war memorial? Take a few minutes to visit it and look over the names of Withersfield residents who died in the two World Wars.



Our aim was to get the restoration completed in time for the 100th anniversary of the ending of World War 1, and now that has been achieved, plans are beginning for us to have a suitable commemoration in November. (see article from Stella Eve elsewhere in this issue).

Parish Council cont.

Parmiters School visit:

The bi-annual visit of the Parmiter's School to Withersfield took place in June. A tea party hosted by Felicity and Michael Slinger at Turnpike House was followed by a service with the Parmiter's choir in the church. The Parmiter's school was founded in 1681 by Thomas Parmiter of Charity Farm, Withersfield. For more information about Parmiter's go to: www.parmiters.herts.sch.uk

It's great to see that the Withersfield community are making the most of this sizzling summer – the



community Cricket match was a great success, the garden bowls



competition is drawing in lots of participants, plans underway for the mini-fete in September, not to mention the beer festival at our local Pub – The White Horse during August.

Litter

It's always disheartening how soon our roads are strewn with cans, bottles and fast food waste following our annual village clean. This year the Parish Council asked residents to participate in the event by taking responsibility for the road side verges nearest to their home as part of the annual clean up. Now I am suggesting that we all adopt this approach on a more regular basis – and bearing in mind the importance of safety – let's all aim to spend a few minutes every week picking up the discarded waste that gets thrown so frequently from the windows of passing cars.

Enjoy the summer while it lasts.

Terry Rich

Chairman, Withersfield Parish Council

Village dates for your diary

August: Beer Festival at White-horse Pub

1st September: Garden Bowls

Final Turnpike House from 2pm

18th September: Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall at 7 30pm

22nd September: Mini Village Fete at the Village Hall 1-4pm

29th September: Annual Church clean from 9 30am

7th October 2018: Harvest Festival Evening Songs of Praise at 6pm

11th November: WW1 Memorial Tea at the Village Hall at 12 30pm

Community Engagement Officer

In June, Suffolk Police created nine Community Engagement officers, covering all the policing sectors across Suffolk. I am one of these CEO's and I cover the Sudbury and Haverhill sectors. Our role is split into two main areas:



Firstly: To keep the Sudbury and Haverhill communities updated with what is happening in their areas. This will include updates of crimes that have occurred, appeals for assistance with incidents such as missing persons, suspicious activity and stolen property reports. I will also be telling you what your local Police Officers, Special Constables, Cadets and Police Volunteers have been doing.

Secondly: I want you to be able to tell me what's happening in your area. There are so many non-profit making organizations, clubs and individuals who provide services to the community. I would like to promote these and be a source of information in your community. I plan to attend as many of these as I can and also the Fêtes, Fairs and open days.

So how am I going to do this?

As I have said I plan to get out into our communities as much as possible. If you see me about please stop me and say hello. I have already attended several Fêtes and Fairs and these were excellent opportunities to talk to you. I am also using Social Media. Sudbury and Haverhill have their own Police Twitter accounts and we have recently created the Sudbury & Haverhill Police Facebook page. Please "Like, Share and Follow" these. They are fast and effective ways of getting information out to you.

Do email me on: ceosudburyhaverhill@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

When not to contact me: In an emergency. In this instance, please call 999

If you wish to report an ongoing issue in your area please call 101 and ask to be put through to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team. If you want an update on a crime previously reported please call 101 and asked to be put through to the investigating officer. You can also report crimes and incidents through the Suffolk Constabulary website. <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something/report-crime>

Thank you for taking time to read this and I look forward to meeting you.

Jon Gerrish

PC 836

Sun shines on Withersfield Cricket Day

A big thank you to everyone involved in the Withersfield Cricket match on Sunday 1st July.



The event was organised by Withersfield Cricket Club and the Parish Council with the aim of making the most of our beautiful sports field and pavilion.

The weather was perfect for a traditional afternoon of cricket. The sun shone down all day long and a large crowd gathered to enjoy the day, settling down around the pavilion and boundary rope with an array of picnics to support the teams.

The two teams were drawn for the village and surrounding areas with players from Haverhill, Great Wratting and Withersfield. The match was between a Withersfield XI and an Invitation XI.



The Invitation XI batted first with their opening batsman Harding top scoring well and getting the visitors off to a great start with 39 runs. The Withersfield Captain for the day Jon Watkins lead from the front with a fine bowling display taking 4 wickets for 26 off 5 overs. The Invitation XI batted well and scored a total of 153 off their 25 overs setting a challenging total for the Withersfield batsmen.

However, the highlight of the game for most of the players was the splendid traditional tea provided by ladies from the village. The tea table heaved under the weight of various sandwiches, cakes sausage rolls and delicious salads. There was plenty for everyone, including the spectators!



Although the Withersfield team was disadvantaged under



the weight of the tea that had been consumed they managed to start well with the Withersfield opening batsman Brown top scoring with a fine 50. Unfortunately wickets tumbled and Withersfield fell a little short of the total required and were all out for 123, with the Invitation XI winning by 30 runs. Everyone involved cricketers, organisers and spectators had a brilliant day which concluded with a final gathering at the White Horse for a few drinks and some conversations about making the cricket day an annual event. See you next year!

Village Hall timetable

Jenny the Warden, is always trying to find classes that are of use to our community and is aware that there are a lot of young families in the village and at the arboretum now .

If anyone has regular classes they want to put on please let Jenny know and she will do her best to find a suitable slot for everyone or keep them on file should a slot becomes free.

Email: withersfieldvillagehall@gmail.com



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 - 11.15	Pilates with Sarah Wright	Main hall
	2.00 - 3.15	Pilates with Sarah Wright	Main hall
	19.00 - 21.30	Withersfield Bowls	Main hall
Wednesday	10.00 - 11.45 FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 28TH MARCH 2018	Wednesday Post Natal Yoga with Sarah Gibbs	Main hall
	1.15 - 2.30 FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 18TH APRIL 2018 - TERM TIME ONLY CLASS	Baby Yoga with Jessica Fitchie	Main hall
	18.15 - 19.15 FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 28TH MARCH 2018	Pregnancy Yoga with Sarah Gibbs	Main hall
	19.00 - 21.00	Withersfield Bridge Club	Committee room
	IN ADDITION, ON THE 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH THE CRAFT CLUB ARE IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM FROM 10.00AM UNTIL 12.00		
Thursday	9.00 -10.30 TERM TIME ONLY CLASS	Baby Yoga with Jessica Fitchie	Main hall
	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	Currently free for ad hoc hires		
Saturday	8.00 - 17.00	Lane School of Dancing with Ronnie Walford	Main hall
Sunday	Currently free for ad hoc hires		

Bin dates for the diary

Weekly bin collection dates for Aug & Sept 2018

Thursday collections

Black bin

9th & 23rd Aug

6th & 20th Sept

Blue & brown bins

2nd, 16th & 30th Aug

13th & 27th Sept

Friday collections

Black bin

10th & 24th Aug

7th & 21st Sept

Blue & brown bins

3rd, 17th & 31st Aug

14th & 28th Sept

Please make sure your correct bin is out for collection by 6.30 am on the day of collection.

Solar Panels

Your solar panels could cost less than you think



If you've been thinking about installing solar panels for your home, a new scheme will make the process easier for you. "Solar Together Suffolk" is a scheme backed by councils across Suffolk using the power of bulk-buying – where approved suppliers can offer you a discounted price as they receive a large number of orders. All you need to do is register your details at:

www.solartogthersuffolk.co.uk

There is NO obligation to buy and you will reduce your electricity bills and help Suffolk to become the Greenest County.

Don't delay, you only have until 21 August 2018 to register your details at www.solartogthersuffolk.co.uk



AUTUMN MINI-FETE

NEXT MEETING

The next (and probably only remaining) meeting to discuss the mini fete in September, will take place on:

Thursday 9th August 2018

7.30 pm

Committee Room of Village Hall

This is really a reminder to all those who have already said they will help, but any other volunteers to help with the mini-fete are welcome!

If you have committed to help on the day (**22nd September**) but are unable to attend the meeting please let Rosie know, otherwise see you there!

Rosie Wenham 01440.710798

On behalf of PCC



Dear Friends,

We were full of hope that the World Cup might be coming home! Alas it was not to be.

What is hope? – not the same as optimism – the *whistling a happy tune* and it will all be ok attitude!

Looking on the bright side, however irrational the state of things may be.

The great philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas said: *Hope is a natural passion arising from a desire for something or an outcome that is understood to be good, which is difficult if not impossible to attain.*

Hope is a partnership between our understanding of what should be done and our will to try and make it happen.

No matter how broken our world, or how lacking in overall vision of those around us, there are countless fragments of hope for us to build upon:

Warmth of heart, smiles of gratitude and admiration, a neighbours kindness, a friends compassion, a creative or gifted person using that gift for others, acts of hope that might not fill the newspapers, but are the building blocks of hope.

Lets live in hope, and be dealers of hope to those around us.

Father Ian

Rev Canon Ian Finn

Rector of Haverhill & Withersfield.



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2018

Giving in Grace is the title of the Benefice Stewardship Campaign. Grace is something given which is undeserved. We are given the earth, our community, our family, our friends, our health, our wealth, to be good stewards of God's gifts to us. We don't deserve God's love, but even so He gives it to you.

What can we in return give back to Him to show we are grateful?

Our TIME

Our TALENTS

Our WEALTH

Can you help and give back to the work of the Church?

When we give of our Time, Talents and Money for the Church's mission we are taking the opportunity to participate in God's work and reflect how thankful we are for all we have been given by God.

Give back to God as a reflection of His grace to you.

That is real stewardship of the good things we have.

*Teach us, good Lord,
To serve You as You deserve,
To give and not to count the cost..... (money)
To fight and not to heed the wounds,..... (talents)
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labour and not to ask for any reward, (time)
Save that of knowing that we do Your will.*
(St Ignatius of Loyola)

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Aug 2018

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

August 5th

8.15am Holy Communion

August 12th

no service (9.30am Haverhill)

August 19th

6.00pm Evensong

August 26th

11.15am Holy Communion

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Sept 2018

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

September 2nd

11.15am Holy Communion

September 9th

no service (9.30am Haverhill)

September 16th

6.00pm Evensong

September 23rd

no service (9.30am Haverhill)

September 30th

no service (9.30am Haverhill)

When there is no service in Withersfield, there is 09.30 service of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Haverhill.



CHANGE TO CHURCH SERVICE PATTERN

This note is to inform parishioners that in the Autumn this year there will be a change to the routine church service pattern.

As a guide the pattern will be:

First Sunday in the month Holy Communion **11.15**

Third Sunday in the month Evensong

6.00 pm after Easter to Harvest

4.00 pm after Harvest to Easter

Please note that this is a guide only. Service times will be displayed on the blue church board.

There will also be other services on an occasional basis (but most months) for specific celebrations on the parish year. These will include Harvest, Remembrance, Carols etc.

**Rosie Wenham
On behalf of PCC**



LIME TREES IN CHURCHYARD

There is a row of lime trees in the churchyard, between the altar window and the stream. These trees are mature, probably being about 50 years old.

The PCC is advised that, if left alone, they may become dangerous with some limbs likely to fall. The reason for this is that they were planted too close together.

The PCC has obtained planning permission from the local Council and the required permission from the Diocese to attend to these trees.



During the early Autumn pollarding will take place on these trees. The trees at each end of the row will be left to grow up as complete, "specimen" trees, but the middle nine will be pollarded to about 6 metres in height. This will be done as sympathetically as possible by our friendly local tree surgeon, placing the cuts to suit each individual tree and the branch structure. The trees will look strange at first, and they will need to be done again in due course and then on a regular basis.

In time we will all get used to their new shape, and will realise that it has been a job well done – but for some while they may well look somewhat sorry for themselves.

This note is the PCC is just warning the parish of the pollarding and explaining why.

Rosie Wenham

On behalf of PCC

St Mary's Church

rotas



Aug 2018 Church flowers

4th August Rosie Wenham
11th and 18th August Janet Holdom
25th August Christine Jackson

Sept 2018 Church cleaning

4th August Celia Hall
11th and 18th August Susan Hamilton
25th August Rosie Wenham

**PLEASE NOTE – ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS ARE REQUESTED TO DO “THEIR” WINDOWS/
VASES for Harvest for 7th October**



HARVEST FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE

Just a brief note, in the two monthly parish magazine, to inform that Harvest festival (which seems a LONG way off on a hot summer's day as I write this!) will take place in the church on:

Sunday 7th October 2018

6.00 pm Evening Songs of Praise

Rosie Wenham

On behalf pf PCC



ANNUAL BIG CLEAN OF CHURCH

There will be a big clean of the church before Harvest Festival this year, rather than before Christmas when everyone is so busy. This will take place on:

Saturday 29th September 2018

09.30

In the church!

Please come and give our church the spruce up it deserves before the autumn/winter. Previous generations have kept this going for our generation, so we should try and keep it in tip-top form for the winter.

Refreshments provided.

As the saying goes many hands make light work!
Come and chat while you help keep our beautiful church clean.

Rosie Wenham

On behalf of PCC



GARDEN BOWLS FINAL

Saturday 1st of September at 2pm

£3 admission players and spectators, including tea. Bring your own alcohol if you wish!



With at least 3 more heats to run, winners so far are:

ELAINE & TERRY

ANGELA & IAN

JILL & GEOFF

SUE & STEPHAN

ALL WELCOME and if you would like to bring a contribution towards tea, or a raffle prize or a donation for the produce stall, we will be very grateful. Please park on the Green, unless you are disabled. Proceeds to the Friends of Withersfield, raising money for village improvements.

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Ann, 707819 or woodsann3@tiscali.co.uk


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Stella Eve on 07931786036 or stella@frankeveconsulting.co.uk

PARMITER'S SCHOOL VISIT

Parmiter's School choir and other members of the school community joined the church community here in Withersfield, along with others who came for a special service in June.

Everyone had a good tea, courtesy of Felicity and Michael Slinger at Turnpike House, and then we had an uplifting service where the young people showed off their musical excellence.



All enjoyed the event and we look forward to the return of the school in 2020 – to renew the link between the parish and the school.

Rosie Wenham

On behalf of PCC

Plastics & our wildlife

This picture was taken in the churchyard by a vigilant and caring resident who spotted this plastic bag over the head of a fox. The fox could not see or hear the resident coming to take the bag off its head. While foxes may be the enemy to many, they are still part of our rural environment



Plastic can be found in virtually every shape and form. It is a material that makes our

lives incredibly convenient, but most people rarely think about the impact plastic has on the world around us.



The first step to take would be to reduce the amount of plastics you use. If you have a choice at the supermarket, aim for foods that come in larger single packages rather than individual ones.

And try to avoid produce wrapped in plastic bags or trays.



Carpet bowls

Aug 2018			
Monday 6th	Ousden Cup competition	Ousden	7.15pm
Tuesday 7th	Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Monday 13th	Singles Club Tournament	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 14th	Kirtling Cup Competition	Kirtling	7.15pm
Monday 20th	Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tuesday 28th	Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Thursday 30th	St Mary's Friendly	St Mary's Haverhill	7.15pm
Sept 2018			
Monday 3rd	Singles Club Competition	Village Hall	7.15pm
Wednesday 5th	West Wickham Friendly	West Wickham	7.15pm
Friday 7th	League Presentation Night		
Monday 10th	Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Monday 17th	Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Monday 24th	Triples Club Competition	Village Hall	7.00pm



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GRANNY'S ATTIC

From 1pm on Saturday 22nd of Sept both in and outside the Village Hall.

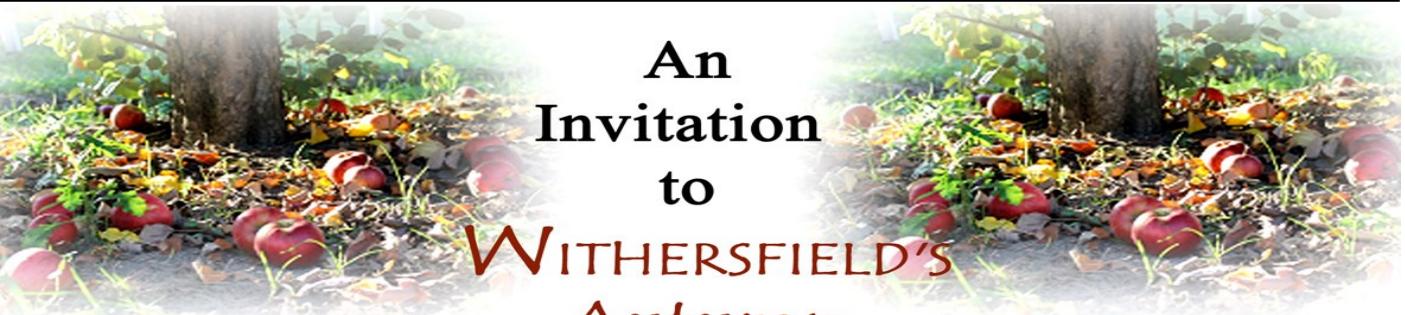
Have a clear out and find us some items to sell. We are looking for antiques, collectables, bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, books, etc.

Please bring them to the hall on Friday, the 21st after 10am or as early as possible on the Saturday, or ring early in the week for a collection.

If you have electricals to donate, please contact me asap and I will try and find someone to test certificate them.

If your items are not sold, you are welcome to take them back, otherwise they will be given to the British Heart Foundation, or sold to raise money for floats for the next sale.

Many thanks, Ann. 707819 or woodsann3@tiscali.co.uk



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Autumn
MINI- FETE

Village Hall 1- 4pm

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 Afternoon Teas

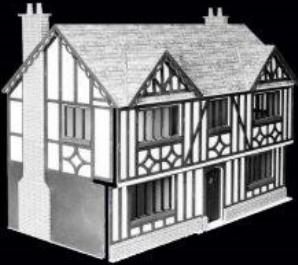
Raffle  Face Painting

Autumn Produce & Honey

Teddy Tombola  Granny's Attic

Children's Activity Area

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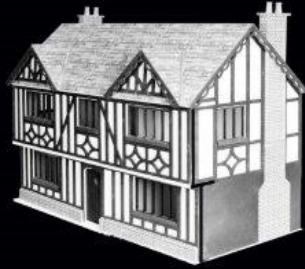


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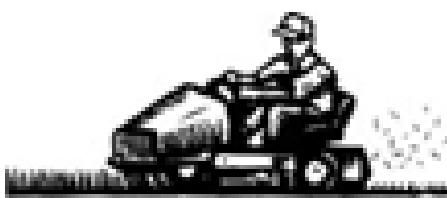
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