

# The Withersfield News

**JUNE & JULY 2018 BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
FOR THE PARISH**



# News, Views and Information from your local area

## Who's Who in our village

### Parish Council

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## Police non-emergencies 101



## Editors comments

Dear residents,

Welcome to Summer at last! I hope you are enjoying the new layout of our newsletter and the news items are of value to you. I am receiving a steady stream of news from you all which is wonderful. But we can always use more!...So do please keep the news coming my way.

We publish 400 copies of the newsletter bi-monthly which are printed professionally at a cost of approx. £86 per edition. This has been paid in recent years by a very kind local resident but the cost is now graciously met by the Parochial Church Council. We will occasionally try to add a colour print on the front page but the additional cost for this is

rather costly. I would however, be very grateful for keen photographers to send me pictures of our village to populate throughout the newsletter.

**Please send them to me via email in jpeg format.**

## Sheep return to our village!

The name Withersfield directly translates in Old English to 'Wether open land' which means an area where rams roam.

Six Norfolk Horn sheep have moved into the village which is an exciting prospect, the ram is to follow in the autumn.



On 1st May, new General Data Protection Regulations came into force. With this in mind I am asking for those of you who have your name and contact details printed on page 2 of the newsletter to Email me with your formal permission to publish personal details.

**Email: [elainemcinnes64@gmail.com](mailto:elainemcinnes64@gmail.com)**

**Wanted: Additional distributors of the newsletter for the Arboretum. Email Stella at:**

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

**Residents on local interests!**

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## **News from the Parish Council**

Our **Annual Parish meeting** was held in the Parish Church on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – it was good to see so many local residents present.

The meeting focused on the concerns that so many share regarding access to **GP Services** – particularly for those registered with the Christmas Maltings & Clements practice. Representatives from the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and the Suffolk GP Federation attended to answer questions and provide us with assurances that they were aware of the problems and were doing what they could to improve matters. We heard about the real difficulty in recruiting GPs locally and their plans for more patients to be seen by other practitioners – nurses, therapists and pharmacists – rather than everyone needing to see a GP. Overall residents and councillors were less than confident in the plans laid out and wondered whether the CCG really has a grip and a real understanding of the scale of the problems faced.

The Suffolk GP Fed publish a newsletter which you might want to access and also talk about holding regular Patient Participation forums at the surgery – they say that all are welcome.

They also encouraged anyone with a concern to make a formal complaint – here are their contact details:

Email: [info@suffolkfed.org.uk](mailto:info@suffolkfed.org.uk) [www.christmasandclements.co.uk](http://www.christmasandclements.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/Christmas-Maltings-Clements-Practice](https://www.facebook.com/Christmas-Maltings-Clements-Practice)

Or contact the CCG at [WSCCGChristasmaltings@NHS.net](mailto:WSCCGChristasmaltings@NHS.net)

You can access their newsletter on this link: <http://bit.ly/2rT4cpc> You can read a full account of the meeting on our Parish Council website: [withersfield.onesuffolk.net](http://withersfield.onesuffolk.net)

It was a great disappointment that St Edmundsbury Borough Council's planning committee changed their minds and gave consent to the change of planning conditions for the **Haverhill Research Park** opening up the prospect of industrial usage of the sites when it met in April. It was a case where councillors chose to override the very real and serious concerns of local residents for dubious reasons.

Despite all the arguments made by residents, Parish Council and Borough Councillor Jane Midwood, members of the Committee appeared to lose sight of their responsibility towards residents and buckled to spurious arguments made by planning officers and the developers. Residents of the Arboretum will continue to worry at the prospect of HGVs accessing industrial units via the estate access road should they ever be built.

**New Parish Councillors:** Following the resignation of Geoff Hayward and Hilary Thomas, the Parish Council has co-opted Lucy Guest of the Arboretum and Peter Lord of Homestall Crescent to the council.

#### **GDPR – General Data Protection Regulations**

New regulations have come into force which aims to protect our data and our privacy. As a consequence of this the Parish Council has to review the data that it holds. This includes emails for many residents who have been in contact with us over the years. If you would like us to delete your contact details please let us know at:

[withersfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:withersfieldpc@gmail.com) If we do not hear from you we will take it that you are happy for us to retain your email address. You can be assured that we will never pass on your details to any third party and will only use it to communicate with you on Parish Council related business.

Also, at our meeting Tom Mytton-Mills was presented with a "**Local Heroes Award**" by Borough Councillor Jane Midwood in recognition of his many years of voluntary effort in and around Withersfield Village. Tom was Chairman of the Parish Council for many years and is still chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee.

**Website:**



Don't forget you can have access to all Parish Council documents, minutes, reports, finances on our website: <http://withersfield.onesuffolk.net/> including the Chairman's annual report, draft accounts and budget for the coming year.

Terry Rich

Chairman

[Terryrich53@gmail.com](mailto:Terryrich53@gmail.com)

## News from the Arboretum

In the last couple of months, we have welcomed not only new ducklings to the pond but also new members to our residents only Facebook page meaning we are able to update each other at top speed.



This has proved essential when we have had unwanted visitors and neighbourhood watch concerns in the area.

It's reassuring to know that we have a community keeping an eye out for one another.

Now the summer months are upon us and there is a potential increase in the seasonal anti-social visitors to the pond area (as experienced in previous years), residents are urged to report any concerns directly to the Police by calling 101 (or 999 if classed as an emergency).

Having spoken with the Police Community Support Officer for this area, unless incidents are reported and logged then the Police have no reason to action patrols in this area. We are therefore urged to report things actively and not to think we would be wasting anyone's time in reporting something of concern. Thank you to all those who have raised and reported issues so far.

Please request to join 'The Arboretum, Withersfield – Community' if you are a resident of the development. And if you haven't already seen it, the development now has a notice board supplied by the Parish Council (near the pond) to keep us informed.

Hope you all have a great summer!

Lucy Guest

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## **The Arboretum – digital version of Withersfield News**

Seeing as the vast majority of the residents of the Arboretum utilise their Facebook page and have shown an interest in receiving the Withersfield News via a digital copy loaded onto the page, we would like to introduce this with this edition. The printed version will continue to be distributed for those who prefer the newsletter on paper.

## **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](mailto: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 <b>FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 28TH MARCH 2018</b>	Wednesday Post Natal Yoga with Sarah Gibbs	Main hall
	1.15 - 2.30 <b>FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 18TH APRIL 2018 - TERM TIME ONLY CLASS</b>	Baby Yoga with Jessica Fitchie	Main hall
	18.15 - 19.15 <b>FIRST CLASS STARTS ON 28TH MARCH 2018</b>	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		

## The provision of a children's play area in Withersfield

At the Parish Council meeting in January a member of the community asked the Council to look into the provision of a small children's play area in the village as there are currently no facilities for the younger children on the village greens or the sports ground. As a result I was asked to undertake a review of issues involved. Having spoken to the local

authorities and neighbouring parishes it became clear that the first steps in developing this project was to establish if there was a genuine need and desire among villagers for a play area. We will need detailed and persuasive quantitative and qualitative research, to obtain the necessary permissions and convince the local authority of the need as well as obtaining grants and funding. It will also require some kind of community consultation to establish the design and equipment to be used. Great Thurlow created a petition to demonstrate support in the village and used community events such as the annual fete to gather signatures and as a result, they have a wonderful facility on their sports ground (see picture below).

### . The Great Thurlow Play Area.



There are number of other villages around us that have similar play areas such as, Dullingham, Borough Green, Brinkley and Lidgate.

I want to know if you think this is something that would enhance Withersfield and make our village more attractive to families.

I would therefore like to hear from anyone who has a view on this project and also from anyone who wants to get involved. Please email me at [frank@frankeveconsulting.co.uk](mailto:frank@frankeveconsulting.co.uk).

Bin dates for the  
diary

***Weekly bin collection dates for  
June & July 2018***

**AUTUMN MINI-FETE**

**Thursday collections  
Black bin**

7th & 21st June

5th & 19th July

### **Blue & brown bins**

31st May, 14th & 28th June

12th & 26th July

### **Friday collections**

#### **Black bin**

8th & 22nd June

6th & 20th July

### **Blue & brown bins**

1st, 15th & 29th June

13th & 27th July

### **A date for your diaries!**

There will be an Autumn Mini-fete this year, in aid of church running costs, such as grass cutting,

*Please make sure your correct bin*

*is out for collection by 6.30 am on the day of collection.*

electricity, insurance etc. This will take place in the Village Hall on:

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018**

**1-4 p.m.**

Please note the date and further information will follow in the next



Withersfield News.

We look forward to seeing you at this village event.

**Rosie Wenham**

**On behalf of PCC  
on the day of**

### **Withersfield defibrillator**

The Parish Council is very keen that this should save lives if at all possible, and there have been a couple of recent instances of cardiac arrest where it has not been possible for the defibrillator to be used.

We have recently been invited by a national organisation, Community Heartbeat, to join the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS). This would involve establishment of a telephone number which can be called in emergencies and where members of a group of trained people are contacted, one or two of whom could perhaps help in fetching the defibrillator or assist in providing basic CPR before arrival of an ambulance.

We hope that as many as possible of those who have already received training from Mark Milsom will agree to join the VETS group. We are currently in touch with Community Heartbeat to get the system established and Mark has agreed to undertake a further training session at 6.45 pm on **Friday, 15 June**, at the Village Hall. This will provide the top up training required by Community Heartbeat but will also be available to people who have not already had the benefit of Mark's very valuable previous sessions.

If you would like to be a member of VETS, or can attend training on the **15 June**, please contact Jill Johnson, the Parish Clerk, on 01440 706599, or email at [withersfieldpc@gmail.com](mailto:withersfieldpc@gmail.com).

The Parish Council has also agreed to release the defibrillator cabinet code so that it can be accessed if needed and Mark has prepared posters which are being displayed on the parish noticeboards and around the village explaining that anybody can use a defibrillator without any training. **THIS CODE IS C159**. Please keep it somewhere safe and remember that the defibrillator can save lives.

We do hope that parishioners will be keen to join the VETS system. We are very fortunate to have the support of Dr Fiona Andrews and Mark Milsom in this connection, so please do contact Jill.

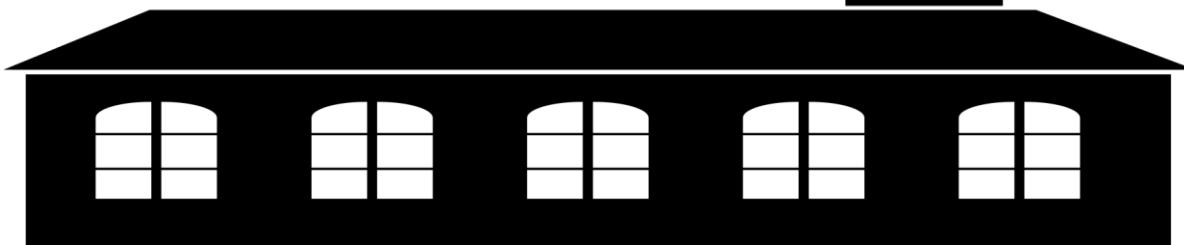
Services in St. Mary's Church, Withersfield will take place as follows in June: Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June (1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday)      08.15 Holy Communion	Sunday, 10 <sup>th</sup> June (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday) NO SERVICE IN WITHERSFIELD  <b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday) 4.00 p.m. Evensong</b>
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# **CHURCH SERVICE TIMES IN JUNE 2018**

**This service is when Parmiter's School come and lead the music for an evening Songs of Praise**

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> June (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
11.15 Common Worship

When there is no service in Withersfield, there is a 09.30 service in St. Mary's Haverhill.



Services in St. Mary's Church, Withersfield will take place as follows in July: Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> July (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)

08.15 Holy Communion  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> July (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

# **CHURCH SERVICE TIMES IN JULY 2018**

**NO SERVICE IN WITHERSFIELD**

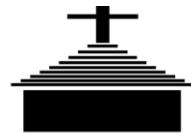
Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday)

6.00 p.m. Evensong

Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**NO SERVICE IN WITHERSFIELD**

**There will be a 3.00 p.m.  
Confirmation Service in  
Haverhill Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
which will be led by Bishop  
Mike. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July (5<sup>th</sup>**



Sunday)

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When there is no service in Withersfield, there is a 09.30 service in St. Mary's Haverhill.

**JUNE 2018 Church flowers**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June Angela Kinloch

16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June Stella Eve



## St Mary's Church rotas



16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June Sian Gilligan

30<sup>th</sup> June Nicola Randall

## JUNE 2018 Church cleaning

2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June Karen Williams

## JULY 2018 Church flowers

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Nicola Randall
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Nick Randall
14 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Jackie Wareham (wedding on 21 <sup>st</sup> )
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Rosie Wenham

**JULY 2018 Church cleaning**

28<sup>th</sup> July

Celia Hall

7<sup>th</sup> July

Nick Randall

14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Ann Woods

## A VISIT FROM PARMITER'S SCHOOL

Parmiter's School, now in Watford but formerly in Bethnal Green, was originally founded by a bequest from the will of Thomas Parmiter who owned Charity Farm, Withersfield in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The current owners of Charity Farm (Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fenton) discovered the connection between the village and the school 28 years ago, and contacted the school. Since then the link between the village of Withersfield and Parmiter's School, has continued to be observed and nurtured. The choir of the school and members of the school community have visited the village every other year – to perform their contribution at evensong in the parish church. This will happen again on:

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 At**

**4.00 p.m.**

**Everyone** is welcome at this service/concert. The school provides wonderful, competent musicians for this special occasion at which the history of the village/school link is celebrated and at which both communities look to the future of their connection.

Rosie Wenham

On behalf of PCC



## **Community Cricket Match**

### **st Sunday 1**

### **July (1.00pm)**



Withersfield Cricket Club and the Parish Council are organising a community cricket match to be held on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July against Great Wratting. The match will take place on the Withersfield sports ground.

We have a wonderful sports ground in the village and the Parish Council would like to encourage as many people living in the Parish as possible to use this facility during the summer and what better way of doing it, than watching a local cricket match.

There has been a cricket club in Withersfield since before the Second World War but the current club was formed about 40 years ago. At one time the legendary Australian cricketer, Sir Donald G Bradman was its Patron and Honorary Life Member as his father originated from Withersfield before they left for Australia, so there is a long tradition of cricket here in the village and one worth celebrating.

This is an ideal opportunity to come together as a community and enjoy the facilities we have. So why not come and play? ANYONE is welcome to play, please contact our team captain for the day Jon Watkins [jon.watkins@waddingtoneurope.com](mailto:jon.watkins@waddingtoneurope.com)

If you would like to be involved in organising the event or providing the tea please contact

Frank Eve [frankeveconsulting.co.uk](mailto:frankeveconsulting.co.uk)

If you don't want to play or organise why not put the date in your diary now and come up to the sports ground with a picnic and watch the fun.

## Thurlow Tennis Club

There will be more information on the match in the next edition of the newsletter.

Red side up advert



Thurlow Tennis Club are hosting  
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**&**

**21/22 July 2018 at**

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**Contact:**

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tennisforkids/](http://www.lta.org.uk/coach-teach/tennisforkids/)

**Matt Hancock MP**

Dear residents,

It was very exciting to be at [Samuel Ward Academy in Haverhill](#) to learn about the ambitious building project being undertaken at the school and I'm delighted that the building work has started.

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and the students and it is another **The Wise Owls** clear sign that Haverhill is a town on the up. **Many congratulations!**  
Matt Hancock MP

All the proceeds went towards improvements to the Village Hall.  
[matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:matt.hancock.mp@parliament.uk)



## Carpet bowls

### June 2018

Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Singles	Club Tournament	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 5th	Ashley	League Match	Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 11th	Ashdon	Friendly	Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 18th		Club night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 23rd	Bury	League dinner		
Mon 25th	Match	Wickhambrook League	Wickhambrook	7.15pm

### July 2018

Mon 2nd	Target Mat	Club Tournament	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 3rd	Hundon	League Match	Village Hall	7.15pm

Mon 9th	Singles	Club Tournament	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 10th	Kirtling	League Match	Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 16th	West Wickham	Friendly	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues 17th	Ashley	League Match	Ashley	7.15pm
Mon 23rd	Ousden	League Match	Ousden	7.15pm
Tues 24th		Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm
Fri 27th		Captains Cup		
Mon 30th	Ashdon	Friendly	Ashdon	7.15pm
Tues 31st		Club Night	Village Hall	7.00pm



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**THE FRIENDS OF WITHERSFIELD  
ANNUAL GARDEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT**

starting in JUNE

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Ann Woods 707819

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**WITHERSFIELD MINI FETE 22ND of September Items**

*needed please:*

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**For more information please ring Ann 707819**

**Beekeeping tips for the summer!**

Its finally time to think about your honey yield.....

1. Check the brood chambers to ensure there are no queen cells...unless, of course you wish to breed.
2. Put on a queen excluder, which allows only workers into the supers where they store honey. The honey period in this area is Mid June through to the end of July.
3. Check frequently that the workers have enough room in the supers.
4. Check for frames which look to be capped off—this means the bees have the right moisture content and they can be taken off and the honey extracted.

Happy beekeeping!



**Withersfield Facebook**

Withersfield residents,

We have a new Facebook page which is a closed group for people connected with Withersfield.

It is a way to stay connected while remaining a light-hearted and positive community site.

Post local events and news here, along with topics connected with the village and surrounding area.

Please contact:

Andrea Clark on FB and Rosie Winner on FB or 702182 for any questions.

**Please “join” our group on Facebook here:**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1688034661220688/>

## Withersfield Oil Syndicate

### Withersfield Oil Syndicate – Summer order

We last bought oil in February when we paid 45.65p but the recent weaker pound may push up prices. Many people buy in the summer hoping it is the cheapest time of year, so this is usually our largest order.

**The cut off for our next order is 6pm on Thursday 7th June.**

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)

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**22nd July 2018**

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