

# The Withersfield News

**June 2019 & July 2019**

**BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH**



**News, Views and Information from your local area**

## Who's Who in our village

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# Editors extra comments

Dear residents,

March and April have been extraordinary months for us down on Silver Street. Mid to late March we were in the throws of lambing for the first time, from which we had 100% success!

Our six pedigree Norfolk Horn ewes (and their ram Blackthorn) did us proud with 11 lambs (five sets of twins and a single boy). We were very fortunate to have my daughter present at the start of lambing ( a vet med student with many years of lambing experience under her belt) to endorse we were on the right track.



We did however have a rejected lamb who



spent her first week of life in the house cuddled up by the fire until she was big enough to join her other lamb friends. Bottle feeding lambs sounds cute but it has been an around the clock task. It has been lovely to see our goose Gertie (who had sat last year with no new goslings)



to this year being a family of five. Over Easter local residents and their grandchildren have enjoyed visiting us, feeding the lambs and meeting the new goslings and ducklings.

I have also been with our local beekeeper to collect ten new bee colonies for local residents which was a rather strange experience travelling in a car with

# Editors comments

20,000 bees onboard! Fortunately all went well.....Over the past two weeks we have been collecting swarms from the garden into new hives...Looks like bumper honey yield ahead!

Life has calmed down now into a pleasant routine as we enter into summer and the beginning of social and outdoor activities in the village.

Terry will as usual provide you with all the Parish Council news but from me, this edition brings new advertising and lots of local news to enjoy.

**Elaine**

**McInnes-Rich**

**Editor**



## THE WITHERSFIELD

### GARDEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

will soon be commencing. Please make a note of the **FINAL** date which is on:

**Saturday the 31st of August, 2pm at Turnpike House.**

Everyone welcome. £3 entrance fee plus a small raffle prize if possible. Tea is included.



Proceeds are in aid of The Friends of Withersfield, raising money to benefit villagers.

For further information, please ring **Ann 707819**

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

**Residents on local interests!**

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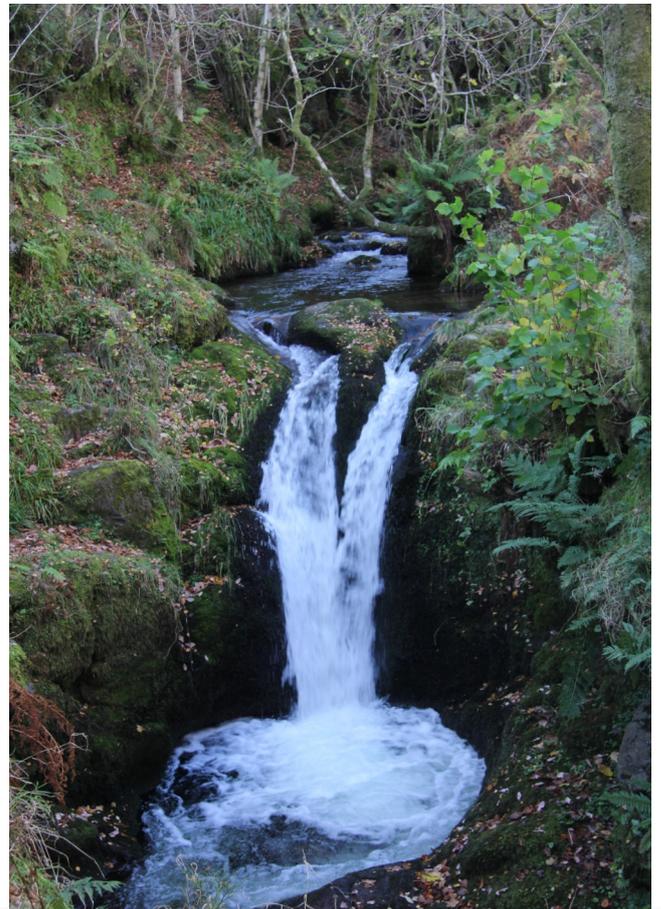
However if any of you spot errors do please contact Elaine

on: [elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com](mailto:elainemcinnnes64@gmail.com)

### 'Introducing newly appointed Withersfield Parish Clerk - Laura Crump.'



Laura has lived on the arboretum estate in Withersfield since her house was built almost 4 years ago. Laura and her husband moved in when their first daughter was just a few weeks old and have since grown to be a family of four. She is keen to learn more about the parish and local community while raising her young family and welcomes this new challenge.'



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# News from the Parish Council

Dear residents,

The Parish Council elections in May were uncontested and 5 existing councillors were therefore re-elected unopposed. At the Annual Parish Council meeting I was re-elected as Chairman and Ian Kinloch as vice chair. We had two vacancies which have now been filled by co-options – firstly Sam Molyneux-Summers from Napier Way joins the council, and now that Jill Johnson has stood down as our Parish Clerk she has agreed to be our second co-opted councillor. We have also appointed a new Clerk – Laura Crump. Please contact her via the same [\*\*Withersfieldpc@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:Withersfieldpc@gmail.com) email address.

The full list of councillors and their contact details is included at the front of the magazine.

At the Annual Parish meeting in May we heard from the traffic working group, chaired by Cllr Frank Eve. There are a number of ideas and options being investigated including speed tables, insets at village entrances, a weight limit on the bridge, rising bollards, a 20mph zone, a one way system, and improved signage. The working group is trying to tackle the twin problems of increasing volume of traffic as well as unacceptable speeds.

The group hope to have recommendations within three months and we will then look at consulting with residents. In the meantime Suffolk County Council is working on the a buffer zone scheme which will introduce 40mph speed limits on road coming into the village.

Also at the Annual Parish Meeting I gave my Chairman's report summarising the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months – you can read it on the parish council website: [\*\*http://withersfield.onesuffolk.net/\*\*](http://withersfield.onesuffolk.net/)

You will also find a report setting out how the Parish Council spent its budget last year and how we plan to spend it in the coming year. As ever maintenance of the environment stakes the major slice of our income – keeping the village greens and graveyard well maintained. We have also set aside resources to fund traffic calming measures.

If there are things that you want the Parish Council to be looking into, or projects that could benefit our community please do get in touch with me or any of your parish councillors.

Best regards,

**Terry Rich Chairman**

**In response to the recent CQC inspection of our local GP surgery, Terry wrote this letter below to our local MP and Health Secretary.....**

Dear Matthew Hancock,

I am writing to draw your attention the recent CQC inspection outcome for the Christmas Maltings & St Clements surgery which serves a large proportion of residents of the parish.

The outcome of “Inadequate” is particularly disturbing especially as we have been given repeated assurances that matters were in hand and we could expect improved access and performance. We were shocked to read of revelations that medicines had been discovered which were as much as four months out of date and more than 2000 patient review’s overdue.

Whilst we appreciate that there are regional difficulties in recruiting and retaining GPs, there can be no excuse for the negligence associated with maintaining stocks of out of date medicines. It would seem to be hard to exclude the possibility that patients have been prescribed out of date drugs for serious conditions and may have suffered real harm as a result. It is chilling to read that the inspection found a “lack of clinical oversight” and safeguarding being poorly managed and recorded.

The Parish Council has previously invited the CCG and Suffolk GP Federation to a local public meeting to seek answers about poor access to GP services and had received assurances that things would improve. Sadly that appears not be happening and we believe that urgent action is required to address these failings.

We seek an assurance from you as our local MP and as Secretary of State for Health & Social Care that action will be taken and the residents of Withersfield - together with our neighbours in Haverhill will not be left with inadequate and unsafe primary care services.

Yours sincerely,

**Terry Rich**  
**Chairman, Withersfield Parish**  
**Council**

**The reply to Terry can be found on the following page.....**

THE RT HON MATT HANCOCK MP



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Mr Terry Rich  
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9 April 2019

Dear Mr Rich,

Thank you for your email of 4 April, concerning the Christmas Maltings and Clements surgery. I was sorry to read of the upset this matter has caused and I shall do what I can to help.

I have therefore written to the West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group, to ask that this be investigated without delay and to let them know of my interest in this case.

I shall write to you again as soon as I have received a response. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of assistance with any other issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Hancock'.

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DAY	TIME	CLASS	LOCATION
<b>MONDAY</b>	11.00-12.15	Yoga with Sue Walters	Main Hall
	19.00- 21.30	Withersfield Bowls	Main Hall
<b>TUESDAY</b>	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
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>  (2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed each Month)	10.00-11.45	Post-natal Yoga—Sarah Gibbs	Main Hall
	10.30-14.30	Craft club	Committee Room
	18.15-19.15	Pregnancy Yoga—Sarah Gibbs	Main Hall
	19.00-21.00	Withers field Bridge Club	Committee Room
<b>THURSDAY</b>	10.00-11.00	Tai Chi with Sarah Wright	Main Hall
	14.00-17.00	U3A Bridge Club	Main Hall
	17.00-21.00	Chippers Dog Training with Sarah Connally	Main Hall
<b>FRIDAY</b>	13.15-14.15	Zumba	Main Hall
	17.00-18.15	Body Temple dance	Main Hall
<b>SATURDAY</b>	08.00-17.00	Dance with Ronnie Walford	Main Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Currently free for ad hoc hires		

## **Bin dates for the diary**

### ***Weekly bin collection dates for June 2019***

#### ***Thursday collection***

##### ***Black/Brown***

*13th & 27th June*

##### ***Blue***

*6th & 20th June*

#### ***Friday collection***

##### ***Black/Brown***

*14th & 28th June*

##### ***Blue***

*7th & 21st June*

### ***Weekly bin collection dates for July 2019***

#### ***Thursday collection***

##### ***Black/Brown***

*11th & 25th July*

##### ***Blue***

*4th & 18th July*

#### ***Friday collection***

##### ***Black/Brown***

*12th & 26th July*

##### ***Blue***

*5th & 19th July*

***Do check the website for updates:***

**[www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/calendar/Haverhill-Black-Brown.pdf](http://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/bins/calendar/Haverhill-Black-Brown.pdf)**



# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

## June 2019

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 11.15**

Holy Communion

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> June**

No service in Withersfield

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 16th June 5pm**

Deanery Evensong at Clare Church.

No service in Withersfield, but hopefully people might travel and support this service

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June.**

No service in Withersfield



**When there is no service in Withersfield, there is 09.30 service of Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church, Haverhill (heating, Choir, refreshments)**

# CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

## July 2019

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July.4pm**

Thanksgiving Evensong in Haverhill for the work of the SHCT (of which Withersfield has been a beneficiary through grants over the years) so important to support this service please

**Saturday 13th July 1.30pm**

Wedding in Withersfield Church

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July**

No service in Withersfield

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. 6pm Evensong**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm**

Confirmation at Clare Church with Bishop

# St Mary's Church



## June 2019 Church flowers

8th & 15th June Karen Williams

22nd & 29th June Stella Eve

## June 2019 Church cleaning

8th & 15th June Angela Kinloch

22nd & 29th June Sian Gilligan



## July 2019 Church flowers

6th & 13th July Nicola Randall

20th & 27th July Jackie Wareham

## July 2019 Church cleaning

6th & 13th July Nick Randall

20th & 27th July Ann Woods



# Community Cricket Match

## Sunday 18th August (1.00pm)



Withersfield Cricket Club and the Parish Council are organising another community cricket match to be held on Sunday 18th August. 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 [frank@frankeveconsulting.co.uk](mailto:frank@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.

## WITHERSFIELD BYGONES

This is the 3rd in a series of 7 wonderful stories full of history from our village...

### 3. GADSBY'S

Gadsby's wood is the small wood at the north end of Burton Green. The name Gadsby's is a corruption of the medieval name Gatesbury. It was then a piece of land with a moat within which was a house, and there was a quarter acre site adjoining with a barn on it. The first mention was in 1425, in the reign of Henry VI when a fee of 20/- was paid to the Lord of the Manor of Withersfield. Gatesbury was described as "land and tenement of Roger Hunt occupied by Thomas Hunt", who sold it before 1445 to William Sheldrake, Vicar of Hundon who paid his 20/- fee for the land

and tenement called Gatesbury a year later. The quarter acre and barn was paid for by John Cock - 3 pence fee - in 1447.

The land and house within the moat was then successively owned by Edmund Hunt who inherited it from his mother in Elizabeth's reign in 1562; the Coggeshall family (Richard, Robert and John) until in 1597 when the new owner Hugh Lancaster refused to pay his 20/- and 3 pence. In October 1651 his grandson Matthew finally paid his grandfather's fee and there was still a Messuage on the land called Gatesbury at that time - the last date I found where Gatesbury had a house.

Matthew Lancaster had acquired Lilley Farm (112 acres) by this time and the moated area within Gatesbury's land was part of the Lilley Farm. The farm was owned

by the Lancaster family c.1597-1770; Mr Briant c.1777-1813, and Mr English c.1820—34. At the time of the 1840 Tithe Map he was "the late John English". In sale particulars of 1897 the devisees of the will of Colonel William Taylor, who died 21 March 1897, Colonel of Volunteers, late of West Ham and Withersfield Hall sold to Charles Foster Ryder, messuages and lands in the manor of Withersfield (1449 acres) that included Lilley Farm with the little piece of land enclosing the moat and a few trees. After his death, C. F. Ryder's estate was sold to R.A.Vestey in 1942 and remains in the Great Thurlow Estate.

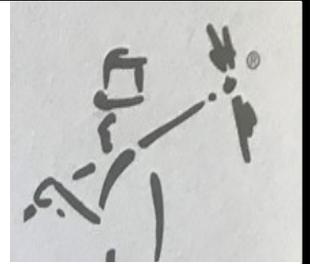
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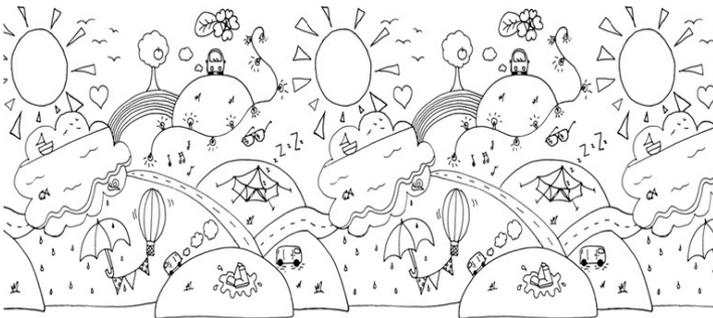
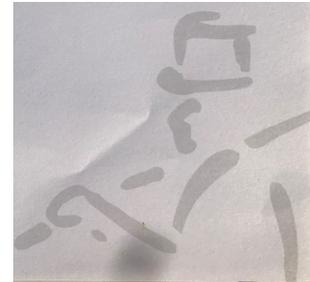
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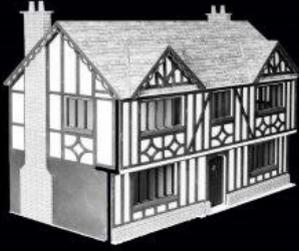


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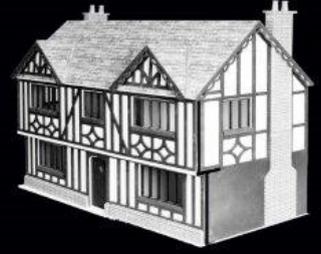


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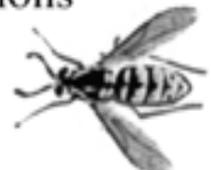
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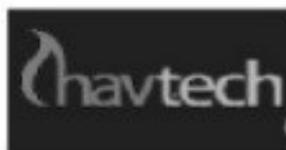
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