

The Withersfield News

October & November 2018

BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE PARISH

Village remembers.....



100th anniversary of the Armistice, the end of WW1

News, Views and Information from your local area

Who's Who in our village

Clubs!

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Editors comments

Dear residents,

The focus for this edition is to say *Thank You* and to remember those who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed the nation following the end of WW1. **What is Thank You?** 100 years ago the guns fell silent on the world's first truly global war. It's time to think about all of those who lived through this tragic and remarkable time— and who put Britain on the path to becoming what it is today.

To commemorate this, the village is hosting a special event on **11th Nov 2018** so do please read the articles within this edition to get involved in the celebrations. Did you know that 78 served from this village alone, 17

of whom died, so even more reason to say *Thank You* in our village. **Do please bring along your family memories to share with us on the 11th Nov.** You will notice that throughout the newsletter are several Silent Silhouettes. In addition to the iconic image of a 'Tommy' (the original Silent Soldier) there are equally significant representatives of the members of the communities the nation says thank you to, including those who gave medical support, soldiers from across the commonwealth, RAF/RFC, Navy, munition factory workers and suffragettes who lead the fight for votes for women. They all helped make us the nation we are today.

So do join us in saying Thank You!



Elaine McInnes-Rich Editor

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

Residents on local interests!

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Clarifications & corrections

In the Aug/Sept edition of Withersfield News, an article was written about the visit of Parmiter's School. The article commented that we looked forward to 2020 and renewing "the link between the parish and the school." This was wrong and should have read **"to renew the link between Charity Farm and the school."**

Also, thank you to the keen eyed residents who spotted I had printed the days for the blue and brown bins incorrectly. This has now been corrected. Apologies if this caused confusion amongst the residents.

The newsletter comes together from articles provided by residents. We do our utmost to ensure we publish accurate, high quality articles.

However if any of you spot errors do please contact Elaine

on: elainemcinnes64@gmail.com



Event dates for your diary

7th Oct: Harvest Festival Evening

Songs of Praise at 6pm

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

15th Dec: Annual Carol Service in St. Mary's Church, Withersfield at 3pm

External local events

6/7 October: Cambridgeshire Autumn Craft & Food Fair <https://www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/cambridgeshire-autumn-crafts-food-fair-at-wood-green-78-october-2017/>

27/28 October: Suffolk Christmas Fair at Trinity Park (Suffolk Showground)

<https://www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/suffolk-festive-crafts-food-fair/>

3 & 4 November: Essex Christmas Fair at Cressing

<https://www.oakleighfairs.co.uk/essex-christmas-food-home-crafts-lifestyle/>



News from the Parish Council

The Parish Council has now decided that we should embark on developing our Neighbourhood Plan – as outlined in the last edition of this magazine.

We know that there will be increasing pressure on our borough council to be identifying more sites for housing in this part of the County, and a neighbourhood plan could help us to ensure that we have some influence on how that impacts on us in Withersfield. Recently an application for the development of a house in the garden of a house in the village was approved by the Borough Council, and the Parish Council felt that it had little in the way of guidelines or agreed policies against which to judge the application. This is potentially something that might arise again in the future and this is one of the issues that a neighbourhood plan could seek to address – setting out the “how” and the “when” garden or in-fill developments are acceptable.

As a first step in developing our plan we need to be canvassing residents on the issues that concern you – what is your view on house building in the village and the wider parish? Should the areas where new building is seen as acceptable remain as they are or

change? If you have any initial thoughts or views on the factors that we should be including please do get in touch with me at terryrich53@gmail.com or withersfieldpc@gmail.com

Traffic and speeding

Speeding into and through the village remains a serious concern of us all and the Parish Council had a useful discussion with County Councillor Mary Evans at our recent meeting.

One issue that we have raised again are the village approach roads (Silver Street, Skippers Lane and Withersfield Road towards Thurlow and Great Wratting). All of these roads – which are narrow with blind bends and all have houses on them, are outside of the 30mph zone – so legally traffic can travel at 60mph. We all know how dangerous that is- yet lives are constantly at risk by speeding traffic. Previously the County Council has refused to consider changing the speed limits siting complexity of changing Traffic Orders and designing new signage. However, recent developments across the border in Cambridgeshire (e.g. on the roads into West Wratting) demonstrate that with a will, it can be done!

Cllr Evans has agreed to get her Highways officers to meet us in the village so that we can show them just how dangerous the situation is. We will keep on the case until improvements are made.

Litter

Residents have raised the problem of litter at the cricket ground recently. This together with the problems at Meldham Bridge reservoir is leading us to consider whether the Parish Council should take on responsibility for installing and paying for the emptying of both litter and dog waste bins. It seems that St Edmundsbury Council is reluctant to take on extra responsibility for litter collection unless we pay! What is your view? Should we be using some of your Council Tax that comes to the Parish Council for litter collection?

Please send me your views at
terryrich53@gmail.com or
wittersfieldpc@gmail.com

Terry Rich

**Chairman, Withersfield
Parish Council**



HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE 2018

There will be the annual Harvest Songs of Praise service in our beautiful church on:

Sunday 7th October 2018 At 6 pm

All are welcome, so please come and join in this annual, traditional service to give thanks for our harvest and the food on our tables. Any donations of food is most welcome. Do bring to the church. They will be given to the local food bank, so I am afraid we are only able to accept offerings that are packaged by shops with "sell by" dates!



**Rosie Wenham 710798
On behalf of PCC**





HERE'S HOW I'M SAYING THANK YOU

TO THE WW1 GENERATION:

Find your way to say Thank You at rbl.org.uk/thankyou

Share your Thank You using #ThankYou100

REMEMBRANCE DAY INDOOR STREET PARTY

**To honour those involved and to commemorate the end of WW1,
the village is hosting an indoor street party**

Where—Village Hall

When—11th Nov 2018 from 12 30pm

Bring and Share lunch (plus wine and soft drinks)

Tea and cake will be served

A commemoration pack for every household who attends

Bring along information on your family members involved in WW1

Don't miss this special day!

To confirm attendance or offers to help, please contact Stella
on:

stella@frankeveconsulting.co.uk or 07931786036



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
Oct & Nov 2018**

Thursday collections

Black & brown bins

4th & 18th Oct

1st, 15th & 29th Nov

Blue bins

11th & 25th Oct

8th & 22nd Nov

Friday collections

Black bin & brown bins

5th & 19th Oct

2nd, 16th & 30th Nov

Blue bins

12th & 26th Oct

9th & 23rd Nov



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

CAROL SERVICE

Advance notice

The annual Carol Service will take place in St. Mary's Church, Withersfield on

**Sunday, 15th December 2018
At 3.00 pm**

The service will be followed by light refreshments. Please come and start to get your Christmas underway at this annual village service.

Rosie Wenham On behalf of PCC

Friends of Withersfield Annual General Meeting

The Friends of Withersfield Annual General Meeting will be held in the Village Hall Committee Room at 8 p.m. on:

Friday 26th October 2018

All residents are welcome to attend
Thank you for supporting our fund-raising.

All fundraising proceeds are spent on village projects, if you know of a need or would be interested on joining our Committee; please contact::

**Stephanie Watson on 01440 761663
for more information**

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

SATURDAY 1st December 1pm

VILLAGE HALL



(gifts, books, decorations, produce, tombola, refreshments, raffle, jumble)

ADMISSION BY £1 raffle ticket for a cake

(in aid of the WCPF & the East Anglian Ambulance Service)

We would be very grateful for donations of items to sell, pre-loved as well as new. If you have anything to donate please bring it to the village hall between 9 & 10 am on the Saturday morning or, for a collection, please ring Ann the week before -



STOP PRESS!

Result from Autumn Mini Fete



The proceeds from the Autumn Mini-Fete held on 22nd September came to :

£1846

There are still some costs and income to account for and further details will follow in the next edition of Withersfield News.

Felicity Stringer said “Thank you all so much for all your hard work!”

Rosie Wenham
On behalf of PCC



CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Oct 2018

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

SUNDAY, 7th OCTOBER 6.00 pm
HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday 14th October (2nd Sunday)
NO SERVICE

Sunday 21st October (3rd Sunday)
4.00 pm Evensong

Sunday 26th August (4th Sunday)
NO SERVICE

CHURCH SERVICE TIMES

Nov 2018

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

Sunday 4th November (1st Sunday)
11.15 Holy Communion

Sunday 11th November 10.55
ACT OF REMEMBRANCE at

**War Memorial, followed by Remem-
brance Service in church**

Sunday 18th (3rd Sunday)
NO SERVICE

Sunday 25th November (4th Sunday)
4 pm Evensong for Christ the King

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



St Mary's Church



Oct 2018 Church flowers

6th Oct ALL FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL

Please note there is a wedding in the church at 1.00 p.m., so please complete your window by 12 noon

AT THE LATEST!!

13th & 20th Oct Nicola Randall

27th Oct Jackie Wareham

Nov 2018 Church flowers

3rd Nov Jackie Wareham

10th and 17th Nov Celia Hall

24th Nov & 1st Dec Janet Holdom

(NO FLOWERS for 1st December, but please remove all there for Advent)

NO Flowers in Advent

Please note: ALL FLOWER ARRANGERS to do their window for Carol Service on Sunday 15th December

Oct 2018 Church cleaning

6th Oct Nick Randall

(to be done by 12.00 before wedding)

13th & 20th Oct Nick Randall

27th Oct Ann Woods

Nov 2018 Church cleaning

3rd Nov Ann Woods

10th & 17th Nov Rosie Wenham

24th Nov & 4th Dec Susan Hamilton

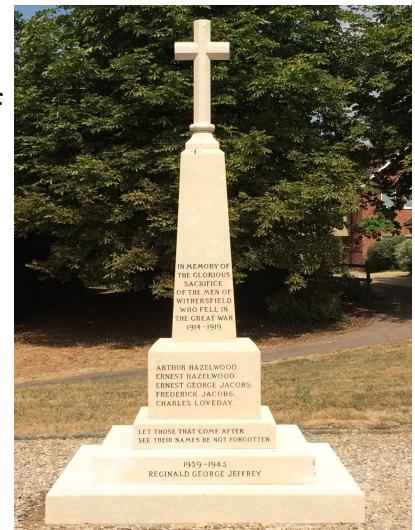


REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018

As in previous years, there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Withersfield on:

Sunday 11th November 10.55 a.m.

This is where we remember and commemorate the good men of Withersfield who gave their lives in both the Great War of 1914-18, and also the Second World War. As this year we are remembering these men some 100 years after the end of the Great War, and the Parish Council has had the war memorial smartened up for the centenary, it is hoped that as many people as possible will turn up to pay their respects to these brave men. The Act of Remembrance will be followed by the Remembrance Service from Royal British Legion in the church.



Rosie Wenham On behalf of PCC

REMEMBRANCE DAY INDOOR STREET PARTY

Come and join in to commemorate and celebrate 100 years since the end of World War1

When: Sunday 11th November

Where: At the Village Hall for 12.30. Bring and share lunch



For more information or to help please contact:

Stella Eve on 07931786036 or

stella@frankeveconsulting.co.uk



GARDEN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

The village enjoyed a wonderful summer of garden bowls. Thanks to the generosity of those who participated, we achieved an all time record of raising:

£753

for the charity 'THE FRIENDS OF WITHERSFIELD' to spend on things to benefit parishioners.



Congratulations to the winners:

1st place went to **NICK & TOM**



2nd place went to **HILARY & PETER**



A big thank you to everyone who took part or supported the event and especially to the organisers Ann & Jenny for co ordinating the whole event and the heat hosts who gave us such splendid hospitality.

A special big thank you to Felicity & Michael for hosting the final in their beautiful garden.

Until next summer!!



Be thinking about it

The Withersfield Oil Syndicate has been arranging the supply of heating oil, at bulk prices, on behalf of the residents of Withersfield and nearby villages since 2008.

The service is free to join and is operated on behalf of the residents of our villages with the assurance that the syndicate has absolutely no connection with the oil industry and is carried out on a voluntary basis. Syndicate members are asked to make a donation of £5 per 1000 litres ordered to one of the 3 local good causes supported by the syndicate.

The cut off time for our next order is 6pm on Thursday 1st

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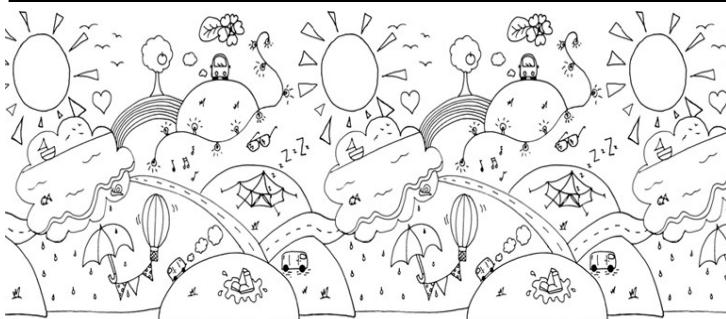
Sorry we missed last months article, which was the main month in the bee keeping calendar!

Autumn is the time to be putting the bees to bed for the winter.

1. Heft the back of the hive—if it feels nailed to the ground, there is enough food in there for this part of winter. If not....
2. Once the honey off, and the hive feels light, replace the honey with a sugar/water mixture(2lb of sugar to 1 pint of water), use 2 gallons of this mixture to feed the bees.
3. The next food check will be just before Christmas.

Until next time.....

Happy Beekeeping



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**Deadline for items
for the next
newsletter
is 18th Nov 2018**

**Email Elaine at:
elainemcin-
nes64@gmail.com**

Carpet bowls

October 2018				
Mon 1st	singles	Club competition	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 2nd	Friendly	Helions Bumpstead	Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 8th	League	Hundon	Hundon	7.15pm
Tues 9th	Club Night		Village Hall	7.00pm
Mon 15th	Fours	Club competition	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 16th	K.O. Cup	Fornham All Saints	Fornham	7.15pm
Mon 22nd	Singles	Club competition	Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 23rd	League	Thurston	Village Hall	7.15pm
Sat 27th	Charity Tournament		Castle Camps	9.00am
Mon 29th	Club Night		Village Hall	7.00pm
Wed 31st	League	Hoggards Green	Hoggards Green	7.15pm
November 2018				
Sun 4th	Suffolk Fours			
Tues 6th	League	Cockfield	Village Hall	7.15pm
Mon 12th	League	Stanningfield	Village Hall	7.15pm
Tues 13th	Club Night		Village Hall	7.00pm
Fri 16th	Friendly	Helions Bumpstead	Helions Bumpstead	7.15pm
Mon 19th	Club Night		Village Hall	7.00pm
Sat 24th	Presentation Dinner			
Mon 26th	Club Night		Village Hall	7.00pm
Tues 27th	League	Hargrave	Hargrave	7.15pm



New community bus service linking Haverhill with West Suffolk Hospital

A new bookable community bus service linking Haverhill with West Suffolk Hospital will be launched next month, Suffolk County Council has announced. The service, which passengers can book through the online community transport service called 'RIDE', will be provided by The Voluntary Network - Suffolk County Council's Connecting Communities operator in West Suffolk. It follows demand for a new way for people to travel from Haverhill to the hospital. A six-month pilot will start on 1 August, linking the town's bus station with West Suffolk Hospital 18 miles away. Villages close to the A143 will also have opportunities to use the service which will operate, on demand, Monday to Friday, between 7.00am and 7.00pm. Passengers will be charged fares in line with local bus services. A full return trip will cost £8.

Cllr Mary Evans, Suffolk County Council's cabinet member for highways, transport and rural affairs, said: "If you need to get to hospital for an appointment, to visit someone or even work there, you need viable

travel options. I am just one of the many people who have been asking for a direct bus service from Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital for years, so I'm absolutely delighted that Suffolk County Council has been able to offer this new service. I am especially pleased that people from the villages along the A143 route will be able to use the service. We now need people to make this a viable long-term option by using it as regularly as possible. With opportunities to book on demand return journeys each day, I think this will help people make the journeys they need."

Stephen Dunn, chief executive of West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust, said:

"It's extremely good news that Suffolk County Council has put this pilot in place. We know there are transport challenges for our more rural patients. This service will provide a much needed solution for our patients and staff travelling to and from Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital, to access our CQC-rated 'outstanding' services more easily."

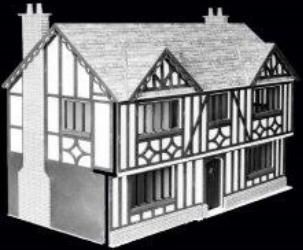
"Matt Hancock, MP for West Suffolk and Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, said:

"I am so pleased that from 1 August the pilot of the Haverhill to West Suffolk Hospital bus service will be launched. Rural transport and getting to hospital can be challenging for some people, so it is great news that Suffolk County Council has put this scheme in place – it will be of huge benefit to the residents of Haverhill."

RIDE is a pre-booked service to help improve transport in the rural areas of Suffolk.

Suffolk County Council and the NHS West Suffolk Clinic Commissioning Group need NHS staff and hospital visitors to support and use the new RIDE service. Its success will ensure the future operation and sustainability of rural transport in Suffolk.

To book a journey with RIDE, you can go online at www.bookyourride.co.uk at any time or call 01638 664304 Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 4.00pm.

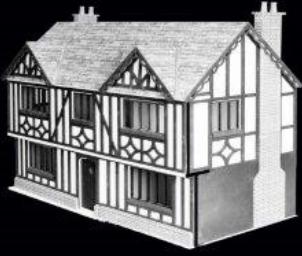


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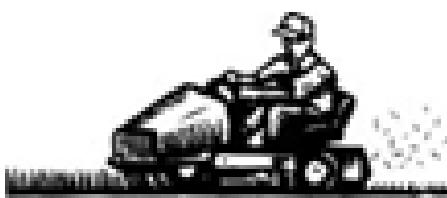
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