

## NEXT ISSUE

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## Parish News

Ellingham  
Geldeston  
Gillingham  
Kirby Cane  
Stockton



## November 2019

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## Diary Dates

For regular weekly, fortnightly & monthly events,  
see Inside Back Cover

### November

2 Saturday	“Bohemian Rhapsody” Film Village Hall (Geldeston), 2 & 7 pm
3 Sunday	Church services at Kirby Cane (10 am) and Stockton (HC 2.30 pm; 3 pm Songs of Praise)
6 Wednesday	Mobile Library Day  Gillingham PC meeting, 7.30 pm
10 Sunday	<b>REMEMBRANCE SERVICE</b> at Ellingham Church, 10 am
13 Wednesday	Gillingham Ladies Group, Swan Inn, 11 am  Geldeston Parish Council, 7.30 pm
14 Thursday	Pub Quiz, Wherry Inn (Geldeston), 7.30 pm
17 Sunday	Church services at Kirby Cane (HC 11 am)
18 Monday	Kirby Cane & Ellingham PC, 7.30 pm
20 Wednesday	“Yesterday”, Film (Geldeston), 2 & 7 pm
24 Sunday	Church services at Ellingham (10 am), Geldeston (HC 9.30 pm) and Stockton (3 pm)  Handel’s <i>Messiah</i> , Beccles Choral Society, 4.30 pm
30 Saturday	Bingo at Gillingham Village Hall, 6 pm

### December

4 Wednesday	Mobile Library Day  Gillingham PC meeting, 7.30 pm
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### December (contd.)

6 Friday	Winter Fair, Gillingham School, 5-7 pm
9 Monday	Stockton Parish Meeting, 7.30 pm
11 Wednesday	Gillingham Ladies Group, Swan Inn, 11 am
12 Thursday	Pub Quiz, Wherry Inn (Geldeston), 7.30 pm
15 Sunday	pre-Christmas Party (Geldeston Village Hall), afternoon
18 Wednesday	“Fisherman’s Friends”, film (Geldeston) 2 & 7 pm
22 Sunday	CAROL SERVICE, Stockton, 3.00 pm
	CAROL SERVICE, Geldeston, 6.30 pm

### January 2020

No Parish Council meetings in January

1 Wednesday	NEW YEAR’S LUNCH, Kirby Cane, 12 to 2 pm
29 Wednesday	Mobile Library Day





## Geldeston Village Films



**Everyone is welcome to join us for our film nights**

We have our own multimedia projector, sound system, and new chairs. We also have a Hearing Loop installed for those with a hearing aid that can be turned to the T setting

**Our latest film screenings and dates are:**

**BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY** 12A

**Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

**YESTERDAY** 12A

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS** 12A

**Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tickets are £5.00 each** and can be purchased at the door on the day

There will be two screenings on each date @:

**2.00 pm** [doors open 1.30 pm]

**7.00 pm** [doors open 6.30 pm]

**Refreshments will be available**

For film trailers and reviews please see Geldeston Village's:

**Website** - [www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk) or

**Facebook** - [www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall)

Where to find us:

**Geldeston Village Hall, The Street, Geldeston, Norfolk NR34 0LB**

**Moviola** Your Community Cinema  
Geldeston Village Films are licensed to show films through Moviola a non-profit organisation



## ROUND THE PARISHES

### Thank-you from Stockton

Thanks to all who supported our Bric-a-Brac sale on Saturday 5 October, to raise funds for repairs to the church. The turnout was not big, but we raised £173.00. We are grateful for your donations; it's still possible to donate to the fund. There will be a table outside W.J. Seppings Butchers (Hungate, Beccles) over the coming weeks to sell unsold items.

### Remembrance Sunday, Ellingham

On 10 November 2019, our five parishes gather in St Mary's Church, Ellingham, and at the War Memorial to commemorate and name all those from each village who died in two World Wars [see pp. 13-16].

### Are You a Budding Writer?

The Mobile Library is running a poetry competition (closing date, 21 December) on the theme "The Mobile Library: Fantasy Journey / Real-Life Experience / or Memory" – pick one, the choice is yours. Anyone can enter. Poems can be given to drivers [see p. 32] or emailed to us at [central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:central.mobiles.lib@norfolk.gov.uk) Visit the Mobile Library for inspiration – sign up for a free library card.

### Gillingham – upcoming events

The Primary School has just held its annual Language Day. The Hall Committee continues to put on Sunday Coffee Mornings, is introducing a book-swap table and plans to hold a bingo evening on 30 November [see p. 9].

# Dots Squiggles

## Making Mini Musicians

Dots & Squiggles is an exciting opportunity for children in the local area to learn piano skills in a whole new way.

At Geldeston Village Hall, teacher Emma Ruthven leads "Little Squiglets", a program that sees 3-4-year-olds learning music and playing piano through songs, games and activities.

Sessions are engaging and fun — parents get to learn piano too!

Classes are on Thursday afternoons. Contact [info@dotsandsquiggles.com](mailto:info@dotsandsquiggles.com) or 07964-702084 for details.

Teaching pre-school children  
to play the keyboard and read music

Thursdays at **Geldeston Village Hall**

1.15 pm first session; 1.45 pm, second session

[www.dotsandsquiggles.com](http://www.dotsandsquiggles.com)

contact Emma at [emmaruthven31@hotmail.com](mailto:emmaruthven31@hotmail.com)

## WHERRY INN, Geldeston

Phone 01508-518371

e-mail — [thewherryinngeldeston@outlook.com](mailto:thewherryinngeldeston@outlook.com)

### Opening Times

BAR : Monday-Saturday 12 noon to 11.00 pm;  
Sunday 12 noon to 10.30 pm.

KITCHEN : Monday-Thursday 12 noon to 2.30 pm, 6-8.30 pm;  
Friday-Saturday 12 noon to 3 pm, 6-9 pm;  
Sunday 12 noon to 6 pm.

**OAP Lunches** — Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Two courses £8.95.

**Two-Course Special** — lunch and evening, Tuesday & Thursday, £14.95.

**Afternoon Teas** (bookings only) served every afternoon, £11.95.

**Quiz Nights** — Thursday 14 November & 12 December, 7.30 pm start.

### Christmas and New Year

Christmas Bookings are now being taken. See menu online  
<http://www.wherryinn.co.uk/menu> or at The Wherry

**Christmas Day** (Wednesday, 25 December)  
Kitchen closed. Bar : 12 noon to 2.30 pm

**Boxing Day** (Thursday, 26 December)  
Kitchen : 12 noon to 3.00 pm, 6-8.30 pm. Bar : 12 noon to 11.00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S EVE** (Tuesday, 31 December)  
8 'til Late – Party Night!! Live Music with **Bob Cushing**

**New Year's Day** (Wednesday, 1 January 2020)  
Kitchen : 12 noon to 3 pm, 6-8.30 pm. Bar : 12 noon to 11 pm

The Wherry Inn, 7 The Street, Geldeston, NR34 0LB

# Gillingham

## Languages Day

### GILLINGHAM ST MICHAELS

Our annual Languages Day was once again a great success. All the children took a real interest in learning the language chosen for their class and finding out about the country where it is spoken.

Skylarks looked at Spain. They learnt the “finger family” song in Spanish and greeted each other and their teacher with “hello, how are you?” Children were able to respond with “I am fine, how are you?” During the afternoon the class danced the Flamenco to La Bamba.

Mallards also looked at Spain. They learnt all about Spanish breakfasts and were able to say their favourite; then they had a go at creating a traditional Spanish recipe “pan con tomate”. Children were able to name all the necessary ingredients in Spanish. *Pan con tomate* involves rubbing toast with garlic and then adding pulped tomatoes and olive oil. YUM!

The Swans looked at Italy and spent the morning learning how to tell each other their name, age and where they lived. They designed and then made their own pizzas and were able to label them in Italian, as pepperoni, formaggio and Pomodoro.

Vickie White

### VILLAGE HALL

We continue to hold Sunday coffee mornings and each week the numbers attending have grown. Now we have a book swap table as well. In November our Sunday dates are 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> (when we will observe a two-minute silence) and 24th. This month our times change to 10 am to 1 pm, to allow for the darker mornings.

On Saturday 30 November we shall hold a Christmas-themed prize bingo: doors open at 6.00, eyes down at 6.30 pm. All ages are welcome. Seats may be pre-booked, call 07768-520867. There will be refreshments and a hamper raffle.

Lesley Porter

## GILLINGHAM PC UPDATE

### Monthly Meeting October 2019

**Parish Ten (parishioners' slot)** – Information was requested regarding the current situation regarding the new houses on The Street. The only new information was that the decision from the planning committee was now scheduled for 21st October.

21 October, the date originally chosen for the Litter Pick, was rather early, suggested Mrs Black, and might better be postponed. Litter would be easier to spot once the leaves were off the trees and some of the undergrowth had died back. She proposed Saturday 7 December as the new date, working from 9.30 am to 12.00 noon followed by festive refreshments – watch out for the posters in November.

**Village Matters** – There is an ongoing dialogue with the Village Hall Committee about the walnut tree on Village Hall land which is hindering the view from the bus stop.

The dog-waste bin has again come loose from the wall. Cllr Massingham said he would put it back and try to improve the fitting which is too close to the drainpipe and wall.

Thanks to John Crowfoot who has been tidying up around the War Memorial.

Due to the uneven surface of the playing field the old goal net has been removed. The gate has also been bolted together.

Following discussions with a representative of the Romanian Orthodox congregation, the council debated whether to contribute towards the costs of grass cutting and agreed on a figure of £100.00. The Anglican congregation in Gillingham had struggled for support, said Cllr Warman: any churchgoers in Gillingham or the surrounding area would be made very welcome at Geldeston Church.

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The clerk has reported the footpath leading from The Boundaries to the Yarmouth Road again for cutting and also the amount of plastic coming off a field in Kings Dam.

**Any Other Business** – Cllr Warman said that two 30 mph signs on Kings Dam were being obscured. One was now again visible, but the hedge owner should be approached regarding the second sign.

Some allotment rents are still outstanding – please contact the clerk as soon as possible to make payment.

**Date of Next Meeting:** Please note that the next meeting will be held on Wednesday 6 November, 2019, starting at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Julia Punt, clerk to the Parish Council



We meet every weekday in term-time, in the back room at Gillingham Village Hall on Monday to Thursday (8.30 am to 4 pm); and on Fridays (9 am to 3 pm).

We offer 2-5-year olds inclusive indoor / outdoor education and play, with "forest school", in a happy, relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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## Basic Life Support

### with the East Anglian Air Ambulance

On Thursday 3 October, Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council welcomed 14 people to a very interesting training session at Kirby Cane Memorial Hall on basic life support and the use of a defibrillator. The training was led by Doug Penry, a volunteer with the East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA).



Over 40% of EAAA callouts involve cardiac arrest, Doug told the participants, and he stressed how important cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) was in keeping patients alive while waiting for the emergency services to arrive. Everyone had a chance to practice the CPR technique on the mannequins Doug had brought with him, and realised how tricky it can be, for example, to achieve the correct amount of pressure to give worthwhile chest compressions.

It was useful to have a closer look at the defibrillator, which is housed in a yellow cabinet on the front of the Memorial Hall. During an emergency call, 999/112 operators talk members of the public through the steps they must follow when dealing with a cardiac arrest. The defibrillator itself is automated and will give instructions at each stage. It was helpful to be able to see the unit, nonetheless, and be told, in calm and unpressurised circumstances, how it should be used in an emergency.

The session helped to demystify the CPR process, and all present were glad to hear that, as of next year, all secondary school children will be taught these important techniques.

The Parish Council is very grateful to Doug Penry and the EAAA for providing this training, and for all the work the organisation does across our region - it is a charitable body and relies wholly on donations to keep operating throughout the year.

Jane Love

## Kirby Cane & Ellingham

### Music in The Park, 22 September

Thank you to everyone who attended our “Music in the Park” event on Saturday, 22 September . Despite the shower of rain towards the end, we kept on dancing.

We’re so grateful for the support we received to make it a success: we hope the next time the event will be even bigger and better. Our two bands, “Best of Both” and “Strap’t for Cash”, did an amazing job and kept going through the wind and rain. Thank you!

Thanks also to the stall holders who produced our wonderful food snacks and drink – Yoohoo donuts, the Brownie lady, the Bull of the Woods brewery, Lisa and Ros with the burger van, Emma’s jacket potatoes and Jim’s ice creams.

The Sunshine Artists did a great job painting faces and braiding hair. And we must not forget the lads from St. John’s Ambulance, our parking attendants, the gate ladies, the behind-the-scenes guys and, obviously, our team. Thank you all.

As a result, we raised a cracking £1,000 xx – whoop whoop!

Sarah Hanlan

### NEW YEAR'S LUNCH, 1 January 2020

Join us for LUNCH to celebrate the start of the New Year  
at the Memorial Hall in Kirby Cane

Wednesday, 1 January 2020, 12 noon to 2 pm.

We'll be serving jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings and  
various desserts plus beverages. Meal deal £6.

Prizes for raffle appreciated; Proceeds for Hall improvements

Diana Wadley

## Beccles Choral Society Presents

### Handel's MESSIAH

Sunday, 24 November 2019 at 4.30 pm in St. Michael's Church, Beccles  
Conductor, Geoff Lavery (Conductor's talk at 4.10 pm), with The Kingfisher Sinfonietta, Leader Beth Spendlove, and Young Soloists from the Guildhall School of Music in London.

Tickets: £15, under-16s free. Tickets are available from Cheryl Coutts, email: [cherylcoutts468@btinternet.com](mailto:cherylcoutts468@btinternet.com), from Beccles Books or any choir member.

## Winter Fair

Winter fair. Friday 6 December 2019. 5-7 pm  
Gillingham St Michaels Primary School

*Craft stalls, games, refreshments*

**Jeanette Forder,**  
**Gillingham PTA**

## New Guide to Care and Support in Norfolk

Published in association with Norfolk County Council, *Norfolk: Your Guide to Care and Support for Adults, 2019/20* gives readers crucial information on how to find and access care and support services throughout the county.

Download the Guide from [www.norfolk.gov.uk/careservices](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/careservices) . It is also available in Spoken Word. Contact Norfolk County Council on 0344-800-8020 or email [information@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:information@norfolk.gov.uk) for a free copy of *Norfolk: Your Guide to Care and Support for Adults, 2019/20*. Also available throughout the region from various outlets including hospitals, GP surgeries, Age UK and Alzheimer's Society.

# Remembrance Sunday

10 November 2019

## In Ellingham ...

The joint Remembrance service for all the Waveney Group parishes will take place at St Mary's church in Ellingham at 10 am on Sunday, 10 November.

Sixteen names are listed on the War Memorial in the churchyard. On a pillar inside the church hang not one but two Rolls of Honour. These offer more information about those named outside. Two of the Cosseys were already enrolled in the regular army before 1914, for instance; both were corporals.

One Roll of Honour lists a further 48 men from the parish of Ellingham who served in the armed forces during the Great War. Fourteen were wounded, five were gassed, three were taken prisoner, two were blinded and others were "shell-shocked". The names of certain families crop up time and again: Hood, Thrower, Barber, Snowling, Spalding, Baldry ...

A second Roll of Honour hangs on the same pillar. It lists 53 employees of W.D. & A.E. Walker who served during the First World War (two were killed). Walkers were maltsters in Bungay who owned Ellingham Mill and were major employers in the area.

## ... and Loddon.

The Loddon & District branch of the Royal British Legion will hold its annual Poppy Stall on Church Plain in Loddon from Monday to Friday, 4-8 November (10.00 am and 4.00 pm), and on Saturday 9 November (10.00 am to 12.00 noon).

A short service at the War Memorial on Sunday, 10 November will be followed by another in Holy Trinity Church. On Armistice Day, Monday 11 November, the usual parade will pass through the village.



Killed, 1914-1918	
Edgar C. Cossey	Leonard W. Everett
Leonard A. Watson	
William Ward	Killed, 1939-1945
George Baldry	Raymond Burcham
George W. Norman	Alice Maude Curtis
Nelson N. Cossey	Eddie Church
George A. Shawl	Herbert Marshall
Samuel J. Cossey	R.A. John Page
Albert E. Hood	Stanley Rumsey

Those named on the Ellingham War Memorial

The branch holds its AGM on Tuesday 19 November. The next meeting after that will not be until Tuesday 21 January 2020. Contact Colin Hartley on 01508-521136 for further details and Legion advice.

## The RBL's Haddiscoe branch (1936-2007)

The Haddiscoe branch of the British Legion was set up for local ex-servicemen in 1936 at a meeting hosted in the library of Haddiscoe Hall by Colonel Freeland, its first president. Thereafter branch members met periodically at the Three Tuns or the Dun Cow, Aldeby's two pubs.

During World War Two members of the Legion were active in their support for the war effort, fundraising and sending comfort boxes for those in the armed forces. A comfort box might contain knitted socks and balaclavas; it often included cigarettes and chocolate, obtained by members pooling their ration coupons. Wartime fundraising in cities like Birmingham

accumulated enough to pay for a Spitfire or an armoured car. Our villages set themselves more modest targets: they aimed to cover the cost of a machine gun. Many of the Legion's members, naturally, also served in the Home Guard.



After the war ended in 1945, men from Geldeston and Gillingham joined their fellow ex-servicemen from Haddiscoe, Aldeby, Burgh St Peter and Wheatacre – war veterans from Kirby Cane and Ellingham came under the Legion's Bungay branch – and in 1950 the Legion reached its peak membership of three million. At a national level, the organisation, set up in 1921, was given a Royal Charter in 1925 and after the Second World War George VI's wife, the future Queen Mother, became its patron. In due course, Queen Elizabeth II succeeded her mother in that post.

The original standard of the Legion, carried between 1947 and 2007 by **Gordon Howlett**, today hangs in Aldeby church. The present standard-bearer is **Jonathan Sayer** from Geldeston who was the Haddiscoe branch secretary after 1987. In that year the branch had 57 members. Two years earlier the branch received a pennant to mark its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and this was stitched to its standard.

One activity of the post-war years was delivering Christmas boxes to elderly and disabled members who could not attend meetings. **Dougie Sayer** took over the task from **Bob Cook**; both were Geldeston men. The poppy appeal organiser in those days was **William Hubbard** from Aldeby, and **Leonard Simpson** from Gillingham was membership secretary. By 2007 only eight members survived and Haddiscoe became a sub-branch of Loddon.

I was never conscripted into the army, as was the case with my father or my Uncle Peter, nor did I become a professional soldier like my brother and grandson. For the past 34 years I have been a member of the Royal British Legion to help those who fought in the wars of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and in remembrance of several generations of my family who served and continue to serve with the country's armed forces.

**Jonathan Sayer**

## The saints of the past unite us

### Thought for the Month



St Mary's church in Gillingham has Saxon foundations, dating back to the 10<sup>th</sup> century AD, a time when all Christian churches were united in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, stretching from Jerusalem to Africa, to Asia and to Europe and Britain.

In many ways, Eastern Orthodoxy resembles the medieval Church of the British Isles with its many saints and monasteries. That is why the Romanian Orthodox community, now worshipping at St Mary's, chose the Venerable Bede of Jarrow as its patron saint along with St Philothea, a martyr from the East. Centuries apart and geographically distant, each in their own way they represent one and the same spirituality. Together they come under the 'veil' of the Virgin Mary, to whom the church in Gillingham is dedicated, and who is especially revered and celebrated in the Orthodox tradition. Those three holy figures, I believe, unite us and take us back to our ancient and shared Christian roots.

Among our prayers at every service for the people of Gillingham, we remember fondly the founders of this holy church and other benefactors; and we pray for the souls of those at rest, awaiting the Lord's glorious Second Coming. The chain of prayer continues unbroken at St Mary's church, on behalf of, and together with, the people of Gillingham.

**Revd Dr Liviu Barbu**

**The Orthodox congregation  
of SS. Bede and Philothea**

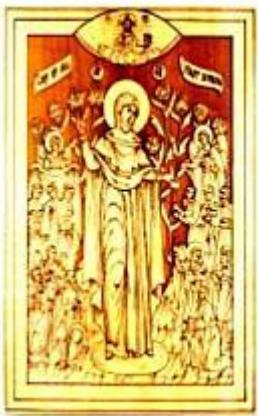
**CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER 2019**  
**Waveney Group of Parishes, Diocese of Norwich**

<b>Date</b>	<b>ELLINGHAM</b> St. Mary's	<b>KIRBY CANE</b> All Saints	<b>GELDESTON</b> St. Michael's and All Saints	<b>STOCKTON</b> St. Michael's and All Angels	<b>Readings</b>
<b>Sunday 3</b> <b>All Saints</b> (All Hallows)  WHITE		<b>Morning Prayer</b> 10.00 am  <b>John Lowrey</b>		<b>Holy Communion</b> 2.30 pm, then <b>Songs of Praise</b> , 3 pm  <b>Jill Haylock</b>	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31  Psalm 149
<b>Sunday, 10</b>  RED	<b>REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY</b> , 10.00 am Group Service at <b>St Mary's Church, Ellingham</b>  <b>John Lowrey</b>				
<b>Sunday, 17</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Advent</b>  RED		<b>Holy Communion</b> 11.00 am  <b>Jill Haylock</b>	COMMON WORSHIP is used in services at Geldeston	THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER is used at Stockton, Ellingham and Kirby Cane	Malachi 4:1-2a 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19  Psalm 98
<b>Sunday, 24</b> <b>Christ the King</b>  RED	<b>Morning Prayer</b> 10.00 am  <b>John Lowrey</b>		<b>Holy Communion</b> 9.30 am  <b>David Owen</b>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> 3.00 pm  <b>John Lowrey</b>	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43  Psalm 46

During the last Sundays before Advent the altar cloth is RED

## THE ROMANIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

IN NORWICH AND EAST ANGLIA



### Parish of Philothea the Holy Martyr and the Venerable Bede

The Diocese of Norwich has kindly given our community permission to hold services at **St Mary's Church, Gillingham**.

Every Sunday and Major Feast Day Divine Liturgy is celebrated, from 10 to 11.30 am. Each Friday, we hold an Evening Service, starting at 7.00 pm.

All are welcome to worship with us

(Services are conducted partly in English)

## ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES in Gillingham and Beccles

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of Perpetual Succour, Sundays 8 am.

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[www.st-benets.suffolk.sch.uk](http://www.st-benets.suffolk.sch.uk)



## Stockton

### The Stockton Parish Meeting, 15 September 2019

The Red Ensign was raised on the village sign on 2 September to mark Merchant Navy Day and flew for a week.

The repairs to the church have been completed.

The number of poppies for the November display are increasing but more are needed; knitting / crochet patterns are available.

No information as yet on adopting the BT telephone box.

The latest news was given about the monies raised and grants approved for the safety signs on the A146, also details of the forthcoming Fairy Walk plans.

Work to make the bus shelters more secure has been completed. Rubbish is being left in the bus shelters, please keep an eye out.

County Councillor Margaret Stone briefed the Meeting about various issues, in particular discussions on rural transport and out-of-hours access to Loddon library, now available via a chip-and-pin card.

One planning matter was discussed and leaflets were handed out dealing with depression in the farming and rural community.

Next Parish Meeting will be on Monday, 9 December 2019.

Ailsa Pringle

### Christmas Coffee Morning

Stockton Church Council intends to hold a "Christmas Coffee Morning" at Laburnum Cottage in mid-December, when some gifts and seasonal items will be on sale. Watch notice boards and next month's *Tidings* for details.

Clare Seppings

## FISHER THEATRE, BUNGAY

### November



1 Fri, **Chilean Dining and Fun**, 7.30 pm

2 Sat, **Remi Harris**, 7.30 pm, Music

7 Thurs, **Hansard**, 7 pm, Play (live streaming)

8 Fri, **Bloody Poetry**, 7.30 pm, Play

9 Sat, **Parallel Times**, 7.30 pm, Music

10 Sun, **Revolting Rhymes**, 10.30 am, Children's Film

11 Mon, **Stan and Ollie**, 7.45 pm, Film

12 Tues, **West Side Story**, 1 pm, Matinee classic

14 Thurs, **Eternal Life**, 7.30 pm, Play

15 Fri, **Back to the Fisher**, 7.30 pm, Period Piece

21-23 Thursday to Saturday, **Oliver Twist**, 7.30 pm

25 Mon, **The Hedgehog**, 7.45 pm, Film

26 Tues, **Casablanca**, 1 pm, Matinee classic

27 Wed, **Fisher Folk & Acoustic**, 7.30 pm, Music

30 Sat, **Ghosts of Moor End House**, 7.30 pm, Play

### December

1 Sun, **The Bear**, 10.30 am, Children's Film

3 Tues, **White Christmas**, 1 pm, Matinee classic

4 Wed, **Present Laughter**, 7 pm, Comedy (live streaming)

5 Thurs, **A Christmas Carol**, 7 pm, Dickens' classic seasonal tale

6 Fri, **Luke Wright + Friends**, 7.30 pm, Poetry and Performance

7 Sat, **Dance through the Ages**, 1 pm

7 Sat, **Automatic 4 the People**, 7.30 pm, //Play

9 Mon, **Fisherman's Friends**, 7.45 pm, Film

12 Thurs, **Christmas Crooners**, 7.30 pm, Music

20 Dec to 4 Jan, **Puss in Boots**, matinee and evening pantomime

### BOOKING

Box Office Monday to Saturday (10 am to 3 pm),  
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Geldeston	10.04	10.59	12.29 pm	2.29	3.29
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