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# Dates for your Diary: February 2021

3rd February, Wednesday: Gillingham Parish Council meeting\*

14 February, Thursday: Valentine's Day.

Deadline for material for Tidings Mag

16<sup>th</sup> February: Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day

\*All Parish Council meetings during Tier 5 Covid restrictions, via Zoom. Residents are very welcome. Each agenda is posted on the appropriate village website, and noticeboard.

Weekly podcast produced as no services are being held in Church – see Church calendar.

## Letter from the Editor

Causing seasonal change to our river valley landscape the extensive floods over Christmas at least have receded but sadly Covid 19 is aggressively attacking with another lockdown in force (Details of help line are on p7). A glimmer of light, at least, is that the vaccination program is underway (wait for your invitation and have patience), and the days getting longer. As previously, numerous local events have been stifled.

To all readers keep save!

Catherine Bickmore



## **Geldeston Village Hall**

With the latest Government guide lines, sadly the hall will remain closed until further notice but be assured as soon as we can, we are ready to be open under Covid rules.

Hall bookings have opened commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> May. All bookings will be subject to regulations at the time of booking and on the day of any event booked.

We have entered some future dates which we hope we will be able to run later in the year including the “Scarecrow Trail” in August so you can start thinking about new designs. Please all stay safe and, like the Management Committee of the hall, stay positive. Check: [www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk) for updates on future events.  
Lorraine Loffstadt, Chairperson

## **Launch of The Locks Inn Community Pub shares**

After months of preparation the community share issue for The Locks has been launched. It should enable them to repay their short-term loans, carry out essential improvements and prepare for a 2021 spring opening. The group have great ambitions for the pub and are looking forward to many hundreds of members helping to steer it to being the best pub in the world. The share issue provides a one off opportunity to support this iconic pub in the Waveney Valley-see flyer.

Graham Elliott Chair, The Locks Inn Community Pub.

## **Front cover picture: Snowdrops**

These beautiful bulbs are flowering now. They do well naturalized in grass in partial shade and complement the little yellow aconite. There are lots of varieties with ‘galanthophiles’ seeking out rarities.

If a clump is not flowering i.e. ‘blind’, it may need dividing: once leaves have gone yellow dig up the clump, and split the clump into smaller pieces planting at the same depth as originally.

## **Geldeston Parish Council Meeting January 2021**

The flooding issue over Christmas was unprecedented. SNDC and NCC will be setting up Scrutiny Committees to review the flooding and the reasons behind it. Geldeston Parish Council will be looking at great length as to how the flooding happened. We also would like answers! Currently there appears to be 6 different agencies looking after areas. The sandbags that appear to have been dropped off and sited in the wrong place will be moved to the usual place.

The Let's Play Project has recently managed to do some fund-raising events: raising up to £500, with Harris Flooring donating £20, Mandy's donating £200. Thank you very much to all involved. We still have a long way to go until we reach the £70,000 required for the project. Any donations will be gratefully received.

In response to local concerns it was confirmed that the people who have rented the field off Snakes Lane since 1999, for horse grazing and riding, are currently undertaking the work to level it. The riding area will be for private use, not commercial use! They plan to renew the privacy fencing with post and barbed wire, there will be no flood lights installed, and no vehicles accessing it.

The budget and Precept were discussed: the precept will be slightly increased by 2.58%, giving the Band D an increase to £41.28 representing an increase at £1.04 per household.

Geldeston village continues to have a litter problem, please help keep your parish clean of litter. A letter will be sent to McDonalds, but the problem at the moment is they are operating as 'take away' service only.

Allotments and allotmenteers are increasing in numbers, well done.

If anyone has concerns and/or issues, please direct these to the Clerk: [geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk), [www.geldestonpc.info](http://www.geldestonpc.info)

Next virtual meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

## **Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council Meeting January**

The meeting finalised the budget for 2021/22 and decided not to increase the 2021 precept that will be requested from South Norfolk Council to enable the council to discharge its various duties.

The village history book has been selling well, and our thanks go to Kirby Cane Post Office & Stores for stocking them.

Many residents will know that on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021, long-standing village resident Stanley “Bill” Williams celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and he asked me to send his very grateful thanks to all those who sent cards to mark this momentous day.

One of the items raised by District Councillor Brendon Bernard at the January meeting was the availability of grant funding before the end of the financial year on 31 March 2021 for households to improve energy efficiency and thereby cut heating bills and make houses warmer. Eligible properties will have an EPC rating of E, F or G rated and be occupied by people with a total household income of £30,000 or less. There is a package of measures available through the district council which aims to achieve a post works EPC rating of C or above for each home. For more information go to [www.norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk](http://www.norfolkwarmhomes.org.uk), or call 01603 430103.

There are currently three vacancies on the parish council - if you or someone you know would like to join and meet the residence and other criteria you/they can apply to be co-opted see website.

Any questions about any aspect of the parish council's business, contact the Clerk, or any of your parish councillors.

Tel: 01508 518375, [kceclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kceclerk@gmail.com)

<https://kceparishcouncil.wixsite.com/kcepc>

Next parish council meeting: Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

## **Covid-19**

The vaccine programme has started with a number of local octogenarians plus having received their first jab. All eligible people are advised to have the vaccine as soon as it is offered to them and all of us must continue to obey the rules so we can bring down the soaring number of infections. You will be contacted when it is your turn to be vaccinated but please do not contact your GP practice or hospital to request a COVID-19 vaccine. Also see website:  
<https://www.norfolkandwaveneyccg.nhs.uk/covid-19-vaccination-programme>

### *Response groups*

If you want advice about Tier 4 requirements, or just need to talk to someone during Lockdown, please call the Geldeston Mutual Aid number: 033-3335-5262. The line is open 8 am to 9 pm, seven days a week.

Kirby Cane & Ellingham are lucky to have a local task force led by Sarah Hanlan to help residents in need, including collecting medicines and doing shopping. Contact Sarah on 07957-101601, or Jacqui Minns on 07887-536135.

If a parishioner has a serious worry or concern, there is also a helpline within the Parish Council. Call **Jane Love**, clerk to the council, 01508-518375, or email [kceclerk@gmail.com](mailto:kceclerk@gmail.com)

## **A chronology of Ellingham & Kirby Cane**

*Copies available from Kirby Cane Village Store & Post Office @ £7.50 each.* Proceeds to village projects including car park that aims to serve Ellingham Primary School and the playground/play area.

## **Thinking back to 2019 summer scarecrow trail:**

Q: Why did the scarecrow win an award? A: Because he was outstanding in his field.

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**Gillingham St Michael's Primary Academy:**  
In Skylarks we have begun to look at abstract artists such as Kadinsky and Matisse. Above example of one completed.

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working extensively to adapt to every situation.

### **Recruitment:**

Applications are invited for the position of Fisher Centre Manager. All details can be found on the Fisher website:

<https://www.fishertheatre.org/fcm.shtml>

## PROSTATE CANCER – DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN AFFECTED?



**The Norfolk & Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group** is a small group run by volunteers who have been personally affected by prostate cancer and aims to raise awareness, provide a caring atmosphere, listening environment and social service to those and their families in need. The group have recently raised significant funds to enable the purchase of specific equipment for the Urology units at local hospitals.

It is all too often seen that once a man has been diagnosed with prostate cancer that they suddenly find themselves in a lonely and dark place - feeling so isolated that they aren't able to talk with anyone about their journey. Therefore, it can be a huge emotional release to be able to chat with others who have been similarly affected and understands how they feel and what they're going through. Partners of prostate cancer patients who are also on the emotional rollercoaster are encouraged to get in touch, especially those with limited access to anyone 'outside' who may understand or appreciate just how they may be feeling

I'm Graham Manning from Gillingham. Both I and my wife Trudy are volunteers for the group and together we can provide a very local ear - my phone number is 078855 78331 should anyone wish to call. In March 2015, as a result of a simple 'PSA' test at the doctor's I was diagnosed with prostate cancer which was treated through radical prostatectomy in May 2015. I am happy to talk to anyone about any aspect of my journey - the diagnosis, treatment the ups and downs as well as answer any questions.

We have many booklets, leaflets and information available here at our home in Gillingham relating to prostate cancer that might be useful and can be collected or posted out. Importantly we would encourage anyone to visit our website [www.prostatesupport.org.uk](http://www.prostatesupport.org.uk) for further information and to join the group for further information and updates. There is an FB page '*Norfolk & Waveney Prostate Cancer Support Group*' and our welfare officers 'George and Jill Siely' can be contacted at anytime should someone wish to find out more. (Their number is on the website).

Graham Manning

## Stockton Stone

This impressive glacial erratic stone some 1m. in height was deposited as a result of glacial activity during the last Ice Age. There is debate over its original purpose. An early reference to it is given in the 1662 'Town Books' of Stockton. There is said to be a curse on anyone who moves the stone-now set in concrete so not an easy feat!

It is located at the northern end of a bridleway that leads to the A146 layby, and is shown on present day OS mapping (grid ref: TM 3867 9467).

Source: Heritage Norfolk



## Stockton

Loved the model Christmas scene and the night time lighting in Bungay Road, Stockton. Please repeat next year.

## Christmas lights

In these dark times, some people have left their Christmas lights up. What a lovely idea. But isn't it bad luck to leave them after Twelfth Night? English Heritage has reported that in the middle ages Christmas was celebrated until February 2nd, which is Candlemas, when baby Jesus was presented in the temple. This Christian festival, still widely commemorated by some churches, is also the feast of the Purification of the Virgin.

Although our ancestors didn't actually start celebrating till Christmas day and we start well before, why not cheer ourselves and our neighbours in these lockdown times for a little while longer? Keep the lights sparkling as a message of hope and love. V. Whinney

## **Lives remembered: Monty Pitkin**

Montague David Pitkin was born in 1933, as the youngest of three children. His father ran a general store in Northgate including an ice cream parlour and Monty worked there briefly having left school at the age of 15 and before joining the Beccles timber merchants Darby Brothers Ltd, as an office boy. He worked his way up to become managing director of the company in 1978.

Monty was very active in servicing his local community becoming Mayor of the Town Council in 1991 and 2001. For over 40 years he served as a member of the ancient Beccles Foeffees charity (also known as Beccles Townland Charity), serving other charities including the Ringsfield Hall Trust, 5<sup>th</sup> Beccles Scouts, and the Regatta Committee.

Monty, a Gillingham resident was a regular member of St Mary's Gillingham Parish Church. As its church warden he attended to the needs of its fabric, its rectors and the congregation -he was a well-respected member of the Parochial Church Council. Monty's faith as a Christian is reflected in the many works he undertook and brought him a life time of friends and happy memories that those who knew him will remember with great fondness.

Monty, who died on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020, leaves Pat, his wife of longstanding – (they met at a dance in Norwich), - their two sons Andrew and Simon, together with five grandchildren.

## **Gillingham Parish Council Meeting 2021**

*Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd February. Anybody wishing to attend will need to let the clerk know in advance.*

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Like many other people in Loddon and surrounding villages who knew Alan Cook we, as his Legion branch, were saddened to hear of his recent passing to Higher Service. He was one of our longer serving branch members and we extend belated love and commiserations to his wife Margaret and the rest of his family. We assure you that Alan will be missed, but not forgotten.

Although we can't hold branch meetings or events for the foreseeable future we are definitely still here, so should you need personal help, support, sympathy, guidance or just general Legion advice, ring Christine Hartley our branch secretary on 01508 521136.

### **Shrove Tuesday: Sweet pancake recipe (makes 12-14)**

#### *Ingredients:*

8oz plain sifted flour  
¾ pt milk and water, half & half  
1 large or 2 small beaten eggs (local free range)  
1 tblsp melted butter or oil  
1 tblsp sugar  
¼ tsp salt

#### *Method:*

Put flour in large mixing bowl, make well in centre, gradually add liquid working flour in with wooden spoon. When flour is smoothly incorporated, add beaten egg and other ingredients, and beat mix to consistency of single cream. Then let batter mix stand for a couple of hours.

Heat frying pan, drop in lump of lard and coat base. Stir batter and fill in a coffee cup. Tilt pan & pour in batter at highest point rotating pan to cover base with v. thin layer of batter - let it cook until it shifts when you shake the pan, then toss to cook on other side. Sprinkle with lemon and sugar, roll up and serve.

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## **'Water, water everywhere....' 2020 Christmas floods**

At around midnight on Christmas Eve the banks were breached in The Cut, near the railway bridge Geldeston, with further breaches along the river including at Dunburgh. Floods greeted us all on Christmas Day. A couple of homes in Station Road, the road itself, and a couple of homes around the boat yard Geldeston were flooded, and in one case untreated sewage flooded a garden from mains backing up. Depth of water was reported to reach around 150mm in one house, with around 300mm in the lower lying boat yard workshops. Extensive flooding of

the Marshes and agricultural land formed sheets of water standing on the land for several weeks with implications for livestock and crops. Other properties in Geldeston and Ellingham were reported to be dangerously near to being flooded with a 'only few mm to go'. Subsidence holes in the river bank at Dunburgh increase vulnerability to

future flooding of the adjacent land. Fortunately, Storm Bella did not exacerbate the situation further.

Regulation of water levels in our tidal section of the Waveney is complex: influences of weather events affect surface water runoff upstream and high tides downstream resulting in the water becoming 'trapped' around Geldeston with levels lowered by gravity. Regulation of levels includes the sluice gates located at Ellingham and Wainford. From Gillingham downstream the levels of the surrounding land are lower with the release of flood waters dependant on pumping.

The water was reported to rise particularly fast: with possible reasons including the timing of the control of the Wainford and Ellingham Mill Sluices to release upstream flood waters affecting places such as Bungay (where many homes were flooded), failure of pumps, insufficient maintenance -the reasons are not clear and further investigation is required. Homes in Beccles were flooded also.

Flooding was discussed at the Geldeston PC in January. South Norfolk District Council have agreed to set up a committee to examine the local



flooding issues to develop solutions. Geldeston PC wishes to draw together people's experiences of the flooding-please provide these and photos by the end of the month to Tina: [geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk),

## Floods remembered



In August 1912, seven inches of rain fell in one day, with devastating floods across Norfolk. The Waveney broke its banks and the railway across the Gillingham Marshes was washed away (Photo: Flood Gillingham Dam1912). Darby Bros saw

mill and timber yard by the bridge into Beccles was completely submerged. Gillingham residents were stranded at first floor level with food handed out from a horse and cart.

More recently, extreme flooding events were experienced in the winters of 1968, 1979, and 1982/3 including an account of sections of the river bank being carried away. In 1968 the Dam into Beccles was impassable with a local Gillingham resident remembering being rowed by his father into Beccles, several houses were flooded in Gillingham at that time.

Floods affected many of the houses in Station Road, Geldeston with rowing boats providing access. During the floods of the late 60s the road just along from Mildred Cottage on Station Road, Geldeston was flooded badly. The Slacks, who lived close by, made headlines in a national newspaper standing outside their badly flooded cottage. The bold headline shouted "Runny View" above the elderly pair and just under the cottage's real name at that time of "Sunny View". This is the same cottage that came off worst along Station Road this year. Our beautiful and cherished village sign was created by their son Bill.

### Readers may have more memories?

Sources: The Foxearth & District Local History Soc., Broadland Memories, conversations with local residents: R Bramley, T Morton, J Oxley, I. Ansell, M.R Langran, V..Whinney

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Each Friday, we hold Evening Service, starting at 7.00 pm.

All are welcome to worship with us  
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## Writing from the Rectory...

I'm sure I'm not alone in wondering where on Earth all the time has gone. It seems only in the blink of an eye we were holding our socially-distanced carol services and Christingles and, already, we're facing the beginning of Lent later this month. Likewise, however, I'll certainly not be alone in feeling that we're being carried along in a whirlwind of events and emotions.

We've been near-on a year in the company of coronavirus and all that this has brought us – not just its appalling medical effects but also the measures we have had to take to try and contain its spread. In our communities we've seen the suspension of community groups and gatherings, closures of amenities and the imposition of social-distancing, face masks and, as currently, complete lockdown and inability to leave our homes except for essential reasons. In our circles of families and friends we've experienced the full implications of what this lockdown has meant for each of us – loss of jobs or incomes (at least in part); loss of company and meaningful human contact; loss of freedoms and restrictions of choice. Many of us have come to realise just what it means to be human, once so many of our human instincts, ways of living and being have been taken from us – we realise just how much our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing is dependent on being together with one another. Sadly, too, there will be a number of families who have suffered greatly as a direct result of having come into contact with the virus – whether significant ill health or the distress and sorrow of losing a loved one because of it. The virus is so appalling as much because of its seemingly random choice of victim as its dreadful symptoms. We hold all those who have been so affected in our thoughts and prayers.

As if to turn the knife, we've also been living amid the turmoil of the political world; the emergence, in the end, through the nervous negotiations of a trade deal with the EU; the extraordinary events surrounding the US presidency – the storming of the Capitol Building and the unprecedented second impeachment of an incumbent president; the loudening background noise and influence either of far right or far left. The final straw, of course, has been the turmoil brought by local flooding – after a year that we've had, for some people to have endured the distress and trauma of having floodwater enter their house early on Christmas Day (of all days) feels like the ultimate final kick in the stomach. In the maelstrom of a world that has become almost unrecognisable and events that have been so extraordinary and disorientating, we search earnestly for some vague sense of balance to our life.

During Lent, the Christian takes the journey with Jesus into the wilderness to reflect afresh on their identity in Christ and how they live out their life in response to his love; we consider once again what our discipleship priorities must be as

well as resolving afresh to place our Saviour's example front and centre in our life and how we live it out. I've already had occasion in a previous contribution to these pages to make mention of just how much so many people in our communities have shown and shared with others authentic Christian love and care in so many ways as they've served their neighbours and communities. I'm ever humbled by their examples. It's safe to say, however, that we hardly seem to need another deliberate period in the Church to be reflecting on where we find ourselves and how much Jesus shows us in love, life and response to those we love or live amongst. These months have felt like one very long wilderness period for all of us.

The one characteristic which we learn the most in Lent and which will stand us in good stead into the future is the one which we've already perhaps learnt: perseverance. During last term, in my weekly video reflections for school assemblies, I spoke each week on this very theme – about the importance of simply keeping going. I've watched my two children learn perseverance in the throes of this pandemic as they've grappled with not seeing friends (new and old) or family, getting to grips with home-schooling, online teaching, new technology and ways of doing things – all whilst dealing with new ideas, emotions and feelings. Those of us with children I'm sure get a tear to the eye whenever we think about just how well all of our children have coped despite it all. All of us, however, have had to do the same – new situations, new ways of living and being as we find ourselves ever more hard-pressed. Every week when I recorded my video for school, I always told myself – and them – that the advice and guidance I shared with the children was advice I needed to keep reminding myself of as an adult; we never stop learning. Sometimes it's really hard to just keep going – whether we are eight or eighty – and never have we had to learn lessons afresh like this.

In my own Lenten journey, my inspiration will always be the footage of our doctors and nurses working in intensive care units up and down the country – exhausted, stressed and distressed, juggling the traumas they see at work with their life at home, but still somehow every day giving wholehearted loving care and attention to every patient they come across in the hope that their efforts will once again enable a fullness of life for those people. When we feel worn out and feel like we can go no further, perhaps we can use this Lent to take time to be still, to simply 'be', to reflect and to ready ourselves to 'go again' with the gift of each day and each blessing we receive.

Christmas reminded us that a light has dawned which the darkness cannot overcome; Lent and Easter remind us that new life is just around the corner.

*David*

## **Church calendar February 2021**

(subject to coronavirus restrictions\* and see podcasts).

**7th February** Sunday before Lent

**14<sup>th</sup> February** Sunday before Lent

**17<sup>th</sup> February** Ash Wednesday and first day of Lent

**21<sup>st</sup> February** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

**28<sup>th</sup> February** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**\*During Lockdown restrictions** there are no services but our churches are open every week for private prayer:

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