

TIDINGS

Parish News

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Geldeston
Gillingham
Kirby Cane
Stockton



July & August 2021

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Dates for your diary in our villages: July & August 2021

4th July Sun: 10.00 Morning prayer Kirby Cane

7th July Wed: Gillingham PC meeting

11th July Sun: 9.30am Holy communion, Ellingham

16th July Fri: 10.25-11.35 Mobile library-Stockton, Gillingham, Geldeston

14th July Wed; 7.30pm Geldeston PC meeting

18th July Sun: 11.30am Holy communion, Stockton

19th July Mon: 7.00pm Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council meeting
More freedom can we hope!

20th July Mon: 7.00pm Kirby Cane & Ellingham PC meeting

7.00pm British Legion meeting, Loddon

25th July Sun:: 9.30am Morning prayer, Geldeston

10.00am Morning prayer, Kirby Cane

17.00pm Evening prayer, Stockton

28th July Wed: 2.00 & 7.00pm Film: 'Military Wives' Geldeston Village Hall

2nd Aug Mon: Submit comments on housing development allocations

8th Aug Sun: 9.30am Holy communion, Geldeston

13th Aug Fri: *Deadline for material for Tidings Mag*

14 Aug Sat: Produce show, Geldeston

14-29th Aug: Geldeston Scarecrow trail *starts*

15 Aug Sun: 9.30am Holy communion, Kirby Cane

11 Aug Fri: 10.25-11.35am Mobile library-Stockton, Gillingham, Geldeston

20th Aug Sat: Craft Fayre Geldeston

22 Aug Sun: 9.30am Morning prayer, Geldeston

10.00am Morning prayer, Ellingham

17.00pm Evening prayer, Stockton

29th Aug Sun: 10.30am Benefice service Holy Communion Aldeby

Geldeston Scarecrow trail *ends*

30th Aug Mon: August Bank Holiday

From the Editor

This double issue covers reports on local happenings! We can look forward to a range of activities over the summer including a calling to all gardeners/allotment holders, and cooks in our villages to provide entries in the Produce Show: there are classes for everyone including for all who took up these activities more recently in addition to those with long experience.



Writing from the Rectory

Two summers ago, in my previous parish of East Harling, I finally caved in to a long-standing desire – partly as a result of the Parish Council Drop-In at the village hall, organised so that new people to the village could find out more about what was going on in the community. Our Parish Church had a stand in one corner of the hall, sandwiched between Harling Recreational Bowls Club and East Harling Shotokan Karate Club – perhaps two extremes of leisure pursuit with, understandably, the Church in the middle to mediate. I'd had a hankering to play bowls ever since I was little – I watched bowls on TV and I always stopped by and watched outdoor bowls whenever we came across people playing. Up until the Drop-In, however, I'd never actually had a go – time, opportunity, etc. Whilst at East Harling, I'd had the offer of playing a few times but had to turn those chances down. At the Drop-In, two members of the Bowls Club were manning their stand – Chris and Val – and in their own quiet way they weren't going to let me go this time..! I think it must have been about three times that I loitered near their stand and picked up a wood (bowl) and a jack and chatted about their club, their interest in bowls and also my own unfulfilled interest, and they spoke about their forthcoming Open Day at the Bowls Club, suggesting that I should visit. And so that's exactly what I did. Open Day came, and I decided to pop along. I received the most generous, hospitable and warm welcome and the members who were there couldn't have been more helpful and encouraging as they offered a drink and invited me to the bowls green for a few draws of a wood. From the very first draw I was hooked and I'd well and truly succumbed. Mike, the groundsman, dedicated a good proportion of his afternoon in sun and rain patiently and generously tutoring me up and down the green – correcting some faults and affirming all that was looking promising. I spent a lovely three hours bowling away, chatting and enjoying everyone's company with a pint and a BBQ and, such was the experience, I signed up as a member not only of my-then village club for outdoor play but also at Wymondham Dell for indoor bowls as well. Soon I'd bought my own set of bowls and all the necessary kit, and members were kind enough to say that they thought I was good enough for league matches, although time prevented my involvement. Having since moved to Geldeston, I'm now waiting for the chance to get back playing again and especially looking forward to joining a new local club and all the opportunities that will bring to make new friends and simply 'be', away from the demands of ministry for a bit.

When I think back through my own life journey and consider those of my friends and other people who I've had the opportunity to listen to – whether in person or through books or the media – I've come to realise that it really can be possible to follow one's dreams; to be who you wish to be or to have the chance of doing what one deep down wants to do. There are many moments in life, however, when such possibility seems 'pie in the sky' and there are many reasons why we may not be able to be x or do y at a certain time in our

lives, mainly through a myriad of different commitments, responsibilities or other constraints – financial, social, familial, etc. As a Christian, I believe that God loves us, knows everything about us and knows his will for each of us. At the right time, in the right place, amongst the right people, God may place an opportunity before us to discern and then either to explore or reject. I realise as I look back through my life, those things which have given me the greatest fulfilment in leisure and in work have been present as small seeds of even the most fleeting interest from early on, even in my early childhood. I can now look back and join the dots to those first stirrings and I've come to realise that these seeds have come to grow and then blossom at the right time – in some cases it's been many years in the offing, with much 'up and down' in between, where the 'downs' may have meant that the possibility of fulfilment seemed another world away. Those moments helped to prepare me for when the time was indeed right at last.

God stirs in us the right desires at the right time. Where our desires are good, wholesome, 'fit' us and they converge with the will of God, then opportunity tends to come along. It is merely for us to respond positively to that chance; these are the times not to be cynical or dismissive of such opportunities ('*Too good to be true*', '*Nice things never happen to me*', '*I'd never be good at it*', '*I won't do it yet*'). God not only gives us the right time and right place, but also the right attitude and right gifting. You will be surprised who you can be and what you can do when you step out in faith with God, trusting in his love and grace to uphold you. I remember having a conversation with a Christian friend at my former accountancy office who had always wanted to be a landscape gardener but had never felt bold enough to train, feeling that she was too old and perhaps destined to stay at her desk. I encouraged her to pray, explore her desire and research the possibilities. Six months afterwards, she had resigned to begin a landscaping course – her circumstances 'coincidentally' opening up the chance – and she's now a professional landscaper and gardener with a wide and very grateful client base.

Wherever we are in our life, God always simply wants us to be 'us' and always has something in store for us to do, however straightforward it may seem, but it will always be Kingdom-enabling. Whatever your circumstance, do not dismiss your deepest longing. It may be God's gentle tap on your shoulder (again). *David Smith*

Waveney Valley Sunday

Your very own weekly Sunday worship podcast..! A full audio of Morning Prayer – including latest news, bible readings, sermon and prayers – led by

our local parish priest, The Revd. David Smith. Find us any time via smart-phone, smart-speaker, tablet, laptop or through your usual podcast provider or listen to podcast by phone: 01502 447250 (calls charged at local rate).



Church services in the Waveney Marshland Benefice* July & August

Services in July

Sunday 4 July	9.30am Holy Communion	Haddiscoe
<i>5th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am Holy Communion	Norton Chapel
	10.00am Morning Prayer	Kirby Cane
	11.30am Holy Communion	Toft Monks
Sunday 11 July	9.30am Holy Communion	Ellingham
<i>6th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am Holy Communion	Aldeby
	4.00pm Evening Prayer	Haddiscoe
Sunday 18 July	9.30am Holy Communion	Norton Subcourse
<i>7th Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am Holy Communion	Stockton
Sunday 25 July	9.30am Morning Prayer	Geldeston
<i>James the Apostle</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer	Ellingham
	11.30am Holy Communion	Burgh St Peter
	5.00pm Evening Prayer	Stockton

NB: No 9.30am service at Raveningham on Sunday 25 July.

Services in August

<i>9th Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am Holy Communion	Norton Chapel
	10.00am Morning Prayer	Kirby Cane
	11.30am Holy Communion	Toft Monks
Sunday 8 Aug	9.30am Holy Communion	Geldeston
<i>NB: No 11.30am service at Aldeby this Sunday, nor 4pm Evening Prayer at Haddiscoe</i>		
Sunday 15 Aug	9.30am Holy Communion	Kirby Cane
<i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11.30am Holy Communion	Thurlton
Sunday 22 Aug	9.30am Holy Communion	Thorpe-n-Haddis.
<i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer	Geldeston
	10.00am Morning Prayer	Ellingham
	11.30am Holy Communion	Wheatacre
	5.00pm Evening Prayer	Stockton
Sunday 29 August	10.30am Benefice Holy Communion	Aldeby
<i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i>		

*Waveney Marshlands Benefice

The former Raveningham Group of Parishes and the Waveney Benefice have now merged such that the 14 parishes comprise the single benefice of Waveney Marshlands. Also, the Diocese has confirmed that David Smith now is the Rector of the new entity, having previously been Priest-in-Charge of the two separate benefices. Hurrah!

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCHES: Gillingham and Beccles

Parish Priest in charge: Father Martin Gorman 01502-713179

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Every Sunday and Major Feast Day Divine Liturgy is celebrated, from 10 to 11.30 am.

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

All are welcome to worship with us. (Services are conducted partly in English).

KIRBY CANE MEMORIAL HALL: A WW1 MEMORIAL WITH 100 YEARS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY

We are ready to take bookings subject to opening restrictions:

Contact Sandy Blake: 01508 518819. Both rooms have been

refurbished; each offers kitchen and toilet facilities and has full

disabled access and are COVID compliant. In addition, there

are patio doors leading to the green, which is ideal for outdoor

summer events, and two table tennis tables together with

equipment for hire. Groups planning to re-start include:

Art Group: Mondays 2-4pm, Contact Ann Ridley 01502 710342

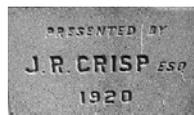
Qi Gong: Thursdays 7-8pm Contact Sara 01508 518488

Sit and Be Fit: Mondays 10-11am Contact Diana 01508 518148

Knit and Natter: Contact Norma 01508 518012

Table Tennis: Wednesdays 7 pm Contact david@dar-jader.com

To join the Committee Contact Secretary: Sarah Oldman, 01508 518098



FISHER THEATRE, BUNGAY



Fisher Theatre Stage productions live streaming, cinema, music, talks. Box office Monday to Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm, & on show nights.

Events update:

As many of you will be aware, the last months of 2020 brought further disruption to our planned programme. The theatre is closed once again and the Board and our staff have been working extensively to adapt to every situation.



Royal British Legion Loddon & District with Haddiscoe Sub-Branch

Still nothing definite yet about the resumption of branch meetings but, have provisionally arranged pending Tuesday 20th July at 7.00 pm in the garden of the King's Head PH, Bridge Street, Loddon, check with Secretary.

Wreaths were laid to mark Anniversaries for D Day (6th June), Battle of the Somme (1st July), and VJ Day (15th

August), to join those already laid to mark the Centenary of the formation of the Royal British Legion nationally, and Loddon War Memorial's re-dedication. Contact: Secretary Christine Hartley 01508 521136.

The Anne Robson Trust

The Trust was set up by Liz Pryor following the unexpected death of her mother, Anne Robson, in 2010. As Liz says, *“If we can make a difference to even a few people facing the end of life – and help them to get as close as possible to a ‘good’ death – it makes it all worthwhile.”*

The Anne Robson Trust began working with hospitals in 2018 to set up and train Butterfly Volunteers to work on hospital wards, providing comfort and companionship at the bedside of people at the end of life. In the 18 months before lockdown over 100 volunteers provided 7500 bedside visits across 5 hospitals, supporting not only dying patients but in many cases their family members too. Many of the patients supported had no visitors.



If you or someone close to you is dying, you can talk to us

We know that facing the end of life can leave you feeling isolated and alone. The Anne Robson Trust helpline volunteers are here to listen and support you.

Call us on
0808 801 0688

We're here for you, if you or a loved one are facing the end of life at home, in a hospital, care home or hospice.

To find out more, please visit
www.annerobsontrust.org.uk

Anne Robson Trust

Prior to the pandemic conservative estimates were that around 40,000 hospital patients died each year with no visitors at all. The Covid-19 pandemic stopped volunteers visiting hospital patients and the support they offered to families in their tracks. In order to continue their vital work The Anne Robson Trust set up the new helpline service in order to continue to provide support to as many people as possible, both during and after the pandemic.

The New Helpline

Trained volunteers are there for anyone, whether they are:

- the person who is dying, or a family member or friend
- in the last months, weeks or days of life
- facing the end of life at home or in a

hospital, care home or hospice.

As the word of the new service has spread, we have been contacted by a variety of NHS organisations asking if we offer support to staff. Importantly, the service is available to anyone working with people who are dying – i.e. NHS staff, care home staff, or carers. They may wish to use the service themselves or use it as a resource to refer others. The helpline number is 0808 801 0688. The service is confidential, free to call and operates 5 days a week – more information can be found on our website.

In Norfolk, The Anne Robson Trust is working in partnership with the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital and The James Paget Hospital in Gorleston. Prof. Nancy Fontaine, Chief Nurse at the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust recently said that *“Butterfly Volunteers give my role as Chief Nurse greater meaning, purpose and resolve. End of life patients and their families need time, which Butterfly Volunteers have. The Anne Robson Trust provides a core service to compliment an already over-stretched NHS”*.

More information and a short video about the work we do can be found on our website – www.annerobsontrust.org.uk”.

if you have any questions or would like to know more do get in touch with either Paula Kerswell, Helpline Manager on 07862 099157, or Liz Pryor, Director 07971 817552, or liz@annerobsontrust.org.uk

Covid Response and ECCH Volunteer Services: Calling Volunteers!

Voluntary Norfolk are recruiting new volunteers and we need your help!

As many of our volunteers return to their day jobs and lots of you take a well-earned break while you catch up with friends and family, we still need support for tasks in the community to: Help at local vaccination clinics

Collect medication or shopping for people who are self-isolation

Make phone calls to people who are feeling isolated and lonely.

So many of you have given up your time to help over the past year; we know you are better connected in your local area than we are and we need your help to reach as many new volunteers as possible.

Help us spread the word! As part of our recruitment drive we're asking you to share the poster on social media and tag Voluntary Norfolk so we can see it. If you can, print it out and put it in your window, ask your local shop or café to display it for us or even put one up in your workplace!

Email us: covid19responseteam@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk, and let us know where you've displayed a poster so we can see just how many people we're reaching. If you've got friends or family members that would share it as well, then even better! Thank

Can you help? Volunteers Needed Now!



What Volunteers Do

- Vaccination centre stewards
- Test and Trace marshals
- Prescription deliveries
- Shopping deliveries
- Befriending
- lots of other roles available

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Join our team of Covid Response volunteers in your local area



How to register

1. Use the QR code to take you to the registration form
2. Email Covid19responseteam@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk
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The Locks, Geldeston

The pub is open to the public every day, no booking is required. The pub is still undergoing internal refurbishment works to help ensure its long-term future and the kitchen is not be ready yet. During this time outside caterers will ensure that food is available and this will vary from day to day. The Big Dog Ferry service is operating from Beccles.

Happenings

A Welcome Return

The weekly coffee mornings in the Geldeston village hall have returned at last after a long absence. As a volunteer in the kitchen I can see how much they are appreciated, it is a good opportunity for people to get together with a cup of something and a piece of cake and more importantly for a chat after some lonely months. It is such a friendly and relaxed atmosphere with passers by popping in from time to time. Come to join us on Wednesday mornings.

May Litterpick

The litter pick this May was organised by members of Geldeston's Community Composting Group but greatly supported by Loraine Loffstadt's active networking. A strong band of collectors gathered in the Sawn Pit, old hands as well as new residents.

The temporary closure of Macdonald's meant the usual quantity of their product in the hedges and edges was greatly reduced. The worst spot remains where the track to the Boundaries joins the Old Yarmouth Road. Rebecca Clarke's pioneering work there last September was continued by Jill Hooton and Gill Cracknell, who picked out of the brambles 140 glass bottles as well as cans both full and empty abandoned there. The bottles went into Geldeston's glass recycling, and 12 bags of assorted rubbish were later collected by South Norfolk Council, which loaned us the litter-picking equipment.

Fortunately the rain only came when the picking was done, and the Wherry kindly allowed us to stand under their marquee for the very convivial tea and home cakes that followed. Very many thanks to all who participated.

Film review: MILITARY WIVES, Geldeston Village Hall Wed 28th July

Military Wives centres on a group of women from different backgrounds whose partners are away serving in Afghanistan. Faced with their loved ones absences, they come together to form the very first military wives choir, helping each other through some of life's most difficult moments and quickly find themselves on an international stage. See poster for details

Gillingham Village Hall

Coffee mornings from 10-12 am on July 4, 11 and 25 and August 1, 8, 15 and 29. AGM is on 7 July at 7pm weather dependant in the Village Hall courtyard due to number restrictions, contact Lesley on 07395958210 for details or to register an interest in joining the committee

SAVE THE DATE Sunday 5 September Macmillan Coffee Morning 10-12

Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council

Consultation on a key element of local planning policy, the South Norfolk *Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan* (VCHAP) ends on Monday, 2nd August. The VCHAP is seeking to allocate sites for at least 1,200 new dwellings (over and above those that already have permission), distributed across 48 Village Clusters centred around the Primary Schools in South Norfolk. The preferred allocation sites are between 12 and 50 dwellings, reflecting the scale of the settlements which they will form a part of. As well as allocation sites, the draft VCHAP proposes some smaller amendments to Development Boundaries, to accommodate windfall developments of up to 11 dwellings, which are in addition to the 1,200 dwelling requirement. South Norfolk Council is seeking views on the choice of sites, including what specific criteria might need to be applied to the larger allocation sites.

The consultation can be viewed at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/vchap, where there is a link to the consultation document, a range of supporting documents used to prepare the draft VCHAP, and a virtual exhibition which may help answer questions that may arise.

Any individual can comment, for more information contact: the Place Shaping Team at South Norfolk Council on 01508 533805, or email LP@s-norfolk.gov.uk. *If you would like to submit comments, please do so by 5pm on Monday 2 August 2021.*

Three sites have been allocated for Kirby Cane & Ellingham: SN0305, land south of Mill Road, Ellingham; SN0348, land south of Old Yarmouth Road, Kirby Cane; and SN 3018, land west of Florence Way, Ellingham. Details of these sites will be placed on the noticeboard outside Kirby Cane Memorial Hall, and on the parish council website. The parish council will be discussing these sites at a planning committee meeting at Kirby Cane Memorial Hall on Tuesday, 20th July, starting at 7pm. If you would like any more details about the meeting or the proposals, please contact the clerk:

Jane Love Clerk to the Council -01508 518305 kceclerk@gmail.com
<https://kceparishcouncil.wixsite.com/kcepc>

Next parish council meeting Monday, 19th July at 7pm in Kirby Cane Memorial Hall for more information check with the Clerk.



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News from Gillingham St Michael's Primary Academy

Skylarks Class: In our Apprentice gardener topic we are clay modelling all the stages of germination. We have begun a D.T. puppet making project so

we have started by researching different types of puppets in class and on the internet. The children have enjoyed their 1st philosophy lesson by debating 'is an elephant a good pet?'

Mallards Class: Have made a very busy start to the new term. Year 3 have been whisked off to the African veld to meet Bertie and the Butterfly Lion in their latest Guided reading book. Year 4's have met an interesting variety of creepy crawlies in James and Giant

Peach. We are all busy rehearsing for our Summer production of the Amazing NHS and the Aliens from A&E.

We can't wait to learn about Rio and South America in our Geography lesson, and will be planning healthy lunch boxes as a part of our DT.

Swans Class: Year 6 have been busy with their Bikeability training. They have been learning how to ride safely around the school and on the country roads ready for High School in September. They have enjoyed this immensely! In class we have started our work on UK geography. We have enjoyed learning about the countries, cities and counties and telling each other about where our families and friends live around the UK and places we have visited on holiday. In science we have been learning about a healthy diet and healthy snacks. We have all become experts in reading food packaging and finding the amount of fats and sugars in our favourite snacks. We were fascinated by how much sugar is in some of our favourite foods that are labelled as 'healthy' snacks. We've all enjoyed designing a super healthy packed lunch.



Gillingham temporary road closure-chaos and damage!

Following local concern our reporter investigates.

For a period of 6 weeks in May and June JMS contractor had consent for a temporary road closure to construct a pavement and hard shoulder. This caused considerable inconvenience to local residents, and visitors with some getting quite lost! The Closure is authorised by Street Works Team at Norfolk County Council. The official diversion was along the single track Stockton Road with the increased traffic resulting in erosion of the edge of the wildflower verges for much of the length and the creation of several 'self made' passing places, changing the rural character. In addition, there was increased traffic through Dunburgh also a single track road (although not advised as a 'diversion' route). Even with the road work barriers the width of the road closed was wider than the Stockton Road and therefore perhaps could have been used by vehicles with the installation of temporary traffic lights reducing the impact on local single track roads.

Without repair it is likely that the self made passing places will remain along Stockton Road, destroying the character of our rural lane.

The Contractor is responsible for any damage caused as a result of the closure so let's hope our local councillors make representations.

Lemonade scones for a Summer Day

Ingredients:

14 oz S.R.flour

6 fl oz double cream

6 fl oz Lemonade

Method:

Pre heat oven to 200 C fan.

In a bowl mix all ingredients to a dough.

Turn onto a floured surface and knead lightly.

Press out to a thickness of $\frac{3}{4}$ inch

Put on a baking tray lined with parchment

Bake for 12 – 15 mins (Supplied by a Kirby Cane reader)





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Geldeston Village Hall Films

We are pleased to be able to welcome you back for
our film shows once again.

Wednesday, 30 June 23 Walks 
(might be booking only please check nearer the time)

Wednesday, 28 July Military Wives 

Tickets are £5.00 each

Film start times

7.00 pm – 23 Walks

2.00 pm and 7.00 pm – Military Wives

doors open 30 minutes prior to the start time(s)

Refreshments – unfortunately, we are unable to offer
refreshments on 30th June, but you are welcome to
bring your own to enjoy during the film.

For film trailers and reviews please visit our:

Website www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall

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Have Geldeston residents submitted their entry form for the August scarecrow trail? They can now going with their scarecrow designs. We are asking participants to get their thinking caps on and come up with ideas to cheer the village up. One thing we have thought of is you could include some flowers on your display that will add to the colour. In 2019, the village was filled with people over the two weeks of the Trail and its certainly a social distancing event. During the two weeks in August of the 2021 trail there will be other events to entertain you including live music on the Village Green, and a new venture: a “Craft Fayre” on Saturday 20th August £10.00 a stall.

Visit our web page for contact details. Keep watching as Covid Regs changing all the time. Tel: 07778559503

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