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6<sup>th</sup> June Sun 10.00 Morning prayer Kirby Cane  
8<sup>th</sup> June Tus. 10.00am Pilates, Geldeston Village Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> June Sat: Queen's Birthday .  
13<sup>th</sup> June Sun: 9.30am Holy communion Geldeston  
11<sup>th</sup> June Fri: *Deadline for material for Tidings Mag*  
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20<sup>th</sup> June Sun: 9.30am Holy communion Kirby Cane  
6.00pm Evening Prayer, Stockton  
21<sup>st</sup> June Mon: More freedom we hope!  
27<sup>th</sup> June Sun: 9.30am Morning prayer, Geldeston  
10.00am Morning prayer, Ellingham,  
18.00am Evening prayer, Stockton  
30<sup>th</sup> June Wed: 7.30pm Film '23 Walks' Geldeston Village Hall

## From the Editor

Celebrating 70 years since the Festival of Britain Award for Geldeston, in this issue we look at our residential post-war built heritage designed by architects Tayler and Green.

The reports of Annual meetings from the three Parish Councils show they all overcame the Covid restrictions and now are looking forward to mid June when, with luck, the full range of local activities should be able to resume.

The numbers of hedgehogs across the country has reduced in recent years but fortunately there are local populations in our villages. You may hear one grunting around the garden at night. They are the gardener's friend with their diet including beetles, slugs and snails. Try to keep a semi wild patch for them and be watchful when strimming, when turning your compost heap or before having a bonfire.



## Writing from the Rectory

Amongst the many things I like is sport – any kind of sport. I've never been a couch potato with it but I do keep a close eye and interest on everything that's going on across the world in most sports – it would be one of my joker rounds in a pub quiz, put it that way..! I try hard not to miss a big event, but family and ministry come first of course. And let's face it, nothing gives greater scope or expression for human emotion – the joy and elation, the sadness and disappointment, the hope right through to despair – than following a favourite team or individual in your favourite sport. There are few times when a whole country can come to a standstill apart from when, say, England are once again up against it in a penalty shoot-out, for example... I remember going for an evening bike ride with Naomi through South Norfolk and returning home to Norwich just as the 2006 World Cup quarter-final between England v Portugal was going to penalties. We had the whole of the outer ring road entirely to ourselves – no traffic whatsoever; every house window was open displaying England flags, and the sound of TVs blurted out excited – and then despondent – commentary on what was another failure for our national football side. Hope turned to despair in a matter of seconds. Naomi, not a football fan, just laughed and said cheerily 'Oh well, never mind, eh?!' Hope springs eternal. As I write in mid-May, Manchester City fans will be dreaming of a first European Cup (I still call it that..!). I hope, alongside nearly six million other folks in Toronto, that my ice hockey team – and one of the most illustrious hockey teams in history – the Toronto Maple Leafs, will finally come through the playoffs in the National Hockey League to win the 128-year-old Stanley Cup. Its vast fan base still wait in hope for the NHL title, remarkably absent since 1967. England haven't won any international football trophy since 1966 but yet we always have a hope that they'll come away with the trophy at the end of the World Cup or the Euros. Hope based previously, perhaps, on little other than patriotism, a rich club history and our pride in England's historic place in football, rather than a stark comparison with the quality of other teams. Every fan hopes, prays, wills their team to glory, despite sometimes the obvious signs in front of them that this might not be possible..!

This time round, however, the mood of England fans ahead of the delayed Euros is different, largely formed out of accepting the painful experiences of tournament football at senior level and what they tell us, honestly, about how good we have been compared to others. A younger, less experienced team went to Russia for the World Cup in 2018, however, and reached the semi-finals. Expectations were lower, balanced however against great successes by our junior national sides in world football, from which some of those players came and others are still emerging. That first crop of youngsters are now emerging world stars. The fact that England fans finally assimilated where the nation sat for so long in the pantheons of football reduced the pressure on the

players from the burden of expectation. Given their inherent quality, the team played with more confidence as a result, lost the shackles of previous ponderous styles of play and past World Cup baggage, and hope of success is now a bit more realistic, but remains tempered.

It's wonderful to have hope – what would life be like if we didn't? Life would be hopeless, and where would its joy or purpose truly be, therefore. We all hope for something – even if it's at the level of nice weather or waiting for a parcel to be delivered. We hope for happiness, fulfilment, contentment; a new job, a promotion, perhaps; for good health for our families or a positive breakthrough where family or friends might be going through difficulties. We hope for peace in the world, in the troubled communities of our nation, for new opportunities; for a good life, joy and security for our children. The list we could make is endless. But, as the Bible says, who hopes for what they already have? That's not to hope – we hope for what we do not have, and we wait for it patiently. Hope, in many ways is a journey, and I often think that the key to a positive sense of hope is, firstly, to have a degree of acceptance of where we find ourselves. This, of course, can be extremely difficult – our circumstances can be challenging and distressing – and can take a great deal of time, if at all. Holding and gently accepting where we are in our life means that our hope doesn't become escapism, such that if what we hope for alludes us the results are devastating for us, emotionally or otherwise. Being realistic and accepting that we 'can't get anywhere but from here' helps us enormously to stand firm. We find a place to stand and wait patiently, expectantly – hopefully – for a change. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus shows us not only that all things are possible but that we are known and loved by God. He never leaves us for a second; we are held, supported, understood. We can stand firm, and we have great reason to hope.

So, the 2021 Stanley Cup and the Euros beckon. I remain hopeful – you just never know..! Go Leafs Go!!

David

*David Smith*

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<i>1st Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am Holy Communion	Norton Chapel
	10.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)	Kirby Cane
	11.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Toft Monks
<b>Sunday 13 June</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	Geldeston
<i>2nd Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Aldeby
	4.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Haddiscoe
<b>Sunday 20 June</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Kirby Cane
<i>3rd Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am Holy Communion (CW)	Thurleton
<b>Sunday 27 June</b>	9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	Thorpe-n-Hadd.
<i>4th Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30am Morning Prayer (CW)	Geldeston
	10.00am Morning Prayer (BCP)	Ellingham
	11.30am Holy Communion (BCP)	Wheatacre
	6.00pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	Stockton

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Parish Priest in charge: Father Martin Gorman 01502-713179

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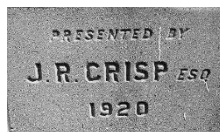
The Diocese of Norwich has kindly given our community permission to hold services at **St Mary's Church, Gillingham.**

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

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

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

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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. There are two table tennis tables together with equipment for hire. Groups planning to re-start include:

Art Group: Mondays 2-4pm mid June, 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

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

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## **Royal British Legion Loddon & District with Haddiscoe Sub-Branch**

We hope you enjoyed our branch display in the window of Young's Funeral Directors in Loddon during May to mark the first 100 years of the setting up of the Royal British Legion nationally. Wreaths were laid at Loddon and Chedgrave War Memorials on Saturday 15th May to tie in with that laid at

the Cenotaph in London by our National President. The branch also laid a wreath in April as our tribute to mark the passing to Higher Service of HRH Prince Philip, a great supporter of the Legion throughout his long life.

Contact: Secretary Christine Hartley 01508 521136.

## **Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council report May 2021**

*Annual Parish Meeting* The short meeting, by Zoom, heard reports from John Cook, the chairman of the parish council, Mike Skipper on behalf of the Kirby Cane Memorial Hall Committee and Iain Wright for the Kirby Cane Charities. Reports were also received from the Ellingham United Charities and the Newgate Allotment Society, and these are available on the website.

*Annual Parish Council Meeting*, also by Zoom, was joined by district councillors Brendon Bernard and Chris Brown. One of the usual administrative functions of an Annual Parish Council Meeting is the election of chairman and vice chairman, and John Cook and Michael Skipper respectively were elected unanimously to these posts. Amongst many items of business at the meeting was again the planning application for the car park to serve Ellingham Primary School and the adjacent playing field, which at the time of writing was still going through the planning process with South Norfolk Council – we hope to be able to update residents on this very soon!

Councillors were very pleased to welcome the newly refurbished Kirby Cane village sign back to its spot on the corner of Yarmouth Road at the end of April. This wonderful village asset had been meticulously restored during the preceding months by a specialist signwriter from Great Yarmouth, and thanks to their thorough work the sign should be able to withstand all that the British weather can throw at it for some time to come. The Ellingham village sign now also needs some attention, and this will hopefully be done soon. Next meeting in person on Monday, 20th July, starting at 7pm.

## **Geldeston Parish Council report May 2021**

*Geldeston Annual Parish Meeting:* The chairman thanked the Councillors and the Clerk for all their hard work. A resilience hub was set up to help the first lockdown and their support was available throughout the year. This was a great success. The Green project is going well, and we have had new people take up allotments. Thanks goes to Margaret and Joe for their hard work on this on behalf of the Parish Council. There was a presentation from PlayForce quoting for the new play equipment- photos on Facebook and Geldeston website.

*Annual Meeting of the Parish Council:* The existing Chairman (Ian Ansell) and the Vice-Chairman (Lydia Keep) were appointed for another year.

Let's Play 2021,(LP21) newly named, is going well. In March the old playground has been cleared of all the health and safety items. GPC and SNC are working towards getting the whole area transferred over to GPC, following which equipment can be ordered for Phase 1. The designs are on the Council website and Facebook pages. Funds have reached £22,680.98, well done to the LP21 working party. EasyFundRaising is a way to help the project gain some money. Save while you spend online in shops, no cost to yourselves.

A Street Library will be set up in the bus shelter by the Wherry Inn Pub. If anyone has concerns and/or issues, please direct these to the Clerk. Next meeting in person on 14<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm. Contact: [geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk), [www.geldestonpc.info](http://www.geldestonpc.info), Facebook: Geldeston Parish Council

## **Gillingham Parish Council report May 2021**

*Chairman's Report:* Thanks are sent to the Romanian Church who have been cutting St Mary's church graveyard. This year was particularly bad with flooding, even though a lot of the local ditches and drains had been cleared. Unfortunately, the 2020 Remembrance Day service had to be cancelled due to Covid. The parish council would like to thank the Rev David Smith who had kindly agreed to officiate, the wreath was laid in private.

The battle to control the litter and anti social behaviour on Church Road continues. The Highways department have agreed to put better signage in place to highlight the restrictions on this road. Thanks again to Trevor who continues his war against litter.

CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money: The council are still open to ideas on how to spend the money including illuminating signs near The Boundaries on Geldeston Road alerting motorists to the proximity of the

school. Marsh Lane footpath has been agreed with the final decision to be announced shortly. Thanks to councillors and the parish clerk for their help and support especially Cllr Rae Massingham Chairman.

Reports from local organisations:

*Gillingham Early Years:* After several openings, closings and other restrictions from lockdown we are back to normal with a full roll of children in attendance and a full timetable. Throughout the pandemic the new village hall committee have been so supportive and the staff, although very worried at times, have been exemplary. We have so many new routines and rules to get used to and implement, and at the heart of that has always been the children's welfare. The county council continued to pay for the government funded children whether they were attending or not, which meant we were able to keep staff, not making any redundancies and keep the preschool up and running in to the future. We have employed two new staff, one of whom is the day-to-day manager of the setting, leaving me to the business side of things.

Tonia Luckham, Gillingham Early Years

*Gillingham Village Hall Report:* The new committee is working very hard to bring the hall up to date and open for events for the local community. Gillingham Early Years have continued throughout which has been a lifeline to the village hall. A grant from SNDC enabled us to continue with the works we had planned: replace the floor in the main hall and redecorated the main room. The rear courtyard has been re-fenced and now offers a lovely secure area which we hope to incorporate more with the hall this year, making it a perfect venue to hire.

We have been so pleased with the support of the weekly Sunday coffee mornings we have had. Alongside the local support we have regular people from Kessingland, to Long Stratton and many places in between. It has been lovely to see the hall full of life. We have a new Yoga instructor who holds classes twice a week, a Pilates instructor and our Karate group, Champion Martial Art twice a week too. Thanks to Julia Punt, Gillingham Parish Clerk for the help and guidance she has given me on taking on my new role as acting Chair. Lesley Porter, Chairperson

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The pub will be open to the public every day and no booking is required. The pub is still undergoing internal refurbishment works to help ensure its long-term future and the kitchen will not be ready for a week or two. 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.



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## Local authority housing in Geldeston and neighbouring villages: Tayler & Green



A small black plaque on one of the houses in Kell's Walk, Geldeston commemorates a 1951 Festival of Britain, Award for Merit, for a development of

local authority houses. In 2021, 70 years later, the Kells Estate retains its original modernist appearance, and thanks to the Conservation Area designation, alterations have been kept to a minimum. The architects were Herbert Taylor and David Green. They were commissioned by Loddon Rural District Council to build social housing in dozens of villages and small towns in the area including Gillingham, Kirby Cane, Ditchingham, Bergh Apton, Woodton, Kirstead, Brooke, Haddiscoe and Loddon itself (as well as many



other projects).

It was an extraordinary achievement for one small architectural practice, but these homes have passed the test

of time and continue to be loved by residents today. A young girl in Kell's Walk told me she had lived there all her life and seemed very pleased about it. Her neighbour



complimented the solidity, the spacious bedrooms and large back gardens of the houses.

A distinguishing feature of Tayler & Green's architectural style was variety and texture. They invested much care in the outward appearances so that in a single row, the design of the porches alternated; the cast iron balustrades outside some of the front doors have subtle variations from house to house. Some houses were red or beige brick, others painted. A resident from Kell's Walk said that his house had just been repainted in the required colour; each house is a different pastel colour, thus retaining the original concept and unity. The wall at the end of a terrace was rarely left plain, but invariably decorated with a lattice of different colour bricks, or bricks projecting to create shadows and patterns. If a connecting wall was needed, it might be wavy or zigzag, rather than straight. The care and attention to visual variety and detail are outstanding.

One of the practice's first commissions was a studio house in Highgate north London, built 1937-40 where they designed the building and almost all the furniture and fittings inside as well. It is beautifully retained by the present owners. When they moved back to Lowestoft, Green's hometown, they were so appalled by the poor living standards of rural dwellings, they made a detailed study of the needs of country people.

Their success was to combine low cost with sensitivity to the rural environment and the provision of practical living accommodation, a quality much seized on by Loddon RD Council who required a lot of housing at reasonable price. A contemporary colleague, Norman Scarfe, wrote of the Woodton terrace: *'I had never thought of rural council housing as an*

*adornment of the landscape...it was a stepped terrace climbing and cunningly emphasising the gentle slope'*. The Geldeston Conservation Area statement notes *'...their innovative approach to their design, detailing and use of materials has resulted in a quality environment. The four elements which make it up relate closely to the topography and the landscape of the site to form a clear sense of place.'* These communities acquired style and beauty as well as practicality. Taylor and Green had set a standard which was subsequently assimilated and copied extensively, but the flair of these two men was unique. They continued their architectural practice in Norfolk into the 1970s. It is an extraordinary legacy. Vanessa Whinney



Taylor and Green housing in Gillingham.

Gillingham has a number of dwellings designed by Tayler and Green. One of the best examples at Forge Grove, Kenyon Row (1955-1957), won an RIBA Architectural Medal, and has the benefit of listed building protection.

Set back and separated by open space and mature trees from the Norwich



Road, these houses and bungalows are well worth visiting; the more you look, the more you understand the subtlety and clarity of the design. There is wonderful rhythm/melody of structure as the row skips down the slope, small side steps reduce the potential monotony of a long terrace, a stepped pantile roof line with the



tall chimneys on the bungalows complementing the higher roof line of the houses. Changes in angles are linked by self supporting walls which also hide views of backs of gardens, end facades have a rich but unfussy textile of brick work. Recurrent themes on the frontage use different colours of

brick; black and yellow united by white wooden trellis set against the wall, porches and windows mimic with an alternating curve or angular design. Small front gardens divided by hedges provide a space for a rich colourful display of planting, with seating incorporated by the bungalows.

Discover the other Tayler and Green dwellings in Gillingham, and Kirby Cane. Although sadly modified by contemporary incandescences: new porches, removal of trellises, front gardens as car parks, large wheelie bins, the design characteristics shine through with end façade textile brick work, accommodation of subtle



changes and alignments to snuggle comfortably into landscape - a far cry from the many more recent developments -ubiquitous designs forming the 'a row of pointed teeth with alternative teeth extracted'.., and 'opposing social integration with the local village community -planners and councillors take note! Catherine Bickmore

ref E Harwood & A Powers: (1998) Tayler and Green Architects 1938-1973 The spirit of place in modern housing

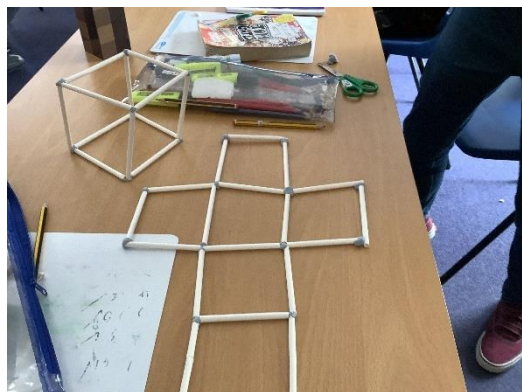
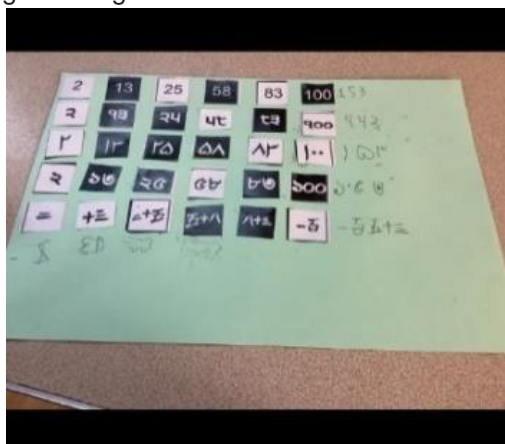
## News from Gillingham St Michael's Primary Academy

The school celebrated NSPCC World Book Day with the theme ;“Dress Up For Digits”. The children could come to school in non-uniform with an item of clothing with a number on e.g. a football/netball/rugby shirt, baseball cap, etc. We had lots of maths activities throughout the day and we raised a fantastic £94 for such an important Children’s Charity!

**Skylarks Class:** Our Number Day was full of maths games, songs and challenges! We played shut the box, and also taught a few card games like higher/lower. We thought about how we could work systematically to help us think of the most questions to 'the answer is 9' riddle as possible! Between us we managed to think of over 200 questions with the answer 9. It was lovely to see some of the children thinking about fraction questions with the answer 9, as we have been doing fractions this week. Reception had an outdoors maths music session and played lots of maths games together.

**Mallards Class:** children enjoyed creating 3d shapes from straws and play dough. They were able to reason about faces, edges and vertices. Year 4 also used their reasoning skills with place value, to identify numbers up to 100 written in different scripts. Year 3 enjoyed investigating odd and even numbers, and could spot patterns and make predictions about whether any number is odd or even.

**Swans Class:** learnt about the great



work of the NSPCC and where they could go if they needed help. They rose to the challenge of creating cubes and nets using straws and blue-tac and created some amazing tessellation art pictures. We especially enjoyed some class games of bingo!

## Letters to the Editor

Defibrillators and cardiac arrest!

*A reader writes that 'his daughter successfully saved a man's life using a defibrillator. It was at that point that we realised we didn't know where our local one was! She was told he was dead, she shocked him twice and the ambulance crew further shocked him. He is now walking round living his life. It's vital that people know where to access these life saving devices'.*

Reply: If someone is suffering from a cardiac arrest **ring 999**- you will be guided and directed to your nearest defibrillator including the code for the box. One by Geldeston Village Hall is in the phone box, one is outside Kirby Cane Memorial Hall and one is outside Gillingham Village Hall.

Our village roadside verges

Dear Editor,

I notice with dismay that our roadside verges in Geldeston are disappearing under the constant manoeuvres of traffic. This is particularly noticeable in the Station Road area but also the more outlying roads too and it is such a pity because verges are essential to flora and fauna as they seek out extra pockets of refuge. I also notice that some villagers are taking direct action by placing obstacles such as posts or large stones on the verges near their homes to deter vehicles. I think this is a jolly good idea, for I always fear the premature coming of the verge cutters, who seem to time the first spring cut just as the dandelions and other early wildflowers are at their prettiest, giving us all that uplift that we need just now. So I was delighted to see a sign on the green at Kilbrack, Beccles, reading "PARDON THE WEEDS, WE'RE FEEDING THE BEES!" I suggest our local parish councils take up this idea and place similar posters on any vulnerable verges, to save our wildflowers from the impending chop! Isn't that a good idea?

Yours sincerely,

Aggie Moon

PS Alas, the verges have just been cut today – and a colony of fumitory, rather uncommon for this area, has disappeared at a stroke! The cow parsley that swayed in white lacy clouds throughout the village, has also been felled. I thought we were saving the planet?!



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The first time we ran the Geldeston Scarecrow trail held in 2019 we were amazed at people's ideas. We are now setting it up again and asking Geldeston residents 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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## **Village Produce Show at Geldeston goes on! Saturday, 14 August**

The Village Show will take place this year on Saturday, 14 August.

As usual, we invite participants to deliver their entries (vegetables, cakes, etc etc) to Geldeston Village Hall between 9.30 am and 12.30.

That afternoon there will be games and stalls on the Green (aka the Sawpit) next to the Wherry, weather permitting, and the day will end, as always, with prize-giving and an auction of donated entries in aid of local charities.

Covid-19 rules about numbers inside and outside may change the way we do things this year – more events on the Green, perhaps, fewer in the Village Hall – but we shall do all we can to keep up a tradition that dates back to 1943 ...

Look at the Tidings website and parish notice boards for more information

John Crowfoot, tel: 01502-717754

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