

# TIDINGS

## Parish News

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Geldeston  
Gillingham  
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Stockton



**September 2021**

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## Dates for your diary in our villages: September 2021

1<sup>st</sup> Sept 19.30 Gillingham PC meeting & allotment rent payment

5<sup>th</sup> Sept Sun: 10.00am Morning prayer, Kirby Cane

10.00-12.00 Macmillan Coffee morning, Gillingham Village Hall  
10.30-15.00 Car Boot sale, Kirby Cane

8<sup>th</sup> Sept Wed: Mobile library (start times); 10.25 Stockton, 11.10 Gillingham,  
11.35 Geldeston, 2.25pm Ellingham, 3.10pm Kirby Cane  
7.30pm Geldeston PC meeting

12th Sept Sun: 9.30am Holy communion, Ellingham

15<sup>th</sup> Sept Wed: 2.00 & 7.00pm Film 'Dream Horse', Geldeston Village Hall

19<sup>th</sup> Sept Sun: 11.30am Holy communion, Stockton  
10.00am: Beat the Bounds walk, Geldeston

20<sup>th</sup> Sept, Mon 7.30pm Kirby Cane and Ellingham PC Meeting

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Wed. 6.30pm Geldeston Village Hall AGM  
7.00pm Talk on Restoration of the Historic Lock Chambers, at  
Locks Inn by River Waveney Trust

26<sup>th</sup> Sept Sun: 9.30am Morning prayer, Geldeston  
10.00am Harvest Festival, Ellingham  
5.00pm Harvest Festival, Stockton

## From the Editor update

Our September issue of Tidings summarizes the comments made on the Village housing Allocation sites. Reports of a number of community events are included, and we hope to have from all our villages more reports of what happened at the events planned for September.



## **Writing from the Rectory**

As we hit September, like many of you I find myself sitting back and wondering where on earth the time goes but as I reflect back on this last 18 months since I have been with you, I can do so with a feeling of joy and also with a profound sense of gratitude. The communities of the Benefice – both the churches and the villages they serve – have very much embraced Naomi, our children and I with their love and welcome, and as I journey around the Benefice and spend time in each of the villages, I come across the most wonderful people and the most wonderful community spirit. It's a great place to be; a lovely place to live, to work, to raise children, to make friends – and for me, naturally, a wonderful place to share with some of those folks in praying and worshipping our loving Creator God. Even amid some of the inevitable challenges of ministry, this sense of joy and gratitude remains.

At the end of September/beginning of October, our churches host a number of Harvest Festivals. I recall with fondness a church in my previous post, at Larling – I would always pop by to say hello to the wonderful team busily setting up the church ready for their ever-popular Harvest Festival the next day (there was always plenty of beer and cider on the go!). And what a sight! Every window-sill, bench, niche and church furnishing lavishly and beautifully arranged with the most amazing variety of colourful fruit and veg, foliage and berries. And as I spent time with the folks there, seeing their obvious enjoyment, hearing and watching the fun and banter they were having together as they worked, and how much it meant to them to arrange everything so beautifully and give their visitors a warm and unforgettable welcome, I couldn't help but feel overwhelmed with thanksgiving to God and, also, to give thanks for having the opportunity to anticipate and enjoy a rural Harvest Festival as it was always meant to be.

Harvest festivals are the more obvious opportunities during which communities come together to reflect on and give thanks for God's gifts and blessings to us. Throughout the Bible we're encouraged to have a thankful heart and there's no shortage of psychologists and behaviourists who tend to agree that thankfulness is rather a good disposition to keep. When life is good, when joy seems to abound, then being thankful ought to be quite easy – but we can often forget to give thanks for the goodness and the elements of life that we enjoy. Sometimes we can be in danger of seeking 'the next thing' and forget to reflect in thanksgiving for what we already have; when 'the next thing' doesn't materialise we can become disappointed or even angry or bitter and so we forget the many things we can already be thankful about. We can become profoundly ungrateful. And sometimes we have to dig very deeply to be thankful; there are many times in life when we might feel sorrowful or anxious, when either ourselves or those dear to us are ill or we come across difficulties in our work or our relationships. The occasions when we mourn the

loss of loved ones are naturally ones where we might find it very difficult to be thankful, but, in time, grief gently turns to thanksgiving; the bitterness or anger over the time we couldn't spend with them gradually turns to gratitude for the gift of time that we did spend with them and all the ways they blessed our lives.

I, like many of you enjoyed the coverage of the Olympics in Tokyo and no-one could fail to be inspired not only by the extraordinary performances of the athletes but also, very often, by their personal back-stories, many of which leave us amazed at the resilience of humankind. This is especially so with the Paralympics. I like motorsport and I remember a young Alessandro (Alex) Zanardi making his F1 debut for Lotus before later racing the ovals of the US IndyCar Series. I also vaguely remember him involved in a 'candid camera'-style stunt on prime-time Saturday night TV when, at a disused Norfolk airfield, he pretended to be a novice learner for a driving instructor, before proceeding to scare his teacher witless at 130mph, with cornering slides and hand-brake turns! In 2001 he suffered a horrific crash in a Series race in Germany that so nearly claimed his life. He lost both legs in the accident but has since moved into para-sports and racing hand-bikes. Having won two gold medals at the London Paralympics in 2012, he won a further gold in 2016 at Rio in the H5 hand-bike road time trial, on the eve of the fifteenth anniversary of his accident. After his victory, he shared his reflections with a BBC journalist: *"I feel very lucky, I feel my life is a never-ending privilege...normally I don't thank God for these type of things as I believe God has more important stuff to worry about, but today is too much, I had to raise my eyes and thank him."*

Sometimes we realise that we don't thank God as much as we'd like or as much as we ought; sometimes we forget how blessed we are, sometimes our circumstances and sorrow mask those blessings for a time, and understandably so. Wherever we are, however, perhaps as we take time to reflect carefully on the positive areas of our life and circumstances, we may yet find something or someone for which we too can raise our eyes to God and give thanks with a grateful heart. *David Smith*

### **Waveney Valley Sunday**

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## **Church services in the Waveney Marshland Benefice, September 2021**

Sunday 5th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Haddiscoe
<i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	10.00am	Holy Communion	Norton Chapel
	10.00am	Morning Prayer	Kirby Cane
	11.30am	Holy Communion	Toft Monks
Sunday 12th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Ellingham
<i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am	Holy Communion	Aldeby
	4.00pm	Evening Prayer	Haddiscoe
Sunday 19th September	9.30am	Holy Communion	Norton Subcourse
<i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	11.30am	Holy Communion	Stockton
Sunday 26th September	9.30am	Harvest Festival	Raveningham
<i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</i>	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Geldeston
	10.00am	Harvest Festival	Ellingham
	11.30am	Harvest Festival	Burgh St Peter
	5.00pm	Harvest Festival	Stockton

### **Waveney Marshlands: Merger of Benefices David explains**

The period of coronavirus restrictions has brought a great many changes to our lives which, of course, were not anticipated. One change, however, which had been anticipated for quite some time was the merging of our Waveney Benefice with the neighbouring Raveningham Group of Churches.

The merger was formalised with effect from 1 June 2021, and so our parishes are now part of a single 14-parish benefice known as Waveney Marshlands, with me being Rector for the entirety – an area which covers Ellingham in the south-west to Burgh St Peter in the south-east, Norton Subcourse to the North-west and Thorpe-next-Haddiscoe in the north-east, plus everything in between.

Since my arrival, I have effectively been running the two separate entities as one, and so the formal merger has brought little practical change to me personally. It does, however, bring with it a number of legal, financial and logistical changes and obligations, some of which are rather significant and not to bore you with here.

It continues to be a great joy to be among you all, and to seek to serve you all in the manner and humility of Christ. *David*

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

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## Happenings



### Geldeston Scarecrow Trail

23 entries, 2 'visitors' and what a great trail it was enjoyed by residents and visitors alike walking around Geldeston. The trail had many imaginative 'temporary visitors' static in gateways and up to all sorts of things; hedgecutting, up a ladder, sitting for a chat, head first in a rubbish bin, out on a sailing boat to mention just a few! A huge thank you to all who took the time to make their creations. The winners will be

published in next month's Tidings.



### Geldeston Village Fete and Music on the Green

What a great day Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July turned out to be with Geldeston's first major event of the year. The weather held despite weather warnings- we must have had an angel watching over us as the sun shone. We even managed to get all the gazebos/marquee in next day dry.

The fete was very well attended and everyone had lots of fun with all the assortment of stalls. It was lovely to see people mixing again and enjoying themselves whether playing traditional games: racing mink, slap the rat, hook the duck, guessing the number of strawberries, or sitting down to enjoy a cup of tea and delicious home made cakes. The funds raised came to a grand total of £1300 which is fantastic. This has enabled the Hall Committee to buy four new gazebos to replace the old ones that fell apart after the fete.



After the fete "Music on the Green" took place in the evening with "Tosh, Di and Brendon" playing with lots of singing and dancing in the fresh air on the village green. Brilliant night! Myself (chairperson) would like to say a huge thank to all the volunteers who gave up time to help putting up gazibos, running stalls, moving equipment etc etc. especially a

big thank you to Andy Oven (Alan Cook removals) who not only had a van at our disable for the couple of days but also rang round family and mates to help.

These events could not run without the time given by the community to help our village thrive. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful part of Norfolk and we only ask for a few hrs of time to help keep the village alive. Why not join us we would love to get you on board. Give me a ring please. Lorraine

## Annual Produce Show

The Annual Produce Show open to competitors from Ellingham, Geldeston, Gillingham, Kirby Cane, Stockton and our two local schools was held in Geldeston Village Hall on 14 August. Entries included cakes, jams, flowers, vegetables and fruit. Congratulations to those awarded cups:



1. MAJOR EASTICK CUP -- Mrs Ruth Edmunds Most Points in the Vegetable & Fruit classes
2. PRHA CUP [not awarded this year] Best Collection of Potatoes (3 varieties),
3. ROBERT WILSON CUP –Mr and Mrs Simon & Sara Barrows Best Exhibit in the Vegetable Classes
4. MARVEN KISTRUCK CUP -- Miss Catherine Bickmore Best Exhibit in the Flower Classes
5. LILIAN LANE CUP -- Mrs Tracey Cable Most Points in the Household Classes
6. ALBERT WARNER CUP – Mr & Mrs Simon & Sara Barrows Best New Entrant to the Show
7. BETTY CROWFOOT -- Gillingham Primary School Best Entry from a School.

## **Details of events in September**

### **Car boot sale: Sunday 5th September Kirby Cane Memorial Hall Green**

Pre-booked pitches only\_ Call 01508 518819 by 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept

Set up from 9am - open 10-3pm - £5 a pitch - entrance free

Refreshments available - In aid of Hall funds.

### **Gillingham Village Hall**

Sunday 5 September Macmillan Coffee Morning 10-12am

### **Film: Dream Horse [PG ] Wed. 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. Geldeston Village Hall**

The inspiring true story of Dream Alliance, an unlikely race horse bred by small town Welsh bartender Jan Vokes (Toni Collette). With very little money and no experience, Jan convinces her neighbours to chip in their meagre earnings to help raise Dream in the hopes he can compete with the racing elites. The group's investment pays off as Dream rises through the ranks with grit and determination and goes on to race in the Welsh Grand National, showing the heart of a true champion. Showings at 2.00 pm & 7.00 pm, doors open 30 minutes prior to start times. Tickets: £5.00 Refreshments available.

### **“Beat the bounds” Geldeston: Sunday 19th September**

Join us at 10.00 am Geldeston Village Hall to walk around some of the Boundaries of Geldeston. Well behaved dogs welcome on a lead all the time. Strong walking boots/shoes and attire for walking. The walk is approx. 6-8 miles long £4.50 per person which will include a hot light lunch. For more details as to where lunch will be held see our web page/facebook or ring 07778559503 nearer the time.



**Harvest Festival: St Mary's Church, Ellingham. Sunday 26th September** at 10 30am. Led by Mr John Lowrey. All welcome  
Donations of fruit, vegetables and tinned food gratefully received at Ellingham Church on Saturday 25th September between 10-12noon. Produce donated to All Hallows' Day-centre, Ditchingham after the service.

### **Geldeston Village Hall AGM;\_Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Please come along and see what we have been up to relating to running our cherished hall. If you feel you would like to join our team forming the Hall Committee we would welcome you with open arms. The AGM meeting will start prompt at 6.30pm (everyone welcome) followed by meeting for the elected committee. This meeting has been carried forward from the beginning of 2021 due to Covid. Please support us by coming along. Tel: 07778559503

## Save the date

### Geldeston Harvest Festival Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 11.00 am



Harvest Festival Service followed by light refreshments. All welcome. More details in next issue.  
Donations from produce in aid of Clinks Care Farm.

### Geldeston Street Party 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

A date for your diary 2022! The Queen will become the first British monarch ever to mark 70 years on the throne and celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The Geldeston Village Hall Committee is planning celebrations on 5<sup>th</sup> June in Geldeston village with a street party and evening entertainment. Watch this space.



**Welcome to Geldeston Village Hall** situated within the centre of the village, the Hall helps make the village vibrant and active. The hall has been recently refurbished and now runs all forms of events ranging from coffee mornings, indoor bowls to films shows. We cater for all ages and abilities. You can have parties, weddings, meetings etc in our hall booking details are on our web page.

Our small team of volunteer committee members (trustees as we are a registered charity) are a happy and very forward thinking group of people. This team raised over £130.000 to ensure our 94yr hall is a great asset to the community. To keep the "Village Alive" we are always looking for volunteers from all walks of life to help us. I like to create a team that we can call on to help set up events, run web/facebook pages, take bookings, ensure repairs are carried out, make tea etc, help run the quiz for the hall etc etc.

Volunteering in a close village community is rewarding, entertain and a great way to meet people and make friends. If you can find a little bit of time to help in any way please make contact with myself. Having a great team means that you don't need a lot of spare time to make a big difference to the village you all live in. We been through a hard 18 months but now is the time to wake up the village. Loraine Loffstadt (Chairperson) [www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk), [www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall) Tel:07778559503

### Weddings in July and August 2021

Luke Hopes & Emily Smith of Gillingham; at St Michael & All Angels, Oxnead, on 16 July.

Nathan Ansell & Abbie Playford: at St Michael, Geldeston, on 17 July  
Matthew Farr & Katie Hind: at St Michael, Geldeston, on 28 August

## **Ellingham United Charities: Applications open for financial support**

Applications for financial support are invited, using the appropriate form, by 31st October 2021. Forms are available from Kirby Cane Post Office & Stores and should be returned in a sealed envelope, to the box in the shop marked for the attention of Ellingham United Charities. The trustees manage income from land owned by the charity and distribute these monies for:

1. The support & assistance of Ellingham residents who are experiencing financial hardship.
2. Groups or organisations based in Ellingham who provide not-for-profit services to the community.
3. The education of young parishioners, under the age of 25, in need of financial support for their studies.
4. The financial costs associated with the maintenance and administration of St Mary's Church, Ellingham



### **Times past – can you identify this location?**

This photograph was taken by a local in 1953. It is a wistful reminder of the changes that have occurred over time in our locality. The clue to its location is in the derelict church in the background. What a different scene here today - the entire view is taken up by the constant noise and movement of traffic and certainly no place for

horses - or mardling - more is the pity! Contributed by Margaret Rose Langran

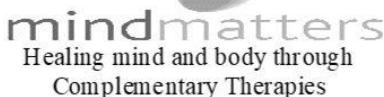
## **Interment of Ashes in July and August 2021**

Montagu David Pitkin (87), at St Mary, Gillingham, on Saturday 3 July.

Leslie Brandon (85), at St Mary, Gillingham, on Friday 16 July.

Edward Finley MacNab (70), at St Mary, Ellingham, on Thursday 19 August

Selina Beryl Simpson (76), at St Mary, Ellingham, on Friday 20 July 2021.



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## News from Gillingham St Michael's Primary Academy

**Skylarks Class:** In our summer term we were very excited to harvest some of the produce from our 'apprentice gardener' topic. We have a good amount of beans, potatoes and some very tiny carrots, but carrots non the less! We have begun making our hand puppets in our D.T. lessons and in P.E. we have found a bit of time to practise our football skills!



**Mallards Class:** Mallards have had such a busy term. They have enjoyed rehearsing for our summer production of The Amazing NHS and the wonderful Aliens in A and E. We created posters to advertise this specular musical, even David Walliams was impressed! In Science we have had fun looking at how circuits work. We can use switches, buzzers and motors in our circuits. We even discovered which materials conduct electricity. In geography, we have found out all about South America and how it relates to Gillingham. It's amazing how much we trade with Brazil, but we do need to think about how far away our food comes from and how we can be more environmentally friendly.



**Swans Class:** Swan class enjoyed their end of year learning. They loved acting and performing in our end of year production which highlighted the key roles and importance of the NHS during the Covid19 pandemic. Year 6 also appreciated writing their own leavers book, produced an end of year assembly based on the TV show Taskmaster and enjoyed a lovely trip to Pleasurewood Hills theme park. We are delighted we can share all these activities with parents online. Year 5 designing their

own schools and have enjoyed learning about food and drink in French. They are looking forward to coming to our class French cafe as an end of term treat.

## Geldeston Village Hall Film Shows

We are pleased to be able to welcome you to our latest film shows:

**15 September | Dream Horse**  
**13 October | Nomadland**  
**17 November | French Exit**  
**8 December | The Last Bus**

2.00 pm and 7.00 pm  
Doors open 30 minutes prior to the start times

Tickets: £5.00  
Refreshments available

For film trailers and reviews please see our:

Website [www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.geldestonvillagehall.co.uk)  
Facebook [www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall](http://www.facebook.com/geldestonvillagehall)

We always strive to maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene and the hall has been fitted with sanitiser stations and signage to enhance everyone's safety. Please visit our website for full details of our COVID 19 safety procedures.



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## Our Parish Councils

### Geldeston Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 14th July 2021

Four Councillors attended and three members of the public were present at the first face to face meeting in 2021.

Volunteers: River Waveney Trust were looking for volunteers to help take the South wall of the Lock apart, clean the bricks. A qualified brick layer was to rebuild the wall. The GREEN Project is looking for volunteers to help cut back brambles etc, and help with ragwort pulling. The churchyard is to be strimmed and are looking for volunteers to rake up the grass.

A Street Library in the bus shelter attached to the Wherry Inn Pub, will be set up as soon as COVID restrictions allow.

Mink are being sighted in the village including two caught in the Locks track area. Mink is an invasive, non-native species and does a lot of damage to native wildlife. Local people are encouraged to report any mink sightings to the Norfolk Rivers Trust so staff can take appropriate action contact Stephen Mace, [stephen@norfolkriverstrust.org](mailto:stephen@norfolkriverstrust.org), 01263 711 299 / 07920 522 054

Lets Play Project 21: We are through to the second stage of the lottery funding. Geldeston Parish Council are now the owners of the playground and

the recreation ground. The first phase of the playground equipment has been ordered together with some benches and a Friendship bench. We are running a game stall at the Village Fete this year.

If anyone has concerns and/or issues, please direct these to the Clerk. Next meeting; 8th September 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Please contact Clerk: [geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:geldestonclerk@hotmail.co.uk), [www.geldestonpc.info](http://www.geldestonpc.info), Facebook: Geldeston Parish Council

### **Gillingham Parish Council Meeting July 2021**

Parish Ten - parishioners slot. Approximately 40 members of the public attended the meeting at the village hall (held in the car park) regarding the Villages Cluster Housing Development Consultation. Councillors Barry Stone and James Knight spoke on the subject dealing with questions and comments put forward. The clerk will ask for the Planning Policy department at SNC to attend a public meeting (see parish council website for response.)

Village Matters Insurance claim – ongoing Marsh Lane Right of Way - ongoing Playground – ongoing concerns about the playground were discussed, suggestion of using some of the CIL money to install rabbit proof fencing and generally improve the surface along with a new gate. Kings Dam hedge in need of cutting – Cllr Warman said he would find the owner. Despite its condition it is likely no progress will be made until the nesting season is over.

#### **Correspondence**

Loddon Safer Neighbourhood Team meeting of the local Safer Neighbourhood Team set local priorities as: Speeding; Burglary/theft; Anti-Social Behaviour – local police would be happy to hear from anybody on these matters on [SNTLoddon@norfolk.police.uk](mailto:SNTLoddon@norfolk.police.uk) Planning Matters South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan Consultation Document – for discussion – see above, as well as individual councillors input, clerk to input objections online on behalf of the parish council as a whole. Any Other Business The clerk was asked to make sure that SNC have the correct locations for the dog bins as one seems to be occasionally missed out.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 1st September, 2021 at 7.30pm.

Allotment rents are due 1st September; the clerk will be at the village hall from 6.30-7.15pm to take payment. No money will be taken once the parish council meeting has started. Councillors will be available from 7.15pm.

### **Kirby Cane and Ellingham Parish Council**

Next meeting Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Kirby Cane Memorial Hall for more information check with the Clerk.

## Villages Cluster Housing Development Consultation

As noted in the July/August issue of Tidings, a number of potential sites for residential development in the South Norfolk District's (SND) housing allocations were shown in our villages. The District 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 of which they will form a part. The consultation included some proposed sites which were rejected as unsuitable by the Council in the 'first sieve' and others that were recommended /preferred. All proposals were open to public consultation with responses submitted by our Parish Councils, and others. Mostly concerns related to the lack of necessary infrastructure to cope with additional houses. The comments are being considered by South Norfolk.

Geldeston PC objected to the preferred site off Kells Way for up to 20 dwellings including on account of the sewage disposal capacity of the Anglian Water Pumping Station, the increase in traffic in particular through Kells Meadow and Kells Way, and the effect on the village's social cohesion. The Parish Council stated that if the Kells Way site were to be allocated then it should be for a maximum of 10 dwellings. Also, they drew attention to the Parish responses to 2003 proposals in Local Development Framework.

Kirby Cane and Ellingham Parish included six sites, three of which were preferred by South Norfolk. Of these the PC supported the site off Florence Way on the proviso that it included social housing and addressed highway access, also land south of Mill Road was accepted with reluctance on account of exasperating existing highway issues which need to be resolved. Should the site be allocated then social housing should be included. Land south of Old Yarmouth Road, Kirby Row off could not be supported including due to poor access, flooding and historical interest. Three 'rejected' sites were all supported by the Parish.

Gillingham Parish Council expressed concerns that increased development would exacerbate local congestion on the road on account of the width and on street parking, it would increase the risk of flooding, and the school is at capacity.



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