

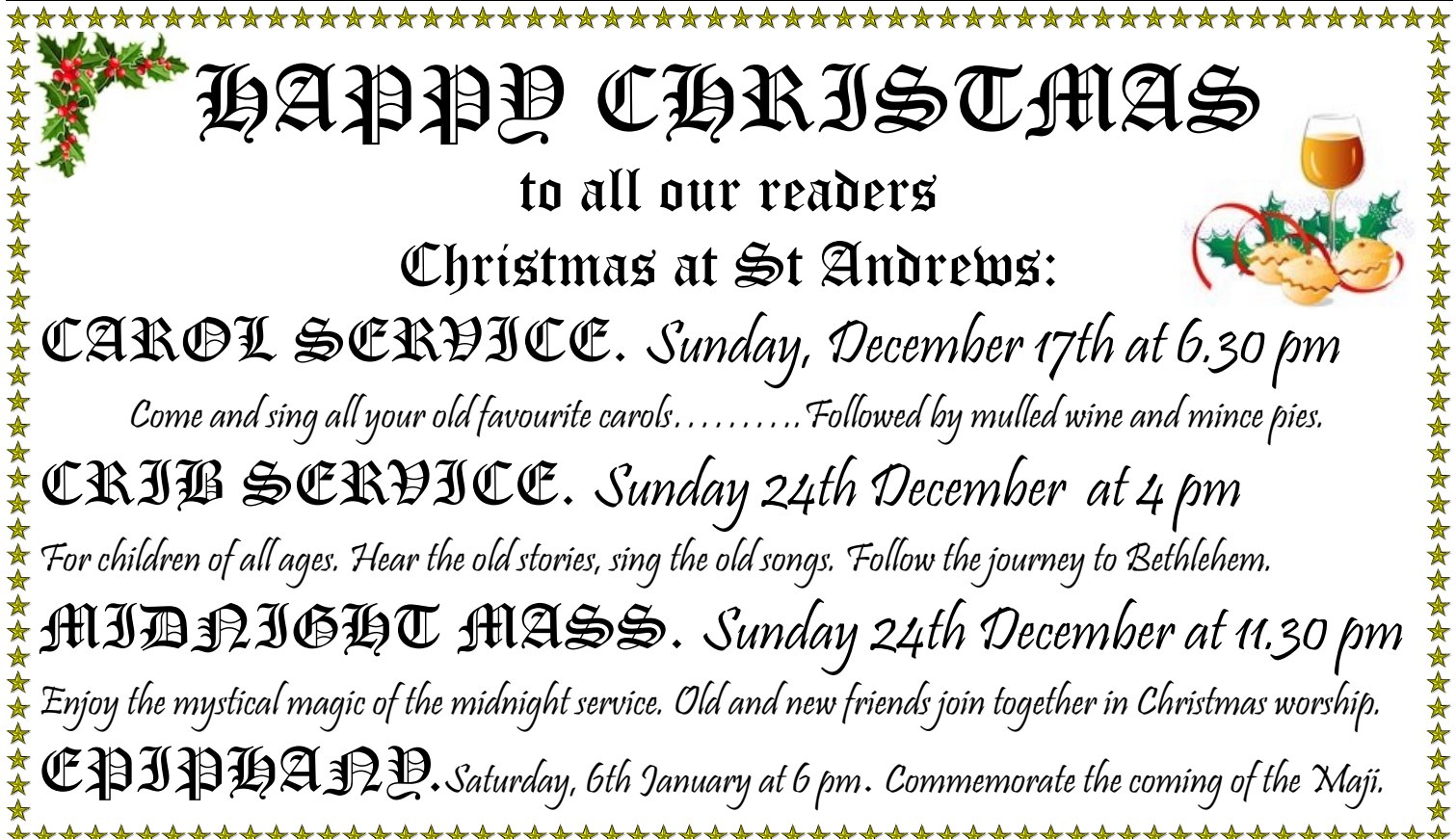
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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

to all our readers

Christmas at St Andrews:



CAROL SERVICE. Sunday, December 17th at 6.30 pm

Come and sing all your old favourite carols..... Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

CRIB SERVICE. Sunday 24th December at 4 pm

For children of all ages. Hear the old stories, sing the old songs. Follow the journey to Bethlehem.

MIDNIGHT MASS. Sunday 24th December at 11.30 pm

Enjoy the mystical magic of the midnight service. Old and new friends join together in Christmas worship.

EPYPHANY. Saturday, 6th January at 6 pm. Commemorate the coming of the Magi.



WISSETT WILDLIFE PROJECT

The Parish Council has unanimously approved the development of a biodiversity plan for the village. This is with a view to exploring opportunities to manage both public and private areas with wildlife in mind.

This initiative will allow us to learn more about the wildlife we have here and how best to manage our village for improved biodiversity in the future. It is also a great opportunity to get local residents involved through working groups, workshops and recording.

To find out more about the project we are holding a public meeting on Saturday 27th January at the Village Hall between 9.30 am - 12 noon. Please do come along and become part of wildlife-friendly Wissett.

This is a community project and we would love to hear about wildlife within your garden and any ideas of how to improve the habitats within the village.

For any queries please email eflaxman85@gmail.com

Ed Flaxman

POPPIES



Lest We Forget.

The poppy collection in Wissett totalled £477.77. £210 of which was from the collection in church during the remembrance services.

Thank you to all who contributed to this worthy cause.

Lyn Elliott

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON DECEMBER 1ST AT 7 O'CLOCK MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES On the village field



WISSETT QUIZ

What a fun evening we had! Questions set by Mary Pester and her brother, Delicious lasagne by Kath Witherby, with veggie alternative by Linda Clarke.

Fabulous chocolate brownies by the phantom chocolate brownie maker and the most delicious almond biscuits by Caroline Burton.

Many thanks to all who came to quiz, plus all who set up and put away tables and chairs. £528 was raised for the village hall.

The winning team was Helen, Paul, Nick and Richard. Congratulations!

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

DECEMBER SERVICES

3rd - Team Service at Halesworth
 10th - Morning Prayer 10 am
 17th - CAROL SERVICE 6.30 pm
 24th - CRIB SERVICE 4.00 pm
 24th - MIDNIGHT MASS 11.30 pm
 Everyone welcome to all services.

JANUARY SERVICES

6th - EPIPHANY 6 00 pm
 We can only guess at the services for January after the Epiphany service. Please refer to the Blyth Valley Times or the church notice board.



FLOODED CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD, WISSETT. 20th OCTOBER 2023

CHURCH NEWS - from Mary Pester

The Church will be decorated ready to welcome everyone to our Carol Service on Sunday 17th December at 6.30 pm with mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards. Do come! It is such a beautiful service, the church lit by candles, an opportunity to sing the favourite carols, hear the familiar words and greet friends and neighbours.

The Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve is for everyone, especially children.

This year it is Wissett's turn to host Midnight Mass, a pleasure we share with Spexhall alternately.

I don't know where the lovely old crib figures that we have in church came from but I know they are stored in a special secret place!

The Three Wise Men, or Kings, will arrive to join them at our Epiphany Service on January 6th at 6pm. When I was little my brothers and I would get the giggles singing, "one in a taxi, one in a car," in part of the carol, "We Three Kings",... the height of six-year-old's humour along with the shepherd's sock washing! I do hope we get to sing them again this year although I will be being grown up and sensible.

Wissett Church is open every day and it is important that it is always there for everyone when needed. For people to visit as a wonderful historic building, or to provide a quiet place to think, to pray, to reflect, to worship, to have weddings, funerals and celebrations throughout the year. We know many for whom this is their first Christmas without a loved one. We offer our love and support.

Thank you so much to all of you who help to keep the church open in so many ways.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Flooding at the Village Hall

The village hall flooded for the first time since 1992 on 20th October. The trustees, with great help from Tanya and Wayne, managed to clear the water, dry the building out with dehumidifiers and reopen on 6 November. We are waiting for our insurance claim to be processed to cover the cost of some anticipated remedial work that is likely to be required to the skirting-boards, some wall plaster and floor tiles.

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News from deep in the jungle!

We will be closing over Christmas to allow our staff members a restful break. Our last day will be Saturday 23rd December. We will reopen on January 4th.

WISSETT CARPET BOWLS



Wednesdays at 7 o'clock in the Village Hall.
Everyone welcome to have a bowl and a chat.

£2 including tea and biscuits

CHARITY PLANT STALL AT RICKYARDS

The charity plant sales at Rickyards, Mill Road, are in aid of the British Heart Foundation.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is in desperate need of contributions. More than **300** households a week are needing food boxes locally. Many more people are in hardship due to loss of earnings and heating costs and contributions have dropped by half. If you can help, please drop off contributions in the church, or if you are in need go to Halesworth Church Hall on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.30.

If you would like to donate but cannot get out to do so, you can send a cheque. If you want to donate by cheque the account is Waveney Foodbank, and the address is Les Fearn, 15 De Lucy Close, Diss IP22 4YL. If you prefer to BACS it is to Lloyds Bank, sort code 77-66-12 account number 22139560 account name Waveney Foodbank.

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Thursday, 16th November in Wissett Village Hall.
Among other items discussed were:

- a) VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment is in use now.
- b) Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. Frank Burton has met the Highways Department regarding the vehicle passing places which had resulted in a second holding objection being raised. Further objections from the Parish Council regarding this have been posted on the public planning portal.
- c) Cost of living crisis scheme. No requests for support have been received,
- d) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. There is still no response from either Highways or the Environmental Agency. The Chairman is still in contact with the Environment Agency and will continue to chase.
- e) Local Community Partnership. Beryl Matthews reported that at the October meeting social isolation and well being were considered to be the main concern. Green tourism is also a possibility in the area round the Saints villages, which have been identified as a walking or cycling destination approached from Halesworth via Wissett.
- f) Coronation mugs. There is still a limited number available
- g) Neighbourhood Plan. Initial response from parishioners has been encouraging. An informal meeting will be arranged with those interested in joining the committee to discuss the proposals.
- h) Local diversity plan. Edward Flaxman has put together a management plan and will organise a meeting for those who wish to be involved. Volunteers will be required to carry out the plan. [See front page. Ed.]
- i) Grass cutting. The grass on the village field had been cut for many years by Ian Harris, who has, sadly, died recently. Quotes are being sought.
- j) Playing field posts. These are in poor condition and have had to be removed. Quotes for new ones are being sought.



It was resolved to support the WWI memorial trail. A public meeting will be organised.

The Village Field hedges would be managed as part of the biodiversity plan.

Colin Flaxman would be thanked for his work on the ditches at the bottom of Lodge Lane. A well-known member of the village had fallen into a hole - right up to his middle—after SCC had said they would do nothing. Now known locally as the Andrews' Sink Hole. It has since been filled in.

The budget for the year was reviewed. Payments were made.

Correspondence was discussed.

Barclays Bank have still not actioned the new bank account, required as a result of rule changes.

It is proposed to light up the Christmas tree on Friday, 1st December at 7 pm. Mince pies and mulled wine to be available.

Flooding in the village on October 20th was reported to the Environment Agency's Hotline.

Flooding at the bottom of Lodge Lane reported on the SCC site.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 11th January 2024.

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

The hall costs £7 per hour for the duration of the event and includes all tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery etc. These are included in the hire charge. Heating is by a £1 or £2 slot meter. There is a returnable deposit of £50. Please book online at wissettvillagehall@gmail.com

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at The Harmony Centre Walpole 0207 40 30 888

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BEFORE 20th JANUARY

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