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MARCH 1ST - 7 PM - IT'LL BE CHURCH CLIPPING TIME AGAIN!



On Pancake Day, or Shrove Tuesday, is the day when we get together to hug or 'clip' our beautiful parish church, to show just how much we love the lovely old building. A short service in the church, led by the Salvation Army Band, where we give money for the upkeep of St Andrew's church, not for the vicar's pension, then we join hands, well sanitised, to encircle the church. We try to get all the way round, sometimes with the help of scarves. We need about 80 people altogether. Don't hold back!

As a reward, we go to the Village Hall where hot soup and pancakes await. A fun evening for all. Come along! Bring a scarf - just in case!



PROPOSED GIANT PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVELOPMENT. GRAY'S LANE.

Pace Ltd have approached East Suffolk Council with plans to build a 214 acre solar generator on Grays Lane.

The proposed plans can be seen at their portal www.wissettsolar.co.uk.

If you wish to object to this, or need any further information please contact Simon Pugh at simon.pugh@hotmail.com, or 07770 428172

ON LAND IN WISSETT, straddling Gray's Lane and owned by Mark Haddingham, it is proposed to build a solar farm, covering 215 acres.

The farm would be surrounded by a deer-proof fence with security cameras. It would also have large battery storage facilities. Subject to planning, it would be the 2nd largest solar farm in the country.

The proposed "farm" would completely surround three dwellings in Wissett and affect 7 others severely.

Picture the industrial landscape if you will. Rolling acres of steel reflective solar panels. White battery storage buildings. Miles of deer-proof fencing, at least 7 - 8 feet high, with cameras spaced at intervals. Not an attractive outlook for anybody wanting to buy a property in Wissett, or for those living here already.

Solar farms net the landlord £1,000 - £1100 per acre per annum. This is the man who filled in ponds with crested newts in residence and cut down protected trees and hedges on this very land.

83% of the land involved is prime agricultural land which should be producing food for our population. It provides wide open space for roaming deer and foxes, badgers and other mammals. Rare and endangered birds, reptiles, butterflies and moths populate this area, also wild orchids and other flora and fauna.

The proposed site has a major access road to Wissett running through it. There is a safety issue of the glare from the reflected sun's rays at certain times of the day.

Green energy is good but not at the expense of turning our lovely village into an industrial landscape for 40 years. We already have one 70 acre solar farm in the parish. Ed.

There will be a meeting to discuss the proposed solar farm on Wednesday, 16th February in the Village Hall at 7.30. Please come.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

FEBRUARY SERVICES

13th at 10 am Morning prayer ...Alison Alder
 20th at 10 am Morning Prayer .Diana Gardiner
 27th 10 am. Holy Communion ...Alison Alder

MARCH SERVICES

1st March at 7 pm CHURCH CLIPPING
 20th at 10 am Holy Communion
 27th at 10 am. MOTHERING SUNDAY
 All mothers, godmothers, grandmothers, great grandmothers are welcome to come...there will be posies for all!

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on Monday 24th January 2022.. Among items under discussion were:

VAS scheme. There is no news yet of an electronic number-plate recognition system.

Road flooding outside the Vineyard. A letter has been prepared from the Parish Council to SCC informing them of their responsibilities.

The trees and hedgerows on the village field.

An estimate of £300 plus VAT for the work has been received. Work is to be put in hand immediately to avoid the nesting season.

Unauthorised fibreglass factory. No further information has been received.

Beck supports collapsing.

Ownership still unknown. The likelihood is that no works will be undertaken by authorities.

Festival of Suffolk.

May 2022. the first event, an operatic concert with a meal and drinks at Ash Tree Farm, has been confirmed.

Lodge Lane Bridge repainting. It is hoped that a further quote will be obtained.

Proposed Solar Farm

Already dealt with on the front page.

A joint meeting with people from Wissett, Spexhall and Rumburgh is arranged for Wednesday, February 16th at 7.30 in the Village Hall to discuss implications; loss of agricultural land for 40 years, devaluing of property, industrialisation of the landscape, etc..

Bridge at Mill Road

Still not repaired. Is on Highway Department's list of works.

Wash Lane salt bin,

Broken up verge and flooding at the corner reported to SCC in November but nothing yet done.

The village asset register was reviewed.

The budget for the year 2021-2022 was reviewed.

Income and expenditure was reviewed.

Next meeting: Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7.30 pm.

WISSETT PARISH COUNCILLORS

Frank Burton (Chair)
 Matthew Wetmore, (Vice Chair) 875135
 Geoffrey Kiddy 873173
 Beryl Matthews
 Paul Parry 874359
 Camilla Prior 873418
 Parish Clerk, Bill Simpson

NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

We thank everyone who helps the church in so many ways, especially around Christmas. It is a pleasurable busy time for the churchwardens, and exciting to see the church filled for the special services, candlelit and with decorations once again orchestrated by Susan Fitch. There was a generous collection at the Carol Service for Save the Children. The crib remains until 2nd February, Candlemas, which will be celebrated in a team service at St. Mary's Halesworth on 30th January.

We have had two sessions of Coffee and Conversation in the village hall so far.

Looking forward, Easter falls on 17th April and therefore Shrove Tuesday is 1st March the day for CLIPPING. It must be admitted that last time we did not really link all round the church: please come if you can, so that we succeed in continuing this important Wissett tradition, and then enjoy the soup and pancakes.

A variety of services are available on line, details in the Blyth Valley Times.

PETER CUTTS

Peter Cutts, a well-loved and familiar figure in Wissett, is now 95 and has decided to retire from delivering the Wissett Web. He has done this job, completely voluntarily, since the first edition was published, in April 1997. 149 editions!

Thank you, Peter, for all your deliveries and for your cheerfulness. It's always nice to see your smiling face. Happy retirement! More time to spend in the garden...

WISSETT FISHING LAKES

The lakes will be closed to fishing and walking until March 1st



THE WISSETT PLOUGH



A big welcome to the new baby, Eli Duncan Cornish, who is keeping his parents, Harry and Rachel, on their toes. Congratulations to you both!

Harry wishes everyone a Happy New Year and hopes to see you all now that the Plough is open for business again.

Opening hours:

Wednesday to Friday 12 - 2.30 5 pm - 10 pm

Saturday 12 noon - 10 pm

Sunday 12 noon - 5 pm

We have a new chef starting with us & his name is Dave Pickles. He has been working in Adnams Pubs over the last few years, with a mixture of à la carte & Pub Classics menus.

SPECIAL ST VALENTINE'S MENU

BRUNCH MENU

To include

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| A full English Breakfast | Smoked Haddock Kedgeree |
| Veggie breakfast | Smoked salmon and scrambled eggs |
| Eggs Benedict | Eggs Royale |
| | Eggs Florentine |

CHILDREN'S MENU

To include

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| Fish and chips | Scampi chips and peas |
| Sausage and mash | Mushroom risotto |
| Macaroni cheese | cheese burger with chips and salad |

LUNCH MENU

To include

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| Soup of the day | Crispy whitebait |
| Wild mushrooms on toast | Ham hock terrine |

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| Fish and chips | Scampi |
| Cheese burger | Ham egg with bubble and squeak |
| | Pea & mint risotto |

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| Sticky toffee pudding | Chocolate cheesecake |
| Panacotta | Cheese board |

MAIN MENU

To include

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| Leek and pea soup | Salt & pepper squid |
| Vegetable bhajis | Smoked salmon |
| Ham hock terrine | Wild mushrooms on toast |

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| 10 oz Rib eye steak | Whisky battered sea bass fillet |
| Shoulder of Lamb tagine | Pan fried chicken breast |
| Wild mushroom and kale risotto | Roasted Vegetable polenta |

Nibbles while you wait. Sides

DESSERT MENU

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| Sticky toffee pudding | Orange cake |
| Ginger sponge | Baked chocolate cheese cake |
| | Cheese board |

Hope to see you all very soon!

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SPEXHALL AND WISSETT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Sadly, we have to report that the last meeting of the Spexhall and Wissett WI will take place on Tuesday, February 22nd, at 2.30 in Wissett Village Hall, when there will be a talk on John Betjeman.

A birthday party tea is planned for Tuesday, March 22nd, possibly at the Wentworth Hotel in Aldeburgh as a final flourish for a WI that has been in operation for 100 years.

After that the WI in Spexhall and Wissett will cease to exist. Current members are deciding whether to attend the Chediston or the Rumburgh WI.

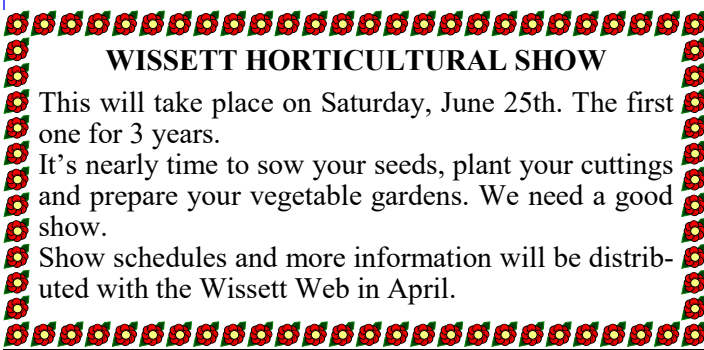
WISSETT OPEN GARDENS

This fund raiser for the church will not take place this year unless a new organiser comes forward. A broad, energetic mind, and a sense of humour is an advantage! Please ring Anne Andrews if you feel you would like to do this. 01986 873121.



RUMBURGH AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB (incl. Wissett)

The last two garden club meetings were so poorly attended, 6 and 8, that all further meetings have been abandoned for the time being. However, outside meetings and outings will go ahead. Monday April. 18 th Open Garden in aid of St Elizabeth Hospice at Rydal Mount Wissett IP19 0JP open 12 to 5 pm . Stalls, plants. Entry £ 6,00 garden club £ 5.00 Helmingham Hall Spring Plant Fair . Sunday May 29 th. Hoppa Bus 10 o'clock start £18 includes entry and transport. If you need any further information call Alan on 01986 873339



WISSETT HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This will take place on Saturday, June 25th. The first one for 3 years.

It's nearly time to sow your seeds, plant your cuttings and prepare your vegetable gardens. We need a good show.

Show schedules and more information will be distributed with the Wissett Web in April.

DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK

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.

PLANTS AT RICKYARDS



Lyn and David Elliott are still selling plants outside the Rickyards, Mill Road in aid of brain tumour research, They are also open to any requests for specific plants or cuttings from their garden.

<https://www.braintumourresearch.org/>

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

The hall costs £6 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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Byebrue 785264

ELECTRICAL

Chris Calver 07777675204 or 874046

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GARDEN PLANTS

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MILK

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MOBILE LIBRARY.

The mobile library is still calling in Wissett, every 4 weeks on Thursdays and stops in the VILLAGE CAR PARK from around 2:05pm until 2:25pm.

2021: 2 December, 30 December 27th January 2022

ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS

at The Harmony Centre Walpole 0207 40 30 888

If you would like to advertise in the Wissett Web, please phone the Editor on 01986 469611 or 07549190004

Any news, views or comments for inclusion in the Wissett Web to Jenny Ball, Editor, Birches, Wash Lane, Wissett. 01986 469611

BEFORE 20th MARCH

Please note: The editor's decision is always final.