

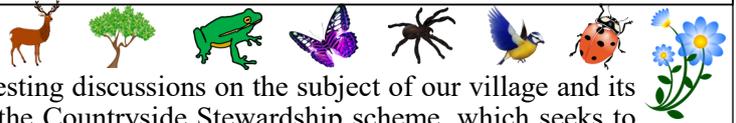
# THE WISSETT WEB

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## WISSETT WILDLIFE PROJECT



The meeting on 27th January attracted a good turn out and interesting discussions on the subject of our village and its wildlife. At least two of our Wissett farmers are taking part in the Countryside Stewardship scheme, which seeks to improve, protect and enhance the natural environment by increasing biodiversity and improving habitat.

Volunteers are needed to record wildlife, hedgerows etc. Wild flowers on road verges, different species of hedgerow plants, birds, toads, hedgehogs, butterflies and moths among many others...Your editor plans to record the birds and birdsong in her garden, week by week through the year. There will be a local website very soon set up by Edward Flaxman, which will allow people to upload their findings to form a long term parish record. We hope to have exact news of this in the next edition.

### VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Bill Simpson, now in his 10<sup>th</sup> year in the role of Wissett Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer, has decided it is time to hand over to someone new.

Ideally, the Parish Council would prefer to have another Parishioner take over this interesting and rewarding role.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested, you can contact Bill in the first instance to express your interest, or to ask any questions.

The position is part time and is around 120 hours per year working from home. The hours of work are flexible, except for attendance at Parish meetings, of which there are 6 per annum on the third Thursday of every other month at 7.30pm. There are occasional extra ad hoc meetings to discuss time sensitive issues such as planning applications.

Salary will be based on the National Association of Local Councils pay scale and is dependent upon qualifications and experience.

The Clerk will be the Proper Officer and the Responsible Finance Officer, and is responsible for ensuring the Council is acting within current regulations.

Duties include:

- Minute taking and distribution
- Liaising with stakeholders such as District and County Councillors
- Guiding the Council on legislation
- Ensuring our website is up to date
- Ensuring accounts are up to date and accurate and payments are processed as and when required (once approved by Council)
- Health & Safety

The successful candidate will be able to show they have good interpersonal, organisation, communication, IT and numeracy skills.

An understanding of basic accounting and a good knowledge of Word and excel is essential.

Prior experience is an advantage but clerk training through Suffolk Association of Local Councils would be supported by the Parish Councillors.

Bill is not intending to leave immediately and will remain in the role throughout 2024, or until such time that a successor can be appointed.

He will also work with the new Clerk for a handover period, and remain available for any assistance in settling into the position.

Frank Burton  
Chair of Wissett Parish Council  
email address – [wissettparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:wissettparishclerk@outlook.com)

### GRAYS LANE SOLAR FACTORY

East Suffolk Council are still assessing the amended planning application submitted by the developer (PACE) in August last year. The Save Grays Lane Steering Group and Parish Councils continue to raise further objections:

There is still no fire safety plan for the massive increase in battery storage and advice from the fire service continues to be ignored by the developer. The steering group have written to all Councillors to make them aware of their potentially dangerous situation. It is hoped that our elected representatives will consider the revised planning application to be totally inadequate.

The traffic management plan is unavailable for public inspection, although Suffolk County Council are still waiting for further information from the developer.

The Council's Heritage Officer still maintains that there will be "harm" to the landscape and neighbouring buildings and this view has recently been supported by the Suffolk Preservation Society who have submitted their own objections to the Council in support of ours. We await a response from the developer.

We do not expect a date for the decisive planning meeting to appear until these matters have been addressed.

*Symon Clarke. For and on behalf of the Save Grays Lane Steering Group.*

### VILLAGE HALL FLOOD

Since the village hall flood on 20th October last year, our insurers have assessed the damage and decided that the building requires further drying to remove moisture trapped under the floor and in the wall plaster; we are told this will lead to mould developing unless it is treated.

The loss-adjuster has therefore initiated a programme of work that will start in February and last at least four months! The plan is to remove all floor coverings, skirting boards and the lower 50cm of wall plaster throughout the whole building. Industrial dryers will be installed and when the moisture returns to acceptable levels the building will be refurbished.

The insurance policy will cover the cost of all the works and we hope to re-open the building from 1st June.

*Symon Clarke. Chairman Village Hall Committee.*

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

## FEBRUARY SERVICES

4th - Team service in Halesworth  
11th - Morning Prayer Win. 10 am  
13th - CLIPPING SERVICE 7 pm  
18th - Holy Communion Linda 10 am  
25th - Breakfast church Vic 10 am  
Everyone welcome to all services.

## MARCH SERVICES

3rd - Team Service at Halesworth 10 am  
10th - MOTHERING SUNDAY. 10 am  
17th - Holy Communion 10 am  
24th - PALM SUNDAY. Procession in Halesworth  
29th - GOOD FRIDAY. Stations of the Cross. 10 am  
31st - EASTER DAY. Holy Communion 10 am

## WILL YOU CLIP?



Come to St Andrew's Church on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February at 7 pm to show that you care about the church building. Clip, or hug the building and donate to the upkeep of the fabric of the church - not the vicar's pension! Pancakes and light refreshments will be available after the short service.

## CHURCH NEWS

The church is open everyday, usually from 9.30 until sunset. It is there for everyone. There is a quiet place to the left, behind the organ where a candle can be lit and there is a little tree where prayer leaves can be hung. The prayers stay on the tree for a month and are then placed on the altar and prayers are said for them.

We offer our sympathy and love to all who are bereaved at this time. Especially for the family and friends of Reggie Brown, who has died, aged 94. He lived for most of his life in Wissett.

I am writing this on a Spring like day in January when Christmas seems ages ago now. Thank you to all who came to, helped with and supported in any way, our Christmas and Epiphany Services. Now the last of the pine needles have been swept away and before the reflective period of Lent we have something very special happening soon.

Wissett is one of the very few churches in the whole country to still have the ancient service of CHURCH CLIPPING! Do look it up and see Wissett mentioned on the world wide web. We try to embrace the church with a chain of people to go all around the outside to show our love for the church, the place and the people of Wissett. There are refreshments afterwards, usually pancakes, as we have the service on Shrove Tuesday which this year is on 13th February and the joyous service will be at 7pm. If enough people come we could manage to encircle the church. It will only happen if we make it happen.

Although Lent is a quiet time for taking stock with no flowers decorating the church, there are bound to be some flowers for distribution to Mothers for MOTHERING SUNDAY, on Sunday 10th March.

In Wissett church we put up the Stations of the Cross paintings throughout Lent until Ascension Day. They were given by the late Rev Derek Tilson whom many of you may remember. They form the basis for our service on GOOD FRIDAY.

This year we will also have a painting by Ian McKillop, a local artist who is giving each of the churches in the Blyth Valley Team one of his works. Our Team Rector, Dominic Doble is leading a pilgrimage with a short contemplation looking at the image in each parish church in turn on Saturday 23rd March, reaching Wissett at 11.30 am. As ever in Wissett there will be refreshments!

After GOOD FRIDAY on 29th March the flower team will be decorating ready for EASTER DAY on 31st March. I am sure the church will be looking beautiful for this important day in the Christian calendar, a wonderful celebration of new life.

Thank you to all who help and support the church in so many ways. A plea goes out to you all that we are desperately seeking more help in the way of cleaners so if you can help please do contact Kathleen Witherby on 873 339.

There is so much to celebrate and look forward to and you never know if we get everyone in Wissett to encircle the church for Clipping we may make Wissett famous, Be there or be square as they used to say in the days of my youth! Best wishes to you all. Mary Pester

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### WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Thursday, 11th January 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. The Suffolk Preservation Society has endorsed the Parish Council's objections on the grounds of Heritage and Landscape. No date has yet been set for the Planning Meeting at ESC.
- c) The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. There is still no response from the Environmental Agency. Peter Aldous is aware of the situation. The Chairman is still in contact with the Environment Agency and will continue to chase.
- d) Coronation mugs. There is still a limited number available.
- e) Neighbourhood Plan. Initial response from parishioners has been encouraging.
- f) Local diversity plan. A meeting was held on 27th January to which interested villagers came. Volunteers will be required to carry out the plan. [See front page. Ed.]
- g) Grass cutting. Will be carried out by Edward Kiddy, who tendered the most competitive price.
- h) Playing field posts. The Wissett Community Council will pay for 2 new posts. To be installed as soon as possible. It was resolved to renew the electricity supply to the Village Field. It was also resolved to apply for a possible grant from "Plug in Suffolk" for an EV charging point in the car park. Bill Simpson has announced his intention of retiring from the role of Parish Clerk after 10 years.. Date of next meeting is Thursday 21st March 2024. In Rumburgh Village Hall as our village hall is undergoing repair and restoration following the recent floods..

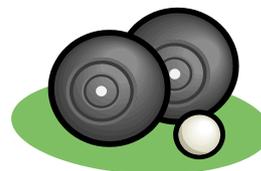
### ADVANCE WARNING OF OPEN GARDENS!

Towards the end of June, date to be announced, the gardens of Wissett will be open to view.

Those of you who would like to open your garden please contact Alan Witherby on 01986 873339. small, medium and large . If you have an interesting garden, please consider showing it off!



## 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.

### TWO GARDENS OPEN



On June 9th, in aid of the Pear Tree Centre, Louise Harris and Caroline and Frank Burton will open their gardens. Two beautiful gardens to see. Details in April

### HEAVY METAL WEEKEND SALE!

Holton Village Hall

6th April 9 - 4

7th April 9 - 2

Save your metal objects...someone may want them!

Large items, washing machines, etc, can be collected before the day.

Phone 01986 875159

At the Wissett biodiversity meeting. Interested villagers discussing options for giving nature a helping hand in our community.



## 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](mailto:wissettvillagehall@gmail.com)

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**01986 875551**  
**or [brian@iminter.co.uk](mailto:brian@iminter.co.uk)**  
**Scout HQ is in Chediston Street, Halesworth.**

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## USEFUL INFORMATION

### DOCTOR

Cutlers Hill Surgery, Halesworth 874618

### PLUMBING & OIL-FIRED BOILER MAINTENANCE

Kevin Hawes 874708

### AVON TOILETRIES

Hannah Pretty, 3, Brickhill Cottages, Wissett 835780

### BUILDING CONSULTANT:

Al Campbell. Design and Build. 874976

### DOG GROOMING/BOARDING

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### ELECTRICIAN

Chris Calver 07777675204 or 874046

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### GARDEN PLANTS

For sale outside 20 The Street, Rickyards, Mill Road and 9 The Street

### MILK

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### MOBILE LIBRARY.

The mobile library is calling in Wissett, every 4 weeks on Thursdays and stops in the VILLAGE CAR PARK from around 2:05pm until 2:25pm. February 8th, March 7th 2024

### ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS

at The Harmony Centre Walpole 0207 40 30 888

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