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## SOLAR FACTORY IN GRAYS LANE

### Communication with local residents

The developer (PACE) delayed submitting their planning application yet again, despite announcing that they would do so in August. In the meantime, they held a webinar\* in August in order to update local residents about their plans. PACE claimed to show how they had taken on board concerns raised by local people. The webinar was only advertised on their own website and only one person logged in to listen on the day! PACE announced that they intend to plant more hedging than was originally planned and will move some solar panels a little further away from a couple of houses on the site. They did not address any of the objections or questions raised at the three public meetings.

### Traffic Chaos in Wissett Street

PACE have recently stated on their website that all the traffic for the proposed building site will be directed from the Norwich Road through Wissett Street and up Grays Lane in both directions. The estimated build time for this development is over 30 weeks and will involve more than a thousand vehicle journeys through the centre of the village to deliver solar panels, container sized battery storage units, heavy plant, fencing and thousands of tonnes of crushed stone for vehicle tracks as well as workers to and from the site.

**This route is wholly unacceptable and when the planning application is eventually submitted it will be crucial to write and object to this ludicrous proposal.**

The Save Grays Lane Steering Group is poised to offer guidance to those wishing to complain when the time comes. The Group will also commission expert witnesses to help us raise objections. We can achieve this because many people have generously donated money through our crowdfunding campaign. We now have just over £9,000 so there is not much further to go to reach our target of £10,000 - thank you to all those who have donated funds. Please consider making a donation via the campaign website by clicking on the "Support Us" page at [savegrayslane.org](http://savegrayslane.org)

\*A webinar is a presentation via the internet where people are invited to log-on to listen, view and comment.  
*The Save Grays Lane Steering Group.*

## And now for some really good news!

**Carpet Bowls has restarted in the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7 o'clock**  
**Everyone welcome to join in for a bowl and a chat.**  
**£2 including tea and biscuits.**



### WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

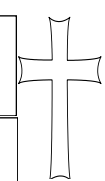
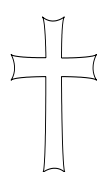
The Parish Council did not meet in September because of the death of the Her Majesty the Queen. One supposes nothing has happened..

### MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Kath Witherby would like to thank everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning. £350 was raised for this worthwhile charity



Macmillan coffee morning.



# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

## OCTOBER SERVICES

9TH AT 10 AM.....MORNING PRAYER  
 16TH AT 10 AM.....HOLY COMMUNION  
 23RD AT 10.AM.....BREAKFAST CHURCH


## NOVEMBER SERVICES

2ND ALL SOULS DAY Candlelit church to re-  
 member all those we have known and loved.  
 13TH at 10.45 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

We hope that the church provided one focus for thinking about the Queen's life, with the services, the ceremonies of flag and bells and the condolence book. We felt that it was right for the Harvest Festival to go ahead and a good many people came and enjoyed it and the supper afterwards. The preacher was the Rural Chaplain, Graham Miles, who admirably described the importance of his work supporting those who work the land and produce our food in very uncertain times. The collection of cash and food was given to the Halesworth Community Larder.

The next day was devoted to the annual Historic Churches Bike Ride, so visiting riders were able to appreciate the lovely harvest decorations.

Just one cyclist, Richard Tomkin, set forth from Wissett, cycling 44 miles and visiting 22 churches.  Geoffrey made his way round local churches on his vintage tractor.

Gift Day was going on at the same time; we are so grateful to all those who contributed to a sum of more than £2000 for church funds.

On 21st September we were honoured with the packed funeral of Peter Cutts who spent his whole life in Wissett, which is recalled in this number of the Wissett Web.

We are moving towards the season of Remembrance. November 2nd is All Souls Day. The church will be open and candlelit from 5 pm to 7 pm for quiet commemoration of all those we have known and loved. The traditional service of Remembrance will be at 10.45 am on Sunday, 13th November.

Finally, several of the regular and faithful church cleaners have retired or moved away. Please think of helping with this essential and enjoyable service. Contact Kath Witherby on 01986 873339 about joining the rota.

*Nick Evans. Churchwarden.*

### PETER CUTTS

Peter Cutts was a man of the village. He was born at Stone Cottage, which is close to the village school along the road to Rumburgh, to parents Edward and Alice. His father, known locally as Poodle, worked at the Halesworth Maltings. The couple had ten children of which Peter was the youngest. He said that he enjoyed his first day at school but when there was a break he thought it was the end of the day so he went home. He had to be taken back to school for the rest of the day's lessons. His family moved to 1 Brickhill Cottages in 1933. When Peter left school, and indeed for the rest of his working life he was employed in the Wissett orchards, firstly for Don Meen at Manor farm, then for Mr Richardson at The Pines and again at Manor Farm this time for Martin Kempe. In 1950 he married Glenna Lovett, and they brought up their two children, Linda and Malcolm at number six Brickhill Cottages. Sadly, Glenna died in 1993.

Peter was an active member of the village in his younger days, playing in the Wissett Robins football team and as one of the founding members of the Bowls Club. At his funeral and after at the Plough there were many memories of Peter. Derek remembered when he moved to his small holding and expanded into fruit Peter would freely offer advice on pruning. Peter walked up to Derek's farm several times a week. They would have tea and biscuits in the tunnel and discuss everything about Wissett past and present, Ipswich town Football, Wissett Robins and playing against Ted Philips before Ted went to Ipswich. Until recently he was often at the Plough where he would sample the ales and would often finish off with a "Ding-a-ling" which was a tot of Bell's whisky and a drop of bitter. Peter enjoyed this but it was not to everybody's taste!

If you wanted to find one of nature's true gentlemen it would be Peter. No one had a bad word to say about him and he never had a bad word to say about anyone else. He had an encyclopaedic knowledge about the village and was happy to share it from talking about old residents of the village to giving advice to the water board when they could not find their underground pipes. But what people remember about Peter is quick and sharp wit and his smile.

Many people have their own memories of Peter one such is from Alison:

"We moved to St Michael South Elmham in 2007. My Grandmother was born in Wissett. She would often recall memories of the village and tell us that on the day she was born in 1901 her father Bob Bird was playing marbles in the street outside the pub. My husband Colin and I decided to check out Wissett and indeed the pub. We arrived at the Plough at about noon and asked the landlord, then Nick, questions about the village. He told us that about quarter past twelve a man called Peter would be in and if we bought him a drink he would answer all our queries. Sure enough, at the allotted time, he appeared, a pint of his favourite tippie, Adnams, was purchased and so our friendship with Peter began. It turned out he went to school with my uncle, and he remembered my Grandmother and my mother. After that enjoyable lunch we spend many hours over the years enjoying his company. He was a true gentleman and our family will all miss him."

We all have examples of his stories, wit and jokes.

*Brian Howard*

## THE WISSETT PLOUGH



### Opening hours:

**Wednesday to Friday 12 - 2.30 5 pm - 10 pm**

**Saturday 12 noon - 10 pm**

**Sunday 12 noon - 5 pm**

**Harry, Sue and Dave welcome you to  
The Wissett Plough.**

### Forthcoming events:

**Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>** - Ben's (the chef) last of night of freedom. Come and celebrate with us and wish Ben much happiness. Two course meal £17.50.

**Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>** - Quiz night

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - Wissett Christmas Meal** 12 noon or 6 pm, £19.95 per head for 3 courses with tea/coffee and mince pies.

We know it seems early to mention Christmas but it will soon come round!

The Plough at Wissett is a welcoming village pub just outside Halesworth. Offering a range of local ales and high quality freshly cooked food.

Dog and family friendly.

**Book on 01986 873047 or  
enquiries@wissettplough.co.uk**

### THE VILLAGE TENT

Available for hire.. 10 metres X 4 metres

Residents £35. Non residents £70

Please contact Alan Witherby on 01986 873339

### WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

If you wish to book the Village Hall please send us an e-mail with the date(s) and time(s) you want the hall. Allow time for setting up and clearing away.

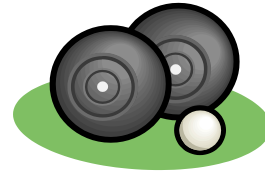
If you are holding an event in the village and wish to use the facilities in the village hall, please also make sure you book the hall in advance to ensure it is available and to secure access.

Crockery, cutlery and some chairs and tables are available for use at outside events in the village. Please make sure you book them in advance. There is a small hire charge but usage is free if the event is a fund-raiser.

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## 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**

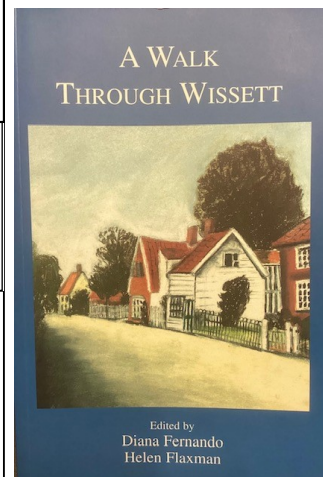
### CHARITY PLANT STALL AT RICKYARDS

FROM October 1st the charity plant sales at Rickyards will be in favour of the British Heart Foundation. Lyn and David Elliott thank everyone for their kind support to date. It has raised £350 over the year. They are also open to any requests for specific plants or cuttings from their garden.

### A WALK THROUGH WISSETT

This book was commissioned as a village millennium celebration. The idea of Helen Flaxman, Diana Fernando joined her and they enlisted help from people in the village to talk about their houses and themselves and the history of the village.

Many stories and photographs fill the pages and as you travel through the village, house by house, a picture emerges of a busy population, involved in many different pastimes, hard working and innovative. It is available free to all residents. If you would like one, please ring Jenny Ball on 469611.or 07549190004



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

**MIKE KING. 07710984663 or 01986 875974**

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### ***VILLAGE TENT. 10 METRES X 4 METRES.***

***Rates for the hire of the village tent:***

***Wissett residents.....£35 Non-residents.....£70***

***Phone Alan Witherby if you want to hire it: 873339  
Help sometimes needed on the day if possible.***

### **IAN WOOD**



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## LOCAL SCOUT ASSOCIATION

### **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts**

**Meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**  
**Contact Brian Howard at 1 Brickhill Cottages Wissett**  
**01986 875551**  
**or [brian@iminter.co.uk](mailto:brian@iminter.co.uk)**  
**Scout HQ is in Chediston Street, Halesworth.**

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Kevin Hawes 874708

#### AVON TOILETRIES

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#### ELECTRICIAN

Chris Calver 07777675204 or 874046

#### FOOT CARE PRACTITIONER

Susan Fitch. Home visits 01986 872067 or 07497371073

#### 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 still calling in Wissett, every 4 weeks on  
Thursdays and stops in the VILLAGE CAR PARK from  
around 2:05pm until 2:25pm. October 20th and Nov.17th 2022

#### ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS

at The Harmony Centre Walpole 0207 40 30 888

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Any news, views or comments for inclusion in the  
Wissett Web to Jenny Ball, Editor, Birches, Wash  
Lane, Wissett. 01986 469611 OR 07549190004

**BEFORE 20th NOVEMBER**

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