

THE WISSETT WEB

DELIVERED FREE TO EVERY HOME IN WISSETT

BIMONTHLY

NO 163 APRIL 2024

ONLINE VERSION AT WWW.WISSETT.ONESUFFOLK.NET

WISSETT WILDLIFE PROJECT

A hedge laying project was our first community project which was great fun and resulted in an unmanaged and scraggly hedge being transformed into a beautiful laid hedgerow. This traditional method of hedgerow management is far more beneficial for biodiversity than modern machinery techniques. John Ibbott, a local expert, kindly took the time to pass on his knowledge and expertise to our wonderful volunteers, with a view that we can look at other local hedgerows, managing them in a similarly wildlife friendly way.



A great turn out with 10 local residents rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck in. It was wonderful to see so many wildlife enthusiasts in our village.

Hopefully this is one of many projects the Wissett Biodiversity Network will be undertaking going forward. *Ed Flaxman.*



**BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
MAY 6th**

10.30 - 12.30

*Annuals, perennials,
vegetable plants, Shrubs
heritage tomatoes,*

*Come early for the best bargains.
In aid of St Andrew's Church*

NEW EDITOR NEEDED

This village newsletter is in need of a new editor. Someone with ideas, able to put their own stamp on the job. Someone who is not yet 80! Would suit a couple who love Wissett and who would like to see information spread for all to enjoy. Phone Jenny Ball on 01986 469611

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN MEETING

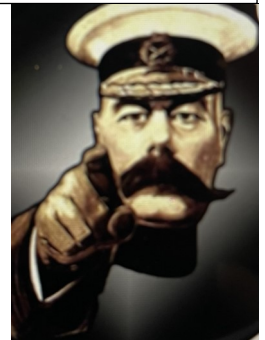
How would you like to see Wissett in the near future?

Please come to a meeting to let us know your views which are important to us.

We are discussing the creation of a neighbourhood plan for our village and need to hear what you would like to see in it.

Village Hall 9th April , 7 pm

(in the Church because the Hall is under repair from flood damage)



RYDAL MOUNT OPEN GARDEN



Sunday 28 April ◊ 1 pm - 5 pm



ENTRY £6

DOG FRIENDLY - IF ON A LEAD



GRAYS LANE WISSETT IP19 0JP

THE GREAT GARDEN TRAIL



FOR THE ST ELIZABETH HOSPICE

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

APRIL SERVICES

7th - Team service in Halesworth
14th - Morning Prayer 10 am
21st - Holy Communion 10 am
28th - Breakfast church 10 am

MAY SERVICES

5th - Team Service at Halesworth
12th - ROGATION WALK. Wissett to Spexhall. 10 am
19th - Holy Communion 10 am
26th - Breakfast church 10 am

This is a guesstimation only. Unfortunately there is no other information available at time of going to press. Please see church notice boards for more accurate information.

CHURCH NEWS

An early Easter this year. I learnt today that Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon following the vernal equinox. A full moon at time of writing this on the 25th of March.

Thank you to all who will have helped decorate the church beautifully with spring flowers. Do come into the church to enjoy the displays which should stay looking fresh and lovely for some time.

On Tuesday 23rd of April at 7.00pm every resident is invited to come for refreshments and a warm welcome to meet the members of St Andrews PCC and stay for our open Annual General Meeting!

We are a small, friendly group who try to keep the church in Wissett going so it is there for everyone when it is needed. I do hope you can come.

The merry month of May! Think how merry people would have been in the past when the May blossom was out and they could cast off their cloths. New clothes maybe for Easter or Whitsun in May?

If not new clothes try some new plants! The popular Plant Sale is on 6th May.

May is a busy time in the Christian calendar with Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. Look out for posters for details of services.

May is also when we have Rogationtide. "Rogation" from Rogare, meaning to ask, beseeching God for protection from calamities. [so my computer tells me .]

The Rogation Service and Walk, where we ask God's blessing for our farms, crops and countryside is one we share with Spexhall. This year starting at Lodge Farm then to Wissett church, on to Spexhall where the refreshments will be served. It is planned to be on Sunday 12th of May, Again please look out for posters around the village for further details.

Thank you as ever to all those who help look after our lovely church in Wissett and may we all be spared any calamities but all be merry and bright.

Mary Pester

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

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

The position is part time - 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
- 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

2 Chair of Wissett Parish Council

email address – wissettparishclerk@outlook.com

THE JUNGLE ROOM AT THE PLOUGH



COME AND ENJOY THE DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINK AVAILABLE.

All day breakfasts, grazing boards
brunches, savoury snacks,
Truly scrumptious cakes, and indulgent treats.

Heavenly healthy indoor plants for sale

Open from Thursdays to Mondays

9.30 am to 4 pm

Sundays 10 am to 4 pm

Evening opening on some Fridays and Saturdays for wine,
beer and cocktails
Dog friendly

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.

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Thursday, 13th March in Wissett Village Hall.

Among other items discussed were:

- VAS (Vehicle Activated Speed) equipment is in use now.
- Grays Lane proposed solar farm - DC/22/3313/FUL. In February the Highways Dept. lifted their holding objection. Have requested a Planning Committee timetable.
- The Beck – The further collapse was reported on 21/12/22 on ref. No. 00381699. The Environmental Agency has refused to take any action. The Parish Council has received informal expert opinion on the state of The Beck that indicates that it might be worth reinstating an old pond which previously may have helped to hold excessive water.
- Coronation mugs. There are still a few available.
- Neighbourhood Plan. An informal meeting took place with 8 parishioners who had expressed an interest. A Public meeting is now planned for 9th April.
- Local biodiversity plan. Edward Flaxman arranged a workshop where volunteers were instructed to lay hedges, the first one being the hedge by the car park.
- Playing field - Grass cutting. Will be carried out by Edward Kiddy, who tendered the most competitive price.
- Playing field posts. The new posts have been bought by Wissett Community Council. Special thanks to Michael Newbon for his time and hard work in putting them up.

Planning application

Willow Grange has applied for permission for “Change of use of land within the curtilage of residential dwelling to private camping use with charitable community group”. No objections raised.

The “Plug in Suffolk” grant for an EV charging point in the car park was applied for, but we do not have a suitable power supply and so was unsuccessful.

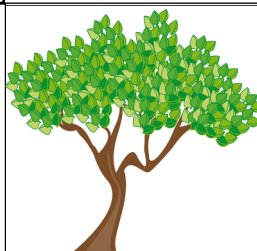
The budget for the year 2023-2024 was reviewed.

Account balances - Current - £737.85 Deposit - £11,184.65.

Nobody has yet come forward to take the role of Parish Clerk in the place of Bill Simpson.

Date of next meeting is Thursday 16th May 2024. In Rumburgh Village Hall as our village hall is undergoing repair and restoration following the recent floods..

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 June.

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.

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!



VILLAGE HALL - Flood Repairs

Work started on Monday 25th March to remove areas of floor covering and skirting boards in the main hall, kitchen, gents' wc and the entrance hall.

A temporary power board has been installed to run dryers and dehumidifiers, which should start operating after Easter for a couple of weeks.

If moisture levels drop sufficiently during that period, reinstatement will happen shortly afterwards.

We hope to reopen by June but no fixed date is yet available.

Symon Clarke. Chairman Village Hall Committee.

REGGIE BROWN

Good neighbour ‘Reg’, ‘Baggy Brown’, or “*that ol’ boy on the mobility scooter a-going up and down the Halesworth Road*” – however folk knew him or knew of him, memories of him seem to raise a smile and a certain fondness.

Reggie was a bachelor through and through, moving here with his mother, Mabel, in the mid-1970s all the way from Westhall. He’d been born at Millpost Cottages there, gone to school at Ilketshall St Lawrence and never strayed far, following in his father’s footsteps and mainly working the land for local farmers throughout his life, although a job with the council did take him to the heady heights of Lowestoft almost on a daily basis just before he retired.

But retirement wasn’t a word in Reg’s vocabulary ... he kept a-going, always brushing any health issues aside, helping out old friends on land drainage projects, lending a hand at the Beccles sale room, keeping up with his veg patch and carpentry projects, and jumping on the tractor at Sallows Farm in Westhall where he was very much one of the family.

A truly knowledgeable ‘tractor boy’

Over the course of his life, Reggie had developed a passion for vintage tractors, steam threshing and stationary engines – and was even part of the ground crew for a local hot air balloon at one stage! He was involved marshalling many a local tractor-run and was there setting up and taking part at Henham Steam Rally from its earliest days right the way through to his last years. Rumour has it that it’s where he got his nickname, ‘Baggy Brown’ - the chief ‘sack changer’ on the threshing machine, although in his more agile days you’d always find him a-top the machine, feeding it with his pitch fork.

From stories of folk you’d never heard of to nitty-gritty knowledge of how things worked or the right tool needed for the job, Reg had a reputation for being the local man in-the-know and he loved nothing more than a good ol’ yarn. He was even on TV where broadcaster Paul Heiney was impressed by his ‘old ways’ farming demonstrations captured on camera for the Anglia TV programme ‘Bygones’. People from all walks of life were fascinated by Reggie’s experiences, his tales and his knowledge – as one neighbour fondly put it – “Reggie always had the information – even if you didn’t want to hear it!”

Local, kind-hearted and very much loved

Not long before his 70th birthday, Reggie got involved with Wissett’s vineyard – then, Wissett Wines. He was warmly welcomed into the pruning team and it later proved a fitting venue for his ‘big birthday’ get-together. It was a real celebration, attended by so many friends, neighbours and family – likewise his funeral service this February. St Peter’s Spexhall, complete with historic plough in front of the altar, had standing room only.

That day, Reg had his final tractor run. ‘Reggie’s’ red tractor from Sallow’s Farm led the cortege from Wissett to Spexhall, accompanied by further friends driving their vintage tractors. His niece played him in to ‘Speed the Plough’ on the melodeon and never has ‘We plough the fields and scatter’ been heard sung with such gusto. A man who treasured the past, left his own great legacy – his character and kindness will be remembered in the village for many years to come.

Lindsay, Reggie’s niece would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in the community who knew and helped her uncle over the years, as well as all those who attended the funeral and / or made such generous contributions in his memory to The Pear Tree Fund.



REGGIE'S FINAL TRACTOR RUN

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

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
Scout HQ is in Chediston Street, Halesworth.

WISSETT FARM HOLIDAYS

Award winning Self-catering accommodation
01986 873173
www.wissettfarmholidays.co.uk
Email: enquiries@wissettfarmholidays.co.uk



HAPPY FEET! By Susan Fitch.
General foot health care...ingrown toenails,
Corns, calluses, verrucas, painful hard skin,
Deep tissue massage, thick nails trimmed.
Home visits. Phone 01986 872067 or 07497371073

MIKE KING. 07710984663 or 01986 875974

BIRD TROUBLES SOLVED:

Chimney cowls, vent caps, bird guards fitted.

Flexible liners. Ladderwork.

Woodburning stoves installed/refurbished

Free inspection and advice service.



Hair dressing in your own home. Call Karina on 875974

CALVER ELECTRICAL

Domestic Rewires ~~~ Consumer Unit upgrades
Extra Sockets ~~~ Lighting ~~~ Phone & TV Points
GARDEN LANDSCAPING
HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE
Tel: 01986 874046 Mob: 07777675204

JUST MOVED INTO THE VILLAGE? WELCOME!

You'll need your copy of the village book! Contact David or Jenny Ball, on 469611 for your free copy. There are still plenty of books available free to residents.

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

Byebrue 785264

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

WILL's LOCAL Marybelle Milk and cream. 0800 434 6212

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

"Beck Cottage Studio"
Delightful self-catering holiday accommodation for two people
Please contact Jane Parry 01986 874359 for further information and availability

KELLY'S HOME HELP

20 years experience. Fully CRB checked.
Available for: Home care, Cleaning, Personal care, Shopping, Companionship.
Please call Kelly on 07985346073

BOND'S FARM SHOP, WISSETT

Local produce

Derek and Cynthia Nunn offer you fresh home grown fruit and vegetables in season at competitive prices.

VILLAGE TENT. 10 METRES X 4 METRES.
Rates for the hire of the village tent:

Wissett residents.....£50 Non-residents.....£70

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

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 OR 07549190004 **BEFORE 20th MAY**