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HORTICULTURAL SHOW

The only thing to stop the Horticultural Show going ahead is if there are not enough entries! That is up to us all...Please bring your 'stuff' and make it a good show!

Come and show off your favourite flowers, your delicious vegetables, your exciting photographs, your wonderful cakes and floriferous flower arrangements. There are different classes for children this year; to show off their artistic abilities and sense of fun! Children only will have money prizes. Adults will have the honour of winning...

The schedule for the show is included in this edition of the Wissett Web. If it fell out in transit please get another one from Jenny Ball, 07549 190 004.



WISSETT VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

BOOT SALE.

SUNDAY 6TH. JULY 10am -1pm

WISSETT VILLAGE CAR PARK.

PITCHES £10

Refreshments

Proceeds to Wissett Village Hall

RESERVATIONS: Kath Witherby 01986 873339

WISSETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Parish Council and the Wissett Neighbourhood Plan Group are working together to gather information as to what residents would like to see in our Neighbourhood Plan.

To that end a survey has been delivered to every house in the village.

This is a unique opportunity for you to help shape and guide the future development of where you live. Please fill in the survey with your wishes as to what you think Wissett should look like in the next 15-20 years. Surveys can be placed in the box outside the village hall.

This is a very important stage in the consultation process leading towards the production of a Neighbourhood Plan that will have legal force and be of benefit to the whole parish in the future.

Your views are important. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help the Neighbourhood Plan team by completing the survey.

Frank Burton , Chair Wissett Parish Council"

THE GREAT GARDEN TRAIL

AT

RYDAL MOUNT, WISSETT

SUNDAY, 15TH JUNE

1 - 5 pm

For the Elizabeth Hospice

Refreshments available. Plants for sale.

Dogs allowed on leads

Entry £6

Roses

Wild flower meadows

Woods

pond

Dear Residents,

You may all now be aware that following the grant of planning permission for the Grays Lane solar development on the 11th February 2025 a further proposal to extend the solar farm at Bonners is likely to be made.

The Chediston Solar Park development seeks to extend the existing 70 acres to 200 acres. About 30% of the land is in Wissett the rest in Chediston. 58% of the land intended to be used is Best and Most Versatile (Grade 3a or above). Part of the development may be visible or audible from Mill Road.

An application for a Battery Energy Storage System has been declined.

The head of planning at ESC, Mr Ben Woolnough, was aware of the intended application on the 20th December 2024 but chose not to inform the affected parish councils or the planning committee who decided to approve the Grays Lane application.

The Parish Council will liaise with Chediston Parish Council. To help consider its response the Parish Council would very much like to hear your views on the proposed development. A decision to call a public meeting may be made,

kind regards,

Frank Burton. Chair of Wissett Parish Council"

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

JUNE SERVICE

22nd - 6 pm EVENSONG

Veronica M

JULY SERVICE

Possibly an evensong service. Maybe on the 27th.
No information available at present.



ROGATION WALK MAY 25TH 2025

Led by Sally Gaze, Archdeacon for Rural Mission, seen here in full archdeacon's uniform, we were led from Spexhall Church across the fields to Wissett Church, blessing the crops, ponds, wild areas, animals and gardens as we went. A short service at Spexhall, followed by an even shorter one at Wissett with the singing of "How Great Thou Art" and then a sumptuous tea, provided by our PCC. Beautiful flowers on the tables and plentiful cake! A splendid afternoon for local people of both villages and friends from nearby.

CHURCH NEWS

A big thank you to all who helped, contributed in any way and came to The Plant Sale on the 26th of May. Organised by Anne Andrews and friends, £900 was raised to help keep the church fabric in good order.

A jolly, convivial social event as well as a necessary fund raiser. Well done everybody!

The early summer months may be a quieter time for church festivals and services but on Sunday 22nd of June we will have a service of Evensong. When I was a child I was so scared of the dark and "all the perils and dangers" of the night so used to pray fiercely to be defended from them.

I hope we will have that collect, "Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee..."

It will be just after the longest day so not too much darkness.

Maybe bats swooping here and there over the churchyard in the gloaming and swifts screaming along by day. Glow worms under the hedges.

It will soon be time to start thinking ahead to The Suffolk Historic Churches Trust annual sponsored Bike Ride which is in early September. I would be very glad if anyone would like to take this on so please do let me know.

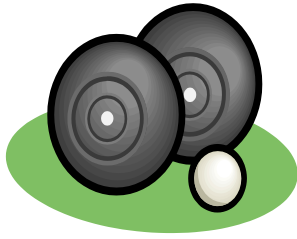


Maybe you will be hosting visitors this summer? Where can they find an amazing, beautiful, historic building free to enter right here in Wissett? The church is there, open every day and is for everyone to rest, pray, contemplate and enjoy. There are refreshments including special sweets for travellers!

A Wissett friend once said that we owe it to all those who have gone before to keep the church going and I do so agree. There are fascinating records of Wissett in the folders by the bier as you come in to pour over to see who lived, worked and died here before us so do come and explore. Also a transcription of the churchwardens accounts book from 1799 to 1869, a very interesting document. Christenings, marriages and burials make for exciting reading - especially if you have ancestors here!

Mary Pester

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**

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

The village hall has recently been rewired in order to provide more electric sockets in the main hall and a timer to avoid the water heater being inadvertently left on! The hall will also have WiFi installed in early June.

SOLAR FACTORY NEWS

The Save Grays Lane Campaign Group have recently met with the Chief Executive of East Suffolk Council to help ensure that the conditions attached to the planning application for the solar factory in Grays Lane are properly observed.

WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Thursday, 22nd May 2025

The chairman, Frank Burton KC, gave his report for the year. He reported on the financial position of the Council, developments over the year and grants. He thanked several people for their support and help and Bill Simpson for his work as Parish Clerk over many years.

The whole report can be seen on the Parish Council website.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting followed the Annual Meeting.

Frank Burton was elected Chairman for the coming year and Matthew Wetmore was elected Deputy Chairman. They both signed the acceptance of office declarations, witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council resolved to readopt the Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Code of Conduct, and to continue to accept Summons to attend meetings and Communications via email. The clerk will circulate an updated version of the Model Standing Orders as recommended by NALC to councillors before the next meeting when they will be adopted by the Parish Council.

PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

Grays Lane Solar Farm – The Chairman had correspondence recently with Ben Woolnough, ESC Planning Officer, about the proposed Chediston Solar Park extension, approximately 30% of which will be in Wissett, specifically that Mr Woolnough had known about the proposal as early as 20th December 2024 but had not passed on this information until 11th February 2025. The Chairman found this to be quite upsetting because there was nothing confidential in the pre-application preventing Mr Woolnough from sharing the information he already had. Councillors stressed that WPC should be kept fully informed of any future similar planning applications with full disclosure. The Chairman said that the Save Grays Lane group are pursuing a complaint about the planning decision and have met with Chris Bally, ESC Planning Officer. A report on Mr Bally's response will be made available in due course. PACE want to discuss community benefit packages. The Chairman will negotiate at a future meeting with them to get the best result for Wissett as he believes most of any payment should come to the village. Issues to be taken into account should be water supplies, possible leakages, bio-diversity and disruption caused to residents by vehicles using the Street. There should be community input with possibly a village meeting to discuss these and other issues.

Neighbourhood Plan village survey – 240 copies of the questionnaire were printed at a cost of £90 and have been distributed to residents by the Chairman and two other residents who were thanked for their help. There is a box outside the Village Hall for completed forms to be put in and several have been returned already. The Chairman asked those present to remind residents to return theirs asap. There will be a "drop-in" for residents who may need help completing the form on Saturday 7th June. Once all forms are returned it will be possible to move on to the next stage of the Neighbourhood Plan reasonably quickly.

Village Hall wi-fi installation – The VH Chairman, Symon Clarke, has informed the Chairman that the wi-fi will be connected on 5th June. Purchase of a projector will be researched in due course.

Village Hall new power points – Several of these have already been installed. It is hoped this will make the Hall much more useable.

Sizewell C traffic - A resident had noted large vehicles travelling to Sizewell and using the Wissett Road. This is not a designated Sizewell C route. Advice is to take number plate details and inform the Parish Council.

Maintenance of hedges etc at the Village Field. A working party may be arranged by Ed Flaxman to do this work.

Village verges - cut too early last year. Requested ES Services to cut in July this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY 17TH July 2025

WISSETT VILLAGE HALL

The hall costs £8 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 on line at

wissettvillagehall@gmail.com

LOCAL SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts
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GARDEN PLANTS

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MILK

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MOBILE LIBRARY.

The mobile library calls in Wissett, every 4 weeks on Thursdays and stops in the VILLAGE CAR PARK from around 2:05pm until 2:25pm. June 5th & July 3rd.

ALCOHOLICS-ANONYMOUS

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, Jenny Ball, on 01986 469611 or 07549190004
Free for Wissett residents but a donation to funds would be welcome.

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 JULY

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

