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CHRISTMAS AT ST. ANDREWS

Church Carol Service

on Sunday 20th December at 6.30 pm

Traditional service of lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Crib Service

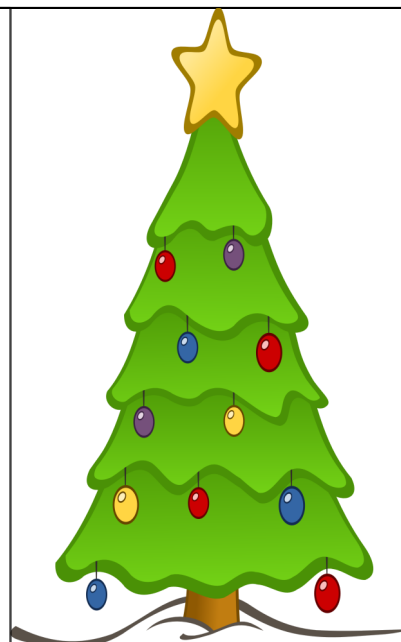
on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 4 pm

The Christmas story, especially with children in mind

Christmas Day Communion

on Christmas Day at 9.30 am

Midnight Mass at Spexhall this year



WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on 19th November 2015.

Among other matters dealt with were :-

County Council Budget

Tony Goldson reported that there would be more budget cuts in 2015/16. It was possible that the proposal to take away the one hour free parking in Halesworth's central car park might not happen; but local parishes might be asked to bear the cost.

30 mph speed restriction

Four local volunteers are to be trained to use speed guns.

The overgrown hedge

The hedge in The Street would be cut very soon.

Allotment land adjoining the Old School House

Decided not to proceed with purchase from Waveney District Council as costs were too high.

Parish Council Budget 2015/16

The budget was approved. The Parish precept - the bit of the Community Charge spent by Wissett PC - will be unchanged at £3480. (Very roughly £26 p.a. per household.)

Clearing the Beck

The Environment Agency will clear the Beck in December. From now on they will only do this work once a year.

Land adjoining the Village Field

Enquiries regarding purchase of the land are to be made.

There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council.

Next meeting: January 21st 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Christmas tree lights switch-on, carols, hot soup and mulled wine on the village green.

18th December at 6.30 pm



Come and sing your favourite carols, meet your friends, have a glass of wine and some soup.

A lovely way to start the festivities!

There will be a collection for Shelter at Christmas

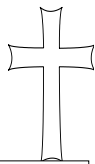
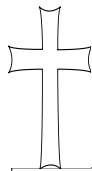


WISSETT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

There will be a

CHRISTMAS WHIST DRIVE

In Wissett Village Hall
on
5th December at 7 o'clock
£5 per person
Prizes.....Raffle....Bar....Mince Pies



ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, WISSETT

DECEMBER SERVICES

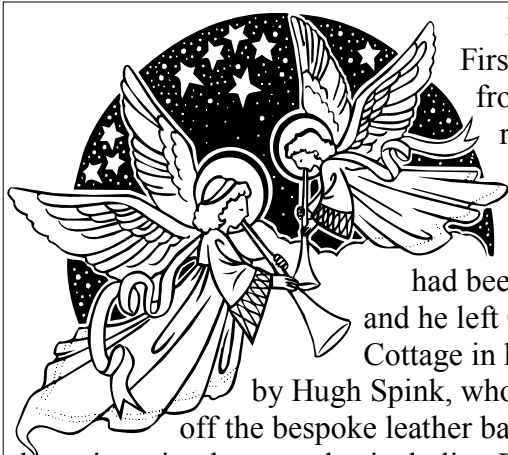
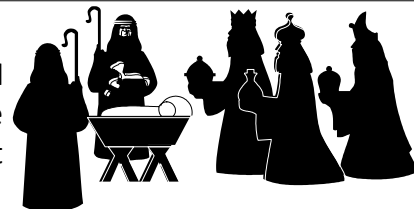
6th - Advent Evening Service (Claire) 6.30
13th - Parish Eucharist (Bill and Claire) 9.30
20th - Christmas Carol Service (Edward and Claire) 6.30
24th - CRIB SERVICE (Claire) 4.00
25th - Christmas Morning Eucharist (Edward) 9.30

JANUARY SERVICES

3rd - No service in Wissett
10th - No service in Wissett (Epiphany service in Holton)
 Unfortunately there is no information available yet about January services. Please see Team Times and/or the church notice boards.

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS!

On December 19th the church will be being decorated ready for Christmas. All children are invited to follow the Journey to the Stable. There will be a coffee morning for Mums and Dads and anybody who wants to drop in. As in years past there will be cards to write your prayers to hang on the Christmas tree.



NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

First, looking back as far as September, the cheque for £255.50 for our funds from the Bike Ride has now come in, which means that the Wissett riders raised twice that, the other half going to the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust. This is very good, and it would be lovely if even more people ride next year.

In October we had the inspiring funerals of The Revd Derek Tilston, who had been living in a home for retired clergy in Surrey after Dorothy died, and he left Cobbler's Cottage, and of Daphne Ritchie, who died peacefully at Mill Cottage in her 98th year. The moving sound of the half-muffled bells is made possible by Hugh Spink, who squeezes round the tight and dusty spaces of the tower to put on and take off the bespoke leather bags which cover one side of the clappers. He performed these operations three times in three weeks, including Remembrance Sunday. This year it was our turn for Brian Fleming to bring the British Legion and the buglers for their special contribution to the service. The contrasting simple commemoration of all loved ones with quiet and candle-light took place on All Souls' Day.

Stir up Sunday, and the pace quickens. We have the St. Andrew's Patronal Festival choral evensong on 29th November, which is also Advent Sunday, with fish sandwiches afterwards. Then an Advent Evening service at 6.30 p.m. on 6th December, and a third evening service at 6.30 on 20th, the Christmas Carol Service at which the collection will be for **East Anglian Children's Hospices**; decorating the church is on Saturday morning 19th, with children's activities too. We hope to arrange enough candles for a truly candle-lit service, but it is good to bring a torch as well. Children are especially welcome at the Crib Service at 4.00p.m. on Christmas Eve. This year it is Spexhall's turn for Midnight Mass; Christmas Eucharist at Wissett is at 9.30 a.m.. We hope you will enjoy the extra space at the back of the church, made by the simple scheme of moving two of the pews.

Nick Evans. Churchwarden.

FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

Sadly, because of dwindling numbers, the Fun and Friendship afternoons are being suspended until the spring. Thanks go to Valerie and her team who make the food, get out the tables and chairs and generally organise everything. If enough people want to start again it will! Watch this space!

TUESDAY PRAYERS & COFFEE BREAK

First Tuesday of every month in the church at 10 am: prayer meetings with a focus on prayer board requests.

Coffee Break, from 10.30 to 11.30.

Just come for the coffee and a natter if you want.

DECEMBER 1st and JANUARY 6th

DEREK TILSTON

Derek and his late wife, Dorothy, lived in Cobbler's Cottage for many years and played a large part in the Church and social life of the village. Derek was a former teacher and ordained priest. His funeral joyously stressed his commitment to others, particularly young people; his tolerance; and his very deep love of poetry and music, especially Bach. His former Rector said he was an oasis of calm when all around him was panic. He had died in a nursing home for retired clergy.

CHRISTINE SIMPSON

Many thanks to everyone in the village, family and friends, for such a fantastic turn out for the service to celebrate Christine's life. It was a lovely service, including the bells, which were much enjoyed. £927.10p was collected in her memory which was donated to the Sandra Chapman Centre at the James Paget Hospital.
 Dennis Simpson

DAHPNE RITCHIE

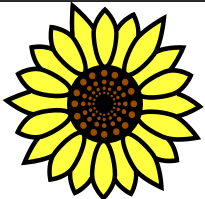
Daphne Ritchie died on October 5th in her 98th year. She lived in Mill Cottage, Mill Road for many years and was delighted to be able to say recently that she was the oldest person in Wissett! She was a staunch member of the Wissett community and had many a tale to tell of snow and flood, Treacle Fairs, church functions, eccentric people and village fetes. At several of these fetes Daphne would be the fortune teller, Madame Enhpad, and many people set great store by her visions of the future.

Daphne studied at Queen Mary's College in the art of Household Management and was a very good cook. She joined the Auxiliary Nursing Yeomanry during WWII and worked in the NAAFI, cooking for paratroopers.

She loved playing bridge and taught many people, including her children, Hope, David and Kenneth. She was very widely read, encouraged others to do the same and started the Wissett Reading Group which is still going strong.

At her funeral her grandchildren spoke eloquently of how much fun she was. Always laughing, reading to them, playing with them and rising to any challenge.

Daphne had a full and happy life and will be very much missed by those who knew her.



The tallest sunflower in the village we now know was grown by Mo and Roy Stoddard at Bleach Farm measuring 13 feet 4 inches! The evidence still stands!

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Village Christmas tree and carols for Shelter at Christmas.

Two whist drives are planned:

December 5th at 7 o'clock and

May 27th at 7 o'clock

A Treasure Hunt on Friday 27th May, walking round the village, starting and finishing at The Plough, run by Mairi and Andrew Howlett.

Also A VILLAGE SPECTACULAR is planned!

To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday, the Olympic Games and Life in General there will be a weekend of festive delight on 9th - 11th July 2016 on the Village Field.

Things are still at the planning stage but the marquee is booked; Tyler-Kemp who performed so brilliantly for our V.J. Day celebrations, will be providing music, singing and dancing to match the music of the Queen's lifetime; there will be Wissett Olympics - egg and spoon races, 3-legged races, space-hopper race etc; there will be a Boules Tournament with cheese and Wine; a Fete; and we are hoping to have a Dog Show. There will be Songs of Praise in the church on the Sunday.

There are still lots of things to be planned but if past events are anything to go by, it will be a weekend of enjoyment, festivity and sheer fun. Something to remember

WISSETT CARPET BOWLS



We mentioned in the last issue that Ernie Woolnough had retired as Chairman of the club after many years in harness. In fact he started it all in 1991. From members of the Club past and present a big "Well done and thank you" to Ernie and thank you also to Evelyn Woolnough for all her help and support down the years.

We also said that we had entered two teams in the League Charity Knock Out Competition held all day in the Leiston Leisure Centre in September. We do not approve of boasting in Wissett. Suffice it to say that we excelled ourselves by coming fourth out of thirty two teams from across Suffolk in the round robin stage of the competition. Sadly, we progressed no further, losing to a team called "Tithe Barn" from near Ipswich in the first round of the knock out itself. They'd had the temerity to ask "Where's Wissett?" Oh dear. How the mighty doth fall.

We are lying fifth out of seven teams in the league at present, having played three games but promise that the best is yet to come. However we have qualified for the quarter finals of the League Plate. Is there a cabinet in Wissett for the display of silverware? Hope springs eternal!

Peter Hughes.

SPEXHALL AND WISSETT WI

The October meeting was the AGM and produce show, where the ladies showed off their baking skills. Many delicious cakes mysteriously found themselves eaten during the refreshment break!

The Stir Up in November was a success, as usual. Father Christmas rang his bell and we all obeyed the orders he gave for mixing the puddings.

Karen Lear, from Leiston, showed us how to make some innovative floral Christmas decorations at November's meeting. Great fun!

The Christmas dinner will be on December 15th at the Golf Club and promises to be good, judging by the menu.

WISSETT VILLAGE CALENDAR 2016

The Wissett Village Calendar Coffee Morning on 10th October was so successful that ALL the calendars were sold!

However it isn't too late to get your copy.

Calendars can be ordered for £7.00 each or two for £12.00, money IN ADVANCE if you order from either Hetty on 872211 or Symon on 835936 before December 6th.

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What's on from now to the New Year....

The Christmas Menu is now available in The Plough. Book now for a delicious meal!

Christmas meal bookings are now being taken. They will be served from 22nd November to Christmas Eve. Parties are welcome. Please call us to reserve your table. A traditional turkey meal is on the menu as well as other meals not including turkey!

Christmas and New Year's openings:

Christmas Eve Party – 7pm start – Music and Buffet

Christmas Day opening – Noon to 3pm

Boxing Day – Noon to 3pm – finger buffet in the evening from 6 pm

New Year's Eve – open 'til late – 60s and 70s Live Music – finger buffet from 7 pm price £4.

Music in The Plough:

27th November 2015 – 8:30 Start – Murphy's Lore

6th February 2016 – 8:30 Start – Murphy's Lore

Late news – Christmas Raffle will start soon.

Quiz in The Plough:

3rd December. Teams of six. £3.00 a head for the quiz, including chips and sandwiches.

Please contact us to save a place. 8 o'clock start

Food at The Plough:

From Pasture to Plate – From Field to Fork

Most meat at The Plough is free range, slow grown and home reared by Mick himself.

The pork is Gloucester Old Spot

Lamb is Mule Texel

Beef is Scottish Long Horn x Belgium Blue

Eggs are free range

Turkeys are Norfolk Blacks

You may find that you may wait for a little longer for your meal at The Plough; that's because every meal is cooked from fresh, look at the funny shaped chips, from real potatoes and locally produced!

Meat can be ordered from the bar for you to cook at home. You will be able to buy Mick's meat from the shop soon.

Christmas Menu :

Starters:

Prawn Cocktail : Chicken Liver Pate or Red Pepper and Tomato soup

Mains:

Traditional Roast turkey with all the trimmings

Apple and cider pork served with roast potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Pan-fried salmon with coriander and lime butter, new potatoes and seasonal vegetables

Mushroom and Ale pie with roast potatoes and vegetables

Dessert:

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy butter and cream

Black forest gateau or Profiteroles with ice cream or fresh cream or Christmas trifle.

Complimentary coffee or tea with mints.

Pre-booking please. £19.95 for a three course meal





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01986 875551
or brian@iminter.co.uk
Scout HQ is in Chediston Street, Halesworth.

HETTY'S NEEDLES

Knitting and sewing classes in Wissett: knitting: Monday a.m. Sewing: Tuesday evening.
For details visit www.hettysneedles.com

October 3rd and possibly November 7th

Painting and drawing workshops with Ian Read, Artist and tutor. Mixed media. Mixed ability. BYO materials. 10-3 including lunch. £25. half day possible.

Telephone Hetty 872211

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VILLAGE TENT

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