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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS!

Christmas church services, to which everyone is invited start with the  
Candlelit Carol Service on Sunday 22nd December at 6.30.

Come and sing all your favourite carols and hear the old story of the birth of Jesus.

Follow it up with mulled wine and mince pies for all.

The Crib Service, for children of all ages will be on Christmas Eve, at 4 pm



Midnight Communion at SPEXHALL church at 11.30  
Christmas Day Holy Communion in Wissett at 10 am.



### THE END OF GRAYS LANE?

East Suffolk County Council have informed the Save Grays Lane Steering Group that a final decision on the planning application for a solar factory along Grays Lane will be made by our local councillors at a Planning Committee Meeting on either

**Tuesday, 14th January 2025.**

**Or**

**Tuesday 11th February 2025**

**The meeting will be at 2 pm in the Council's Conference room, Riverside, Lowestoft.**

It has been a long three years and a lot of hard work making our voices heard and we are now near the end of the process. Our local councillors are mostly new and we do know that some support our objections but the views of others are still unknown. Local councillors should therefore be made aware of the strength of local opposition on the day they make their decision at their meeting.

As soon as we are informed, we will let everyone know which meeting has been selected by distributing a separate leaflet. We will be able then to provide details about the venue, transport, car parking and our placards! This meeting will be the last chance to make our objections.

There have been 378 letters of objection to this proposed development and it is important to back this up by as many of us as possible attending this final meeting. Local councillors should have no doubt about the strength of local opposition.

### CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

**SWITCH ON...**

**WEDNESDAY**

**11TH DECEMBER AT**

**6.30.**

**ON THE VILLAGE FIELD**

**MINCE PIES AND**

**MULLED WINE**

**CAROLS**

**Bring a torch!**



EVELYN AND ERNIE WOOLNOUGH  
would like to wish all their Wissett friends a  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY  
HEALTHY NEW YEAR

# ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WISSETT

## DECEMBER SERVICES

1st - Team service in Halesworth 10 am  
 8th - Holy Communion (David) 10 am  
 22nd - CAROL SERVICE (Dominic) 6.30  
 24th - CRIB SERVICE (Veronica M.) 4 pm  
 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY. Communion. (Gini) 10 am

## JANUARY SERVICES

5th - Team service in Halesworth 10 am  
 6th - Epiphany service (Monday) 6 pm  
 12th - PLOUGH SUNDAY 10 am  
 19th - Holy Communion (probably) 10 am  
 26th - Breakfast church or morning prayer 10 am

## CHURCH NEWS

Christmas is coming and the excitement begins! From 1st of December, Advent Sunday the light by our wonderful carved figure of St Andrew will be left on each night to show light in the darkness all throughout the Christmas season.

Our Carol Service, the start of Christmas for many people, is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 22nd of December when the church will be decorated with evergreens and lit by candlelight.

The Crib Service is at 4 pm on Monday 24th of December, Christmas Eve then later that night our shared service of Midnight Mass, (Holy Communion) is at Spexhall this year at 11.30 pm

Come and "salute the happy morn", with Christmas Day Holy Communion here in Wissett at 10.00 am with drinks and my Christmas biscuits after the service.

On the 6th January the 3 wise men (and camel, don't forget the camel) join the other figures in the crib for our special Epiphany Service at 6pm again with refreshments afterwards.

We hope you will enjoy all our Christmas services and remember that the church is open for you every day from about 9.30 in the morning until I lock up before dark. Do come to see how lovely it will look with the tree, the crib and winter greenery.

Thank you to all of you who keep the church in good order, bright, clean and beautiful.

If anyone would like to help in any way with your time, skills, energy and thoughts, we are in need of you so please do contact me.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### LAST WORD ON THE QUIZ - nearly

A huge 'thank you' to everybody for your support at what was, we hope, a fun evening.

In total £578 was raised for the Village Hall.

My personal thanks to all who contributed in so many ways, without whose help there wouldn't have been a 'Wissett Quiz,' providing raffle prizes, baking delicious biscuits, providing salad etc. setting up and clearing the hall and indeed to my volunteer washer-uppers; and I must not forget our question mistress extraordinaire!

Keep your eyes peeled for more 'events' planned for 2025, details will be in the Wissett Web and we look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Kathleen Witherby

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee

### *What fun we had at the quiz!*

*The winners, Grissini, were all Wissett residents. So that was good. We breed bright and witty people here!*

*We have heard a rumour that the same admin team will organise a St Valentine's Day supper!*

*That will be good...*

*Watch this space!*

*Ed.*

### NEW BABY AT HILL HOUSE, LODGE LANE.

Oscar Stefan Macur joined our family on 14th October at 13.55 pm weighing a healthy 3.28 kg

He's happy, healthy and full of life.

Natalie is doing well also. So all in all an amazing day for our family.

Sean, Natalie, Sebastian and Oscar

*Congratulations to all the family! Ed*

### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We have now secured the training requested by residents, via the local First Responders based in Rumburgh.

It will take place in Wissett Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 10th December and will last around 1.5 to 2 hours, depending on the numbers and any questions raised at the training.

If you wish to take part please contact the Parish Clerk on wissettparishclerk@outlook.com



### DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is in urgent need of more contributions. These can be left in the box in Wissett Church or in St Mary's Church Halesworth for distribution locally. The box in the church is emptied daily. Dry and tinned goods are best.

If you are in need go to Halesworth Church Hall on Wednesdays, 10.30 to 11.30.

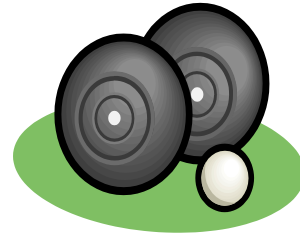
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## WISSETT CARPET BOWLS



Wednesdays at 7 o'clock in the Village Hall.  
Everyone welcome to have a bowl and a  
chat.  
**£2 including tea and biscuits**

### WISSETT PARISH COUNCIL.

The Parish Council met on Thursday, 21st November.  
Among other items, matters under discussion were:

- A) Grays Lane Solar Factory  
It was not known which of two dates the planning meeting regarding the Solar Factory would be either January 14th or February 11th. It was thought that as the District Council had received so many letters of protest, the more people who could attend the better. Placards will be provided, advice on car parking and transport will be given in good time via a leaflet distributed in the three villages affected by the plan.
- B) Neighbourhood Plan  
Wissett has been designated suitable to be a Neighbourhood Plan area. The Plan will be subdivided and small groups will be responsible for their particular area of interest.
- C) Wissett Road speed  
Cars find it difficult to pass each other near the bridge. Request needs to be made for a "man with a spade". The road width has changed and the edge needs to be cut back.
- D) Defibrillator/CPR training  
The defibrillator had not been working because it was too cold. Training is being arranged. (See page 2)
- E) Planning applications  
Sandpit cottage, Buntings Lane. No objections to request to prune oak tree.

#### Finance

The precept was considered for 2025/26.  
There would be no increase for parishioners. It would stay the same unless they owned a second home.

#### Budget

Carol Hume, the Parish Clerk, would simplify the budget and present it at the January meeting.

#### Christmas tree light up date

This was decided to be on December 11th. The tree would be erected on 4th December. Camilla Prior would arrange provision of mulled wine and mince pies. It was hoped that there would be the singing of carols. David Ball will contact Bob Stevenson, who always provides the tree.

Church Carol service would be on December 22nd, the Sunday before Christmas, at 6.30.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 17th January

### WISSETT VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES 2024/5

The village hall operates at a loss each year because fees for hiring the hall do not cover the overheads. We are always required to raise funds annually by other means. This situation has persisted for many years but since the recent large increase in the cost of living, and particularly the cost of electricity, we have decided to make a modest increase in our hire fees. We will still be unable to cover our overheads but we hope the increase will reduce the shortfall.

The following charging regime was agreed by all those present at the Village Hall Annual General Meeting in October. It was also agreed to review the situation at the next AGM.

#### **Basic Hire Rate for all Events**

£8 per hour to cover the duration of the event and the time needed to set up and clear away. A returnable deposit of £50 is also required. All fees are to be paid in advance.

#### **Charitable Fund-Raising Events**

Single payment of £10 payable after the event.

#### **Funerals**

Free for village residents but a donation will be appreciated. Non-Residents will be charged at the basic hire rate.

#### **Weddings**

Charged at the basic hire rate.

#### **Heating**

This will no longer be subsidized and will be charged at the full cost of 28p/KWh.

#### **Booking**

The Village Hall can be booked by sending an e-mail to:  
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07557141323

Session date: 12th December

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

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***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.***

## 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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## **JUST MOVED INTO THE VILLAGE? WELCOME!**

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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

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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. December 12th, January 9th. 2024

### 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 JANUARY**

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