

PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ

AT THE URC CHAPEL
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAY 3rd JUNE 2023

from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

(No Puddle Duck Café on Saturday 17th June
but will continue on Saturday 1st July.)

Friendly welcome for everyone.

THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

will be visiting on

TUESDAY 27th JUNE 2023

from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Do pop along to the Village Hall and have a coffee and a chat. All welcome.



WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES DURING JUNE

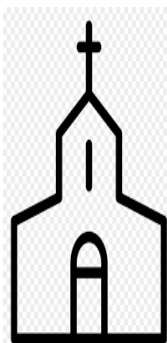
St Margaret's Church, Wattisfield

11.00am Holy Communion on Sunday 25th June

Wattisfield Chapel

11 am Services of Worship on the 4th, 11th and 18th June.

On 25th June we are joining Diss URC for their 10.45 am service.



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THE WATTISFIELD WARBLER



JUNE 2023

PARISH COUNCIL

Following the uncontested election on 4th May, the following took office on 9th May: David Dyer, Mick Elflain, Rick Meyer, Cynthia Penn, Ann Telford and Geoff Wade. There is one vacancy. At the May meeting of the Parish Council Geoff Wade was elected Chair and Mick Elflain the Vice-Chair.

On 4th May Richard Winch was elected to serve as the District Councillor for the Walsham-le-Willows ward on Mid Suffolk Council.

CITIZENS ADVICE UPDATE

My oldest child is starting school in September and with uniforms and PE kits, the costs are already mounting. We're already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these new costs. Is there any extra help I can get?

The start of a school year can be tough for many people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries. But there is help available. On the National Citizens Advice website, we have lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. If you're claiming benefits it's worth checking if you can get extra help for things like school lunches, transport and uniforms. This information can be found at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs. If you are not online, Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can advise on the telephone or in person.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. For older children, you can apply for free school meals if you claim certain types of benefits. The full list is available on the Citizens Advice website, and includes Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support. Schools can advise on finding cheap or free second hand uniforms. Often the school will have a second hand uniform shop, where the cost is much cheaper. A lot of schools accept cheaper non logo items rather than official logo school uniform, so do check with your school if this is the case. If your child is disabled or has a health condition, you can also claim Disability Living Allowance (this isn't means-tested).

A lot of peoples' budgets are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with starting school costs. Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on this or any other issue, including debt, finances, employment, benefits and family/relationships. You can contact them on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. For more information go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council is on **Monday 19th June 2023** at **7.30 pm** and will be at the **United Reformed Church**.

Residents are most welcome. At the beginning you can speak on any matter relating to the agenda or the village and then you can, if you wish, observe the remainder of the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is usually published on noticeboards and at www.wattisfield.onesuffolk.net/agendas/ a week or so before the meeting. Then the draft minutes are published on the noticeboards and the website a few days later.

WATTISFIELD TOWN TRUST

The Wattisfield Town Trust administers land and funds given to the parish many years ago. The income from these is used for the benefit of residents of the village.

The trustees offer financial help to residents who have encountered unexpected expenses. This help is offered throughout the year and to young and old alike.

Many are currently going through tough times financially. If you or someone you know is in need of help, do please get in touch with the trustees who will consider your application in absolute confidence.

Email wattisfieldtec@btinternet.com or write to Hall View House, Chapel Road, Wattisfield, IP22 1NU.

AT WATTISFIELD CHAPEL SCRABBLE/GAMES TEA TIME

WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE 2023

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Everyone welcome to come along for a fun afternoon.



AT WATTISFIELD CHAPEL

CRAFTEA TIME

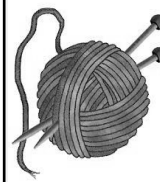
On the second Wednesday of each month a get-together for an afternoon of crafts, tea, biscuits and a natter.

WEDNESDAY 14th JUNE 2023

2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come along with their crafts .

For more information contact Mary on 01379 898233
or Jo on 07808 487844



DONATIONS FOR FOODBANK

Thank you for the continued donations to the Walsham le Willows Community Council Foodbank. These are much appreciated. These donations help many across the Benefice.

Donations of food and hygiene products are still needed. If you have any donations for this foodbank, there is a box in the porchway of St Margaret's Church for any donations which will be collected and then placed in the foodbank on a regular basis.

And if you are struggling and would welcome some extra food, then please do speak with Reverend Philip Merry on 07526 271784 for a referral.

