

PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ

AT THE URC CHAPEL
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAY 20th MAY 2023

from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm

(No Puddle Duck Café on Saturday 6th May due to the Coronation.)

Friendly welcome for everyone.
Come and enjoy homemade refreshments and time to chat.

THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

will be visiting on

TUESDAY 23rd MAY 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 MAY

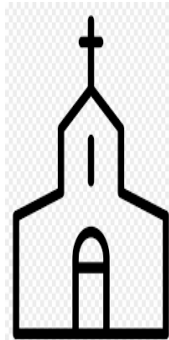
St Margaret's Church, Wattisfield

11.00am Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday 28th May

Wattisfield Chapel

11 am Services of Worship on the 7th, 21st and 28th May.

The Service on the 21st is a "Soup Service" with all donations going to Christian Aid. On 14th May we are joining Thetford URC for their 10.30 am service.



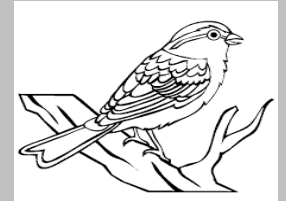
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MAY 2023

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 16th MAY 2023

at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is an open meeting for all residents of Wattisfield Parish and, although it is organised by the Parish Council, it is not a formal meeting of the Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a legacy from the Middle Ages when all local decision making was carried out by meetings of the whole community, taking place in the church vestry.

Local parish councils did not exist until 1894. [This should not be confused with the Annual Meeting of the Council, sometimes, wrongly, referred to as the Council AGM. This meeting, held in May, is a full council meeting in which the chairman, and other officers are elected each year.] The meeting is chaired by the Parish Council Chairman, with the Clerk taking the minutes, but Councillors have no more standing than other electors of Wattisfield Parish. The meeting is an opportunity for the Parish Council to explain what it has done over the last year and to share future aspirations. It is also an open forum allowing residents the opportunity to raise issues they feel are important to the community as a whole.

VILLAGE UPDATE

Most of the street lights in the village have now been upgraded to LED lanterns which should reduce running costs by circa 75% as well as being much more environmentally friendly than the old ones.

The Parish Council, supported by County Councillor Fleming, applied for funding from the Suffolk Highway Investment Fund for skirting of the footway along the A143 Diss Road between The Street (on the northern side) through to Hinderclay Road. Suffolk Highways have notified the Council that this work is eligible for funding and will be undertaken and completed by the summer.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING



The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council is on **Tuesday 16th May 2023 at 6.30 pm and will be at the Village Hall, Wattisfield.**

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.

NEW PARISH CLERK

Nicholas Spring took over from Chris Garman as Parish Clerk on 1st March. He lives in Rickinghall and can be contacted at wattisfieldpc@outlook.com

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.

DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

THURSDAY 4th MAY 2023



Please remember that photo ID is now required to vote.
For more information go to www.babergh.gov.uk/elections

AT WATTISFIELD CHAPEL

SCRABBLE/GAMES TEA TIME

WEDNESDAY 24th MAY 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 10th MAY 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.