



PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ

AT THE URC CHAPEL
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAYS

2 and 23 OCTOBER 2021

FROM 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

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

For more information please contact Jo Patel on 01359 251789.

IS YOUR HOME SAFE FROM FIRE?

WOULD YOU LIKE A FREE 'SAFER HOME' VISIT?

Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service prevention team and firefighters are dedicated to saving lives by working with the community, discussing fire safety and offering advice to eliminate or reduce the risk of a fire occurring in the home. **Free** smoke alarms will be fitted if you do not have any.



A **free** visit by a specialist Prevention Practitioner, Community Fire Volunteer or Operational Crew from Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service can be arranged by calling **Fire Business Support 01473 260588**

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There is a planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council on **Monday 18 October 2021 at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall**. 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.

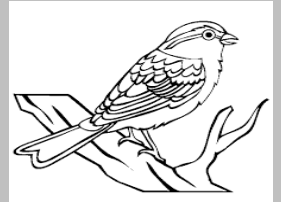
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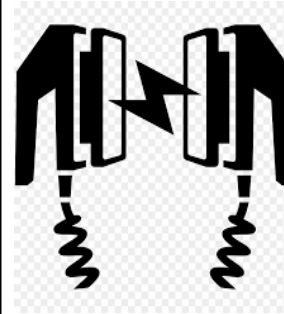
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DID YOU KNOW WATTISFIELD HAS A DEFIBRILLATOR?



The defibrillator is a useful machine to use in emergencies when you suspect someone has gone into cardiac arrest. It can be a lifesaver!

The machine is kept in a cabinet outside Wattisfield Village Hall and is available for anyone to take away and use. The cabinet isn't locked—you just need to break the seal. It should be used in conjunction with a 999 call if you can.

It is simple to use. Just follow the instructions with the placing the pads on the patient's chest and the machine will then decide what needs to be done.

If it has been used can you please advise as soon as you can Sarah Goodchild on 07739 800155 who will then check the machine over before placing it back in the cabinet.

The Parish Council would like to offer training on the use of the defibrillator and associated first aid training if there is adequate interest. They will arrange for an appropriate qualified trainer at no cost to you. If you are interested, please email wattisfieldpc@outlook.com or call 01359 221600.

TIME TO CUT YOUR HEDGES?

If you have hedges that border the highway or a pavement, can you please ensure they are cut back regularly so they don't reduce the road width or force pedestrians to walk in the road. Now is considered a good time to cut hedges so they look neat and tidy through the winter months. Many thanks.



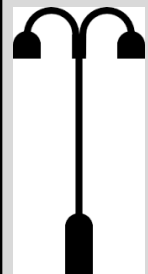
VILLAGE POND

There were many comments on 'Next Door' recently about the village pond and what should be happening. Firstly, the village pond and surrounding land are owned by Mid Suffolk District Council. However, acknowledging that it needs some TLC, the Parish Council and our District Councillor Rick Meyer have been working hard with MSDC to get the pond dredged and this can then be followed with the wildlife plan suggested by Suffolk Wildlife Trust.



But because MSDC didn't get all there ducks in a row, and because the pond didn't dry up this summer, the dredging is now planned for 2022. The Parish Council are disappointed with this delay but it outside their control.

It has been noticed that there are rats residing around the pond. This may be as a result of grain and food being left for the ducks. So please be conscious that leaving food around the pond will encourage the rats.



STREET LIGHTING

The parish council have decided to retain the current street lighting and look to upgrade this in stages over the next three or four years when funds allow. There were mixed views in the consultation. Some wanted to do away with it and others thought it was important for safety. When the lamps are upgraded the running costs will be reduced by around 80%. A little towards reducing the carbon footprint.

THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN WILL BE VISITING

TUESDAY 26 OCTOBER 2021
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 FOR OCTOBER

St Margaret's Church—No services during October.

United Reformed Church—Every Sunday at 11.00 am at Chapel Road, Wattisfield.



WORDS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL TEAM



The Wattisfield Community Garden continues to take shape and is already bringing much of the community together and has received a lot of positive feedback. Please continue to enjoy the garden with us. If you would like to help or make a donation please email wattisfieldcommunitygarden@gmail.com.

At the recent Annual General Meeting, the project to save our Community Centre was announced. A flyer with further information will be sent out soon and we require volunteers to help shape the future of our Community Centre.

Volunteers to help with running events or to join the Wattisfield Community Centre Committee are desperately required. Being a member of the committee can be very rewarding and great fun with very little or as much time as you want to commit. Should you wish to join our wonderful team please email wattisfieldcc@gmail.com.

SOCIAL EVENINGS

FRIDAY 8 OCTOBER 2021
FRIDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2021
FRIDAY 2 DECEMBER 2021

6.00 PM TO 11.00 PM

AT WATTISFIELD VILLAGE HALL



DAFFODIL PLANTING FOR SPRING

Sunday 17 October 2021

12-2pm

For all the family!

Join us at the Community Garden to plant daffodil bulbs and enjoy a BBQ lunch.

Child-friendly planting tools will be available and of course feel free to bring your own trowel.

