

PUDDLE DUCK CAFÉ

AT THE URC CHAPEL
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAYS

2nd & 16th September, 7th & 21st October 2023

FROM 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

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

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council is on **Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30 pm** and will be at **Wattisfield Chapel in Chapel Road, Wattisfield.** The following meeting is on **16th October.**

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.



We welcome on board our new Parish Clerk, Wendy Alcock, who joined us from 1st August 2023. For parish council enquiries please use the email address, wattisfieldpc@outlook.com or telephone, 07396707374.

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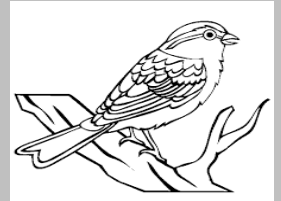
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Items may be declined or edited.

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THE WATTISFIELD WARBLER



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Wattisfield Parish Council – Wattisfield Recreation Ground & Community Centre Committee

Progress with the Village Hall Redevelopment Group looking at the Future of the Village Hall.

The working group was formed to look at the future of the village hall and met first in November 2021.

Having decided their priorities, they commissioned Whitworth Surveyors to look at the building and cost the repairs to enable the WG to determine if the building could be saved or if a new build would be the better option. The survey was carried out in April 2022 and showed a spend of approx £83K would be necessary to repair the building. This is clearly the cheaper option and the WG concluded the building would be retained.

A survey was distributed to all the village and only 44 questionnaires were returned, about 20%. Here parishioners were able to say what they thought of the village hall and what it should be used for in the future.

The WG have taken those opinions into account and are now at the stage of commissioning an architect to give a feasibility study of three scenarios, a low, medium and high spend refurbishment. When complete, parishioners will be able to inspect the plans and give their views on the best way forward for the village hall.

WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES

DURING September & October

St Margaret's Church, Wattisfield

Sunday 10th September—Harvest Service, 11am. Rev. John Fulton
Sunday 22nd October—Holy Communion, 11am. Rev. John Fulton.

Wattisfield Chapel

Sunday at 11.00 am on 3rd, 17th, 24th September and
Sunday at 11.00 on 8th, 15th, & 29th October,
at Chapel Road, Wattisfield.

Family Harvest Celebration followed by Soup Lunch & Harvest Produce Sale on Sunday 1st October from 11am. All to raise money for RABI, who help the farming community.

WATTISFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hot Frog Bar—Every Friday & Saturday from 4 September

80s Night—30 September from 6pm

Car Boot Sale—Last Saturday of the Month



Hedge Trimming Time

It's that time of year again when garden and field hedges need to be trimmed. The bird nesting season is over, and any overgrown hedges now need to be cut back, particularly where they overhang the road. Keep hedges well back from the highway. Overhanging branches and stems cause a hazard to pedestrians, horse-riders and cyclists and can cause scratches to motor vehicles so if you're responsible for a hedge, now is the time to trim it up.

If your trees are close to power lines, please make sure these branches don't touch the live wires. Where power lines are close, consult with UK Power Networks before you trim these trees & hedges.

Wattisfield Biodiversity Project

The next meeting of the Wattisfield Biodiversity Project is 4th September 7:30pm at the Village Hall bar. The group met for the first time in August and agreed that a good first project would be to map the current land use in the parish to identify any wildlife corridors and to look holistically at what could be done to promote biodiversity throughout the village. Meetings are open to all, please come along!

DUCK FEEDING

Feeding the ducks can be fun but please go sparingly with corn and other grain. If this is uneaten and left on the ground overnight the local rats have a feast.

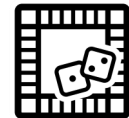
There's been a few sightings of rats near the pond, please don't encourage them to linger there by overfeeding the ducks.



DONATIONS FOR FOODBANK

The Walsham le Willows Food Bank have transferred their services to Stowmarket Foodbank who now support individuals & families in our area.

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, any donations will be collected and then placed in the foodbank on a regular basis. Call the Foodbank on 01449 774000.



Craft-tea Time on— 13th September & 11th October 2-4 pm.

Scrabble-tea Time—27th September & 25th October 2-4 pm

At The URC Chapel in Chapel Road