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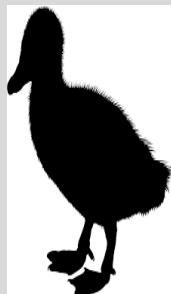
AT THE URC CHAPEL
IN CHAPEL ROAD, WATTISFIELD

SATURDAYS

3 AND 17 SEPTEMBER 2022

FROM 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM

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



STREET LIGHTING

The Parish Council who own and are responsible for the street lighting in Wattisfield, have been working with Suffolk County Council about upgrading the equipment. It has been decided to proceed with the upgrade at a cost of around £14,000 and this will be financed by using the designated fund for this purpose and by borrowing £10,000 from the Public Works Loan Board over a period of ten years.

The upgrade will provide significant energy savings with the use of LED lamps and the ability to dim and or turn off lights at certain times of the night. This will provide a saving on energy of around 80% or £2,000 a year which will more than cover the loan repayments. This will also significantly reduce the carbon footprint.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next planned meeting of Wattisfield Parish Council is on **Monday 19 September 2022 at 7.30 pm and will be at the URC Chapel in Chapel Road, 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.



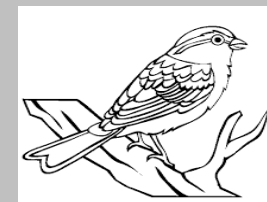
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THE WATTISFIELD WARBLER



SEPTEMBER 2022



COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSULTATION - HAVE YOU RESPONDED?

As reported previously in the July / August edition, the Community Centre Working Group are keen to learn from the village what residents would like from their village hall. This will be key in deciding the future of the building to make sure that it meets the needs of the village. To be able to repair and possibly reconfigure the building, it is important to evidence to potential funders that the future building is what residents want and will use.

A questionnaire was delivered with your last Wattisfield Warbler and if you haven't already done so, you are encouraged please to complete this questionnaire. The number of returns are currently short of expectations. Without your thoughts, the Working Group will be unsure of what the village wants, or perhaps doesn't want.

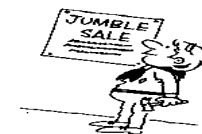
If you have mislaid your previous questionnaire and would like a further copy then please email the Parish Clerk wattisfieldpc@outlook.com or give Chris a call on 01359 221600, or maybe complete an online version at <https://www.facebook.com/Wattisfield/>

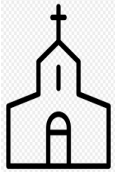
The completed questionnaires should be returned to the post box at the Community Centre or can be scanned and emailed to wattisfieldcc@gmail.com.

There is a closing date of 20 September 2022 after which, based on the responses, the Working Group in consultation with both the Community Centre trustees and Parish Council, will make decisions on the way forward.

CHURCH JUMBLE SALE -FANTASTIC RESULT!

The Jumble Sale back in July raised £792 and the proceeds have been sent to the Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal.





WATTISFIELD CHURCH SERVICES DURING SEPTEMBER

St Margaret's Church

Sunday 25 September 2022 at 11.00 am.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service (joint service with URC)

United Reformed Church

Every Sunday at 11.00 am at Chapel Road, Wattisfield.

Except Sundays 11 September when there will be a joint service at URC Thetford at 10.30 am and 25 September when there will be a joint service at St Margaret's.

ULTRA TRAIL MARATHON

There is in the planning an ultra trail marathon covering a distance of around 30 miles which will be starting in Bardwell and will be passing through Wattisfield using roads and public rights of way. The event is being planned for Saturday 23 September 2023. The proposed route through Wattisfield will be into the village from Bobby Hill, across the A143 and then up the Grundle to Honeypot Lane. It will then head away from the village using the rights of way to Walsham Road at Squirrel Hall. The intention is to have the route well signposted so runners keep to the rights of way.



If residents or landowners envisage any issues or concerns with this proposed event then they are asked to contact the organiser, Colin Lewis: colinlewis1964@btinternet.com or 07812 215378

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, WATTISFIELD

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2022

10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM

AT THE CHURCH

REFRESHMENTS - CAKES - RAFFLE - PRESERVES



Also, the Suffolk Historic Churches cycle ride is this day when both St Margaret's and URC churches will be open to visitors.



QUIET LANES SUFFOLK

You might recall that the Parish Council in conjunction with Quiet Lanes Suffolk were looking to designate Bobby Hill, Chapel Road and Honeypot Lane as quiet lanes and signposted them accordingly. The Parish Council has been frustrated, as have other villages, at the lack of traction by Suffolk County Council with the legal process and the signage.

The Parish Council has been assured that the legal process should soon be completed and that Parish Council's can collect the signage which can then be installed as a community project.

THE RURAL COFFEE CARAVAN

WILL BE VISITING ON

TUESDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2022

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.

IMPORTANT DEFIBRILLATOR INFORMATION



The defibrillator based at the Village Hall is in need of a software upgrade and a battery change. Therefore, it will be removed and **will not be available from Monday 5 September for about a week.**

WARTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH REDGRAVE CHURCH TRUST PRESENTS

A DISH SERVED ICILY

A fictional view of the relationship between William II and his brother Henry I which encompasses a smouldering tale of revenge set over a period of some 33 years.

**Thursday 8th, Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th September 2022
8.00 pm (doors open 7.30 pm)**

St Mary's Church, Churchway, Redgrave, IP22 1RJ

Tickets available from
Wortham Post Office, Redgrave Shop or on 01379 831153