

## Gissing Bowls Club



**Interested in Bowls? New Members Wanted.**

**Gissing Bowls Club are looking to attract new members (New players very welcome)**

If interested, please contact David Wood (Secretary) on 07749029725 or [gissingbcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:gissingbcsecretary@gmail.com)  
The 2021 season will start in mid-April (Covid restrictions allowing). David will contact interested individuals about arrangements for an open session (flat soled shoes required)

## Action Fraud

**Action Fraud** is warning the public to remain vigilant as criminals begin to take advantage of the roll-out of the corona virus vaccine to commit fraud.

- The vaccine is free of charge.
- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking password.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced to your home to administer the vaccine. The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.
- If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up.
- If you are suspicious about an email you have received, forward it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk).
- Suspicious text messages should be forwarded to the number 7726, which is free of charge.

**If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)**

## Gissing Village Newsletter

Next issue will be Summer/Winter 2021 delivered in July/August

**Deadline for submission of articles, news, info, etc 17th July.**

**Likewise any** questions or comments regarding this publication please send to Mike Harrowven — [mharrowven@btinternet.com](mailto:mharrowven@btinternet.com)

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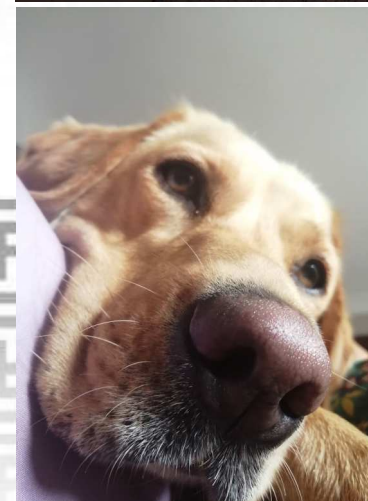
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# GISSING PARISH NEWSLETTER WINTER / SPRING



*The whole Village patiently awaits the return of those times when the sun shone, the ground was dry and the air was warm!*



**"KEEP CALM SPRING IS COMING"**

## Village Groups & Contacts

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Any queries or requests for further information on Gissing Community Building available from Linda on [admin@heartofgissing.co.uk](mailto:admin@heartofgissing.co.uk)

## Gissing Parish Councillors

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## Gissing Parish Council Meetings 2021

9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parish Council 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> May	APM – 7.00pm AGM – 7.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Finance Meeting 7.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council 7.30pm
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Council 7.30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Parish Council 7.30pm

Members of the Council are always willing to discuss topics put forward by the public. Our agenda is prepared about a week before the next council meeting so you will need to inform the Clerk or the Chair about ten days prior to the meeting.

The Council is required by law to publicise its agenda at least 3 clear days before each meeting, not including the day of issue or day of meeting. This Council gives members of the public an opportunity to speak at some point during the meeting. We do this by temporarily adjourning the meeting; this allows the public plus our District and County Councillors an opportunity to speak.

## County & District Councillors

County: Cllr Bev Spratt	<a href="mailto:beverley.spratt.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk">beverley.spratt.cllr@norfolk.gov.uk</a> 07887 633253
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## Gissing Parish Council

Your Parish Council has continued to operate fully during the Pandemic having moved to virtual Council Meetings via zoom. As Parishioners/ Members of the Public you are very welcome to attend. **Please register with the Parish Clerk in order to join us virtually.**

[gissingparishclerk@live.co.uk](mailto:gissingparishclerk@live.co.uk) or 07796 174255

**For all your community information.**

Gissing Parish Council official Website [www.gissingpc.info](http://www.gissingpc.info)

## Storm & Flooding

As a result of the heavy rain, storm/flooding in many parts of the Parish, a report has been sent to Norfolk County Council & South Norfolk Council resulting in an increased level of engagement from these Local Authorities. They have visited the areas affected and are preparing a report outlining a number of remedial actions which will involve both works being carried out by themselves and activity to remind and enforce the riparian responsibilities of land and property owners across our Parish to help de-risk the chances of a repeat of the suffering and damage caused in December 2020.

## Traffic & Speeding



As an initial step the Parish Council with the support of a grant have purchased a mobile Speed Awareness Message, (SAM2). The unit flashes up vehicle speeds, and a warning to 'slow down' if they are exceeding the limit. It is also capturing data which can be used to identify and assist in the speed limit enforcement across the Parish.

## Gissing Emergency Plan

Gissing Parish Council is establishing an Emergency Plan to aid response in the event of an emergency affecting the community of Gissing.

The loss of water, electricity and the possibility of flooding are example risks for this area, whether due to severe weather or a man-made disaster, this could coincide with the Emergency Services being tied up with big incidents in surrounding towns & cities. The best way for the village to respond and recover is through good old fashioned community spirit: local people helping their neighbours and other local people. **If you are able to offer help please complete the accompanying questionnaire and drop it in at the GCB post box by 20th March 2021. If you prefer an electronic version of the questionnaire is available from Marianne @ [gissingparishclerk@live.co.uk](mailto:gissingparishclerk@live.co.uk)** Many thanks in advance.

## Community Services

<b>PULHAM SURGERY</b>	01379 676227
<b>DISS SURGERY</b>	01379 642021
<b>POLICE (non-emergency)</b>	101
<b>NHS (non-emergency)</b>	111
<b>South Norfolk Council</b>	01508 533633
<b>Norfolk County Council</b>	01603 222846
<b>Local Bus</b>	03300 539358
<b>Refuse Collection</b>	01508 533706

## Gissing Children's Centre



GISSING  
children's  
CENTRE

Our successful Pre-School, with its very special family ethos, runs Monday to Friday during term time. Each day we now run within the times of 8.00 am to 4.30 pm.

We are looking forward to having a B4RN Broadband connection. Contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 or [manager@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk](mailto:manager@gissingchildrenscentre.co.uk)

## Gissing Covid 19 Action Support Group

Your Village Group of volunteers from Gissing remains in place to kindly assist you. So please if you have concerns, need assistance—maybe you cannot access essential items or just fancy a telephone chat with a friendly understanding Parishioner please contact us, we are here to help.

**Tel:** 07802378689 or **email:** [yourvillagehub@aol.com](mailto:yourvillagehub@aol.com).

Alternatively South Norfolk Council Help Hub **Tel:** 01508 533933 or

**email:** [helphub@s-norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:helphub@s-norfolk.gov.uk)

## St. Mary's Church—Gissing



Regrettably under the current Covid 19 regulations, services are not being held at the Church.

We are looking forward to having a B4RN Broadband connection, so we can live stream services and Concerts

**Rector**

Reverend Canon Tony Billett

**Church Wardens**

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## Heart of Gissing CIO & Gissing Community Building



Offering state-of-the-art facilities in a tranquil, village setting. Gissing's award winning Community Building offers a unique location for use by individuals, community groups and businesses in the South Norfolk area. We are looking forward to having a B4RN Broadband connection.

Gissing Community Building is currently closed

to all but groups who are permitted to meet under current lockdown restrictions. Once things ease, we look forward to welcoming groups back, when they feel comfortable to do so and amidst our stringent Covid-safe procedures within the building.

During lockdowns and other Government restrictions, Heart of Gissing has enabled the community building to be used by Gissing Covid-19 Group in supporting the village. Heart of Gissing have successfully obtained a number of community grants over the past year, to ensure sustainability and the building's short-term future through a period of severely reduced hire income and inability to hold fundraising events. Looking forward - we have provisional dates of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August for our summer fete, with a flowerpot sculpture theme and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December for the St Nicholas Fayre. Anyone in the village who may be interested in helping at either or both of these events are welcome to contact [admin@heartofgissing.co.uk](mailto:admin@heartofgissing.co.uk) to pledge their support. We would be delighted to hear from you.

### Heart of Gissing Education and Career Awards

Although the coronavirus pandemic has made it more difficult to administer the Heart of Gissing Educational and Career Awards in the usual way, the Heart of Gissing is still committed to using this money to help young people in Gissing further their careers through education or training. We were able to award a grant last year and are ready to do so again in 2021.

We are aware that the impact of Covid-19 on the plans of some of those intending to start or continue a course of study or training this autumn has been considerable. If you think you are among those and feel a small financial contribution would help your situation, please get in touch with us at the email address below.

You should be under 25 and either living in Gissing or with parents living in the village. Please include your contact details and a short description of how your plans have been affected by the pandemic situation. We will then send you a short form to complete.

The Education and Career Awards panel will assess the applications and divide the available funds appropriately. This money comes from a permanent endowment fund which was set up to further one of the objectives outlined in the Heart of Gissing constitution which is to promote the education of people in the village. Gissing Community Building, Rectory Road, Gissing, IP22 5XB Contact Linda Nash on 01379 677300 or [admin@heartofgissing.co.uk](mailto:admin@heartofgissing.co.uk)

## B4RN Superfast Broadband in Gissing



You may be aware, from the activity you have seen, or from the Facebook pages, by word of mouth, the flyers you have had through your door, or by email, that **the B4RN project in Gissing has now started!** We all look forward to using a top class 1Gb full fibre broadband service when the B4RN broadband goes live, as it now is in Tivetshall, Burston, and

Shimpling. There are now about 100 B4RN live users within a couple of miles of the Gissing centre.

The work in Gissing started just before Christmas. After some sorting out and familiarisation, investigating the sites and road crossings, and training from the national B4RN staff, we spent a few days in the meadow by the Community Building. Working within the national advice for social distancing etc. we laid the orange ducting which will eventually meet up with the Burston network near the Three Bears Cottage. Thus we will then be connected to the main cabinet supplying the internet signal.

We have all the necessary landowner permissions and wayleaves for us to complete the core route between the GCB area and the Burston cabinet. But as we are all well aware the extremely wet weather will prevent us getting on to the fields to progress field work for maybe a month or more, unfortunately. Also, the pandemic restricts our work although certain things can still be done, in a safe manner.

The B4RN project employs experts in areas where technical and civil engineering expertise is needed, together with local volunteer help to do those tasks best suited to local people who live there and know the area and the residents. The day to day work in the fields is done and managed by local Gissing residents. **More volunteers are always very welcome.** The tasks in the fields are no more strenuous than gardening, but we also need help with admin and anyone with electrical engineering skills. Check out our progress on *Gissing Village Life* facebook, and the *Gissing B4RN* facebook page.

**The national B4RN website has full information about the project, how it works, how to 'sign-up', and for investing in the Gissing project (5% per annum!):** <https://b4rn.org.uk/>

You can also speak to either David, Paul or anyone you know who is part of the team. The more volunteers, sign ups, and investing we have the quicker the project can be completed. Your help would be most welcome.

If you wish to volunteer please contact David Reynolds (t674272). Further Information from Paul Wright (t674183).