

Walsingham Newsletter January 2022

Leaving Covid aside 2021 has been a positive year for Walsingham Chapel on most fronts. First and foremost after many delays the new ramp and facilities have been completed and opened. Subsequently they have been used and appreciated by many people.



As you can see from the photograph the end result fits in well and gives easy access with improved lighting. We have also retarmaced the top of the drive to make it less of a hazard.



Internally the toilet and kitchen areas are much improved to modern standards and a kind donation allowed us to obtain new pew cushions which really enhance the chapel.

We were pleased and grateful that Revd Julian Pursehouse, the Chairman of the District, was able to join us for a service of rededication in September, which coincided with the Heritage Open day weekend.



Subsequently in October the Wesleyan Historical Society held it's meeting at the chapel a very appropriate venue.



The afternoon was recorded and available on YouTube (<https://youtu.be/ebhnotyaSm0>)

We were able to obtain funding to allow us to open the chapel on two days each week with Sam our lay Pioneer Worker usually in attendance assisted by other supporters. This is Mondays and Fridays at present from Easter onwards but if you would like to visit at other times please contact us directly. Our work with the shrines to facilitate school visits has also restarted.

We continue to meet together regularly in the chapel monthly for a service at 4-30 pm followed by a meal. Its great to sing along to the pipe organ. There are usually about 16 of us and we have a great time of fellowship together. The services are on the second Sunday of the month (occasional exceptions) and the dates can be found on the website. If you are in Walsingham please do join us. At Christmas we had the chapel decorated and I am sure you agree it looked really atmospheric and beautiful.



For 2022 we move forward with our usual services and opening to visitors and schools. Something to look out for is a new book written by Norma Virgo on the History of the Chapel and Methodism in Walsingham. Details of publication and where to obtain a copy will be on the website and FB page in due course.

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Finally a big thank you to everyone who works or worships with us, supports us in anyway, prays for us or has a heart for the Chapel. We really appreciate you.

God Bless and see you during 2022

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