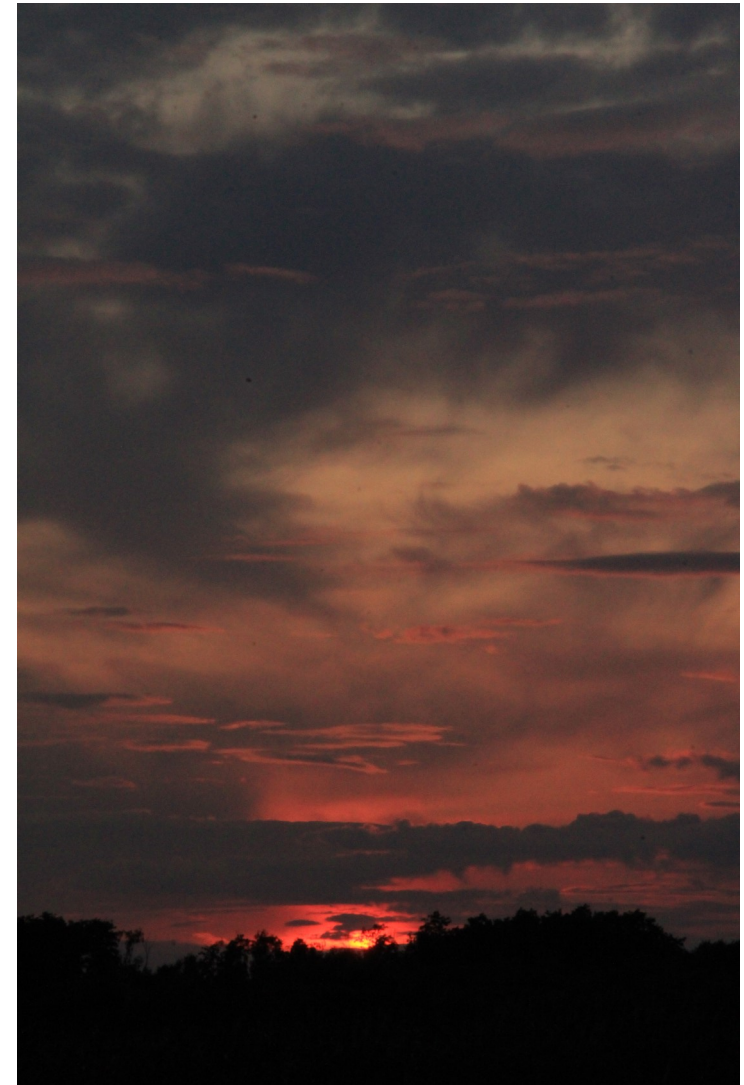


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## Editor's Note

### Thank You

Those of you who regularly read the around & About will have noticed that two of our regular contributors, Claire Gould & Tony Day have not submitted articles over the last few issues due to failing health. I would like to express my thanks to them for all the support they have given over the years.

### Thank you both.

The closing date for copy, for the December 2019/January 2020 issue of Around and About is: Friday 29th November 2019, early submissions are always appreciated.

As ever articles can be submitted verbally, hand written or electronically - Word or Publisher files. Please note that pdf files do not reproduce well and are often difficult to resize proportionally. Photographs & images should be submitted separately please, e.g. jpg.files.

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## Report from the Parish Clerk

### New Website

The Parish Council are working with Matt Cannon on a new website for Wicken, Upware and Padney. The new website will include information on all aspects of the Parish Council including policies and the recently agreed Climate Statement. The Parish Council are very grateful to Matt for his hard work on designing and building the website.

### 20/21 Budget

The Parish Council will be setting the budget for 20/21 over the next two months. If you have a project which you would like the Parish Council to consider, please email me with the information [wickenparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wickenparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk).

### Overgrown Hedges

In the last edition of the Around and About we reminded everyone about keeping their hedges along pavements, footpaths and roads cut back to **within** their boundary. David Werner, the Tree Warden for Wicken, has started contacting parishioners who have not yet cut their hedges requesting they are cut back. David will carry a letter of identification from the Parish Council.

### Bonfires

The Parish Council received some complaints during the very hot weather about bonfires which had been lit resulting in neighbours being unable to open their windows. The Parish Council follow the East Cambs District Council Bonfires Policy which can be found on the ECDC website. If you have a complaint about a fire, this can be reported online via the ECDC website or you can call the ECDC Environmental Health Team on 01353 665555. Could we please ask that you consider your neighbours when lighting fires.

### Local Plan

There is still no update from ECDC on the Local Plan.

**Rachel Earl**  
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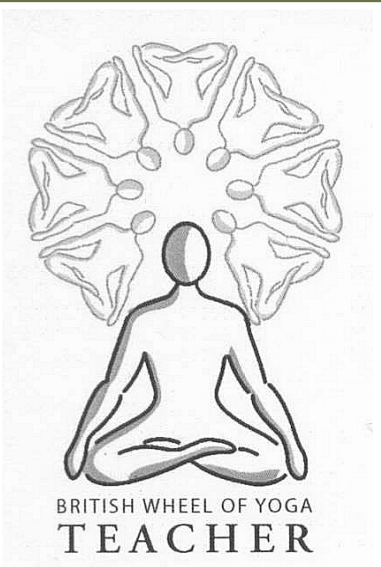
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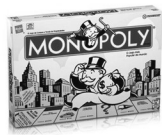
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The theme this year is change and many of the events focus on transformation, the implications of the technology revolution and wide-ranging social and political changes, from elder care and homeworking to house sharing.

The Festival of Ideas runs from **14-27 October 2019** and bookings for all pre-book events open on **Monday 23 September**. The Festival web address is: [www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk](http://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk).

The programme of events can be found at: <https://www.festivalofideas.cam.ac.uk/browse-2019-programme-online>

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## Wicken Celebrates New Playground

Families gathered at Wicken's annual Picnic by the Pond, entertained by the Coronation Brass band's playing, Punch and Judy and children's races. This year there was an additional thrill as Dave Donuts opened the new playpark.

Thanks to funding from the Amey Community Fund, through the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, Wicken Parish Council was able to update the village playground. Children of all ages were enjoying the new colourful swings, climbing frame, twin spinner and rockers.

Councillor Cecile Bye said "It has been wonderful to see the playpark become updated and provide more active play opportunities for our children. We have had such positive feedback from the village community and we're delighted with the renovation."

See inside front cover photograph - Pictured are Dave Donuts and Councillor Cecile Bye with some happy playground users.

Cecile Bye

## URA Diary Dates

### Wednesday 16th October:

URA meeting in The Sports Bar at The Five Miles 7.30pm. All residents welcome come and have your say on what happens in your village.

### Tuesday 29th October:

Halloween Quiz Night 7.30pm at The Five Miles £2 per person. Maximum 6 in a team. There will be a winning team prize. Also a raffle. All proceeds to the URA to go towards raising funds for the village.

### Sunday 8th December:

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## In Memory of Francis & Sheila Beloe

I am sure that many of you will remember Francis and Shelia Beloe. Francis was the vicar at St Laurence Church for many years, they were such a special couple who were the backbone of Wicken.

Francis' favourite sayings were: 'Wonderful, Wonderful, Wonderful' and 'God Bless, God Bless.'

Francis and Shelia always joined in the fun, performing in the famous Fen Follies. Francis was a smoker and had made a promise to give up but the cigarettes got the better of him and when he was caught having a sneaky cigarette his penalty was a dunk in the village pond. He took his punishment with great grace, perhaps he thought that was wonderful.

They left the village in 2000 and the church hasn't quite been the same since he was Wicken Church Vicar with Shelia by his side.

Sadly they have both passed away and their daughters, Ruth and Amy are going to commission a bench in their memory to be sited near the village pond.

Several people have voiced an interest in donating towards the cost of the bench; for anyone who would like to contribute a 'Go Funding Page' has been set up by Amy Beloe for this. If you would like to donate but do not have access to the 'Go Funding Page' please let me know, I am willing to forward any donations on for you.

I am sure there are many people who have fond memories of them both.

Hopefully we will have a Wicken get together when the bench is sited.

Sue Wilson

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Your donations will be taken to Jimmy's after the 15 December and added to Christmas Stockings for their guests.

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Sara Rains, Jean Turner and Sonia Jones

## Upware Residents Celebrate .....

..... the installation of defibrillator

Villagers in Upware held an opening ceremony on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at the Five Miles from Anywhere, No Hurry Pub to celebrate the installation of a defibrillator purchased by the Upware Residents Association.

Funds were raised through various events including a quiz night and a very successful Christmas fair. G Webb Haulage, Francis Flower Quarry and Wicken Fete Committee also made generous donations.

Residents Association Chairperson, Sharon Green, said:

"For a small community, we are exceptionally proud that within a year of our Residents Association being formed, we have managed to raise enough funds to buy a defibrillator for our community. We felt that the best place to house it was at the heart of the village, the Five Miles from Anywhere, No Hurry pub and our thanks go to landlords Lorraine and David for supporting us so much with our fundraising efforts."

Sharon Green, URA Chairman



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## Update On Wicken Fete & Dog Show

A big thank you to all these children who walked home from St Andrew's School and raised the fabulous total of £137 between them in sponsorship money.

Freddie, Molly and Daisy Turner, Jamie Rutter, Sofia and Max Mihaylov, Tanwen Cunnick, Rosie Hardingham, Imogen, Emilia and Chloe Pringle, Tamsin and Annabel Clarke, Harvey Woodroffe, Kyle McGuigan, Benjamin Jugg

Some of these children were still in Reception Class and in their school's own words, marched, on a hot day, heroically across the fields, braving prickles, nettles and some very tall grass to Wicken Recreation Ground. We think you will agree they did a fantastic job! Thanks also to the families and friends who supported them.

This brings the grand total raised on Fete day to **£2529.04** . If your organisation would like to be considered for a donation from the funds raised by the fete, please let us know either by email or a note. If possible, stating briefly what the money is needed for as it helps the Committee in making the right decisions when allocating the funds.

Jean Turner on behalf of Wicken Fete Committee  
(jeanturner15@hotmail.com)

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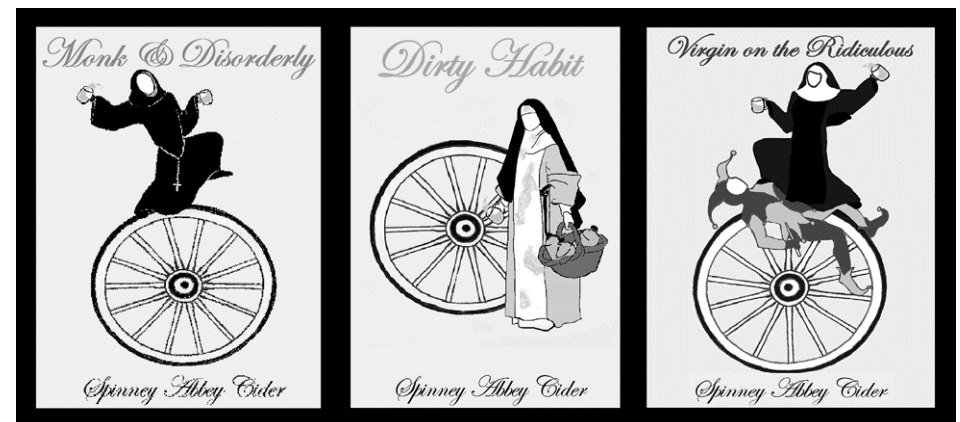
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## RAF Benevolent Fund

Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Suffolk and Lincolnshire have been selected as pilot locations for a new project aimed at supporting RAF veterans who face loneliness and isolation.

The RAF Benevolent Fund, the RAF's leading welfare charity, is launching a Community Engagement Worker scheme to help older RAF veterans get involved in their local communities. The scheme comes in response to research carried out by the Fund which highlighted these challenges as issues which most concern the older generation of RAF veterans.

Pete Ashcroft, Welfare Projects Manager at the RAF Benevolent Fund, said: "The Community Engagement Worker project is just one measure we have introduced to tackle the issue of loneliness and social isolation among older veterans. Other new initiatives include telephone friendship groups and group wellbeing breaks.

This year marks the RAF Benevolent Fund's centenary and we are asking the public to help us reach out to the members of the RAF Family who may have fallen off the radar and let them know, we are here to help. We want to ensure every RAF veteran, no matter how long they served, including National Service, receives the support their service to their country deserves. We want to get these people back onto the radar, and we aim to almost double the number of people we help – from 53,000 to at least 100,000 over the next three years".

The Community Engagement Workers will get to know the social activities, groups and associations across the four counties and work with individuals to understand what the barriers are to them becoming more socially engaged and help them to overcome that, from attending a veterans' breakfast meeting with someone for the first time, to establishing activities where none currently exist.

Matt Rowe, of Peterborough, will be taking on the Cambridgeshire Community Engagement Worker role. His career in the Royal Air Force means he knows the service well. He said: "It has always been deeply humbling, the sacrifices that those who fought before us made and as an RAF veteran I have some insight into that. "This is an opportunity of a lifetime, and I feel like I'm part of the RAF family again. Success in this job is going to be very different for each person. This is about individuals and what they need to feel part of the RAF Family, and the wider community again."

The pilot scheme will run for two years.

The RAF Benevolent Fund offers a wide range of support for serving and former serving personnel and their families, from financial grants for one-off and day-to-day costs, respite breaks and emotional support. Last year it spent £21M on welfare support for the RAF Family, including:

Mobility aids; Care Home top up fees; Disability equipment; respite care, etc.

To refer someone to the RAF Benevolent Fund, go to:

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Peter Ashcroft





## St Laurence's Church Wicken

We now have regular Sunday services where you will be most welcome

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Oct	6	Family Service	10.30am
	13	Harvest Festival	6.30pm
	14	Harvest Auction (at church)	7.00pm
	20	Morning Service	10.30am
	27	Churches Together at CHURCH	10.30am
Nov	3	Family Service	10.30am
	10	Remembrance Sunday	
		At memorial	10.45 am
		At Church ( <i>Wicken Band in attendance</i> )	11.15 am
	17	Morning Service	10.30 am
	24	Churches Together at CHAPEL	10.00am
Dec	1	Family Service	10.30am

### CHURCH CONTACTS

For further information about events or services, or any other church matter, please contact:

#### Rural Dean

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## Thank You, Wicken!

The Sunday Teas on 8th September was in aid of Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge which helps homeless people.

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Sara Rains

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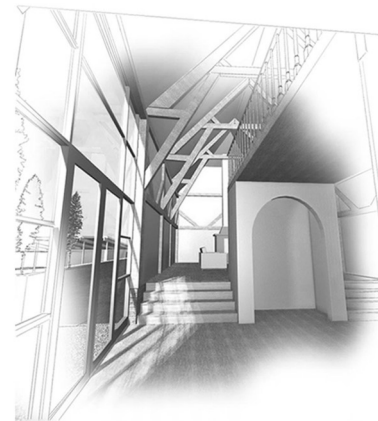
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I think we had a lovely dry spell during the summer holidays and hope you enjoyed yourselves.

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**Friday, 11 October 2019 and Friday, 8 November 2019**

Dalene will let you know plans for the day.

**Friday, 13 December 2019**

We meet to honour our Elders at the Christmas meal in the Village Hall.

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## Swallowtails

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In August we took a trip to Mid Norfolk railways and boarded a steam train from Dereham to Wymondham Abbey, finishing up at a village pub for lunch. We left with 52 members and brought 52 members home after a really pleasant day.

On 9th October we will have our Harvest Festival meeting with a lunch and a bring and buy stall. You are very welcome to join us the door is always open.

On 23rd October we have another musical entertainer which is based on 'Dads Army' which we are looking forward to.

Swallowtails will be having a tombola stall at the Christmas market, on 1st December, if you have any items to donate to boost our funds they will be gratefully received.

You don't have to be a OAP to come to Swallowtails, it is a Friendship Club, open to everyone who likes to spend time with friends on a Wednesday afternoon.

I do hope that many of you saw the wonderful flower display of a Swallowtail butterfly at the flower festival at the church. The arrangement was dedicated to Chris Tyler who founded the original Swallowtails. Chris was a lovely lady who worked so hard for Wicken, and she is sorely missed by us all. Our thanks to Pat Johnson and helpers for organising the display.

Hope to see you at our meetings some time soon, you will be made welcome.

Sue Wilson.

## Christmas Carol Flower Festival

This is an invitation to all you Christmassy creative types! When we have done the Living Advent Calendar in the past, I have been asked if we were doing it for charity, but of course, this would be impractical. So, I thought perhaps we could do an *indoor* Christmas Carol Festival and that the East Anglian Air Ambulance would be a good charity to support.

The idea is to choose a favourite Christmas carol or song - the whole thing, or just a verse or a line, and represent that on a windowsill inside the Methodist Church. You can use flowers, Christmas decorations, paper, wool, fabric, anything that will depict your chosen song in an interesting and vibrant way!

The church will open between 10am and 4pm on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December with collection boxes for donations. Refreshments will be served during this time. On Sunday at 3pm Wicken Coronation Band will play their traditional Carol Service (this is done in aid of Action for Children and there will be a separate collection).

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6th Nov	Meal	1300 hrs
20th Nov	Treasure Hunt with a difference!	1400 hrs
4th Dec	Christmas Party	1400—1700 hrs





## Giant Waste Incinerator

### Cambridgeshire County Council Are Being Forced To Defend Their Objection To A GIANT Waste Incinerator.

The application for an incinerator was rejected in 2018 by Cambridgeshire County Council but the developers are appealing so **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN BEFORE BONFIRE NIGHT.**

- The Waterbeach incinerator will be at Waterbeach, opposite the proposed New Town and schools on the A10, next door to ancient Denny Abbey, and only 2-3 miles away from schools in Cottenham. The huge furnaces will burn 24/7 for 35+ years.
- The chimney will tower to 80 metres – taller than Ely Cathedral which is 66 metres high.
- Particle emissions, dioxins and heavy metals from incinerators are believed to affect health. Incineration reduces recycling rates and contributes to climate change.
- To make it profitable, waste deliveries will come in from TEN counties as well as from Cambridgeshire, making our area a dumping ground. The A10 is already at capacity.
- This is **NOT** the right place for an incinerator, being so close to housing and schools.
- It is not the solution that scientists RECOMMEND for managing waste, increasing recycling, reducing plastic, even creating energy from waste, or protecting the climate.
- For more information about our concerns, please visit our website at: <https://www.cbwin.co.uk/>

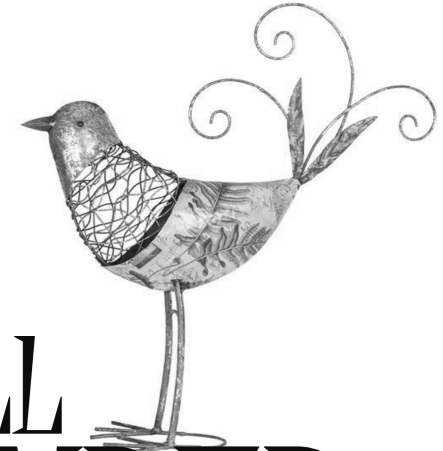
Cambridge Without Incineration (CBWIN) is a community campaigning group and was instrumental in defeating the initial planning application in 2018.

Running up to the appeal on 5<sup>th</sup> November, the community continues to be at a huge disadvantage to Amey Cespa, as they have very deep pockets and have instructed one of the best law firms in the country (London based). As the Public Inquiry (appeal) is now only weeks away there is added urgency to raise sufficient money so that CBWIN can afford legal and technical experts, to represent local residents in presenting the excellent case we have against this giant commercial and industrial incinerator on the edge of beautiful Waterbeach. CBWIN are registered formally as an interested party on the appeal.

Recently, our local concerns have also been echoed by The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, who has called on the Government to stop the building of 'archaic' polluting waste incinerators, as outlined in his opposition to a proposed incinerator in Bexley. The previous Secretary of State, James Brokenshire, also called in and rejected the appeal for a huge incinerator in Hoddesdon earlier this year. Not to mention the clear 'no more incinerators' taken by DEFRA's chief scientist Prof. Ian Boyd, Dame Sally Davies (NHS Chief Medical Officer and WHO executive) and ongoing parli

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Dawn Greenwood

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## Service of Remembrance

**SUNDAY 10th November 2019**

Act of Remembrance 10:45 at the Village Memorial

Service 11:15 at the Church  
 (Wicken Coronation Band in attendance)



*"Lest we forget"*





Fen Harvester & Wind Pump  
Luke Underwood

Our cutting management of the Sedge Fen is now well underway, and the Fen Harvester can be seen most days either cutting compartments of the Sedge Fen behind the Visitor Centre, or the sections alongside the drives. It's exciting that we'll be able to complete the cutting for the second year this year; the regular cuts ensure that the fen plant communities will thrive, and a healthy bird population is sustained.

Work starts on our café expansion project during October. We'll still be serving your favourite scones, soup, sausage rolls, sweet treats and drinks from a new mobile café unit next to the café while the work takes place. The work will finish in February next year, and we're excited that we'll be able to offer a wider range of delicious food for visitors to enjoy.

We're hoping to see lots of people from Burwell at our Walk for Wicken on

Sunday 13 October. It's our first ever sponsored walk, raising funds for our Eyes over the Fen project. You can choose either a 7.5km route along the picturesque Monk's Lode and through Baker's Fen or a 12.5km route that follows a raised path, off the beaten track, with elevated views over beautiful Burwell Fen. To find out more and to enter, see <http://bit.ly/walkforwickenfen>

Don't forget that you can join us with your family for lots of outdoor fun during October half term. As well as favourites such as Geocache Challenge (Wednesday 23 October) and the Fenland Spooktacular (Friday 25 October), there will be drop in activities throughout the holiday and the last chance for a boat trip this season.

There's a lot more information about Wicken Fen and our events on our website, go to <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen>

Julia Hammond

Join us at Anglesey Abbey as we welcome autumn along with all its glory. When the weather is on our side, head out into the gardens to explore nature's fiery colour palette as our grounds light up with autumnal shades. Enjoy the statuary in Temple Lawn that is highlighted by the bright colours of the trees that form their backdrop or take a walk to Lode Mill to enjoy the dainty purple and white cyclamen that blankets the ground beside the path. Stretch your legs further and head over to Coronation or Jubilee Avenue where you can walk through a tunnel of trees lit up with vibrant oranges and reds.

### Monthly Service of

#### Prayer & Healing

**4.30pm** at Wicken Methodist Church

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 9<sup>th</sup> December

An opportunity to pray for our friends, families, community, the wider world and ourselves, by following a service with a flexible format.

This is for Christians of all denominations and we also welcome anyone who feels they need prayer and have little or no experience of how to pray. We would love to be able to help and to guide you towards a deeper understanding of spiritual healing and wholeness.

If you would like to discuss this or, alternatively, if you would like to leave a prayer request, please refer to the contact details below.

### Tuesday morning

#### Bible Study *Tuesday mornings at 10.30am*

An opportunity to explore the Bible with fellow explorers, to ask questions and learn together.

This is for both Christians and for those seeking to know more about the Christian faith in a relaxed atmosphere.

If you would like to know more, please refer to the contact details below.

### Wednesday evening

#### Home Group *7.30pm in Soham*

A small group of people meet midweek in Soham to help each other to grow in faith through sharing and prayer. We are a non-denominational group and we come together for the sole purpose of fellowship and to offer praise and worship to God.

Please consider joining our Home Group for a little midweek nurture and fellowship. Alternatively, if you are exploring the Christian faith, our group is also a good starting point to hear the gospel and to discuss any issues relating to faith in a friendly environment.

We love new people coming along to join us, to breathe fresh life into the group, and it doesn't matter where you are in your faith journey or if you are just dipping your toe in to see what it's all about.

We would love to hear from you.

Julie Johnson – 01353 721260 – [juliesmessages@outlook.com](mailto:juliesmessages@outlook.com)

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When the inevitable rainy days hit our doorstep, pack your wellies and your brolly for a walk down to the House. We're inviting you to join us this autumn to explore nature in the collection. With over 10,000 objects to furnish his home, Lord Fairhaven built his collection out of many different materials, including wood, leather and precious stones. Journey through the House this season to discover how we conserve and preserve our collections.

We've got plenty going on for the kids and grandkids throughout the autumn months. From 19 -27 October, during half term, discover the secret world of the night-time creatures that call Anglesey Abbey home. Follow Anglesey's bats that you will see hanging around to embark on a quest of discovery that will take you in the House, Lode Mill and around the grounds. Drop into the Wildlife Welcome Hub along the way to get stuck into facts and finds about bats and their friends: from the delightful to the disgusting! Our Bat Roost Activity Space will be bustling with bat-tastic activities, talks and crafty fun.

Keep an eye out for more information on our new Christmas offer, Tinsel & Tweed that will take you on a journey back to the 1960s. A reminder also that our Winter Lights tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at [nationaltrust.org.uk/AngleseyAbbey](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/AngleseyAbbey) or via our Central Box Office: 0344 249 1895.

Chloe McMath

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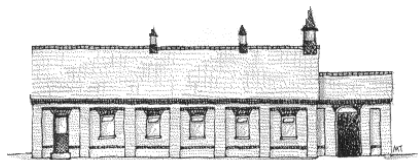
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The Village Hall has excellent facilities and there are generous discounts available for villagers. The website [www.wickenvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.wickenvillagehall.org.uk) has full details of rents, facilities and availability. Please don't hesitate to let us know if there are any other changes to the Hall you'd like to see and we'll certainly consider them.

To book the Hall please check availability on the website Hall diary, contact one of the committee members (preferably Jean Turner chairman on 01353 727054) to reserve the date, then download the booking form, complete it and drop it into Jean.

### Regular Events in the Village Hall

<b>Monday</b> 4.00 - 8.30 pm	Horizons Academy Ballet
<b>Tuesday</b> 9.30-12noon  Afternoon & evening	<b>Fen Tiggers:</b> Baby and toddler playgroup  *****Available for Hire*****
<b>Wednesday</b> Alternate Wednesdays Lunch time/2pm  7pm	<b>Swallowtails:</b> for all those wanting to get to meet people in the village and enjoy varied activities together  <b>Wicken Coronation Band practice</b>
<b>Thursday</b> 7-8pm	<b>Pilates - Mat, Ring and Band work - Mixed Ability</b>
<b>Friday</b> 1.30 pm - 3.30pm 4.00 - 8.30pm	<b>Art Class</b> <b>Horizons Academy Ballet (from September).</b>

Village Hall Management Committee Trustees

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Parish so we are not the forgotten neighbours anymore. As well as this, she was instrumental in organising the Christmas Fair. Without her it wouldn't have been the huge success that it was.

The second person I would like to thank is Gwynneth Griffiths. Without her, the Residents Association wouldn't function and I owe her a huge debt of gratitude for all the tireless work she puts in to make sure every single resident is kept informed of everything that is going on in the village and also helping to organise all of the events we have held in the last year.

Sharon Green  
URA Chairman

## Upware Residents Association - Chairman's Report

The 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Upware Residents Association has been a busy one. We started the year with our first Speedwatch session in August 2018 and have held several sessions since then. Hopefully it's had a positive impact to drivers coming through the village.

We had a presentation from Connecting Cambridgeshire about the village having alternative fibre broadband providers by the end of 2019. BT were spotted looking at overhead cables but so far no further progress seems to have been made.

Resident, Andy Davies very kindly spruced up the village notice board and he and Alan Haine made fantastic 'Please mind the Ducks' signs which on the whole seem to have slowed the majority of drivers down and be mindful of our feathered residents.

We had two fundraising firsts this year. Firstly, the hugely successful Christmas Fair which raised £800 towards the purchase of a defibrillator for the village. Along side that we had generous donations from G Webb Haulage, Francis Flower and the Wicken Fete committee helping us come close to our target just after Christmas. The second very successful fundraiser was the Easter quiz night which raised another £116 and meant that we could now buy and install the defibrillator. Residents unanimously felt that the best place to keep this was at the pub, which is after all the hub of the community, with resident, John Collacott kindly installing it. For a small community, managing to achieve this in a year is fantastic and I'd like to thank everyone who helped to realize this goal.

Resident, Andy Cogan gave us a fascinating talk about the history of Upware, adding to the ancient history we discovered last year with the archeological dig.

We had a stall at the Wicken Fete with many residents baking cakes and biscuits to sell. Although it was a blisteringly hot day we still had an enjoyable afternoon and made £50 for URA funds.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Upware village picnic took place at the beginning of July and everyone who attended had a great time including competing in the annual egg catching championships. Thanks to the raffle and Louisa and Peter Haine generously donating their ice cream profits, we raised a further £80 for the coffers.

Several members of the village took part in CPR and defibrillator training.. Many thanks to First Aid Training Solutions for providing the training free of charge. Donations on the night raised £130 to go towards replacement parts for the defibrillator when needed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank every single resident who has supported the URA over the last year. It has been a fantastic year and I'm very proud to be part of such a great community.

Finally, there are two people who deserve a very special mention. Firstly, Liz Tory for all her hard work on the Parish Council. She has ensured that Upware residents are heard and has raised the village's profile in the

## WICKEN VILLAGE HALL NEWS

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Picnic round the Pond. Once again it was a lovely summer's afternoon and it was great to see lots of people of all ages enjoying themselves on our beautiful village green.

We all enjoyed an afternoon of lovely cream teas and pimmis, and being entertained by Wicken Coronation Band. A big hit once again was the brilliant Dave Donut with his balloons and Punch and Judy show. The coconut shy was good fun and run brilliantly by Jason and his children. Last but not least thanks to all those who enjoyed and participated in our Wicken Sports providing us with lots of laughter.



### WHAT'S COMING NEXT? ...

**Come to the races!**

**Saturday 5 October**

**Doors open 6.45 first race 7.15**

**Tickets from Jean 01353 727054 or any committee member**

**Admission £10 (includes light supper)**

*The Race night works like this:* all races shown are in full colour, none older than 2012 and the professional commentary adds to the atmosphere. You place your bets with the in-house Tote and cheer your horse on to the finish.

Come along and join the fun; place your bets, follow your horse to the winning post and enjoy a light supper and bar.

**Wicken's own Christmas Fair**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12 noon – 4:00 p.m.**

The Hall will be full of tempting goodies: jewellery, crafts, gifts of all kinds to help you find the perfect gift or just treat yourself. As usual we will be serving festive, mince pies, mulled wine, bacon butties plus teas and homemade cakes. So come along and join us for this chance to do some Christmas shopping and to chat with friends and neighbours.

If you would like a stall they are just £15 please call Jean on 01353 727054 or get in touch with any committee member.



### Books, CDs and DVDs for sale in the Hall

We've expanded the book sales to include CDs and DVDs so come along and see what you'd like to buy. Or if you have books CDs or DVDs that you no longer want, why not bring them along so someone else can enjoy them.

### Update on Free wifi in the Hall

Connecting Cambridgeshire have now confirmed that our Village Hall has been selected for the installation of public access Wifi via the CambWifi network. No date has been given for this to take place but we will keep you posted.



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Wicken Windmill is open whenever the sails are turning.

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To help keep the Village Diary as informative as possible please let me have details of any weekly/monthly activities or any planned events as far in advance as possible. Hopefully this will aid planning for Village activities and avoid clashes.

The final copy date for articles for the December 2019 & January 2020 issue of Around & About is:

### FRIDAY 29th November 2019

For further details please refer to Editor's Note on page 5 - thanks.

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