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*The closing date for copy, early submissions are always appreciated, for the April/May issue of Around & About is: **FRIDAY 29th MARCH 2019***

*Items can be submitted electronically - Word, text, hand written or verbal; however you choose to submit please ensure that your name and contact details are included. **Photographs & images** should be submitted separately, e.g. jpg files.*

Please remember that the magazine is not circulated until the second week of the issue month so any activities for the first 2 weeks of the following magazine should also be submitted.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who help to distribute the magazine to your door and to all those who contribute articles - if you have anything that made you smile or an interest - gardening; cooking; photography etc., that you could write about please submit an item.

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*Thank you,
Merrilyn*

Report from the Parish Clerk

As you may recall in the last Around and About, Susan Woodroffe announced that she would be standing down as Parish Clerk with effect from the 31st December. Following a successful interview, I was offered the role with effect from 2nd January 2019. Susan is very kindly showing me the ropes and, with my knowledge of the village and my previous 8 years serving on the council, I should be up to speed quite soon.

If you need to contact me please feel free to email me on:

wickenparishcouncil@hotmail.com, 'phone me on 01353 723619, or stop me while I am walking my dog (although that's usually at 6amJ).

Parish Website

The Parish Council feels that the parish website is in need of updating and are looking for someone who would like to take this on as a project (free of charge please!). Please let me know if you are interested and I can let you know further details.

Hedges

As spring approaches can we please remind all residents and landowners to ensure their hedges are cut well back within their boundaries so that there is no overhanging foliage on to pathways, pavements or highways. This is an ongoing problem that we'd appreciate your help with. This also applies where hedges interfere with streetlights and road signs.

Precept

The Council has increased the Parish precept to £23,000 for 2019-20. We are seeing an increase in general expenses along with the need to meet the recommendations from last year's Audit to increase our contingency fund, which we will do gradually over the coming years.

Upware – Open Space

After several years, we are finally starting the process to accept the transfer of a piece of open space/recreational land to the Parish Council. This will be a benefit to the residents of Upware and we are appreciative of this opportunity. Once the legal elements are complete, we will work with the residents to decide how best to use the space.

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Parish Clerk

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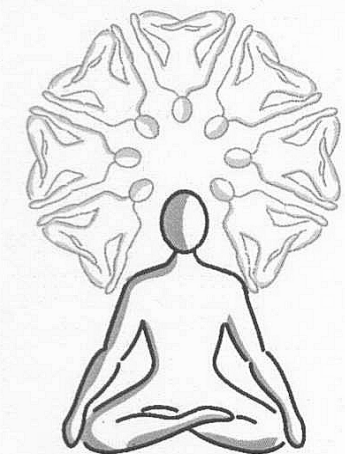
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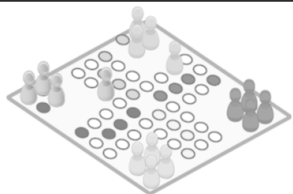
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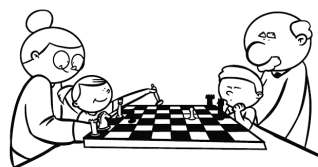
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We chased away the winter blues with a Family Games Night on Tuesday 22 January. With an open invitation to all family and friends, we played our way through board and card games and then had hot chocolate and biscuits. To round off the evening we split into teams and did some Minute-

to-Win-It games including: Snowball Shovel, Winter Wonderland Puzzles and Let's Build a Snowman.

We had so much fun we're going to have another Family Games Night on **Tuesday 19 February between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm** in the back room at the Methodist Church. If you would like to come along you are most welcome.



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If you have any queries about either of these events or would like to arrange a rehearsal visit please do not hesitate to contact Rachael Polsom, Administrator for Viva Arts and Community Group, Soham

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After a very busy and kind Christmas we are preparing for all that the early months of a New Year can bring. Cold weather amplifies the difficulties around not having a place to live and we thank you for your continuing support in the colder months ahead. From fundraising events, marathons, bike rides, haircuts, volunteers, comedy nights, raffles to name but a few, our local community has been every present in tremendous support during 2018. We could not have achieved the work that we do with the support of our community.

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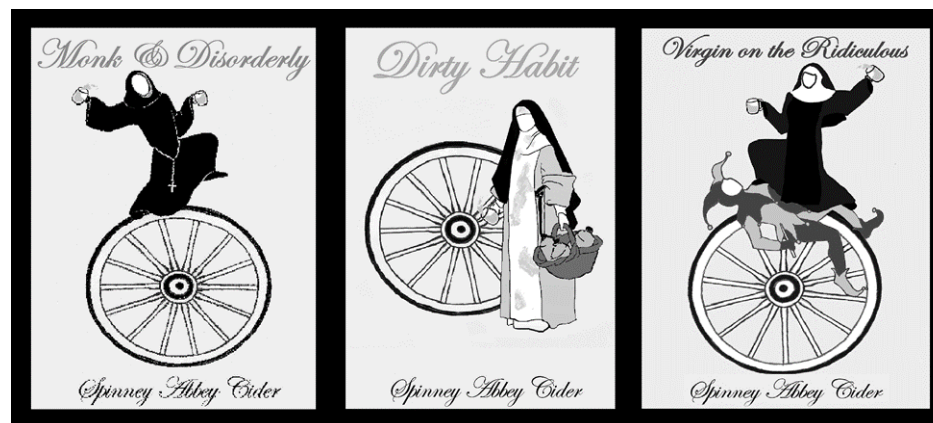
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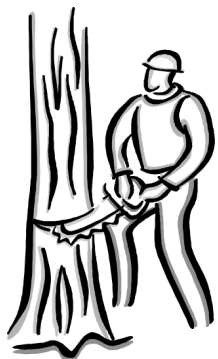
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Upware Residents Association had the first Christmas Fair on 9th December at The Five Miles. It was a very successful day and raised £800 towards the purchase of a village defibrillator.

We had 25 craft stalls from local businesses including bags, candles, Christmas gifts, and lots more. Father Christmas visited and gave out sweets to all the children.

Our thanks to Sharon Maggie Liz and Gwynneth on the fundraising committee for all their hard work. Also thanks to Lorraine and David for letting the URA use the 5 Miles to hold the event. Thanks also to WPC for the use of a marquee. Date for this years fair to be confirmed.

Gwyneth Griffiths



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We all enjoyed our Christmas Party in the village Hall with great food, interesting musical entertainment and the odd glass of wine to keep everyone mellow.

Our Christmas Lunch was a great success, held as always at The Five Miles Inn at Upware we had 71 members attending. Thanks to Lorraine, Steve and the Team for looking after us so well.

Our first January meeting featured our Fish and Chip lunch with 70 attending.

We have an interesting calendar of events planned for the near future including a visit to Romford Greyhounds in June (already nearly fully booked). We are also hoping to arrange a Mystery Coach Tour in the Spring and a further outing in early September.

Whilst everyone is very welcome to our meetings we cannot at present entertain new members when there is a meal in the Hall, cooking a 2 Course Meal for more than 70 is not possible with the present facilities.

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What does it involve? We start with the 2-mile loop past the visitors centre and back up to Cross Green, finishing back at Pond Green. For all, apart from our mad spaniel, this is at a very steady pace – there are people who haven't run for a long time and children for whom this is the limit of what they can do. We want that loop to be accessible to anyone who would like to join in.

Those that want to go further then set out on a second loop which has varied anywhere from 4-8 additional miles. Some of us are building towards a half-marathon so will gradually increase that mileage.

The only weekend's it won't be on are if we are away or if we are doing a running event. For example there are very relaxed and welcoming 5 and 10km runs in Barrow on 1st Sunday of the month. We will always post of the village Facebook page if it isn't happening.

All who have come have declared it to be very enjoyable – come and try it. We would love to join us.

Caroline, Lewis and Archie Robinson



SWALLOWTAILS PROGRAMME

Meetings at the Village Hall
Door Fee £1.00

13th Feb	Meal	1300 hrs
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Beer Festival

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Then we really need your help when we are setting up Thursday evening before the event, on the day could you help man the BBQ/soft drinks stall and then help clear up afterwards and on the Sunday morning? See below putting up marquees – strength and sledgehammer required??



The committee are now 16 years into running and organising this event and we are looking for the younger generation to come on-board to take this forward. We started this venture to raise money for the multi games arena and have been continuing to hold the event to keep the facilities we have, to add more play equipment and to keep this village event alive.

We all appreciate that we all lead very busy lives but the feedback we have is that this is a much loved event and you all enjoy it, we don't want to stop either but some members have moved away and others are no longer able to help and we are finding it hard to get more people to commit. For those who have helped in the past (thank you) and we will be in contact asking you to do so again, but if there is anybody out there who can help and become more involved then please do email me - Susan.woodroffe@hee.nhs.uk

The committee all look forward to seeing you on the recreation ground, Chapel Lane on the 11th May 2019 4-midnight or when the BBQ and beer runs out, hopefully it will be a little less like Glastonbury this year. Bands to be confirmed.

Susan Woodroffe

News from Wicken Fen

There's still an abundance of winter wildlife to see at Wicken Fen. Our Countryside Manager, Martin Lester, has been enjoying the sounds of corvids on the fen; the corvid family includes crows, jackdaws, rooks, magpies and jays. Martin recommends a walk along Monk's Lode to hear the chattering of jackdaws and rooks. There are around 1000 of them at the moment, and they come in to roost on St Edmund's Fen almost immediately before dark. It's a spectacular sight and sound!

Visitors are enjoying seeing the magnificent hen harriers as they overwinter here at Wicken Fen. If you can visit in the afternoon as the sun starts to set, head for the Visitor Centre, Boardwalk hide, or our new viewing platform to look out for hen harriers quartering over the fen, looking for a safe place to roost. Our friendly team will be happy to point you in the right direction.

It's the time of year when we start planning for the new season ahead, and looking for new volunteers to help us at Wicken Fen. If you have some spare time and would like to join our friendly team, we currently have some interesting volunteer opportunities available. If you'd like to find out a little more about volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Manager, Peter Green, email: peter.green@nationaltrust.org.uk

Join us for some fun family events for half-term including **Wintry Wild Art** on Tuesday 19 February and **Go Wild: Winter Outdoor Survival** on Thursday 21 February. We'll also be offering 'Wild Weather' activities in the Family Discovery Area of the Visitor Centre. Winter weather can be unpredictable, but we've got ideas to help families enjoy being outside whatever the weather.

Our **Mucky Pups** sessions for under 5s are 'Feathery February' (on 13 and 14 February) and 'Muddy March' (13 and 14 March); join us for outdoor fun, craft and adventure!

We've got some great adult events to get you outdoors, or learning something new. Our annual **World**


Wetlands Day Walk for adults is on Sunday 3 February. We're introducing creative writing workshops exploring fenland themes, the first of which, **Writing the Fens**, is on Saturday 9 March.

Those interested in art might like to try our **Painting the Fens** watercolours workshop on Saturday 30 March. Our final event celebrates Mother's Day on Sunday 31 March, when we'll be offering our

popular **Mothering Sunday Boat Trips** with a cream tea. Full details of all events and booking arrangements are available in the 'What's On' section of the Wicken website at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen



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as age takes over
seriously as of course
it do's eventually:
to all, who live
to tell the tale,
of Spring and Summer,
Autumn past and, then
Into cold Winter at
The last.

And now appears
a cavalcade
of instances, they
Parade like a news
reel before my eyes.
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08 February 2019

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Saturday, 09 March 2019

Save the Date for the **Community Breakfast** in the Village Hall from 9:30 – 11:30 am.

Saturday, 13 April 2019

Save the Date for the **Spring Tea** in the Village Hall from 3 pm to 5pm.

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'The Beginning is Always Today' – Mary Shelley

'Never confuse a single defeat with a final defeat' – F. Scott Fitzgerald

'I have Not failed. I have found a Thousand Ways that won't work' – Thomas Edison.

Dalene Murosa

Welcoming All Ladies

Stretham WI are celebrating their 100th anniversary in 2019 and wondered if there were any ladies in your area who may wish to join us for an informal meeting once a month.

You will notice from the following calendar, that we have a varied programme of events and we have a friendly and welcoming atmosphere. I believe that there is something on our calendar for our Centenary Year to suit everyone's tastes:

- 12th February:** 100th Anniversary Meal and talk by Mike Petty at the Bowls Club, Short Road, Stretham
- 12th March:** Bomb Disposal Expert by Lucy Lewis at the Bowls Club
- 9th April:** Visit to National Stud at Newmarket and Afternoon tea
- 14th May:** Resolutions at the SSRC Short Rd Stretham followed by Members' Evening of games and fun
- 11th June:** Let's paint a Chicken with Clive Dawson the Artist at the SSRC
- 9th July:** Forensic Science with Leisa Nichols-Drew at the SSRC
- 13th August:** Celebration Garden Party at 8 Newmarket Road
- 10th Sept:** My Life in Hats by Helen Tilley at the Bowls Club
- 8th October:** Harvest Supper and Games Evening at the Bowls Club
- 12th Nov:** AGM and Talk by Cambridgeshire Air Ambulance at the Bowls Club
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Ten Years On

Time puts on speed, you would think. We did the journey ten years ago for my sake, wanting to see again the site where I once took charmed holidays, the last in 1936. Beyond that I returned on a motorcycle in 1959, keeping my distance but ascertaining it was still occupied. This fine old house on a hill was named Three Chimneys for having one in each parish of Ridgewell, Birdbrook and Stambourne.

A chicken farmer succeeded my grandparents there but the next time I returned my partner and I found the place deserted, although a start had been made on restoration. Then ten years back Liz drove us there only to find the house hidden behind scrub, an old caravan apparently sheltering the owner who has remained a mystery. Ten years on then, Liz again gave way to my curiosity and we returned on the finest day of the year turning Suffolk into dreamland.

Nothing had changed but for the worse. The house stood firm with its six bedrooms and a cellar, the view a blissful exposure of England at its best. The nearest house, once two cottages, could supply us with no information about the deserted one, its owner apparently now in care, Three Chimneys lost for a caring owner.

The farm had been in bad hands for years, my grandfather no lover of hard work, his son lost for help, the mystery remaining as to how they got the lease. They lost their hold soon after my last childhood visit. The couple moved to Reach, living on Grandma's pension until his arrived. This was ten shillings, their house rent five shillings until they moved on to Swaffham Prior!

Only two years after their marriage their third daughter died in giving birth, a girl who eventually emigrated to America. My last visit to Ridgewell followed, finding Grandma in in pitiful mourning which shortened my visit, but the charm of that farm lingers, encouraging my later visits, leaving me wondering about its fate. Foxes and deer haunted the place, footpaths spread around it, the real thing matching the dream and memory. The journey was a joy, returning via Cavendish, Clare and Long Melford then Lavenham and home. My earlier returns had a lot to do with my art dealers

But there is still a wonderful house out there waiting to be restored. Don't ask me how my Grandparents got it but they were not cut out to stay. While developments spread almost everywhere my memory on the hill stand quite firmly unrequited.

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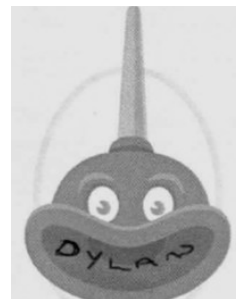
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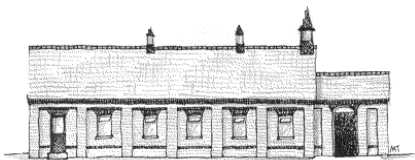
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Tuesday 9.30-12noon Afternoon & evening	Fen Tiggers: Baby and toddler playgroup *****Available for Hire*****
Wednesday Alternate Wednesdays Lunch time/2pm 7pm	Swallowtails: for all those wanting to get to meet people in the village and enjoy varied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

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Commission website.

The timetable for nomination and election of Trustees is as follows:

Tuesday 5 March onwards: those interested in being a Trustee should be proposed by someone in the parish and complete a form [available from the Chair of the existing Trustees]

Tuesday 19 March: Annual Meeting of the Charity: election of Trustees in the Village Hall: all welcome!

Do talk with one of us if you think you might be interested in joining us:

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How is the Village Hall Run

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The Hall has been run continuously by a committee on behalf of the PCC and the village since 1975, over 40 years. In 2017 the Hall was bought by the Parish Council from the Church. The great majority of Village Halls in England are owned by Parish Councils and this gives them permanence and security. Wicken Parish Council had to take out a loan to pay for the Hall and this led to a small increase in the Council Tax to pay for the loan.

The Hall is leased by the Parish Council to a new charity, registered with the Charities Commission, called the Wicken Jubilee Village Hall Charitable Incorporated Organisation: a bit of a mouthful. The lease is for 21 years and the Hall pays an annual rent of £10. So the Parish Council does not run the Hall or take part in the upkeep of the Hall. No public money is used to support the running of the Hall and all the running costs including oil, electricity, cleaning and all repairs must be covered from money raised by the Hall Committee who are officially Trustees of the Hall.

Funds to keep the Hall running come from the groups who regularly rent the Hall such as the Tiggers, Band and Swallowtails; one off events in the Hall such as parties and celebrations; and the events that the Hall Committee put on like the Spring Fair, Picnic round the Pond, Race nights and so on. On a year on year basis the Hall just breaks even and so it's vitally important that these events continue and are well supported by everyone in the village and beyond. It really is a case of 'use it or lose it'.

Annual Meeting of the Charity Tuesday 19 March 2019

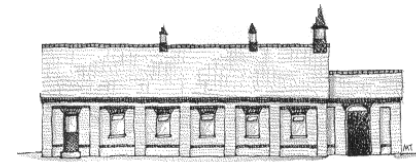
Under the rules of the Charity Commission, there must be an Annual Meeting of the Charity which is open to the public. At this annual meeting the Trustees are up for re-election if they wish.

As you'll know the Trustees have been working hard for the Hall for many years. While working hard, it's also creative and great fun being on the committee. You get involved in so many different things and meet lots of people. Skills like using social media are increasingly important and we're always eager for new ideas for events to run to appeal to different parts of the village.

This year we really want to bring on board new people with new ideas and energy to keep the Hall running effectively for the whole community. So if you are even the slightest bit interested in being involved with the Hall committee, do talk to one of the current Trustees about what's involved. We're all very happy to talk with you and explain more about what we do. You need to be over 16 years old, live in the parish of Wicken and Upware, and not have a criminal conviction. If you want to find out more about charities and what Trustees do, check out the Charity Commission website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>.

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News from Wicken Village Hall

Spring Fair and Preloved sale:

Sunday 28th April

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Book Sale

Remember there is a Book Sale always available on the Hall so do drop in for some new books. Or drop off any books you no longer need so others can enjoy them.

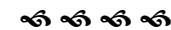
Please don't hesitate to let us know if there are any other changes to the Hall you'd like to see and we'll certainly consider them.



Bookings for the Hall

The Village Hall has excellent facilities and there are generous discounts available for villagers. The website www.wickenvillagehall.org.uk has full details of rents, facilities and availability.

To book the Village Hall please check the Hall diary on the website for availability, contact one of the committee members [preferably Jean Turner chairman on 07850 433472] to reserve the date, then download the booking form, complete it and drop it into Jean.



Village Hall Management Committee Trustees

Current Committee trustees are:

Jean Turner – *Chair*: 727 054 Sophie Leek – *Secretary*: 721 681
Jack White – *Treasurer*: 723 342 Caroline Blott: 721 480 Jason Clarke
Carol Clay 721 555 Sonia Jones: 727 140 Jilly Rogers: 721 611
Sue Wilson: 721 037

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Parish Council Meetings are held in the Village Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 1930 hrs.

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Sunday	Church Services (Anglican)	n.a.
Sunday	Methodist Church Services	weekly 1030 hrs

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 February/March 2019 issue of Around & About is:

FRIDAY 29th MARCH 2019

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