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## Editor's Note

There are many Village activities to look forward to over the summer period from Wicken Fete & Dog Show, Flower & Produce Show, Picnic Round the Pond and of course the regular Sunday Teas, hopefully you will you find an opportunity to enjoy community life during the coming months.

The closing date for copy, early submissions are always appreciated, for the August/September issue of Around  $\mathcal{E}_{T}$  About is:

## FRIDAY 26th JULY 2019

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Thank you, Merrílyn

#### **Report from the Parish Clerk**

#### **Local Election**

The local election for the Parish Council was uncontested and saw the departure of Jonny Fuller and Peter Fuller and welcomed back Peter Rash. The Council would like to thank Jonny and Peter for their hard work and dedication and they will both be greatly missed. The Parish Council is grateful that Jonny has agreed to continue with the cycle path project, a project which he has led on whilst serving as a Councillor.

#### **Casual Vacancy**

The Parish Council now has one vacancy and details of this is advertised on the notice boards, the website and in the Around and About. The closing date for applications is the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and a Councillor will be co-opted at the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019. (See page 8 for details.)

#### Pond Green Play Area

We are delighted that the grant application for the refurbishment of the play area has been successful. Thanks to all involved for achieving this, it's not been easy! We hope work can commence later this year.

#### **Peter Fuller**

Peter has been a Councillor on Wicken Parish continuously since 1965, following his father and grandfather. His experience, cheerful disposition and the great respect in which he is held in the village made him an invaluable member of the Council team. During his 54 years continuous

service, including three sessions as chairman, he rarely missed a meeting and gave his time freely and regularly to support a variety of projects in the village.

His service to Wicken, Upware and Padney as a Councillor has been exceptional and unequalled. The Council meetings will not be the same without him!





#### **Sunday Teas**

#### June:

2nd Methodist Church

9th Village Hall

16th Methodist Church

- 23rd St Laurence's Church
- 30th Methodist Church

#### July:

- 7th Village Hall (Open Art)
- 14th Village Hall (Open Art)
- 21st St Laurence's Church
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#### Notice of Casual Vacancy to be filled by Co-option

Following the uncontested election, Wicken Parish Council wishes to fill the 1 vacancy of Councillor by co-option at its Parish Council meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

The Council may co-opt any person who is legally qualified to hold such office, and who is willing to serve provided they are a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Union, and are neither the subject of a bankruptcy restriction order or interim order or have, within five years before the day of the election, been convicted in the United Kingdom of any offence and have had a prison sentence (whether suspended or not) for a period of over three months without the option of a fine.

Provided the person also satisfies at least **ONE** of the following they may be apply.

- They are registered as a local government elector for the parish
- They have during the whole of the preceding twelve months occupied as owner or tenant, any land or premises in the parish
- Their principal or only place of work during the preceding twelve months has been in the parish
- During the twelve months resided in that area or
- They have during the whole of the preceding twelve months resided in the parish or within 4.8 km of it
- They are 18 years or older on the day you become nominated for election

Disqualification from being elected is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.

Written expressions of interest from persons wishing to serve as a councillor needto be submitted to the Clerk of the council (address above).

The closing date for the written submission of interest is **9**<sup>th</sup> **June 2019** and following that date the council will fill the casual vacancy by co-option.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Clerk to the Council and Proper Officer 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

#### **Coffee Morning**

#### A Father's Prayer

'Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, humble and gentle in victory. Build me a son whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be; a son who will know You... Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge.

Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail. Build me a son whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the lessons of the past.

After all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humour, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain."

Prayer by General Douglas MacArthur (a hero of WWII) submitted by Dalene Musora



#### **Coffee Morning**

We had an elegant layout for the Spring Tea... much thanks to Liz Jugg and family, Caroline Delph and Susan Hall for the delicious treats and all who came by.

We met in the Methodist Chapel to listen to a wonderful selection of music played on the very temperamental organ by Jenny Sargent... excellent choice Jenny.

#### Friday, 14 June 2019

Dalene will let us know where we will go or what we will do.

#### Saturday, 29 June 2019

See us on the Bric-a-Brac stall at the Fete. We look forward to collecting the stuff you want to get rid of/give away.

#### Friday, 12 July 2019

Dalene will let us know where we will go or what we will do.

#### THERE IS NO MEETING IN AUGUST

#### Saturday, 14 September 2019

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#### The Role of a Councillor on Wicken Parish Council

Wicken Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. The council is made up of 9 Councillors with Liz Houghton as Chair and Jilly Rogers as Vice Chair. The Clerk to the Council is Rachel Earl. Wicken Parish Council covers Wicken, Upware and Padney. Each councillor is also a member of a sub-committee which is either the Allotments Sub-committee or the Burial Board. These committees meet as and when necessary.

A general description of the Parish Council's role is to develop, manage and maintain infrastructure and public facilities and open spaces.

The main responsibility of a Parish Councillor is to represent the views of all residents within the parish. Within the role you will also:

- Be part of the planning process, commenting on planning applications in the parish.
- Help maintain the village greens and recreation ground
- Help to improve the quality of life and the environment in the local area.
- Help to improve facilities in the village

#### Recent projects have been:

The purchase of the Village Hall The purchase and installation of a zip wire and outdoor gym on the Recreation Ground

#### Current projects are:

Wicken to Soham Cycle Path Grant application for a new play area on Pond Green Grant application for improvement to the pathways in the cemetery Grant application for the refurbishment of the Mortuary Chapel Obtaining an open space in Upware

Although not essential, the Parish Council uses email for information distribution so access to the internet would be beneficial.

Further information on the role of Parish Councillor can be found on the National Association of Local Councils website. www.nalc.gov.uk



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#### Application to fill CASUAL VACANCY

Wicken Parish Council wishes to fill the vacancy of Councillor by co-option.

Please tick all that apply

To qualify a person must on the day of election be a British subject or citizen of the European Union or Ireland and attained the age of 18 years and



- a) on that day is and therefore continues to be a local government elector for the area of the authority and/or
- b) has during the whole 12 month preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the area and/or
- c) has their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in the area and/or



- d) has during the twelve months resided in that area and/or
- e) during the whole twelve months has resided in the parish or within three miles of it.

Disqualification from being elected a member is set out in Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972.





#### **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

A person is disqualified for being elected as a local councillor or being a member of a local council if he/she -

- (a) holds any paid office or employment of the local council (other than the office of Chairman) or of a joint committee on which the council is represented; or
- (b) is a person who has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors (but see below); or
- (c) has within 5 years before the day of election, or since his/her election, been convicted in the U.K., Channel Islands or Isle of Man of any offence and has been sentenced to imprisonment (whether suspended or not) for not less than 3 months without the option of a fine; or
- (d) is otherwise disqualified under Part lit of the Representation of the People Act 1983 for corrupt or illegal practices, or under the Audit Commission Act 1998 consequent upon audit proceedings.

The disqualification for bankruptcy ceases in the following circumstances:-

- (a) if the bankruptcy is annulled on the grounds that either the person ought not to have been adjudged bankrupt or that his/her debts have been fully discharged;
- (b) if the person is discharged with a certificate that the bankruptcy was caused by misfortune without any misconduct on his/her part;
- (c) if the person is discharged without such a certificate.

In (a) and (b) above, the disqualification ceases on the date of the annulment and discharge respectively. In (c), it ceases on the expiry of 5 years from the date of discharge.

The disqualification for composition or arrangements with creditors ceases upon payment of the debts in full or on the expiry of 5 years from the date on which the terms of the composition or arrangement are fulfilled.

A person who is disqualified from being elected or holding office as a member of a local council is also disqualified for being a member of a committee or sub-committee of that council or for being a representative of the council on a joint committee involving that council. (s. 104).

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Full Name:	
Address:	
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#### This term of office will be held until May 2023

If co-opted, you will be required to comply with Wicken Parish Council's Code of Conduct and sign a Declaration of Register of Interests.

I..... Confirm that I am eligible for the vacancy at Wicken Parish Council, and the information given on this form is true and an accurate record.

Signature.....

Date.....

Please note this information will not be used by the Parish Council for any other purpose than considering your application for co-option to the Parish Council, **unless** you are successfully co-opted, when your information will be retained by the Parish Council so that you may be contacted for Parish Council purposes.

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A visual survey was carried out, prior to work commencing, to ensure no nesting birds were present, or evidence of nesting birds, of which there were none."

I would also point out I am a qualified LANTRA Professional Tree Inspector and do carry out health and safety surveys of trees on a regular basis, and I am therefore in a position to pass comment on the safety of the tree. Had I been asked to inspect the tree, by any party, my advice would have been the same – to remove the tree.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Kidd

#### **Cambridgeshire Families Need You**

#### Summer 2019

#### Could you Help at Home? Cambridgeshire families need you!

Here at East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) we thrive off the generous support of our volunteers across all areas of the charity. This summer, we're recruiting enthusiastic volunteers for our Help at Home programme. The families who receive support from us would often also benefit from practical support at home. For them, spending time together and making the most of every moment is much more important than doing the ironing or cutting the grass. And that's where you come in. The families need volunteers ready to step into their homes and relieve some of the burden by taking on these household tasks!

The Help at Home programme at EACH is such a valuable part of the support service we offer. Charlotte Redmond, EACH Volunteer Coordinator, says: "I only started working at EACH a few weeks ago and already I'm seeing what an amazing effect the Help at Home programme can have on the lives of families. I've no doubt we should be expanding the programme to reach more families who need simple practical support to make their day-to-day lives that little bit easier."

The only thing you need to get involved is time to give. You can get more information by contacting Charlotte at <u>charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk</u> or on 07889 251385. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities at EACH. You can visit the website <u>www.each.org.uk</u> to find out how you can support us.

Charlotte Redmond

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#### WPC Chairman's Report 2017-2018

This last year has seen steady progress on some projects with, until recently, fewer planning concerns. A scheme for low cost housing was submitted in the summer and the Council is supportive of the proposal. It has not yet cleared planning, so we are hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.

Although the 2018 Local Plan seemed to have gone on the back burner, this too has re-reared its head with a difference of views between East Cambs and the Planning Inspector. This has resulted in East Cambs reverting to its 2015 Plan, which was originally adopted and then challenged culminating in a further redraft of the Plan. The 2015 Plan categorises Wicken as a small village with limited development. However, this Plan will not be completely sound until April 2020. In the interim there is a risk of further speculative planning applications across the district. Wicken has one such application pending for 22 houses which has been vehemently objected to by the Parish Council on sustainability grounds.

The new 40mph buffer zones were implemented during the spring of last year and just last month the double yellows appeared at the top of Butts Lane and Chapel Lane. The anecdotal evidence shows that all these have made a positive impact. The phenomenal fund raising achieved by the village for the purchase of the speed safety signs was tremendous and without doubt the flashing signs have had a marked affect on the speed of traffic coming through the village. There will always be idiots, but it's hard to legislate for them! In addition, it appears that the opening of the Ely bypass has reduced the number of lorries coming through the village. We hope this diminishes further with the opening of the new A14 motorway; our County Councillor tells us it will.

Our recent bid for safety improvements at the junctions of Butts Lane/High Street and Lode Lane/North Street have failed. We have requested feedback to understand why this should be the case.

The Wicken-Soham cycle path is still being pursued and we are grateful to Highways for providing us with nearly 100 tons of road planings towards this and for repairing the passing places on Padney Road.

The pond was cleaned out in the Autumn and our thanks go to Councillor Jonny Fuller for helping co-ordinate and help get the work done. Not only did he give his time but he also supplied a tractor and trailer to remove the spoil and a place to dispose of it. This saved us a considerable sum for which we are grateful.

The transfer of recreational land at Upware that has been in the pipeline for years, is finally coming to fruition. The conveyance is progressing with our respective solicitors. We have confirmed the boundary and once we have full ownership, we will be working with parishioners to develop the area into a community facility.

Thanks are extended to ClIrs Cecile Bye and Jilly Rogers for their work in pulling together the funding and grant applications for replacement equipment in the small play park on Pond Green and for disabled access improvements

#### Letter to the Editor from Mr. & Mrs. Kidd

We have purchased one of the plots on Back Lane and the building for our new house started in early May. We are very much looking forward to making Wicken our new home. We've walked our dogs there for years, and almost moved to the village 20 years ago.

Many of the village residents will have noticed that we sadly had to remove one of the trees (the Ash) at the front of our plot. Unfortunately we are aware that there has been a lot of misinformation spread about the removal of the tree, and planned work on the remaining Walnut tree. We are therefore writing to hopefully clarify. The last thing we want is for there to be any ill feeling.

Our hope was to rescue both the Ash and the Walnut. We asked a qualified tree surgeon to look at them and give advice. The tree surgeon quickly noticed that the Ash was rotting and was a danger. As to the Walnut we dearly hope to be able to recover it. Once the bird nesting season is over, the tree surgeons will cut the ivy, and then return later in the year to remove some of it, inspect the tree more fully, and do whatever is necessary to restore it to health. The ECDC Tree Officer is aware of all of this, and is happy with the work to date and further plans.

The notes from the tree surgeon follow:

*"In reference to the ongoing discussions over the removal of the Ash tree on Back Lane, Wicken, I would make the following points –* 

The Ash tree was in a state of severe decline, this was evident by:

- Extensive Deadwood in the crown
- Evidence of previous failed limbs and branches
- Extensive decay in the main stem

As the tree has now been removed, I believe it is also clear from looking at the stump that the tree had severe decay within the main stem.

These factors all together would make the tree dangerous, and at risk of failing.

I also consider the tree to have been located in a high target positon due to -

- The lane, which is used by vehicles
- The fact the lane is a public right of way which is frequently used by members of the public, on foot
- The neighbouring properties and outbuildings

The fact you are building on the site next to the tree would have been a secondary consideration in deciding the target risk, however obviously this was also taken into consideration.

As the owner of the tree you owe a duty of care to members of the public, and any other person, who could have been effected if the tree had failed. Having brought to your attention the decay in the tree, had you not had work carried out, you could have been negligent if the tree had failed.

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in the cemetery. Anyone that has ever been involved in trying to obtain grant funding will know how frustrating and demanding this process can be. We expect responses to the applications sometime during the summer. If they are successful, work could commence in the Autumn.

We are working on a revised Parish website which will be easier to navigate and enable Parish documents to be more readily located. Our thanks to Matt Cannon for volunteering to take on this project and for hosting the website etc free of charge.

Our finances are still tight but being monitored closely. On the recommendation of the Auditor, we are having to increase our contingency fund by £8,000. We will increment this each year until the target is achieved. We are in the process of reviewing all the Parish street lights and, pending receipt of a quote from Balfour Beatty, we hope to start a programme of works to replace our very old (over 40 years old!) lights. Some are already defunct so these will be replaced first.

In December we saw the departure of Susan Woodroffe as our Clerk who was replaced by Rachel Earl. Many of you will know Rachel as she was previously a Parish Councillor.

This year, after a four-year term, the Council is up for re-election. We will not be having a Parish election as only 8 people put up for the 9 places available. This means that after our meeting in May, the Council may co-opt someone to fill the vacancy. This will be advertised in due course. However, there will be a District Council election. Hamish Ross is standing down from the District Council and I'd like to express our thanks to him for his unstinting support for this Council. He will be much missed.

Two Parish Councillors are standing down this year too; Councillor Jonny Fuller and Councillor Peter Fuller. We hope Jonny will come back to us at a future date and we thank him for his help and support during his time on the council. Peter has been a Councillor on Wicken Parish continuously since 1965, 54 years, during which he served three stints as chairman. This is longer than some of the parish councillors have been alive! Peter's enthusiasm, input, initiative, boundless energy and knowledge always makes our meetings interesting and his many voluntary deeds have meant that our community has benefited considerably both financially and aesthetically. I am sure we will all miss him and hope that he keeps in touch and reflects with satisfaction all that he has done and achieved for this Parish.

As ever, we are grateful to the many volunteers who help us in the work we do and ensure our community thrives. Without them much of what is achieved would not happen. We are extremely lucky to have a community that cares.

As always, I would like to thank my fellow councillors, our District Councillors and our County Councillor for the contributions they've made throughout the year and for their continued support.

Liz Houghton 723157

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#### Baked by a Bloke - Flapjacks

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#### Challenge Bake – Chocolate Cake

We've gone for something a bit more indulgent this year. According to the recipe this cake is easy to make and keeps well, so we hope lots of you will have a go this year. After all, even if you don't get a prize, you've got a yummy chocolate cake to enjoy!

Please can all cups, polished and engraved with your name, be returned to me between  $7^{th}$  and  $14^{th}$  July, if this is a problem please give me a ring on 01353 721857.

Whether you're a regular or a newcomer, we look forward to welcoming you all, either as exhibitors or spectators. Please remember that entry forms must be with me at 21 Chapel Lane, by 9.00 pm on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July. Have a great day and good luck!

Susan Woodroffe (Show Secretary) 01353 721857

#### Wicken Flower & Produce Show - Hints Tips

This year's Flower and Produce Show will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall, and the schedule is included in this issue of Around and About. Please have a look at the schedule and start thinking about entering something this year. It's only 20p per entry and, even if you suspect you won't win a prize, you will be supporting a long standing Wicken tradition, meeting up with other villagers, having a cuppa and a natter and, maybe, taking home a raffle prize or two! It's also worth remembering that, whatever the weather does between now and the Show, we are all in the same boat and face the same gardening challenges, so your veggies stand the same chance of success as everyone else's!

We offer the same advice every year, but it's worth taking the time to read it when you are thinking about what to show and how to show it. It's very important to read the schedule carefully - if it says 6 shallots, it means just that. Start harvesting at least a day before. Many flowers can sit happily in water for a day or so. Most veg and freshly dug root vegetables can be kept under the protective wrapping of a damp towel. OK, the leaves go limp, but you are trimming them to 3 inches anyway [read the schedule!]. Courgettes can be kept in the crisper part of your fridge for a week - but take care to keep that faded flower attached at the end. The judge will love you for it! Handle the actual exhibits as little as possible - many have a natural bloom, also loved by judges. Make sure that everything is clean and free from any pests and diseases. Even when you think everything is safely displayed check again. Slugs are very good at hiding and a silver slug trail won't help you win a first prize! Remember, a quarter of the points awarded are for uniformity, so if your beans are beautiful but different sizes you will lose points immediately. The same applies to baking - sausage rolls, scones and jam tarts all need to be the same size to get the best marks. To make sure the judges focus on the produce not the presentation, we will provide a paper plate and plastic wrap for each exhibit, whatever the category, but please bring your own vases for flowers.

Last year's show was well supported by the youngsters and we really hope this year will be too. Remember, children don't have to live in the village, so long as they have a relative in the village, they can enter any of the children's categories. We've kept the special prizes for the children's categories again this year and each child who enters will have a little 'thank you' next to their exhibits when they come to see how they did. This year the subject for the painting or drawing (No 37) is 'My Family'. It really doesn't matter how 'abstract' it is, the judge is made aware of the child's age and takes this into consideration when making her selection. Remember, there is no entry fee for children's classes.

#### Photograph Competition – Your Garden

Again, we are staying with the traditional theme of your garden. It could be the whole garden, a flower bed or a plant you're particularly pleased with. It doesn't have to be a summer scene, if it is of your garden it will be eligible. Please remember the maximum size for the photograph is A4.

#### Mobile Library Service

The Mobile Library visits every third Thursday:



Upware Road, arriving at 1400 hrs and departing at 1420 hrs. Wicken Village Hall, arriving at 1430 hrs and departing at 1500 hrs

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#### **YB Beginners**

Are you aged 7 or over and would you like to learn to play a brass instrument?

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If you are already a competent brass player and would like to come along and try our Youth Brass Band they practice on Monday evening 7-00pm - 8.30pm and on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm - 7.30pm

For more information please contact Pat or Laurence: 01353 721863 / 07960128236 email: <a href="https://www.up.enable.com">l.p.finlayson@btinternet.com</a>

If you are a front row cornet player and would like to join the Wicken Brass Band we practice on Wednesday evenings 7.30pm – 9.30pm.

For more information please contact: Robert 01353 968170 / 07792826250 email: <a href="mailto:peacockberyl@aol.com">peacockberyl@aol.com</a>

Patricia Finlayson

#### **Fete Donations**

In the lead up to Wicken Fete (Saturday 29 June), volunteers will call round to collect any donations you may have for the Fete.

We would be pleased to accept items suitable for the Bottle Tombola, Draw Prizes and Bric-A-Brac Stall. No clothing, please.

Collection should take place week commencing 15 June.

If you would prefer, Clifford and Pauline Price will take your donations - please deliver to 7 Pond Green.

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The Fete Committee

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#### **Upware Quiz Night**

In April the Upware Residents Association held the first Quiz night at The 5 Miles. There were 10 teams and a fantastic night was had by all. It was so successful that we have decided to hold them on a regular basis. Please look out for details in the next few months for dates in November February and May Thanks go to the fundraising committee for all their help and to Clive Griffiths for bring the Quiz Master.

#### Gwynneth Griffiths





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#### Wicken Beer Festival 2019



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and support of the Recreation Ground Committee and the many helpers that step forward. The extra muscle that appeared with setting up and removing the tents ensured they were erected in record time; three marquees up in an hour - great effort chaps! - and all was cleared and put away by midday on the Sunday.

Thank you again for making this annual event such a success. We hope to see you all again next year.....

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#### **Swallowtails**

This Swallowtails activity report starts on a sad note as we grieve the death of Chrissie Tyler.

Chrissie attended our meetings regularly and always had a smile on her face; she was also a key person in the previous Swallowtails. For some while now we have missed Chrissie at our meetings as illness meant that she was unable to attend. Our thoughts, love and prayers go out to Bob and his family.

Our Table Games afternoon, complete with picture quizzes was a success and we have enjoyed roast beef and Yorkshire puddings prepared and cooked for us by Sue.

Our AGM was well attended and the meeting re-elected Sue as Chairman; Nigel as Treasurer; Merrilyn as Secretary and Bob; Carol (C); Margaret; Marlene and Phyl as Committee Members. Pauline stood down from the Committee this year and the meeting expressed their thanks to Pauline for her service on the Committee and in particular the for the task of ensuring that members received birthday cards.

The weather was once again kind to us as we flitted round the village for our last meeting Scavenger Hunt, making a chain of eight daisies took 'mega concentration' for some of members ..... !!! We also had an indoor version for the less mobile of us.; with a surprising number of cheques books being produced, much to the disappointment of Carol (T) who didn't have one.

Our next meeting is a visit to the Romford Dog Track when a coach fill of members will enjoy a meal and a flutter - some will no doubt come home with winnings!! Whilst everyone is welcome to attend our meetings we are unable, at present to take further numbers for our

#### News from the Fen

Our Nature Trail open on 1<sup>st</sup> June, when the fen will be full of lush green foliage and fen flowers. It's a lovely summer walk of 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles around the ancient Sedge Fen, where you'll also have the chance to see butterflies and dragonflies on the wing. Look out for marsh orchids, ragged robin, yellow loosestrife and marsh thistle amongst the foliage.

We're still enjoying hearing the male and female cuckoos on the reserve. The male gives the distinctive 'cu-ckoo' call that we all know and love, but you may not have heard the females bubbling call. Listen out next time you are out walking at Wicken Fen. It's great to be able to hear and see these birds when their numbers are declining, and your support helps us maintain their habitats.

Now that we're feeling the warmth of the sun more often, we can really enjoy the outdoors and being closer to nature. Join us for a boat trip along the Wicken Lode if you enjoy a leisurely summer outing, or bring your bike (or hire one from our Cycle Centre) if active exploration is your thing! It's worth calling to book your boat trip at busy times (weekends and school holidays), telephone 01353 720274. Boat trips and cycle hire are available every day until the end of October.

Our programme of adult events continues with **An evening with Tony Juniper** on Friday 14 June 19:30-21:30. Join us for a lively look at the future of conservation in the UK, and how the Wicken Fen Vision is contributing to the way forward, with the newly appointed Natural England chair. The second of our series of writing workshops **People in the Landscape: the Fens** takes place on Saturday 15 June 10:00-14:00. Writer-in-residence Guinevere Glasfurd leads a half day workshop investigating the stories of our local history. We also see local basketmaker Nadine Anderson return for her popular **Rush Weaving Workshop** on Saturday 29 June 10:00-16:00, and local printmaker Judith Handley return for her second **Introduction to Lino Printing Workshop** on Saturday 20 July 10:00 - 16:00.

Advance booking is essential for all events at Wicken Fen. Full details and ticketing information can be found on our website: <u>www.nationaltrust.org.uk/</u><u>wicken-fen</u>

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## Cambridge Open Studios Mini-Guide – Wicken

Visit local artists this July when they open their studios free to the public. The codes indicating which weekends the artist's will be exhibiting are as follows: Weekend (1) 6/7 July Weekend (2) 13/14 July Weekend (3) 20/21 July Weekend (4) 27/28 July

#### 178 Di Cope Landscapes in oils, and more

95 North Street (Studio above garage – please use stairs), Burwell, Cambridge, CB25 0BB

Visit an oil painter at work. Local landscapes. Browse, have a cold drink. Original work, prints, and greeting cards available to buy. Weekends: 1, 2, 3

#### 179 Annie Brown Needle felting and mixed media

75 Station Road, Fordham, Ely, CB7 5LP - anniebrownneedlefelting.co.uk Landscapes and vibrant semi-abstract needle-felted paintings made with handdyed wool from my rare-breed sheep. Weekends: 1, 2, 3, 4

#### 180 Paul and Kate Janssens *Travel inspired painting and jewellery*

3 River Lane, Fordham, Ely, CB7 5PF - pauljanssens.co.uk Painting in oil, acrylic with collage on wood. Handcrafted jewellery in silver, copper, enamel and semi-precious stones. Sketchbooks from travels. Weekends: 1, 2, 3

#### 181 Karen Larwood Bold, vibrant, textured paintings

39 Fordham Road, Soham, CB7 5AH - karenlarwood22@gmail.com I produce vibrant, powerful oil paintings that are continually inspired by the colour, pattern and texture of our natural environment. Weekends: 1, 2, 3, 4

182 Janene Elise Pike and Lindy Jane Rainbow *Mixed-media, textiles* 31 High Street, Wicken, CB7 5XR - janene-art.weebly.com, janene\_je@hotmail.com. Daughter-and-mother collaboration. Janene uses many processes and techniques, from painting to digital manipulation, and Lindy works with textiles. Weekends: 1, 2, 4

#### 183 Fen Five Painting glass work and printmaking

Wicken Village Hall, High Street, Wicken, CB7 5XR kittysdriftstudio@gmail.com Barbara Harlow, Rosemary Scott, Sue Spence, Elizabeth Edwards and Nicola Bramley. Paintings, printmaking and glass work. Refreshments. Parking. Weekends: 1. 2

#### 184 Anthony Day Painting, drawing

12 Pond Green, Wicken, nr Ely, CB7 5XX - anthonydayartist.co.uk Open two weekends this year, but access by phone always for a green welcome. Weekends: 1, 2

Visit <u>www.camopenstudios.co.uk</u> to find out more or download the Cambridge Open Studios app. Free Guide Book available from June.



#### **Upware Residents Association**

UPWARE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Dates for the Upware Residents diaries

Saturday June 29th Come to the Wicken Fete. We will be having a cake and confectionery stall. All proceeds to the URA. Volunteers needed to bake cakes and help on the day.

#### Sunday 7th July

Picnic In The Park on the EA green in the village. <u>From 12 noon</u> - bring your own picnics and drinks. Organised games and a raffle. Well behaved dogs welcome.

November, February and May Quiz nights at The 5 Miles Dates TBC

<u>Sunday 8th December</u> Christmas Fayre at The 5 Miles From 12noon More info to follow

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Jo Riches

#### Wicken Runners



Wicken Runners continues to go from strength to strength. We meet each Sunday at 9am by the children's play park on Pond Green. All are welcome – minimum distance is 2 miles, with others running up to 13 miles.

A special mention has to go to Helen who is the most loyal member of the run club and recently completed her first half marathon in great style.

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#### Numbers

"He counteth the number of the stars and telleth them all y their names" Book of Psalms

We are all staggered by numbers , especially the astronomic ones - it seems that the stars, and even galaxies, are literally uncountable. But even the numbers concerning our own bodies turn out to be remarkable. The human eye has about 137 million separate 'seeing' elements spread out on the sheet of the retina. The number of nerve lines leading from them to the brain gradually condenses down to a little over a million. Each of these finds its way to the brain. The brain is one thick tangled jungle of exchanges and branching lines. This is a wonder of wonders which we none the less forget all our time.

The eye sends into the cell and fibre forest of the brain rhythmic streams of electrical potentials. These conjure for us, when we look, the house over the way, or, when I look at him, my friend's face, and how distant he is from me they tell me. Taking their word for it, I go forward and my other senses confirm that he is there. This mystery of seeing, not with the eye but the seeing brain behind the eye, is one of the great unknowable's. Physics and chemistry are silent, they assure us that it is no concern of theirs. Omar Khayyam says 'And did the hand of the Potter then shake?' 'For in thy book were all my members written, which day by day were fashioned when as yet there was none of them?'

David Pennal From Sherrington's 'Man on his nature.'

#### **Trustee Position**

Applications are invited for the position of Trustee to the Mary Hatch with Diamond Jubilee Cottages Almshouse Charity .

The role is voluntary and requires attendance at up to four meetings annually. There are no specific qualifications necessary but an interest in the village and its residents would be preferred.

There are currently three Trustees, each of whom lives in the village or is connected to it.

Beneficiaries and relatives of beneficiaries of the Charity may not apply due to conflict of interests.

Please send a short CV plus cover letter to the Clerk to the Charity: Michael Siggs, PO Box 993, Colchester, CO3 3TQ Tel: 01206 765138 Email: michael.siggs@btconnect.com

The closing date for applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019

# Churches Together in Wicken

Monthly Service of Healing 4.30 pm at Wicken Methodist Church Monday 10 June, 8 July, 12 August

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 nondenominational 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



#### News from Wicken Village Hall

#### Spring Fair and Preloved sale:

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Spring Fair and Preloved sale such a success. It was great to see so many friends and newcomers there to enjoy the crafts, jewellery, home-made goods, bric-a-brac, and pre-loved stalls.

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#### Teas at the Village fete Saturday 29 June

We'll be serving teas, coffees, soft drinks, fresh hand-filled rolls, home-made cakes and other delights all day during the annual village fete. Join us in the village hall for a chance to sit down, enjoy a well earned rest and a chat over a cuppa.

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#### Picnic Round the Pond Saturday 1 September

An established part of Wicken's summer calendar, the 2019 Picnic Round the Pond will be on Sunday 1 September. Wicken Coronation Band will be playing your favourite tunes, there will be Pimm's and cream teas and Dave Donut, the very best of all Punch and Judy shows! And the afternoon will finish with the famous Wicken Sports. Bring a rug and a picnic to

join in the fun.

#### A date for your diary.... Saturday 5 October Come to the races!

There will be another of our hugely successful race nights on Saturday 5 October. Come along and join the fun; place your bets, follow your horse to the winning post and enjoy supper and drinks. More details available later but make sure you keep the date free.

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

Village Hall Management Committee Trustees Current Committee trustees are: Jean Turner (Chair) T:727054 Sophie Leek (Secretary) T:721681 Jack White (Treasurer) T 723342 Caroline Blott T:721480 Jason Clark Sonia Jones T:727140 Stephen Joyce T: 624443 Pam Joyce T: 624443 Jilly Rogers T:721611 Sue Wilson T 721037 ELY AND DISTRICT CAMRA RURAL PUB OF THE YEAR 2018 & 2019



*Monday:* Main Course and Dessert £10.95

*Tuesday:* Bangers & Mash £5.95

*Wednesday* Selection of home made pies £7.95

*Thursday:* 12 oz Beer Battered Cod and Chips £8.95

Extensive Gluten Free Menu

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From 9:00 p.m. - Free Entry

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#### Wicken Runners every Sunday

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

Wicken Windmill is open whenever the sails are turning.

#### ADVANCE DIARY DATES

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Friday	Art Class (contact Sue on 07484 61	6603)
Friday	Horizons Ballet Academy	see p. 38
Sunday	Church Services (Anglican)	see p.
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 August/September 2019 issue of Around & About is:

#### FRIDAY 26th JULY 2019

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

#### AJM PROPERTY ENHANCEMENTS

Does life get in the way of the garden you deserve?

You work all week and then have to work all weekend as well in your garden, when do you get the chance to actually enjoy relaxing in it?

We offer a competitive service and work hard to give you the garden you deserve. We offer advice on planting and know how to care for your plants. Let us enhance your garden with a regular or once off maintenance visit.

I run a insured business which cares and wants to add your garden to our portfolio.

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#### ENTRY FORM

To be held at THE VILLAGE HALL on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019. Entry Form to be filled in by Exhibitor and returned to the Show Secretary (Susan Woodroffe, c/o 21 Chapel Lane, Wicken). Entry Forms must be received by 9pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July. NO entries will be accepted after that time.

20p per entry. Entry Fees should accompany Entry Form.

Class No.	Entry Fee	Class No.	Entry Fee
Sub total	£	Total	£

I will / will not be entering a photograph in the "Wicken in Bloom" competition.

I will / will not be entering flapjacks in the men-only-challenge category.

I hereby enter the above-mentioned exhibits at my own risk, subject to the rules governing the Show, and declare them to be in keeping with Rule 1. This rule does not apply to children entering adult classes.

Exhibitor .....

Address .....





# WICKEN FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW **20th July 2019 Entry Information Pull Out** Non-Exhibitors Welcome





'baked by a bloke'

#### WICKEN FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW

to be held in

## WICKEN VILLAGE HALL, HIGH STREET, WICKEN

on Saturday 20th July 2019 - 2.30 p.m.

Auction of produce will start at 3.30pm, followed by prize giving

ENTRANCE TO VIEW 30p Children free if accompanied by an adult.

Prize money all Classes - 1st 75p, 2nd 50p, 3rd 25p

CUPS AND MANY SPECIAL PRIZES

PRESIDENT	Mrs Hazel Woodroffe
CHAIRMAN	Mrs Joy Martin
SECRETARY	Mrs Susan Woodroffe
TREASURER	Mrs Rachel Earl

COMMITTEE

Mr Jack White	Ms Jill Rogers
Mr Paul Dean	Ms Beth Earl

The committee is very grateful to all those who have helped with arranging the Flower & Produce Show and donated prizes.

#### IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ RULES CAREFULLY

#### LIST OF SPECIAL PRIZES AND CHALLENGE CUPS

Best Exhibit in Show (Cup donated by Mr R Fuller) £10 Garden Voucher

**The Garden Produce Cup** (donated by Mr R Butcher) will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes  $1\square 20$ .

**The Garden Flower Cup** (donated by Mr Andrew Green) will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the most points in classes 23-33.

**The Fruit Cup** (donated by the Society) will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 41-47.

Barton Cup for best exhibit in Class 20.

**The Home Produce Cup** (donated by Mr R Butcher) will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes 48-60.

**The Children's Cup** (donated by the Society in memory of Mr R Butcher) will be awarded to the exhibitor gaining the highest number of points in classes  $34\square 40$  together with £3.00.

**The Bill Martin Rose Bowl** will be awarded to the newcomer gaining most points in the show across all classes. Adult or child.

Points to be awarded as follows: 1st (3 points) 2nd (2 points) 3rd (1 point)

- 1. Best Exhibit in Show (see above) Cup donated by Mr R Fuller
- 2. Best Exhibit of Vegetables (classes 1 19)
- 3. Best Exhibit of Flowers (Classes 23-33)
- 4. Best Exhibit of Fruit (Classes 41-47)
- 5. Best Exhibit of Home Produce (Classes 48-62)
- 6. 2nd Highest Number of Points in Children's Classes

#### SCHEDULE 2019

#### RULES

- 1. All articles must be the property of the exhibitor and have been in his/her possession at least 4 weeks before the day of the Show. The Committee reserves the right to inspect the sites where exhibits have been grown.
- 2. All exhibits to be shown in a <u>clean</u> state. Vases and jam jars must be provided by the exhibitor. Cardboard plates will be provided by Committee.
- 3. Entry fees 20p per entry.
- 4. No exhibitor to be allowed more than one entry in each class. Less than 4 entries in any class half the prize money only will be awarded in that class.
- 5. The decision of the Judges must be accepted as final. The Committee reserves the right to settle any matters not covered by these rules at their discretion.
- 6. Exhibits will be received and staged at the place of show between 9.30 am and 11.30am sharp. All exhibitors particularly those exhibiting in Div D (classes 48-60) are asked to stage their exhibits as early as possible. The Show opens at 2.30pm. Sale of produce 3.30pm approximately.
- 7. All exhibits will be sold at the above time with the exception of all classes in Div D (48□60) and classes 27, 28, 29 and 33. Exhibits in the said classes not claimed by 3.30pm may also be sold, unless prior notification given. No exhibit must be removed from the Show before 3.30 pm. The proceeds of the sale will be donated to Show expenses.
- 8. All entries to be made on enclosed Entry Form and forwarded with entry fees to: The Show Secretary (Susan Woodroffe) not later than 9 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- 9. There will be no entrance fee for entries in Children's classes 34-40.
- 10. Only children 15 yrs and under are allowed to enter classes 34-40.
- 11. All entries in the Home Produce Classes should be covered with cling film.
- 12. All prize monies to be paid out as soon as possible after the show.

Children allowed in adult classes under adult rules.

#### **DIVISION A - VEGETABLES**

- 1) 4 Potatoes White, any shape
- 2) 4 Potatoes Coloured, any shape
- 3) 4 Tomatoes
- 4) 6 Runner Beans
- 5) 8 French Beans
- 6) 8 Pods of Peas
- 7) 6 Shallots tops bent over and tied
- 8) 6 Onions (any variety) roots trimmed, tops bent over and tied
- 9) 6 Carrots (no more than 4" of top)
- 10) 4 Beet (round with no more than 4" of top)
- 11) 1 Cabbage (any variety)
- 12) 2 Lettuces (any variety) roots trimmed
- 13) 1 Marrow
- 14) 2 Bulbs of Garlic
- 15) 4 Courgettes
- 16) 8 Pods of Broad Beans
- 17) 3 Chili Peppers any variety
- 18) 2 of any vegetable not listed above
- 19) Collection of fresh picked herbs in jam jar not less than 3 varieties
- 20) Basket of vegetables not less than 3 varieties.
- 21) Most oddly shaped vegetable
- 22) Person or animal made from fruit or vegetables

#### **DIVISION B - FLOWERS**

- 23) 6 Flowers of any one variety
- 24) Collection of 4 single roses (any variety/varieties)
- 25) Vase with 10 stems of assorted flowers (at least 5 varieties)
- 26) 12 stems Sweet Peas
- 27) 1 Cactus or Succulent
- 28) 1 Pot Plant (flowering) including Fuchsia, Pelargonium
- 29) 1 Pot Plant (non-flowering)
- 30) 4 Dahlias
- 31) Gent's Buttonhole (One flower with foliage)
- 32) Lady's Spray
- 33) Arrangement of flowers (overall width 20 inches) Flowers may be purchased.

Classes 34 40 open only to children 15 years and under (Child's age will be considered) Classes are open to children with family connections in Wicken. e.g. grandparent.

#### CHILDREN'S CLASSES

- 34) Imitation Miniature Garden arranged on a dinner plate
- Garden Flowers arranged for effect in a jam jar 35)
- Jewelry made from natural materials (pasta, seeds, leaves, etc) Sp Prize 36)
- 37)\* Painting or drawing of my family
- A decorated egg (any size, any topic) 38)
- 39)\*\* 2 gingerbread figures, decorated with clothes and a face Special Prize
- Person or animal made from fruit or vegetables 40)
- \* Maximum size for the painting is A4.
- \*\* The gingerbread figures can be bought but the decorating must be yours!

#### **DIVISION C - FRUIT**

- 4 Sticks of Rhubarb cut to show some leaf 41)
- 42) Plate of mixed fruit (no more than 4 varieties)
- 6 Plums/Greengages (with stalks) 43)
- 10 Gooseberries (with stalks) 44)
- 45) 8 strings Blackcurrant
- 46) 8 Raspberries with stalks
- 47) Longest stick of rhubarb

#### **DIVISION D - HOME PRODUCE**

- 48) 1 Jar of Jam (not under 12 oz)\*
- 49) 1 Jar of Marmalade\*
- 50) 1 Jar of Chutney\*
- 51) 1 Victoria Sponge with jam and buttercream filling, undecorated
- Challenge Bake Chocolate Cake (see recipe) 52)
- 53) 6 Scones, Plain
- 6 Decorated cup cakes 54)
- 55) 6 Jam Tarts
- 1 Fruit Pie, any fruit, must have a top and bottom short crust pastry 56)
- 6 Sausage Rolls 57)
- 6 Shortbread 58)
- 6 Eggs (from Exhibitor's own hens) 59)
- Heaviest Hen's Egg (from Exhibitor's own hens) 60)

#### Ingredients

190g (6½ oz) plain flour	150ml (¼ pt) sunflower oil
2 level tbsp cocoa powder	150ml (¼ pt) milk
1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda	For the icing
1 level tsp baking powder	50g (2 oz) butter
150 g (5oz) caster sugar	4 level tbsp cocoa powder, sifted
2 tbsp golden syrup	3 tbsp milk
2 large eggs	150g (5 oz) icing sugar, sifted

#### Method

- Pre-heat the oven to 160° C/Fan 140°/Gas 3. Grease two 20 cm (8 in) 1 round sandwich tins and line the bases with non-stick baking paper.
- 2 Sift the dry ingredients into a large bowl and then make a well in the centre. Add the syrup, eggs, oil and milk. Beat well with an electric mixer until thoroughly blended.
- Pour the mixture into the tins and bake in the preheated oven for 30-35 mins, or until the cake springs back when lightly pressed with your fingertips.
- Turn out onto a wire rack, remove the paper and leave to cool. 4
- 5 To make the icing, melt the butter in a small pan over a gentle heat. Add the cocoa, stir to blend and cook gently for 1 minute. Stir in the milk and icing sugar, remove from the heat and mix very well. Leave on one side, stirring occasionally, until the icing thickens.
- Sandwich the cakes with half the icing and then use the remainder to ice 6 the top, swirling with a knife to give an attractive appearance.

Recipe courtesv of Mary Berry's Fast Cakes

\* Contents should be covered with waxed paper seal and proper preserve pot covers.