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*Please remember that the magazine is published in black & white and is A5.*

*However you choose to submit your item please ensure that your name and contact details are included.*

*Thanks, Merrilyn*

## **Distributor Urgently Needed**

Following the circulation of this edition Sue Wilson will be giving up the Distribution of the Around & About magazines to the door to door deliverers. Therefore a replacement is needed before the next issue is due for circulation in early February 2020.

The role involves collecting the copies from Burwell Print, counting out the appropriate number of copies for each of the door to door home deliverers and then delivering the copies to the 14 home distributors, there are also a few individual copies to be delivered 'on route'.

As you will be aware the magazine comes out 6 times a year.

If you would like to volunteer or need further details of what this entails please contact Sue Wilson, 721037 or, if Sue is not available please speak to me on 70080.

We look forward to hearing from a willing volunteer asap - thanks.

Merrilyn.

## Report from the Parish Clerk

### Overgrown Hedges

Thank you for the positive response to the request to cut back hedges in the village and thank you to David Werner for his help with this.

### Anglian Water Authority

Representatives from Anglian Water attended the November meeting of the Parish Council following a request to attend to discuss the outages and low pressure the village has been experiencing. AWA explained that the water is brought to the village via a water main across Soham Mere. If this pipe bursts, the only alternative to get water to the village would be by using tankers. There is a possible solution to build in resilience via Stretham but, due to AWA budgets, this will not be for at least another 5 years.

### Cemetery Footpaths and Mortuary Chapel

The Parish Council are applying for a grant from Amey Cespa to repair the cemetery footpaths and Mortuary Chapel. Letters of support would be very welcome, please contact Jilly Rogers for further information.

### Local Plan

The Local Plan has been put on hold by ECDC and will be reviewed in 6 months.

We'd like to wish all our Parishioners a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**Rachel Earl**  
Parish Clerk

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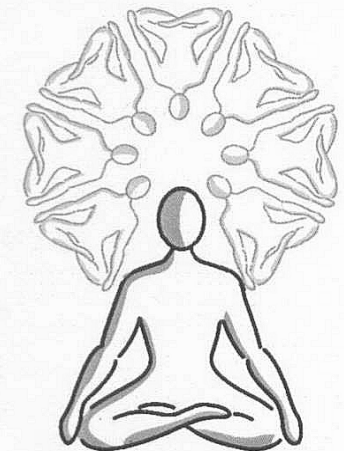
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Local residents can give their feedback by attending one of the events taking place across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough during October and November. Or, by completing a short survey online at <https://bitly/NHSBigConversation>

Find out more about The Big Conversation and local events online [bit.ly/NHSBigConversation](https://bit.ly/NHSBigConversation)”

Melanie

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## Cemetery Pathways - please tell us what you think

The Parish Council is going to submit an application for funding to repair and renew the pathways in the cemetery. We know that the pathways are in need to resurfacing and that they can be a trip hazard and unsafe, particularly in the winter months.

We also plan to refurbish the Victorian mortuary chapel so that it can be protected from the ravages of time and used for more activities in the village.

The application will stand a much better chance of success if we can show support from residents and those who visit the cemetery or use the mortuary chapel.

Could you please write to tell us how important it is for the pathways to be repaired: safety is a major issue, especially for people with limited mobility.

Please write or email the Parish Clerk with your support for this application to: Rachel Earl, 42 Chapel Lane, Wicken CB7 5WX

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Thanks so much for your support.

Jilly Rogers on behalf of Wicken Parish council



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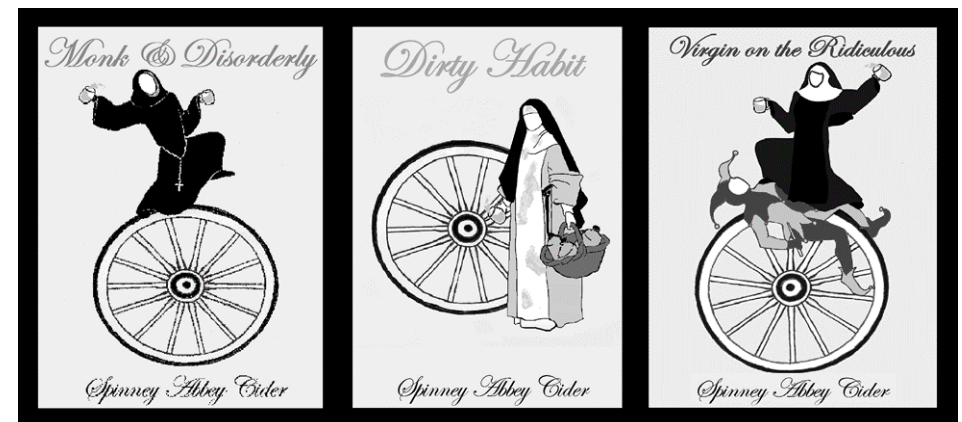
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David Pennal

From Schrödinger 's 'What is Life?' page 79f

## 7 - 11 Youth Club

We've just finished the year with a Christmas party. Thanks to Chloe for organising the games, and thanks to Ida for buying us all a little Christmas tree ornament each. Thanks to Hayley and Sara for sorting out the food and clearing up afterwards!

This year we have joined in with the Horticultural Show (loads of crafty fun), we helped at the Fete (making dog biscuits and Guess The Name of the Dog), we made tie dye t-shirts in the summer and made recycled sculptures for the Flower Festival at St Laurence's Church in August.

We then spent 6 weeks rehearsing for our play and raised £80 with our performance of 'Small Wonder'. Thank you to everyone who supported us.

For photograph please see inside front cover.

Youth Club will return in the spring.

Sara Rains

## Board Games

Chess meetings have morphed into Board Game Thursdays! We continue to improve our chess game, but have explored many other card and board games. Players of all ages and ability are welcome. Our last meeting of 2019 was in November and we will return in spring 2020. Watch this space.

Sara Rains

## The Iron Gates

'Let us roll all our strength and all  
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(Andrew Marshall)

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#### December

1	Family Service	10.30 am
8	Communion	10.30 am
15	Carol Service	4.00 pm
22	Churches Together at CHAPEL	10.00 am
24	Crib Service	4.00 pm
25	Christmas Service	10.30 am
29	BCP Communion	8.00 am

#### January

5	Family Service	10.30 am
12	Morning Service	10.30 am
19	Communion	10.30 am
26	Churches Together at CHURCH	10.30 am

#### February

2	Family Service	10.30 am
9	Morning Service	10.30 am
16	Communion	10.30 am
23	Churches Together at CHAPEL	10.00 am

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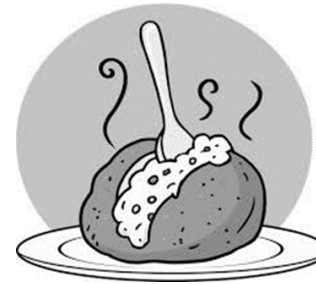
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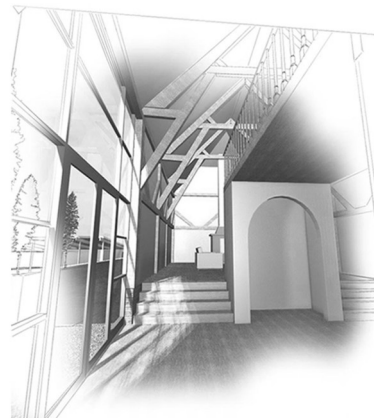
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## Bench - Francis Beloe

Most of you will have read in the last issue of Around & About Wicken about funding for a bench in memory of Francis Beloe. It occurred to me many of you were not living in Wicken at the time and would not know about the famous 'dunking' of Francis. To put the record straight early in 1980 we were at a pre fete meeting at the Vicarage, as was his habit Francis lit up one of his infamous cigarettes and I turned to him and completely off the cuff said 'if you don't stop smoking we'll dip you in the village pond.' The next day Francis agreed.

The local papers were told we were going to do the deed on Fete day - the news went 'world wide'. High up clerics wrote in The Times, I think, frowning on our arrangements to no avail. On the day of the Fete, local farmers and village residents arranged all the cables etc., over the pond. I must mention the then Women's Institute who made and provided Francis with suitable garments for the immersion in front of vast crowds.

ITV attended recording the event, transmitting later on National TV. After Francis' ordeal, which he took in good heart, he was pictured - possibly where the bench may be erected, having a well earned pint of beer. Many years later I contacted ITV several times to get a DVD of the event. After first refusals they searched their archives and sold me a short clip of the event. Hopefully we will have a Wicken get together, ref. Sue's article in the last issue of A&A, when the bench is dedicated some of us can stand around and give a toast to the Beloes everlasting memory.

Don't forget if you'd like to make a donation towards the bench please visit the 'Go Funding Page' set up by Amy Beloe or pass contributions on to Sue Wilson

Norman Rains

## Arthur Rank Hospice

### Local hospice celebrates Hospice Care Week

Arthur Rank Hospice was one of more than 200 charitable hospices across the UK, who took part in Hospice Care Week (**7-13 October**).

The theme was 'This is What It Takes' and provided an opportunity to talk about what makes the Hospice's care possible. For example, last year:

**6,109** telephone conversations happened between the Specialist Palliative Care Home Team and patients, or their representatives

**268** face to face meetings took place with the Patient and Family Support team, supporting patient's loved ones

**40** study days shared specialist skills with **506** students

**155** different community fundraising events were supported across **12** months

**13,395** hot drinks were served in the Hospice's [Bistro](#)

These and many more fact and figures were shared with public displays in the Bistro at Shelford Bottom, at the Alan Hudson Day Treatment Centre in Wisbech, and in the Hospice's five charity shops.

On the Friday of the week a Yellow Hospice Care Week-themed Bake-Off took place and volunteers and colleagues proudly wore yellow – some even sporting some luminous wigs!

There were some wonderful conversations sparked on social media platforms during the week too. One of the many pieces of feedback received on Facebook came from Kirsty who posted

*'I did not know what to expect when bringing my mum to the Hospice, but I cannot thank you enough for the care you gave her and our family at such a difficult time for us. The accommodation and care [...] is amazing and we cannot thank you enough. Myself, family and friends with continue to raise money and donate regularly on special occasions for this wonderful charity. I don't know what we would of done without you xx'*



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## Swallowtails

We have 75 Members which is close to the maximum we can cater for. We had our annual Harvest Bring and Buy sale to raise money for Club funds and had a fine array of seasonal produce and other items for sale. We have also had an afternoon of wartime memories from 'Dads Army' with songs and anecdotes from the time. This brought back lots of memories for the members .

Looking forward we will have had our Christmas Party in the Hall with a buffet tea and entertainment from Mark Anthony by the time you read this. Later in December we have arranged a Christmas Lunch at the Five Miles Inn at Upware always a highlight of our year.

As always we had a collection for the Royal British Legion and laid a wreath at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. We would like to thank Robin James for laying our Tribute.

Finally Swallowtails would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, peaceful 2020.

Nigel Davies.



## 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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29th Jan	Songs with Claire Clay	1400 hrs
12th Feb	Meal at The Village Hall	1300 hrs



## 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. We are currently recruiting enthusiastic volunteers for our Help at Home programme. The families who receive support from EACH would often also benefit from practical support at home. For them, spending time together and making the most of every moment is more important than getting the ironing done or painting the garden fence. And that's where you come in. The families need volunteers ready to step into their homes and gardens 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 months 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 [charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk](mailto:charlotte.redmond@each.org.uk) or on 07889 251385. There are plenty of volunteering opportunities at EACH. You can visit the website [www.each.org.uk](http://www.each.org.uk) to find out how you can support us.

Charlotte Redmond

## Churches Together in Wicken

Monthly Service of

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**4.30pm** at Wicken Methodist Church

*Monday 9 December, 13 January, 10 February*

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## Anglesey Abbey

### 30 November – 5 January

This Christmas the House will be decorated in a 1960s style, reflecting fashions of the day; from Fortnum and Mason style decorations and traditional foliage arrangements in the main House, to gloriously tacky tinsel in the Domestic Wing. This will all be set to the backdrop of Lord Fairhaven's winter country pursuits, when he held shooting parties to entertain his guests. You'll be able to get into the spirit with festive tastings and retro crafts in the Domestic Wing.

Entry to the House is by pre-booked timed ticket only. This event is free of charge, normal property admission applies. Tickets can be pre-booked online on our website or by calling the NT Box Office on 0344 249 1895. Please note that the time on your ticket denotes your window of entry to the House, and once inside feel free to take your time as you soak up the festive atmosphere.

### Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights

*Selected dates between Friday 29 November and Sunday 5 December*

We're excited to be back Anglesey Abbey Winter Lights for its 9<sup>th</sup> year, welcoming in lots of change to this year's event. This year, our renowned Winter Lights will feature a brand new route, new food and all new features so you can experience the estate after hours in a way you never have before. Absorb the magic within our grounds with a new look and feel to what will be our most spectacular event so far.

We are excited to announce that this year's live music will be hosted by **Cambridge Folk Festival** and **Cambridge International Jazz Festival**. Also new this year will be film screenings and projections developed specifically for the event by **Cambridge Film Trust**, creators of the **Cambridge Film Festival**.

There are still tickets available for this year's Winter Lights, but these are limited in number, so do be quick! You can find out more about the event and book your tickets on our website at [nationaltrust.org.uk/AngleseyAbbey](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/AngleseyAbbey) or by calling the box office on 0344 249 1895.

### Carol Singers

Lord Fairhaven welcomed carol singers from Lode village each year to sing Christmas carols in the turning circle in front of the house. This year we will be continuing the tradition by welcoming carol singers on selected Saturdays:

*Saturday 30 November- Sing! Choirs*

*Saturday 14 December- Burwell Community Choir*

Keep an eye on our website for any additional dates.

### Anglesey Abbey: The Board Game

*30 November – 5 January*

For our family visitors this Christmas, we'll be transforming the gardens into a life-size board game. Inspired by a popular family game, explore the gardens,

## News from Wicken Fen

Groups of winter thrushes are creating colourful sights and chattering sounds around the reserve. Corvids can be seen swirling overhead, particularly in the later afternoon just before dusk. The first short-eared owls and hen harriers have now arrived too, so it's a great time for wildlife watching. You can join us for a Winter Wildlife Safari with our rangers on 1<sup>st</sup> December or 26 January and take a guided walk looking for wildlife out in the wider reserve – see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on> for details.

We're excited that a new artwork is being constructed at Wicken Fen, created by artists Heather Peak and Ivan Morison of Studio Morison. It has been commissioned by Cambridgeshire based Wysing Arts Centre as part of the region-wide arts commissioning programme: New Geographies. New Geographies aims to bring contemporary art to unexpected places in the East of England.

The Wicken Hayrick is a sculptural structure; a pavilion; that has been created specifically for Wicken Fen Nature Reserve. The artists hope that visitors to Wicken Fen will enter into the work to sit, contemplate nature, and to read or write. We hope you'll come and experience the hayrick soon.



Wicken Hayrick under construction

Work on our café expansion project is now underway. Our new mobile café unit (affectionately named 'Doris') is looking very smart. We've got a new coffee machine so we can now make barista coffee. Do pop in and try one – bring your own cup and you'll receive 25p discount on your hot drink and help us minimise the number of compostable cups that we recycle.

Our Learning Team are preparing for Father Christmas's return to the Fen! Our event includes a

festive trail, meeting Father Christmas and receiving a gift, and making Christmas crafts using natural materials in our winter wonderland. Tickets are selling quickly so book soon - see <http://bit.ly/WickenFatherChristmas>

A lovely crisp, wintery walk is one of the best ways to escape from the hectic run up to the festive season or walk off the excess between Christmas and New Year. Don't forget that we are open every day of the year except Christmas Day, so pop in to see us and stretch your legs.

Julia Hammond



## Coffee Morning

Many thanks to Liz Jugg and Caroline Blott for hosting us in their homes and giving us time to catch up.

### Friday, 13 December 2019

It's a pleasure for us to host a meal with entertainment and give away prizes in honour of our Elders in the Village Hall from 11:30am.

*Coffee Morning Group wish you a Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year  
We pray your time with family will be a blessing of  
Peace and Joy  
God bless you all*

### THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY

### Friday, 14 February 2020

God-willing all being well, we see this New Year of 2020 which was so long spoken of and here we are...

Dalene will let you know where to meet. Please come with ideas of new events or to take a day out as we make plans for the year ahead.

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### CS Lewis wrote:

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.

No one ever told me that grief felt so like fear.

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world.

When Christ died, he died for you individually just as much as if you had been the only person in the world."

Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive."

A man can no more diminish God's glory by refusing to worship Him than a lunatic can put out the sun by scribbling the word 'darkness' on the walls of his cell."

God can't give us peace and happiness apart from Himself because there is no such thing."



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"A woman's heart should be so close to God that a man should have to chase Him to find her."

"Don't shine so others can see you. Shine so that through you others can see Him."

"Look for Christ and you will find Him. And with Him, everything else."  
 Dalene Murosa

## Remembrance Day 2019 - Service at the Memorial



Lucky again with the weather this year. Thanks to so many of you for attending and remembering the fallen.

On behalf of the Royal British Legion I would like to thank all residents of Wicken, Padney and Upware; patrons of the Maids Head and visitors to the Fen for their generous contributions to this year's Poppy Appeal.

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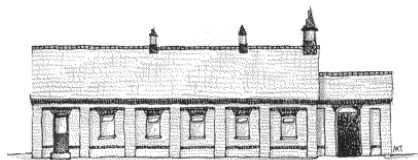
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To book the Hall please check availability on the website Hall diary, contact one of the committee members (preferably Jean Turner chairman on 01353 727054) to reserve the date, then download the booking form, complete it and drop it into Jean.

### 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	Pilates - Mat, Ring and Band work - Mixed Ability
<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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*It's a reminder, if it were needed, that once we get beyond the history and the politics, people are, happily, much the same the world over.*



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***A Very Happy Christmas and New Year to Everyone  
 from the Village Hall Committee***



## ***Thank you .... to everyone who took part in Wicken's Christmas Fair***

A big 'thank you' to everyone who came and enjoyed the Christmas Fair in the Hall on Sunday 1st December.

Thank you to the stall holders who brought jewellery, crafts, gifts of all kinds, local produce and confectionary for visitors to enjoy.

Thank you to all those who came along and bought gifts, enjoyed the atmosphere and bought teas, coffees, bacon butties, delicious mince pies and cakes.

Thank you so much to all those who helped to organise the event: all members of the Hall Committee and all their helpers.

The Christmas Fair made much needed funds for the upkeep of the Hall: thank you everyone!!



### **Looking forward to 2020**

Next year we'll have a full programme of events: if you have ideas for events and activities that you'd like to see in the Hall, please just let one of the committee know. And keep an eye on Around and About for all the details.



### **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.



### **Free Wi-Fi in the Hall**

Yippee! We have been selected for the East Cambs District Council scheme to install free public access Wi-Fi in the Hall. We'll let you know about progress and dates for this really useful addition to the Hall.

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.

## VILLAGE DIARY

### December:

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8th	Christmas Carol Flower Festival	page 36 & 37
8th	Christmas Carol Concert	page 36 & 37
8th	Upware Christmas Fair	page 10
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### February

3rd	WMC	page 41
14th	Coffee Morning	page 22

Wicken Runners every Sunday

For Wicken Fen activities see page 21  
Anglesey Abbey activities see page 32

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.

**Don't forget** a Volunteer is needed for collecting and distributing future issues of Around & About - see page 5 for details.

## VILLAGE DIARY - WEEKLY

Monday	Service for Healing	see p. 18
Monday	Horizon Ballet Academy	see p. 24
Monday	Yoga at Butts Farm	see p. 47
Tuesday	Fen Tiggers	see p. 35
Wednesday	Swallowtails	see p. 16
Wednesday	Wicken Coronation Band	see p. 24
Thursday	Mixed Ability Pilates	see p. 24
Friday	Art Class (contact Sue on 07484 616603)	
Friday	Horizons Ballet Academy	see p. 24
Sunday	Church Services (Anglican)	see p. 12
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 issue of Around & About is:

### FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2020

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

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