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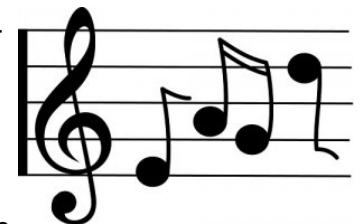
*Thank you,  
Merrilyn*

## Harvest Concert

Join us for a free concert from the Wicken Coronation band.

Sunday 14th October, 6.30pm at St Laurence's church.

Refreshments will be served, donations welcome.



Cecile Bye

## Report from the Parish Clerk

I'm pleased to say last year's accounts have been passed by external auditors and the Council is now working on next year's budget. They have identified several projects around the village, including repairs to the Mortuary Chapel in the Cemetery and resurfacing the Cemetery paths, repairing the Church wall and resurfacing part of the byway between Wicken and Soham so it can be used as a cycle path. Once all the quotes for the work have been received, the Council will decide which the Parish can afford, which need to be saved up for and if there are any ways we can get grants towards the costs.

Smaller projects include a mirror at the top of Lode Lane to improve visibility of oncoming traffic when exiting the Lane. Clearing out the village pond is also on the list. I am waiting for a quote to hire the necessary man and machine to dig out the pond and, all being well, the work will be done in the next few weeks.

If there is something around the village you feel could be improved, please let me or one of the Councillors know so it can be discussed and action taken where possible. You need to bear in mind though, that if something involves another agency, Highways for instance, the Parish Council can only ask, they can't demand even if it's something you, and they, feel very strongly about. Unfortunately, even when the Parish Council think it's obvious something needs to be done, if East Cambs District Council or Cambs County Council don't agree, there is nothing the Parish Council can do. This doesn't mean they give up though, they do keep trying, just in case the 'no' turns into a 'yes' just to get rid of them!

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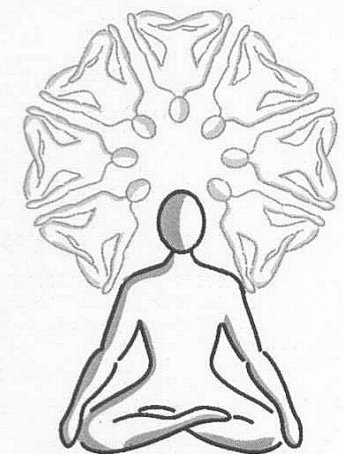


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If you would like to join our SpeedWatch team please contact either of us. Training sessions will start immediately the new equipment is delivered.

Again, we would like to thank Wicken residents, the Parish Council, Community Fund, Wicken Village Fete, our Police Coordinator and Local SpeedWatch coordinator for their support.

John Adams and Carl Shavitz

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*Susan Woodroffe  
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Pat and Dawn, at the Soham end of the village, have found that vehicles continue to overtake in the 40 mph zone and into the 30 mph zone as they pass the church. Crossing the road continues to prove risky as cars and HGV's speed by showing no sign of slowing down unless they have to at the pinch point.

At the Stretham end of the village we have found that vehicles, including lorries, continue to speed in both directions, throughout the day and night. If anything it feels that the average speed has increased rather than decreased.

We can but hope that, once received the use of the new speed detection equipment (see article on page 42) will result in the desired reduction of speeding through our village.

In the meantime we can hope that the opening of the bypass will result in less traffic using the A1123. The closure of the A1123 for road rebuilding may give us some temporary relief and may hopefully also have a longer term effect on the overall number of vehicles coming through the village as they may discover the Ely bypass .....

Pat, Dawn & Merrilyn

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## Calling All Runners

Join the Wicken Running Group – starting Sunday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 9 am

We (Caroline and Lewis) are starting an informal Wicken Running Group to encourage villagers who like running (or want to like running more) to run socially. Its going to be very relaxed, basically a location and start time. Distance and pace will be varied according to who is there but all standards and speeds are very welcome. It will be either Lewis or Caroline running each week, depending on work and childcare.

Meet every Sunday at 9am by the children's playpark on Pond Green (next to our house).

We have been in the village a year and are sure there are many people we still haven't met. If any of you can be tempted to run and be sociable come along!

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2018

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Make up 3 poppies... knitted, crocheted or made from felt, material, card, etc. The size to be between 7 and 12cm or 3 and 5 inches in diameter.

All completed poppies to be taken to Liz Houghton at 17 Chapel Lane before **1 November 2018**.

Please bring your display of memorabilia to set-up in the village hall on Saturday, 10 November @ 5pm to 7pm.

All donations of cakes, sandwiches and savoury eats to be delivered on 11 November to the village hall between 9 and 9:30am.

Please don't hesitate to contact the following people if you have any queries:

Caroline Delph- 07866 862668

Dalene Musora- 725968 / 0794 4219537

Liz Houghton- 723157

## Living Advent Calendar

We still have a few places for anyone who wants to take part in this year's Living Advent Calendar. All you need is a window that can be seen from the street by passersby.

Through December participants will decorate and display their window from a certain date until Christmas day.

Please contact Sara (Rains) on 07999597148 to add your name to the list.

## Wicken Playground Fundraising

We are raising money in order to update the Pond Green playground. Following feedback from consultations with villagers, we have selected a design which will make the playground safer, more inclusive and will encourage more active multi-user play.

In order to qualify for funding from Amey Cespa, we need to raise 11% of the project cost. This is approximately £4200. Many of you will have seen us at the summer fete, where we were sharing the plans and collecting donations.

We have a Facebook page (Wicken Playground Fundraising) where the plans can be viewed and updates are posted, and also a JustGiving page where you can donate to help us achieve our target (you can type in the following address [bit.ly/2MtdXd](https://bit.ly/2MtdXd), or scan the QR code below with a smartphone).



Recently, we have received a grant of £1500 from East Cambs District Council. So far, this has brought our fundraising total up to £1896. We are very nearly halfway! Please spread the word and please donate whatever you can to improve this village facility.

Cecile Bye

## Update on Wicken Fete

**A big thank you** to Harrison Lens and Violet Turner from Wicken who walked home from St Andrew's School and raised the grand total of £75 in sponsorship money.

All involved enjoyed the lovely walk in spite of the heat, it was a very hot day, and the adults said the children were an absolute delight to trek and chat with.

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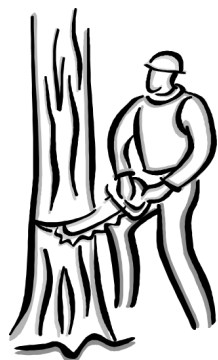
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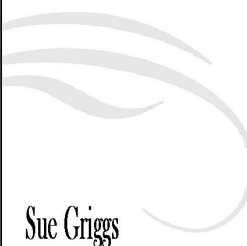
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## Swallowtails

Swallowtails have continued to enjoy an interesting programme of events. In August we had a meal for 60+ members at the Five Miles Inn at Upware. This was much enjoyed by everyone, thanks to Dave and Lorraine for looking after us so well. At the end of the month we had a visit and musical show from ten members of the Rocking Ukulele Band from Ely who entertained us royally for almost an hour, something different much appreciated by the Members.

In September we arranged an outing to Horning on the Norfolk Broads where we all enjoyed a riverboat trip onboard the Southern Comfort. This was a brilliant day, the weather was kind, and we were well looked after by Jans Coaches of Soham and the crew of the Riverboat. 48 Members attended, almost a full bus load. Our second meeting was a meal in the Village Hall prepared by Sue Wilson, thanks Sue it was lovely.

Looking forward we have our 'Harvest' Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October where we have a two course meal and a 'Bring and Buy' sale of Harvest Produce.

Nigel Davis



## Churches Together in Wicken

### Monthly Service of

### Healing *4.30pm at Wicken Methodist Church*

*Monday 8 October, Monday 12 November, Monday 10 December*

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### Tuesday morning

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

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### Wednesday evening

### Home Group *7.30pm in Soham*

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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.

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21st Nov	Meal	1300 hrs
5th Dec	Christmas Party at the Hall	1400–1700 hrs
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## News from Wicken Fen & Anglesey Abbey

Those walking on the fen during October and November will be rewarded by views over the spectacular autumn landscape as the fading golden brown reed head spikelets are highlighted by the low winter sun. We're looking forward to the return of autumn migrants such as widgeon, redwings, short-eared owls and hen harriers. Increasing numbers of lapwing and golden plover will be seen in numbers close to 2000 birds. They often gather on bare fields and blend in so well that they are hard to see until you look closely.

We'll be embracing seasonal change in our outdoor activity sessions for under 5s: **Mucky Pups** Autumn Fun will take place on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 October, and Wild Weather on Wednesday 7 November and Thursday 8 November. We're also planning some great half term activities: **Autumn Adventure** (age 3-11) on Monday 22 October, **Geocaching** (age 6+) on Wednesday 24 October, and the ever-popular **Fenland Spooktacular** (age 3-11) on Friday 26 October. Pre-booking is essential for these activities, see <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/wicken-fen-nature-reserve/whats-on>

Preparations for Christmas will begin during November with our adult craft workshops. You can create unique handmade items to decorate your home in festive style with **Christmas Felt** on Saturday 3 November, and **Willow and Rush Christmas Decorations** on Sunday 4 November and Friday 9 November. By the time you are reading this, tickets for **Father Christmas at the Fen** will be on sale. This wonderful Christmas experience includes:



meeting Father Christmas, completing our Christmas trail and making something festive in our Christmas crafts area. This event always sells out quickly, so early booking is advised for the little ones in your family. For further information see the 'what's on' link above.

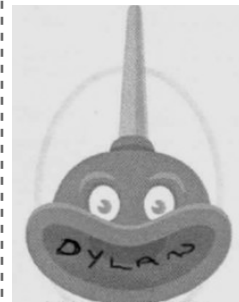
Widgeon (image by Richard Nicoll)

### Conserving and Preserving (25<sup>th</sup> September - 6<sup>th</sup> October)

Join us at Anglesey Abbey this autumn as we uncover the secrets of the conservation work our teams do to preserve this special place. Discover the work we do to keep our mill wheel turning, our gardens flourishing and preserve Lord Fairhaven's country home.

In the House, discover the ten agents of deterioration that endanger the collection within each room and get involved in hands-on conservation activities. Why not take one of our seasonal tours – our Behind the Scenes tour provides an in-depth look at how our team prevents deterioration on the collection and in our Timely tour, discover the challenges of conserving a large collection of clocks.

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changing and, not for the better  
With buildings erupting  
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A blot on the landscape forever?

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like demented gnats  
and lorries so huge they're  
a terror.


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Claire Gould



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The garden will be alight with autumn colour – head to any of the tree lined avenues for a stunning autumnal view. We'll also be putting on a 'Meet the Gardener' tour. Running once a week, you'll be able to spend time with one of our knowledgeable gardeners as you discover what they're working on and how they are creating the stunning displays for next year.

Redwoods restaurant will be serving warming seasonal dishes and specials and our shop will have themed products available for you to take home a memento of your visit to Anglesey Abbey.

Julia Hammond

## Wicken Youth Brass Band

I would like to congratulate the Wicken Youth Brass band on a brilliant concert in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd September.

If you didn't go you missed a treat. They played a large selection of music ranging from Colonel Bogey to Vivaldi lasting nearly two hours with a break for refreshments. There were two excellent solos, and Robert's leadership and his unique style introducing the various pieces was priceless. He had us all singing land of Hope and Glory and at one stage literally crying with laughter.

There is a wealth of talent among these young players, and it certainly looks as though the future of the Band is secure.

Jack White

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## Coffee Morning

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### 12 October 2018

We meet at Mrs Liz Jugg's home to fill Shoeboxes and if you'd like to make up Poppies for the Remembrance creation, come on over to 48 Drury Lane @ 10:30am.

### 09 November 2018

We'll probably be visiting a new home or going out on a trip, Dalene will let us know, also starting out @ 10:30am.

### 14 December 2018

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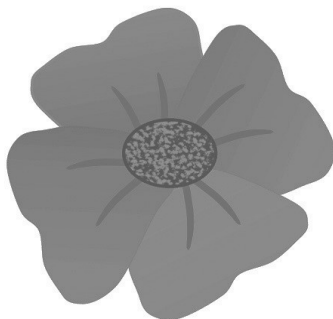
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## The Little Chapel in the Fens ..... Memories

The recent article regarding the Harvest Festival at The Little Chapel in the Fen brought memories flooding back for me.

I vividly remember attending the Little Chapel five times on a Sunday, for Sunday School in the morning, then Morning Service, followed by Afternoon Sunday School, then the Afternoon Service and finally the Evening Service. Various ladies and gentlemen would deliver sermons, I can only remember Jonathon Earl's Grandfather, I think he was possibly the last person to preach.

We had an Annual Anniversary and a Sunday School Annual Outing, always to Hunstanton with a fish and chip lunch.

Before the days of radio, television and telephones, what else was there to do?? People used to go to the Little Chapel and have a sing song, my Grandmother told me once the Chapel would be packed. They sang 'Sankey Hymns' with enthusiasm.

This was at a time when there were many more families living in the fens and some families from Waterbeach fen joined in. They would take the ferry at the Jolly Anglers Pub in Waterbeach Fen.

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Memories.....

Alfie Sennitt



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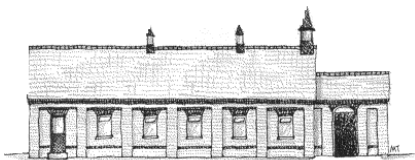
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### Regular Events in the Village Hall

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

In our time they can never be left to roam freely, but I can't recall a surfeit of dogs roaming the village at ant time during my childhood here. Most of them were farm dogs living off dinner leftovers, kept lean enough to hunt when the chances came. Some liked water round them, some loathed it, most of them were loyal to their rigid masters and nobody else.

Yet traffic reduced their numbers. The way through the village came in 929 and there were casualties. All three dogs in my early life were killed on the road. Farm dog Joe had already lost half a leg to a harvest binder but he grew used to it and could run freely, if no longer at a rabbit's pace. My uncle replaced him with a collie greyhound, a delight when he arrived and who never grew into the mould of a farm dog. He didn't have time. A car hammered him to death. In the meantime my sister brought home to Cross Green a tiny dog with a withered hind leg. She saved him from being put down and he soon demonstrated his speed for hunting.

We took him with us to Red Barn in 1936 where his full potential was seen with the visit of a threshing team. Mice and rats set up home in the corn stacks and they moved downwards as the stacks reduced. Then they shot out in numbers large and small and Bill, as we named him, snatched every one that came his way, killing them with a single crunch to go for another. The workers cheered him. Nor did he ignore the mice, chewing and swallowing every one, leaving him distended and disgusting all night long and into the next day.

But how he enjoyed farm life. He shared with the second Joe for a short time, two fights deciding them to live in harmony. So soon after arriving my father died and we had to face a future elsewhere. What to do about Bill forced me to postpone the move. But I had to concede and my concerns were all for Bill. What could he do left in a tiny dwelling, which it had to be, while the three of us were working? I had a miserable time thinking about it.

Then a late job for me in more primitive times was to take a tumbrel load of corn to the mill, the one that stands now. The men there did the unloading while Bill nosed around having come with me in the cart. He disappeared and I called him. I heard a thump and a screech of brakes and he lay there, head up then down, dead. My choice aunt Kate, living so near, came over offering sympathy. An act of God?

My choice dog after that belonged to my sister in Burwell, her solace after her husband's death. Judy she was called, utterly loyal to him, staying behind on the land if he had left anything behind. During her late years she would sit beside me on the sofa, head on my shoulder, looking into my eyes. Honoured thus I missed her badly. My sister's second dog liked me a lot less but we learned to get along.

Tony Day

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Get ready for Christmas with all the activities we have at the Hall!



## Wicken's own Christmas Fair

Sunday 18 November

12 noon - 4 pm

The Hall will be full of tempting goodies: jewellery, crafts, gifts of all kinds, local produce and confectionary to help you find that perfect gift or just to treat yourself!

We'll be serving hot bacon butties, a seasonal vegetarian curry, festive mince pies, mulled wine, teas, coffees and home-made cakes.

So come along and join us for this ideal chance to get ahead on your Christmas shopping and to chat to friends and neighbours.



**Thank you ....**

A big thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed the Picnic round the Pond.

We must have had over 100 people on the most gorgeous late summer afternoon. It's great to see lots of people, young and old, enjoying our fabulous Coronation Band, the Punch and Judy show, face painting, the coconut shy and the lovely village greens.

That's what is special about living in a village community and being able to meet up like that and just relax and enjoy ourselves. The Hall Committee are committed to creating events and gatherings so that we can come together as a community so please do join us for the next community event.....

## A Christmas wine and cheese village get together

*Saturday 1 December from 7pm onwards....*

Join us in the Hall for an informal get together to celebrate the festive season.

Drop in for an hour or so or as long as you like! There will be lots of wine, cheeses, fruit and crackers [gluten free and vegan diets catered for too!] If you prefer you can bring your own wine and join in with the cheeses.

We'll be entertained by the fabulous Rox Vox choir with their wide variety of music.

We're planning to charge just £5 a ticket and the wine and cheeses will be unlimited [within reason!]

Tickets will be available from members of the committee or call Jean Turner on 07850 433472 or turn up the night and get a ticket on the door.



## Upkeep of the Hall

The Hall Management Committee are committed to improving the Hall so it meets your needs. Remember there is a Book Sale always available on the Hall so do drop in for some new reading material. Or drop off any books you no longer need.

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

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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.

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

The final copy date for articles for the December 2018/January 2019 issue of Around & About is:

**FRIDAY 23rd NOVEMBER 2018**

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

Bus Times - Bus 117 - Thursday Service Only			
Upware	1040	Ely Market Street	1355
Wicken Church	1047	Stuntney	1401
Soham High Street	1058	Barway	1410
Barway	1110	Soham High Street	1422
Stuntney	1119	Wicken Church	1433
Ely Market Street	1125	Upware	1440