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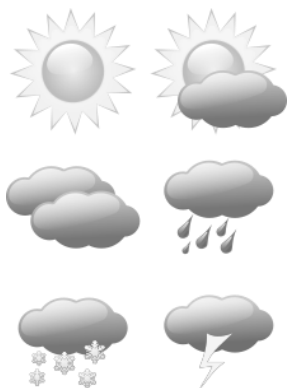


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A weather person tells  
How the weather will be;  
Sometimes once, or twice  
Or three times a day  
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The sun might shine  
Like Golden Wine  
There might come rain  
“Please not again”  
A Gale might blow  
Or, we could have snow.

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Claire Gould

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## Editor's Note

*I hope that despite the weather you all had a good Easter, even if , like us, you weren't able to get the Spring gardening jobs done!!*

*The closing date for copy, early submissions are always appreciated, for the June/July issue of Around & About is: **Friday 25th May 2018***

*Items can be submitted electronically - Word, text, hand written or verbal however you choose to submit please ensure that your name and contact details are included. **Photographs & images** should be submitted separately, e.g. jpg.files, please note that pdf files do not work very well.*

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

*Would you also note that the turnaround time is tight. In order for the printed copies to be ready for collection on the Friday after the copy deadline the magazine has to be edited, typeset and with the printer at the beginning of the week the copies then have to be collected from the printers, sorted and circulate to the Distributors who then deliver to each household.*

*Finally a quick request if you contact one of our advertisers please could you mention that you found their details in the Around & About Wicken magazine.*

*Thank you,  
Merrilyn*

## Report from the Parish Clerk

### Vacancy for Councillor

The Parish Council have been told by East Cambs that they don't need to hold a full election to fill the vacancy left by Rachel Earl, which means the PC can ask someone from the village to join them. In the first instance, they have asked for anyone interested to write them a letter of application. If you have an interest in what happens in the village and think you can contribute to the business of the Parish Council, please let the Council know. The minutes of previous Council meetings are all on the village website [www.wicken-village.org.uk](http://www.wicken-village.org.uk) and will give you a good idea of the kinds of topics the Council deal with, and there's more information about being a Councillor on the website. If you're interested, please let me have your letter by 30<sup>th</sup> April.

### Roadworks

The major roadworks between Stretham and Wicken were pushed back to April/May. I met with the project manager of the scheme and have managed to find out that the road will only be completely closed for around 7 days. The rest of the time it will be closed overnight, which Highways consider to be 8pm – 6am. I should know the exact dates by 7<sup>th</sup> April and will post them on the website, along with any changes as I get to know about them.

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Clerk for Wicken Parish Council  
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## Wicken Fete & Dog Show 2018 - 30th June

Some fantastic villagers have come forward to make sure Wicken Fete & Dog Show happens this year. An enormous THANK YOU to those who came along on the 8th March to an emergency meeting about the future of the Fete.

We will continue to have open Planning Meetings and if you would like to help in any way, please drop in and let us know. The next meeting is Friday 6 April in the small meeting room at the Village Hall between 7.30-8.30pm.

We would encourage all village clubs and societies to join in - can your group run a game, or a sideshow or a stall?

Can you help put up the bunting or clear up after the Fete??

If you would like to join in, but are unable to make it to the meetings, ring Jean on 01353 727054.

Sara Rains  
for The Fete Team

## Parish Councillors

Cécile Bye	24 High Street	624378
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Liz Houghton (Chair)	17 Chapel Lane	723157
Jilly Rogers	4 Butts Lane	721611
Sue Wilson	28 Chapel Lane	721037

## Wicken Horticultural Society



This year's horticultural show will be held on:  
**21<sup>st</sup> July 2018.**

Firstly, I want to thank all the people who have entered the show over the last few years, your interest and efforts have made it very worthwhile.

It takes a lot of work to organise the show and, while we're all happy to put in the effort, we do it to keep a longstanding village tradition alive. However, as those of you who have supported the show will have noticed, the number of entries has decreased each year; if it carries on we'll soon only need one table! We're all beginning to wonder if events like a horticultural show are no longer the type of thing the village is interested in and feel that, without more support and more entries, this might be our last time.

If you want to see the tradition continue, please start thinking about planting something to bring to the show this year or entering one of the home baking classes. It's only 20p per entry and no-one takes it too seriously, well ok, a couple of people do but that's part of the fun!

We hope to see you there!

Wicken Horticultural Show Committee





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A big thank you to the nine very hardy and community-spirited individuals who attended the clean-up on Sunday 18 March.

It was a bitterly cold and windy day, but the weather did not diminish their efforts and twenty-two black bin bags were filled. This has undoubtedly made a huge difference to the cleanliness of the village and surroundings.

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Peter Rash and Caroline Delph (organisers)

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Sincere apologies for the cancellation of the Community Breakfast.

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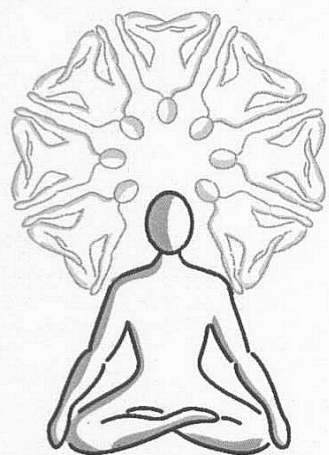
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## Stop 'n' Stare



Isn't it strange how we become part of 'the bigger picture' without too much effort on our part. Sounds like the opening text of a very in depth sermon to the masses, but heavens above it's not, just an event we witnessed during that awful cold snap. A blast from the East, Storm Emma, I called it to be honest with my thermals on something more descriptive .... (Putin brass muncum).

In our front garden we have a beautiful ornamental crab apple tree. In spring it's festooned with clusters of sweet scented pink and white blossom, changing to bunches of marble size deep red coloured fruits. The following year they drop to the ground to be raked up and green binned, the few missed end up in the mower grass box.

This year's cold snap was different in many ways, shorter, later but still the usual chaos occurred. The first days of the freeze a solitary fieldfare helped itself to the plentiful bounty of ripe crab apples. Every day after more fieldfares arrived. We counted at least 50 in the tree with more on the ground. Then on day four an eerie silence, all birds and fruit gone.

The fieldfare so called because it normally feeds in open fields where the fare is. A handsome blue/grey backed member of the thrush family unlike our own resident song and mistle thrush the fieldfare prefers to nest in colonies in its breeding grounds of Norway, Sweden, Germany, Russia, Siberia etc.

Every autumn they migrate south west to avoid the severest of arctic weather, they are said to be a barometer of conditions to come, in a mild winter we see very few but this year, as in 2010, an estimated 75,000 fieldfare crossed the channel into Britain ahead of extreme weather conditions to find open fields covered with snow. To survive they came into parks, gardens and hedgerows to feed. Strangely enough only a handful have ever stayed to nest in the U.K. I shall miss raking up the crab apples this year, but feeling a small part of 'the bigger picture' that has gone on for millennia, how humbling.

I wonder if we qualify for a small rebate from E.C.D.C. for not using the green bin for one in twenty six to be precise.

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Terry Clements.

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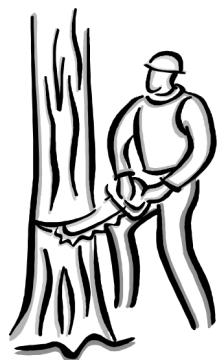
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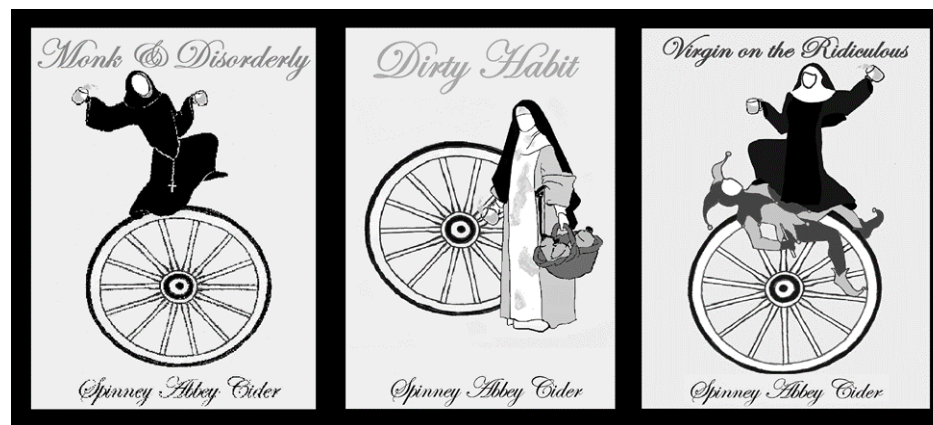
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- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm - £10
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 2.30pm - £7 and 7.30pm - £10.

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For further information about the show please contact Ruth Dennis on 01638 730659.

Gilbert and Sullivan's 'H.M.S. Pinafore' will be set in 1918, to mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. Sailors and Wrens keep H.M.S. Pinafore ship-shape while their Captain seeks to marry his daughter Josephine to the ruler of the King's Navy. She would rather marry the common sailor of her dreams. In true G&S fashion no one is quite who they seem but in the end all are happy with their lot.

'Cox and Box' is pure Victorian farce/melodrama, telling the tale of two gentlemen who both rent what turns out to be the same room from Mr. Bouncer, an ex-military man. One sleeps during the day, the other at night, but they occasionally meet on the stairs. All goes wrong when one of them is forced to take a holiday! This delightful short piece ends with the discovery that Cox and Box are long-lost brothers.

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## Swallowtails

We celebrated Valentine with a Red Theme & meal, then we had to postpone the meal on 28th February at the Five Miles due to the downpour of winter snow .... this meant we enjoyed eating out at the Five Miles on 14th March instead. Our next meeting was an Easter celebration with afternoon tea and a decorated egg & hat competition.

We continue to meet fortnightly and are always open to welcoming new members so why not drop by one Wednesday.

On Thursday 17th May we will make what is very likely to be our last visit to the Romford Dog Track, if anyone would like to join us please contact Nigel on 721037 for further details.

Merrilyn



## St. Laurence's Church Wicken

**Mission Statement for St Laurence's Church:** We aim prayerfully to serve our communities - working together in practical ways, helping people to experience the love of God and grow as disciples of Jesus. We enjoy each other's company as we celebrate God's hope, life and the beauty of his creation.

**SUNDAY & OTHER SERVICES** at St Laurence's unless otherwise stated

### APRIL

8	Churches Together Service with Methodist Church at 40 North Street , while WMC is undergoing repairs	10.00 a
15	No service	
22	7 Lessons & Hymns	4.00 pm
29	Morning Praise	10.30 am

Unfortunately we have been unable to finalise further service times. These will be displayed on the Church service board.

As we are now without a Vicar, please contact any relevant person listed below.

### CHURCH CONTACTS:

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

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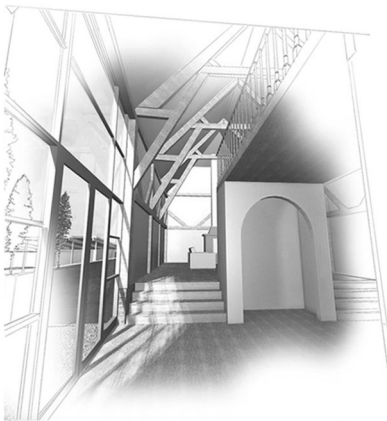
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23rd May	Open Meeting	1400 hrs
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11th November 2018



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This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. Wicken lost 8 men and the whole community would have felt the loss of those individuals and been further touched by the events of the Great War.

War is horrific and the battlefields of the First World War were no exception. The landscape became a churned up muddy wasteland of destruction, but amidst the horrific devastation the battlefields grew new life and red field poppies appeared on the scarred landscape. The poppy soon became a symbol of remembrance. To remember the armistice of 11 November 1918 many people wear a poppy and wreaths are laid at war memorials to honour all those who have sacrificed their lives in conflict.

The British Legion has focused their centenary celebrations on remembrance, education and legacy and the residents of Wicken, Upware and Padney are encouraged to be part of this. Communities survive and grow through shared experiences, and through this we can reflect on how our survival is dependent on the actions of other people. It would be a shared act of remembrance.

Every household is invited to contribute to the creation of a 'Poppy of Poppies'. This will be formed from individual poppies. Each household is encouraged to make up to three poppies. Poppies can be knitted, crocheted, or made from another material (felt, material, card etc.) Individual poppies should be between 7 and 12 cm (3 and 5 inches) in diameter and have a black centre and red petals. These will then be used to create one large poppy.

The service of remembrance (11th November 2018) will be held at the Methodist Chapel this year. After the laying of the wreaths at the war memorial, the hall will be open for people to view the poppy. You also have an opportunity to display family belongings /memorabilia which relate to the First World War such as photo albums, medals etc. Please bring to the hall on Saturday 10th November to set up the display. Refreshments will be served.

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If you are a Christian worshipping outside Wicken please prayerfully 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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23rd Village Hall  
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## OCTOBER

7th Methodist Church

## News from Wicken Fen

Spring has well & truly arrived on the Fen – the first Konik foal & Highland calf were born in mid-March, and our summer migrants have steadily been arriving back over the past few weeks; although the call of the Cuckoo echoing around the fen is still eagerly awaited.

We've recently been in discussion with the Parish Council and Natural England in regard to upgrading the surface of the Winter Paths to and around the Woodland Area on the Northern edge of the reserve. This area has been extremely popular this winter and we've recently opened a den building area in there as well.

It has become noticeable that a growing numbers of dogs are being exercised on Sedge Fen and in the Woodland area off their leads – we do request that all dogs are kept on leads in these areas. This is not only to protect the wildlife, but also your dog as sedge can cause deep cuts to their paws. We've also had complaints from parents that their children have been scared by dogs running around.

Children's events for Easter school holidays includes **Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunt** on 3 & 10 April (age 3+), **Den Building** on Wednesday 4 April (age 3+), **Nature Crafts** Friday 6 April (age 3+), **Story Time – Adventures of Peter Rabbit** on Monday 9 April (age 3-7), **Spring Safari** on Wednesday 11 April (age 5+), **Go Wild – Nature Detectives** on Friday 13 April (age 8+).

Kerry Devine will be showcasing her debut album '**Away From Mountains**' as part of an immersive audio and visual art installation inspired by the landscape and people of the Fens on Saturday 7 April at 7.30pm. The performance which features a mixture of photography, film, sound and art focusses on the female legacy of the Fens, from the dark past of witch hunts that took place in isolated communities, to the role of women in agriculture and those pushing for change in a conservative rural area. Tickets for the event are a bargain at £8– please see the Wicken website for ticketing information.

We're also hosting **Reflections & Revelations: Hidden Art** by artists Helen Terry and Sally Tyrie until 25 April, to coincide with their exhibition at the Babylon Gallery in Ely. You're likely to stumble across their art at a number of locations on the reserve! You can meet the artists at Wicken on Saturday 14 April, 11am – 4pm.

One of the true highlights of the natural world at this time of year is the dawn chorus. If you're up for an early start (4.45am), our expert Rangers will be leading a **Dawn Chorus Walks** on Saturday & Sunday, 5 & 6 May. Professor Nick Davies, one of the world's leading cuckoo experts, will also be leading guided **Cuckoo & Warbler Walks** on Saturday 26 May at 10.15 & 1.45pm, as part of our **Cuckoo & Warbler Festival**, which runs throughout May & June.

The May half-term holiday the menu at Wicken includes **Pond Dipping & Minibeast Hunt** on Wednesday 30 May (age 3+), **Calling Cuckoos** (age 5+) on Thurs 31 May and **Family Campfire Cooking** on Friday 1 June.

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Live music weekend

Friday 29th June (evening) ~ Sabertooth Timmy

Saturday 30th June (evening) ~ Blue Thunder

Sunday 1st July (afternoon) ~ Easy Listening Music

## ELY AND DISTRICT CAMRA RURAL PUB OF THE YEAR



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### Wednesday

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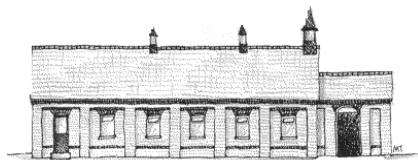
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### Bookings for the Village Hall

The Village Hall has excellent facilities and there are generous discounts available for villagers. The website [www.wickenvillagehall.org.uk](http://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) 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> 8 - 10 pm	<b>Samara Ballet School</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 8-9pm	<b>Pilates - Mat, Ring and Band work - Mixed Ability</b> <b>Zumba for all</b>
<b>Friday</b> 2 pm - 4pm 4 - 9pm	<b>Art Class</b> <b>Samara Ballet School</b> Ballet and Tap Dancing lessons for all ages and abilities.

Village Hall Management Committee Trustees

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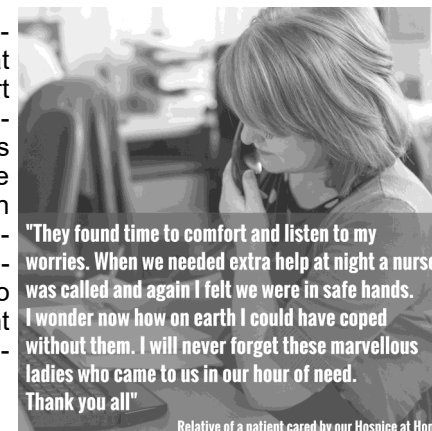
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## Arthur Rank Hospice

### How much do you know about your local Hospice's services, who can access them and how?

Arthur Rank Hospice cares for more than 3000 people each year who are living with a non-curable illness. This could include someone who has lung disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis, certain forms of cancer and heart failure, or many other life-limiting conditions.

Whilst we are best known for our Inpatient Unit, day therapy and Hospice at Home services, holistic care and support are also provided by the Specialist Palliative Care Home Team (which includes triage, central referrals and clinical nurse specialists who deliver their care within the community); patient and family support (counselling, social workers, chaplaincy); complementary therapy, physio and occupational therapy and outpatient clinics for lymphoedema and pain management.



Referrals are commonly made by an individual's GP but can also be made through District Nurses, Arthur Rank Community Team Specialist Nurses and other health professionals. Very occasionally the referrals team receives enquiries directly from individuals and in these instances information is gathered before the individual is required to ask the aforementioned professionals to agree a referral is necessary.

When a person has already received the Hospice's care they can self-refer by contacting our Referrals Office on 01223 675800 (9-3pm, Monday to Friday),

If you know someone who'd like to learn more about Arthur Rank Hospice's services please tell them that they can ask their GP for more information, call us 01223 675800 or visit our website: [www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp](http://www.arhc.org.uk/arhc-services.asp)

Dawn Easby

## Wicken 7 - 11 Youth Club

Youth Club will start again in June.

Watch the big blue notice board outside Wicken Methodist Church for details.

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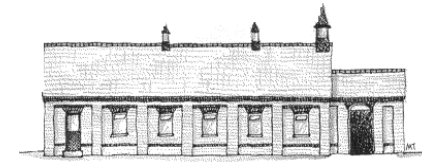
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## Preloved sale: Saturday 5 May

Open 12 noon till 4 pm

Our Preloved sale will feature crafts, jewellery, home-made goods, bric-a-brac, and pre-loved stalls. So if you have anything to sell, book a table for just £6.

It's up to you how you sell things: **book a table on 01353 707054**



## Horse racing night

Saturday 9 June

Come and enjoy the fun of the race track from the comfort of your own Village Hall! There will be races to bet on and a de lux ploughman's supper included in the ticket price of £10. Doors open at 19.00 hours.

**Why not sponsor a race?** You can sponsor a race for just £10 and your name, or your company's name will be on the programme. Just contact one of the committee if you'd like to be a sponsor.



## Save the date!

Picnic round the pond

Sunday 2 September

We'll be organising our ever-popular family Picnic round the Pond on Sunday 2 September. Wicken Coronation Band will be playing your favourite tunes and Dave Donut will be there with his Punch and Judy show and will be doing magic things with balloons throughout the afternoon. Bring a rug, a picnic and enjoy the fun!



## Sunday teas in the Hall



Sunday teas are available in the village every Sunday during the summer. We'll be holding Sunday teas in the Hall on the following Sundays:

6 May, 27 May, 17 June, 29 July, 19 August and 23 September

Home made cakes and tea are available and there's time to meet with friends and chat.

## VILLAGE DIARY

13th April	Coffee Morning	see p. 42
14th Apr	Coffee Morning Spring Tea	see p. 42
19th April	Mobile Library	see p. 14
22nd April	Spring Service & Sunday Tea	see p. 41
25th Apr	URA Open Meeting	see p. 28 (last issue)

5th May	Pre Loved Sale	see p. 9
11th May	Coffee Morning	see p. 42
12th May	Wicken Beer Festival	see p. 45
12th May	Coffee Morning Food Taste	see p. 42
17th May	Mobile Library	see p. 14

9th June	Horse Racing Night	see p. 12
15th June	Coffee Morning	see p. 42
21st June	Mobile Library	see p. 14
30th June	Village Fete & Dog Show	see p. 46

Help needed for Beer Festival 10th & 13th May see page 45

Sunday Teas 13th May to 7th October see page 22

For Wicken Fen activities see page 31

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.

Swaffham Bulbeck Summer Theatre - 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th June see page 15

### ADVANCE DIARY DATES:

URA Picnic in the Park 8th July see p. 28 (last issue)

Picnic Around the Pond 2nd September see p. 22

100th Anniversary WW1 10th & 11th November see page 20

URA Christmas Fair 9th December see p. 28 (last issue)

## VILLAGE DIARY - weekly

Monday	Service for Healing	see p.
Tuesday	Fen Tiggers	see p.
Tuesday	Bible Study	see p.
Wednesday	Swallowtails	see p.
Wednesday	Wicken Coronation Band	see p.
Wednesday	Home Group	see p.
Thursday	Pilates & Zumba	see p.
Friday	Art Class	see p.
Friday	Samara Ballet	see p.
Sunday	Church Services (Anglican)	see p.
Sunday	Methodist Church Services	weekly 1030 hrs
	For details of United Services	see p.

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 October/November issue of Around & About is:

### FRIDAY 25th MAY 2018

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

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### 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