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Here we go into Winter again!

The rains are falling; floods all over and the cold is coming in! Put the logs on the fire and have a read or browse of what we have been up to over the last few months and some important information on things happening in our Village in 2020. We are going to see big improvements with the new street lighting as they start to get installed and we look forward to other projects being funded through the Solar Farm Fund. This is also a time of year to keep an eye out for the older folk in our community, to make sure they are safe and being looked after.

The Wicken Village Community and WicKids can look back on a successful year of Village activities from the Scarecrow Festival to the Halloween Spooky Night, with the Children's Film Matinee still to come in December. We are already planning for 2020 and, once again, grateful for additional funding through the Solar Farm Fund. We hope everyone has a Great and Happy Christmas!

Fenlon Dunphy
Chair

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St. John the Evangelist

Carol Service

Sunday 15th December
at 6pm

followed by refreshments

In aid of 'Riding for the Disabled'



(This will replace Wicken Praise)

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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STREET LIGHTING IMPROVEMENTS

At the well attended Parish Council EGM on the 16th October 2019 there was a constructive discussion on the subject of the Wicken Street Lighting. Ahead of the meeting Parish Councillors had reviewed the street lighting of other villages, along with considerable data from industry experts, and Neil Gordon-Lee had put together a helpful summary, made available to all on the village website.

Guidance provided by the Campaign to Protect Rural England was agreed to be an appropriate framework for decision making, and the Parish Council adopted a policy of minimising light pollution whilst providing improved and safe lighting to the village within the existing lighting configuration of 22 lights. There was general support amongst villagers for lights to be switched off between midnight and 6am, for a softer lighting effect and for less light pollution.

There had already been some debate within the village as to the style of the new lighting with some residents suggesting heritage rather than contemporary fittings. However it was generally agreed that the heritage lantern

design would not look right on telegraph poles, although it could be considered for those on lampposts. On the other hand, it was pointed out that the heritage style was inappropriate for a small country village, that mixing heritage and contemporary styles could be a source of conflict and, somewhat incongruously, the majority of the lampposts were sited near modern housing.

Taking all these matters into consideration the Parish Council decided to go ahead with the ordering of 13 contemporary lights for positioning on the telegraph poles. These lights can be set up in a variety of ways to best suit their positions; they can be precisely targeted to control light spill. It is hoped these lights will be in position by February 2020.

The Parish Council also agreed that a trial should take place of a single heritage style lantern for consideration of the remaining 9 lighting sites.

The maker of the lantern, DW Windsor, confirmed at the meeting that in an unmodified state the heritage "Street" lantern does permit spill light and, indeed, for light to be refracted above the level of the light

itself. However, DW Windsor believes they can reduce and possibly eliminate the impact of this through the addition of shields to the lantern and the selection of an appropriate lens.

The purpose of the trial is to confirm whether DW Windsor can provide a light which meets the desired light pollution standard, and to allow an opportunity for residents to view the look of the heritage style compared with the new contemporary lights which are being installed on existing telegraph poles. The Parish Council will, following resident feedback, assess the results of the trial and give further consideration as to the installation of heritage or contemporary lights in the remaining locations.

The location selected for this trial is the lamp standard on the corner of St John's Lane and Church Close opposite the Old Telephone Exchange. The lamp standard will be replaced, and a heritage "Street" lantern will be installed for a trial period (at no cost) which will permit direct comparison with the contemporary lighting being fitted elsewhere. The trial period will be after the contemporary lighting has been fitted to allow proper comparison.

Any comments on the trial can be made to the Parish Clerk (email wickenclerk@outlook.com) or in writing to 12 Deanshanger Road, Wicken once the trial has commenced.

The full minutes of the EGM including the technical details of the lights selected are available on the village website.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH

By
Rector
Diane
Whittaker

some villages away from the coast, as they are being threatened with flooding due to higher sea levels. The poorer rural villages are also being affected by flooding due to deforestation, and there are also reports of the rainfall no longer being so predictable.

I visited one poor community who had been badly affected by Cyclone Winston in 2016 and were only just recovering.

Then on to Australia, which was intended to be holiday, and was to a large extent, but I continued to have conversations with people about how the drought was affecting them – I stayed with my friend in NSW who is very close to running out of water. I also visited a project saving turtles that had ingested plastic and could no longer feed or swim properly.

So, now I'm back in a country that is inundated with water and well on the way into winter – a bit of a shock after being too warm for 8 weeks! What my travels have highlighted to me is that there isn't a place in this world that isn't affected by human action. This is inevitable given our energy and talent for changing things, but what isn't is how we go forward into the future. As we prepare to celebrate again the birth of the Christ child – God present in creation, let us think about how we can love and care for God's creation in all we do.

God bless, and I hope to catch up with folks over the Christmas season.

Diane

I'm back! For those of you who were wondering where I had disappeared to, I've been privileged to take a sabbatical break from my ministry and have spent the last three months studying and travelling.

The theme to my sabbatical was 'climate change' or to be more explicit to look at how Christians can respond to the current concerns about climate and the human impact on the world around us.

I began with a month in Northumberland including a retreat on Holy Island which had a Celtic Creation theme. While I was there I did some reading about how early Christians in Britain used their faith to influence the way they treated the world around them. Interestingly, having expected resonances from the early pagan Celtic religion, it appeared that the early church teaching was based upon the creation stories and the understanding that we have been given stewardship of the world.

I then travelled to Fiji and spent 5 weeks with the church there, talking to people about how climate change is affecting them – the churches in Fiji are working with the government to help to relocate

News from the Registers

Baptisms

30th Oct. Jacob Mark and Frankie Anne Aubrey Armstrong, St Leonards, Yardley Gobion

Funerals

21st Oct. Mary Jacquest, St Leonards, Yardley Gobion

25th Oct. John Ditung, St Leonards, Yardley Gobion

13th Nov. Elizabeth Wootton, St John the Evangelist, Wicken

MACMILLAN MAMMOTH QUIZ

Which country invented the Fortune Cookie?

Do goldfish really have a three-second memory?

How did Google get its name?

Can you lick your elbow?

Which movie first showed a toilet flush?

What is the plastic tip of a shoelace called?

Which animal swallows stones for ballast?

Wicken Village Macmillan Quiz
Friday 28th February, 2020
Put the date in your diary NOW
It is going to be MAMMOTH!

More information nearer the time
Could your team become Wicken Village Quiz Champions?

Questions shown are just for fun!

Village BBQ

2019



Wicken Sports Club 22nd September 2019



Childrens races



Tug O' War

The "Not So" Summery BBQ

Unfortunately we have no control over the weather; maybe it was because we gave it the School Sports Day Theme!

September was a very wet month and choosing a day for our BBQ was fraught; it also turned out fairly chilly on the day as well!

As we started to BBQ, the heavens opened and a very fast relocation of salads, crockery and servers had to be made to the indoors; alas, the BBQs and chefs had to huddle under the canopy outside.

A respite in the weather allowed the Sports to take place – the kids and adults alike had fun with sacks, eggs & spoons, hoops and all sorts! All rounded off with some very competitive Tug O' War!

WET, COLD BUT FUN AND GOOD FOOD....

WickKids

Presents

**A CHILDREN'S
FILM MATINEE**

Sunday 8th December 2019

At

Wicken Sports & Social Club

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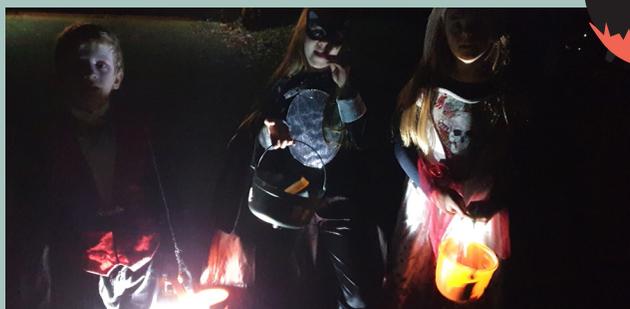
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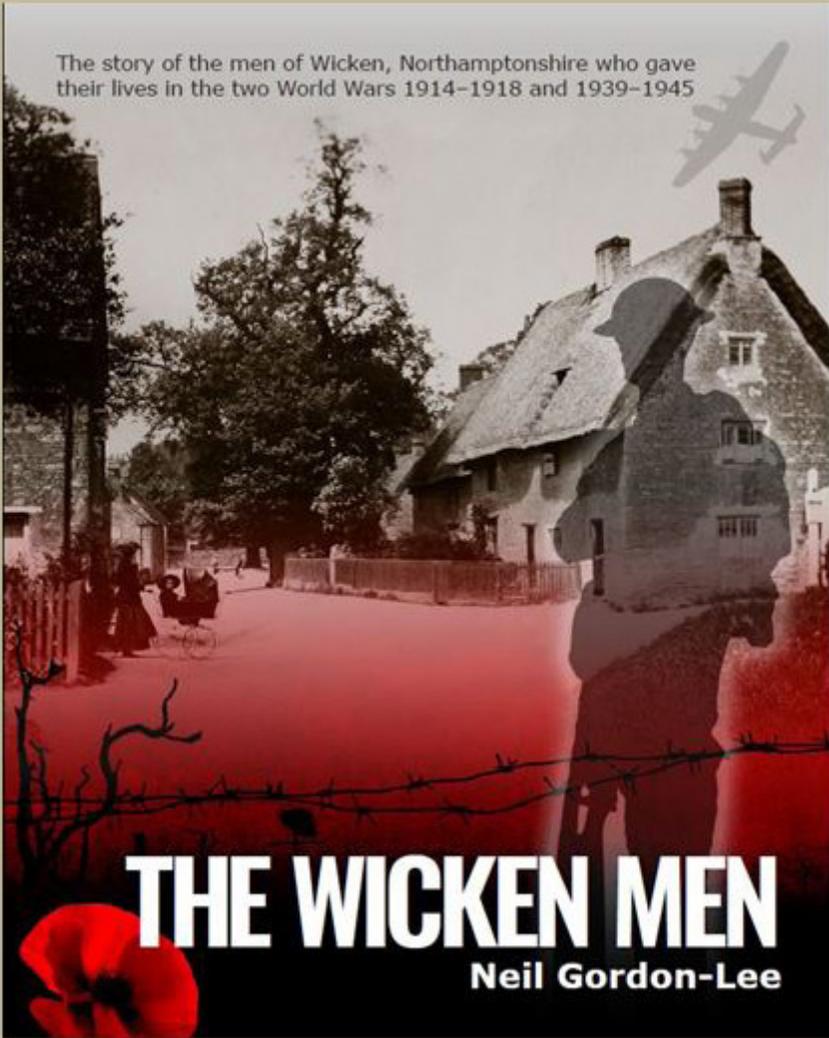




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CRAFT, CAKE & CHAT@WICKEN

It has been a very successful year. We have continued to meet on a Monday night, sharing projects, skills and lots of cake!

Amongst our many projects we are pleased to have continued to make bags for the patients on Ward 24 MKUH, items for neonatal and stillborn babies, chickens for The Chiltern MS Centre and lots of poppies that are currently on display at the Army Museum in Middle Wallop.

We recently were approached by Bletchley Park to make some squirrels for an exploring trail and we are so excited to be part of this.

Many of you came and met us at The Scarecrow Festival and purchased a knitted cat. The money from this helped us to make and post Twiddlemuffs for a unit in Edinburgh that were desperate for help. We also were able to buy resources to use on our local projects.

We always need wool and materials such as fabric and haberdashery. If you ever have a clear out, think of us!

If you would like to join us on a Monday, come along!

Judi Gale & Eleanor Cooper



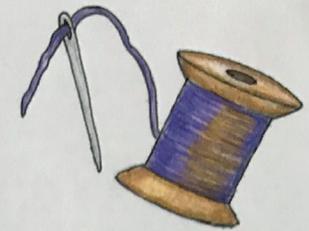
SOLAR FUND UPDATE

The Solar Fund has had another round of funding for 2019, with funding applications considered by the Solar Farm Fund Committee; then reviewed and approved by the Parish Council at their 6 Nov meeting.

The agreed allocation as follows:

- £3,000 had been pre-allocated to the Village Lighting project to add to last year's £8,000 taking the amount to date to £11,000
- £500 is put aside for the Wicken Village Website
- £600 allocated to the weekly Village taxi service
- £750 has been added to the £750 from last year for the Village entrance project
- £600 has again been put aside for the Village maintenance
- £800 to support the activities of the Wicken Village Community and WicKids
- £4,425 of matched funding for the Wicken Sports Club to undertake certain priority projects, in particular renewal of the boiler

We are very fortunate to have this funding available to support so many activities and undertake necessary maintenance and repair around the Village.



Craft, Cake and Chat @ Wicken

Mondays, 7:30pm-10:00pm

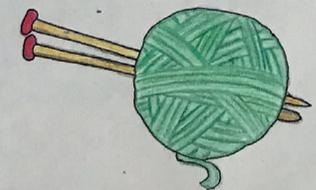
Wicken Sports Club

£2.50 for Adults

£1.00 for Children



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CRYPTO DEMYSTIFIED IN WICKEN COURSE

Cryptocurrency has been the fastest growing asset class for a decade.

Sadly, only a small minority have benefited from the meteoric rise of assets like Bitcoin and Ethereum. Indeed a recent survey showed that 93% of Brits have heard of Bitcoin, but just 4% of us own any. When those 93% were asked why they hadn't bought, the most common response by far was that they "didn't understand it." So it seems clear that there's a knowledge gap keeping the general public shut out.

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Dates for your Diary....

DECEMBER

Sunday 8th
Wicken Sports Club
3.30 PM
WICKIDS FILM
MATINEE

Sunday 15th
Wicken Church
6 PM
CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 24th
Wicken Church
3 PM
CHRISTINGLE

Wednesday 25th
Wicken Church
9.30 AM
HOLY
COMMUNION

Sunday 29th
Wicken Church
11 AM
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Lunch and entertainment programme until end 2019: 14 Dec. All dates are Saturdays. Any queries, contact Myrtle on the number below.

Can you help the Wicken Senior Club?

We are looking for someone to help cook and serve lunches once a month. So, if you have a spare afternoon to help out 30+ senior citizens enjoy an afternoon of Bingo, Raffle and entertainment then please contact *Myrtle Tanner 01908 616603*

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<i>Saturday</i>	<i>12 noon to 11pm</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>12 noon to 8pm</i>

Food Served

<i>Tuesday thru Friday</i>	<i>6:30 to 9pm</i>
<i>Saturday Bar Menu</i>	<i>12 noon to 2.30 pm</i>
<i>Saturday Full Menu</i>	<i>6:30pm to 9pm</i>
<i>Sunday Lunch</i>	<i>12:30pm to 3pm</i>

Contact Us on 01908 307254