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Location of new tree planting. Refer to article.

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WELCOME

At the time of writing, the rains have finally let up, at least for now, and the Spring sun shines. A welcome relief from a winter that seems to have broken rainfall records.

This edition is longer than recent editions thanks to the latest fascinating account of his childhood growing up in Wicken by John Folker, this time looking at the local farms. I would also urge you to read John's previous accounts, which can be found in previous News editions on the village website.

This edition also includes an update on Wicken Sports Club following the recent AGM.

We continue to hope that more village residents will come forward to volunteer some time to support activities such as the summer BBQ, sports day, scarecrow day and other social events which have been so successful and enjoyed by many in previous years. Without more helpers, it is really not feasible to organise such events.

And please join the litter pick on Sunday 17 March if you can.

ST JOHN'S CHURCH

The Parochial Church Council meets regularly and works hard to keep our wonderful church in good repair. Recently we have had a survey of the papier mâché chancel ceiling; we await the results. Any cleaning/repairs will, of course, need specialist, expert help, for which we hope grants will be awarded. We continue to investigate the possibilities for providing a small kitchen and a much-needed WC, both of which are complicated projects because of the church's listed status and lack of utilities.

Our services around Christmas were well-attended and very well-received. It was wonderful to welcome so many to these events. Grateful thanks are due to our guest readers at the service of Lessons and Carols and to those who prepared the refreshments and made the church so beautiful and festive by candle-light. The collection at the Christingle meant we could send £166 to the Children's Society – thank you.

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is not far off. It is open to the public, with an opportunity to ask questions and share opinions. Details below.

As is now the established pattern, we have our service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month at St John's, with the other three churches in the Benefice each hosting another of the remaining three Sundays. Where there is a fifth Sunday, we take turns with an 8am service. Details of all the services, including those available online, and other events may be found on the benefice website: <https://www.southcleley-benefice.org.uk/> . Please feel free to contact me if that's easier, though. (Details below.)

Forthcoming services are Holy Communion on 3 March at

10am, 31 March at 11am (Easter Day – when the clocks will have gone forward the night before) and 7 April and 5 May at 10am. The May service will combine both our patronal festival of St John and Ascension Day, which falls just a few days later on the following Thursday. The service will begin at the Gospel Elm for a brief commemoration, after which we will process to the church. Afterwards we will enjoy the traditional “cakes and ale” as well as tea, coffee and soft drinks.

The APCM will take place in the church on Monday, 22 April at 7pm. Around a month before that, the latest Electoral Roll will be open for new (self-)nominations, so please keep an eye on the church noticeboard for more information.

Everyone is always welcome to join us for any of our services, even if you’ve never come before, here or anywhere else. We don’t expect children to be completely still and silent (!) nor mind if they fancy a little wander around.

We would love to see and welcome you soon.

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UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN AID UPDATE

Scan the QR code opposite to access the full update of the Humanitarian Aid delivery to Ukraine November 2023, on the Wicken Village website.



SPORTS CLUB WORKS UPDATE



Improvements at the Sports Club continue, this time with unexpected but necessary repair works to the roofing. The ends of the rafters and fascia board had rotted away, resulting in the guttering falling off in front of the external changing rooms.

The rafters had to be extended, and metal brackets fabricated to support the load.



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TREE PLANTING

New trees planted in Wicken in support of Queen's Green Canopy

Over the course of the last year and a half we have been exploring the idea of adding trees to the Parish to improve the environment and to celebrate the reign of Elizabeth II.

The Queen's Green Canopy scheme began in 2021 in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II in 2022. The aim was to plant 3 million native species during two planting seasons. Although King Charles III decided to extend the period of time to March 2023 following the death of his mother we did not get our scheme resolved until late in 2023.

More details of the initiative can be found on the Royal Family website (royal.uk)

We were constrained by the fact that tree planting should only take place in the dormant season between November and the following March. In early 2023, a proposal was put to the Parish Council to consider planting an avenue of trees on Whittlebury Road to complement the previous schemes in which trees had been added to hedgerows on other entry roads to the village.

The proposal suggested that funds from the Solar Farm could be used to pay for the planting and ongoing maintenance. As investigations continued the Parish Council was advised that the impact of climate change would be critical to its success. One professional went as far as saying that without a three-year maintenance plan, it would be unwise to even proceed with the planting.

The initial scheme for 26 trees suggested by Celina Francklin

was reviewed by the Solar Farm Committee and subsequent discussions, in light of budget constraints, saw the scheme refined to first 14 and latterly 10 trees. The Parish Council required permission to be obtained from the landowner for the planting and this was received in August 2023 so quotations could be obtained.

Decisions were also taken to use smaller trees which professional advice suggests will grow faster than much larger trees. As long as the tree crown is above the top of the hedge then the new tree can thrive. It was also fortunate that we were able to find a solution during the tendering process, which reduced the initial £7,000 per annum maintenance cost to £2,000 which meant the Councillors unanimously approved the scheme.

The Parish Council engaged Wessex Woodland who have now planted the small-leaved lime trees, a little later than originally planned because of the inclement weather before Christmas. This species is known for attracting bees. We are engaging foresters based locally to assist with watering the trees and monitoring them for disease.

The Council is also pursuing additional planting opportunities elsewhere in the village and would like to hear from anyone with ideas. Please submit to the Solar Farm Committee (contact details are on the Village website).



(Also see picture on front cover)

SPORTS CLUB DOG WALKERS

Firstly, thank you to those dog walkers who have adhered to the requirement to keep their dogs on leads.

Unfortunately however, there are those who continue to let their dogs roam free. There has been a recent increase in dog faeces being found on the playing fields. This really is unacceptable. We are fortunate to have such a lovely space in our village, which is used by sporting teams, walkers and families. ***Please have consideration for other users and ensure that if your dog fouls, bag it and put it in one of the correct bins provided. Doggie bags must not be put in the general waste bins by the football dugout or in the bins next to the main building.***



Wicken News Editor Position

We are looking for a volunteer to take on the position of Wicken News Editor.



This role involves creating the layout and design of the Wicken News every quarter based on the content supplied; you won't need to create articles, but to set them out in the News. This would suit someone who has an interest in design and can use or would like to learn desktop publishing software (we use a good free tool).

You don't need to have any experience. Once you're familiar with the software (and there are lots of excellent on-line tutorials available that help to make this a quick learning experience) it is not a big time commitment and is highly rewarding to see your work in print.

If you would like to find out more please email Will at: wicken.community@gmail.com



CHILDHOOD MEMORIES, CHAPTER 8

John Folker

Local Farms: from the 1940s to early 1960s

Hi, Happy New year to you all. (Bit late for that! It will be nearly Easter by the time you read this).

For new readers I am reflecting on my childhood memories of Wicken covering mid to late 1940s through to early 1960s. To get a better appreciation of my memoirs, you should refer to the book 'Old Photographs of Wicken' by Jonathan Gudgeon (see details in the Wicken News).

This time I am going to reflect on the farms both in the village and within the parish boundary.

Starting at the top of the village on Leckhamptstead Road, just beyond "Pear Tree" Cottage is a narrow lane off to the left leading now to two or three cottages. Back in the 1930s it led to a farm and more cottages known as **Old Farm**, but this was before my time on the planet, and I cannot claim to have known it as a working farm. My memory only extends to the cottages that are there now. The back of my mind tells me there were some derelict buildings, but this is very vague in my head and may have been put there by the very good stab at the lay out of this area by Jonathan Gudgeon (refer to 'Old Photos' page 172/173). However, several years ago my youngest son found a photograph on the internet referring to Wicken, and which I am making the assumption is Old Farm (see picture opposite).

One farm I do remember very well across the road from Old Farm, was **Glebe Farm**. Refer to 'Old Photos' page 168/169; in the top left picture is a flock of sheep heading towards Old



Farm. Behind them on the horizon you can see a couple of old barns, this was part of Glebe Farm run by the Cashmore family. They lived at 10 Leckhampstead Road and had two sons, Brian & Terry. Terry was 5 days older than me; Brian was 2 to 3 years older. We were great mates during our school years. To get to the farm from their house, you had to go down their garden into a field known as the Old Church Yard. In 2007, this was explored by the "Time Team" and remains of the old church were discovered along with some graves. Across the road from the house was the dairy. The farm itself would have now been in the back gardens of the two modern houses that are there today, nos 22 & 24 Leckhampstead Road. I think that one barn may still be in the back garden of No 22. My other connection with this farm is that my mother's lodger (later to become my stepfather) was also employed on the farm. So, I often spent many hours with him on tractors and trailers. Many memories of life on the farm seen through young eyes, not exactly seeing the many dangers farm worker encounter. Falling off tractors and trailers in muddy gateways seemed all part of the fun. This is not to say my mentors saw it that way. Mr Cashmore, I think was the first farmer within the village to have a combine

harvester. I am sure it was not self-propelled so had to have two operatives, someone driving the tractor to haul it and one on the harvester to fill and dump off the filled sacks of grain, to be collected by a third person with a tractor and trailer. The remaining straw would be left and later bailed. They had two tractors: a Fordson Major and a Massy Ferguson along with a horse & cart. I remember a milking machine being installed, which I believe was another local first. Mr Cashmore was an accomplished piano player; both his boys had music lessons and could play the piano and wind instruments. I particularly remember Terry playing the trumpet. He let me have ago, but I failed miserably as so much puff was needed. I could ramble on about helping to feed chickens, milking cows, mucking out pigs & horses, but that will do for Glebe Farm.

Further down Leckhampstead Road you come to **Home Farm**. This was run by Mr Davis. He was the farmer responsible for getting mum's two lodgers down from Fife in Scotland. I have talked about this in previous chapters. Mr Davis left Home Farm in the early 1950s, and it was then managed by the Howe family. Mr & Mrs Howe had two boys in their late teens to early 20's, so my stepfather to-be was not required. This is when he transferred to Mr Cashmore at Glebe Farm. All I remember about Home Farm at that period was the milk churns that were stood out each morning for collection by the milk tanker. Refer to 'Old Photos' p156/157/158/159/160/161. In the foreground of the top picture on p161 you can see the start of the farm drive going off to the left, and the wooden stand for the milk churns also on p168 but missing on the bottom picture p160. Mr Howe had a mixture of animal and arable land, but my memories are particularly on the racehorses, which I think belonged to a syndicate in the Grand Order of Merchant Venturers who at that time had purchased most of the farmland in the village. All the local farmers were their tenants including

Sir Foster Robinson who was keen to promote cricket in our village and was a County Cricketer for Gloucestershire.

My stepdad to-be had a love of horses, so was always stroking, and fussing them. I, with schoolboy mentality, thought I could do the same, but much to my surprise it had a very painful result on one occasion when a horse kicked back on me. This horse was quite likely to have been 'Homeward Bound', bred by Sir Foster at Wicken Park Stud, which went on to win in 1964 the Princess Elizabeth Stakes and The Oaks at Epsom, and the Irish oaks at York in the same year.

Continuing further down into the village you see our church, immediately to the left is The Manor. In my young days this was **Manor Farm** managed by Mr & Mrs Vellacott. Where Pound Close is now were the farm buildings. P103/104/105/106/107/108. The Vellacott family left the village in the late 1960s. The farm was demolished and developed into the housing estate, except for the pound, that is still there. I think the pound was for stray animals to be penned until the owners were found. I have a photo of my mother and other ladies helping with the harvest in the farmyard loading sheaves of corn onto the elevator to go into the threshing box. One of these elevators and threshing boxes can be seen at Milton Keynes museum. It could well be the one my mother was loading. The field opposite Pound Close was always known as the mushroom field. My mother on a warm misty September morning would get me up very early to go mushrooming. Some we had for breakfast then the rest would be walked into Stony Stratford and sold to Mr Rudd who owned a Bakers & Florist shop. We would then walk home again. I remember well the mushroom field draped in mist just starting to rise. We thought we were the first there, but as the mist gently rose it exposed others doing the same thing.

The final farm within the built-up area of Wicken is **Sparrow Lodge Farm**. This is slightly more off the beaten track. Leaving the village down Park Lane go over the brook and turn left into Sparrow Lodge Lane. The farm is at the end. It is now a split farm between traditional farming & equine activities. As far as I can remember it has always been managed by the same Ivens family. Harry Ivens the farmer at that time was a very keen cricketer for Wicken and was still turning out to play in his seventies. My only memory of the farm was as one of the places to buy eggs. The nearest I usually got to the farm was helping on our allotments they were in the fields that are now sectioned off for horse enclosures to the left of the Sparrow Lodge Lane.

Pightle Farm (now known as Park Farm) like Sparrow Lodge is just beyond the built-up area on Park Lane Road adjacent to the lane leading to Akeley junior school. It is now run by Richard Edmondson's son Andrew, obviously having connections with what was Home Farm. Richard Edmondson took on the management of home farm I think in the seventies, and the Pightle was then all part of the same farming domain. I am not sure of previous history, perhaps one of the family will enlighten me.

Going up the lane to the school was **Park House Farm**, but I can only remember the house being part of the school establishment, that was a private girl's school.

Continuing down Park Lane you come to the A422. At the T-junction, directly across the field, is **Little Hill Farm**, now vending farm produce under the name Cranley Barn. For historical interest the Cranley Oak was on the then S/bends heading to Buckingham, approx. 200yds from the entrance to Little Hill Farm and just before the left turn to Thornton. In my childhood days the farm was managed by the Marchant family. I

learnt to swim in the Great Ouse beyond the farm.

Going left on the A422 heading towards Deanshanger is **Mount Mill Farm**. I can't ever remember going there in my childhood.

Coming back to Wicken and going out on the Deanshanger Road beyond what is now Silver Spinney farm, over Washal bridge and up Kingdom hill. On the next left bend is Dagnall Cottage the lane going off to the right takes you to what was Dagnall Farm, but I think today it is a residential collection of cottages.

Other farms within the parish were **Wicken Hurst Farm** now including Wicken Toys, on the Wittlebury Rd. This I think was managed by Spencer Ivens, Harry's brother, but it then transferred to the Ward family possibly in the late 1950s or early 1960s. Frank Ward his brother Jim Ward managed Leckhampstead Road Farm, but this was just into the parish of Leckhampstead. Jim Ward, I remember was another good Wicken Cricketer particularly as a batsman, with a massive clout, the ball would go for a six.

Opposite Hurst farm was **Pig & Whistle Farm**. further on is Old Copse Farm and further on still is Forest Farm, but these officially are in the parish of Deanshanger, as was Folley Farm. That's all my rambling for now. Looking forward to the spring. My bees made a brief appearance last week but sensibly went back in the hive. They have now taken flight, and all the spring flowers are out along with the early spring blossom.

Cheers for now, John. P.F.

15 February 2024

PS. I have recently been contacted by Jess Eden one of our readers. She has kindly given me more information relating to

my memories of local quarries, chapter 7.

- Silver Spinney was planted for Lord & Lady Penryn to commemorate their Silver Wedding. (from research I calculate this to be Circa 1912).
- What I referred to as Dagnall quarry was locally called the sand pits.
- Quarry Green Close is on the site of Stone Pit. The original cottage still there is called Stone Pit cottage.
- Yorky the scissor grinder left Silver Spinney when another scissor grinder moved on to his patch. He did not in fact die from a road accident but was taken to Buckingham cottage hospital after he was found wandering about in a daze at cattle ford bridge. He died in the hospital and I assume is buried in a local cemetery.
- Many of the sandpits in this area were used extensively to build our first motorway, the M1, which opened in 1959. I may have more to say about this in the future. As in the early days of my motoring I used the M1, regularly 6 days a week.



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WICKEN SPORTS CLUB ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023

Chair's & Financial AGM Review presented February 2024 – covering the Year to 30 November 2023 (abridged)

Wicken Cricket increased participant numbers significantly, reflected in the big increase in Subs. They have renewed their arrangement with Buckingham Town CC (BTCC) for another two seasons. This means greater use of the ground, including occasional mid-week games.

Football had a very disrupted off-season as the Shamrocks and Juniors both folded. We had an abortive negotiation with Silverstone Racers, but now have fresh starters in Sporting Leon and OB City, alongside Wicken Vets. Sporting Leon play in the same league as Wicken Vets. OB City play all year round rather than just to the season and they have in the last couple of months started up a Ladies side as well.

Archery is maintaining its Club use pattern, shooting all year round on a Sunday, weather allowing, and with their Monday and Tuesday evening shoots when the days are longer.

Tennis unfortunately has slipped further back in numbers.

There is still great demand for sports facilities locally and we are receiving fresh requests on a regular basis, particularly ahead of season, but it is also true that sports facilities are under significant cost pressure. Balancing the desire for affordable subscriptions and hire charges from users with the needs of management to provide and maintain the facilities, is an almost impossible task. It is still true that most of the sports users come from outside the village, but it is this utilisation that

largely funds and keeps the facility available for the village.

The Financial Review to 30 November 2023 shows that we are still in recovery mode.

Financial Year to 30 November 2023

The 2023 bar takings have decreased by approx. £800 compared to 2022. It is always difficult to explain these moves fully, but the bar has been less active after football; this may also be due to the cost-of-living squeeze. However, the net profit for 2023 was maintained compared to 2022 at approx. £2,300, as the margin percentage has improved year on year. We have shown 5% of bar takings as Membership Fees, representing the proportion we ascribe to temporary membership to meet our HMRC obligation.

Sports Income for 2023 was approx. £7,200, compared to £4,500 for 2022, a £2,700 overall increase. This was in part due to the increase in individual subscription fees for 2023 raising net an additional £635 for those activities that were active across both years but offset by a loss of approx. £1,600 for those teams that folded. However, we have made a substantial shift to pitch hire on a by game and season basis. At the end of the 2022/23 football season, we achieved hire fees of £1,380 for Silverstone Racers alone, and going into the current season, Sporting Leon have paid £1,300 for the season. Off season hire brought in another £500. From October, we have also introduced OB City on a £200 per month charge, which will bring in £2,400 for the year. After allocating costs we are still in a net Sports loss position for 2023 of £1,400 compared to a loss of £2,200 for 2022. The position would have been better, but we felt we had to engage cleaning services for this year and going forward; approx. £800 has been

allocated to Sports.

Social Income and Other Hire Income have picked up for 2023 bringing in, between them, approx. £2,000 gross, compared to 2022 income of £800. This is largely down to both the Seniors and Film Nights having got back to regular monthly events. The Craft Group is also meeting monthly. We are still falling significantly short of pre-Covid income of approx. £5,000. We made a decreased net loss in 2023 of approx. £700, compared to a loss of £2,500 in 2022.

Our annual rent has remained unchanged at £1,250, but we are overdue a rent review.

Property Maintenance went up again in 2023; we have needed to continue to refurbish, service and replace tired and out of date assets. This has ranged from repainting the changing rooms to clearing the cesspit, along with refurbishing the portacabin and moving the burglar alarm to extend its life. Since the financial year-end we have had the sagging roof repaired at a cost of £6,000, which has been covered in full by the Wicken Parish Council Solar Farm Fund.

To sum up in cash terms, our cash position coming into 2023 was approx. £16,000 and we made a cash loss of £3,800. That meant that we closed 2023 with a cash balance of approx. £12,200.

The Management Committee has previously set a target that “mothball costs” of running the Club should be held covering a 2-year emergency fund at all times. At £12,000 we are at that threshold.

As of the 10 January 2024 we had £11,400 in the bank, with £900 due into the bank account.

WSC FINANCIAL YEAR 2023

				2023		2022	
Bar Takings		£4,129.11	Adj. (£206.46)	£3,922.65		£4,765.52	
Membership Fees	5%		£206.46	£206.46		£250.82	
Bar Costs		(£1,753.59)		(£1,753.59)		(£2,708.95)	
Zettle Fees		£0.00		£0.00		£0.00	
Bar Net Income/(Expend.)	58%	£2,375.52	£0.00	£2,375.52	61%	£2,307.39	48%
Sports Income		£7,315.00	(£105.00)	£7,210.00		£4,540.00	
Sports Expenditure		(£659.18)		(£659.18)		(£787.26)	
Mowing		(£5,778.00)	£500.00	(£5,278.00)		(£3,904.00)	
Site Rental	92.5%		(£1,156.25)	(£1,156.25)		(£1,156.25)	
Utilities	25.0%		(£634.29)	(£634.29)		(£928.39)	
Cleaning	75.0%		(£843.75)	(£843.75)		-	
Sports Net Income/(Expend.)	12%	£877.82	(£2,239.29)	(£1,361.47)	(19%)	(£2,235.90)	(49%)
Social Income/Contribution		£1,742.33		£1,742.33		£717.40	
Social Expenditure		£0.00		£0.00		(£163.00)	
Site Rental	7.5%		(£93.75)	(£93.75)		(£93.75)	
Utilities	75.0%		(£1,902.88)	(£1,902.88)		(£2,785.16)	
Cleaning	25.0%		(£281.25)	(£281.25)		-	
Social Net Income/(Expend.)	100%	£1,742.33	(£2,277.88)	(£535.55)		(£2,324.51)	
Other Income		£266.50		£266.50		£60.00	
Other Expenditure		£0.00	(£446.00)	(£446.00)		(£187.50)	
Other Net Income/(Expend.)		£266.50	(£446.00)	(£179.50)		(£127.50)	
Site Rental	100%	(£1,250.00)	£1,250.00	£0.00		£0.00	
Utilities	100%	(£2,537.17)	£2,537.17	£0.00		£0.00	
Maintenance		(£1,963.87)		(£1,963.87)		(£979.73)	
Property Costs	(43%)	(£5,751.04)	£3,787.17	(£1,963.87)	(15%)	(£979.73)	
Misc		(£3,270.70)	£1,571.00	(£1,699.70)		(£2,386.48)	
Cost Contribution				£0.00		£0.00	
		(£3,270.70)	£1,571.00	(£1,699.70)		(£2,386.48)	
Net Profit/(Loss)		(£3,759.57)	£395.00	(£3,364.57)		(£5,746.72)	
Total Income		£13,452.94	(£105.00)	£13,347.94		£10,333.74	
Total Expenditure		(£17,212.51)	£500.00	(£16,712.51)		(£16,080.46)	
Net Profit/(Loss)		(£3,759.57)	£395.00	(£3,364.57)		(£5,746.72)	
		(28%)		(25%)			
Reconciliation Check							
Cash Movement		(£3,759.57)					
Diff.		£0.00					
Bank Balance				£12,131.15			
Cash Balance				£100.00			
Total Funds				£12,231.15			

Adjustments & Notes

- Bar takings for 2023 have dropped back compared to 2022
- 5% of Bar takings are treated as Membership Fees calculated at £206 for 2023
- The 2023 bar percentage margin has improved producing a consistent value margin against 2022
- 2022 - Wicken Vets £300 paid 2023, taken back into 2022
- 2023 - Wicken Vets owe £195 to be paid 2024, taken back into 2023
- Netting to £(105) adjustment to Subs
-
- PC contribution to mowing costs £500 accrued as paid in 2024
- Allocation of rental lease cost to grounds and to clubhouse based on footprint at 92.5 : 7.5
- Allocation of utilities on 25 : 75 split - Sport : Social

Notes

Sports Income	2023	2022	Other Income	2023	2022
- Wicken Cricket Subs	£1,390	£825	- Private Hire	£10	-
- FC Sporting Leon	£1,450	-	- Polling Station	-	-
- FC Shamrocks Subs	-	£1,000	- Wicken PC Hire	£180	-
- FC Juniors Subs	£100	£545	- Meditraining	£30	£30
- FC Vets Subs	£780	£800	- Walkers	£31	£30
- OB City	£400	-	- Other	£16	£0
- Archery Subs	£1,260	£1,050		£267	£60
- Tennis Subs	£100	£220			
- Hire Income	£1,730	£100			
	£7,210	£4,540			

Social Income	2023	2022	Other Expenditure	2023	2022
- Seniors	£516	£194	- Private Hire	-	-
- Film Nights	£906	£363	- Cleaning	-	£(188)
- Craft Circle	£180	£80	- Other	£(446)	£0
- Skittles	-	-		£(446)	£(188)
- Other	£140	£80			
	£1,742	£717			

Maintenance	2023	2022	Property Misc	2023	2022
- Boiler	£(374)	-	- Insurance	£(852)	£(798)
- Solar Fund Cont'n	-	£309	- Licences	£(180)	£(180)
- Fire Security	£(581)	£(1,002)	- Portacabin	£(500)	-
- Burglar Alarm	£(318)	£(134)	- External Electrics	-	£(780)
- Electrical Survey/Main	-	£(153)	- Hot Water Urn	-	£(115)
- Cesspit	£(252)	-	- Fencing/Gates	-	£(317)
- Other	£(439)	£0	- Company Formation	-	£(40)
	£(1,964)	£(980)	- Other	£(168)	£(156)
				£(1,700)	£(2,386)



WSC Looking Forward

In June 2023, we provided a forecast showing the likely costs and what we needed to do as a Club to cover those. Circumstances can change rapidly, as we well know; we estimated our costs for the year out-turning at £15,750 net of bar costs. The total cost turned out to be approx. £15,000, so better than forecast, but our income fell short of target. We had to change direction quickly when first our existing football teams folded and then the new ones, we were negotiating with, decided for unknown reasons to stop negotiating.

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TOTAL COSTS	(15,750)
Maintained Income Members	
Wicken Cricket	1,390
Wicken Vets	780
Archery	1,260
Tennis	100
	3,530
Maintained Income Hire	
Sporting Leon	1,300
OB City	2,400
	3,700
Maintained Social Incomes	
Social Income	2,000
Bar (net)	2,400
	4,400

Total Maintained Income	11,230	
Shortfall Against Costs	(4,520)	
Targeted Income		% incr.
Increased Member Subs	300	8%
Increase Seasonal Hire	440	12%
Off-season Football Hire	800	8 games
New Saturday Football Team	1,500	
Cricket Part'ship Contribution	500	
Bar (net)	1,000	40%
BREAKEVEN	20	

The timing of the numbers above are not necessarily a direct correlation to the financial year but predominantly fall in the period.

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WVC ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2023

Wicken Village Community Income and Expenditure account

	Year ended 31 Dec 2022	Year ended 31 Dec 2023
Income		
Advertising Revenue	£135.00	£240.00
Interest	£0.23	£0.30
Sale of Old Photographs of Wicken books	£60.00	£24.00
Solar Fund Contribution (Parish Council)	£800.00	
Village fete sales	£1,114.95	
Total Income	£2,110.18	£264.30
Expenditure		
BBQ	(£25.00)	-
Christmas party	(£158.05)	-
Jubilee celebration	(£362.17)	-
Notice board repairs	(£600.00)	-
Photo books	(£252.79)	-
Planting costs	(£237.42)	(£100.00)
Printing costs - Wicken news	(£595.00)	(£686.00)
Village fete - Charity donation	(£790.00)	-
Village fete costs	(£324.20)	-
Total expenditure	(£3,344.63)	(£786.00)
Net (expenditure) / income	(£1,234.45)	(£521.70)
Petty cash	£159.50	£159.50
Business Reserve account - cash at bank	£390.88	£391.15
Current account	£2,044.17	£1,968.17
Total balance as at year end	£2,594.55	£2,518.82

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Join us on
Sunday 17 March 2024
for the
COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

Meet at Wicken Sports Club from 10:30

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