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**WICKEN VILLAGE COMMUNITY
(South Northamptonshire)**

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New members always welcome!

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Wicken Village Community – Name Change

In the last edition of Wicken News, I provided a fairly lengthy narrative to why we were considering a name change from the Wicken Conservation Society and that we were taking that proposal to the AGM on the 17 June.

The subject received a good airing at the AGM. It is important to stress that the change of name in no way undermines any of the work done since the WCS came into being. Indeed, we will continue to do what we can in the physical conservation of our Village. The change of name proposal really came about as a result of feeling that the name no longer encapsulated properly what we actually do now and have been for a while. We have been seeking to foster the Community spirit through our own activities, but also by working with other Village groups, whilst keeping an eye on conservation matters.

In the AGM discussion, it also came out that there was a real preference for a name that was inclusive of the whole Village rather than for a part of it, or the idea that it was something that you had to consciously join. The feeling was that by being resident in the Village you were already a part of the Community. We played with a few ideas, but we have agreed that the name going forward will simply be Wicken Village Community.

In changing the name, we have also changed our logo, to something that is central to the Village, but also has a nod to our previous name and current activity. We have chosen Cross Tree with the bench that WCS had commissioned and installed in 2010. Thanks to Siobhan Eilbeck for designing the logo.

We look forward to many great Village Community happenings!

Fenlon Dunphy - Chair



Wicken Village Website www.wickennorthants.co.uk

The Wicken Village Website has had a major revamp – it has been re-styled and sits on a new platform. This has been led by the Solar Fund, with Richard Wiggins and Neil Gordon-Lee steering it. In this day and age, it was felt that we needed to “up our game” in the world of communication. There are also legal requirements that the Parish Council has to fulfil through making information available and accessible via “the net”.

All the Village organisations will have “pages” on the website, which will act as faster and more regular ways of communicating with the Village. We really want the Village to actively use and engage with the website, and welcome any suggestions. It is very important for any website that it is kept fresh and relevant to the users. Please take a look – it will be growing in content over the coming months - www.wickennorthants.co.uk



The poster features a green background with a white diagonal line and a red triangle at the bottom left. A tennis racket is partially visible on the right side. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout.

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courts with brand-new nets,
opposite the Sports Club.
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New Playground Equipment

Using existing South Northants Council funds and contribution from the Solar Fund, the Sports Club playground has new equipment for older and younger children! Existing equipment has also been repainted. Our thanks to Andrew Edmondson for making this happen.



News from the Curate

Mountains seem to have figured quite highly in my life recently! I write this having just returned from a week's holiday in Snowdonia, staying at Beddgelert which is very close to the foothills of Mount Snowdon itself. Each morning we awoke to see the surrounding hills with their summits shrouded in cloud – yes the Welsh weather lived up to its reputation – but never-the-less, it was all very beautiful. One day we attempted to walk up Snowdon, (the train being fully booked!). It was very windy that day and I regret to say that we only made it about two thirds of the way, but the views from our 700 or so metres up were spectacular.

So it was quite fitting that in church on the day after my return we celebrated the Transfiguration of Our Lord – an event which also took place on a mountain. Jesus had gone up a mountain with his close disciples, Peter, John and James and whilst they were there 'the appearance of (Jesus') face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white'. He was speaking with Moses and Elijah, two long departed men of great importance from the Old Testament, about all that was to happen to him when he reached Jerusalem. Peter decided it would be good to hold the moment – it would no doubt be a 'selfie' moment nowadays - and offered to build three tents for them to stay in. As he was speaking a cloud overshadowed the terrified disciples and a voice said 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the cloud lifted, Jesus and his disciples were alone.

It's tempting when thinking about this story to talk about 'mountain-top' experiences and hope that one day we, like Peter, John and James will get to experience God in a dramatic way; how easy it would be then to believe! In truth, although these revelations and flashes of God's glory do happen, they are rare, more's the pity! However, for those whose eyes are open to see, God has revealed himself through his creation; as Saint Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans; 'For what can be known about God is plain ..., because God had shown it to them. Ever since the creation of the world his eternal power and divine nature, invisible though they are, have been understood and seen by the things he has made.'

So you don't need to climb a mountain to see God's glory. But next time you see a glorious sunset, a perfect flower, a new baby, the infinity of space on a clear

night, and I could go on and on ..., may your eyes be open to see God's glory. To close, a quote by Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

"Earth's crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only he who sees takes off his shoes;
The rest sit round and pluck blackberries."

God bless,
Revd Sue

On Sunday 16 September we shall be relaunching a monthly half-an-hour long service suitable for all ages. This will take place on the third Sunday of every month at 9.30am and will be followed by refreshments and a time to chat. Everyone is welcome!!

Dates for the diary

Pop-up Messy Church at the Wicken Village BBQ, from 12 noon, 2 September
Wicken All Age Service, 9.30am, Sunday 16 September
Harvest Supper, 12 October, 7pm for 7.30pm. Sports and Social Club
Harvest Festival, 14 October, 9.30am
Remembrance Day Service, 11 November, 10.50am.

Wicken Solar Fund

Now is the time to pitch your ideas and projects to the solar fund committee. If you'd like your project to be considered for financial support then send us the details of what you want to do and how much money you think you might need to make it happen.

The application window closes at the end of September. No project is too small, but at the other end of the scale please remember that the fund's total income annually is £10,000.

Ideally projects will have a benefit to the village community as a whole or in part. Please e-mail your ideas to wickensolarfund@gmail.com

Pub Dog Show Sunday 5 August 2018

Despite an incredibly hot day, 27 brave dogs and their owners entered The White Lion Dog Show. Great care taken to look after the dogs, with John and Viv even laying on two paddling pools for the dogs and occasional human. £171 raised for Dogs Trust Special – Well Done to All!



Wicken Village BBQ

2018

2nd September

From 12pm

Barbeque Served 1-2.30pm

at **Wicken Sports Club**

Adults £5, Children £3 & Under 5's Free
held in aid of Wicken Church, WSC, Wickids & WCS

Fun For All
STALLS & GAMES
KIDS ACTIVITIES
ARCHERY & FOOTBALL
LICENSED BAR

EMAIL: WICKIDSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

TEL: JOHN & BRENDA 01908 560318



Message both groups on facebook:

WICKEN SPORTS CLUB / WICKIDS

Lest we forget

On 11 November this year we will mark 100 years since the Armistice was agreed at the end of World War 1. To mark this occasion there will be an illustrated talk about the 21 men who went out from Wicken to fight but never returned. The talk will be given by Neil Gordon-Lee who has researched the names to identify as much as possible about the individuals from official records and how their loss would have affected the village of Wicken.

Neil's talk will be held:

7.30pm on Friday 14 September

at Wicken Sports Club

Hosted by Wicken Village Community



Wickids News!

Look out for the village BBQ flyers as the Wickids team will be there as part of the Wicken community.



Halloween was so successful last year that we're planning a repeat event this year so start thinking about your costumes now!

Movie night just before Christmas has been a repeated success so keep an eye out for that one - we'll put this on earlier this year as there were a few disappointed families last year who were unable to make it as they went away for the holiday period.

If you can offer your support whether it be helping with the planning, organising, on the day or just participating so that we can continue to have the children of the village and surrounds connected. Contact us at wickidsclub@gmail.com for ways you can help.

Hope to see you at the BBQ!

Buckingham Half Marathon 20 May 2018

With some views from Leckhampstead Road...



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Dan Cooper on 01908 571202

or visit www.wickennorthants.co.uk and click on 'sports club'

or www.facebook.com/Wicken-Sports-Social-Club



Sport & Social Activities in our Community

WICKEN SENIOR CLUB

Lunch and entertainment programme for the remainder of 2018

8 Sept, 13 Oct, 10 Nov, 8 Dec

All dates are Saturdays. Any queries, contact Myrtle on 01908 616603. Senior Section. Group of around 40 elderly citizens from the area, meeting once a month for a Lunch & afternoon entertainment. Facilities and food provided by WSC. They all appreciate the hospitality, but we are seriously in need of more help to provide food. They in turn do their bit by supporting other club functions. If any village resident over 55 would like to become a member, you would be made very welcome.