WICKHAM MARKET PARISH NEWS

October 2024 Wickham Market Parish Council

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Planning Committee: Meets as required and reviews and comments on all planning applications for the Parish.

Staffing and Personnel Committee: Meets as required and advises the council on all employment matters.

Sizewell C Committee: Advises the Council on the impact of Sizewell C.

Environment & Leisure Working Group: Meets on the second Monday alternate months and advises on the Cemetery, Allotments and Footpaths.

Climate Change Working Group: Responsible for the Climate Action Strategy and advising the Council on Climate Change actions.

Village Hall Modernisation Working Group: Working with the Village Hall Trustees to develop the hall.

Emergency Plan Working Group: Responsible for developing plans to manage emergencies in the parish.

Welcome to our October edition of Wickham Market Parish News. I hope you enjoy reading it and do let us have any feedback.

It is full of activities, showcasing just some of the many valuable volunteer groups we have in our community.

We have included some history of the area and some exciting developments for the community such as the George and the Village Hall.

If you have any questions or suggestions for the Parish Council, I host drop in sessions on Wednesdays from 12.30 - 2.30pm in the Parish Council office at the back of the Village Hall. Please come and see me if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Ivor French Chair, Wickham Market Parish Council ivor.f@wickhammarketpc.com

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CELEBRATE SUMMER MARKET



First of all I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the

residents on the hill! It was absolutely fantastic to arrive at 5:30 on Saturday morning and find the parking areas completely empty so we could set up the market immediately.



Also many thanks to the volunteers who got up early to help with the set up and organisation.

It was a nice warm summers morning and we had 34 stalls which were a mixture of charities and traders. It was great to welcome new traders and many regulars. There were crafts, cakes, clothes, sweets, soaps and stationery.





The Parish Council presented plans for the Village Hall modernisation and answered comments and questions on the proposals. Thank you for all your feedback, which is really helpful.

Many thanks to our Community Choir for providing some live entertainment. We look forward to seeing you again at Christmas!

It all went so well that we are going to do it all again before



Christmas! Join us for our **Christmas Market on Saturday 30 November**. Pitches are a bargain at £10 for a 3m² space - bring your own gazebo!

Contact Leanne, our deputy Clerk for more details at deputyclerk@wickhammarketpc.com

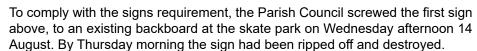


THIS SKATE PARK IS NOT SUPERVISED

ALL INDIVIDUALS UNDERSTAND AND FULLY ACCEPT THAT THEY ARE USING THIS FACILITY AT THEIR OWN RISK

Wickham Market Skate Park will have to be closed if vandalism continues.

Skate Parks are recognised by insurance underwriters to be potentially dangerous places so they attach conditions to the insurance cover. These include correct manufacture and installation with regular checks but crucially they require signs detailing any information that is necessary for the safe use of the facility and clearly stating any restrictions on its use.



There is a second sign required to satisfy the insurance underwriters shown below. These signs are not restrictive, they simply promote safe usage for all to enjoy.

The Parish Council plans to source some more durable signs, but if these are vandalised, the skate park cannot be insured and WILL HAVE TO BE CLOSED.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

SKATE PARK RULES

- · SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK
- HELMETS, PADS AND SAFETY GEAR STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
- · PLEASE KEEP PARK CLEAN
- SKATEBOARDS AND ROLLERBLADES ONLY
- NO PROFANITY, DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

Whether it stays open for all to enjoy or has to be closed for insurance reasons is entirely up to you.

Please help keep this facility safe and available by preventing mindless vandalism.







On a pleasant day in mid-September Good Neighbours held their annual Befriending Tea Party in the village hall.

The 23 specially invited guests were elderly members of the Wickham Market community who live on their own, together with their befrienders; this was an opportunity for them to meet others, both old and new friends.

Transport was provided by our volunteers and the delicious afternoon tea, supplied in individual boxes by Peanut Parties of Pettistree, included finger sandwiches, scones and yummy cakes all washed down with copious cups of tea and coffee! A good time was had by all and the guests were sent on their way with whatever remained in their box.

Teresa Farley, the Good Neighbour Coordinator with Community Action Suffolk, and Sally Noble, WM District Councillor also attended as our guests and spent their time happily chatting with all the attendees. They noted that everyone they spoke to was happy to be a part of the Wickham Market community.

A big thank you must go to East Suffolk Council for their very generous donation of £250 from their Community Partnership Fund which enabled us to run this event so successfully.

The Good Neighbour Scheme supports Wickham Market Parish

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residents by providing a service giving lifts or doing small tasks that enable those in need to cope. We also provide a befriending service within the village.

If you need our assistance, or would like to volunteer (we are always in need of more drivers) please call us on

07914 494108

The phone is manned Monday – Friday between 9.00am – 5.00pm, or you can leave a message.

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WICKHAM MARKET TODDLER AND **BABY GROUP**

Bumps, babies and toddlers, along with their parent, childminder, carer or relative are welcome at the weekly (during term time) Wickham Market Toddler and Baby Group.

(you don't need to live in the village, and you are very welcome to bring someone with you if you don't feel comfortable coming on your own). More than 25 little ones come along to the friendly and informal sessions which includes activities for little ones from zero to the rising 5's.





Steph, Hannah and Kathryn are the trio of volunteers who, with their wide range of expertise, qualifications and common sense arrange themed sessions for everyone to enjoy. First aid trained and Early Years Education qualified, Hannah and first aid trained Kathryn use their experience of creative and messy play for themed sessions such as transport, colours and seasonal. Steph has personal experience of special needs and all three women, when asked, provide informal advice (not diagnosis) on a range of toddler and baby related subjects such as faddy eating, potty training and sleep (or the lack of it)!

Steph said, "It's a chance to have a break from daily life, for themselves and the children to make friends, have some fun and explore messy play that they don't have to clean up afterwards. To

enjoy a hot coffee and some homemade cake while their little ones play in a safe environment helps in so many ways. I was a young mum myself and having the chance to ask questions and hear I wasn't the only one going through things really helped me not feel alone and isolated. In the process I made some great friends, who I still have today."

Hannah commented "The sessions really help little ones learn to share and interact with each other and helps a child who had attachment issues begin the process of becoming 'school ready'."

The women understand that it's not easy being parent, especially if parenting alone. Kathryn found herself



a lone parent with two little ones when she was suddenly widowed and said, "Wickham Market Toddler and Baby Group was a real lifeline for me and it's one of the reasons I continue to help run the group with Hannah and Steph."

The group meet from 9am until 11.30am at Wickham Market Village Hall on Wednesday's during term time. It costs just £2.50 per family, paid on the day and this includes coffee and cake for the adults and a suitable snack for little ones, the play equipment and crafts. The £2.50 gives parents and carers the use of the self-weigh scales. The funds pay for the hire of the hall and the annual, insurance: the group is self-funded.

Just come along on a Wednesday morning for a warm and friendly welcome from Steph, Hannah and Kathryn; ask to join their Facebook group page @ wickhammarkettoddlerandbabygroup



In Wickham Market, Monday is the day Rainbows when Rainbows and Brownies meet up.



Girls aged 4 to 7 years are welcome to become part of Rainbows and take part in fun activities, games Brownies is great for girls from 7 to 10 years old, they

get to explore their creative side, have fun cooking and enjoy being outdoors!

There is availability in both Rainbows and Brownies in Wickham Market so to find out more please contact Linda Payne via email at linda.brownies@ btinternet.com or call 01728 604491

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WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN EVENING MAKES

Have you ever wondered how the many groups and clubs in Wickham Market for babies, children and teens are run?

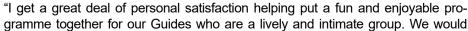


Almost all are run by unpaid volunteers who want to make a positive difference in their community. One way of making that difference is helping the next generation to ensure they have fun, adventure and the space and confidence to discover their potential, whatever that might be.



For instance, Jacqui is the lead for Guides in Wickham which is for girls in the 10 to 14 age brackets. Jacqui said, "Girls take what we do in guiding with them as they grow up. Everything from working in a team, to taking the lead, to speaking out on issues they care about.

It helps them develop the skills to become the young women they want to be and to make a difference to the world around them. It is great to see them grow in confidence."





love others to help out, even for a set time period and keep in mind, if you know of a young person doing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE), volunteering is part of it, and we would be delighted if they chose Guides."

To find out more about volunteering or joining Wickham Market Guides (they meet on a Wednesday evening, term time) please contact Jacqui jacqui.r. goodwin@btinternet.com

THOMAS CHURCHYARD SUFFOLK'S IMPRESSIONIST

Including Works by His Contemporaries

A special exhibition of paintings by Thomas Churchyard will be held at The East Anglian Traditional Art Centre in Wickham Market this winter.

Thomas trained as a lawyer, but the artist spent much of his time painting in Woodbridge and recording his trademark small views in Suffolk until his death in 1865. His best works in oil are inspired mini masterpieces and he is mentioned in the same breath as John Constable and John Crome.

The Exhibition will have a range of framed oil and watercolours for sale, predominately by Thomas Church plus other works from his contemporaries, including John Moore and the Smythe brothers, who worked in Ipswich. The pictures, priced from under £100 to several thousand pounds will be on show from Saturday 16th November until Saturday 30th November.

The Art Centre will be open from Tuesday through to Saturday, 11am until 3pm. For further information visit www.eatac.co.uk or email john@eatac.co.uk or call 01728 747050.



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WICKHAM MARKET'S WILDLIFE CORNER

Four things we can do for nature as we move towards winter.

1. Please don't cut your hedge now.

If you look carefully at uncut hedges, they still have the occasional flower and certainly the most beautiful juicy berries. This is truly nature's larder. If you cut your hedge now, you'll be taking away so much food for the birds, invertebrates and mammals.

In my garden, I've had to cut back some blackberries, ivy and elder, but there's still plenty left to go round right through till February. Rotating when you cut would also help; cut one side one year, the other side the next, so there's something for the garden friends and the hedge can



still be kept in shape. Also, some hedgerow flowers only grow on last year's growth, so if you cut every year, some of your hedges will never be able to flower or bear fruit. These flowers and fruits are both beautiful and such an easy way to invite nature back into your space.



If possible, please leave cutting back until all the fruit has gone, which will be February, before the birds start nesting. We are lucky to still have insects and other invertebrates munching on the leaves and fruit, which in turn, provide sustenance for other garden friends.

2. Please leave areas of long vegetation, grass and wildflowers.

These are so important for late emerging insects, including butterflies, providing really important nectar and habitat. If you are lucky enough to have longer vegetation with grasshoppers, it's great fun to see them 'pinging'

away in front of you when you walk, that disorganised wave of 'pinging' grasshoppers as you make your way through the long grass reminds me of my childhood. Your children will also think it's fun!

Imagine the small frogs, toads and newts, newly emerged from a wildlife pond; hunting in your long grassy areas for those mini beasts to eat and using the vegetation to



hide away from their own predators. If this is all cut down, what will they eat and where will they hide? Did you know that when tiny newts leave the pond, they will stay on land for 2 years before returning to the pond to reproduce as adults?

Having this longer vegetation means cover for the larger amphibians too. On a warmer winter's day, you could have toads, frogs, newts and even grass snakes, all stalking their prey in that long vegetation. Let's not forget those beloved hedgehogs too, that snuffle around to sniff out those mini beasts in that long grass, or the bats that will swoop low, catching those flying insects as night falls.

So, let's leave some long grass and wild areas in our gardens over winter. You'll be amazed at all the wildlife that will be able to survive, even in a small grassy area left uncut on the edges of your garden. It's key to the survival of many invertebrates that you have invited into your garden during the summer months, so please don't abandon them now! Leave leaves too, so hedgehogs can use the leaves and grass to line their cosy winter nests with.

3. Create your own Wildlife Meadow.

This is the time of year that you can sow those seeds. Whether an acre or a square metre, it's not always about size! Pop those wildflower meadow seeds into the ground to start germination before the ground gets too hard and cold. From spring, it'll be providing sustenance for bats, butterflies, bees, moths, dragonflies and all sorts of invertebrates. These in turn will be prey for hedgehogs, badgers, foxes and birds, all on your doorstep.



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4. The forth and final note is to create a water source.

Any water source in your garden that is safe for wildlife is the best thing you can do to help nature survive. If you're not able to get out, dig your own hole and throw some pond liner down, or don't have the luxury of your own garden, you could still get creative and make a mini barrel pond, use a sink or even an old bath! As long as you've got boulders, logs, rocks, cobbles or bricks to make that imperative access for wildlife, regardless of the size of your body of water, you'll be saving lives.

Incredibly, dragonflies are still around in October! Maybe you'll see them skimming around like jewels amongst your long vegetation as they eye up your new wildlife pond, with a view to creating next year's dragonflies. Imagine if



you created a wildlife pond this Autumn; by next year, you could have dragonflies mating around your pond! How wonderful would it feel to see dragonflies emerging from your own wildlife pond next year? If you create a body of water that's safe, no chemicals, with access in and out, nature will be able to drink, bathe, and carry on with her own life cycle, thanks to you providing a safe place.

Hoping you all enjoy your Autumn gardens. Why not take a stroll through the Pightle to see if you can find some grasshoppers there? I'd love to see some photographs of any autumnal wild visitors that you have in your gardens too, which we can then put in our next magazine. Please contact me on niki.f@ wickhammarketpc.com to send any images or if you have any questions.

LOOKING BACK



Popular cycling modes to Pettistree church services c1972.

Green travel and walking!

This was before stride and ride and before Tour of Britain in Wickham area!

Bryan



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FALLEN TREES: 0345 606 6171

HIGHWAY FLOODING: SCC 0345 606 6171 or 0300 1235000 www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

STREET CLEANING/CLEARING:

0333 016 2000

POWER CUTS: Power Networks call:

105 or 999

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MANHOLE PROBLEMS that are

considered an emergency:

0345 606 6171

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0345 145 145

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL Emergency out of Hours: 0800 440 2516

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and Stores 36 High Street 01728 746201



USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:

14 Colonial House, Station Rd, Leiston IP16 4JD. Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10-2pm

Wickham Market drop in service: Resource Centre (next to the Library)

Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.

www.leistoncab.org www.citizensadvice.org.uk

01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

Disability Advice Service

(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

Good Neighbour Scheme: (GNS)

Available to residents in Wickham Market parish only. Transport to medical and social appointments. Friendship and support with shopping, posting letters, filling forms, computers, dog walking, DIY, 07914 494108.

Wellbeing Tree Café at The Aspire Centre. Relax, chat and make new friends over a hot drink and cake. Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.30.

Men's Shed: Behind the Village Hall. Social and creative centre. Mondays 2 pm

www.wmshed.org.uk 01728 747782

INTERESTS

Youth Football Club, Simon's Cross Playing Field, IP13 0ST. Steph: 07778 880735.

Football Club and Social Club, behind the Village Hall. 01728 747731 www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk

Tennis Club, Simon's Cross Playing Field: 01728 746736

Bowls Club (playing Field): 01728 746715

Red Triangle Bowls Club: 01728 604491

GLEVERING HALL IP13 0EU Badminton Club at 7:30

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Lettings: Alison 07653 226760 lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com

Also at the Village Hall

Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm Tina Clack 01728 746846

Community Club: social activities and support for those new to the area, Friday mornings 01728 747078 Val Mann: val@penpal.me.uk

Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm wmgardenclub27@gmail.com

Toddler and Baby Group

Wednesdays during school term 9:00 - 11:30 (£2.50 per family) stephanieworne@gmail.com

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Second Thursday each month at 7.30

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Open Door: coffee, tea, biscuits and friendship.

Fridays 10am to noon

Bell Ringing: Monday Evenings

from 7:30 - 9pm

BEEHIVE BUILDING Crown Lane

Rainbows (age 4-7), Brownies (age 7-10), Linda Payne: 01728 604491 Guides (age 10+)
Jacquie Goodwin & Tracy Burch

WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

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Regular Events at the Library:

Family History Guidance By Appointment: Tuesdays 10am - 1pm

Morning Book Group:

1st Tuesday monthly 10am,

Tots Rock: - active songs and rhymes for preschool children: Thursdays 9.45am - 10.15am,

Sewing Group:

Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm,

Lego Club:

Saturdays 10am - 12pm.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

01728 746915

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01728 746405

RESOURCE CENTRE Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

Resource Centre Gardening Group 2nd Wednesday monthly at 10am. Barbara Harrington: sbharrington@

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WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

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Highways, Recycling https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/ 0345 606 6067

Reporting any highways issue including: potholes, street lights, drains, hedges, gritting, pavements https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/

EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL:

Waste collection, Pay car parks, Planning https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/ 0333 016 2000

Sally Noble *sally.noble*@*eastsuffolk.gov.uk* District Councillor for the Wickham Market Ward.

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL: Cemetery, Playing Fields, Chil-

Cemetery, Playing Fields, Children's Play Area, Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with SCC).

footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com https://wickhammarketpc.com/ clerk@wickhammarketpc.com

WICKHAM MARKET'S LOST PUBS

During a recent conversation, I realised that many of the residents of the Wickham Market area will not be aware of the number of pubs, inns and hostelries that used to exist in the village.

So I thought it was time to reproduce a few extracts from our archives, over the next few months, leading up to the re-opening of The George. When you go into the Post Office, you are entering what used to be The Vine. If you have to go into the dentist's, you are going into The Crown.

At the height of its prosperity as a trading centre on a main coaching route, with flourishing industry and markets and fairs still functioning, Wickham Market had at least nine inns. Each had its own clientele: it was natural that those coming into market from surrounding villages found a place of refreshment after the journey or before starting back. Some relied heavily on the horse drawn coaching trade, and continued to do so after the coaches developed motor engines. Some were the meeting places for village activities. In the Second World War, troops from surrounding camps concentrated on the first pub seen on the walk in from Glevering, Rendlesham, Parham or a number of searchlight and anti-aircraft posts.

In later articles we will cover The White Hart, The Blue Boar, The Chaise and Pair, The Volunteer, The Chequers and The Temperance Hotel and we hope that by that time The George will have reopened. We have only one picture of The Vine as a pub. As you can see, entry was from the High Street. More recently, windows and doors have been put in on the side wall, where we now go into the Post Office.

The pub was originally named The Grapes, and records show the following:

1846 - Lewis Garrett, proprietor, The Grapes Inn.

1855 - William Jackson - The Vine.

1888 - Harry John Fennall, proprietor.

1912 - Charles Lines, manager.

1937 - 1942 Mr. Bowles.

At one time The Vine had a skittle alley which was very popular with the local lads. The Vine was closed around 1970. We have been told that the pub used to be known as "Dirty Dicks" because it was so unclean. Apparently, the landlady was partial to a drop of whisky, so the landlord had to keep the bottle on a high shelf, out of her reach. However, when his back was turned, she would get the customers to get it down for her.



The Crown is beside the Church, immediately south-east of the Market Hill. This was one of the first inns to be built, though it is equally possible from the fineness of its timber frame that it started life as a guildhall. The village stocks stood near it, and Symonds Market Cross stood on the north side of the churchyard behind the Crown, until its destruction by William Dowsing in 1644.



Historical references to it include:

1640 - "Henry Warner for his Inne and Symonds Cross.

1652 - "One night's guarter for nine soldiers at 4d a man at the Crowne".

1730 - "Buried a travelling man from the Crowne Inn whose name we could not learn".

1844 - James Woods, proprietor, the Crown.

1855 - Jeremiah Woods, who 'ran the inn in an exemplary manner'.

Other references tell us that among its services were a daily public reading of the newspaper; a Nine Pin Bowling Alley, and that the regulars had a 'Penny a Week Fund' for an Annual Dinner, in the nineteenth century.

Later owners were: 1888 - Robert William Wilkinson; 1912 - George Harris (who named his sons after 1914-18 War notables - Foch, Petain, etc); 1920's - Stanley Calver.

It was closed as an inn by 1950; since then it has housed an antiques business, a carpet and china shop, a hairdresser's and is now the dentist's surgery.

Looking ahead

We are very pleased to have been given 3 old cine films, showing Carnivals and the Bypass Opening in 1976-77. We have had them converted so that we can show them in the Village Hall next year and we are working on a commentary to go with them.

An appeal – do you know anyone who has the skills in video editing to be able to put together the sound with the pictures? Please get in touch with us: email chairman.wmarchives@gmail.com or call in any Tuesday or Thursday morning, from 10:30 to 12:30, behind the Library in Chapel Lane.

We have never had a full photographic survey of Wickham Market, but over the course of the next few months, we are aiming to correct that, by taking pictures of every property (or group of properties) in the village.

The people taking the pictures will be wearing Archive Centre lanyards and carrying identification cards. You can be assured that the pictures will only be used for the purpose of enhancing our archives.

Philip Tallent, Chairman, Wickham Market Area Archive Centre



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Our minibuses are available for hire to community groups.



We are looking for more volunteer drivers! If you enjoy driving and have some spare time, please contact us.



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NEW FUNDING MEANS COMMUNITY PUB WILL BE MUCH MORE THAN A PUB!

The George Community Pub currently under renovation with help from the National Lottery Heritage Fund is delighted to announce that it has received two new grants of £28,500 from UKSPF - Rural Business & Community Hub Fund scheme and £4,500 from the Community Inclusion

Fund Suffolk Community Foundation for the fit out of its activity room, designed specifically to benefit the health and well-being of the local community.

The fully accessible and dedicated space, which is sited upstairs above the pub bar and restaurant, can now be equipped with the latest technology as well as movable equipment and furnishings that can be adapted to suit a



Artist Impression - Purcell Architects

range of activities, such as an art therapy group, music ensemble, mindfulness session or a film.

"This is fantastic news," said Christine Abraham, Community Engagement Officer, "as it means we can fulfil our mission to create an exciting space dedicated to improving the well-being of the local community and make The George much more than a pub. The equipment and furnishings which can now be purchased are the result of community and stakeholder consultation but it doesn't end here. There has been a lot of interest from local people and organisations interested in using the space and we hope the community will not only enjoy the activities and events on offer but will support them by volunteering and even run some themselves."

The 16th Century George Pub is community owned and its renovation is being funded by The Lottery Heritage Fund, other grant providers and 460 local shareholders. The renovation includes an activity room dedicated to events and the well-being of our community. Opening is scheduled for spring 2025









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WICKHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

It was fantastic to welcome all pupils back to school in September and hear all that they had been up to over the summer break.



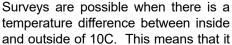
We have lots of exciting trips, visitors and experiences booked in over the course of the year and look forward to sharing these with you in future magazines.

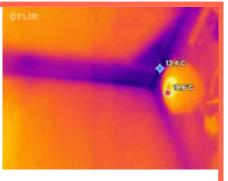
Applications for children joining a Reception class in September 2025 are now open through Suffolk admissions (www.suffolk.go.uk/admissions). We warmly invite prospective parents and children to visit and take a tour of school at a time convenient to them.

Jo Harris Head of School

THERMAL SURVEY

As summer comes to an end and the weather gets colder, it will soon be possible to use our thermal camera to look for heat loss from houses.





may be possible to start surveys from the second half of October. From the inside the thermal camera can locate cold spots, indicating where more heat is being lost. The thermal image shows the corner of a ceiling that is colder that the rest of the ceiling and is losing heat. This could be because insulation at the edges of the roof is less than other areas. The thermal survey can indicate where to concentrate to reduce heat loss. The survey cannot say what exactly needs to be done.

To arrange for a survey text or leave a voicemail on 07935911416 or email wmthermal@gmail.com. Somebody will get back to you to arrange a date.



SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2025? We warmly invite prospective parents and children to visit and take a tour of our welcoming village school.

Come and see what makes our school a great place for your child to learn and grow. Tours can be arranged at a time that suits you.

To book a visit, please contact our school office at wkt.admin@eastmat.org or call 01728 746405.



OUR SCHOOL OFFER

- A child-centred approach, putting your child's needs first.
- Regular Forest School sessions in our onsite woodland.
- An Ogden Trust school with a dedicated science lab for hands-on learning.
- Excellent enrichment opportunities including exciting trips and visiting speakers.
- Set on 7 acres with fantastic facilities including a library, gym, hall and stage.
- On-site breakfast and after school clubs available from 7:45am to 5:00pm.
- OFSTED rated Good (May 2023)
- Excellent Year 6 results in Summer 2024: 90% of pupils achieved the expected standard or above in reading and writing and 85% in maths - well above the national average.

Book a tour at wkt.admin@eastmat.org or call 01728 746405

We look forward to meeting you.



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SUFFOLKS SECRET ARMY

Hitlers Directive Number 16 from July 1940 stated that, "Since England, in spite of her hopeless military situation, shows no sign of being ready to come to an understanding, I have prepared a landing operation".



The events of May-June 1940 meant that Britain's position was indeed perilous. The remnants of the British Expeditionary Force had been evacuated from the beaches of Dunkirk and Hitlers Blitzkrieg tactics had been devastatingly effective across mainland Europe.

"I am trying to piece together an Army in the most terrible crisis that has ever faced the British Empire".

General Ironside, Commander-in-Chief, Home Forces, 15th June 1940

On 17th June 1940 General Head Quarters (GHQ) Auxiliary Units (Aux Units) was formed. Its role was twofold.

Firstly, sabotage by blowing up railway lines, aircraft, obstructing supply routes and generally creating havoc and mayhem behind the German lines. Secondly, espionage by collecting information on enemy troop movements and activities and relaying it back through the radio network to Army HQ.

There were three main groups targeted for the patrols. Firstly, there were those men too young to be called up, then those too old to be called up and, thirdly, the largest contingent, those in reserved occupations, for example farmers, gamekeepers and engineers.

Many of the earliest recruits were fit young men from the Home Guard. These men would be chosen for their knowledge of their local area and, of course, many of them would have learned how to handle firearms from an early age. Patrols usually comprised six or seven men, who were drawn from all walks of life and were chosen to merge into normal community life in between their clandestine Auxiliary activities. Each trained and operated individually so that they could not give each other away if they were captured.

Each patrol would operate from an underground Operational Base (OB) which was equipped with sufficient rations, ammunition and demolition equipment to last approximately 14 days.

The photo on the left is a replica of an Operational Base (OB) at the museum at Parham whereas, the photo on the right is a rare view of an OB showing the cramped conditions the Auxiliers spent many hours in.

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Once fully equipped, a typical Auxilier would be armed with a Sten gun, .38 pistol, a Fairbairn Commando Fighting knife and possible a truncheon or some sort of knobkerrie.

They were issued with large quantities of incendiaries, explosives, 'time pencil' detonators and booby traps, often before the Regular Army.

From Southwold down to Ipswich, east of the A12 road 'Stop Line', one author who had researched 'Suffolk's Secret Army' estimated

that there was at least 14 Operational Bases, however, today any Auxiliers who may have known where the OBs were are no longer with us, and without them, any chance of finding the precise location of an OB would be virtually impossible.

Additionally, when the Auxiliary Army was 'stood down' in 1944, the Operational Bases were vacated very often leaving quantities of firearms and explosives behind which, over time, can become quite unstable.......



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Cramped Conditions Inside an Operational Base

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Roger Romney Brown.

With acknowledgement to the Parham Airfield Museum.

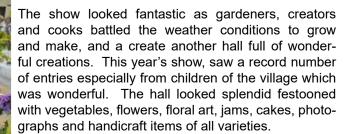
The museum is situated one mile Southwest of Great Glemham - post code IP13 9AF



What an amazing weekend we had at this year's Wickham Market Village Show on the weekend of the 4th and 5th of August 2024!

The committee would like to thank EVERYONE who helped us bring the show together. From all the helpers setting up in the hall, to the fantastic kitchen staff with Chef Phil, everyone who donated cakes, Primary School students and staff for the wonderful bee displays, everyone who helped and donated to the raffle and tombola, our show sponsors and Robin Hall for supplying a wonderful display of all things

bee and to everyone who got stuck in to pack the show away until 2025.



We remembered three gentlemen of Wickham Market and extend a grateful thanks to the families of Don Berry, John Caley and Ted Barrett, for supporting the show through sponsorship of classes in their memory. It was lovely to hear such super stories of their enthusiasm for the show and all things gardening.

The 2024 Show theme was Bees. A very necessary theme to highlight the plight of the very important bee in our modern world. The committee would like to thank Robin Hall for creating an informative display outside the hall to talk about bee keeping and share the wonderful products that come from bees. Robin sells his honey locally from Broad Road in Wickham Market in case you missed the chance to buy some at the show.

It is always exciting to see what entries come in and our judges were impressed with the class entries. Whether you 'won' or not you are already a winner in our eyes for getting involved. We thank our judges for taking the time to go through our exhibits and judging the winners. Never an easy task and one that we are as always most grateful of them being willing to take part in.



The Show is about celebrating the talent of Wickham Market and local villages and bringing individuals, school and community together. We also made a very healthy profit which will be passed to the Village Hall Committee/CIO to aid



the refurbishment of Wickham Market Village Hall.

A final mention is to Councillor Sally Noble who was kind enough to come and hand out the winner trophies on Sunday afternoon. The event truly was a celebration of the best of Wickham Market and beyond!

The 2025 show dates will be Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August 2025. We hope to announce the show theme before Christmas.

Alison Calvesbert-Rearden

The show team; Anne, Rosemary, Jenny, Ali, Gloria, John and Philip. We are a friendly band of like-minded individuals, if you would like to get involved please make contact with either: Alison Calvesbert-Rearden acalvesbert@gmail.com or Anne Westover ennaoverwest@btinternet.com

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Artisan Construction EA Suffolk
and many other village residents and
local businesses (raffle gifts)

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VILLAGE HALL GETS SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Plans to modernise Wickham Market village hall have been given a major boost by receiving £500,000 towards the £1.2m target.

The village hall, built in 1952 serves a wide area and hosts a variety of clubs and activities. But over time it's shown its age and needs investment to meet current regulations, carry out repairs and create a modern layout that will attract many more users.

A working group from the Parish Council and the village hall trustees has worked hard to provide recommendations on how the modernisation could be carried out. The Parish Council has engaged local architects to come up with a design that is fit-for-purpose and includes a variety of low energy systems.

The financial award comes from East Suffolk Councils Community Infrastructure Levy, which the developers of new housing have to contribute. With strong competition for these funds the award to Wickham Market is significant and will help the Working Group apply for other grants to meet its target.

Cllr John Horsnell, from Wickham Market parish council, who is leading this project, said "A modernised village hall is seen as a future hub, both for the village and many other neighbouring villages. The ESC funding means we are well on our way to creating a modern, sustainable and vibrant space for future generations to enjoy. Hopefully the grant will encourage other funders to support the scheme."

Cllr Sally Noble, Ward Member from East Suffolk Council added "ESC's award of this grant shows our commitment and belief in this project. The benefits of a modernised village and its future use can reach out to many of our residents near and far"

Cllr Kay Yule, East Suffolk Council cabinet member for Planning and Coastal Management, said: "This is what CIL funding is all about; taking the financial contributions of developers in areas of housing growth and putting it to good use – making a difference to the lives of local people. In this case, by improving an already well-used village asset requiring modernisation to meet the needs of users."

TOUROFBRITAIN

We were really lucky in Wickham Market to have the Tour of Britain Men 2024 visit our village on Sunday the 8th September.

You all did a fabulous job of coming out to support the extremely fast athletes as they powered up High Street, through the Market Square and continuing on Broad Road.





On Saturday the 7th September, with the help and funding from East Suffolk Council and East Suffolk Community Partnerships, we held an event at the craft market that happens on the 1st of month here in Wickham Market. We had live music, a bar and the lovely Alex from RE-CYCLE carrying out free health checks on bicycles. Alex was able to assess over 30 bikes in a 4 and a half hour period! That is a lot of work!

We hope that you enjoyed visiting us at the market and the entertainment that we organised for our community to share.

BIKE TRAIL: We were excited that we were able to take part in the East

Suffolk Council Speedy Bike Trail! 10 businesses around Wickham Market were sporting large stickers in their window, indicating that they were taking part. People were able to collect story books and then a sticker from each business, this would complete the story book!

Thank you to everyone, businesses and participants, for enjoying this with us.

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