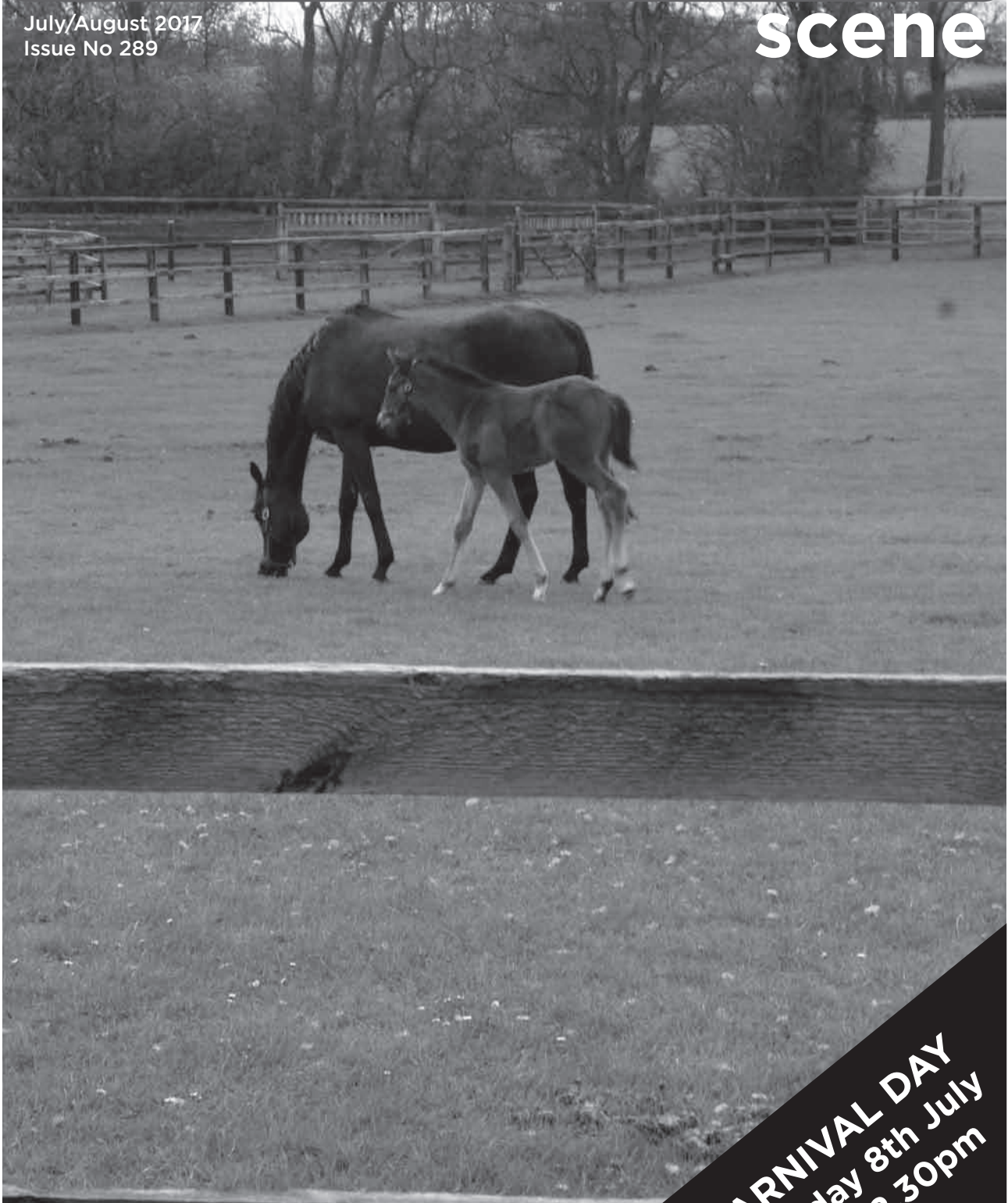


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CARNIVAL DAY
Saturday 8th July
from 12.30pm

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| Suffolk Police (non urgent) | 101 |
| Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour | 08456 034715 |
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| 111 | |
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Dates for your diaries

JULY

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| 6TH | MEET AND EAT 12.30pm, The Greyhound |
| 8TH | CARNIVAL DAY 12.30pm, Recreation Ground |
| 9TH | LIT-PIC 10am, MSC |
| 9TH | FARMERS MARKET 10am-1pm, MSC |
| 11TH | THE SPY WHO LOVED with Claire Mulley 7.30pm, W.I. Hall. |
| 14TH | TEA PARTY 2pm-4pm, W.I Hall |
| 14TH | FARMERS MARKET 10am-1pm, MSC |
| 20TH | MEET AND EAT 12.30pm, The Greyhound |
| 27TH | PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm, Pavilion |

AUGUST

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| 3RD | MEET AND EAT 12.30pm, The Greyhound |
| 8TH | W.I. MEMBERS MEETING 7.30pm, W.I. Hall |
| 10TH | ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING 7.30pm, Pavilion |
| 11TH | TEA PARTY 2pm-4pm, W.I Hall |
| 13TH | FARMERS MARKET 10am-1pm, MSC |
| 17TH | MEET AND EAT 12.30pm, The Greyhound |
| 31ST | MEET AND EAT 12.30pm, The Greyhound |
| 31ST | PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm, Pavilion |

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Chocolate Cookies - One to do with the kids during the summer break

INGREDIENTS

- 125g dark chocolate
- 150g plain flour
- 30g cocoa, sifted
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 125g unsalted butter, softened
- 75g light brown sugar
- 50g caster sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1 free-range egg, cold from the fridge
- 350g dark chocolate chips

METHOD

- Preheat the oven to 170°C/325°F/Gas 3.
- Break the 125g dark chocolate into pieces and place into a heatproof bowl set over a pan of barely simmering water. Heat, stirring occasionally, until melted.
- Place the flour, cocoa, bicarbonate of soda and salt into a large bowl and mix well.
- In another bowl, cream the butter and two sugars together until light and fluffy. Add the melted chocolate and stir well.
- Beat in the vanilla extract and crack in the egg, then mix in the dry ingredients. Finally stir in the chocolate chips.
- Scoop out 12 equal portions of the mixture - an ice cream scoop and a palette knife are the best tools for the job - and place onto a lined baking sheet about 6cm/2½in apart. Do not flatten them.
- Transfer to the oven and bake for 18 minutes, then test with a skewer - it should come out semi-clean and not wet with batter. If you pierce a chocolate chip, try again.
- Leave the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 4-5 minutes, then transfer them to a cooling rack to harden as they cool.

Carnival Day



Wickhambrook Carnival Prince, Oscar Proctor aged 10 from Rede and his two attendants Freya Morris aged 7 and Millie Juniper aged 8 were chosen at a Beach Party disco held on Friday 26th May, hosted by Wickhambrook Primary Academy. Judges for the evening were Pam and Julien Girling and Oscar was crowned by last year's Carnival Princess, Megan Warnock.

On Carnival Day, Saturday 8th July, Oscar and his two attendants will ride in an open top car and lead a Disney themed 'Walking' procession, along with the Sawston Youth Group Marching Band, Fire Engine, and classic cars. The procession will leave from Wickhambrook Primary Academy at 12.30 for a short trip around the village and back to the Recreation Ground where there will be numerous attractions and stalls, including Dog Show, Car and Bike Show, Inflatables,

Donkey Rides, Circus Workshop, Fancy Dress competition, Children's Sports BBQ and Beer Tent. A fun filled day for all.

The Greyhound & Twenty One

Hi All, we just want to let you know that we will not be holding our annual beer festival & WickFest this year. Its been a hard decision but with illness in one of the bands playing and other bands committing and then cancelling for various reasons we have decided that we will focus on next years event and take a break from it this year. Keep a look out on our website and Facebook as we will be having a summer family BBQ with live music the dates TBC.

Man – a dog’s best friend?

Dog mess. What a huge pain in the proverbial this issue has become for the people who use the recreation field, and equally for us trustees who are doing our level best to provide a safe and fit for purpose space for the community to utilise.

But of course, the dog mess deposits themselves, undesirable, revolting and dangerous as they are, are merely the symptom. **The actual disease that blights our recreation field is that of the ‘irresponsible dog owner’.**

There are various strains of irresponsible dog owner disease: the strain that doesn’t notice the mess because the dog is off-lead and roaming far away; the strain who knowingly turns a blind eye to its dog’s deposits; and the worst, most resistant strain, the one that drives in from out of town, opens the car door to let the dog(s) run free to use the field as a toilet, before calling them back to drive home (presumably to their own pristine, turd free gardens).

Most reading this article, are not part of the problem. If you subscribe to the *Scene*, you are likely to be someone with community interest, not community destruction, in your heart. But there will be a few readers out there who are part of the disease either knowingly, or unwittingly. They may not even mean it, they may simply not be mindful of a collective social responsibility. Conversely, they may just be the sort of person who sticks two fingers up to the rules and the rule followers. But they are certainly, giving all dog walkers, a bad name.

The problem of dog mess on the recreation field has now reached epidemic proportions. No longer are you unlucky to encounter a foul pile of dog’s mess on the rec. Now, you are lucky not to. This problem, which for years has been

a bit of a nuisance, causing us all to tut in superior fashion with annoyance and disapproval, has become an actual hazard to health.

Trustees are bombarded with complaints from casual users, from supporters/hirers of the facilities, from parents upset that their toddlers have fallen over and been covered in dogs’ mess. It feels only a matter of time before we are having to deal with a child illness that’s directly attributable.

The difficulties trustees have in dealing with the matter, are complex and varied.

The recreation ground is impossible to cordon off. Though it is private land (not publicly owned by any council as is commonly misconceived), it is accessible from many, mainly public, directions. A physical boundary would be ugly, impractical and expensive.

People, even well meaning, responsible dog owners, don’t observe the existing rule of keeping dogs on leads (yes, that’s the current guidance, and there is a largely ignored sign on the wall alongside the track which publicises the rule).

It’s difficult to catch owners in the act of failing to clear up after their dog. The area can’t be policed against vandalism of this nature. Put simply, without 24/7 surveillance, we might as well say that not





picking up after your dog is a gamble worth taking because frankly, you're highly likely to get away with it.

Ultimately, we're dealing with people who don't have a social conscience and are unlikely to be persuaded to engage one. And that's the tricky



opponent we're faced with: people so deficient in social or self-respect that rules and the consequences of breaking them, simply don't matter.

The thankless hours trustees have spent seeking a solution to the problem..... hours which could have been spent on more pleasant, practical and profitable pursuits for the village hall. Working collaboratively with the Parish Council, we have provided bins and now even poo bags but to little avail. Those who simply don't intend ever to pick up after their dog will not be tempted to do so by provision of the necessary tools.

We have sought counsel from Environmental Health and the County

Council, who have provided us with guidance on the law, and the practical use of bins and signage. Bins are used, but signage is of limited use. And without real time evidence of antisocial behaviour, we cannot prosecute, so there seems little deterrent in that.

We've sought the services of dog wardens, but they no longer exist, at least not on publicly funded registers.

We've researched CCTV options but the rec is a vast space, making installation and monitoring of recorded information prohibitively expensive.

Earlier this year we employed the services of the council to perform a cleaning sweep of the recreation field, but the benefits lasted less than 48 hours, making it an expensive (£120) and only short term solution.

Once upon a time, back when the notion of picking up after your dog would have had you laughed out of one of the several local drinking establishments, the recreation field was a NO DOGS ALLOWED zone. For many years that rule, observed by a vast majority of the (then much smaller) dog owning community, resulted in the rec being widely known as a safe place for villagers to meet and play sports.

Today, with the NO DOGS signs long since vandalised and removed, and the increase in the trend for exercising dogs off lead in wide open areas, the best the trustees can do is raise awareness of the pollution and advise people that the rec is used and hired at their own risk.

For the hirers, it's a massive inconvenience. For the casual user, it's off-putting. For the trustees, it's heart breaking that we can't protect this beautiful bit of community land, and if we can't provide a safe place to play it also feels like a dereliction of duty.

Villagers of Wickhambrook, what

can we do? Your ideas and suggestions would be welcomed. If you're feeling creative, or you know of successful drives in other areas to reduce or stamp out the symptoms of irresponsible dog owner disease, please come and talk to us. Could we summon enough support for a working committee or a suitably resourced patrol rota? Are there ways to stop people from neighbouring villages coming in (often under cover of darkness) and using our recreation field as a dog toilet? Can we encourage people to exercise their dogs on the many footpaths in the area, rather than on one of the few, open recreational areas? **We appeal to you and we're open to suggestion.**

In the meantime, in an attempt to at least reduce the level of dog fouling, trustee plans are now underway to reinforce the long disabused rule of NO DOGS EXCEPT ON LEADS at the recreation ground. It's not desirable and it's certainly not going to be popular - there are many good folk, who clean up after their dogs on the rec in good faith. It feels like the few, spoiling it for the many.

But our responsibility as trustees is to the land and by association, to the whole community, not just to the dog owners and walkers. Having dogs under lead control on the field would undoubtedly reduce incidents of accidental or intentional neglect, and owners who do not have their animals on a lead, will stand out and can be more easily identified and challenged.

The campaign will provide new, impossible-to-ignore signage around the area, along with a publicity drive involving the local press and household leaflet drops. It will be a clear and unambiguous message.

It would be lovely if we didn't have to deploy it.

History society

The May meeting saw a welcome return of Tony Kirby. His talk "Churches and Chapels since the Reformation", illustrated by slides of East Anglia, was full of interest. The period 1530-1560 saw a 1,000 years of religious building destroyed with the destruction of abbeys and monasteries. The existing parish churches had their interior walls whitewashed and statues vandalised, the emphasis now being on "the word" not ritual. Pulpits became more prominent and communion services rarely held. Legacies were now used to build almshouses, found schools and build memorials to the great and the good, as a result church buildings suffered from lack of money. Meanwhile, from the end of the 16th century the nonconformist or dissident movement was growing with itinerant preachers visiting chapels often in farmhouses or barns. These chapels always had a prominent, raised, central pulpit from which the preacher could make eye contact with the worshippers. Hymns were an important part of the services unlike in Anglican churches.

The 19th century saw a resurgence in church building when Government money, The Million Act, was used to build new churches to cater for the rapidly rising populations in the new industrialised towns and cities. These were built in the Gothic style and known in some areas as Waterloo churches. Chapels were also becoming more prominent often rivalling the Anglican churches in size as the laws excluding nonconformists from professions were relaxed. This was a well presented, knowledgeable talk by Tony.

Gillian reminded everyone of the outing to Gressenhall in July.

Horticultural society

On Monday 24th April, Mr Geoff Hales came to talk to us about THE CHINESE GOOSEBERRY MAN. It was a very different type of talk to those we normally have – Geoff dressed up as a gentleman of the 1910s would dress – and talked to us as though the actual meeting was being held in the 1910's. He addressed us as though he was actually a Mr E H Wilson, Plant Collector and told us all about his travels in China collecting plants and seeds to send back to England. He told us about four of his visits to China, and about his love/hate relationship with that country. From what he told us, he could not resist the opportunity to visit that country again and again. He was very successful in his endeavours to send new, exciting, never before seen plants back to England and he was certainly dedicated to his task. Philip Draycott, our Acting Chairman thanked Mr Hales/Mr Wilson, for an interesting, different talk.

We had our annual Grand Plant Sale on Monday 15th May. What a pity that so few attend this particular evening. We did have a good number of people there, but we could have done with lots more because there were lots of plants, seedlings, bedding plants, tomato plants, etc, etc. Most of them are sold for either 50p or £1 each, so there are some real bargains to be had. There were five or six big, long tables, all covered with plants as well as big shrubs on the floor as well. However, many, many plants were sold and, together with the raffle which raised £60, and plant sales amounting to £158.20, we made a grand profit of £218.20. Thanks to everyone who brought the plants and all those who helped over the evening. A splendid result which will all go in the coffers of the Society.

CARNIVAL AND FLOWER SHOW ON SATURDAY 8th JULY

This is just a reminder that entries for the Flower Show on Saturday have to be in on the Wednesday, 5th July. The W.I. Hall will be open between 3.15 and 4 pm, which we hope will encourage parents going to the school to pick up their children, to make entries either for themselves or for their children. Parents explained that it is often difficult for them to get up to the W.I. Hall later on in the evening because of family commitments, so we hope that this extra time will help. A children's entry form was printed in the last edition of the Scene and/or by now your child should have received a copy of the form in their book bag from Wickhambrook School. The hall will then, of course, be open at the usual time between 6.30 and 8.30 p.m. If you have never entered before, it is a very easy process, and there is a form in the Schedule which just needs ticking, signing etc. Entries are only 10p each, so please do have a go. As I have said many, many times if people do not make entries then we cannot put on a show. At the time of writing there were still Schedules available from the Shop or from me, but if we do run out then the form can be printed off the village website. Look forward to seeing you at the Show and Carnival and hoping, as usual, for a lovely Summer Day.

*Jackie
Fieldsend*



Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting took place on 25 May and I am able to confirm the Chairman for the forthcoming year is Councillor Paul Couzens, to be supported by Vice Chairman, Councillor Kate Sammons. The Parish Council Estates committee was re-elected and the representatives who risk assess areas in the village on a regular basis, such as the playgrounds and greens, have all agreed to continue with their responsibilities.

The photograph shows Chairman Couzens with the certificate presented for the Local Council Award Scheme Foundation Level and this is a good opportunity to remind all readers of The Scene that the eight elected Parish Councillors and four Lay Members of the Estates Committee give up their time on an entirely voluntary basis. They attend meetings and visit areas around the Parish undertaking inspections and checks and this is all done in a professional manner which the award is testament to. The financial records are inspected each quarter by Vice Chairman Sammons, who has a background in finance and also does a final check before the year end figures are presented to the internal auditor.

All the meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend, with no requirement to give notice of your attendance.

'LIT PIC'

Litter Pick 9 July 10 a.m. - meet front of hall.

'Lit Pic', modern sounding I know but it is in fact our traditional summer litter pick to help round up those stray pieces of litter that escaped the eagle eyes of the Wickhambrook Carnival Committee members at the end of the event taking place the day before. We will also be covering all other areas of the village and

if you can spare just one hour of your time please come to the MSC Hall foyer at the earlier start time of 10 a.m.

The Farmer's Market should be in full swing at the end of the 'pic' at 11 a.m. giving a further two hours to peruse the stalls and visit the café - sounds good to me and I am already going!



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT FROM 18 MAY

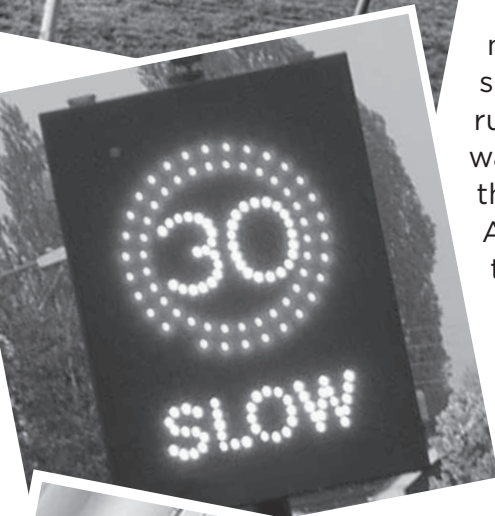
In addition to the usual reports from the Chairman, Chair of the Estates Committee and financial report from the Clerk, reports were presented by members of the History Society, W.I. Group, Youth Football Team and Wickhambrook School which made for a very entertaining and enjoyable evening. Written reports had been submitted by the MSC Hall Trustees, Bowls Club and the Police which were handed out to those who attended the meeting and referred to by the Chairman. The reports covered the activities and successes of the last twelve months and all had an extremely interesting content. I have hard copies of the reports on file which I would be happy to scan and send if anyone would like to read a particular report. Please send your request to parishclerk@wickhambrook.org



BISCUIT BARREL

The photo shows Mrs Maggie Elers, the recipient of the Alf Hicks Biscuit Barrel award 2017.

Maggie has given time and effort to worthwhile causes and events in the village over many years. To name but a few: she has helped run a playgroup, was a member of the Community Association helping to run village events such as the firework display and helped organise dances raising money for the village hall. Maggie has made costumes for the Wickhambrook Players pantomime and carol concerts and most recently is a stalwart member of the Carnival Committee, reviving this annual event which has proved to be an ongoing success every summer.



Maggie was the unanimous choice by the Parish Council for the award this year and the photograph shows Chairman Paul Couzens with Maggie who will hold the Biscuit Barrel for twelve months and have her name added to the list of previous worthy holders of the award.

The presentation was made at the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May 2017.

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

As shown in the previous edition of the *Scene* the memorial garden is beginning to take shape. A laurel hedge is planned for the rear of the garden to make a screen providing privacy for the scattering of ashes area. The main pathway from the chapel will be lined with a yew hedge offsetting the iron crosses, previously used to mark the graves in the old area of the cemetery, that have lain unseen in the chapel for many years. Finally a beech hedge will mark the scattering of ashes quiet section where a bench will be placed.

Thanks must go to Vice Chairman Sammons who has purchased hundreds of bare root plants to bring on in pots over the summer months, this has saved an enormous amount of the planting allocation from the grant. The Parish Council has now been able, with the permission of Tesco Groundworks, to incorporate important renovation and decoration works on the chapel as part of the scheme. These works will take place this summer and the chapel will be looking fit to form the backdrop to the garden.

Three hardwood benches need to be purchased for different areas which will be placed on concrete pads and secured. The benches need to be of sufficient quality to last for many years and will cost in

the region of £400 to £500 each. If you would be interested in purchasing a bench in memory of a loved one please email parishclerk@wickhambrook.org, a brass plaque could also be supplied as a lasting commemoration of a person or family members.

BURY ROAD PLAYGROUND

The Bury Road playground now has a new litter bin which can also be used for dog waste. The Parish Council obtained permission from Havebury Housing Association to site the bin at the entrance to the playground ensuring that not only playground users but dog walkers can also access this additional facility. There have been reports of dog fouling in and around this area and up until now there was no access to a bin nearby but now there is absolutely no excuse not to 'bag it and bin it'!

VAS UPDATE - SPEEDING IN THE VILLAGE

Thanks to the sterling work of Cllr Barton there have been sightings of Police speed camera vans in the village. Cllr Barton moves the machine from site to site (these can only be where the specially erected poles are in place following a survey from the traffic department at Suffolk County Council), downloading the data each time and presenting it in an agreed form to the Police. After many months a working relationship has been formed and depending on the speeds recorded the Police have attended the village performing speed checks. This is an issue that affects all residents in the village and the Parish Council is committed to the Vehicle Activated Signs providing the necessary data to trigger a Police presence. Currently the sign, originally supplied by County Cllr Mary Evans, is

used on a share basis with Lidgate and although Wickhambrook is to continue with this scheme it has also been agreed to purchase a machine solely for use in Wickhambrook using Parish Council funds. The area surrounding the school will remain a priority but with this VAS addition other sites in the village will be subject to a survey and if deemed suitable, poles will be placed ready for VAS use. All of this is good news for the village but will entail a much increased workload for Cllr Barton who has agreed to continue this task for the next twelve months. Another example of how the Parish Councillors are working for the benefit of the whole parish.

RECENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Decisions made by St Edmundsbury Council over the last eight weeks.

- DC/17/0189/LB Rolfes Farm, The Duddery. Structural repairs of outbuilding listed building.

Approved

- DC/17/0215/HH Giffords Hall, Giffords Lane. Open air courtyard including pavilion. Approved
- DC/17/0210/FUL Wickhambrook Primary School. New timber buildings to provide two Classrooms. Approved
- DC/16/1395/FUL Genesis Green Stud. 4 flats. Approved
- DC/17/0196/FUL Boyden End House. 1 equestrian workers dwelling. Approved

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

The dates for the next two meetings on Thursdays are 27 July and 31 August. The next Estates committee meeting will be held on Thursday 10 August. All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m.

Sonya Thorburn

Christian Aid 2017



choices and life changing decisions about leaving their homes. Fleeing from violence and persecution to embark on journeys into the unknown and then due to political issues becoming pawns stuck in a desperate

This year's event was held as usual at Wickhambrook Methodist Church as a Sunday afternoon joint service at 3pm and was organised by Ruth Seal on behalf of Wickhambrook Churches Together.

This service followed a successful Bring and Buy and coffee morning on the previous Saturday morning between 10am and Noon.

There was a great time of fellowship enjoyed by villagers and friends from other local churches and around £150 was raised for the work of Christian Aid

Those taking part in worship were Rev Bryn Singleton, Ivan Peacock and Jenny Turner. Beryl Peacock, playing the organ, accompanied the congregation.

In this 60th anniversary year of Christian Aid since its founding in the aftermath of the Second World War when it provided help and support for survivors, casualties and displaced persons after the devastation caused, Christian Aid Volunteer Chris Wilkes gave a moving address illustrating with actual cases how that even after 60 years they are still working with refugees around the world. They are still feeding the hungry, providing safe places to live for displaced individuals and families journeying from rejection, hostility, fear and trauma to a possible refuge after making hard

limbo unable to move forward or back.

It is tempting to think that the 65 million refugees throughout the world is such a vast issue, so what difference can be made by our small fundraising efforts but by helping through Christian Aid vital resources can be directed to the areas of most pressing need.

Chris explained the variety of work being done every day and encouraged us all to keep positive and supportive as Christian Aid and its local partners around the world have helped millions over the past six decades and will continue to do so as long as there are people in need.

This was a most uplifting service reaffirming the worth and positive effects from collecting their immediately recognisable red envelopes, during this week, across the country for this very worthwhile and vital organisation.

A final total for Christian Aid's work will be made known later.

Grateful thanks are expressed to all those taking part in the service and especially to Wickhambrook Churches Together for organising the event and the Methodist's for hosting such an important evening for this global organisation.

Theatre Company out-performs all previous productions

Every year the Spinning Wheel Theatre Company bring magic to our village. Last year 'Casanova' - definitely one for the adults. This year, with 'The Secret Garden' - it was suitable 'for all ages', or more accurately 'children of all ages' (4 to 104!) - they opened their 18-venue tour on 26th May, performing their first public showing, on our stage in Wickhambrook, to an MSC-record-breaking audience.

Each year their productions become more adventurous, more engaging and more enjoyable, and this year they excelled themselves. This year's set was positively 3-dimensional, superbly lit and a backdrop and setting for the most amazing acting performances yet. In past years we've seen 2- and 3-actor performances. This year was a '4-hander' with the cast spinning multiple roles to put no less than 15 characters on stage (including a robin, a fox, a dog and a lamb!) to perform a heart-warming and magical play based on the classic book.

It takes an experienced theatre

critic to comment knowledgeably on theatrical performances - which I'm not. But anyone who has been involved in stage productions of any kind and at any level (recalling here the Wickhambrook Players' pantos) would agree that the 'Spinning Wheel Theatre Company' create pure 'professional theatre magic'. So for this once-every-year lay member of the Wickhambrook audience the only words to offer are... "It was stunning! Again!" How high can they keep re-setting the bar? It will certainly be a challenge for 2018!

Will this 'spinning magic' theatre company come here again next year to transform our village stage and transport their audience? Hopefully - if we're lucky. But when and to present what? We'll have to wait for those details until Spring 2018. Although there was a whisper backstage. Something about...

But no - no spoilers - let's enjoy the memory of 'The Secret Garden' awhile.

Steve T.

Wimbledon round the corner!



There will never be a better time to give Tennis a try, great fun for all the family young and old. You don't have to be the next Andy Murray or Johanna Konta to enjoy a game or benefit from this great form of all round physical exercise.

The club is looking for new players of any standard to take advantage of our convenient local hard court facility.

Access to the courts is through payment of an annual subscription with the added convenience of a new on-line booking system for members.

Rates as follows: Family £60/Adult £30/Junior £15

For further details contact Jim Field on 0786 797 8455 • Email: jim.wbrktennisclub@gmail.com



WICKHAMBROOK CARNIVAL & FLOWER SHOW

**Saturday 8th July
from 12.30**

Dog Show ■ Stalls ■ Attractions

Activities ■ Displays

For further information contact

Maggie Elers on 01440 820559

Women's Institute

Hilary Ritchie, the Archivist of Addenbrooke's Hospital was the speaker this month and she gave us a fascinating insight into the history of this great institution. When Dr John Addenbrooke died in 1719 at the age of 39, he had no children and his wife died soon after him. He left a sum of money to build a hospital for everyone, including the poor, in Cambridge and the surrounding district. When it opened in 1766 in a house in Hills Road there were 20 beds, 11 patients, 3 surgeons and 3 physicians. Leeches, maggots and honey as an antiseptic were all used in 1766 in the hospital and still are today. As we all know, the hospital has expanded and moved, and continues to be the flagship teaching hospital of the area. At the Spring Fair on Saturday 8th April £460 was raised to keep our hall going – a marvellous sum



and a very enjoyable afternoon.

We started the meeting with a sugar rush, which kept us awake and lively for the whole meeting! Adrian and Lily Turner from Yum Yum Tree Fudge came to tell us about their delicious home- made



product and there were so many flavours to taste we had to have bottles of water to cleanse

our palates between each one. The couple have been making fudge at Thurston for about eight years and usually sell it at Shows and Fairs and it has really taken off. We were happy to try and buy from the whole range which has favours including rose, liquorice, double ginger and mango. Even those who professed not to like fudge were seen buying 'for the grandchildren', of course.

At the AGM, Vice-President Dorothy Anderson thanked retiring committee member Sue Burton-Griffiths for her work over the years and wished her well for future projects. Pat Cash and Polly Puxley were welcomed on to the committee. Hilary Bradfield will remain as President, Veronica Wiseman as Secretary and Jill Stembridge as Treasurer. There were reports from the President and Secretary and from the Walking and Reading Groups. The Resolutions for the National AGM were discussed and voted on before members departed (carrying carrier bags of fudge!)

The latest look for Wickhambrook ladies!! Perhaps not, but necessary as some of our members took a tour around the Capella fruit juice bottling plant in Bury St Edmunds recently.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday 11th July
"The Spy Who Loved"
with Claire Mulley



Hawkedon circular walk

- Tuesday 8th August
Members Meeting,
7pm at Ashfield Green Farm
- Tuesday 12th September
Pressed Flower Craft
with Mary Bradley

DATES FOR DIARIES:

- Friday 14th July
Tea Party, 2-4pm
- Friday 11th August
Tea Party, 2-4pm
- Friday 15th September
Tea Party, 2-4pm

All profits to a local charity or group and for our Denman Bursary.

Our meetings are held at 7.30pm in the WI Hall and all ladies from the village and district will be made very welcome. We now have two Walking Groups for those of you who feel the need for regular exercise and lots of chat! Wednesdays at 10am for the longer distances, and on Thursdays at 10am for a gentler programme. Just turn up at the WI Hall if you would like to join in.

Information is always available from Hilary (01440 821713) or Veronica (01440 820791) for all our activities.

*Val Orange
Press and Publicity*



The Hawkedon website states 'Hawkedon is one of the strangest places in Suffolk. There's nowhere else quite like it. Here, in the rolling landscape between Haverhill and Bury, is where the Chiltern Hills come to die. On their journey through Bedfordshire and Essex they become lower and softer, with the occasional last stabs of glory before sinking beneath the Suffolk heathlands. Rede, the next parish, is the highest point in East Anglia'. True or not this five mile circuit is quite hilly and this adds to its attraction. Take a copy of the Ordnance Survey 210 Explorer map as your companion.

Park on the green below the village church. The church is often open and contains a gallery and carved poppyheads. Walk uphill with the church on your left soon joining the road and passing the Queens Head. Take the minor road (Cresslands Lane) on the left. This soon becomes a vehicle track (restricted byway) which twists and turns for some way. There are good views of Hawkedon Hall to the right. Eventually you will go through a gate beside a cattle grid (there was a nut and bolt on the latch when we went through) and then to a second cattle grid, this time forming part of the track. Do not cross this but veer left and go through a five-bar gate on the left (the waymark was missing in May 2017). Walk across this meadow with a barbed wire fence and a reservoir on the right, heading for a narrow metal gate in the far fence. Use this and stay with the left-hand ditch, and hedge in places, as it climbs gently uphill. Soon after the start of a row of mature trees on the left you will find a culvert, and a hidden post and waymark, indicating a path heading diagonally across a small field heading to the right of some tall poplars. In the far corner follow a short path through



a wooded patch, there are buildings on the left, to find another cross-field path passing close to a solitary electricity pole. This leads to a gap in the far hedge. On reaching a concrete road turn left, almost back on yourself. This road soon turns left towards buildings (Gatesbury's Farm) but you must go straight ahead following a vehicle track to skirt two sides of a small wood on the left. The track veers right (waymark) and soon leaves the wood to head gently downhill between two large arable fields. On reaching the field corner you will find a gate and stile in the hedge. Climb the latter to find a series of lakes. Follow the waymarks to the left to pass down the eastern side of the water. You will see a memorial to Jo and Joan Slater who 'built these lakes for the enjoyment of family and friends'.

At the last of these lakes, climb the retaining bank (there is a waymark hidden behind a large fir tree) and skirt to the right round the lower bank to reach a corner where you must turn left through trees. You quickly reach a track junction where you must turn left again. Enter a rough meadow and stick to the right-hand edge with the wood on your right. A post and rope fence is in place over the first section. Climb until you reach the top to find a gap in the hedge which you pass through to reach a vehicle track. Turn left and follow this track until you pass a raised tank on the right. Then take the next track on the left. Having passed in front of Cordell Hall turn right just before the stream (waymark) to pass through a five-bar gate and enter grassland. Veer to the right leaving the avenue of ancient oak trees on your left and heading for the far-right field corner. There were helpful signs in place when we passed through. At the far end of the lower section of hedge on the right you will find a footbridge and

more waymarks. Follow these through a short scrubby patch, keeping left of the poplars. Cross two tracks* and scramble through a copse to reach an arable field. The official right of way continues ahead through the growing crop cutting across the field corner. This will lead you over a culvert and through the hedge on the right to join another footpath continuing gently downhill.

At the valley bottom veer left between a hedge and a white building to find an overgrown footbridge crossing the water. Continue ahead up this sunken track to reach the road. Turn left to reach the next road junction. Here you should fork left for a few paces to find a hidden footpath sign on the right pointing along what looks to be a private drive. The remains of an old windmill will be obvious. Go along the drive and just when you think you are about to enter a private garden take the footpath on the left of the main gate and follow this through scrub and out into a field. Stay with the left-hand hedge into a second field. On reaching a corner go through the hedge and cross a narrow strip. Once through a gap in the hedge Hawkedon comes into view. Stay with the edge of the wood on the right and when that ends continue in the same direction for a short distance through the crop to reach a road. Turn left and follow the road down a dip and up the other side to return to the village green and church.

The Queen's Head (01284 789218) is open from midday on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and from 5.00pm on weekdays.

*Purton Green Farm (photo), one of the Landmark Trust properties, can be found by walking a few paces to the right along the second track.

*Originally walked in February 2010
Walked again in May 2017*

All saints church

Dear Friends:-

Last July we were, as today, changing our nations course and pondering the result of an election, what this might mean for Europe, for Britain, for England, for us. And I wrote of the Gospel story of the Gerasene demoniac whom Jesus released from his anger and violence that he be in his right mind.

Our prayer from the day of Pentecost – the day of judgement – is that we should have a right judgement in all things, our Christ's call to all God's children being that we should find righteousness with God. So too for our election, pray we, against the fear anger and violence of these times, may find release and rightness of mind, that our purpose in government and responsibilities as citizens may continue to pursue righteousness for all peoples.

July's Gospels see the good news of God's action in the world revealed in the unity of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And we have seen such good shown by Manchester and London's response to the evil of the past months, gathering together in displays of unity support & compassion for the grieving and injured. So may we seek to display our unity in these coming days, working together for the common good of all peoples, one

family across the generations creeds and ethnicities of our Great British family.

*Yours in Christ.
Brin.*

Rector at Bansfield Benefice.

P.S. Do take a look at the The Blackheart Orchestra tour visit to All Saints church in September via our website links. If you're planning on seeing them, do let me know. As to their name, well I'm reminded of the great man in black Johny Cash singing his observations of this life's trials and struggles 'I'd love to wear a rainbow every day, And tell the world that everything's OK, But I'll try to carry off a little darkness on my back,' Till things are brighter, I'm the Man In Black.

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MSC monthly lottery

APRIL 2017

All winning numbers below drawn by Veronica Wiseman, Dorothy Dennet, Jill Williams and Hillary Bradfield at WI Cake Afternoon, Wickhambrook on 21st April 2017.

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| 731 | Miss Ruth Smart | £40 |
| 508 | Mr Mark Ebeling | £15 |
| 510 | Mrs Dawn Howland | £5 |
| 933 | Mr R Jones | £5 |
| 425 | Penny Cole | £5 |
| 470 | Roger & Jackie Merry | £5 |
| 841 | Mrs Simister | £5 |

MONTH 11

MAY 2017

All winning numbers below drawn by Gill Harrod, De Haywood, Elaine Poole and Ann Edwards at WI Cake Afternoon, Wickhambrook on 12th May 2017.

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| 508 | Mr Mark Ebeling | £40 |
| 414 | Jane & David Decorsey | £15 |
| 831 | Mrs R Scott | £5 |
| 481 | Mr T Wood | £5 |
| 415 | Mrs G Cooper | £5 |
| 477 | Carole & Roy Wilson | £5 |
| 305 | M Radley | £5 |

MONTH 12

*All prizes delivered by the Collectors.
Gloria Harrison, Promoter*

FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Clopton Hall, Wickhambrook, CB8 8PF

Sunday 9th July

12pm - 4pm

