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## Parish Council Committees and Groups

**Finance & General Purpose Committee:** Meets on the first Monday alternate months. Responsible for grants and managing financial reporting and budgets.

**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 responsibilities include 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 ninth edition and welcome to Summer 24!

With the wet spring and now the warmer weather it has been a prolific growing season so far.

The grass in our community areas has grown faster than our contractors can cut it - something to be addressed for next year! Hedges and flowers have flourished and of course the vegetation along our footpaths has flourished a bit more than we would ideally like, with wildlife corridors encroaching onto people corridors!

The Parish Council are not responsible for maintaining Public Rights of Way

although we do try to keep them clear. Issues should be reported using the Suffolk County Council reporting tool.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/highway-maintenance/report-a-highways-issue>

The Council has had a bit of reorganisation and all the details can be found on our website.



Our website has lots of information including minutes, budgets, planning and proposals to make Wickham Market a better place to be. Al Besly, our Clerk, is happy to hear your feedback. [clerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:clerk@wickhammarketpc.com)

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# IN AND AROUND WICKHAM MARKET

Updating you with some of the things that are happening around our village.

**Speed Indicator Devices** have been put up at Border Cot Lane, Broad Road and Deben bridge. These are currently using factory settings and I'm awaiting remote access to update them. The one at Featherbroom Gardens has temporarily been removed to allow for a replacement post to be installed.



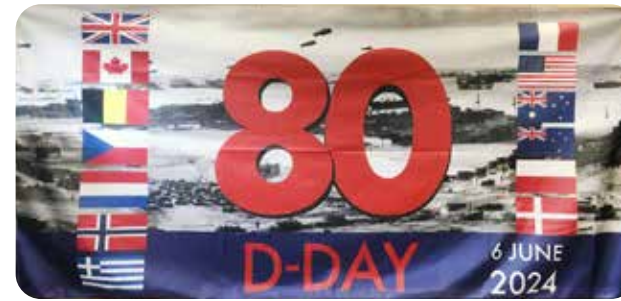
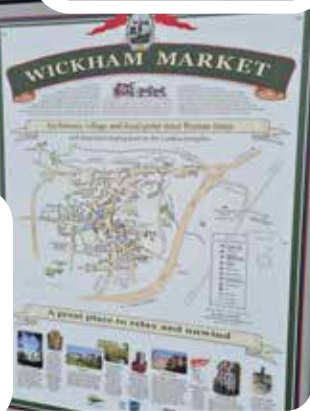
**The Village Hall Children's play area** has had its annual professional clean. There are still some maintenance tasks to manage.



We continue to try to improve the **regular markets on the hill** and we are encouraging more traders to come along on the first and third Saturday. Please do come along and support them. Chantry Kitchen sold out by 11am so don't miss out next time she is here!



**East Suffolk Council [ESC]** have installed **bee friendly planters** and **two new benches**. The Parish Council have had the area pressure washed and an **updated village map** has been installed, sponsored by ESC.



**Remembering D-Day 80 years ago.** Operation Overlord was the largest naval, air and land operation in history. To remember over 209,000 casualties, the Parish Council are flying both Union Flags and Flags of Peace on the hill.

**The Neighbourhood Plan** is now complete and adopted. All the relevant documents can be found on a dedicated page on the website. <https://wickhammarketpc.com/parish-council/neighbourhood-plan/>

Speaking of the website, the Parish Council is reviewing the whole site and content, supported by ESC, to make it easier to navigate and more user friendly. we will be working on this during the summer and hope to be able to publish improvements in the Autumn.

**Parking at the village hall** is being reviewed by the Parish Council, working with ESC to improve parking for all users of the hall and surrounding facilities. A briefing can be found on our website. <https://wickhammarketpc.com/village-hall/>



**Biodiversity is an important subject** and it is really easy to have your very own wildlife pond! It may be small but it's got all the habitat required for wildlife to thrive. Every tiny patch of land that we can put to helping the biodiversity of our village helps.

**New craft club every Monday afternoon** in the Committee Room (rear of Village Hall) 1-3pm. All welcome. £2 per session to cover hire costs.

We aim to form a great club inclusive of all abilities. Whether you are a beginner looking for assistance, intermediate or highly skilled we would love to meet you all. Members we have met so far have skill in many areas including needlecraft, blackwork, quilting, candle making, encaustic art and macrame being just a few.

We'd love to meet with anyone with an art or craft they love to do. So pop along and join the fun.

# Wickham Market Village Hall

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show 2024

We will need helpers to set up the show from Thursday 1st August in the afternoon, and to support activities such as our raffle, serving teas and cakes, and helping to pack up later on Sunday. If you love baking, please do consider baking a cake for our weekend café.

And of course you still have time pick up a schedule and get your entries in by Tuesday 30th July.

Offers of small sponsorship amounts for groups of classes is welcome too. We will then promote you if this is a business donation.

If you are able to join our friendly team for an hour or two please let us know.

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## MARKETS ON THE HILL

We are still working on the monthly markets (1st Sat Makers' Market, 3rd Sat Food and Drink) with 4 regulars at the makers' market and interest from Suffolk Distillery and Chantry Kitchen for F & D - along with Fisherman's Catch and Newbourne Veg regulars.

For these events we have a small but dedicated team of volunteer helpers to pitch and strike WMPC gazebos. Spring into Spring went very well - recorded music for the first time helped with the atmosphere and stallholders were happy with the organisation and footfall. Parking was improved for traders thanks to ESC. Costs were saved again by AI managing the road closure - a considerable undertaking in terms of late evening/early morning hours prior to the event. The new event/parish council banners added to the set up and made our central administration/information/meeting area highly visible to visitors.

Celebrate Summer is scheduled for 10th August - a week earlier this year to avoid clashing with the weekend of the Fram Show which draws both traders and public. So far we have booked 50% of pitch space already.

**Alison Renshaw**



# Wickham Market Village Hall

## 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Show 2024

### Show theme of Bees

Come along and see the wonderful exhibits on

## Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

12.30pm – 4.30pm

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August

12pm – 3pm

Followed by **Presentation of awards and Raffle.**

### Refreshments and Tombola both days.

Schedules still available from the Post Office, Library and R and S Hardware.

# EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL BACKS AMBITIONS TO REGENERATE DEBEN RIVER



**East Suffolk Council is supporting the efforts of The Deben Climate Centre to deliver “a radical and ambitious plan to regenerate the Deben River for people and nature”.**

The Centre is an expanding coalition of residents, academics, local community groups, charities and organisations which plans to regenerate the River Deben Catchment through widespread community action.

Cllr Sally Noble, East Suffolk Council’s Cabinet Member for the Environment believes that the Centre’s aims are critically important and says that East Suffolk Council will do whatever it can to help them achieve their ambitions.

She said: “There is no time to lose, which is why we are committed to supporting the Deben Climate Centre who are already working towards restoring and protecting our unique river catchment areas of the Deben and others across the district. As a council, we want to do all we can to improve water quality and biodiversity across our district and provide support where we can for this vital project.

“This includes our expertise in both ecological and environmental issues, as well as routes to funding which can provide the much-needed resources a scheme of this nature desperately needs. “We also hope that this can become a learning landscape for a new relationship between people and nature, as a template to be rolled out throughout the entire East Suffolk district.”

The Centre’s programmes to date have focused on testing water quality on the Deben, and several lecture series highlighting the local effects of Climate Change,

the global food security crisis, and the startling loss of species and habitats.

Deben Climate founders Professor Peter Hobson and Eamonn O’Nolan said: “Ours is a radical and ambitious plan to regenerate the Deben River for people and nature and it is built on the collective will of a partnership between local people, community environment groups and other key stakeholders such as farmers and land-owners.

“We are thrilled to work with East Suffolk Council, and we recognise that successful projects like this require the support and expertise of skilled Local Government officers and members. This partnership marks an important step forward in equipping our local communities to respond to Climate Change.

“East Suffolk residents have suffered badly in recent years from Climate-related flooding. This plan contains radical initiatives which will help to revive the river’s capacity to deal with sudden rainfall events and provide a model for sustainable land management.”

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

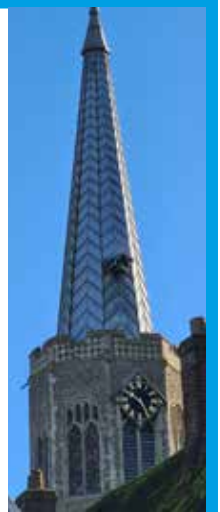
**As I write, we are looking forward to the celebration of the birthday of the church at Pentecost. We remember when God sent his Holy Spirit, with noise and flames, to give the early believers the power to tell others the Good News.**

As it is the third Sunday in May, we have a 9.30am communion in the chancel (Common Worship), then Together@11, preceded by toast at 10.30, then Prayer & Praise in the evening. Styles of worship to suit all! The Together@11 is cafe style, round tables, with songs, Bible stories, prayers, and craft activities. All are welcome at all of the services!

*Dr Peter Elliott. Lay Elder*

**Our regular monthly pattern of services is:-**

- 1st Sunday: 11.00 Communion
- 2nd Sunday: 11.00 Contemporary Service  
15.00 Oasis (Informal service with tea and cake)
- 3rd Sunday: 09.30 Communion  
10.30 Coffee/Tea & toast followed by an informal family service Together@11  
18.30 Praise and Prayer
- 4th Sunday 11.00 Contemporary Service with Testimonies
- 5th Sunday 11.00 Contemporary Service



# GAS MAIN WORKS AFFECTING THE B1438 THROUGH UFFORD

Following a series of communications concerning the planned road closures on the B1438 in Ufford due to essential gas main replacement works by Cadent, the key points are:

The roadworks were initially scheduled from May 13 to August 2 but have been postponed due to the lack of public consultation and to allow Cadent to re-consider their options

The project involves replacing an aging gas main with a new 250mm pipe, which could take up to 12 weeks if done via trenching in the road

The road closure would be executed in three phases affecting Byng Hall Road to School Lane, School Lane to Spring Lane, and Spring Lane to Old Main Road.

Local businesses, like Ufford Crown, expressed concerns about potential negative impacts on their operations and the slow compensation process.

Concerns were raised regarding the impact on southbound traffic, bus services, and the broader community.

Various stakeholders, including local parish councils, farmers, and businesses, have been informed and were invited to a well-attended consultation event in Ufford on 23rd May to discuss the project's impact and mitigation measures.

There is a call for clear communication, political support, and coordination to minimize disruption and ensure community involvement.

Cadent have now carried out trial holes in the road to see if they can find quicker ways of carrying out the works

David Chenery, Vice-Chairman of Wickham Market Parish Council, is representing our village's interests. Various stakeholders, including representatives from Melton Parish Council, Ufford Parish Council, SCC Councillor Alexander Nicoll, Cadent, and the SCC Network Assurance team, are involved in the discussions.

They are particularly aware of Wickham Market's demands to keep some form of bus service throughout the duration of the works. We will ensure the people of Wickham Market are kept well-informed about the project's details and timeline.

## WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

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## WICKHAM MARKET DENTAL CLINIC

2 Crown House 01728 746222  
[www.wickhammarketdentist.co.uk](http://www.wickhammarketdentist.co.uk)

## WICKHAM MARKET PHARMACY

68 High Street 01728 746267

## WICKHAM MARKET POST OFFICE

and Stores  
36 High Street 01728 746201

# EMERGENCY NUMBERS

**FALLEN TREES:** 0345 606 6171

**HIGHWAY FLOODING:** SCC  
0345 606 6171 or 0300 1235000  
[www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk)

**STREET CLEANING/CLEARING:**  
0333 016 2000

**POWER CUTS:** Power Networks call:  
105 or 999

**DANGEROUS STRUCTURES:**  
01394 444 219 or 0800 440 2516

**MANHOLE PROBLEMS** that are  
considered an emergency:  
0345 606 6171

**WATER LEAKS:** Anglian Water: 24/7  
0345 145 145

**EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL** Emer-  
gency out of Hours: 0800 440 2516

# USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

## CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:

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

**Wickham Market drop in service:**  
Resource Centre (next to the Library)  
Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.  
[www.leistoncab.org](http://www.leistoncab.org)  
[www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)  
01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

**Disability Advice Service**  
(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

**Good Neighbour Scheme:** (GNS)  
Provides 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](http://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,** be-  
hind the Village Hall. 01728 747731  
[www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk](http://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**  
Thursday: Ladies / senior school students  
Monday: Men / senior school students  
07860 402288

## VALLEY FARM

**Pony Club** <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club>

**Tots Pony Club** <https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots>

**Young Equestrians Club**  
<https://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians>

## VILLAGE HALL

Lettings: Alison 07653 226760

[lettings.wmvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto: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

Val Mann: [val@penpal.me.uk](mailto:val@penpal.me.uk)  
01728 747078

#### Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm  
[wmgardenclub27@gmail.com](mailto:wmgardenclub27@gmail.com)

#### Toddler and Baby Group

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

#### WI

Second Thursday each month at 7.30

#### Wickham Market Movies

3rd Saturday monthly  
19:00 for 19:30 start  
Pete Holden 01728 747229

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Crown Lane, IP13 0SA  
01728 748224

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**Open Pantry:** Fresh food and household goods shared with anyone in need.  
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## BEEHIVE BUILDING

Crown Lane

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Jacquie Goodwin & Tracy Burch

## WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

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Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 - 5.30  
Saturday: 10 - 12.30 then 1 - 4.30  
[help@suffolklibraries.co.uk](mailto:help@suffolklibraries.co.uk)  
01728 747216

### 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

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## WM PRIMARY SCHOOL and LITTLE AVOCETS NURSERY:

01728 746405

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

### Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Wednesday monthly at 10am.  
Barbara Harrington: [sbharrington@outlook.com](mailto:sbharrington@outlook.com) or come along.

## ARCHIVE CENTRE:

Local history, archives and artefacts  
Philip Tallent 01728 746058

# VILLAGE HALL MODERNISATION PROJECT UPDATE



**The Wickham Market Village Hall Modernisation Project is making significant progress, promising a more functional and welcoming space for the community. Here are the key updates:**

### Design and Survey Progress

PC Architects OWL from Bungay have developed a concept design layout for the Village Hall's modernisation, now available for public review on the Parish Council website. A comprehensive building survey has been completed by OWL Architects, and the detailed layout drawings and findings are eagerly awaited. These are essential for moving forward with the project.

### Funding Efforts

Securing substantial funding is critical before detailed design work can continue. The District Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Funding Bid, totalling around £500,000, has been submitted. The bid will be reviewed by the East Suffolk Council (ESC) CIL Grants Committee Board, though there is stiff competition from many local projects. Additionally, the Joint Modernisation Steering Group has requested a donation from Pettistree Parish Council's CIL funding from the Wickham Place housing development and is awaiting their response.

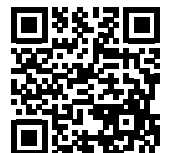
### Community and Stakeholder Engagement

The Clerk has drafted the Terms of Reference (TOR) for a Village Hall Joint Modernisation Committee, which will include members from the Parish Council and Village Hall Trustees, as well as non-committee members with specialised skills who do not have voting rights. Continued support comes from ESC Councillor Sally Noble and Communities Officer Sam Kenward, who have been actively attending meetings and assisting with the project.

### Future Plans

The Village Hall Steering Group is exploring engaging a specialised fundraiser to assist in writing grant applications and developing funding opportunities. It is essential to keep the Village Hall operational until modernisation begins, hopefully in 2025. The Village Hall Trustees are seeking grants to cover operational costs during this period.

Stay updated and get involved by visiting the Parish Council website. Together, we can transform the Wickham Market Village Hall into a vibrant community hub.



# WICKHAM MARKET PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Summer term at Wickham Market Primary School is always action packed, particularly for our Year 6 pupils.



They began the term with a three night residential trip to Hilltop Adventure Centre in Norfolk. During the trip the children experienced a great range of activities including; rock pooling, archery, caving, high ropes course, air jump and an assault course. The activities often require them to work as a team and to 'step out of their comfort zones'

which is a fantastic preparation for their next chapter as they prepare for the move to high school. Now that they have completed their SATs tests they are busy rehearsing for their end of term production and looking forward to a sailing day at Aldeburgh and a trip to London for the day.

Over the last couple of years we have been working on a project to replace our well-loved play fort on the school field. Firstly, this involved our dedicated Wickham Market School Association working tirelessly to raise funds. We were then approached by Olly Hill from Handsome Made, Farnham, who kindly offered to design and build the new fort. We are so grateful for the many hours of hard work from Olly Hill and our School Association alongside incredibly generous support from TH Moss and Sons, Wickes, Coastal Building Supplies, BBC Radio Suffolk, Saxmundham Health, Anglian Freight, The Wardens Trust, Olly Benton, The Handsome Prints Company and Tree Frog Tree Services. The fort has now been independently risk assessed and is ready for the children to enjoy for many years to come.



As part of our drive to nurture children's love of reading and a desire to link with our local community, each of our classes visit Wickham Market Library once a term. The children love their termly visits to the library and we are always so grateful for the lovely warm welcome we receive when visiting.



We are currently busy preparing to welcome our new nursery and reception children for September. We still have a handful of places in our nursery and reception class. With wrap around care available from 7:45am to 5pm we welcome children from age three onwards and allow parents to use their funded hours flexibly. If you have a child turning three soon and would like to come and have a tour of the school and see what we have to offer, please contact the school office (01728 746405, [wkt.admin@eastmat.org](mailto:wkt.admin@eastmat.org)) to make an appointment convenient to you.

*Mrs Jo Harris, Head of School*

## WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

**SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:** 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](mailto:sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

District Councillor for the Wickham Market Ward.

**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL:** Cemetery, Playing Fields, Children's Play Area, Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with SCC).  
[footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:footpaths@wickhammarketpc.com)  
<https://wickhammarketpc.com/>  
[clerk@wickhammarketpc.com](mailto:clerk@wickhammarketpc.com)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON COUNCIL SERVICES:**  
<https://wickhammarketpc.com/useful-links/>



# LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE GARDEN

Imagine a secret garden in the heart of Wickham Market - you can find it behind the Library and Resource Centre in Chapel Lane nestled under the watchful eye of the Church Spire.



The gardens surround the building and include a secluded walled garden at the rear where roses, small shrubs and perennials grow and we are hoping to develop the area behind the Archive Centre as a small wildlife refuge. It has been maintained over the years by numerous members of the community and the current group of volunteer gardeners meet on the second Wednesday of the month, 10.00-12.00. After a good hour of gardening, we enjoy

taking a breather on the garden benches with coffee and cake. We have various levels of gardening experience but come together with the aim of carrying on the good work to maintain the garden so that it can be enjoyed by all members of the community. If you are interested in joining the group, you can find the information below.



In the past the garden has been used to host library related events. Most recently the Archive Centre used it for the opening of their new premises and it has the potential for wider use. To start with the library will be using it as part of the Children's Summer Reading Challenge this August and for some of the future events organised by the Library Friends Group.

So that the garden does not remain one of Wickham Market's best kept secrets, we are planning an 'Open Saturday Event' in early summer. In the morning children and families will be invited to come along to read and enjoy their books in the garden. In the afternoon, individuals will have the chance to visit the library and spend some time in the garden with a cup of tea.

## Wickham Market Library Opening times:

Monday - Closed

Tuesday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Thursday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Friday 9.30 am - 5.30 pm

Saturday 10.00 am - 12.30; 1.00pm- 4.30pm

Sunday - Closed

## Wickham Market Archive Centre Opening times:

Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10.30am to 12.30pm.

## Wickham Market Resource Centre

The Resource Centre houses the library, a meeting and interview room. The latter is used by the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Centre is available for hire with reductions for voluntary and charity groups.



# WICKHAM MARKET SHED GETS WIRED

**Wickham Market Shed is a huge step closer to operating a fully functioning workshop following the complete rewiring of the unit by local firm, Hudsons Ltd.**

After visiting the project to provide a quote, director Ben Hutson came away so impressed with the concept of Men's Sheds that he researched them further and the result was an extremely generous offer to do the work free of charge, with Ben also managing to source many of the materials at cost or free from their suppliers. It was also a great opportunity for a team building exercise with their electrical workforce, who all gave freely of their time.



Ben explained, 'After visiting the Shed to quote I came away convinced this was a project we should support. Working in the building trade can be challenging and projects such as this that proactively support men's mental health by providing practical and social opportunities are so important.'

My fellow directors agreed and tasked me with making it happen.'

Saturday 23rd March at 7.00am saw eight electricians descend on The Shed and set to work, installing a new consumer unit, lighting, heating, lots of much needed sockets



together with an emergency cut-out facility. Terms and conditions included a continuous supply of tea/coffee but this was enhanced with cake and bacon and sausage butties, all willingly provided by the Shed group members. The result of five hours of teamwork is a workshop that is now fit for purpose.

Cath Caudwell, lead trustee for the Shed project being spearheaded by the Wickham Market Partnership, added, 'This brilliant group of electricians, including apprentices, worked their socks off today. We cannot thank them enough for what they have done.'

The cost of the materials, new flooring to be laid and first aid courses are being funded by the Co-operative Community Cares Fund.



The Shed currently operates on Monday afternoons, 2.00-4.00pm. If you are interested in finding out more do come along, visit [www.wmshed.org.uk](http://www.wmshed.org.uk) or email [wmshedders@gmail.com](mailto:wmshedders@gmail.com)



# ARCHIVE CENTRE OPENING



**Monday 6th May was a lovely fine day, and about 100 people gathered in the garden behind the library for the official naming and opening of the new Archive Centre.**

Philip Tallent, Chairman of Wickham Market Area Archive Centre, said that when they started to plan this event, many months ago, they didn't think

that they would have competition from Ipswich Town Football Club, who were holding their open-topped bus parade through Ipswich. He said that in some ways this was like a promotion celebration for the Archive Centre, who feel like they have now been promoted to a new league.

After many years of searching and discussing, in 2023 members of the Archive Centre, assisted by many others, were able to build a new log cabin and move the archives, thanks to the support of the Wickham Market Partnership (WMP).

The Men's Shed group has also benefitted, by being given the portacabins and a shed previously occupied by the Archive Centre, behind the village hall. Philip thanked everyone who had helped, in whatever way, to get to this point, with funding, construction and removals.



Bryan Hall, who has lived in the village for nearly 50 years, served as our District Councillor for 16 years, was a founder and trustee of the WM Partnership for 14 years, and has been connected with the Archive Centre since its inception, named the building the Morris Dyke Centre in honour of Mary Morris and Gwen Dyke, who were two of the founders of the Archive Centre.



Cath Caudwell, who served as WM Parish Clerk for 20 years, was also a founder and has been a trustee of WMP since 2002 and has been the main driver in helping to get us through the maze of funding and legal issues cut the ribbon to open the building.

Another 50 or so people turned up to look at the displays, which took visitors through a potted history of Wickham Market, from the Roman pot and coins, the Workhouse, the Whitmore & Binyon ironworks, the Oddfellows and Foresters banners and the WW2 bombings. There was also a rolling presentation of slides showing all the activity last year, from delivery of the log cabin components, through construction and removals to completion.



The new Archive Centre is now open two days a week, from 10:30am to 12:30pm on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and is located in the garden behind the library.

## STANLEY GEORGE HALL *follow up*

**We are extremely grateful to Jean Laidlaw, who has discovered 33 pages of the service record of Flying Officer Hall, including another photo of him, which help us to understand why this young man from Wickham Market joined the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) and fought in World War 2.**



His mother was Edith Hall, who lived at 3 Sandy Lane, Wickham Market. However, on one of the RAAF forms, the person named as his Guardian, and to be informed of casualties, was the manager of the Dr Barnardo's Homes in Sydney.

Jean checked passenger lists and found that Stanley Hall, aged 18, left from Southampton on 8 March 1939 bound for Australia, together with many boys of a similar age and some younger children. Their address was given as c/o The Salvation Army, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4.

The conclusion from this (although it might be wrong), is that he was a youth migrant, and was taken into the care of the Dr Barnardo's organisation when he arrived in Australia.

He joined the Australian Air Force at Sydney in 1941, at the age of 20. The enlistment records show that his occupation was "Farm Hand; Cabinet Maker and Polisher". After completing air crew training, he rose through the ranks of the RAAF, and flew in 36 operations until the tragic accident that ended his life in February 1944. Stanley is buried in one of the Commonwealth War Graves in Wickham Market cemetery.

Wickham Market Parish Council invite you to



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on

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