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# Dates for your diaries

## MARCH

### 5TH ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm, Pavilion

### 8TH FARMERS MARKET

10am-1pm, WI Hall

### 10TH HOW TO HAVE A HEALTHY BACK

with Andrea Waslh

7.30pm, WI Hall

### 12TH MEET & EAT

12pm, TwentyOne @The Greyhound

### 13TH WI TEA PARTY

£2.50

2pm-4pm, WI Hall

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12pm, 3pm & 6pm

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Call 01440 821017 to book.

23rd Suffolk Hedehog Hospital

wih Sue Studley

7.30pm, WI Hall

### 25TH QUIZ NIGHT

Teams up to 6, £2 per player

Fish n Chip Supper available £7

26TH

### MEET & EAT

12pm, TwentyOne @The Greyhound

27TH

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm, Pavilion

## APRIL

5TH

### LITTER PICK

MSC hall Car Park

check website for start time

9TH

### MEET & EAT

12pm, TwentyOne @The Greyhound

14TH

### A TOUR MANAGERS GUIDE

with Graham Dossett

7.30pm, WI Hall

15TH

### QUIZ NIGHT

Teams up to 6, £2 per player

Fish n Chip Supper available £7

18th

### Vintage Fair

2pm, WI Hall

23RD

### MEET & EAT

12pm, TwentyOne @The Greyhound

23RD

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm, Pavilion

27TH

### BOMSAI

with Derek Archer

7.30pm, WI Hall

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 Cemetary Road  
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 Suffolk CB8 8XR



# Road safety project in our village given green light!

## SO GET INVOLVED HERE.....

Wickhambrook Parish Council is looking to recruit local residents to a working group to explore all of the options for road safety specifically in the vicinity of Wickhambrook Primary Academy.

You may be aware we had a road traffic accident (RTA) involving a young child in September 2018. The child fortunately made a good recovery but road safety in that area has been very topical ever since and has been discussed on a number of occasions by councillors, residents and the teachers and children in the school.

The Parish Council has collated detailed traffic survey data on the road outside the school and work has continued in order to try and resolve the issue. They understand the importance of this problem and are determined to try to find a solution to the parking for parents/guardians dropping off and collecting their children from the school.

I am sure everyone would agree that this could make a significant contribution not only to the safety of our school children, their health and wellbeing, but will also likely reduce the congestion on the B1063 in the vicinity of the school and shop hill during these periods.

The school and its children are currently engaged in trying to reach a solution, and the parish council have offered considerable support to raise everyone's concerns. It is important though that any work undertaken to try to resolve the issue, needs to fully engage with all the relevant people including:

- Local residents
- Stakeholders (Wickhambrook Primary Academy teachers, governors and parents);



- Suffolk County Council and West Suffolk Council (localities and communities);

For these reasons, the Parish Council feels the best option is to separate this work from the ordinary meetings of the Parish Council and establish a working group specifically to carry out more research and report back to the Parish Council at its monthly meetings. This will ensure this issue gets the necessary focus and hopefully an agreeable resolution benefitting everyone in the village.

It is intended that the working party will include:

- Parishioners with a keen interest or skills set which might add to the work of the group.
- Representatives from Wickhambrook Primary Academy:
- Teachers
- Parents
- Governors
- Local councillors
- Representative from Wickhambrook Memorial Social Centre
- Representative (s) from Suffolk County Council
- Representative (s) from West Suffolk Council (Localities and Communities)

The group will be self-supporting, and the intention would be to set up an initial meeting (at the memorial social centre) to agree the way forward and then regularly

at dates, times and venues set by the group.

A regular update will be given to the Parish Council at their monthly meetings. Any proposed correspondence or publicity could then be quickly approved by the Parish Council.

The intention would be for the group to start as quickly as possible and have an end date of September 2020, unless the Parish Council considers that there is further significant work or research which may contribute to any proposal which the Parish Council could consider.

We would really welcome anyone who is interested and prepared to give their commitment to the meetings and finding a solution for this issue in our village.

If you would like to participate, please contact Councillor Sandy Thwaite at the email address below. Sandy would be delighted to hear from you and get you involved in our group. You can also note your interest in being part of the group with the Parish council Clerk, Hilary Workman.

We look forward to hearing from you!  
Sandy.thwaite@wickhambrook.org.uk  
parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk

## Farmers Market

**W**ickhambrook Farmer's Market is now up and running again, but has relocated to the WI Hall. Still held on the 2nd Sunday of each month from 10am to 1pm.

We have Totham Bangers, Poundwise Fruit & Veg., Ann's Jams, Pickles, cakes and pies. Crafting Grannies, Silver Fins Fish & Shellfish, Dave's plants, Martin's Photography, Margaret's Home Made cards, Anne Louise's Jewellery, Woodview Gardens quality garden products, TFM Butchers, hopefully Coriander Kitchen and, of course, the very popular Café. A very good selection of local foods and crafts, many home made.

Please come and join us next month (March 8th).

For any enquiries for stalls please contact Ann on 01284 789419 or email at: ann.corlett@btinternet.com.



# Horticultural society

Our final meeting of 2019 was our annual quiz & social evening. Not sure if it was the quiz or the delicious food that is served afterwards that saw so many people attend Mathew Lawfield set a fun quiz to get us started and Joyce Draycott handed around another quiz for us to do. Joyce also had some dried items in a vase for us to identify. The Flora Cup (which can only go to members) was presented to Rosemary Vergine. Well done. Everyone then enjoyed a lovely buffet of hot & cold food including some super desserts & cheese & biscuits. No one went home hungry. We then had the raffle with 12 prizes to be won. A lovely hamper was donated by Linda Collins.

Our first meeting of 2020 held on 27 January was a talk by Mike Day - Vegetables for a small Garden. Mike gave some very good tips on what to grow even if you only have a window box. All types of Lettuce can be grown in very small spaces, pots or just in your flower bed as some lettuces are really colourful. Cut & come again plants such as Spinach, Mustard & lettuce are also good. A broad bean called Robin Hood supports itself and as you don't often see Broad beans in the shop this is another one to grow. Monica is also high yielding. Dwarf French beans don't take up much space and are very high yielding. Radish, shallots, Beetroot, Chard and Tomatoes can be planted anywhere in your garden or a pot. You can grow 32 carrots in a 10" pot. Potatoes too can be pot grown. So don't hold back with your small garden, get growing. Tastier & far better for you. You might even have something to put in the show on 11 July!!



## LOOKING AHEAD:

- **Monday 23 March** - we have Sue Stubley from Ousden talking about the Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital. 7.30 in the WI Hall. Everyone welcome. Membership is only £6 but you can just come along and pay £2 on the night. Tea & refreshments included.
- **Monday 27 April** - Bonsai by Derek Archer, Chairman of local Bonsai club. 7.30 in WI hall.
- **Thursday 30 April** - Society Social outing to Scotsdales at Shelford. Lunch 12 noon. Discount shopping Voucher included.

Our Horticultural Society will also be holding our **Annual Plant Sale** on **Saturday 16 May** - 10am WI Hall. Please come along and support this. If you have any spare plants they would be most welcome. It's your chance to pick up a real bargain as we usually have some lovely shrubs & flowers for sale at a very reasonable price. Coffee & refreshments available. **FREE ENTRY.**

On **Saturday 13 June** we are holding an **Open Garden** event in Wickhambrook. I do hope you have all popped this into your diaries. We have several gardens taking part. Some of them will be providing tea & cake. Look out for posters with more details.

**Advance notice - Wednesday 1 July.** All day coach outing to **Polstead Mill & Horkesley Hall**. 10am MSC car park. Cost is £40 but this included Coach, Lunch & Afternoon Tea. Bargain. If you are interested please contact Audrey Lawfield 821379.

A very busy year ahead.

*Deirdre Smith.*



# Women's Institute



December is traditionally the month for the Wickhambrook WI Christmas Party and this year was no exception. The WI Hall was duly decked out in Christmas mode

with committee members providing the festive fare. Arriving at the hall members were offered a glass of Prosecco or orange juice and some tasty canapés as a starter to the evening. After exchanging Christmas greetings and cards, members found their seats for the meal to begin. The committee had provided a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings and lashings of gravy. Once the first course was over and plates were cleared, the desserts were brought out including trifle, bishop's

pudding, pavlova and cheesecake. All agreed the meal was a great success. After tea and coffee had been served the entertainment for the evening was introduced. Barrie and Nicky, father and daughter-in-law, are an act playing songs from the 50's and 60's. Going back to Elvis and Cliff Richard they worked through songs by Buddy Holly, Sam Cooke, the Everly Brothers, Motown music and the Beatles. Members needed little encouragement to get on their feet and have a "bop" to the catchy songs! At the end of the evening each member was given a Christmas decoration to take home, made by the WI craft group. Everyone agreed it had been a successful and fun evening.

Our first meeting of the year was well-attended with several new members joining the regulars on a very stormy night.

Anne Morley and Derek Wilding from SARS (Suffolk Accident Rescue Service) were our speakers.

Anne gave a very comprehensive and interesting presentation on the set-up, training of volunteer clinicians and fund-raising undertaken by the charity. She stressed the importance of having local people to respond to accidents in the 'golden hour' when more lives can be saved.

Derek spoke very movingly of his work with SARS when he was a Police Sergeant and also told of the horrific accident suffered by his son Harry who collided with a tree while driving. Harry was saved three times; at the scene by SARS doctors, in the Air Ambulance and at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Harry survived and thrived and now volunteers for SARS himself.

Both Anne and Derek emphasised the excellent co-operation between the emergency services in these cases.



## **“DAD’S ARMY”**

We were not sure what to expect from the title of this month’s meeting entitled simply “Dad’s Army”. Was it a talk about how the real Dad’s Army functioned during the war, or about how it was originally set up or even a re-enactment of the brilliant TV series still being shown today on the television? In the event Charles Garland turned out to be the BBC producer who had worked on all 80 episodes of the show alongside David Croft and Jimmy Perry. Charles told us first how he came to be working at the BBC after writing many letters asking for a job. He eventually became a television director working with various programmes ranging from producing opera with Sir Jonathan Miller to the Paul Daniels Magic Show and comedies such as “Hi-de-Hi!” The original title for the show was “The Fighting Tigers” but this was not considered suitable and the show was eventually renamed “Dad’s Army”. Charles then described how each actor was chosen for his particular role and how the series was filmed each week over a period of five days. In recent years Charles had the task of re-editing each episode down to 29 minutes and 50 seconds so that they would fit into the TV schedule.

This month’s competition was to bring “an interesting war memento” and members had ransacked their attics to find letters, leaflets and booklets issued to people at the time together with medals and everyday objects such as a switch and shoe-cleaning brushes!

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

### ■ **10th March**

“How to have a Healthy Back” with Andrea Walsh.

Competition: Unusual Walking Stick.



### ■ **14th April**

“A Tour Manager’s Guide with Graham Dossett

Competition: Memorable Holiday Picture.

### ■ **18th April**

“Vintage Fair”. To be held in the WI Hall at 2-00pm. On offer will be pre-loved clothing, accessories, jewellery, shoes, household items, a raffle, hamper and a children’s Tombola. Refreshments will be on offer provided by the ladies of Wickhambrook WI.

## **TEA PARTIES**

### ■ **13th March**

2-00 to 4-00pm in the WI Hall.

£2-50 - All welcome!

Please note there will be no Tea Party in April due to the Vintage Fair.

Our meetings are held at 7-30pm in the WI Hall and all ladies from the village and district will be made very welcome. Just turn up at the WI Hall if you would like to join in. Information is always available from Dorothy (01440 820376) or Gillian (01440 820052)

# History society

Our first meeting of the year was an opportunity for members to share their interest in history and Roger medley and John Norton gave contrasting talks of interest to all.

Roger is a guide at Ickworth and gave a presentation on the Italianate garden. This beautiful spot was familiar to the members, but Roger's photographs and his inside information made everyone want to go again and see the fine detail. The garden was created by various members of the Hervey family who had travelled in Italy and although it was possible to re-create the style and planting, the climate was not the same and so shelter belts were planted. The many windows on the south side of the main house reflected warmth on to the garden, too. The box hedges were attacked by blight in recent years and are now being replaced by yew. When the family wanted to walk in the garden, they rang a bell so that the gardeners could get out of sight! The roots of trees in the famous stumpery

were dug up during the wartime 'Dig for Victory' campaign.

John had visited Auschwitz and it was timely to remember this dreadful example of 'man's inhumanity to man' as this week marks the 75th Anniversary of the liberation of the camp. He recounted the history of the site and the rise of Hitler. There are 120 survivors still alive and a special event attended by the Duchess of Cornwall will mark the day. Auschwitz is now a World Heritage site and much visited. It is to be hoped that lessons have been learned and such atrocities will never be repeated.

Dorothy Anderson had brought along the village Millennium Survey folders, and members enjoyed looking back at this snapshot of the village in 2000. Each household was asked to fill in a form, take a photograph, and add a history of their house. It makes for fascinating reading and is very useful for those seeking family history information.



## Finance matters

I recently looked back to when the first article was written and realised that it was over 19 years ago and it was only intended to be a short series! I hope you have all found some use from them over this period and if you do need help with your financial situation then my details are in accompanying advert.

# Parish council

Hello, it's been a busy few months since I last wrote.

## **PARISH COUNCIL AND ESTATES COMMITTEE MEETINGS.**

At the end of last year the Parish Council and Estates Committee decided to make some changes to the number of meetings it holds. The changes mean a reduction from eleven to seven meetings for the Parish Council, and from six to five for the Estates Committees. Councillors and committee members took this decision because it is hoped that this will free up more time between meetings for the Clerk to support the project work identified which is important to the parish and its residents (for example, play equipment).

If any urgent matters arise between the meetings, it will still be possible to deal with these by having an extra-ordinary meeting. The schedule will be reviewed next year, and if need be adjusted. Meetings in 2020 are listed below:

### **Parish Council:**

27th February, 23rd April, 28th May (Annual meeting of the Parish Council @ 6:30pm followed by Annual Parish Meeting @ 7:30pm), 30th July, 24th September and 26th November

### **Estates Committee:**

March 5th, June 4th, August 6th, October 1st and December 3rd 2020.

All meetings take place in the Pavilion of the Memorial Centre and begin at 7.30p.m.

## **FORMAL OPENING OF WICKHAMBROOK MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Wickhambrook Memorial Garden, a place of rest and contemplation, was formally opened on Sunday 10th November following the laying of wreaths

at the War Memorial. It was well attended, with many children who helped to plant spring bulbs on the perimeter of the garden. School children also took part in Spring bulb planting on the following Tuesday.

Thanks to Mary Jolland for organising the event and spring bulb planting, and Councillor and Mrs Merritt for the supply and serving of Refreshments on Remembrance Sunday.

## **PARISH BUDGET 2020-21 AND PRECEPT**

At its January meeting the Parish Council approved the budget for the next financial year (2020-2021) and set the precept (the amount of money that it asks to be raised through council tax). The precept for the next year was set at £35,610.00, an increase of £2.56 (3.64%). You'll shortly be able to find more information about the budget on the website at <https://wickhambrook.org/parish-council/documents/>.

## **SPRING LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 5TH APRIL**

Meet at the MSC Hall Car Park - please check the Website for the start time.

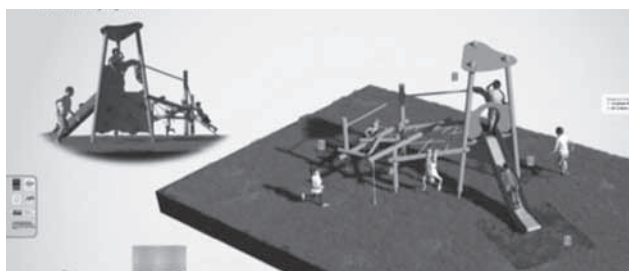


## **PLAY EQUIPMENT AT THE RECREATION GROUND AND BURY ROAD POCKET PARK**

The Parish Council is pleased to be able to let you know that a refurbishment of the Playfort has now been completed. We are just looking at whether more top-soil might need to be added and then will be able to re-open it.

The Parish Council would like to extend its thanks to our lay member Mr Roger Merry, who has worked hard to find a solution to bring the fort back into use, as many parents have reported how much the children enjoy playing in the fort.

Parents of children who use the pocket park at Bury Road will, we hope, be pleased to hear that the Parish Council has agreed that the proposal to purchase a new piece of play equipment for older children (8 – 12 years). An example of the style of equipment which the Parish Council is seeking to purchase is shown below:



This will be a substantial investment for the Parish Council, so I am currently researching grant funding towards the proposed equipment.

The Parish Council is also undertaking some initial research into options for outdoor fitness equipment on Six Acres to report to a future meeting. If you have any ideas about type and styles of equipment which would be accessible and widely used, please contact me at [parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk) with your suggestions.

## **NEW USES FOR THE BT PHONE BOX AT THORNS CORNER**

The Parish Council has been considering establishing a book swap in the old BT Phone Box at Thorns Corner. The phone box will require re-painting, and some re-glazing. If you would be interested in participating in this project, or have other suggestions for how the phone box could be used, please contact [parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk).

## **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

This winter has so far been exceptionally wet and sections of Byway 31 are in a very poor state for walking, a part of their reason for existence. Restricting the use of byways by 4x4 vehicles is difficult, but Suffolk County Council have just posted Restraint Notices on a section of the Byway to limit their use during this wet weather (<https://wickhambrook.org/a-plea-to-equestrian-users-of-byway-31/>).

It would also be very helpful to pedestrians if horse riders could leave a reasonable non-trampled area, at least to one side of the route for the use of pedestrians, as this byway is central to many routes taken by walkers.

If you have a problem with footpaths and byways, you can report a problem direct to Suffolk County Council here:

Rights of Way: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/public-rights-of-way-in-suffolk/report-a-public-right-of-way-issue/>

And for all matters related to problems on Highways: <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/>

## **RECENT PLANNING DECISIONS MADE WEST SUFFOLK COUNCIL**

■ DC/19/1102/FUL – Planning Application

Erection of 5no. dwellings with cart



sheds and alterations to vehicular access (following demolition of existing agricultural buildings)  
Clopton Hall Farm Ltd, Clopton Hall,  
Giffords Lane, Wickhambrook, CB8 8PQ  
WSC: Approved WPC: No Objection  
(Min. No. 19.06.18)

24 (Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of Application DC/17/1721/FUL  
Land West Of Cemetery Road  
Wickhambrook Suffolk  
WSC: Approved WPC: No Comment  
Submitted (19.11.14.1)

- Application to Discharge Conditions 3 (access and visibility splays), 4 (new vehicular access), 5 (surface water onto highway), 6 (surface water discharge) and 9 (electrical charging point) of application DC/19/0961/FUL  
Land Adjacent To Bunters Gait  
Nunnery Green Wickhambrook Suffolk  
WSC: Decided N.b.PC'S not consulted on applications to discharge conditions

- DC/19/2028/LB  
Application for Listed Building Consent - Conversion of barn to dwelling including (i) replacement of corrugated lean-to with timber clad single storey pitched roof room (ii) replacement fenestration (iii) removal of asbestos roofing sheets  
Timber Barn Peacocks Farm Farley Green Wickhambrook Suffolk  
WSC: Approved WPC: Supported  
(19.11.13.20.01.13)

- DC/19/0480/FUL - Planning Application  
Change of use from commercial to residential dwelling (C3) and associated works  
Timber Barn, Peacocks Farm, Farley Green, Wickhambrook  
WSC: Not Req'd WPC: No Comment Submitted (19.07.14)  
Noted: No Planning applications had been notified by West Suffolk Council for comment:

- DC/19/0480/FUL - Planning Application  
Change of use from commercial to residential dwelling (C3) and associated works  
Timber Barn, Peacocks Farm, Farley Green, Wickhambrook  
WSC: Granted WPC: No Comment Submitted (19.07.14)

- DCON(B)/17/1721  
Application to Discharge Condition

#### **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...**

Parking Congestion at Wickhambrook Primary Academy

Requests for consideration of traffic calming measures were first raised by parishioners at September 2018 Parish Council meeting and have been considered by the Parish Council at subsequent meetings. A summary of the work that has been done to date can be found on the Website.

Please take a look at the article our new Councillor, Sandy Thwaite has written for The Scene, on page 1 and there's also more background information on the news section of the website at <https://wickhambrook.org/parish-council/parish-council-news/>.

Wishing you all an improvement in the weather and that spring is soon with us.

*Hilary Workman  
Clerk and RFO  
Wickhambrook Parish Council*

# Walk from Chevington to Wic



attractive interiors of all Suffolk churches being painted white throughout. The tower is unusual in that Frederick William Hervey, 5th Earl of Bristol and 1st Marquis, decided that with a small addition it would be an object worth viewing from Ickworth House. He authorised the building of an extension with lancets, battlements and pinnacles, but open to the sky. The cost in 1817 was £120 (probably about £4,500 now).

If you fancy a change from circular routes why not use public transport to visit a neighbouring village and walk back home. This is one possibility. The route includes a short section along a potentially busy road and a hi-vis jacket is a wise precaution.

Catch the 10.43 bus to Bury St Edmunds from Thorns Corner, alight at the Greyhound at Chevington some 15 minutes later. There are other times such as 14.56 but as the walk is just over 5 miles and will take between 2 and 3 hours it is best not to leave your departure too late. To confirm times and check alternatives phone Traveline on 08712002233. Take Ordnance Survey Explorer map 210 Newmarket & Haverhill as your ever-faithful companion.

If you wish to explore Chevington, or if you have brought coffee and need a seat, Chevington church is worth a visit. To reach All Saints church walk past the Greyhound, cross the crossroads and take the next turning right. This church, which is a short distance on the left, is supposed to have one of the most

If not, walk past the Greyhound (01284 850765 Open Tuesday to Sunday from noon until 2.00pm) and turn left at the junction. Soon after passing Chevington Garage take the footpath on the left. Depending on the time of year the fingerpost may be partially hidden. If you reach Grange Mill (street name) on the right you have gone too far. Cross a footbridge. This path wanders alongside a smallholding, crosses a drive and then heads into open country. After walking between fields enter a second field, down and up a dip, and stay with left hand hedge. Enter a small wooded area, still going ahead. Other footpath/s come in from the right.

Stay with the left-hand hedge. The path curves left and leads you on to a drive. Turn right and walk through a gate and between houses to reach a T-junction. Here you turn right. This quiet country road leads nowhere in particular so you should not be disturbed by passing traffic. Continue gently downhill passing a seat (a more convenient coffee stop?) until you run out of metalled surface. At the bottom of the dip Ignore the track to the

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left and continue ahead passing through a gap to the right of a five-bar gate. You now have a hedge on your left and pastureland to the right. Stay with the hedge until reaching some collapsing farm buildings and, soon after, a five-bar gate. Enter this field. The waymark points left and you must walk the length of this long skinny meadow. There may be a faint path through the grass. Head for another 5-bar gate in the distance. This is to the left of a building that can be more easily seen. Go through this gate and join the quiet road to reach Little Knowles Green. You have now completed 3 kilometres.

The next stretch is along the Wickhambrook to Bury road and can be quite busy but there are verges both sides and the traffic can be seen (and see you) from some distance away. A hazard jacket is a wise investment; drivers invariably slow down. Turn left (towards Wickhambrook) and walk as far as the first turning right (Ousden 2 miles is shown on the signpost) and head towards Baxters Green. This is a much quieter road and you can relax and walk at gentle pace. Ignore the first footpath on the left, which runs down the east side of Easter Wood, and continue past Easterwood Farm and an attractive pond. Take the next footpath on the left. At the time of writing the fingerpost was on the wrong and pointing in the wrong direction and the footbridge had sunk. Go through the gap in the hedge and stick to the right-hand hedge. Climb a high stile and continue in the same direction. A second high stile is partially hidden in the corner of the next paddock but most waymarks are in place to give reassurance. After the second stile turn right and stay with the hedge on the right as it twists and turns and leads you into a short straight section of path with a hedge on the left and a

plantation on the right. When the hedge stops turn left and follow the field edge to a farm road.

Turn left and continue to Busses Farm (there is a very small nameplate and a horse made of horseshoes) where the right of way veers right, just past a couple of tyres, to avoid the farm itself. At a bridleway junction by a pond ignore the option to the right and continue ahead to enter a sheltered green lane. \*(SEE NOTE BELOW) This is byway 31 and you should follow this, ignoring several other possibilities on both right and left, all the way to Coltsfoot Green. The long ribbon of woodland accompanies a stream for some way and that stretch offers a profusion of flowers in March/April time. The most impressive are the oxlips but you may also find primroses, milkmaid, stitchwort and violets. At Coltsfoot Green, where there is another seat, turn right along the road for a short distance and then take the footpath opposite which returns to the recreation ground. Veer right to find the car park. (\* PLEASE NOTE that Byway 31 is one of the few bridleways in the parish and is regularly used by horses. If you are following these directions in the wetter time of the year it is best to avoid the southern section by crossing the second footbridge on the left. You will soon emerge from the trees then you accompany the brook on your left into a small field, a larger field then a second smaller field to be faced by a stile. Climb this and cross a sheep paddock to a second stile. This leads you onto the road where you turn right and quickly reach Coltsfoot Green.)



# Michelle Zinn - LifeLink

Michelle has a varied background in working with adults under secondary mental health. She has extensive experience and knowledge supporting individuals with often complex needs, including dual diagnosis, financial pressures and alcohol and substance misuse.



motivational. She encourages people to find ways to improve their wellbeing by linking them to their community, developing new skills and supporting self-belief. She helps people to gain the confidence and resilience needed to move their lives forward.

She has run a community group in Haverhill and is experienced in networking with local services and provisions to bring opportunities to vulnerable adults.

Michelle works with people on a one-to-one basis, providing appointments which are structured, focused and

Her role as a Life Link Co-ordinator allows her to take referrals within the Sudbury Rural area, using her knowledge of local community, statutory and charitable services to empower participants to make positive changes in their own lives, whilst also helping to reduce pressure on local GP surgeries.

## Bowls Club

Hello Everyone

Our photo of thirty quid is all it takes to become a member of the Bowls Club for the 2020 season.

We hope (weather permitting) to start meeting at the green in April but we have not been idle in the winter months coming up with initiatives to keep the club alive. One insightful villager has suggested that the many clubs up and running in the village (such as the History and Horticultural Clubs) may put forward two plus members forming a 'team' to play against other clubs. We hope to be in contact to arrange an invitation session but please contact the Chairman if any Club Secretary has had a positive response from members!

Please remember the Club welcomes all members of the family and can

provide the bowls so all that is needed is a flat pair of shoes.

Our thanks as always to the Parish Council for their contribution to the upkeep of this village facility part of which is undertaken by a local contractor who has done marvellous work eradicating the marestail weed surrounding the green and generally keeping the surrounding area looking kempt. For further information please contact our Chairman Charles Townsend who is not only a member of Wickhambrook Parish Council but is also an active volunteer for the National Trust.

Contact Charles on 07881 610138





# Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2019

Once again my apologies for the lateness of this report. However it is I think worth waiting for.

The poppy appeal in 2019 was quite successful, but due to 2018 being so good with extra events taking place it was never going to equal that year.

As usual Remembrance Day service was held at the United Reformed Church this year with members of the Methodist Church and the Wickhambrook Beavers attending. The quite small congregation held the service and the act of remembrance was observed. At 12 midday a service was held around the War Memorial in the cemetery. Led this year by Rev Elaine Colechan of the URC Church. It was very well attended by many members of the village. After the short service including the reading of the names of the Fallen in the two World Wars the representatives of the Parish Council, the Fire Service, the three churches, the Churches Together and the Beavers all laid their wreaths. Once again an occasion when the whole village showed its respect to those who gave their lives both in the World Wars and the many conflicts since to enable us to live in freedom.

Back to the Poppy Appeal the amount raised, the total amount has only just been completed and is £3076.61 only about £500 less than last years figure.

Many thanks to all the house to house collectors, once again the weather was not too good, those who had static collecting boxes and poppies on their premises. Thanks once again to Highpoint Prison Officers and inmates who made a significant donation to the total.

A very big thank you to everyone who helped any way by giving generously to



the Appeal. Last but not least thanks to my wife Jenny without whom the Appeal would not of taken place. Hopefully 2020 will prove even more productive and raise more money to support the Royal British Legion in its care for ex service personnel and their families.

Should anyone like to help us this year in any way my telephone number is 01440 820346.

*Thanks again,  
David Turner  
Local Organiser,  
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.*

# MSC monthly lottery

## DECEMBER 2019

## MONTH 7

## JANUARY 2020

## MONTH 8

All winning numbers below drawn by Ann Edwards, Di Haywood, Stuart Edwards, Dianna Bowie, Gwen Hardy, Gladys Alexander, Mandy Felton & Maureen Westley at Otago on 10th December 2019

477	Carole & Roy Wilson	£50
544	Rosemary & Roger Verdine	£25
368	Mr P V Harrod	£5
386	Mrs Anne Jones	£5
322	Ann & Ray Norris	£5
360	Mr M Rayment	£5
545	Jerry & Rona Dockery	£5

All winning numbers below drawn by J Medley, K Mayes, S Nicholson & D Howland at Badminton on 22nd January 2020.

976	Mrs S Edwards	£50
403	Mr Castleton	£25
441	Mrs J Clinton	£5
562	Mrs A Johnstone	£5
511	Barabra & Partha Pal	£5
554	Ray & Penny Bragg	£5
401	Mrs L Taylor	£5

## FEBRUARY 2020

## MONTH 9

## CHRISTMAS 2019

All winning numbers below drawn by Ann Edwards, Di Haywood, Stuart Edwards, Dianna Bowie, Gwen Hardy, Gladys Alexander, Mandy Felton & Maureen Westley at Otago on 10th December 2019.

890	Robert Cash	£25
490	Nicole Young	£25
392	Adrian Green	£25
396	Mrs L Danaha	£25

All winning numbers below drawn by D Hayward, S Edwards & A Edwards at Otago on 11th February 2020.

906	Mr and Mrs Poulson	£50
300	Mrs Julie Chorlton	£25
401	Mrs L Taylor	£5
891	Mrs S Day	£5
320	Roger Draycott	£5
435	Mrs Mahony	£5
537	Mrs Taylor	£5

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

## CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Connecting Communities is a service operated by The Voluntary Network, a charity based in Newmarket.

It is a door to door service that will pick you up at your home and deliver you to your chosen location. You can do a single or return journey. It is particularly valuable for those who find difficulty in accessing public transport, location, disability etc.

We can safely carry Wheelchair users and our drivers are fully trained and insured to ensure a safe and comfortable journey.

There is a £15 yearly membership fee and the fares compare favourably to the bus companies. If you are interested in learning more about our service, then please don't hesitate to contact one our team on 01638-664304 who will be only too pleased to give you more information.