

WICKHAM MARKET PARISH NEWS

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Wickham Market Parish Council**

September 2025

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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.

Village Hall Modernisation Committee: Meets on 1st or 2nd Tuesday monthly. Schedule published on our website. Working to modernise the village hall.

Environment & Leisure Working Group: Meets on the second Monday alternate months and advises on the Cemetery and other environmental issues.

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

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

Welcome to Wickham Market!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new residents at Wickham Gate, I hope you are enjoying our community. Also to the new businesses on the Hill. I wish you every success!

Summer is a quieter time for the Parish Council, but as you will see on page 4, we have been working hard in the background to update the visitwickhammarket.co.uk website that Wickham Market Partnership originally set up and have been

funding. do have a look at it!

We are all starting to see the effects of Sizewell C construction, particularly on the A12. The Parish Council is working with Sizewell C and Suffolk Highways to finalise mitigation proposals to make some of our village roads safer for pedestrians. The latest proposals can be viewed on the Parish Council website wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/sizewell-c/

Ivor French

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A NEW ERA FOR AN OLD FRIEND



Launching this month, visitwickhammarket.co.uk is a fresh, new and official, go-to destination website for all things Wickham Market. It shares real pride in our place, is a handy resource for visitors, residents and friends, and managed going forward by the Wickham Market Parish Council team, builds upon the online legacy originally forged by the Wickham Market Partnership.

So what does it look like?

Visually appealing, full of inspiring imagery, in depth or bite-sized bits of useful information and helpful signposting, the new, fully responsive visitwickhammarket.co.uk is both multi-layered and very easy to navigate.

Packed with local flavour, fun facts, I-didn't-know-that history, inspirational walks and visit ideas, plus real need-to-know info, it includes an oh-so-handy, up-to-date directory of local shops, businesses and things to see, do or view.

In addition to the fully expandable, integrated and free-to-be-included directory, the site also features information and signposting around wellbeing and enjoying the great outdoors, community venues, events and organisations.



Why now?

Resources, opportunities, future-proofing – there's a whole host of timely reasons. Landscapes change – including digital and tourism journeys and East Suffolk Council (ESC) have been highlighting the important role its market towns and villages have to play.

The Council's active involvement in joining the community dots to support best practice and resilience, its funding of digital audits, and support funding towards the development of a new destination website have delivered an exciting new springboard for Wickham Market as a destination.

Who's behind the initiative and then driving it forward?

The project has been led by Wickham Market Parish Council, working together with the Wickham Market Partnership and the appointed local design and development team, whose recent portfolio includes destination websites for Aldeburgh, Halesworth, Beccles and Leiston. The new site is owned and managed by the Parish Council as a permanent resource.



The project has been funded by East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Wickham Market Parish Council.

How can I get my business listed in the directory?

Listings are for relevant local businesses and are free of charge. They can be requested by submitting a business listing form via the website. The aim is for the directory to be as impartial and comprehensive as possible, to support the user journey.

Do I have to be a member for my business to be featured?

No. visitwickhammarket.co.uk is not a membership site, its aim is to share a comprehensive, reliable and up-to-date presentation of the village and its offering to support its residents and visitors.

Is there an events calendar and how can my event get listed?

There is an events calendar, but care has been taken not to duplicate effort where really useful events calendars are already shared through community hubs and venues. The free promotion of a relevant event can be requested by submitting an events listing form via the website.

Does the destination website just cover the Wickham Market parish?

Wickham Market is the key focus, but it is important to put the destination in the context of East Suffolk and its proximity to the Suffolk Heritage Coast. The portfolio of walks encourages exploration both within and outside the parish boundaries.

Is this the new Parish Council website?

No. The existing Parish Council website wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk will remain and will continue to publish the statutory information and records of Parish Council operations.



GROW YOUR OWN FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Wickham Market Parish Council has two sets of allotments - at The Glebe (by All Saints Church) and near Simons Cross.

There are some plots available, and if you are interested in renting one, please email wmallotments@gmail.com



ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Autumn is the time when we think of crops being harvested from the fields. Our Harvest service will be on **October 12th at 11am.**

We will no doubt sing some of the favourite hymns like "We plough the fields and scatter", pray for those who grow and harvest our food, and remember Jesus' parable of the Sower. Will we be the "good soil" and listen to His word, and produce good fruit?

Dr Peter Elliott MBE, Lay elder

Our regular services are

1st Sunday Holy Communion 11am

2nd Sunday Morning Prayer with an interview 11am, "Oasis" informal service with tea and cake 3pm

3rd Sunday Holy Communion 9.30am, Tea and Toast 10.15am, Together@11 informal service with craft, 11am, Praise and Worship 6.30 pm

4th Sunday Morning Prayer with testimony time 11am

5th Sunday Morning Prayer 11am



THE WELLBEING CAFE

The group was started in 2022 to offer a weekly meeting spot to promote good mental health and combat isolation and loneliness in Wickham Market.

The informal activities include mindfulness sessions, local history talks, a monthly quiz, book and music reviews, guest speakers, and occasional trips.



Additionally, there is information available on community services, events, and helpful organizations. Most importantly, The Wellbeing Café is a safe space to chat, make friends, and support each other. If you have some free time on a Wednesday morning, come and join us in the (fully accessible) activity room at The George Community Pub in Wickham Market. It's open from 10:15am until 12:15pm; tea, cake, and biscuits are available for a small donation. Everyone is welcome.

Contact details: Email: givingcommunity21@gmail.com

Facebook: The Wellbeing Cafe Wickham Market

YOUNG LOCAL BUSINESSWOMAN CONTINUES A VILLAGE LEGACY

Ellena Sneath became the new owner of Bellissima Beauty Salon in Wickham Market in January 2025 after seven years of employment there.

Located on the High Street beside Cafe46 and opposite the Market Hill, the salon has served as a central part of the village community for 28 years.

The salon provides a wide range of beauty treatments using high-quality beauty products such as OPI, Mii, Beautylab, and many more.

“At Bellissima Beauty, we like to offer something a little different,” Ellena noted. Among the salon’s recent additions is BIAB – Builder in a Bottle, a salon-exclusive nail varnish. This nail-strengthening manicure employs a gel-like polish to form a robust overlay on natural nails, delivering a chip-resistant finish that is both durable and long-lasting, much to the delight of customers.

“It’s been great, learning how to run a business as well as welcoming new clients to Bellissima,” says Ellena.

Appointments with her team of qualified beauty therapists are available Tuesday to Saturday, including early evening slots.

To book:
Call 01728 746981
Visit the Bellissima website
www.bellissima-beauty.co.uk
Check their Facebook or Instagram pages.



BLUE CROCUS TEXTILES OPENS NEW SHOP AND SHOWROOM IN WICKHAM MARKET

Blue Crocus Textiles have opened a brand-new shop and showroom in Wickham Market.

Five years after beginning as a small, home-based business, and just 12 months after overcoming cancer, owners Tracey Hawes and Nick Horrocks have united their main workroom and shop under one roof. Now based at 75 High Street, Wickham Market, IP13 0RA, their bright, blue-painted space is filled with made-to-measure curtains, lampshades, Roman blinds, soft furnishings, accessories, and fabric by the metre. They support local artisans by sourcing all their materials from UK suppliers.



Tracey shares, “We’re delighted to be in such a lovely spot on the Market Hill. The charming location makes it easier for our customers, whether they’re looking for bespoke curtains, a new lampshade, or want to browse for the perfect touches for their home or business.”

“We combine traditional skills with a modern twist and proudly support UK artisans and use sustainable materials whenever possible.” Blue Crocus Textiles are open from 9:30 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. Visit www.bluecrocustextiles.com



FIRM OPENS NEW OFFICE IN WICKHAM MARKET

David Mann and his team have opened Mann Wealth Management in newly converted offices overlooking the Market Hill at Wickham Market.

Dedicated to tailoring services to each of their clients with an emphasis on wealth management, pensions, and investments, the firm is regulated by the FCA.

David commented, "We are very pleased to have relocated to Wickham Market and are ideally based to support both individuals and businesses with personalised financial solutions. We pride ourselves on providing clear, jargon-free advice, guiding our clients through the complexities of finance with clarity and confidence."

Mann Wealth Management offices are situated at 46 High Street, Wickham Market IP13 0QS, www.mannwm.co.uk

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Celebrating the
80th anniversary
of VJ Day
15 August 2025
on the Hill at
Wickham Market



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www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk

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0333 016 2000

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DANGEROUS STRUCTURES:
01394 444 219 or 0800 440 2516

MANHOLE PROBLEMS that are
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0345 606 6171

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

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

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2 Crown House 01728 746220
www.wickhammarketdentist.co.uk

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68 High Street 01728 746267

WICKHAM MARKET POST OFFICE

and Stores
36 High Street 01728 746201

USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

CITIZENS ADVICE EAST SUFFOLK:

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

Wickham Market drop in service:

Resource Centre (next to the Library)
Tuesday 1.30 - 3.30 pm.

www.leistoncab.org

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

01728 832193 or 0808 2787868 (Free)

Disability Advice Service

(East Suffolk): 01394 387070

Good Neighbour Scheme: (GNS)

Available to residents in Wickham

Market parish only. Transport to

medical and social appointments.

Friendship and support with shopping,

posting letters, filling forms, comput-

ers, dog walking, DIY, 07914 494108.

Wellbeing Tree Café at The George.

Relax, chat and make new friends

over a hot drink and cake.

Wednesdays 10.15 - 12.15.

Men's Shed: Behind the Village Hall.

Social and creative centre.

Mondays 2 pm

www.wmshed.org.uk 01728 747782

INTERESTS

Youth Football Club, Simon's Cross

Playing Field, IP13 0ST.

Steph: 07778 880735.

Football Club and Social Club, be-

hind the Village Hall. 01728 747731

www.wickhammarketfc.co.uk

Tennis Club, Simon's Cross Playing

Field: 01728 746736

Bowls Club (playing Field):

01728 746715

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 [www.valleyfarm.co.uk/](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club)

[content/pony-club](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/pony-club)

Tots Pony Club [www.valleyfarm.](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots)

[co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/riding-tiny-tots)

Young Equestrians Club

[www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians)

[young-equestrians](http://www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/young-equestrians)

VILLAGE HALL

To hire the Village Hall please visit

[www.wmvillagehall.org.uk/hiring-the-](http://www.wmvillagehall.org.uk/hiring-the-hall)

hall to check availability and then

contact the Lettings Secretary on

treasurer.wmvillagehall@gmail.com

Also at the Village Hall

Bingo

Tuesdays 6pm

Tina Clack 01728 746846

Community Club: social activities

and support for those new to the area,

Friday mornings 01728 747078

Val Mann: val@penpal.me.uk

Gardening Club:

Monthly third Thursday 7:30 pm

wmgardenclub27@gmail.com

Toddler and Baby Group

Wednesdays during school term

9:00 - 11:30 (£2.50 per family)

stephanieworne@gmail.com

WI Second Thursday each month at

7.30

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Guides (age 10+)

Jacque Goodwin & Tracy Burch

WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

Chapel Lane, IP13 0SD. Open

Tuesday to Friday: 9.30 - 5.30

Saturday: 10 - 12.30 then 1 - 4.30

library.help@suffolk.gov.uk

01728 587108

Regular Events at the Library:

Family History Guidance By Ap-

pointment: Tuesdays 10am - 1pm

Morning Book Group:

1st Tuesday monthly 10am,

Tots Rock: - active songs and

rhymes for preschool children:

Thursdays 9.45am - 10.15am,

Sewing Group:

Thursdays 1.30pm - 4.30pm,

Lego Club:

Saturdays 10am - 12pm.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

01728 746915

WM PRIMARY SCHOOL and

LITTLE AVOCETS NURSERY:

01728 746405

RESOURCE CENTRE Chapel

Lane, IP13 0SD: 01728 747782

Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Tuesday monthly 10am-12noon.

Barbara Harrington: [sbharrington@](mailto:sbharrington@outlook.com)

[outlook.com](mailto:sbharrington@outlook.com) or come along.

ARCHIVE CENTRE:

Local history, archives and artefacts

Philip Tallent 01728 746058

The George, High Street

Community Choir

Wednesdays during term time at 7:30

Everyone welcome, just turn up!

Instagram - @wickhammarketchoir

WHICH COUNCIL?

SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL:

Highways, Recycling. 0345 606 6067

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/>

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hedges, gritting, pavements [https://](https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk/)

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EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL:

Waste collection, Pay car parks, Plan-

ning <https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/>

0333 016 2000. District Councillor:

Sally Noble sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk

WICKHAM MARKET PC:

Cemetery, Playing Fields, Children's Play

Area, Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with

SCC).

<https://wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk/>

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LEGO IN THE LIBRARY GARDEN

Children and parents spent an enjoyable few hours one July Saturday morning in the Library garden creating and building their own Lego gardens. Their models were then displayed in the atrium at the Library and Resource Centre.

Lego in the Library Garden was organised by the Friends of Wickham Market Library. If you would like to try more Lego building or missed the event, come along to the Library's regular 10am Saturday morning session.

The Library can be found in the Library and Resource Centre building just behind the Wickham Market Medical Centre

Opening times:

Tuesday – Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

Saturday 10.00am - 12.30pm; 1.00pm- 4.30pm

Telephone: 01728 747216

Interested in supporting the library as a volunteer or as a Friend of Wickham Market Library? Contact Lynn Colbear at the Library.

If you would like to join the library volunteer gardeners on the second Wednesday of the month, contact Barbara Harrington on sbharrington@outlook.com

Friends of Wickham Market Library



WICKHAM MARKET GOOD NEIGHBOURS



**Join us for Coffee/Tea and Cake/Biscuits
In the community Room at The George**

on the first Tuesday of the month

10:00am to 12:00 noon

starting on 2nd September



Everyone is welcome
to come and say hello

Chat with our volunteers
about our work in the village



Wickham Market Library & Resource Centre Gardening Group

A small group of volunteers meet on the
2nd Tuesday of the month, 10.00 – 12.00

to maintain and improve a lovely corner of the village – the Library and Resource Centre Gardens.

Everyone welcome.

No experience needed &
tools provided.



If you are interested or would like more
information contact Barbara Harrington at
harringtonba3@gmail.com



EXCITING NEWS FROM WICKHAM MARKET COMMUNITY CHOIR!

We've moved! Our wonderfully inclusive, free community choir now meets at a new location, The George Community Pub at Wickham Market.



We're open to everyone of any ability – whether you belt it in the shower or sing in a choir already, come join the fun! Singing is proven to boost both mental and physical health, and we'd love to welcome new faces in the new academic year! We're kicking off again after our summer break on Wednesday, 17th September at The George Community Pub, Wickham Market – our new home is warm, welcoming, and fully accessible for those using mobility aids. Please arrive from 7.30pm for a prompt 7.45pm start, plenty of time to grab a drink first.

The Community Choir meets weekly in the pub's community room during term time, blending music, laughter, and connection — no auditions, no pressure, just harmony.

We can't wait to welcome you. Bring your voice, your smile, and your love of music. It's free to attend. Let's fill the room with music and joy!

Please follow our page to keep up to date with news:
Facebook @Wickham Market Community Choir
Instagram - @wickhammarketchoir



Free parking is available nearby after 6pm in two car parks, one on The Hill and one just off The Hill (The Percy Mason car park located at the rear of The East Anglian Traditional Art Centre).

WICKHAM MARKET'S LOST PUBS

In this next article about the old pubs of Wickham Market, we are looking at The Chaise and Pair, which is situated on the High Street, near the junction with Border Cot Lane.



This long fronted eighteenth century house had extensive stables at the rear and got its trade from the many coaches which travelled up and down the Yarmouth Road, until the 1850's. By 1912 it was a private house.

From old newspapers, we find that it was a collection point for taking animals to market in London. In 1815 and 1823 Mr Edward Wade Junior, a drover, advertised, saying that he "most respectfully acquaints his friends and the public, he will commence drawing beasts, sheep and pigs, for London Market" at The Green Man, Tunstall, The Chaise and Pair (here), The Horse and Groom, Melton, The Lion, Martlesham, The Royal William, Ipswich and The Elm, Copdock, before going on the Spitalfields, London, every fortnight.

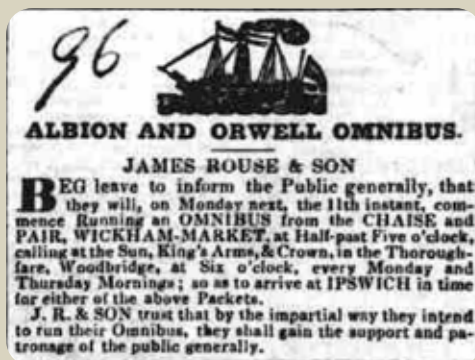
**EDWARD WADE, Jun.
DROVER AND SALESMAN,**
FOR the liberal encouragement he has met with, offers his sincere Thanks to his Friends, and most respectfully informs them, and the Public, he commences drawing in Beasts, Sheep, and Pigs, for Romsford and Smithfield Markets, on Wednesday the 17th inst. at the Crown, Framlingham : Chaise and Pair, Wickham Market; Green Man, Tunstall, and Horse and Groom, Melton. On Thursday the 18th; at the Lion, Martlesham; Handford Hall, Ipswich, and Elm, Copdock, and continues the same every fortnight during the season.—Woodbridge, Sept. 5, 1823.

Last time we heard that the forerunner of the Suffolk Show was held in Wickham Market, and in 1832 the landlord of the Chaise and Pair advertised that he "respectfully informs the gentlemen connected with the East Suffolk Agricultural Show, and the public, that on the Shew day they have ample accommodation on the most reasonable terms".

The inn was the location for auctions and meetings, and was the pick-up point for horse-drawn omnibuses. We have some lovely adverts for the omnibus to

Ipswich, every Monday and Thursday in 1840, to meet up with the Albion and Orwell ships in Ipswich.

Another advert in 1845 of a similar nature, was for an omnibus leaving here at 6 o'clock every Tuesday and Thursday, to meet up with a steam ship called The Gipsy, near London Bridge. The fare from Wickham Market to London was 5 shillings and 6 pence in the saloon, or 4 shillings and 6 pence in the fore cabin.



We have two more reports from the courts, of events occurring at The Chaise and Pair. In 1892 we read about Alfred Clarke, a 50 year old engine driver who worked at Whitmore and Binyon's. A witness said that Mr Clarke was sitting in the kitchen of the pub. The witness went to leave, and Mr Clarke tried to stop him. Mr Clarke then went to sit down again, but missed his seat, fell over backwards, hitting his head against a seat. He was taken home, unconscious, and they found he had broken his leg in two places, above the ankle. A doctor had put the leg in a splint, then a week later he went to hospital where the leg was set. He stayed in hospital for 3 weeks, then went home on crutches, with the leg in plaster. However, the break opened up, and he had to go back to hospital, the bones were re-set, but he eventually had to have his foot removed. A few days after this he was found to have died in hospital, as a result of a brain haemorrhage. At the inquest, the doctor admitted that Mr Clarke was probably sent home from hospital too early, one reason being that they were spring cleaning the hospital.

Then in 1896 we have the report of an assault. A Mr Arthur Culpeck had left the pub and without provocation hit another man twice, in the face. Various witnesses gave reports of Mr Culpeck swearing at the man, and being woken up by hearing the most filthy language. Mr Culpeck said he didn't swear but "gave him a piece of my mind". He was found guilty and fined 10 shillings and 6 pence, with 1 pound, 9 shillings and 6 pence costs.

From the Wickham Market Gazette of 3rd May 1894, we have the following article: *The Chaise and Pair Inn, situated in Bridge St, is a large house and at one time did considerable business. It had formerly an extensive yard and garden, part of which has been sold to the Gas Company and Iron Works. On the house in years gone by the following was painted in large letters: - "Royal Mail and Telegraph Coach Office, Neat Post Chaise, Posting House". One noted owner and occupier of the house half a century or more ago was James Foreman assisted by his wife Jenny. These were both of them illiterate people, but had a good share of common sense as far as business was concerned. They had for right hand man Sam Cornish, who kept the books, while the P's and Q's were*

chalked up. James Foreman was known by the name of "Easy James" and had a habit of using the expression of "I'll be darned if I do".

He was a kind-hearted man and was not against doing his neighbours a kindness. He used to have a conveyance called "Foreman's roundabout", but as it was a square one we failed to see where the round came in. Jenny Foreman was a character, and in every sense suited to her situation; she not only supplied the drink but could take a glass with her customers, and it was not always she stopped till she was asked, but her usual way was to say "here's luck". When Jenny's customers were getting primed she used to call them "lambs" and she had a way of nursing them as long as the money lasted, and then she would say when the money was done, "You had better go home, beauty".

Sam Cornish was a very quiet man when sober, and was the son of old Fiddler Cornish, and brother of the late Mr Titus Cornish, of Marlesford. "Fiddler" was a lover of tobacco and woe be to the man that gave Fiddler his box to take a piece, for he would give it such a wring that it became a saying "Don't give us Fiddler Cornish". One of the customers at the Chaise and Pair was old George Newson, the fishmonger, grandfather of Mr Sam Newson, of Benhall. George went as long as he could and latterly had a quarter of a pint at a time. At this house the Royal Mail Coach used to stop and change horses, Joe Holder was the Ostler. Sometimes they would play a trick by imitating the guard's horn and draw Joe out with the horses before the time. It was a sight to see the Mail Coach at Christmas time, as it passed through about ten at night, laden with hampers of game and parcels. It was one of the things the people in those days looked out for. Since Foreman's time the house has passed through several hands but much of the life and activity of the old times have passed away. Its present occupant is Mr John Culpeck, who in addition to the public house business is engaged in the pork trade.

Next door to the Chaise and Pair Inn at one time lived Ann Upson, a straw bonnet maker. At the same time Isacc Licence, known as the travelling barber lived where Mr Robert Rose now resides. One night Licence's barber's pole was taken down and placed over Mrs Upson's door. A customer called the next morning wanting to be shaved. "This is not a barber's shop" says Ann. But you have the pole up says the customer. And, lo and behold, to Anne's astonishment there it was.

Unfortunately we have no pictures of The Chaise and Pair when it was a pub, but we have included a modern picture so you can identify it.

Philip Tallent, Chairman, Wickham Market Area Archive Centre

We hope that this magazine reaches you before our next talk at The George, which will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday 10th September, when the subject will be "Crumbs and Curiosities". Look out for more details. Tickets can be bought in advance, or for £5 on the door. On 12th November, Jim Jarvie OBE, will be the speaker.

The summer term at Wickham Market Primary School was full of action-packed opportunities, with a great range of trips, visitors and experiences to enrich the curriculum.



There were plenty of sporting opportunities, including of course the annual sports day as well the chance for some of our pupils to demonstrate their skills at a gymnastics competition. This year we were very lucky to secure some cricket coaching from 'Chance to Shine Cricket'. Most children across the school enjoyed five coaching sessions with coach Martin Timby. It was great to see the children's confidence and skills develop over the sessions.

In the summer term we also gratefully received a selection of bright and shiny new tennis equipment. Wickham Market Partnership recently applied to the Sizewell C Community Fund to upgrade the Wickham Market tennis courts and part of the bid included tennis equipment for the children to use and the commitment from school to make increased use of the tennis courts which we are more than happy to support. We would like to say a huge thank-you to all involved in the funding bid.

The children also had the chance to engage their creative abilities. Our Year 5 children who have been learning to play the guitar this year took part in the WCET Festival; a day of developing their musical performance skills alongside other children from across the county. Year 6 brought the drama and entertained us with a performance of 'Pirates of the Currybean'. They impressed us with their learning of lines, great solo singing performances and excellent comic duos.



Children across the school were invited to complete a piece of artwork around the theme of 'Opportunity' to be entered into the Young Art East Anglia competition raising funds for Cancer Research UK. Nine of our fantastic

artists were chosen to have their work displayed in the final exhibition at the Longshed in Woodbridge. Hopefully many of you will also have seen the children's beach themed artwork displayed at the Village Show this year.

Each class took at least one trip off site making memories and bringing learning to life. Nursery and Reception visited Rendlesham Forest and The Sealife Centre.

Year 1 spent a day at Aldeburgh as part of their seaside topic. They also enjoyed a fantastic day out at Greenacres Small holding, this trip was kindly organised and subsidised by the Country Trust. The children met a selection of animals and were able to harvest their own potatoes.



Year 2 spent the day at the Norfolk and Suffolk Aviation Museum in Flixton as part of their work on the history of flight, Year 3/4 spent a day at Jimmy's Farm and Year 4/5 also visited the Sealife Centre. Year 6 pushed themselves out of their comfort zones with a day on the water at Aldeburgh, a three-night residential and a trip to London!

It is safe to say that will all those events crammed into one term, everyone was more than ready for the summer break. Now rested, we have returned for a new school year and are excited about the term ahead.

Jo Harris, Head of School



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