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**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.

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**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 our new look parish magazine showcasing our village and the work of various dedicated volunteer groups and nearly 40 businesses that operate in our parish.

There is always a lot going on and our flagship Christmas market on 29 November is packed with traders and charities together with entertainment lined up for you.

The Parish Council have been busy on some major projects recently. Recognising the recent increase in traffic, we are working with Sizewell C to implement traffic calming measures to improve pedestrian safety.

Plans for a modernised village hall are moving forward and we will be able to publish a timetable of work once we have the last of the funding confirmed.

Our new website focussed on Wickham Market as a destination together with community pages, business directory and events listing is now live at [visitwickhammarket.co.uk](http://visitwickhammarket.co.uk). This has been primarily funded by East Suffolk Council and Suffolk County Council. Have a look at it and if you spot any inaccuracies, let us know and we'll fix them. Just email [deputyclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk).

Ivor French

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# Wickham Market's Four Seasonal Markets Grow in Popularity



Our four large annual markets are taking on a life of their own! Organised by Wickham Market Parish Council, 40 stalls are booked for the Christmas Market on Saturday, 29th November (9am-2pm).

The day promises to be a fantastic start to the build-up to Christmas. Our makers, producers, and crafters' products include food, drink, art, gifts, jewellery, clothing, pottery, and homewares.

The Primary School PTA is planning Santa's Grotto, complete with some wonderful presents for the children. The school pupils will be performing around the Christmas tree, and we are delighted that Kelly Booth, as Vocally Vintage, will be with us and leading visitors in carol singing. The Community Choir will be taking part, and we hope the handbell ringers will also entertain us.

Potsford Farm is back with their warm goat curry pasties, and if you're interested in how you can help others, visit the Wickham Market Good Neighbours stall, which will have hot chocolate available.

We aim to reduce the number of single-use carrier bags at our markets, and we will be handing out free, reusable bags for you to fill with market goodies.

If you're interested in having a stall at upcoming markets, please get in touch, as we are already planning for 2026. Send an email to [deputyclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk) for details and booking forms.

# Saturday Markets on The Hill



Did you know that back in 1440 King Henry VI granted Wickham Market a charter to hold a weekly market? This charter made the village a place of importance.

Almost 600 years on, we still have a Saturday market with Newbourne Farm on The Hill every week, come rain or shine, offering locally grown fruit, salad crops, and vegetables. Fisherman's Catch is also there if the weather has been suitable for fishing. Each month, various other food and drink vendors attend. The Olive Man, Old Felixstowe Brewery, The Quince Tree, TabbouleTal, and Pinewood Catering bring a wide variety of delicious products.

Thank you for your regular support of the market. If you haven't been before, we'd love to see you. Please feel free to pop along, the stalls are usually in place



between 8am and 9am and remain until 1pm. Look at the independent shops, cafes, and businesses in the village as well. To ensure our village thrives, we all need to shop locally whenever possible.

Join us in supporting our wonderful community and making it thrive!



# A BIG THANK YOU from Wickham Market Village Show Committee

Dear Community,

Thank you so much from the Village Show Committee for helping to create a wonderful Wickham Market 74th Village Show in August 2025.

If you helped put out schedules or posters, polished the cups, sponsored a class, gave a raffle prize, donated to the Tombola, put out tables, entered classes, or came along to look, admire and had a cuppa and a piece of cake and SO MUCH MORE..... The whole show could not have been the success it was without you.

A special mention to Jasmine Fisk (and her family), who ran a wonderfully tight ship in the kitchen and baked her heart

out brilliantly, providing lunches, teas, cakes over the weekend. Expertly served by our café volunteers too.

A special thanks also to our judges who gave up their time and expertise to judge the entries for Vegetables Mr Ackers, for Photography Sue Garrod, for Cookery Ruth Leigh and Julia Saunders, for Floral Art Paula Saward, for Handicraft Denise Smith and for Art, Allan Williams. We are really grateful for your help, tips and enthusiasm.



Our local bee keeper and plant grower provided expert knowledge and interest outside the hall and donated some sales to the show too. The RNLI were on hand on Sunday to offer water safety advice to families.

It was a very busy four days for the whole team, but we are already looking forward to, (and recruiting for) the Wickham Market Village Show in 2026! This will be the 75th annual village show and we plan to hold it as always on the first weekend of August Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd! Any help over the next year will be very welcome.

We will be making a donation to the Village Hall from the profits made out of this event and will update the community on this and our venue for 2026.

We attended the Wickham Market primary school assembly on Friday 26th September to present prizes to children from last year's nursery, reception and their five year groups. The children had produced beautiful seaside themed artwork for the show, along with the photography the back room of the hall was filled with colour.

The next big news will be a social evening in The George, our fabulous local pub and the announcement of the theme for 2026!

If you have any ideas, you wish us to consider please get in touch!

If you'd like to join the team and help in any way, we would love to hear from you.

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For more up to date insights please see the Wickham Market Village Show Facebook page and subscribe to weekly round robin emails sent out from WM Partnership Wickham News [news@wickhammarket.co.uk](mailto:news@wickhammarket.co.uk)

Many thanks to all from Alison Calvesbert-Rearden and the Wickham Market Village Show Committee. Rosemary, Anne, Ali, Alison, Jenny, Gloria.



# Wickham Market's Wandering Milestone



In the last magazine we looked at the Chaise and Pair public house. Just in front of Milestone Cottage, on the corner of Border Cot Lane and High Street, and to the left of the Chaise and Pair, is a Milestone (or Milepost, as it's not actually made of stone).

Milestones were placed to indicate the distance from that location to London and other large towns – in this case 82 miles to London. It also showed Yarmouth 41 and Saxmundham 7 miles to the north and Ipswich 13 and Woodbridge 5 miles to the south.

However, this particular milestone, although well and truly in Wickham Market, says that the distance is from Hacheston.

I am extremely grateful to Stephen Ling, a regular contributor to the Archive Centre's Facebook group, who provided the following information.

If you look at the 1783 Hodkinson's map which shows the Turnpike to London, shaded in, you will be able to see where it was in 1783.



It is marked by the number 82 just on the Hacheston side of Wickham Market bridge. The stones for 81 and 83 miles

to London can also be seen in Pettistree and Hacheston.

You might also notice that the road layout over the bridge is slightly different from now, in that the road veers slightly to the right over the bridge towards Campsey Ashe, then makes a sharp left turn in front of Bridge Farm, then immediately makes another sharp right turn at 'Bond's Corner' towards Marlesford.

**WOODBRIDGE QUARTER SESSIONS.**  
At these Sessions, held on Wednesday last, before John Moseley, Esq., Chairman, and a numerous Bench, A statement of the general account of receipts and disbursements for the division, for the last quarter, and a report from the visiting Justices of the Lunatic Asylum were read.  
**Ordered**—That in future all bills upon the county be delivered on the Wednesday previous to the Sessions, on which day a Committee of Accounts will be held.  
**Mr. George Thompson was appointed Surveyor for the Woodbridge Division, and was directed to meet the Surveyor of the Turnpike from Woodbridge to Yarmouth, and report to the Magistrates the practicability of turning the road from Wickham Bridge to Bond's corner, in Hacheston.**  
**From the pressure of business at the Norwich Assizes there were no counsel present at these Sessions, and several**

An announcement was made at the Woodbridge Quarter Sessions in April 1837 that they would look into the practicality of changing the route of the road.

This work was obviously carried out within a year or two. The 1838 OS map shows the same route as Hodkinson's but the 1839 Hacheston tithe map shows the new route.



The 1884 OS map shown here shows the new bit of road (coloured in blue) and also the new position of the milestone for 82 miles from Hacheston to London, marked with a red box in the High Street near the Junction with Border Cott Lane outside Milestone Cottage which is where you will find it today.

Why was the milestone moved? There is plenty of space for it to have been replaced beside the new piece of road in Hacheston where it was originally. Read on, for the answer.

In small lettering, the maker of the milestone is shown as J GARRETT, IRON FOUNDER, ST. MARGARET'S, IPSWICH, 1818.

The following information is from a website called *Ipswich-letting.co.uk*

J. GARRETT is a member of the famous Leiston iron foundry family, brother of Richard Garrett who founded it. Jacob Garrett started business in Ipswich as a whitesmith (one who works with tinplate), coachbuilder and bell-hanger. In 1802 he set up an iron foundry (earlier occupied by John Cobbold the renowned brewer) at the corner of St Margaret's Green and Cobbold Street. In 1803 he was advertising for 'old cast iron' urgently needed 'to execute an unusual order for the Government'. J. Garrett's foundry in St Margaret's parish, Ipswich produced these and many other Suffolk milestones.

In March this year, I gave a talk at the library, which was a virtual walk through

Wickham Market, and pointed out the mystery of the milestone, and also mentioned its current poor state of repair.

Intrigued to find the answer to the mystery of the milepost's location I did some research.

Driving out of Woodbridge, I noted the mileometer reading (in tenths) at the milepost opposite the Burness Rooms in Melton - 78 miles to London.

The next milepost is opposite Ufford Park - exactly a mile further on - 79 miles to London.

Then there is one past the old Methodist Chapel in Ufford - 80 miles to London.

The next one should be just past the Three Tuns in Pettistree, and is shown on the 1904 map, but is not there now.

Then exactly a mile further on from that is the one we have just restored - 82 miles to London, and it's shown in that position on the 1904 map.

I then carried on up the A12 and exactly 3 miles further on, at Glemham is a broken one - 85 miles to London.

So, we have come to the conclusion that the milepost IS now in the correct position.

It seems that when the milepost was first installed they got the position wrong, ie on the bridge.

When the milepost was replaced in 1818, they did not check the distances and left it in the same place.

However, when the turnpike road was straightened, and they had to relocate the milepost, somebody must have checked the mileages and decided to move the milepost to the correct position, in Wickham Market, despite the fact that it was labelled Hacheston.

**Philip Tallent, Chairman,  
Wickham Market Area Archive Centre**



## Our 207 Year Old Road Sign

Philip Tallent's scholarly article has explained the background to the position of the milestone sign at the junction of High Street and Bordercot Lane. This is about the restoration project itself which has been a very satisfying community-based project that has been well supported by the local authorities.



My concern for the neglected state of the mile post, sparked during Philip Tallent's enlightening talk about the history of Wickham Market, led to a heartwarming discovery. The late Terry Peake and Linda Merriam had lovingly painted the sign several years ago. Inspired by their dedication, Linda, Dick Jenkinson, and Philip, all local residents, agreed to join me in a project to restore the post.

We needed a couple of planning meetings in 'The George' to work out what permission was required and how to carry out the restoration.

The post is sited on the pavement and is part of the highway. We obtained permission from Highways and the Wickham Market Parish Council and received offers of funding for materials from East Suffolk Council and the Wickham Market Partnership.

Close inspection of the cast-iron sign revealed it was cast in 1818 by Garretts of Ipswich (an offshoot of Garretts of Leiston). Linda cleared the grass and weeds around the post and Dick checked to ensure it was securely bolted to a concrete post both of which are firmly set in the pavement. A crack at the bottom corner of the casting showed no sign of loosening and we were pleased to find that the rusty appearance had been largely due to rust staining rather than actual metal loss.

On the 15th September we met at the post with wire brushes and suitable products. The accumulations of paint around the lettering were cleared. All the metal was treated before being painted with white paint. The next day, black paint on the raised lettering was applied, and the final tidying up was done with an artist's oil-paint brush.



We are delighted with the 'good as new' appearance of this cast iron sign that is over 200 years old and out in all weathers. It was inevitable that we would have some left-over materials, so the surplus has been donated to the Men's Shed.

NB. There is a national Milestone Society and their website [www.milestonesociety.co.uk](http://www.milestonesociety.co.uk) has a wealth of information and maintenance advice about the various types of milestones and mile posts that were first used in the days of horsedrawn transport.

**Jeff Hallett**



# A Bold New Chapter at Wickham Market: Welcome to Heavenly Hair



Say hello to Heavenly Hair – the new name and stunning new look for the salon formerly known as Hair Affair. Situated proudly on The Hill in the heart of Wickham Market, we've undergone a complete transformation in name, style, and service.

Owner and director Janene, alongside her exceptional team, has poured passion, precision, and planning into creating a modern, welcoming space where luxury meets expertise. After months of behind-the-scenes preparation, the full interior refurbishment was impressively completed in just four days – and the results speak for themselves.



"Our new layout is designed with our clients in mind," says Janene. "We've created a calm, elegant space where guests can relax with a hot drink before enjoying a personalised experience with one of our talented stylists."

"Heavenly Hair may call Wickham Market home, but our vision is anything but small. Our stylists regularly travel to London for expert training, ensuring we stay ahead of the latest trends in hair cutting, colouring, and care."

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medical and social appointments.  
Friendship and support with shopping,  
posting letters, filling forms,  
computers, dog walking, DIY.

**07914 494108**

### Wellbeing Tree Café at The George

Relax, chat and make new friends  
over a hot drink and cake.

Wednesdays 10.15-12.15pm

### 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 OST  
Steph: **07778 880735**

### Football Club and Social Club

Behind 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

Village Hall Playing Field IP13 OHE  
**01728 746715**

### VALLEY FARM

#### Pony Club

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

#### Tots Pony Club

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

#### Young Equestrians Club

[www.valleyfarm.co.uk/content/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-hall](http://www.wmvillagehall.org.uk/hiring-the-hall)  
...to check availability and then  
contact the Lettings Secretary on  
[treasurer.wmvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:val@penpal.me.uk)

### 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)

### Wickham Market WI

Second Thursday each month at 7.30pm

<https://sefwi.org.uk/institutes/wickham-market>

## USEFUL INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Crown Lane, IP13 OSA **01728 748224**

For Sunday Service information please visit  
[warden@wickhammarketchurch.org](mailto:warden@wickhammarketchurch.org)

[www.wickhammarketchurch.org](http://www.wickhammarketchurch.org)

### Open Pantry

Fresh food and household goods  
shared with anyone in need.

Thursdays 9-11am

### Open Door

Coffee, tea, biscuits and friendship.

Fridays 10am to noon

### Bell Ringing

Monday Evenings from 7:30-9pm

### BEEHIVE BUILDING

Crown Lane  
**Rainbows** age 4-7, **Brownies** age 7-10,

Linda Payne **01728 604491**

**Guides** age 10+ Jacquie Goodwin &  
Tracy Burch **07717 154235**

## WICKHAM MARKET LIBRARY

Chapel Lane, IP13 OSD

Open Tuesday to Friday: 9.30am-5.30pm

Saturday: 10am-12.30pm & 1pm-4.30pm

**01728 587108** [library.help@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:library.help@suffolk.gov.uk)

## REGULAR EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY:

### Family History Guidance By

**Appointment** Tuesdays 10am-1pm

### Morning Book Group

1st Tuesday monthly 10am

### Tots Rock

active songs and  
rhymes for preschool children:

Thursdays 9.45am-10.15am

**Sewing Group** Thursdays 1.30pm-4.30pm

**Lego Club** Saturdays 10am-12pm

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION CLUB

**01728 746915**

## WM PRIMARY SCHOOL and LITTLE AVOCETS NURSERY

Dallinghoo Road IP13 ORP

**01728 746405**

## RESOURCE CENTRE

Chapel Lane, IP13 OSD **01728 747782**

### Resource Centre Gardening Group

2nd Tuesday monthly 10am-12noon.

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

### Archive Centre

Local history, archives and artefacts

Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:30am & 12:30pm

Philip Tallent **01728 746058**

## THE GEORGE COMMUNITY PUB

95 High Street

### Community Choir

Wednesdays during term time at 7:30pm

Everyone welcome, just turn up!

*Instagram: @wickhammarketchoir*

*For other events at the pub please visit*

*[www.thegeorgecommunitypub.co.uk/activity-room](http://www.thegeorgecommunitypub.co.uk/activity-room)*

## WHICH COUNCIL?

### SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

Highways, Recycling **0345 606 6067**

[www.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk)

Reporting any highways issue including:

potholes, street lights, drains,

hedges, gritting, pavements

[www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk](http://www.highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk)

### EAST SUFFOLK COUNCIL

Waste collection, Pay car parks, Planning

**0333 016 2000** [www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk](http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

District Councillor:

*Sally Noble* [sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk](mailto:sally.noble@eastsuffolk.gov.uk)

### WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL

Cemetery, Playing Fields, Children's Play Area,

Allotments, Markets, Footpaths (with SCC)

[www.wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk)

[clerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk)

[cemeteryclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cemeteryclerk@wickhammarket-pc.gov.uk)

[www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk](http://www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk)

# New match-funded grants are now available to small businesses trading in East Suffolk

The grants are designed to support ambition and growth and can be used towards marketing materials or capital investment needs. Please note that it cannot be used to cover staffing costs or day-to-day operational expenses.

Grants range from £2,500 to £10,000 and can offer up to 75% match funding.



Nick Pandolfi from Suffolk Growth Hub

The fund is divided into two categories:

- Revenue spend can be used to support marketing and promotional activities. This includes professional photography, enhanced website content, video production, graphic design, printed materials, and exhibition assets such as pull-up banners.
- Capital spend is allocated for the purchase of equipment and machinery that will directly support business growth and operational capacity.

***This opportunity is open to sole traders, freelancers, limited companies, and community groups.***

For further information or to discuss eligibility, speak with Nick at the Growth Hub in Suffolk call 0300 333 6536 and press 2 for Suffolk

## NEW Business Owner Support Group in Wickham Market

Claire Chapman of SCA Childcare, based in Wickham Market, has set up a Business Owner Support Group, which meets in the community room at The George on the last Friday of each month from 6pm

to 9pm. Bring your business cards, grab a drink upon arrival, and head upstairs (The George is fully accessible and features a lift). For more details, go to the 'What's On' page of The George website.



## Bag a Greener Christmas at Wickham Market

Wickham Market Parish Council is helping market stallholders and shoppers reduce their use of single-use plastic carrier bags.

With support from East Suffolk Council, free reusable shopping bags will be given out at the Christmas Market and the 2026 seasonal markets.

## The NEW Visit Wickham Market Website is Now Live

Have you had a look at the new Visit Wickham Market website yet? [www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk](http://www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk)

It's had a total refresh since Wickham Market Parish Council worked with the Wickham Market Partnership to include more information for residents, businesses, and visitors to the village.

If you have an upcoming relevant event, you can request free promotion by submitting an events listing form through the website.

Do you run a business? Check if yours is listed, and if it isn't and it's a relevant local business, you can submit your details free of charge using the business



listing form on the website. The aim is for the directory to be as impartial and comprehensive as possible.

The updated website has been funded by East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council and Wickham Market Parish Council, who own and manage the new site as a permanent resource.



Scan here to see the new website



## Wickham Market Good Neighbour Scheme

### COFFEE MORNING

We held our first coffee morning on Tuesday 2nd September in the Activity Room at The George. Seventeen people attended – a mix of clients, volunteers and committee members. It was so nice to just sit and have a chat! We had a similar number attend our second coffee morning on 7th October.

If you wish to attend one you are very welcome – they are being held on the first Tuesday of each month from 10am to 12noon – just drop by at any point within those hours. An added incentive is the homemade cake, biscuits and tea and coffee! The Activity Room is upstairs at The George – just go to the far door at the back of the pub and press the button which opens the door automatically and then either take the stairs or lift to the first floor.



### MARKET

We will have a stall at the Christmas Market on the Hill on Saturday 29th November.

### VOLUNTEERING

If you are interested in volunteering for us – we are always in need of more drivers and currently could do with an extra phone holder – you could find out more by coming along to one of our coffee mornings or the market stall and having a chat with existing volunteers. You can also ring the Good Neighbours phone and chat with the volunteer phone holder if you prefer.

The Good Neighbours Scheme can help in many ways including providing lifts to appointments and dropping off or picking up of prescriptions.

If you need our help, please ring:

**07914 494108**

Monday – Friday 9.00am-5.00pm  
(not bank holidays)

or you can leave a message.



## Volunteers needed for Wickham Market Girl Guides

©Girlguiding

### Hello

We are Jacqui and Tracy. We have been running the Girl Guides unit in Wickham Market for 25 years, equipping 10 to 14-year-olds with essential life skills, teamwork and confidence. Wickham Market Guides has made a positive difference to many girls' aspirations, and we ourselves have gained great personal satisfaction from helping put together a fun programme for our Guides, who are a lively and close-knit group.

We have decided that now is our time to move on and are looking for new volunteers to take over running the unit to ensure it stays open.

The Guiding Association provides free training to its leaders and helpers, and we intend to continue until summer 2026, when we will leave the unit. It would be great to find people to work alongside us over the coming months so they can take over in the autumn of 2026.

***If you or anyone you know is interested in finding out more, please get in touch with Jacqui on 07717154235 to have a chat.***

**Thank you  
Jacqui Goodwin and Tracy Burch**



We are now well and truly into the swing of the new school year. In September we welcomed sixteen new children and their families to join classes across the school. We have also welcomed five teaching and childcare students to our staff team, three of whom are past pupils. It is lovely to welcome them back to the fold and be part of another stage of their education. Our new reception class have settled well and we are now offering tours to prospective families who are applying for reception places for September 2026. Rather than one open day we offer personal tours at a time convenient to you. Please email [wkt.admin@eastmat.org](mailto:wkt.admin@eastmat.org) if you would like to arrange a visit.

We pride ourselves on offering a rich hands-on science curriculum. This term our Year 4 scientists have enjoyed constructing models of the digestive system and their jaws and teeth. They also investigated the effectiveness of different toothbrushes. The children were amazed at the effect of soaking eggs in different types of liquid and considered

what might happen if we didn't clean our teeth regularly.

Year 3 have been enjoying weekly Forest School sessions in our on-site woodland. During these sessions they practice teamwork skills, practical skills such as tying knots and challenge themselves with climbing and balancing.

During the school holidays we often take the opportunity to repair and refresh the school building. Over the summer holiday the school hall was redecorated and most of the windows along the front of the building were also replaced for double glazing. During the October half-term the hall floor was refurbished and some of our external doors were replaced. It is lovely to see the school building given some TLC.

We have many exciting trips and experiences planned for the rest of the year and we look forward to sharing them with you in future articles.

**Jo Harris**  
Head of School



## SCHOOL PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Is your child due to start Reception in September 2026? We warmly invite prospective parents and children to visit and take a tour of our welcoming village school.

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

To book a visit, please contact our school office at [wkt.admin@eastmat.org](mailto:wkt.admin@eastmat.org) or call 01728 746405.

### OUR SCHOOL OFFER

- A child-centred approach, putting your child's needs first.
- Regular Forest School sessions in our on-site woodland.
- Dedicated science lab and specialist science teacher for hands-on learning.
- Excellent enrichment opportunities including exciting trips and visiting speakers.
- Set on 7 acres with fantastic facilities including a library, gym, hall and stage.
- On-site breakfast and after school clubs available from 7:45am to 5:00pm, Nursery to Year 6.
- Exciting enrichment programme of trips and visitors.
- OFSTED rated Good (May 2023)
- Consistently above National Averages for Key Stage 2 outcomes.



To book a tour at a time convenient to you email [wkt.admin@eastmat.org](mailto:wkt.admin@eastmat.org) or call 01728 746405



We look forward to meeting you.

# Thoughts from the Vicar



Rev Charlotte

As I write this it is early October, the lovely light summer evenings are gone. It's nearly dark, and only 6:15pm. Autumn is here. Pretty soon it will be winter and then the usual bustle of Christmas will begin.

And knowing I was going to write this, I asked myself what my favourite part of Christmas is. There are of course several things that are special. But I realised as I thought about it that one particular moment is (for me) more special than all the others.

I love the seasons, in all their beauty and change. But at the end of November, we enter the season that the church calls Advent. It is a time each year when Christians start thinking about the wonder of Jesus entering the world. This helps us, amid all the bustle, the present buying, the rushing about, to still our thoughts and reflect on what we believe is more important than anything else: that God loves us, and that Jesus came into the world to save us. And just as I love the seasons that we see in the world around us, I love the season of Advent because amongst the cold winter days, Advent is a time when I look forward to celebrating Jesus' birth. It is something hopeful, something to cling to.

But what is my favourite moment of Christmas?

Some of you may over the years have attended Christmas Eve Midnight Communion services. In lots of churches, as the clock strikes midnight, the famous carol 'O come, all ye faithful' is sung. During the period of Advent, we sing only three verses of this carol. But as midnight on Christmas morning arrives, we sing a fourth, which begins with the following words:

***'Yea Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning...'***

That is my favourite Christmas moment – when I sing those words just after midnight on Christmas morning. Because the 'waiting' period of Advent is over. It is time to fully celebrate Jesus coming into the world. And that is so important to me, because he is the one on whom I can rely, through all the changes and challenges life throws up. All of us need hope in our lives, and Jesus' coming into the world gives us the hope we need because he is the one on whom we can rely.

Happy Christmas.

Rev Charlotte



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH, Wickham Market

19<sup>th</sup> December, Friday

5:00pm **CAROLS ON THE HILL**,  
Wickham Market

21<sup>st</sup> December, Sunday

9:30am **HOLY COMMUNION**  
11:00am **TOGETHER @11**  
**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  
– ideal for children  
6:30pm **CAROL SERVICE**

24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve

11:30pm **MIDNIGHT COMMUNION**

25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day

10:30am **CHRISTMAS FAMILY SERVICE**

## ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH, Pettistree

15<sup>th</sup> December, Monday

10.30am **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** –  
ideal for pre-school children

21<sup>st</sup> December, Sunday

9.30am **CAROL SERVICE**

25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day

9.30am **HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE**



## POLICE SURGERIES

At Wickham Market Community Rooms,  
Chapel Lane, Wickham Market

2025

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 10:00 – 12:00

2026

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10:00 – 12:00

If you have any Police related issues or would like advice  
on Crime, ASB or careers, please come along.

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**WICKHAM MARKET**

# Christmas Market

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
9am–2pm



**WICKHAM MARKET PARISH COUNCIL**

[www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk](http://www.visitwickhammarket.co.uk)