

The PICKENHAMS' SEPTEMBER 2025

Community Newsletter for North Pickenham and South Pickenham

In print and on-line this month

What's on at the Hub: SEPT 2025

Pickenham Community Hub opposite PE37 8LG

MONDAY: Fitness in Later Life - exercise class (reece@fill.fit) 12.30-1.30pm

Table Tennis (Gwyn on 07873 730291) 2.00-4.00pm

Gardening Club (Hayley on 07775 332560) 6.00-7.00pm

TUESDAY: Table Tennis (Gwyn on 07873 730291) 2.00-4.00pm

WEDNESDAY: Carpet Bowls (Keith on 07771 936686) 2.00-4.00pm

THURSDAY: Table Tennis (Gwyn on 07873 730291) 6.00-8.00pm

FRIDAY: Pickenham Hub Coffee Shop 10.00am-2.00pm

Legless Saxon Bar 7.00pm 'til late

SATURDAY: Pickenham Hub Coffee Shop 10.00am-2.00pm.

Kids Play Area 10.30am-1.30pm

SUNDAY: Dog Training 9.15-11.30am

(Abigail on barkingbasicdogtraining@outlook.com)

+++ PLUS +++

FRIDAY 5th SEPTEMBER: NHS Free Health Checks

Bringing free NHS Health Checks and Smokefree Norfolk

to the Pickenham Community Hub on Friday 5th September, 9am-5pm.

As we get older, we have a higher risk of developing some health conditions like high blood pressure, heart disease or Type 2 diabetes. An NHS Health Check can help you reduce these risks and live a better life for longer. If you are 40-74 please visit www.norfolkhealthchecks.reedwellbeing.com or give the team a call on 08081750413 to check your eligibility and book an appointment.

THURSDAY 25th SEPTEMBER: Age UK Drop In Sessions

Drop-in Sessions 10am-12pm with Age UK Norfolk's Advocacy Team.

Talk to our friendly team about our Advocacy, Befriending, Money MOT and Digital Inclusion Services. The Pickenham Hub Coffee Shop will be open for hot drinks and cakes/snacks. Come over for a chat and ask any questions you may have.

+ A variety of meeting spaces available for hire for classes, group events and parties
- see our website for more details: www.pickenhamcommunityhub.co.uk +

+ NO BINGO THIS MONTH, BUT BACK IN OCTOBER +

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Please don't put dog waste in the black bin in the children's play area near the picnic tables, nor in the bin in the Bus Shelter.

Also, it's best not to let your dog approach another person unless it's someone you know likes dogs! Please keep your dog under close control at all times and do not let it wander unattended particularly on the playing field.

Residents who have direct access to the playing field, please keep your gates shut at all times so that your pets cannot gain unsupervised access to the playing field.

The Pickenhams' Newsletter is produced by volunteers.

It's delivered to all homes in North Pickenham and South Pickenham and is on-line at:

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and

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Copy needed by the 15th of the month.



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at

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Monday 29th September

10:30 - 12pm

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THE PICKENHAMS' QUIZ: *Musicals*

1 - Which Musical features the Von Trapp Family? 2 – “I’m Gonna Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair”, comes from which Musical? 3 – Howard Keel plays the part of Adam in which Musical? 4 – Which famous song was copied by Morecombe and Wise in their 1976 Christmas Show? 5 – Michael Crawford (Some Mother’s do ‘ave ‘em), appeared in which 1986 Musical? 6 – Which Musical, based on Shakespeare’s “Romeo and Juliet”, was set in New York? 7 – “Aquarius” and “Let the Sunshine In”, are songs from which 1967 Rock Musical? 8 – Dick van Dyke adopts an outrageous English accent in which popular family Musical? 9 – “If I were a Rich Man” is a song from “Fiddler on the Roof” – who sang it? And 10 – Lee Marvin and Clint Eastwood both sing songs in this comedy Musical.

Last month’s answers: Words which begin and end with the same letter

1 – Noon; 2 – Comic; 3 – Bulb; 4 – Ewe; 5 – Enterprise; 6 – Local; 7 – Reindeer; 8 – Reaper (The Grim Reaper!); 9 – Tourist; 10 – Yesterday; 11 – Willow; and 12 – Urdu.

Well done if you got the right answers!

MUSIC IN NORFOLK

**Gooderstone Swan: 1st Tuesday Every Month - Jam Night;
3rd Tuesday Every Month - Folk Night**

Dereham The Cock: Every Sunday Afternoon - Live Music

**St. Marys Church, Houghton - On - The – Hill, Summer Of Music.
Saturday 6th September – 4pm. Pot of Gold Shanty Crew - Folk Music**

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THE PICKENHAMS' WI: SEPT 2025 Update



On 12th August we went on our WI Mystery Tour. We set off from 3 different coach pick-up points, starting at 8am (an early start for most of us!). Our route was completely unknown to all but two of us, who had planned it down to the last detail. Our first stop was at the Food Museum, Stowmarket, which had lovely grounds to walk around as well as excellent food! Our second stop was at Helmingham Hall gardens, which were very extensive and beautiful. We then headed off by coach for our third mystery place and to our huge surprise we found ourselves in Southwold. Beth led us to the Southwold Theatre, where we were taken to the ground and first floor seats to hear about the way in which the two men giving the talk had set up the theatre in such a small area. They now have regular audience attendees, and it was a most fascinating place and end to our exciting day out. Members arrived at their homes at approximately 7.00-7.30pm; a long day out and full of surprises! Also during this month, we have enjoyed our President's Tea Party at St Andrew's Church and we have met at Margaret's Tea Rooms for coffee and cake.

Our next WI meeting is on Tuesday, 9th September at St Andrew's Church, North Pickenham, when our speaker, Lesley Polley, will speak on the subject of ""Our French B&B".

We welcome all visitors to our meetings.

If you would like more information, please contact our President, Carol Richards on 07873 744971, or our Secretary, Melanie Cousins on 07840 814417.

Every Monday morning (except Bank Holidays) is

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING TIME!

10.30am to noon at St. Andrew's Church, North Pickenham.

Coffee/tea; cakes and savouries. Only £2!

See you there! All ages welcome.





West Raynham SHQ Public Events 2025

Public Events for July to September 2025 at Veterans Central West Raynham SHQ is developing well. All events (unless stated) are FREE to enter. Images are 2024 events.

July to September

- July 20th: **Annual Activities and Open Day**. Includes RAF Lancaster flypast, aircraft cockpits, craft fair, book sale and more.
- August 17th: **80th Anniversary of End of World War Two**. Presentations and displays.
- September 21st: **Battle of Britain Day**: Presentations and displays, FLYPAST requested.



Veterans Events. We also hold monthly events (breakfasts and lunches) for veterans. If you would like details of these events, email events@veteranscentral.co.uk

Participate? If you would like to be part of our events email events@veteranscentral.co.uk. We would like to hear from potential participants - craft stalls, military vehicles and re-enactors, classic cars, etc.

October to December

- October 25th: **RAF 'Tales'** (evening): Hear ghostly tales from RAF history. *requires booking*.
- November 9th: **Memorial Wall Ceremony**: Our annual wreath laying at the SHQ Memorial Wall.
- December 6th: **Christmas Fair**: Craft fair, Christmas Tree event, festive food, and more.

For updates and information on events:
Check out the website: www.veteranscentral.co.uk
Follow us on Facebook (West Raynham SHQ – Veterans Central)
or email ops@veteranscentral.co.uk.

A Tranquil and Peaceful Sensory Garden: A local veteran's charity has recently completed the latest of its garden areas – an impressive Sensory Garden. Come and visit SHQ and enjoy the gardens – as well as a visit to this Grade II historic building. SHQ is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Ghostly Airfields and Superstitions: Old airfields and ghost stories go hand-in-hand. The historic Grade II listed West Raynham Station Headquarters (SHQ) is hosting an evening of 'Ghostly airfield tales, superstitions, and gremlins. The evening is not a 'scare fest' and is intended as entertaining – and is based on real stories and incidents and in part helps remember those who served at RAF airfields. A number of rooms at SHQ will be used as 'settings' in which you can hear stories from World War Two to the present day.

The event is taking place on **25th October** and you can book to join one of the three sessions that we will be running between 4 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. Each session lasts around 90-minutes and has four groups, each with no more than 12 participants ... so book early as spaces are limited. Enquiries and bookings can be made by emailing events@veteranscentral.co.uk.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH: ENGLISH PLUM TART: SERVES 8

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1 TART PLATE AND 1 LARGE BOWL. OVEN: 180 FAN, 400, 200, GAS 6, AIR FRYER 180.
240 GRAMS PLAIN FLOUR; 300 GRAMS CHOPPED WALNUTS; 135 GRAMS SOFT BROWN SUGAR;
170 GRAMS BUTTER – COLD AND CUBED; 1 LARGE EGG YOLK; 8 PLUMS (VICTORIA IF POSSIBLE
OR ANY OTHER ENGLISH PLUM) STONED AND HALVED.

PREHEAT OVEN. SPRAY THE TART PLATE WITH A LITTLE OIL. POUR FLOUR, NUTS AND SUGAR
INTO YOUR BOWL AND COMBINE. ADD THE BUTTER AND EGG YOLK AND MIX TOGETHER UNTIL
YOU HAVE CRUMBS. TAKE $\frac{3}{4}$ OF THE CRUMB MIXTURE AND LINE THE BOTTOM AND SIDES OF THE
TART TIN PRESSING DOWN UNTIL NICE AND SMOOTH. ARRANGE THE PLUM HALVES IN A
CIRCULAR PATTERN ON TOP OF THE CRUMB MIXTURE THEN SPRINKLE THE REMAINING CRUMBS
ON TOP OF THE FRUIT COVERING THE PLUMS COMPLETELY. BAKE FOR 35 TO 40 MINUTES OR
UNTIL THE CRUST IS NICELY BROWN – TRY 25 TO 30 MINS IN YOUR AIR FRYER BUT KEEP
YOUR EYE ON IT DEPENDING ON THE POWER OF YOUR OVEN. LOVELY WITH ICE CREAM, CLOTTED
CREAM OR CUSTARD.

Iris Saxon

POET'S CORNER: June Melbourn's Visit to Beth Chatto's Garden

On Friday we drove to Essex, on a very hot day in July,

We took a picnic which we enjoyed for lunch, and cold drinks, in ample supply.

We started our walk round the Gravel garden, very dry, as we wandered about,
It began as an experiment some years ago, for plants which tolerated the drought.

And then onto the Water garden, we sat for a while by the pond,

Very tall trees, and very tall plants, cool shade, of which we were fond.

The Woodland garden was interesting, full of perennials, some we didn't know,

Under a canopy of oak trees, a few I would just love to grow.

The Reservoir garden was sunny, opened when Beth was ninety four,

Then the Alpine garden just up the slope, for stony and ground that is poor.

We slowly browsed through the plant area, agapanthus, verbena and more,

Very expensive to purchase, we left empty handed for sure!

We enjoyed a refreshing cold ice-cream, before we went on our way,

We walked to the car ready to go, we had thoroughly enjoyed our day.

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NORTH PICKENHAM; 14:50 to 15:00 HOUGHTON LANE; 15:05 to 15:25 BLUE LION;

15:30 to 15:45 WHITE OAKS on WEDNESDAYS:

24 September 2025; 22 October 2025; and 19 November 2025.

SOUTH PICKENHAM: 12:15 noon to 12:25pm at SOUTH LODGE

on TUESDAYS: 16 September 2025;

14 October 2025; and 11 November 2025.

**Please note this information is subject to change or amendment
on a permanent or temporary basis.**

For all enquiries about these routes please call 01603 222303.

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visits North Pickenham every Tuesday from 10:10 to 10:30 stopping opposite Latimer Way.

GET IN THE SWIM OF THINGS

Swaffham and District Swimming Club meets 12 noon **every Tuesday** at Dereham Pool.

Travel there and back by hired Eagles' coach. Picks up opposite the North Pickenham Bus Shelter at 1120, leaves Dereham Pool to return at 1330. **ONLY £8 for the travel and swim.**

Further information from: **Marion in Necton on 01760 724477 or Geraldine on 07584 177295.**

All ages (retired, working, parent with babies/toddlers) welcome.

Swaffham & District u3a: September update

History of Jarrolds: We had another bumper turn-out this month with 103 members attending when we welcomed back author and historian, Peter Goodrum, to be our speaker. He talked articulately and knowledgeably about the 250 year history of Jarrolds, the popular Norwich department store. The company was founded by John Jarrold, who opened his first shop in Woodbridge in 1770. The store is still run and managed by the Jarrold family who asked Peter to write an up-dated history of the store. The company has seen many changes during their history and has now evolved into the successful company it is today. Peter's talk was not only informative but humorous as he chartered his way through the Jarrold dynasty. On the 4th September, the subject is 'Balls, Bedrooms and Banquets, delivered by John Vigar which sounds quite intriguing and promises to be very entertaining! Several new groups have been added to our ever-growing list of activities. Craft Card Making and Singing for Pleasure both held their first meeting in July and Script Reading has proved to be very popular prompting a second group to be formed. Anyone is welcome to join the u3a. The only criterion to join is that you are no longer in full-time employment and have the time to take part in the activities on offer. We meet at Holme Hale Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Doors open at 9.45am for socialising and the meeting starts promptly at 10.30am finishing by 12 noon. Further details on all the activities covered by Swaffham & District u3a are available on our website: <https://swaffham.u3asite.uk/>

South Pickenham Parish Council

Date of next PC meeting – Wed 10-Sept-2025 at 6.00pm at the Pickenham Hub.

See: <http://southpickenhampc.wixsite.com/southpickenhampc>

South Pickenham Parish Council Vacancy. Could You Help?

As one of our five Councillors has moved away from South Pickenham, we are looking for someone to join our small Council. We meet four times a year, usually at 6pm on a Wednesday for not normally more than an hour.

As we are a small village, our responsibilities are limited, mainly to keeping an eye on drains, street lighting and road maintenance and asking our Clerk to contact the relevant departments. Please contact Melanie Cousins on 07840814417 or email sthpickenhamparishclerk@gmail.com if you could help our village.

South Pickenham Parish Council Contacts

John Blackburne (Chair)	01760 756219
Sue Bloomfield	01760 756204
Stephen Chalkley	4 West View
Carole Chalkley	4 West View
VACANCY	
Melanie Cousins - Parish Clerk	07840 814417 or email sthpickenhamparishclerk@gmail.com
Breckland Councillor: Fabian Eagle	01760 440284
Norfolk CC Councillor: Fabian Eagle	01760 440284

North Pickenham Parish Council

If you would like to see a full unapproved version of the minutes, please go to the Parish Council website at <https://nthpickenhamparish.wixsite.com/nthpickenhampc>

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 2 Sept 2025, 7.30pm at the Pavilion, Johnson's Playing Field.

North Pickenham PC and other Council Contact Numbers

Parish Clerk: Laurie Shepherd	07597 561478 or email nthpickenhamparishclerk@gmail.com
Tom Ryan (Chair)	07879 214 651
Melanie Cousins	07840 814 417
Ric Parsonson	07940 797 666
Trevor Goodwin	07788 885 702
Stephen Haley	07900 517 401
Dave Barrington	07802 912 823
VACANCY	
Breckland Councillor and Norfolk County Councillor: Fabian Eagle	01760 440 284
To contact Breckland Council	01362 656 870 / http://www.breckland.gov.uk/
To contact Norfolk County Council	0344 800 8020 / https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/

NORTH PICKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

Posters etc: The Parish Council asks that posters for events etc are not attached to lamp posts, telegraph poles or street furniture. If you would like to put a notice in the notice boards in the village please contact the Parish Clerk.

Faulty street lights in North Pickenham?

If you see a street light is not working please contact:
the Parish Clerk on 07597 561478 or email nthpickenhamparishclerk@gmail.com

Report it: Below are occurrences that you may need to report to

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Noise or Nuisance; Street Name Plate Issue.

The Parish Council asks that dog mess is not disposed of in the black bin near the play equipment. Please use the red dog mess bin near the entry gate of the playing field.

Many thanks.

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AREA
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**SATURDAYS
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ROTARY CLUB OF SWAFFHAM

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The Art Exhibition will be held in the Swaffham Assembly Rooms 24th-26th October. These events are a major fundraiser for us, proceeds will help local causes, so please come along!

If you are interested in finding out about Rotary or would like to come along to a meeting, do take a look at our website: www.swaffhamrotary.org.uk. *Richard Skinner*



Swaffham and District Lions Club

Lions and Branch Club members enjoyed a lovely seaside outing with great entertainment when they visited The Cromer Pier show, followed by a Fish supper at No.1 Fish & Chip Shop opposite the pier. It was a Grand Day out!

We held another of our PR stalls in the Assembly Rooms on a dreary Saturday morning. There wasn't much footfall that day, but we did sell a few handbags and glasses cases, and gave out some Message in a Bottle containers. We continue to collect old spectacles, hearing aids and button batteries for recycling. Branch Club members visited Westfields again and had fun helping with sorting out DVDs and cataloguing the ones they want to keep for their DVD collection.

In August Lion Nicola had the pleasure of hosting a young guest from Turkey as part of the Lions Youth Exchange programme. In Turkey the young lady, Yarmur, aged 20, is studying to become a doctor. During her stay she visited many places in East Anglia including Cambridge, and enjoyed a trip to the circus at Gt. Yarmouth. Nicola hosted a Barbeque at her home to introduce her to us, and Yarmur had made some lovely Turkish foods for us to try. During her last week here we took her to the Lions Youth Exchange Gala dinner at Letchworth, where we met up with other youth exchange students and their hosts.

For more information on the Lions Club and Lioness Branch, please email swaffhamlions@gmail.com

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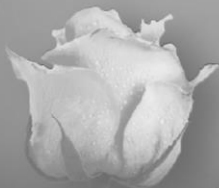
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UKRAINE – TIGHTROPE WALKING ITS WAY TO PEACE

Tightrope walking is the skill of maintaining balance whilst walking along a tensioned wire between two points – a skill that Ukraine's President Zelensky must master if he is to secure a lasting peace for his country – and it is most uncomfortable and fraught with difficulty. At the time of writing this letter President Zelensky is preparing to meet President Trump at the White House backed up by a significant number of European leaders, all hoping to persuade the American President that no peace deal can be secured without Ukraine's direct involvement and that any deal must be backed up by 'cast-iron' security guarantees. There is obviously a good rapport between Presidents Trump and Putin which leads many to fear that 'the master deal maker' might be overly swayed by the former KGB intelligence officer. The problem is that although the majority of commentators believe that militarily Ukraine is losing ground and must consider suing for peace, there are others who believe that it is actually Russia who is under the greatest strain with the danger of collapse – and a peace deal which cedes Ukrainian territory to Russia at this point might actually gift the Russian President a 'victory' that he might not have achieved otherwise. It's hard to tell and very hard for President Zelensky who on the one hand can't afford to upset his countrymen by giving away too much but on the other, can't afford to upset the American president through his perceived lack of engagement and reluctance to strike a deal.

The moral and ethical questions are obvious. How do we broker peace without ceding territory and rewarding violence? How can we trust a violent leader and protect innocent civilians from future attack?

Traditionally, a '*just war*' argument maintained that it was reasonable to engage in war if the actions of the enemy were clearly morally wrong and a nation had to defend itself in order to protect the innocent. It also argued that all violence should be proportionate and discriminatory between combatants and non-combatants. Unfortunately, in recent years we have seen that this hasn't been the case, with a lot of violence being hugely disproportionate as swathes of the civilian population were caught up in the conflict. This means that much of the '*just war*' theory has fallen short as the Ukrainian people were subjected not just to war but to *terrorism*.

The Christian and most right-minded people will see this as being evidence of the fact that we live in a fallen and imperfect world. It is therefore the duty of national leaders to do all that they can to restrain evil and promote security and peace. This will require us all and especially our leaders to pray and work towards a *just end* and sue for peace, encouraging repentance and a change of attitude, heart and mind. These are things that we cannot really do by ourselves but only with the help of God. Donald Trump may long for peace and call himself a deal maker, but the real peacemaker is the Lord Jesus Christ, the 'prince of peace', who calls us all to repent and seek forgiveness in his name. Let's pray for all our world leaders, that they might successfully walk the tightrope towards peace and not fall into the danger of the abyss.

With best wishes. *Stephen Thorp*

'Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good' Ecclesiastes 9.18

CHURCH UPDATE

Sunday Church Services: September 2025

September 7th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Necton 10.00am. Holy Communion (CW)

Holme Hale 11.15am. Morning Worship (CW)

September 14th Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Necton 10.00am. Morning Worship with Baptism (CW)

North Pickenham 11.15am. Morning Worship (CW)

September 21st Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Necton 10.00am. Harvest Thanksgiving Service (CW)

Holme Hale 3.00pm. Harvest Thanksgiving Service (CW)

September 28th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Necton 10.00am. Morning Worship (CW)

North Pickenham 11.15am. Harvest Thanksgiving Service (CW)

(BCP) denotes a traditional liturgical service according to the 'Book of Common Prayer'.

(CW) denotes a modern liturgical service according to 'Common Worship'.

From the Parish Registers: Baptism

We offer our sincere congratulations to Luke & Kayley whose little son **Luca John Keith Goldsmith** was baptised at the Parish Church of All Saints Necton on Sunday 13th July 2025. The service was taken by the Revd Canon Stephen Thorp.

May God bless you and keep you as you continue to live and grow in Christ.

Notices

NEW SEASON of Concerts organised by the Friends of All Saints Necton

As we head towards the autumn, what better way is there of enjoying your Sunday afternoons than by attending the wonderful array of concerts and musical events organised by the Friends of All Saints Necton. So please look out for the advanced notices. **But first** ... please join us for:

An afternoon of light musical entertainment followed by afternoon tea and cakes on Saturday 20th September 2025 from 3.00-5.00pm. It's all free!

Please join us if you can. We'll be delighted to see you.