

## *Alan Loasby*

Alan Loasby was a stalwart supporter of the repairs to Wicken and Thelnetham windmills. In the early days at Wicken his wife Sheila accompanied him, until cancer took her.

Later when age was catching up with him Alan liked to guide Wicken visitors. He last visited some three years ago, into his 90s, with his nephew ready to drive the car if necessary. I understand Alan did not give the nephew an opportunity to drive on that occasion.

At Wicken I particularly associate Alan Loasby with the construction of the fantail, assembling the blades in his workshop at Wigston in Leicestershire. This was followed by a memorable drive with them lashed to a trailer.

Dave Pearce



*Alan assembling a fantail blade at Wicken in the early 1990s.  
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