

St Nicholas Church, Wickham

July/August 2005



North Square, Knowle

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WICKHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

THIS Magazine is introduced to you as the Wickham Parish Magazine. Reading is now regarded as one of the necessities of life, and the supply quite equals the demand. "Of making many books there is no end," says the wise man. Unfortunately the *quality* does not improve with the *quantity*. *Home Words*, however, while increasing its circulation, maintains its high standard; and I hope it may, in time, find its way into every home in the parish. The "Words" will be edifying, and elevating, and interesting words, and are sure to promote happiness throughout the year by promoting godliness.

An explanation

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The paragraph above was not written, as you may have first thought, for the July/August 2005 edition of our parish magazine. It is in fact a reprint from the first Wickham Parish Magazine introduced in January 1894. It was delivered to 178 of the 222 homes in the parish and cost one penny.

Moving forward to the March 1988 edition in which the parish was informed of the forthcoming induction of Rev. Arnold Hirst on 22nd May. The PCC meeting report included a paragraph about the parish magazine. It reads

A study on the production of the Parish Magazine had been carried out by Binks Howard in consultation with Griff Farr and others concerned, with a view to seeing whether changes were needed. It was decided to include an extra page of advertising and to print the cover "domestically". The cost per issue would remain at 20p (Annual Subscription £2.00 for 12 issues if paid by 31st March).

The publication of the July/August 2005 edition marks another milestone in the 100 year history of our parish magazine. With the support of Wickham Parish Council, the magazine will now be professionally printed. The Parish Council have also enabled the July/August and December/January editions to be distributed free of charge to every household in the parish. The eight remaining issues each year will be available either by subscription at £4 per annum or through 'over the counter' sales at 50p per copy.



We are very grateful to our retiring editor, Helena Smith, for all that she has done to develop the magazine over the last few years. Please remember that the magazine relies on volunteers and the continued support of its readership and subscribers.

If you would like to receive a regular copy of this magazine, delivered to your door, then please contact Sue Leatham on 01329 834925.

RECTOR'S LETTER & NOTES JULY 2005

THANK YOU

Dear Friends,
Where do you get these howlers from? I mean, the little notes that some of you hand to me in church after a service or strolling through The Square, or dropped through the Rectory letterbox! One was delivered to me recently with the following greeting: "I know you gave up smoking your pipe about fourteen years ago Arnold, but I've been keeping this to give you." Well, here it is:

There are different ways of ending a sermon. Sometimes the preacher simply stops without any warning at all; as if he had remembered something important he has to attend to at once. Many prefer a warning that the end is in sight, rather like that given by a dear old Vicar in a rural parish many years ago. When the congregation saw his hands disappear under his surplice and then saw them moving about under the material with his fingers visibly working away, they knew then that he was coming to the end — he was filling his pipe!" In spite of having been a pipe smoker that was never my way! I'm sure whatever it was the signals must have been clear after seventeen years of listening, for some of you anyway!

**A
Letter
from
Johannesburg**

More than seventeen years ago, while still Rector at St Michael's Bryanston, Johannesburg, I wrote the following letter at the request of Dr Griff Farr for the March 1988 Wickham Parish Magazine (Griff was then editing and managing the production of the magazine).

"February 1988

Dear Friends in Wickham,
Jill and I look forward to being with you. The date of my Institution as your Rector has been set now for 22nd May 1988. We have so much to do before then — tying up our ministry here in St Michael's, getting the furniture and household goods packed and then getting ourselves over to Wickham!

For centuries the Church of England has supplied good and faithful priests to serve Southern Africa and we like to believe that God has blessed the fruits of their labours and that now priests from Southern Africa are able to serve God's people in the United Kingdom. We, here, owe so much to our Mother Church, and we give thanks to God that it is now possible for us to try and repay in some way our debt of gratitude by serving God and his people in the 'Home' Church.

Wherever one is placed, I believe the function of the Church is the same. First, to preach the Gospel (the good news), of God's love for us and the world. Proclaiming Jesus as Lord. And we must remember that this preaching is not done only through sermons, but through faithfully administering the Sacraments, through prayer, Bible Study and Discussion Groups, and, perhaps most important of all, by the quality of our lives.

Secondly, to teach the implications of the Gospel for our personal lives, our family lives and relationships, and for the society in which we live, so that we can witness more effectively to the Gospel of Christ in all these areas.

Thirdly, to create joyful community in which we can all grow, and share our burdens and sorrows, and laugh together. After all, the Church is Christ's family. Everyone needs to know they are welcome and accepted. A healthy community life is one of God's richest blessings to humanity.

Fourthly, the Church must be a serving community — serving Christ in the general community, identifying with those in need and with those suffering in any way.

With love

Arnold & Jill Hirst

Well, all those years have now passed and the time has come to move on again. This time, into retirement and to new adventures in our lives. "We are marching in the light of God—Sihahamba". Our last service will be on Sunday 31st July at 10:30.

**A
PS
from Jill**

It's hard to believe that I've spent forty-five years alongside Arnold in parish ministry. Arnold and I and our three children (and now seven grandchildren!) have been richly blessed in many ways in our five different parishes. It has been a privilege to be part of your lives and we thank you all.



The dark days in apartheid South Africa, where the churches were on the cutting edge of the struggle for justice, were uncertain and sometimes frightening. To know intimately about suffering through social and material deprivation becomes a blessing of a kind: a burden of responsibility enlightened by hope. To have raised a family there was indeed a blessing. Our last years of ministry in the beautiful parish of Wickham have been so different. Freed of many of the earlier challenges we've been able to stay a little longer, learn, grow and, hopefully, share a vision with this God-given community moving forward. . . . Dear friends, bless you all.

With love and affection,

Arnold & Jill

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This is something of a month for retirements at St Nicholas, Wickham. After three years editing Wickham Parish Magazine, this will, with some regret, be my last issue. I began editing the Magazine during a year's career break, following the birth of my first baby, and I shall finish the job just prior to the birth of my second baby. The needs of my family and my career now mean that I cannot give the Magazine the time and attention that it deserves, and I feel it is time to hand it on to someone who can do it justice.

Despite the increasing pressure on my time, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Magazine, seeing it develop, and knowing that I have been able to contribute something to the village community in which I live. In the course of my work with the Magazine, I have met some lovely people, and I would like to thank all the contributors – those I have and those I haven't met in person. I have not often had the time to get to know them all, nor even to acknowledge their emails at times, but I would like them to know that their efforts have been, and will continue to be, very much appreciated. Thanks especially to those who have wished me well as I retire – Margaret Gwynn, Edna Housecroft, Lesley Wilde, and anybody else I've forgotten to mention.

In addition to the contributors, thanks are also due to the other members of the Magazine team, almost all, like me, voluntary, who have supported me over the last three years. Joyce Johnston and Ken Tyrrell have helped me proof read; Arnold and Jill have hosted and participated in countless editorial meetings; Karen Lipscombe, Anne Tyrrell and Ingrid Ottewill have printed; Sue Leatham and numerous compilers and deliverers have compiled and delivered; Sue has also managed all the advertising; Joan Smith has typed (and babysat for the Editor!); Michael Smith, who lent his scanner and his printer whilst my own was out of action; and finally there has always been the incredibly hard-working Judy Lucas, doing all manner of useful things.

This brings me on to the incoming Editor. For the time being, at least, the Magazine will be in the capable hands of Neale Fray. Neale has been much involved in the recent re-evaluation and re-design of the Magazine, resulting in this shiny new version you see today, which we are able this month to supply free to every household in Wickham and Knowle. Some of the changes have emerged from the Kairos Committee on Church Communications – chaired in this Parish by Neale – but have also been driven by a desire to build on and improve the Magazine's rôle as a service to the community, secular as well as religious, village as well as Church.

All future correspondence, contributions and queries should be addressed to:

**Mr Neale Fray,
22, Manor Close, Wickham, PO17 5BZ
Tel: 01329 832 751, E-mail: neale@fray.me.uk**

Contributions can still, of course, be left in the designated boxes at the back of St Nicholas' Church and in Page's Newsagent.

With best wishes to you all,



Editrice (retiring)



**THE LIFE OF
SAINT FRANCIS
OF ASSISI**

*The first of a series of
articles on the life and
legacy of St Francis, by
Andrew McMahon, ofm.*

Francis' Early Life

In the Summer or Autumn of 1181, in Assisi, Pica Bernadone gave birth to a son whilst her husband, Pietro, was away in France attending to his fine fabrics business. She had the son baptised and gave him the name Giovanni di Pietro. When her husband returned he was furious at the name his son had been given and insisted that he be renamed "Francesco". Italian for "Frenchman". He may have felt this would be good for his business in France ! It is thought that his wife was also French and perhaps came from Picardy, hence her name "Pica". So Francesco grew up in a wealthy merchant's family, lacking few luxuries and, like most young Italian men of his generation and background, enjoying a rather wild life style. It was probably during Mass, in the Cathedral of San Ruffino, that the young Francis first saw Clare Offreducio, the daughter of a noble family.

During Francis' late teenage years many civil wars were taking place in the Umbrian region and, in 1202, in a war between Perugia and Assisi the latter's army was defeated in a battle at Collestrada. Francis, a young soldier, was captured and spent a year in prison in Perugia where his health deteriorated badly. His father ransomed him and brought him back to Assisi where he suffered a long illness. In 1205, having recovered, Francis set off once more to war in Aquila, as a member of the Papal armies. But on the second day, in Spoleto, he had a vision, heard a message, and returned home. This was the beginning of Francis' gradual process of conversion.

The Friends of Park Place
SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

To be held at
PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE
On Sunday 17th July 2005
From 3.00pm until 5.30pm

The proceeds of the event will be given to
The Franciscan Leprosy Clinic In Ethiopia

Tickets £5.00 for adults, 50p for children, to
include Afternoon Tea.

Tickets from The Friends of Park Place, Park Place
Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Hants., PO17 5HA.

LETTER FROM FATHER ANDREW

When I arrived in Wickham in 1991 as Chaplain to the community of Park Place Pastoral Centre, Arnold Hirst was in hospital. I learned that his condition was very serious, and that he would be absent from his parish for six months. Arrangements had been made for the needs of the parish to be met by others. But what was so obvious was that there was no one person (parson) to be the focus of the parish.

His return to Wickham quickly dealt with that!! The energy and conviction he brought to the parish was felt by all. Having been a priest myself for over forty years I fully appreciate how important it is to approach every baptism, every marriage, every funeral, (every Sunday!), with energy and conviction. It is expected of us. To do this week in , and week out is, I suspect, as good a sign as one can have of a vocation to the priesthood. Arnold has done this with generosity, sensitivity and thank God a sense of humour.

His contact with the Pastoral Centre was not just of a formal, official type. It was always one of general interest and affection. His explicit welcome to the Sisters at any function, left no doubt in anyone's mind, of his universal respect and appreciation for what they were trying to do in a different land, in a different culture.

My purpose in writing is to say how much the Catholic Community have valued his work in Wickham. May he and Jill enjoy the time and opportunities that retirement gives. Now that he has lots of time on his hands and nothing to do, he can find even more time to pray for all of us!!

Fraternally, Fr. Andrew ofm

LETTER FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER

Dear Friends,

Last week I enjoyed some time away at a retreat centre near Bath. Amongst the other activities that were organised for the group that I was with was the sharing in a Seder Meal. At one point during this Jewish meal which celebrates the Passover and the release of the Israelites from their captivity in Egypt, we recalled that just as the journeying people approached the promised land, their leader, Moses, died. He was unable to fulfil all that his lifetime's work had been about, he was unable to cross the Jordan with his people, and he was unable to enter the land that God had promised to him.

Moses' place within the affection of his people never ceased, and within Judaism the regular celebrations of the Passover, the exodus, and their travels in the wilderness, mark the place of Moses within their shared history. The Israelites then faced change as Moses was replaced by Joshua, and their journeying continued under his leadership.

I wonder how well you deal with change? I suspect that most of us prefer a certain continuity to life, so that we know where we are, and what is ahead of us. The reality of human existence is, of course, accompanied by many points of transition as we pass through the different stages of life, and all that that involves.

Over the next few weeks in Wickham, change will be experienced at first hand as Arnold's retirement becomes a reality, and the faithful service of your Parish priest comes to an end. Along with you, I have valued his ministry and his friendship over my all too few years of association with the village, and I know how greatly he will be missed.

Within the life of the Methodist chapel, as Herbie intimated in last month's Methodist Musings, the difficult decision that the building should be put up for sale, has been reached and so we face a time of significant change. As you can imagine, there has been much heart-searching over a number of years regarding this decision, and during that time the faithful few have maintained worship and fellowship. My memories will always include the intimate acts of morning worship, the well-attended united Covenant services held during the last two years, Carolcade services at Christmas time with the Salvation Army brass band shaking the rafters, and the familiar faces at Thursday coffee mornings. The memories of others will go back far further than

this, and the closure of the chapel will be hard for some to bear.

And change is there for me also as I move with my family to a new appointment in East Sussex in August, and I shall leave with my thoughts of the chapel and its people, the village, and the school where I have enjoyed sharing in the leading of assemblies with Arnold.

As we contemplate change, what can we say? Firstly, I believe that within our human experience, with all its stages of transition - sometimes for good, and sometimes under less happy circumstances - we may know the constancy of God's loving companionship in our journeying. That even when it is difficult to know his presence because of the storms in our life, he is there in the present, as he was in the past for those travelling Israelites thousands of years ago, and as he will be into eternity.

And secondly, the Christian story is at its heart a story of profound optimism. A story that reminds us that when all the doors are closed, when the end seems to have been reached, and when there appears to be no hope for the future....then we see resurrection. Transition and transformation are there within this experience, and we learn that change should not only not be feared, but that through it new opportunities may be possible.

As we face a period of transitions within the life of the village, I would pray that each one of us may know something of God's sustaining love in our lives - both when they are settled, and also when they are in times of transition.

God bless,

Stephen

THE GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY

The next visit of the GNTL is
at **the Paterson Centre,**
Church Road, Swanmore,
on 12th July (no visit in August)
at 10.30 am ~ 12.15 pm

There are books, CDs, videos and audio cassettes, to borrow and greetings cards and notelets to buy at very reasonable prices.

Everyone is welcome - refreshments served.

THE MOTHERS' UNION

The June Meeting was held at the home of Michael and Jo Wilkes. As the week before reflected on children and the family, Jo chose the hymn "All things bright and beautiful". Jo then led the prayers appropriate to all mothers relating to children and the family.

Anne Marshall gave out all relevant notices of forthcoming events, the most important was sorting out all the travel arrangements. Transport is quite a problem. We try to use as few cars as possible for parking facilities.

Jo was also our speaker for the meeting, giving us the history and details of our Hackney Link, which many, myself included, are rather ignorant. The Hackney Link was started by the Revd Willand, a previous Vicar of Bishops Waltham. He had been Vicar of Dalston Church in Hackney, London. This comprises a large area, with 28 Parishes. We have just 8 in our Deanery. It is part of the Stepney Diocese.

Rose Brown, previously a Reader, was ordained at St James, Clapton, and is a leading light in our connections with Hackney.

At Christmas we send gifts taken up by voluntary drivers. In the past among several were the late Canon Ron Grainger and Brian Sharp. To facilitate distribution, clothing, blankets and tinned food are separated. The homeless men's refuge is open at night from January to March. Tins of soup and food are provided.

Gifts for children are sent for the Children's parties at Christmastime.

Each year, coaches from Hackney either come to us for a day, or we are entertained by them in Hackney the following year. We arrange a "camping holiday" for children each summer for a week. This entails a great deal of arrangement but so appreciated and enjoyed by all the children – and their adult escorts!

For further information, Janet Young is our Hackney Link representative in Wickham. This summary, I'm sure is inadequate of all that is done in our Link.

Our July meeting will be the Summer Garden Meeting at Garsons Garden Centre in Titchfield Lane.

The August meeting is an outing for lunch and a tour of Winchester Cathedral. Final details will be verified at the July Meeting.

Sheila Howard

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY FESTIVAL SERVICE

Every year members of the Mothers' Union in the Deanery meet for a Summer Festival Service. This year it was the turn of the branch in this parish to organise it at St. Nicholas and this took place on Wednesday, June 8th.

Thanks to the Rector, choir and others who helped we had a joyful Choral Evensong. It began with the choir leading us in the singing of "Hail Gladdening Light". As it was being sung the candles were lit and the lights turned on, all to illustrate the truth that Christ is our Light.

Several members played a part in the service in the readings and leading the prayers. The Rector in his sermon followed the Mothers' Union theme for this year of "Peace and Reconciliation". Then the choir sang an appropriate anthem and the service ended with a final hymn and blessing.

It was good for members of the Mothers' Union from all the churches in the Deanery to be able to get together after the service when refreshments were served.

Anne Marshall

THE GARDEN OF WICKHAM HOUSE, THE SQUARE, WICKHAM

will be open
(by kind permission of Dr. and Mrs. M.
O'Connell)

on
Thursday, July 7th
11 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

for
Coffee - from 11 a.m. ; Light lunches - from 12
o'clock
STALLS - Cakes, Gifts, Plants and Produce,
Knitted Goods, Tombola, Raffle, etc.

**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH AND WICKHAM
VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 11TH JUNE 2005**

FETE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2005

	<i>Gross</i> £	<i>Expenses</i> £	<i>Net Profit</i> £
Auction	789.00	0	789.00
BBQ	285.00	110.00	175.00
Books	226.20	0	226.20
Bottle Stall	290.70	0	290.70
Bric a Brac	348.68	0	348.68
Cakes	241.00	0	241.00
Church Gifts	83.75	0	83.75
Coconut Shy	109.95	20.00	89.95
Connect Four	12.25	0	12.25
Count the Spots	17.72	3.51	14.21
Draw (inc donations/prizes)	1,814.39	525.00	1,289.39
Entrance Gate	524.52	0	524.52
Football Game	61.19	0	61.19
Gingham Stall	94.55	0	94.55
Icecream	183.80	65.69	118.11
Pimms Tent & Soiree	786.05	222.37	563.68
Plants & Produce	1085.60	260.00	825.60
Poppins	21.60	0	21.60
Puppet Theatre	34.17	90.00	-55.83
Quality Clothes	210.60	0	210.60
Sunday School Activity Table	19.65	0	19.65
Name the Teddy	18.00	0	18.00
Tea Tent	279.17	28.50	250.67
Tombola	206.72	0	206.72
Videos & CDs	96.73	0	96.73
Young Children's Corner	59.75	57.50	2.25
WCC Lottery Registration		17.50	
WCA Hire (est'd)		240.00	
Band		260.00	
SERCO (est'd)		108.25	
Philspace Toilets (est'd)		160.00	
First Responders		50.00	
Miscellaneous		64.46	
Totals	7,900.74	2,282.78	5,617.96

As at 16.6.2005

GRAND DRAW PRIZE WINNERS 2005

St. Nicholas' Church & Wickham Village Fete

No	Prize	Donor	Tick et No.	Name of Winner
1	Cash Prize £300	Mrs Annie Lin, sister of Dora Taylor	4231	Pawlyn
2	Cash prize £100	Sheraton Insurance Brkrs John Byrne, Estate Agent Et al	547	Mr & Mrs. E. Tucker
3	Cash prize £50	Meon Valley Financial Planning	5040	M. Gwynn
4	Legal Voucher	Biscoes, Solicitors	0319	S. Wells
5	Meal for Two, with a bottle of house wine	Clarks Bistro, Wickham	2628	B. Simpson
6	Meal for Two: Lysses House Hotel	Lysses House Hotel	2357	O Denham
7	Meal Voucher for £30	Green's Restaurant & Café Bar	1177	Miss C. Letcher
8	£30 Voucher	Head Masters, Wickham	2164	Mr. Norman
9	Silver Photograph Frame	Wickham Square Gallery	4171	Evans
10	Notepaper Voucher	Studio 6	2312	Mrs. C. Binnie
11	£25 Marks & Spencer Vouchers	Wickham Laboratories	1930	Young
12	Boxed set of Wickham Wine & Wine Tour Voucher	Wickham Vineyard	5286	O Atkin
13	Trolley Truck	Heming & Co	0009	Malcolm Short
14	6 Wine Glasses	R.G. Warwick & Ptnrs	4932	Mr. Veitch
15	Vase of Silk Flowers	Sandra's Flower Shop	0260	K. Melsome
16	Bottle of Single Malt	Anon	2309	Mrs. C. Binnie
17	Bottle of Whisky	Taylor Garnier	5245	John Gardner
18	Bottle of Brandy	Tull's, Butcher	5275	Brosnan
19	£10 Voucher	Hampshire Delicatessen	5039	Tony Dewey
20	Garson's Voucher: £10.00	Garsons Garden Centre	2604	Colin Brill
21	Fish & Chip Supper for Two	Wickham Fisheries	5209	Maybee
22	Cream Tea for Two:	Baytree . Tea Rooms	2634	Mrs. J. Bramley
23	Cream Tea for Two: .	Wickham Tea House	5127	Mrs. T. Foote
24	Bottle of Red Wine	Old House Hotel	1161	Mr & Mrs. R. Bradberry
25	Bottle of Red Wine	Wickham Wine Bar	4503	Mr & Mrs R. Poole
26	Basket of Toiletries	Birchall & Haydock	5538	Angela Sharp
27	Box of Biscuits	Confiserie Verdonk	1586	Wilson
28	Gift set of Wickham Linen	Bay Tree Gift Shop	4304	S. Davis
29	Framed Picture of Wickham	Bay Tree Gift Shop	4331	Mavis Stevens
30	Complimentary Visit to Solent Spa for Two	Solent Hotel	4068	Mrs. M. Relland
31	Day Pass for Two at the Spirit Health Club	Spirit Health Club, Holiday Inn	5456	Gambling
32	Guest Pass	Meon Valley Marriott	5447	Steve Lucas

SUMMER FETE THANKS

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations to the Grand Draw:

Mrs. Annie Lin, Sister of Dora Taylor
Meon Valley Financial Planning Ltd
Sheraton Insurance Brokers
John Byrne, Estate Agents & Chartered Surveyor

We are also very grateful to the following for their kindness in donating gifts in kind to the Grand Draw and individual stalls

Bay Tree Gifts	Redhill Nurseries
Bay Tree Tea Rooms	A.E. Roberts
Birchall & Haydock, Chemist	Rookesbury Estate
Biscoes, Solicitors	Sandra's Flower Shop
Clark's Bistro	Solent Hotel
Confiserie Verdonk	Spirit Health Club, Holiday Inn
Garson's Garden Centre	Studio 6
Green's Restaurant & Café Bar	Taylor Garnier
Hampshire Delicatessen	Tull's Butcher's Shop
Hansford's Fishing Tackle & Saddlery	The Village Bakery
Head Masters Hair Design Group	Watson's Dairy
Heming & Co..	Webbsland Vineyard
Lysses House Hotel	Wickham Fisheries Fish & Chips
Marriott Meon Valley Hotel	Wickham Laboratories
McCarthy's Fruit & Vegetable Store	Wickham Square Gallery
Mount Folly Nurseries	Wickham Tea House
Old House Hotel	Wickham Vineyard
R.G. Warwick & Partners	Wickham Wine Bar & Restaurant

We would also ...

like to thank Rookesbury Estate for the use of Beverley Gardens and those who live there for the support they give to this event each year.

Thank you to all those volunteers who contributed so much time and effort to making the stalls and activities such a success and to the team of helpers who worked from 8.00am to set up and then cleared away afterwards, working well into the evening. Once again it was a really good show. Thank you very much.

Thank you to Swanmore Junior Morris for entertaining us and to Tom Houghton, Carol and Frank Duckworth, Pages, Wickham Scouts and Wickham Square Events for their practical support. Last but not least, thank you too to those who came – it was good to see you there and to share a lovely sunny afternoon with you.

Yours sincerely,

The Fete Committee

WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CENTRE



WHERE WE ARE

Wickham Community Centre has existed for over 15 years so we are hoping that everyone will know where we are by now. If not, it is 'that' big building in Mill Lane next to the school with the big car park, children's play area, skateboard/BMX ramps, outside sports area and only about 500 meters from the Square.

WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

You will be surprised at what we offer actually inside the building. We have 8 (yes, eight) very different rooms of all shapes and sizes from the Main Hall that can cater for up to 450 people to a small meeting room for up to 16 people. We hire out all of our rooms for all types of activities from private parties/functions with the option of a licensed bar to monthly events and fairs and also to a variety of regular user groups who are always looking for new members.

CURRENT REGULAR GROUPS FOR YOU TO JOIN

Dancing and Exercise:

Rock and Roll nights
American Square Dancing
Badminton
Keep Fit
Archery Club
Tai Chi



Ballroom Dancing
Wickham Indoor Bowling Club
Short Tennis
Rifle Club
Yoga
Country Dancing



Groups for Under 16s:

Wickham Youth Club
WASPs - After School Club
Summer Playscheme



Baby Clinic
Pre-school



Meetings, Talks and Advice:

U3A
Citizens' Advice Bureau
Tramway and Light Railway Society

Thursday Club
Home-Start
Weight Watchers

Classes:

Sewing
Dog Training

Other:

Wickham Radio Car Club



Upholstery Class
Art
Aero-Modellers



So next time you are near the centre or if you are thinking of something to do why not pop in and as see for yourself what is here for you. If you are unable to see for yourself you can always telephone us on 01329 833688.

We look forward to seeing you -All the staff at Wickham Community Centre.

JOB VACANCIES AT WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE



EVENING + WEEKEND CARETAKERS

REQUIRED TO WORK EVENINGS 6.00PM TO 10.30 PM AND SATURDAYS WHEN NECESSARY. DUTIES INCLUDE OPENING AND LOCKING UP AND ENSURING THAT THE CENTRE IS KEPT CLEAN, SAFE AND TIDY.



BAR STAFF

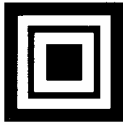
REQUIRED TO WORK AT THE SOCIAL CLUB ON WEEKDAY EVENINGS AND WEEKENDS. DUTIES INCLUDE SERVING, DEALING WITH MONEY AND ENSURING THAT THE BAR IS KEPT CLEAN, SAFE AND TIDY

FOR BOTH JOBS:

- EXPERIENCE IS NOT NECESSARY AS TRAINING CAN BE PROVIDED
- WE ARE LOOKING FOR RELIABLE, PUNCTUAL PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE ON TASKS AS THEY ARISE.
- WE DO NOT EXPECT SOMEONE TO WORK EVERY NIGHT BUT FOR SEVERAL PEOPLE TO SHARE THE WORK.
- IN RETURN THE CENTRE OFFERS A GOOD RATE OF PAY AND PAID HOLIDAY ENTITLEMENT.
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VILLAGE NEWS

WICKHAM SQUARE EVENTS

As this report is written we still have one more event to go! So far so good, the weather has been kind, too kind, as you'll find out later in this report.

It all started way back at the beginning of May with the VE day parade. Behind the scenes at 11.30pm on the Saturday evening,

members of Wickham Square Events could be seen barricading off the square ready for Wickham Morris to see in May at 5.30am Sunday morning.

The Victory Parade got under way at 2.30pm that afternoon when there was much cheering and flag waving as the procession marched into the Square. There then followed a picnic and sing-a-long.

As everyone started to move away from the middle of the square there was a flurry of activity as barriers were moved again to make way for Wickham Morris and their guests to dance the evening away.

The weather was still being kind to us for our annual soiree in the grounds of Beverley. About 150 people were entertained by the Swanmore College of Technology Jazz Band, a highly talented group of young people who played

exceptionally well and who are a credit to themselves, their teachers and their school. Also playing were Crescendo, who certainly live up to their advertising 'Entertainment for all occasions'. Their first set consisted of a low key and mellow Jazz session, but when they returned after the break they upped the tempo to Blues and Soul. By the end of the evening nearly everyone were up on their feet dancing the night away. We liked them so much we have provisionally booked them for next year!

Still no rain and the river was low, very low. Oh well, off to the lack of water meadows for the Quacky Races. With 56 rafts entered in the raft race we got off to a slow start as the rafts were being pushed up stream due to the wind and lack of current. The race was eventually won by Eggsterminator built by Holly Mullineaux. Delores the Golden Duck has been beaten at last after a 3 year run and the Golden



Duck Race Trophy is now held by Parua in Bay Tree Walk. After much discussion by the experienced duck trainers it was decided to carry on and launch the ducks at Bridge Street as normal. Despite the lack of water

the ducks swam their hardest and eventually emerged into the water meadows and bravely fought their way down stream to the finish line. (Despite an unexpected obstruction that had been built with the intention of sabotaging the race by a small group of race saboteurs!!!) The first duck to cross the finish line was number 780, followed by 402 and 3rd place number 47.

Now the fun is nearly over, if you want Christmas in the Square and more of the same next year we need more volunteers.

Contact Mike Betts on 01329 833165

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION

The annual Summer Barbecue will be held on Friday July 8th. at Hart House, Mayles Lane, at 1830. Raffle, competitions, etc. Entrance £7 including first glass of wine.

Please contact Michael Carter 832928
Barrie Marson 832313

WICKHAM IN WARTIME' EXHIBITION

The Exhibition of Photographs and Memories of Wickham in 1939-45 was displayed in the Church during the Music Weeks in April, and attracted considerable attention. In addition to about 50 photographs, mostly from the Stan Woodford Collection, there were stories and historical recollections from about 15 people who were in the Village during that period. Many of us learned for the first time about the many Canadians billeted in the Village before D-Day, and how just a few local people spotted Churchill and Eisenhower taking a walk outside the Tea Rooms.

Visitors to the Exhibition were asked to identify as many people as possible on several group photographs-and did so to the extent of:

Home Guard -13	Fire Brigade - 11
WVS -2	
Munitions Factory -2	School Class
1944 -8	School Class 1945 -22

The group photographs, together with the lists of people in them, will be kept in the History Society archives. The Exhibition has now moved to the Chesapeake Mill, where it will be on display until mid-June

The magazine 'Wickham in Wartime', produced to go with the Exhibition, provides a permanent record of all this material, and is on sale at Pages and at the Mill at £2.50.

Sue Fitzgerald & Barrie Marson



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of WICKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**7.30pm. Thursday 14th July 2005.
at Wickham Community Centre**

This is the opportunity to influence the direction of the association. The meeting is open to all residents of the area. The board of directors is elected for the year and is responsible for your association. If you want to influence what is happening, now is the time for you to use your vote.

A glass of wine for all comers.

Nomination forms for Board Membership are available at the Centre Office.

Nominations for election must be deposited at least seven days before the meeting.

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Many of you will know that Stan Woodford, who died last year, was a passionate photographer and had put together a collection of photographs and prints covering all sorts of events in and around Wickham and the surrounding villages. Much of his material, which covers many years, has been put into the County Record Office.

This Photographic Competition was inaugurated by the Parish Council in Stan's memory at the beginning of the year. We hope to continue the tradition of recording all sorts of different events in the Parish. The Competition is open to everyone in both Wickham and Knowle Villages. There are three categories, adult, 18 and under, 13 and under. Photographs can be submitted in any format (printed or digital) as long as they are reasonably clear. A trophy and cash prize will be awarded to the best entry in each of the categories. The closing date for entries this year is 31st December and the entries will be judged by 31st January 2006. We hope that the Competition will be an annual event.

Some people took out application forms at the beginning of the year but we would like to encourage others to enter the Competition. Summer is here and you will no doubt be out and about in the Parish at barbecues and other events. Why not take your camera with you and catch that memorable moment? All the photographs will be exhibited next January so you can see how much better your efforts are than everyone else's. The Judge's decisions will be final of course!

Application forms are available from Studio 6, The Square, Wickham, or you can e-mail print@studio-6.co.uk to get one via e-mail.

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ROBOT WARS DAY

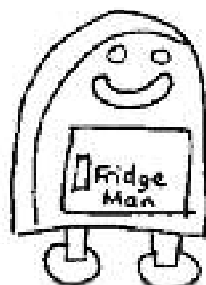
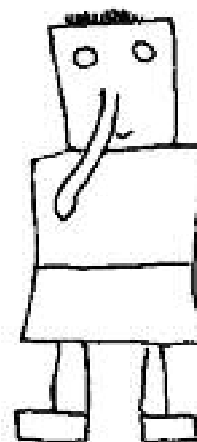


On Friday 10th June all the children in Y3 and Y4 at Wickham Primary School enjoyed a Robot Wars Day in school run by school staff and staff from the Adult Continuing Education Centre. The day was funded by the Two Rivers Project. Dads, Grand-dads, Male Carers and Mums were invited to spend the day in school working alongside their children doing a range of fun activities.

The day began at 8.55am with a welcome cup of coffee or tea for the adults while the children went to their classes for registration. A special assembly launched the day's activities. The children and their adult helpers then went to one of three workshops for an hour. Each adult and child visited each workshop once during the day.

The workshops were:

- Robot Jousting** – Everyone worked, in small groups with an adult, to make lego model robots, which were computer controlled, to enter into a jousting tournament. Once the models were made the jousting began. The winner from each workshop went into the final at the end of the day.
- Junk – modelling** – There was a competition to make the most original robot out of junk in just 55 minutes. Again the winners of each workshop received prizes in the final assembly.
- Design a robot** using a Paint programme on the computer in the ICT suite. The winning design from each workshop won a prize.



After a welcome break at 10.30am everyone went to a second workshop. Following a break for a picnic lunch and games with energetic Dads on the school field the last workshop for each group took place at 1.10pm. The day ended with a final assembly at 2.45pm. Here prizes of Model Robot Kits and Book Tokens were presented to the workshop prize winners. Then it was time for the final joust with the winners collecting their prizes too.

Lastly a competition was launched for the best model junk robot made at home and brought to school on Monday 13th June.

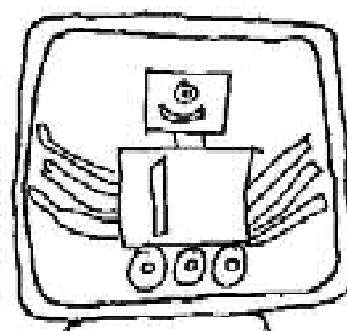
Over 25 adults came into school for all or part of the day. It was great to see so many Dads and Grand-dads too. A great day was had by all!

Here are some of the children's comments on the day:

"I liked it because my Dad came in for the day," said Sam in Y3.

"My favourite activity was junk modelling because all of my team helped," said Amelia in Y3.

"I liked my Dad being in school, playing with me and working with me," said Penny in Y4.



Wickham Primary School



**CRAFT EXHIBITION
JULY 30TH AND 31ST AND OPEN
GARDENS JULY 31ST IN BOTLEY.**

We are very pleased to announce that we have a wonderful Craft Exhibition in the Church for the whole weekend, 10-4pm, and several beautiful gardens will be open on the Sunday from 12 noon until 5pm. You'll be surprised to see how many talented people we have in our three villages! The beautiful Maffey embroideries will be on display too.

£5 will gain you entrance to both events or for just £1 you can view all the craft on display.

The open garden programmes will be on sale from June 26th from Beverley Thomas or Val Mercer, and just pay on the door for the crafts.

At the craft exhibition there will be demonstrations so you can see for yourselves how the beautiful articles are made, there will be goods on sale and a raffle.

Refreshments will be available and we will be serving Ploughman's lunches. Several of the gardens will be serving tea and cake too

There will also be a Children's art competition for you to cast your votes on!

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KNOWLE VILLAGE UPDATE

Knowle Village continues to expand and there are now more than 500 houses or flats occupied in the development. A general store, hairdressers and beauty salon has also opened in South Square, but both the final retail unit and the larger restaurant / bar area is still to be leased to tenants. As well as the obvious benefits that this brings (not having to drive to Wickham for a pint of milk and a newspaper!) it has started to bring some perspective to the development as the final phases are constructed. It has also become apparent that the amount of houses for sale or to let has dropped drastically over the past six months, which will hopefully lead to a more stable community who are able to make the most of the facilities provided.



Knowle Village Hall

Two volunteer groups exist within Knowle Village. The Knowle Village Residents' Association has made significant moves to understand fully the complex management scheme which all residents have to abide by.

Residents not only have to pay normal Council Tax, but also for a private management company to maintain the development. Their efforts have led to some residents gaining significant refunds from the management company and only actually paying for what they are getting!

The Knowle Community Buildings Association has successfully opened Knowle

Village Hall and is continuing to increase the use of the Grade II listed building with a joint venture with Wickham Community Association, providing a part time development manager.

The Wickham Parish Appraisal showed that most people liked living in Knowle Village due to the remote and rural location. There has been a lot of controversy regarding planning applications for the final phases of the development, with residents concerned about overcrowding, access issues, lack of facilities, lack of both residents' and visitor parking and the effect on neighbouring houses, such as those located in Mayles Lane. It is still unclear if these will be resolved, but the residents' voices are becoming stronger and hopefully by this time next year the development will be complete.

Edward Pickering

KNOWLE HOSPITAL CEMETERY

BACKGROUND

Knowle Hospital was built to house the "insane poor" of Hampshire in 1852. The cemetery and the mortuary chapel were consecrated on 23 October 1856. Before then, patients who died were buried in the pauper cemetery in Fareham. However, families could always take the bodies of relatives for burial elsewhere. Also hospital staff and residents of the few houses around the hospital were buried there. The site was used for burials until 1971.

THE RECORDS

All the known records concerning the hospital that are in the public domain are kept at the County Records Office in Winchester. The most informative for the cemetery are the "Registers of Burials". The earliest register dates from 7 February 1877. However, the first entry is number 897, so there were 896 burials on site prior to this date, but no records are extant.

There are several errors in the numbering of the entries, but allowing for these, the registers show that 5,578 people are buried in Knowle Hospital Cemetery.

THE SITE

The current site is on two levels: the lower has the earlier graves and the chapel, the higher has the more recent graves. In Spring 2001, Berkeley Homes erected a stout wooden fence on all sides of the site.

On the lower site there are 14 memorials that record names and dates. The earliest is from 1860 and the latest is from 1916. Of these, three are definitely memorials for hospital workers. The other 11 are memorials for patients.



On the upper site there are 16 memorials that record names and dates. The earliest is from 1915 and the latest is from 1967. Of these, four are definitely memorials for hospital workers. Twelve are memorials for patients. There are 30 plain concrete grave markers with numbers on them. These markers were originally upright with a number on both sides. However, most of them have been moved at some point and laid flat. Again, I have linked these markers back to entries for patients in the registers. The earliest entry is for December 1945 and the latest is for

November 1971. Local lore has it that this part of the cemetery contains war graves. This is untrue and the story has probably arisen because the regular arrangement of the identical plain concrete markers once resembled a war cemetery.

For more information, visit:

wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk/knowle_cemetery.htm

Sue Fitzgerald

KNOWLE VILLAGE CHURCH

By the time this magazine goes out Arnold will be just days away from his retirement. If he is looking forward to it with joy, or, what is so often the case, trepidation, I am not sure. What I do know is he will be sorely missed by many throughout the village.

I don't have as much contact with Arnold as some people do, but whenever I've met him he has always been cheerful and welcoming. His devotion to his congregation is obvious, especially in his care for the children of the village. I often hear, from Chloe, the stories he has told the school at Monday morning assemblies.

Having been involved with churches a couple of times before, when they have been searching for a new minister, I know it can be an interesting, as well as trying time for the church. It's one of those times when you really have to believe God will lead you. I am sure, though, whoever is appointed will be good for both church and village.

Our small congregation at Knowle would like to wish Arnold all the best in his retirement (though I have heard, more than once, a retired man of the cloth is often called upon to 'help out' almost as much as when he was employed full time!)

God Bless

Deborah Casper

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JULY & AUGUST 2005

From: Cheryl and Jerry Warner

Dear Editor,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you, in Wickham, for a special day. I remember, as a child I would ask my mother; "why are there no miracles today like in Jesus' time". She replied; "They are happening all around you, we're just too busy to notice them". I believe my mom was very wise in her answer. The miracles can be special things that happen to you every day (little blessings from heaven) from the birth of a baby, the near misses from accident, or a friend that is sent our way (just for us). I don't believe that our Lord throws out "chances" by tossing a pair of dice. I believe our Lord is on time, and deliberate with his actions, like placing two children of God to meet up with their brother in the cemetery of a very rich and unique church.

I must say, out of all the sights that my husband and I had the opportunity to experience (during our stay in your beautiful country), the best time we had was at your church. I was especially impressed with the stained glass windows on every corner, the pipe organ, the way the church's foundation takes the shape of a cross, and of course the marble sculpture of the Uvedale Family. If you had not been there at the precise time that we were viewing the outside, we would not have had the chance to experience the majestic work that was contained within. Thank you to Neale for taking the time to show us around and explain many interesting facts about your church.

Many Blessings to You and Yours,
Your Sister in Christ
Cheryl and Jerry Warner
Florida, USA
(by email)

From Nic Holladay

Dear Editor,

Nic Holladay says: "Thanks for all your support!"

So many of you sponsored my run in the London Marathon that I hope you will understand if I express my thanks through the pages of the Parish Magazine.

I am delighted that I was able to hand over **£8,066.90 to Naomi House**. The breakdown of the amount was as follows:



Birthday Party at Greens: £5,467.00
Sponsorship of the run itself: £2,599.90

Together with Gift Aid, Naomi House will benefit to the tune of nearly £9,000.00.

Special thanks to the terrific staff at Greens and to Carol and Frank Duckworth for their personal generosity in hosting the Birthday Party. My thanks to those who helped organise and run the Party and all those who gave items for the auction and raffle, thereby making it possible to raise such a good sum. Thanks also, of course, to all of you who supported the Party and for bidding so enthusiastically in the auction! And my sincere thanks to so many, many more who added their personal sponsorship of the run itself making the training and the effort so worthwhile.

Oh, by the way....in case you are interested, I finished the race in 4 hrs 14 mins 43 secs....could I beat the 4-hour barrier next year...? We'll see!

Nic Holladay

Letters may be submitted by e-mail, but please include a postal address. If you do not want your email address published, please say so. Letters may be edited for reasons of space.

JULY & AUGUST 2005 DIARY

JULY

- Fri 1 14:00 Magazine Distribution Meeting, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
- Sat 2 14:30 Private Party, Church Room
 14:30 Holy Baptism: Michael-Luc Ratcliffe

Sun 3	SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Zachariah 9: 9-12
	08:00 Holy Communion	Romans 7: 15-25a
	09:45 Family Communion with Band and combined Choirs from Wickham Primary & Rookesbury Park Schools	Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-end
	11:30 Holy Baptism: Megan Rose Whiting Callum Alexander McIntosh	

- Mon 4 **ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE** (Transferred from 1st July)
 10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 12:00 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tue 5 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 12:00 Baby Clinic, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
- Wed 6 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
- Thur 7 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 11:00 Thursday Club Open Day, Wickham House
- Fri 8 14:00 Rookesbury Park School Speech Day
 15:30 Holy Baptism: Miles John Piran Trinder
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
- Sat 9 11:00 Holy Baptism: Jack Robin Roger Blake
 13:45 Holy Baptism: Jack Graham Lant,
Bradley Gary and Georgina Anne Gamblin
 16:00 Marriage Blessing: David and Nicola Gilmore

Sun 10	SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (Sea Sunday)	Isaiah 55: 10-13
	08:00 Holy Communion	Romans 8: 1-11
	09:45 Parish Communion	Matthew 13, 1-9, 18-23
	Preacher: Rev Ted Goodyer, Rector of Alverstoke	
	11:30 Holy Baptism: Daniel James Hawkins Bradbury Sophie Elizabeth Frost	

- Mon 11 12:00 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tue 12 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 12:00 Baby Clinic, Church Room
 15:00 Mothers' Union Garden Meeting – Garsons Garden Centre
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
- Wed 13 10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court
 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
- Thur 14 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 19:30 P.C.C. Church Room
- Fri 15 19:30 Fuchsia Society, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
- Sat 16 14:00 Holy Matrimony: Carole Knight/Paul Harris
 16:30 Holy Matrimony: Anne-Marie Richardson/Nicholas Partridge
12:00-17:00 HACKNEY FUN DAY, Meon Hall, Meonstoke

Sun 17	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 44: 6-8 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	11:30 Holy Baptism: Amelia Charlotte Silsbury Harrison John Cullimore	
	From 17:30 Period of informal band led worship followed by 18:00 Kairos Celebration Service at St Thomas Cathedral, Portsmouth during which Kairos Deanery Plans will be blessed.	

Mon 18	12:00 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room
Tues 19	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room 12:00 Baby Clinic, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed 20	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room 19:30 Model Engineers Society, Church Room
Thur 21	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 22	ST. MARY MAGDALENE 10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat 23	14:30 Holy Matrimony: Eleanor Yates/David Parsons

Sun 24	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	1 Kings 3: 5-12 Romans 8: 26-end Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	

Mon 25	12:00 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue 26	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed 27	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur 28	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 29	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat 30	16:00 25 th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving: Penny & Richard Burch

Sun 31	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Romans 9: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21
	Only One Service Today at	
	10:30 Parish Communion	
	FAREWELL TO OUR RECTOR, ARNOLD	

AUGUST

Mon 1	19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue 2	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed 3	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur 4	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 5	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat 6	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 14:00 Holy Matrimony: Julie Edwards/Adam Truscott 16:00 25 th Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving: John & Beverley Wetherill

Sun 7	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33
	08:00 Holy Communion: Canon Brian Phillips	
	09:45 Family Communion : Dr Maureen Capel-Edwards	

Mon 8	19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue 9	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room Mothers' Union, Visit to Winchester Cathedral 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed 10	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur 11	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 12 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 14	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 56. 1, 6-8
	08:00 Holy Communion : Rev Peter Kelly	Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32
	09:45 Parish Communion : Rev David Howes	Matthew 15: 21-28

Tue 16 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 17 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 18 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 19 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sat 20 17:30 Community Care, Church Room

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Sun 21	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 51: 1-6
	08:00 Holy Communion : Canon Brian Phillips	Romans 12: 1-8
	09:45 Parish Communion : Rev David Howes	Matthew 16: 13-20

Mon 22 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room

Tues 23 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 24 **ST BARTHOLOMEW, THE APOSTLE**

12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 25 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 26 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sat 27 14:30 Nuptial Mass: Emily O'Connell and Nicholas Perry

Sun 28	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Jeremiah 15: 15-21
	08:00 Holy Communion – Rev Canon Marion Mort	Romans 12: 9-end
	09:45 Parish Communion – Rev David Howes	Matthew 16: 21-end

Mon 29 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room

Tue 30 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 31 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

SEPTEMBER

Thur 1 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 2 14:00 Magazine Distribution Meeting, Church Room

19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

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SATURDAY 20th AUGUST
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From The Registers

Holy Baptism

Elena Amanda Osborne 05/06/2005

Cecily Grace Clark 26/06/2005

Holy Matrimony

Emily Johnson/Matthew Johnson 18/06/2005

Jillian Gilbertson/David Rainey 5/06/2005

Rest in Peace

Peter Merrett 82yrs 14/06/2005

Ron Gale 93yrs 16/06/2005

Marjorie Norgate 94yrs 30/06/2005

WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

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COMMUNITY CHEST

The association gratefully acknowledges the grant of £400 from Winchester City's Community Chest to help with the funding of the visit of the people from Villers-sur-mer, and their participation in the VE Day parade.

GARDEN PARTY; SUNDAY 3RD JULY 12 NOON - 3.30PM

This will take place at Willowden, Titchfield Lane. There will be a buffet, your first glass of wine, live music and convivial company.

Tickets, £7.50 are available from 01329 833400 or 01329 832346. We will be grateful if you bring the fewest number of cars possible by giving lifts to each other!

SECRETARY

We are pleased to welcome Dr Caroline Fribbance, a longstanding supporter of Wickham Twinning, as our new Secretary.

DATES FOR THE DIARY 2005

Quiz.....8th October

Wine Tasting.....19th November

Tony Johnson



From Left to right:
Andrew Burgess as Churchill, Richard Skipwith as
General de Gaulle, Tony Johnson
Front Sheena Bright and Joan Bramley.

WICKHAM WIVES

Our June meeting was taken up with the numbering of the bottles for the "bottle stall" at the Church Fete. I would like to thank everyone who so generously contributed bottles. We had a successful stall, making £290.00. As always, thank you to Pat Matthews for allowing us to assemble the bottles at her home. It is so handy for Beverley, and to the Wickham Wives who helped on Friday and Saturday.

May I add a personal "thank you" to Helena Smith who has deciphered my 'longhand' and printed my reports each month. She has been so tolerant of my computer illiteracy!!

On behalf of the "Wives", thank you Helena, and our very best wishes to you and your family for the forthcoming "happy event".

Arrangements for our proposed visit to Hillier's Arboretum on the afternoon of July 13th will be finalised at the beginning of July.

We have no meeting in August, our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting in the Church Room on 14th September at 7.30 for 7.45pm. Ideas for speakers, etc. for 2006 – please members.

Margaret Gwynn

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On a sunny day, which we hoped was not the beginning and end of summer, we gathered for our monthly meeting in St Nicholas Church Room. The usual business was discussed, names taken for a strawberry tea at Bishops Waltham on 22nd June, and then wished our Quiz team good luck in the first round of the competition. We congratulated ourselves with a very enjoyable lunch at The Millburys, hoping this will now become a regular event.

Our Talk today was given by Mrs Barbara Wells talking on Corn Dollies. She was a former County Chairman and National Craft Judge of the W.I. Corn Dollies does not conjure up anything very exciting does it? The talk was fascinating, the word Dollies is very misleading; they were really Goddesses of the

earth. Our particular English Goddess was called Bugantia. The whole thing is full of folk lore, and some were very bloodthirsty, and old traditions. She went through every county, the Devon rack, Staffordshire knot, Shropshire star and the Norfolk horn and so on. All these Dollies are made from straw which she gets from a thatcher near King's Somborne. This was a most entertaining afternoon.

The next meeting on 13th July is our planning meeting when we will discuss and plan our future programme. On 10th August we will hold our Garden meeting, a time to sit in pleasant surroundings, chat and enjoy a homemade tea and usually a Quiz to test us. And they usually do.

Competition winners – Molly Haydock, Margaret Carter
Flower of the month - Yvonne Case, Barbara Mullett, Joyce Cleife

Greta Weston

WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

At our meeting on May 3rd, we were shown a selection of slides from the late Stan Woodford's extensive collection. These were chosen by Brian Barrett and Barrie Marson. The former included a variety of local countryside and village scenes, flowers from various public gardens in Portsmouth and pictures from D-Day '40' (1984). Barrie's topics were the shops and people of Wickham in the past, depictions of local life and some maritime scenes taken on a 'Waverley' cruise.

Our Summer Visits programme includes;

June 7 th .	Shedfield Church, Study Centre, and Old Tower
July 6 th .	In Nelson's Footsteps (walk). Meet at Landport Gate
August 2 nd .	Historical Fareham (walk). Meet at St. Peter and Paul Church

Each meeting starts at 7 p.m. and costs £2

We shall also join the Fareham Society for its Annual Solent Cruise, hopefully viewing the QM2 and the Medina Estuary There are also a few places left for a coach trip to Chelsea Royal Hospital on June 18th.

Further information available from Brian (833384) or Barrie (832313)

Doreen Barrett

WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB

After a slow start to the season, where we lost the first two games, we won the following two, thus redeeming our position in the Hampshire League with some fine batting performances from Bob Hayward, Mark Raven and some equally fine bowling performances from Steve Judge and Nick Johnson. Also, a mention for Malc Merritt for bowling some tight line and length, ably supported by some excellent fielding by the rest of the team, thus creating, win or lose, a great team spirit.



In the Winchester Evening League we have been playing some top quality opposition, but no matter who our opponents are we have given them all a good game. We have had one win, against Bishops Waltham, which could be said to have been against the form, but hopefully with the current spirit within the Club, it won't be long before we get our second win. Sunday friendlies continue to be played in a more social manner, where we try to get everyone involved, batting or bowling, where winning is a bonus but enjoyment is paramount.

The Club was represented at the Craft Fair on Wickham Recreation Ground on 19th June – a change of venue from the usual Fair in Wickham Square which is normally combined with the Carnival. It was a little disappointing that there were fewer visitors to the Fair than usual but it was a day of glorious sunshine and it was also Fathers' Day so it was not entirely unexpected. Our display of old team photographs attracted many visitors and brought back many memories

There should be more news about the pavilion rebuilding project in next issue of the magazine – we are waiting for the final plans and costings before applying for planning permission. Then the ball really starts rolling! Watch this space!

Lesley Wilde

THURSDAY CLUB

What a day of contrasts for the June monthly meeting! On a glorious sunny day we had a wonderful talk by P.C. Paul Roose, illustrated with slides of snow-covered mountains and icefalls, on his trip up Mount Everest as part of the 50 year celebrations after its conquest.

The outing on June 9th was on another lovely summer day, warm and sunny but not too hot! Following a scenic drive along the edge of Salisbury Plain, members boarded a horse-drawn narrow boat on the Kennet and Avon Canal at Kintbury. The delightful leisurely trip, as the charming Shire horse Bonnie plodded her way slowly along the towpath, was a pleasant and relaxing experience enlivened by a big splash as the lad steering the narrow boat fell into the water! Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon - including the boat boy.

LDC

1ST WICKHAM SCOUTS

We had a very successful May Day Fayre and raised £1,400. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help organise the day.

Our next event will be a sponsored fire engine pull in Wickham Square at 11am on Sunday 10th July. The Wickham beavers, cubs and scouts will be combining in an attempt to pull the Wickham fire engine through the square for a distance of 26 meters. Please come and support the children – the fire engine is extremely heavy and they will need encouragement. The proceeds of this event will be shared between the Great Ormond Street Leukaemia appeal, the Southampton General Hospital Leukaemia unit and the Scouts.

Thank you

Jane Turner
Secretary

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

SOUTHAMPTON'S NEW SEAFARERS' CENTRE

The centre has been busy since it opened, with seafarers making full use of the ten new 'phone booths, five internet stations as well as snacks area with shop, library and chapel. The centre is a partnership of Apostle of the Sea, British and International Sailors' Society and Mission to Seafarers. It was opened by Mary Fagan, Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, with a dedication and blessing in the pretty chapel. There were representatives from all faiths, Roman Catholic Bishop of Portsmouth, Anglican Bishop of Southampton, plus representatives from government agencies, port authorities, local shipowners and all three societies.

It was set up in response to a study funded by the Merchant Navy Welfare Board that concluded a single centre serving all seafarers, should be established in Southampton. It is open 7 days a week with three chaplains, one from each Society, to provide practical and spiritual welfare needs.

The Chaplaincy Team together with the voluntary ship visitors aim to visit 80% of all ships visiting the port. It is anticipated that in excess of 20,000 seafarers of all nationalities, religions and creeds will pass through the centre each year with the help of two mini buses. These people will be ferried to and from the Docks, Fawley and Marchwood Military Port.

The Centre is based in the Missions to Seafarers building, The Flying Angel House in Queen's Terrace, Southampton, which has been extensively refurbished, funded with grants from Corporation of Trinity House, Seafarers' Trust, Merchant Navy Welfare Board and all three founding societies.

Anyone wishing to take a look at the Centre will be made most welcome.

Sea Sunday will soon be here, 10th July. As usual I am holding a Flag Day in Wickham Square on Saturday 16th July and also the usual Bric-a-brac stall. Anyone willing to help me out with the flag boxes would be a huge help and very welcome. Just an hour or so would be much appreciated. I am also still looking for bits and pieces in good condition – if you have anything, I will collect. Just ring 01329 833922.

Sandy Beckett

OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS



MEON VALLEY U3A

The first meeting of the new “academic” year 2005/06 for the Meon Valley U3A will take place on Tuesday, 20th September at 2pm in the Houghton Room at Wickham Community Centre. The theme for the year is “Pathways of Discovery and Change”. The speaker on that day will be Devon Campbell-Hall, who will discuss “Asian Britishness in Recent Multi-cultural Fiction”.

Four Music Appreciation Group meetings are planned at Soberton Heath, led by Dr. Denis May. The first, at 2pm on Wednesday 19th October, discusses “Stravinsky and the Ballet”.

The Reading Group’s first meeting is at 2pm on Tuesday, 27th September.

The full programme of meetings will be available in August: Telephone (01489) 878503 for more details

MEON VALLEY CITIZENS’ ADVICE BUREAU

Q. I am due to have a baby in July, I already have a 4 year old and a one year old. I have recently seen a leaflet about the Child Trust Fund in the supermarket. How can I find out if my children are eligible?

A. Child Trust Fund is a new savings and investment account for children, set up by the government to ensure that all children have some money behind them to start their adult life.

Child Trust Fund is only available for children born on or after 1st September 2002 who are living in the UK and are not subject to immigration control. Children who are eligible will receive a £250 voucher to start their own Child Trust Fund account. Family and friends will also be able to contribute up to £1,200 a year to the child’s account. The money will belong to the child and can’t be touched until they turn 18.

When your baby is born, you must apply for and be awarded Child Benefit before you can open a Child Trust Fund account. You will then automatically receive an information pack and voucher for £250 for your child, which you can use only to open a Child Trust Fund account. If you already claim Child Benefit for your one year old then you should receive an information pack and voucher between January and May 2005 without having to claim it. Your one year old will receive a slightly higher payment to take account of the fact that an account could not be opened for him/her earlier.

Some children will receive an extra £250 if they are part of a household receiving Child Tax Credit with a household income below a certain level. The Inland Revenue will make the payment automatically so there is no need to make a claim should this affect you. You will be able to choose where to open a Child Trust Fund account for your child. When you receive your information pack you will get a list of account providers and the different types of accounts on offer. Log onto www.childtrustfund.gov.uk or www.adviceguide.org.uk for more information, or ring the Child Trust Fund help line on **0845 302 1470**.

You can get more detailed information and advice on Child Trust Funds, or any other problem, contact your local **CAB** at The Library, Bank Street, **Bishop’s Waltham**, SO32 1AN, Tel. No. (01489) **896376** open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If this is not convenient, please note our **Thursday evening appointments only** session (**from 4 to 7 p.m.**) We also take appointments (through the Bishop’s Waltham Bureau) for our CAB Outreach at the Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, which is held on Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m., or you can go to the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk

We are currently recruiting volunteers to train as Advisors. If you are interested in becoming a CAB volunteer please contact us as above.

ARTICLES, POEMS & REVIEWS

OFTEN

by Tony Johnson

(Richard Dimbleby said the first victims of the concentration camps that he saw were wandering aimlessly. In 1945 a front page of the Daily Mirror had a gruesome picture.)

Among aimless wanderers
He sat quite still,
Until a soldier
Touched his shoulder
Lightly from behind.
Too late for kindness,
He fell into flakes.
He had kept his shape
Like burnt cardboard.
So bore witness
To the fresh crime,
To the man he had been,
So gave up even
The ghost of himself,
Spilled to wander
A restless witness
In a child's mind,
Resuming his shape,
Often...often...

Embroidery Exhibition

*An outing to be held on
Monday 1st August 2005*

To visit a church in Portsmouth to view an
Embroidery Exhibition,
plus a Ploughman's Supper
The cost will be £6.50
Transport will be provided
Will all interested persons please contact
Bill Toogood on 01329 832457

N.S.P.C.C.

SUMMER SOIREE

On Friday 15th July
At Great Pecks, Blind Lane, Wickham
At 7.00 for 7.30 pm
£15 per person – supper included
Please bring own chair and drink
Cheques to N.S.P.C.C. by 1st July
Enquiries – Alison Hall Tel: 833376

A 21ST CENTURY PRAYER

Submitted by

Eileen Harris,

Windsor, Berkshire

(a frequent visitor to lovely Wickham)

Dear Lord:

Every single evening as I'm lying here in bed
This tiny little prayer keeps running though my
head.
God bless all my family wherever they may be,
Keep them warm and safe from harm for they're so
close to me.

And God, there is one more thing I wish that you
could do.
Hope you don't mind me asking bless my computer
too.
Now I know that it's not normal to bless a mother
board
But listen just a second while I explain to you, my
Lord.

You see, this little metal box holds more than odds
and ends.
Inside these small compartments rest so many of my
Friends.
I know so much about them by the kindness that
they give,
and this little scrap of metal takes me in to where
they live.

By faith is how I know them, much the same as you.
We share in what life brings us and from that our
relationships grew.
Please, take an extra minute from your duties up
above
To bless those in my address book that's filled with
so much love!

Wherever else this prayer may reach to each and
every friend,
Bless each e-mail Inbox and the person who hits
Send.

When you update your heavenly list on your own
CD-Rom
Remember each who've said this prayer
Sent up to God.com

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL REPORT – JULY 2005

Winchester City Councillors representing Wickham, Knowle and Curbridge:

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A NEW COUNCIL YEAR

At the beginning of the new municipal year in May elections are held for Council posts and committees. Thérèse was elected Deputy Leader of the Council for the fourth year and keeps the Portfolio for Culture, Heritage and Sport on the Cabinet. She also sits on the Planning Development Control and Licensing and Regulation Committees. Phil sits on Principal Scrutiny, Central Services Scrutiny, Appeals and Disputes and Statement of Accounts Committees, the West of Waterlooville Forum and Winchester Highways and Transport and Advisory Panel.

NEW RECEPTION AREA FOR THE COUNCIL

Winchester City Council's new reception has been totally refurbished and redesigned to ensure all services are available at ground-floor level. Previously housing, licensing and electoral registration receptions were on different floors. The new area includes quick access to customer service advisors, longer opening hours - 8am-6pm - private meeting rooms, computers with internet access for public use, customer toilet, induction hearing loop, children's play equipment and constantly updated information about services on a large plasma screen. If you are ringing the Council your query will be dealt with by the Customer Service Centre in the first instance to ensure your query can be dealt with promptly by the most appropriate department.

PARKING IN WICKHAM SQUARE

There continues to be much debate over the 'free' time and length of maximum stay. At the time of going to press there are no recommendations from the Parish Council to Winchester City Council for any immediate changes. The scheme is due to be reviewed after a trial period by the WCC Parking Manager.

THE CHANGING FACE OF WINCHESTER

There are many exciting projects planned for the future in Winchester:

1. The City Council has donated finance and land to the County Council for a 'Cultural Centre'/Discovery Centre to be built at the Library site in Jewry Street. Planning permission

has to be given by the Secretary of State as it is a listed building and once this is approved works will commence. The Centre which we hope will be ready by Spring 2007 will not only be a library but include local heritage displays, an art gallery capable of taking national collections and spaces for theatre and performances. A more appropriate name is currently being sought. Any suggestions?

2. There is also a development proposed in the Broadway/Friarsgate end of town which will bring a £100m investment to replace the bus station, 2 doctors' surgeries and the car park. All these facilities will be relocated and the new development called Silver Hill will contain new shops, houses and flats, leisure facilities, public spaces and art revitalise a rather run down part of the City.

3. Winchester Cathedral is also consulting the public on a proposed development brief for the Cathedral Close.

WANT TO GET OUT AND ABOUT IN THE SUMMER?

Winchester Tourist Information Centre by the Guildhall in the Broadway has a wide variety of leaflets and advice on events in the Winchester district, as well as guided walks around the city. Among the publications are: "Explore every Winchester"; "What's On"; "Days to Treasure" and the self-guided Watercress Trail around the District, featured in the national press. The official website is www.visitwinchester.co.uk or ring 01962 840500.

OUR NEXT COUNCILLOR SURGERY

Will be in Wickham Community Centre on Tuesday September 13th 7-8pm. No appointment necessary. Do feel free to contact us at anytime before then if we can help.

Enjoy the long days of summer!



Thérèse and Phil



Wickham Parish Council Annual Report May 2004 - April 2005

The Parish of Wickham

Wickham Parish is one of the largest parishes within the District of Winchester City Council with nearly 1600 houses. The parish extends along Titchfield Lane and Fontley Road to the south west of Wickham centre; it also includes Old Knowle and Knowle Village. To the east we have Boarhunt and Soberton as neighbours with Shedfield, Curdridge and Whiteley to the north and west.

The Parish Council

The Parish Council comprises 11 Councillors who are elected every four years. Councillors are unpaid and are governed by a mandatory code of conduct which includes obligations to act in an appropriate manner.

The Parish Council provides a **local voice** for its residents; each Parish Council differs in the work it carries out. The majority of the work carried out by Wickham Parish Council is through its committees: Finance, General Purpose, Planning, Recreation, Street Lighting and the Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust. We also have a Highways representative to deal with road and transport issues; a Tree Warden and representatives for Wickham Community Association; Wickham Youth Club and Wickham Square Events.

Communication

The Parish Council has notice boards in The Square and at Knowle, it also produces a regular newsletter for the Parish Magazine and has a website to keep residents up to date with its work: www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk.

Residents are very welcome to contact Councillors and Clerk with issues of concern.

Parish Council News for 2004/5

It was with much sadness that we received the news of the death of Brian Sharp a very hard working councillor who was responsible for much of the work carried out by the GP Committee. He is greatly missed.

Peter Gwynn, another very long serving councillor decided to retire last year, his extensive reporting on highway issues and input into many village projects is also missed. During a small presentation ceremony in appreciation of Peter's work for the Council, Peter told us that he and Margaret were celebrating their 50th year together and were spending more time together than ever previously in their married life. He reported that " Strangely this works very well!"

The road to the new houses in Mill Lane will be named Gwynn Way in recognition of the contribution to village life that Peter has made.

New Councillors and Chairman

Three new councillors have been co-opted to fill vacancies in the last year: Martin Coles, Edward Pickering and Mrs Jenny Hollis.

Dr Morgan O'Connell retired as Chairman at the May 2005 AGM after serving for four years, our thanks for his work. Morgan is now Chairman of the GP Committee and our new Council Chairman is Mrs Angela Clear.

The Parish Plan

The Parish Plan was published last year, setting out our vision for our community. Work is being carried out towards the action items and regular updates are made in our newsletters.

If new residents would like a copy please contact the Clerk. It is also available to view on our website.

Photography Competition

Look out for the posters advertising the Stan Woodford photographic competition for residents of Wickham Parish. The subject is **Life in Wickham 2005** and application forms are available from Studio 6 in The Square email: print@studio-6.co.uk. Closing date 31st December 2005.

Quality Parish Status for Wickham

The Parish Council is working towards securing Quality Parish Status, this should raise the profile of the work of the Parish Council with higher authorities; it will also provide access to specialist funding opportunities.

The Annual Parish Assembly

The Parish Council has a duty to arrange a meeting of electors each year - The Annual Parish Assembly. The meeting is an opportunity for residents to meet each other and councillors to raise any issues of concern and to hear about community projects.

This year's Parish Assembly was different!!

We were entertained by our young people, the Cubs showed us some of their activities, the WASP group presented some of their work and a video of the group in action, the Youth Club amazed us with their talents, dancing and singing with lots of happy faces.

Sue Roger-Jones and her team provided a wonderful feast which was greatly appreciated by our young entertainers, all disappearing with amazing speed!

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the event.

Low cost homes for local people

The houses being built in Mill Lane are for local people in housing need. To be considered, applicants need to be on Winchester City Council's housing list. Please contact the Clerk if you would like an application form.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviews the Council's income and expenditure on a regular basis; it also discusses applications from local organisations seeking funding assistance and makes recommendations to the Full Council.

This Committee sets the budget or precept for the following financial year, this is the amount of money that the Council requests Winchester City Council to raise on behalf of the Parish Council through the Council Tax.

A copy of the accounts for the year ending March 2004 is included later in this report.

Grants approved by the Parish Council for 2004/5 include:

- Wickham Play Scheme - £750
- Citizens Advice Bureau - £1750
- First Responders - £500
- Home Start - £500
- Three Bears Play Group - £400 towards fencing for an outside play area
- Wickham Youth Club - £60 for a Karaoke machine
- Knowle Community Buildings Association - £5000 towards set up costs for the converted chapel - Knowle Village Hall

Accounts for end of March 2004

2002/03		2003/4
	Income	
57,801	Precept	63,700
1,069	Interest	1,106
360	Football	874
519	Tennis	Nil
391	VDS Sales	100
14,667	Skateboard Rink grant	Nil
4,490	Basketball nets grant	Nil
2,750	Parish Plan grant	Nil
300	Youth Club grant	Nil
9,014	VAT Reimbursements	Nil
91,361	Total income	65,780
	Expenditure	
11,504	Employment	13,633
6,589	General Administration	8,298
14,284	Grants	16,857
8,771	General Purposes Committee	7,949
3,874	Lighting Committee	2,215
45,240	Recreation Committee	4,608
1,584	Parish Plan	920
153	Replace computer	514
	Councillor training	158
	Whiteley accounts transfer	10,608
9,303	VAT	1,675
101,302	Total Expenditure	67,435
	GENERAL FUND	
43,694	Balance at 1 April	33,753
91,361	Add: Total Income	65,780
135,055		99,533
101,302	Less: Total Expenditure	67,435
33,753	Balance at 31 March	32,098

General Purposes Committee

The GP, or General Purpose, Committee is landed with the work that can't be allocated to any of the other committees!

The flower displays in the Village are organised by this committee, it also employs Mr Norman Melsome, our hardworking village cleaner and assists with funding the church yard maintenance.

This committee has looked at ways to improve the car parking situation in The Square, carrying out surveys of car park users with the help of Wickham Society, which has resulted in the pay and display system.

The committee is also working to secure a new burial ground as the church yard will be closing soon.

Work is being carried out to transfer the ownership of the cemetery that served Knowle Hospital, to the Parish Council. There will be limited public access to the site and the Parish Council will be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

Planning Committee

This committee considered 100 planning applications made to Winchester City Council between April 2004 and March 2005; the committee may comment, support or object to applications. A notable objection was for a waste transfer station at Pegham Coppice due to the effect of traffic and noise on nearby residents (later won by the applicant on appeal).

The Committee has raised concerns regarding the density of new development planned in the Parish and the lack of parking, in particular the

applications for Phases 3,6 & 8 at Knowle and the Animed site.

This committee has also overseen the planning of 12 affordable houses in Mill Lane, the houses may only be occupied by people in housing need with a Wickham connection. The Parish and District Councillors asked for a new access to the site off Mill Lane but Winchester City Council disagreed on planning and highway safety grounds.

Hampshire County Council's plans to close Springles Lane to through traffic and to build a footpath from River Lane to Segensworth Road will be supported by the Committee.

Copies of planning applications are available to view locally by contacting the Clerk - no need to travel to Winchester. Many applications are also available to view online on Winchester City Council's website: www.winchester.gov.uk. (Use the public access link.)

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee is a busy one; it looks after the recreation ground in Fareham Road, which is rented from Rookesbury Estate. The Parish Council employs a Groundsman to maintain the landscaping, tennis court and football pitch and also the ageing 'pavilion' housing changing areas for home and away teams.

This Committee also manages the play areas on the Recreation Ground and in front of the Community Centre. The skatepark is also the responsibility of this Committee. Regular safety inspections are carried out by Committee members and repairs actioned as necessary.

In 2004/5 new seats and bins have been provided for the skatepark and

new springers for the Community Centre play area. A cctv system has also been installed to cover the skatepark and community centre grounds and car parks.

Future plans include new play equipment for the recreation ground to replace the elderly twin slides; a consultation with residents of The Circle and Spur to ask whether they would like play equipment on the green and a consultation with all Wickham residents regarding possible options for providing additional recreation space in the village. Please see the leaflet enclosed with this magazine to return your views.

Street Lighting Committee

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and running costs of 73 street lights in the Wickham area.

Last year new lights were installed on the footpath between Buddens Road and Elizabeth Road and also at the bottom of Hoads Hill and in Holt Close,

The Parish Council applies for grant funding for lighting which usually covers half the cost of new installations. If you would like an area to be considered for new lighting please contact us.

Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust

The Parish Council, as Trustee, oversees the maintenance of the Water Meadows for the benefit of both wildlife and visitors. The leasing and maintenance of the Old Forge are also the responsibility of the Trust. This year the paths have been rebuilt and the steps repaired, a memorial seat for Mrs Moya Pratt, our Lollipop Lady, has also been installed.

Wickham Parish Council Contact details

Chairman

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Vice-Chairman

Mrs Jenny Mallett, Great Fontley Farm, Titchfield Lane, Wickham, P015 6EA tel 01329 832177
(Chairman of Planning Committee and Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust)

Councillors

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(General Purposes Committee Chairman and Footpaths and Rights of Ways representative)

Mr Edward Pickering, 37 Victoria Mews, Knowle, PO17 5JX tel 07963 237729

Mrs Sue Roger-Jones, Merrilees, Fareham Road, Wickham, PO17 5BY tel 01329 833165
(Recreation Committee Chairman, Wickham Youth Club and Community Association representative)

Clerk

Mrs Nicki Oliver, Heatherdene, Turkey Island Shedfield, Southampton Hants, S032 2JE Tel 01329 835019
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