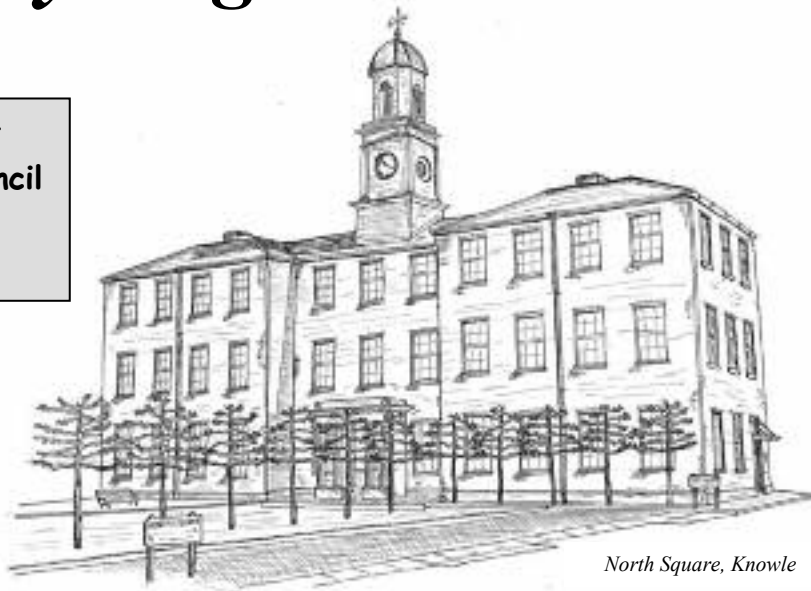


St Nicholas Church, Wickham

July/August 2006

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A LETTER FROM SHIRLEY

Dear Friends,

“Varje morgon är en gåva”, (Every day is a gift) – many years ago my daughter Kirsty embroidered these words, complete with a flower border and put them in a little frame, which now hangs beside the computer in my study. The words are Swedish and it was whilst she was staying over there with friends that she worked the stitches which mean so much to me.



Every day is a gift from God and whatever the day brings there is always something to give thanks for. Last weekend, as I write, was the Church Fete and what a glorious occasion it was. Despite worries of ‘football fatigue’ and the heat of the day, crowds of people came and enjoyed the fruits of many months of hard labour and sleepless nights!! However, success cannot and should not be governed by monetary rewards!

As Christians we are reminded of our duty to practice hospitality within these verses from 1 Peter 4:8-11, “Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

Church fetes, as with everything we do as a church community, are one way of ‘practising hospitality’, of bringing together the whole community to enjoy the gifts that we have all received, and the bonus is that all the funds raised will go towards continuing the service, ministry and outreach carried out in God’s grace in this place. Long may they continue to be a feature of village life and many thanks to all those who tirelessly give of their time and talents to ensure that they do.

Well, another month has gone by and gradually I am getting to know more and more people in and around St Nick’s! Forgive me if I don’t always remember your name first time, I will remember your face! Life is full of changes but hopefully these will not be too drastic and always, first and foremost, to enhance worship and fellowship within God’s church and to make it accessible to all who seek Him. Jesus said, ‘suffer the little children to come unto me’ – from September the ‘Junior Church’ will resume with new vigour! On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at 9.45am children aged 5 and upwards (up to Yr 6) will meet in the Church Rooms and Toddlers from babies to ‘rising 5’s’ will be looked after in church. ALL are WELCOME. Help us to nurture our young people in faith, give them the very best and certain teaching in a world which is so full of uncertainty and doubt..... and remember, it can be FUN!! God is not all about ‘thou shalt not’ rather He is a God who says ‘thou shalt’

In His Love,

Ps From July, the third Sunday in the month will be a 6pm Choral Evensong and we do hope that friends from Shedfield will join us. Do encourage your friends to come along to this and every service. There is an Evensong at 6pm in Shedfield on the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays for those who would like a Book of Common Prayer service, all welcome.

EDITORIAL

Dear All.....

Well, it's that time of year again when you can't escape from the smell of BBQs and freshly cut grass and all you can think about is sitting in the sun with a cold drink in your hand (preferably alcoholic) that is if you're anything like me! You probably like catching the World Cup on the TV sometimes too!



The June month also brings the annual church and Wickham village fete. For those of you that didn't attend, there was entertainment from the RBL Victory Brass band and there was also dancing from the Wickham Primary School and Swanmore Junior Morris. There was also a wide range of stalls ranging from plants and produce to Bric-a-Brac. A pleasant day for all the family!

As the summer progresses there will be other things going on in the village to keep you occupied and no I don't mean the football...

In August Wickham is holding its first festival! The campsite and the festival area will be based around the Community Centre and the ground surrounding it. There will be bands and artists playing such as, Sparks, Richard Thompson, Oysterband, Spiers and Boden and many more! The festival will be held on Thursday the 3rd to Sunday the 6th of August. For all ticket information and for a more detailed line up visit the home page: www.wickhamfestival.co.uk. We hope to have a great turn out!

I hope you all have a brilliant summer whether you're going away or staying at home and don't forget to check out the Wickham Web cam on: www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk for an insight of what's going on in the Square.

One last thing... COME ON ENGLAND!

All my love,

Sue xx

Assistant Editor

Children in Church

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month at 9.45am children aged 5 and upwards (up to Yr 6) will meet in the Church Room and Toddlers from babies to 'rising 5's' will be looked after in church.

ALL are WELCOME. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays the children will be engaged within the church service as a much valued part of the church family.

Shirley



The Sad Passing of Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend. Common Sense, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as 'Knowing when to come in out of the rain', 'Why the early bird gets the worm', 'Life is not always fair' and 'Maybe it was my fault'.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (do not spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Panadol, sun lotion or a sticking plaster to a student; but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you could not defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents. 'Truth and Trust'; his wife 'Discretion'; his daughter 'Responsibility' and his son 'Reason'.

He is survived by three stepbrothers: 'I Know My Rights'; 'Someone Else is To Blame' and 'I'm A Victim'.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on; if not, join the majority and do nothing. Of course you could all join me in hope, and wait for his 'Resurrection'.

PARK PLACE PERSPECTIVES



Inter Faith Jewish Christian Weekend

*Led by Rabbi Danny Rich
and Father Vladimir
Held at Park Place
May 19th-21st 2006*

This was a very exciting, informative weekend, when we compared the Jewish Hebrew read from a scroll with a modern day translation of the bible. The theme for the weekend was Martyrdom. Starting off with Saul in the Old Testament Book of Samuel. Right up to modern day martyrs of the 20th Century, led by Father Vladimir. At Sunday Mass, Rabbi Danny Rich gave an inspiring sermon on John 15 which got everybody talking about for days?

Every year the group meets up at Park Place. Jews, Muslims and Christians from a wide area of London, covering Orthodox and Reformed Jews, Muslims, Church of England and Catholics. Father Vladimir was a Russian Orthodox Priest, but that's another very interesting story. Apparently it started up 6 years ago by a group of them going on a trip to Israel and wanting to meet up after the trip. They hope again to go next year to Israel led by Rabbi Danny Rich.

The Imam, who is a member of Danny's group, could not be at Park Place this year with them because his wife was ill and he had to stay at home with her.

The Inter Faith weekend is already booked for next year 24th – 27th April 2007, the theme is The Land of Israel. It is open for others to join them so contact the sisters at Park Place and they will give you the details. Tel: 01329 833043

La Shanah Haba'a BiYerushalayim Next year Jerusalem!

Penny Candlin

Date for your diary:

Summer Garden Party at Park Place
Pastoral Centre on Sunday 16th July 2006
3.00pm to 5.30pm

FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER

Community is good for you. It is also good for society too. Research has shown that social interaction through family, good relationships and belonging to groups and organisations brings

enormous benefits. Scholars have concluded that whether we are talking about secure neighbourhoods, the achievements of children at school, the involvement of individuals in their communities, or general health and happiness - they all tend to show improvement when there are good levels of human interaction. Some of the findings are quite amazing. For instance, if you belong to no groups but decide to join one, you cut your risk of dying over the next year by half.

The statistics show that if you presently smoke and belong to no groups but decide to join one, it is likely to do you as much good as stopping smoking. People with a good social network even tend to get fewer colds and recover more quickly from serious illness than those with a poor network of support. In terms of happiness and general life satisfaction, half a century of research has revealed that well being is founded upon the breadth and depth of one's social connections. The message is clear, community is good for us as individuals and it's good for society too.

The problem is that in western societies the amount of social interaction we do is in serious decline. People do not join groups and organisations like they once did. Our age is the age of the individual, where people often live in quiet isolation and are not greatly concerned about meeting with others. The church like many other organisations has felt the effects of this very severely. For those with responsibility for government and community leadership this decline in joining ought to be a major concern. From the point of view of those of us in the church it enables us to say that church is good for you!

At a time when we celebrated the birthday of the Christian church (Pentecost Sunday, 4 June) this can only be good news. On the basis of research alone, we can announce as fallacy the idea that being a solitary Christian, outside of the Christian community, is just as good and acceptable as being involved in church. It plainly is not. But perhaps most of all, it challenges the church to provide the kind of communities that people might want to belong to. There are, clearly, no easy answers about how to do this. But there is a definite need to think creatively about how people can be enticed out of their homes and join Christian groups. Not only for the advancement of God's work and the growth of the church but also for the general health and well being of our communities.

Stephen Wright

WHAT'S THE WORD

IS THERE ANY TIME TO PONDER?

Greetings Wickham, from Me Tony Perry, recently appointed as the new Community Lay Worker for Wickham.

I also have been given a mandate to start a community based fellowship whilst also working alongside local churches and believers in Christ to spread the Gospel, the good news of salvation that Jesus Himself told His disciples to take to the whole world. At the same time He commanded us to make disciples of men by teaching all of the things that he had taught them. These teachings are all in the Bible, which Jesus called the scriptures. They are also referred to as The Word of God. Basically it is the responsibility of the Church, the Body of Christ to teach and publish the Word of God so that all men everywhere will hear and be given the choice to either accept or reject the offer of the new life that Jesus has already paid for when he gave his life in exchange for ours as a payment for our sin debt.

Sometimes I wonder if we convey the message in a way which today's average person can understand. I really have a passion to see people brought to a real saving knowledge of the man Jesus Christ instead of just becoming seat fillers in a church meeting. Jesus said that "you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" John 8: 32. He also said that "I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the Father but by me" John 14:6.

In today's modern fast paced life I sometimes wonder if people have time anymore to stop and think just where this life is taking them. Even though Wickham is a village I am disturbed to see the size of the huge articulated lorries that use the small main roads racing at speed alongside those small pavements leading up to Park Place, whilst some elderly pedestrians were blasted by the jet stream of traffic. It seems that the city is coming to a village near you. In all this fast pace, media driven lifestyle that is rapidly becoming the norm, I wonder, is there time anymore to ponder where am I going to spend eternity or even if there is an eternity.

If anyone out there wants to take time to stop and consider these things, I have a suggestion that may aid you in your quest. Try to find a quiet place and ask Jesus to reveal Himself to you. Ask Him to come into your heart and to be your Lord and Saviour and to cleanse you from all of your sin. Ask Him to give you the gift of The Holy

Spirit to guide you and lead you in your new life ahead and to give you power to be a communicator of what He has done for you. If you decide to do this, contact me at the Community Centre in Wickham or leave a message for me at Waltham Chase Methodist Church, or anyone at this publication and I am sure that they will pass it on to me.

Until next month Shalom, Peace and God bless.

Tony Perry

KNOWLE VILLAGE CHURCH

Our little church took part in the first Knowle Village Quiz Night, and managed to put together four teams to take part.

It was a fun night, and we can be very proud of our efforts. 'Deborah's Darlings' (no, I didn't come up with the name!) led for most of the night until the fateful 'Monopoly' round. But never fear, the overall winners were 'Holy in Spirit, Holey in Knowledge' with our own Rev Mike.

The team winning the 'Two Short Planks' booby prize was also from the church (Knowle Neighbours) with our fourth team (Drummers and Roadies) holding on strong in the middle.

A lot of thanks must go to Allison Matthews and Debbie Hotham for putting the whole thing together. Allison and Debbie work extremely hard to bring a sense of community to Knowle, sometimes with a very disappointing result.

Evenings like this are a great way to get to know your neighbours, and make some new friends. We have a tendency to shut ourselves away in our homes, and never get to meet those around us. It doesn't take much effort to be part of the community. Just turning up at any of the organised activities is a start.

We are your community church and EVERYONE is welcome. Our next services are:-

9th July
23rd July
13th August
27th August

Services start at 10am, in the old church building.

'Do not forget your friends or father's friends. If you are in trouble, don't ask your brother for help: a neighbour near by can help you more than a brother who is far away.'

Proverbs 27v10

God Bless

Deborah Casper

P.S. The Quizmaster also did an excellent job!

THE MOTHERS' UNION



We were so pleased to welcome the Reverend Elizabeth Groves to our June meeting, her membership of the Mothers' Union being transferred to us from Botley, Curdridge and Durley. Wickham's new Priest-in-Charge, the Reverend Shirley Henderson is also a member of MU and she will be taking our Holy Communion Service for us in September. We are so pleased to have the support of both.

Our speaker at the June meeting was the Reverend Harvey Griffiths, friend to us all in Wickham since his retirement from Southwick last year. He remains as the Chaplain of Rowans Hospice and it is about their Hospice Travel that he came to speak to us. Indeed this is the tenth anniversary year of this venture which has raised thousands of pounds over these years. Each trip or holiday includes a small donation for the Hospice. He and a parishioner from St. James, Southwick have always looked for the best deals from travel agents, telling them that it was to raise money for the Hospice. This aim has always been well received and it is because of this that so much money has been made. Harvey said that they began in a small way, such as day trips to France, particularly near Christmas. In those days one benefited from Duty Free goods! There soon followed holidays of varying length, in such places as Prague, Dublin, Sicily, Portugal, Venice, Madeira, Barcelona and Crete, all of which were very popular. A four day tour has been arranged for November to Vienna, and in 2007 there will be a cruise on the "Aurora" to the

Baltic Capitals. A number of our members have been on some of these holidays and found them thoroughly enjoyable.

Our Outing this year, in July, will be to Portsmouth Cathedral, to hear our World Wide President, Trish Heywood. She has been such an inspiring leader and many MU members in our Diocese are looking forward to hearing her.

Our Garden Meeting for members, husbands and friends, will be held at 3, Glebe Corner, on Tuesday August 8th. This year we will have a Bring and Share Lunch at 12.30pm.

On the day following our Garden Meeting, on Wednesday August 9th, 10.00 to 15.00, there will be a Deanery Quiet Day at Droxford Church, led by the Reverend Valerie Howes (wife of our friend David).

Anne Marshall

CHRISTIAN AID WALK 2006



Thank you to everyone who sponsored the St. Nicholas' Church Team for the annual Christian Aid Walk on May 14th 2006. As requested by Hugh Spendlove, we all endeavoured to gain sponsorship to increase the Deanery donation for this year. A huge thank you to John and Sabrina Gwynn who not only completed the walk in record time, (due to a commitment in Oxford at 6pm) but also raised £526.50p. The final amount collected for the walk was £950.50p. An amazing result and one which has surpassed previous years.

Penny Burch

TWO ARAB PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS FROM BETHLEHEM TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

Thursday at 7.45pm 20 July

St. Paul's Parish Church, Chichester
(Traffic Circle Near the Festival Theatre Parking)

Ibrahim and May Jaber are active Christian leaders in Palestine and live in the Bethlehem suburb of Beit Sahour ('The Shepherds' Field'). Ibrahim is a professional tourguide and former teacher and May is a teacher at the Evangelical Lutheran School of Beit Sahour. They will be speaking of what the life of Palestinians is like living under the 39 year occupation of Palestine by the Israeli government and its military occupation forces. The public is invited to hear them and to share in the discussion time following.

Additional information can be obtained from the coordinator of this event, Lloyd Auchard, at 01730 817375 or by email at loyd.auchard@btopenworld.com.

WICKHAM VILLAGE FETE

Thank you

Thank you

Thank you

As you can see on page 8 the takings for the Fete were a little lower this year than previously, but considering we were up against England playing football in the World Cup we did remarkably well – so thank you everyone.

Our thanks are extended to the following for their generous donations or gifts in kind which contribute so much to the success of the Fete:

Ashley Manor Nursing Home	Mount Folly Nurseries
Bay Tree Gifts	Old House Hotel
Bay Tree Tea Rooms	Pages Newsagent
Birchall & Haydock, Chemist	R.G. Warwick & Partners
Biscoes, Solicitors	Redhill Nurseries
Clementine's Wickham Tea House	A.E. Roberts
Confiserie Verdonk	Rookesbury Estate
Garson's Garden Centre	Sheraton Insurance Brokers
Green's Restaurant & Café Bar	Studio 6
H M Hair Design Group	Taylor Garnier
Hampshire Delicatessen	Tull's Butcher's Shop
Heming & Co.	The Village Bakery
John Byrne, Estate Agents & Chartered Surveyor	Veranda Restaurant
King's Head Public House	Watson's Dairy
Lysses House Hotel	Wickham Fisheries Fish & Chips
McCarthy's Fruit & Vegetable Store	Wickham Scout Group
	Wickham Square Gallery
	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 the event each year.

Thank you to all those volunteers who contributed so much time and effort to making the fete a success, the stall holders and helpers, the team of helpers who worked from 8.00am to set up and then cleared away afterwards, working well into the evening. Thank you all.

Thank you to RBL Victory Brass Band, the pupils of Wickham Primary School and Swanmore Junior Morris for entertaining us. To Tom Houghton, Carol & 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

Fete Accounts 2006



Stall	Gross Takings	Expenses	Net Takings
Auction	£524.00		£524.00
Baked Potatoes	£68.90	£41.92	£26.98
Barrow of Bottles	£145.50	£26.27	£119.23
Books	£217.26		£217.26
Bottles	£339.50		£339.50
Bric-a-Brac	£420.64		£420.64
Cakes	£221.88		£221.88
Chocolate Tombola	£41.00		£41.00
Coconut Shy	£48.48	£15.00	£33.48
Draw <i>inc donations/prizes</i>	£1,829.39	£506.00	£1,323.39
Entrance Gate	£400.51		£400.51
Guess Where	£15.00	£10.00	£5.00
Ice Cream	£186.51	£82.72	£103.79
Name the Teddy	£21.50		£21.50
Pimms Tent	£800.00	£318.28	£481.72
Plant & Produce & Raffle	£952.30	£203.50	£748.80
Poppins	£23.00		£23.00
Quality Clothes	£240.00		£240.00
S/Sch Activity Table	£13.00		£13.00
Sandpit Chocolate Hunt	£11.80		£11.80
Smite	£17.00	£10.00	£7.00
Tea Tent	£181.31	£141.21	£40.10
Tombola	£125.50		£125.50
Videos & Cds DVDs	£67.72		£67.72
Y/Ch's Corner	£47.49	£145.00	-£97.51
Yellow Stall	£99.00		£99.00
Band		£130.00	-£130.00
Philspace <i>est'd</i>		£117.50	-£117.50
Serco <i>est'd</i>		£112.80	-£112.80
WCA Hire <i>est'd</i>		£200.00	-£200.00
Sundries		£43.35	-£43.35
First responders		£50.00	-£50.00
WCC Lottery Registration		£17.50	-£17.50
Totals	£7,058.19	£2,171.05	£4,887.14

Totals as at 16-06-06

GRAND DRAW 2006: List of Prize Winners

No.	Prize	Donor	Ticket No.	Winner
1	£300 Cash Prize	Anon	3411	Mrs. J. Rawson
2	£100 Cash Prize	Anon	2995	Mr & Mrs. Edgworth
3	£50 Cash Prize	Sheraton Ins. Brokers, J Byrne, Estate Agent	2663	R. Bradberry
4	Legal Voucher	Biscoes	3542	J. Smith
5	Meal for 2	Lysses House Hotel	3397	Goss
6	£50 Gift Voucher	Veranda Restaurant	5714	N. Holladay
7	Meal Voucher	Bay Tree Tea Rooms	1437	J. Tuffill
8	Bracelet	Wickham Square Gallery	2692	Miss Letcher
9	Verdigris Bird Bath / Cascade	Heming & Co.	2114	Lionel (bellringer)
10	Brossault Brut Champagne	Anon	5467	J. Harbridge
11	Bottle Bell's Whisky	Ashley Manor Nursing Home	5359	H. Gallagher
12	Small hamper	Anon	5649	Ware
13	£10 Gift Voucher	Garsons	0927	L/J
14	£10 Voucher	Confiserie Verdonk	5806	Peter Frankpitt
15	Voucher	H M Hair Design	2425	Mrs. T. Foote
16	Gift Voucher	Bay Tree Gifts	5019	John Budd
17	Meal Voucher	Wickham Fish/Fish & Chips	1655	N. Spence
18	Bottle Bordeaux Superieur	Wickham Wine Bar	4482	S. Leatham
19	Bottle of Chardonnay	King's Head Public House	0206	Mrs. G. Tuffs
20	Bottle of Merlot	Old House Hotel	0944	D. Newland
21	Notepaper Voucher	Studio 6	3644	B. Marson
22	Adidas Rucksack & Men's Toiletries	Birchall & Haydock	3023	D. Gamblin
23	Cream Tea Voucher	Clementine's Tea Room	3042	Mrs. White
24	Don Julio Tequila	Anon	3036	Mrs. Gibbs
25	Coffee Beans in Basket	Hampshire Delicatessen	0575	Mrs. J. Reynolds

BEVERLEY BABES

'Beverley Babes' are the babies born in Beverley, Wickham, during the Second World War when it was used as a maternity home for Naval personnel and some expectant mothers were housed in Wickham before the birth.

We used this as the theme for the Fete this year, inviting Beverley Babes to attend the Fete and contribute photos and mementos for the display.

We were contacted by and heard of 36 Beverley Babes, including one in Australia, two sisters in Canada and four sets of twins, all girls with just one boy! Twenty-one of them came to the Fete including three Mums and a Dad!



The flying bomb siren had gone off and mother was asked:

"Do you want him in the bed or under the bed?"

Colin Brill

Whenever we passed by Beverley Mum would say:

"That was where you were born"

Susan Batchelor

The delivery room upstairs overlooked the garden, where there was a magnificent magnolia tree in the middle of the lawn.

Mrs Howell



There were usually about ten babies in the nursery, all labelled and swaddled like little sausages in their white cots.

Evelyn Maulden

Thank you to everyone who contributed to 'Beverley Babes'

Karen Lipscombe

LETTERS FROM BEVERLEY BABES

From: Jackie Atwell

Dear Karen

I always knew I was a “Beverley Babe”! However, the significance of this only really hit home on Saturday when I, and my two cousins – all Beverley Babes – came to the Wickham Village Fete. It was wonderful to meet so many other Babes – and even two Mums!

Reading the memories on the display was fascinating. It certainly brought back many happy memories for me.

My mother, Rose, pregnant and already having been bombed out in Portsmouth, Chatham and Plymouth, was delighted to find a small cottage to rent in the lane off The Square. She rented it from Mr Hemming, I think. I was born in Beverley House in October 1941 and was Christened in St Nicholas Church. One day, whilst pushing me in my pram, my mother saw Churchill and Eisenhower sitting in the back of a car in the Old Station Yard.

When my father returned from the war, we continued to live at the cottage, and I went to the village school briefly before we moved to live in my father’s native Yorkshire.

I am just so pleased that a chance remark in a local pub made by my cousin Sue, who was visiting the Wickham area recently, lead to all three of us being able to attend such a happy event last Saturday. It was wonderful.

Yours sincerely

Jackie Atwell
Felbridge, Surrey

From: Lesley Roberts

Dear Karen

My cousin, Sue Batchelor, has asked me to send you some thoughts regarding last Saturday, 10 June, when we attended the St Nicholas Fete in the gardens of Beverly House.

First of all, thank you so much for arranging the “Beverley Babes” commemoration, it was a lovely way to remember our Mums and our births and how life used to be back in the 40’s and war years.

The display of pictures, comments and reminiscences was interesting and informative. I was particularly taken with the documentation e.g. baby name tags, bills and mementos that some people were able to contribute.

The rest of the fete was well planned and attended with lots of different stalls including, books, plants, bottle, records, toys, cakes, clothes and bric-a-brac.

The refreshment stall included snacks, delicious Pimm’s, and cream teas with home made cakes. As we were Beverley Babes we were treated to a token that gave us 2 free cream teas that we shared with our husbands.

The venue was just right for such an event and took me back to my childhood and going to summer fetes with my parents. The stalls, the band, dancers and the smell of the countryside and grass, it was full of nostalgia, and of course it was sunny, just like it used to be.

The afternoon was completed by an auction and the raffle prize giving. The three of us cousins who were born at Beverly house between 1940 and 1944, were invited to pick out the winning tickets.

I’m sure my two cousins and our husbands would agree with me that it was a most successful and enjoyable afternoon.

Thank you again.

With kind regards

Lesley Roberts
Gosport, Hampshire

From: Susan Gregson

Dear Karen

What a wonderful day we had for the Fete and what a fine day to meet other Beverley Babes. My Beverley Babe cousins also had a grand time!

We all had our own anecdotes to pass on. Mine was that every time my Mother and I passed Beverley House, she would exclaim “That’s where you were born Susan!” Another Mum was asked whether she would like to be “on the Bed or under it” because a raid was imminent. I thought that was classic.

Another great pleasure was talking to the Mums who came with their Beverley Babes. Wonderful.

I would like to thank you for your organizing skills and any others involved. This made us all feel very much at home, once again.

With best wishes

Sue Gregson (now Batchelor)
Liphook, Hampshire
(Superb Mum Laura Gregson)

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.

VILLAGE NEWS

WICKHAM FIRE STATION

Since our last update we have had a steady run of calls varying from quite a severe fire at Pricketts Hill which involved some out-buildings of timber construction and which also brought Bishops Waltham, Botley, Petersfield and the Water Carrier from Fareham to the village to assist us with putting this fire out. We have also had two Road Traffic Collisions on the Southwick Road; a van fire; a lift rescue in a residential care home in Fareham and several automatic fire alarms and bin fires to end the month.



On the 6th June, Patch and Cliff - our two new recruits - passed another mile stone and completed their twelve month assessment at Wickham which involved an evening of drills observed by Station Officer Crouch, which I am pleased to say they both passed with ease.

So, until the next time, remember, in the event of a fire

Get out! Get the Fire Brigade out! And stay out!

Nigel Blackman

WICKHAM COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Wickham Community Responders continue to serve Wickham, Knowle, Shirrel Heath, Soberton Heath, Newtown and North Boarhunt. We are volunteers working with the Hampshire Ambulance Service and are dispatched to local life-threatening incidents to support injured people until the ambulance arrives.



We are mobilised about once a week and our main calls are to people with breathing problems, chest pains, serious falls and suspected strokes. Our training allows us to assess the situation and begin basic treatments which enable the ambulance crew to administer advanced treatments as soon as they arrive.

In Hampshire, there are now about 40 Responder groups involving over 600 volunteers. There is a government target to get a "trained person" to all life-threatening incidents in under 8 minutes and Hampshire has an almost 100% success rate for this target. In the three months since April, a Responder has been the "trained person" at the scene in under 8 minutes in 11% of incidents. This is not only good for the patient, but helps the overall efficiency of the county.

If the idea of helping others in your community interests you, then phone the number below and arrange to come to one of our monthly meetings. We can tell you more about what we do and how we operate, with no obligation on you.

*Sue Fitzgerald, Group Co-ordinator
01329 833609*

RNLI Wickham and Curdridge Branch invite you to a
Barbeque at Hart House, Mayles Lane

On Friday July 7th at 18:30 Raffle and Competitions

Entrance £7 including first glass of wine

RSVP to: Michael Carter 832928 Barrie Marson 832313 Roy Perkins 832953





A date for your diary
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
of
WICKHAM
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

8.00pm Tuesday 11th July 2006

at Wickham Community Centre

Solent Fuchsia Club
FUCHSIA SHOW

TITCHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE
MILL STREET ~ TITCHFIELD ~ P014 4AB

SATURDAY 22nd JULY 12.30pm ~ 7pm
SUNDAY 23rd JULY 10am ~ 5pm

FREE CAR PARKING
SHOW ADMISSION £1.50

New Forest & Hampshire
County Show

25th to 27th July
at New Park Brockenhurst

This, your County Show, is considered the highlight of Hampshire's social calendar featuring all the attractions that have made it so popular for the best part of a century, bringing traditional country pursuits, new exhibitions and demonstrations to this unique event.

Tickets now available on line at:
www.newforestshow.co.uk or
on the credit card hotline 01590 622409

Whatever your age there is something for everyone. Enjoy an exciting packed programme of events, with country pursuits, woodland activities, livestock competitions and equestrian displays. The Dancing Diggers are back by popular request plus a few other surprise events

Over 800 stands provide the opportunity to browse or buy many items that you will never see in the shops and there is all day entertainment for children in the Forest Fun Factory - whatever your interests you will be spoilt for choice so don't miss it.

A pay-as-you-go bus shuttle service from Brockenhurst station right into the showground operates every day all day so let the train take the strain.

Jackie Neylon, Press Officer

SOLENT FUCHSIA CLUB
COACH TRIP

SUNDAY 30TH JULY
TO

MERRIMENTS GARDENS
HURST GREEN, EAST SUSSEX

(4 ACRE GARDEN, LARGE PLANT NURSERY,
GARDEN SHOP, GIFT SHOP, AND LICENSED CAFE.)

THEN ONTO

GREAT DIXTER
RYE, EAST SUSSEX

(HOME AND GARDEN OF THE LATE CHRISTOPHER LLOYD)

Cost £19.00 each

Departure at 9am from Ferneham Hall, Fareham

Contact Mary Knight on 01329 832323 for details.

NSPCC

Summer Pig Roast

in

17th Century Barn

at

Greystones, Titchfield lane

on

Saturday 12th August

7 for 7.30pm

Raffle

Please bring own drink and Chair

£15 per person

Enquiries to Alison Hall on 833376



THE GOOD NEWS
TRAVELLING LIBRARY

The next visit of the GNTL is

at the Paterson Centre,

Church Road, Swanmore,

on 11th July 2006

at 10.30 am ~ 12.15 pm

No visit in August

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.

Wickham Carnival 2007



**Did you miss the Carnival this year?
Do you want another Party in the Square?**



If so we need your help, Wickham Square Events are currently in limbo, the numbers of volunteers to help organize and run these events has hit rock bottom. I need at least 10 more volunteers before I can even start planning for next year. Apart from the work that needs to be done for the events itself, there are many back ground tasks to be completed such as; writing letters to potential sponsors, listening to bands, applying for licences and of course having meetings over a pint or two (or if you prefer an orange juice). If you have any of these skills and you enjoy the community in which you live, and wish to see these events continue whilst raising money for Wickham charities please, please, please contact me. I won't bite even though some say I do!

Tel: 01329 832460 or 07765232664 Zippy@thecircle.plus.com

Dave Martin

Quacky Races and White Water Rafting!

A thousand yellow plastic ducks raced down the River Meon on Sunday, 16 June to help raise funds for Wickham Primary School. Proceeds from the annual duck race, which saw the flotilla of ducks wend their way from Bridge Street to the Forge Garage in Wickham, will be used to help build an Adventure Playground.

The first three ducks to reach the finish line were 990 (Rob Richards), 288 (Niki Cartwright) and 241 (Sophie Underwood). They received £100, £75 and £50 respectively.



The raft race, in which home-made rafts negotiate the weir without losing an egg, was won by Penny Thomas, a Year 5 pupil at Wickham Primary School.



Friends of Wickham Primary School and Square Events, who jointly organised the event, would like to thank everyone for their support; particularly Try Homes, Worn to be Wild Fancy Dress, YMCA Fairthorne Manor and First Responders.

Jenny Bunce

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ISSUES: WICKHAM A32/B2177



It is nearly a year since our colourful demonstration on 9th July 2005 asking for the crossroads to be made safer both for pedestrians and vehicles.

Since then Hampshire County Council has installed a Vehicle Activated Sign to the north of the church to provide a direct visual warning to southbound traffic of the bends and the crossroads ahead. They have also promised further monitoring.

How do you think things have improved – or not – since our demonstration?

Please look out for questionnaires in local shops in July and help us prepare our next response to Hampshire County Council.

Judy Lucas

WICKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

'YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CENTRE'

Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants PO17 5AL
Telephone: 01329 833688 E-mail: wickhamcentre@btconnect.com



COMMUNITY CENTRE NEWS

JULY 2006

News update from the last edition:

Hopefully by the time that you read this newsletter the repairs to the roof on the South side of the building will have been completed with the aid of financial help from Hampshire County Council, Winchester City Council and Wickham Parish Council.

The new chairs for the Houghton Room are now available and these were purchased from donations made to the centre in memory of Peter Gwynn who was a previous Chairman of the Community Association.

The general painting in the centre is ongoing.



Wickham Community Centre has also put on several activities for local people. The Silver Surfers computer sessions held during a full week at the end of May attracted many people. There were 6 sessions in total and those who attended were able to learn about using the Internet from tutors provided by IBM.

On 15th June the centre hosted a 'Healthy Hampshire' day where people were invited to try free activities during the day. These activities included Pilates, Infant Yoga, Arm Chair Exercises, New Aged Kurling, Badminton and information about healthy eating.

The centre also started Street Dance classes for young people but this unfortunately finished after a couple of classes due to poor attendance.

A big screen was put up in the Social Club for the World Cup matches. The 6ft x 6ft screen was also linked to the surround sound speakers in the room for extra effect.

The next event planned at the Community Centre is the 'Wickham Folk Festival' from Thursday 3rd – Sunday 6th August. The centre will host this event and tickets are available from the promoter on 01329 231942/02380 711818. There will be **free** entertainment and craft fair for the community in the front car park during this event. See www.wickhamfestival.co.uk for further information.



Other events planned for the Community Centre in 2006 include:

- An extension to the Wickham Summer Playscheme to a 4th week (24 July - 18 August).
- Open day for existing groups at the centre to show what they do and offer you the chance to join their group on Saturday 18th November

If you would like to mention your group or activities within the centre in the next edition please contact me.

Matt Martin, Centre Manager

WICKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wickham Church of England Primary School
Buddens Road
Wickham
Tel: 01329 833065



Head teacher: Mrs C Burton



The school offers:

- A happy, caring and secure learning environment
- Excellent teaching staff
- A broad balanced curriculum
- Before and after school childcare at the excellent Time Out Club
- ICT suite and interactive whiteboards in all classes
- Outdoor heated swimming pool
- Free extra-curricular clubs e.g. football, netball, recorders, country dancing, French etc
- Music and Drama room
- Extensive Conservation area
- New sports field
- Close links with St Nicholas' Church and local community.

Visits to the school are always welcome

E-mail: adminoffice@wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk

Website: www.wickham-primary.hants.sch.uk



WICKHAM SUMMER PLAYScheme

AT WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
MILL LANE, WICKHAM, HAMPSHIRE, PO17 5AL

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
24 JULY – 18 AUGUST 2006

FOR 5 TO 12 YEAR OLDS

ALL DAY 9AM – 5PM (£12)

MORNING 9AM -12.30PM (£5.50)

(Wickham Primary School children £3)

Prices per child per session.



A range of activities will be available each day – e.g., arts and crafts, bouncy castle, reptile display, badminton, face painting, talent show, clowning workshop, football, disco, water play, and much, much more!

Further information and booking forms from Wickham Community Centre (01329) 833688

POEMS

WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 5 have been writing poems about emotions and people. The poems use similes and metaphors. We hope you enjoy reading them.

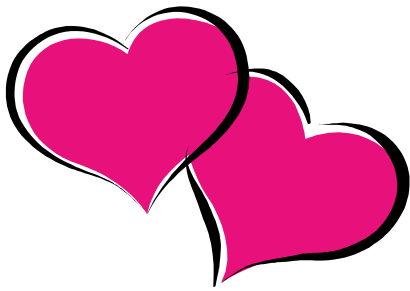
Mr. D. Proctor

LOVE

Love is like a Valentines card,
It tastes like chocolate I eat in my back yard,
It smells like roses and they smell sweet,
It looks like hearts that are drawn very neat
It sounds like a pumping heart that's hot!
It feels like a warm hug that I like a lot.

I LOVE LOVE!!

By Holly West



HAPPINESS

Happiness is yellow like the sun,
It tastes like cool ice-cream,
It smells of roast dinner,
It looks like children playing in the park,
It sounds like people laughing,
It feels like you're going to live forever.

By Penny Thomas



CONFUSION

Confusion is like a multi-coloured blur,
It tastes like out of date medicine,
It smells like burning,
It looks completely blank,
It sounds like the screeching of a suffering owl.
It feels like not living.

By Alastair Fleming



OUR HEADTEACHER

She's a comfy warm bed,
She's a pink violin,
She's a warm cup of tea,
She's a cuddly hamster,
She's the sound of birds singing,
She's the smell of red roses,
She's a yummy pizza.

By Margaret Whitman



JULY 2006 DIARY

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Sun	2	THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-end 2 Cor.8: 7-end Mark 5: 21-end
		08:00 Holy Communion	
		09:45 Family Service to include Holy Baptism of George Arthur John Bishop and Rose Cox	
		14:00 Holy Baptism: Jessica Alice Farmery	
		18:00 Holy Communion	
Mon	3	09:30 Pilates, Church Room	
Tues	4	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
		10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel	
		12:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room	
		19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Wed	5	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room	
Thur	6	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
Fri	7	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Sat	8	14:00 Dystonia Association, Church Room	
Sun	9	THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 2 Cor. 12: 2-10 Mark 6: 1-13
		08:00 Holy Communion	
		09:45 Parish Communion	
Tues	11	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
		10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel	
		11:00 The Mothers' Union World Wide President, Trish Heywood's visit to Portsmouth Cathedral	
		12:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room	
		19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Wed	12	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room	
Thur	13	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
Fri	14	19:30 Fuchsia Society, Church Room	
		19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Sat	15	15:00 Bellringers Competition and Barbeque	
Sun	16	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19 Ephesians 1: 3-14 Mark 6: 14-29
		08:00 Holy Communion	
		09:45 Parish Communion	
		18:00 Choral Evensong	
Tue	18	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
		10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel	
		12:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room	
		19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Wed	19	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room	
Thur	20	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
Fri	21	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Sun	23	THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	2 Samuel 7: 1-14a Ephesians 2: 11-end Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end
		08:00 Holy Communion	
		09:45 Parish Communion	
Tue	25	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
		10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel	
		12:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room	
		19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Wed	26	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room	
Thur	27	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room	
Fri	28	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre	
Sun	30	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	2 Samuel 11: 1-15 Ephesians 3: 14-end John 6: 1-21
		08:00 Holy Communion	
		09:45 Choral Matins	



Wickham Parish Council Annual Report May 2005 - April 2006

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 community finance, General Purpose, Planning, Recreation, Street Lighting and 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 and Wickham Youth Club



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.

Chairman's overview

Another successful year has been achieved by the Parish Council, ending with the Annual Parish Assembly in May. This was a great success and very well attended. My personal thanks to everyone for making the evening so enjoyable.

Great strides have been made in the past year and to make ourselves aware of ongoing developments within our parish we attend several outside functions as well as monthly parish council meetings. This ensures that we keep up to date with relevant changes that arise which may affect the running of the parish council.

Every parishioner can be assured of our continual endeavours in maintaining and improving our current situations and my fellow councillors and I will strive to achieve our goals.

Your parish council will do its utmost to help no matter how small the problem.

Angela Clear, Chairman Wickham Parish Council

Parish Council News for 2005/6

The last year has been a busy one for the Parish Council with plenty of new projects!

Knowle projects

New notice boards have been provided at Knowle in The Square and also at Old Knowle. Boards are for Parish Council and local groups to use.

Knowle Cemetery handed over to the Parish Council

In September 2005 the old hospital cemetery in Mayles Lane, Knowle was handed over by Berkeley Home to the Parish Council following restoration and landscaping enhancements.

The handover is the result of several years work by a dedicated team including Jenny Mallett, Sue and Ted Fitzgerald and Thérèse Evans.

The handover ceremony was carried out by the Venerable Peter Hancock, the Archdeacon of the Meon and attended by many relatives of those buried in the cemetery. It is a very peaceful place with a pleasant woodland walk around the site and is well worth a visit.

The Parish Council is now responsible for the maintenance of the cemetery.

More details of the history of the cemetery are available on the parish council website.



Darren Harman (Berkeley Homes), Peter Hancock, Sue and Ted Fitzgerald at the handover ceremony

Gift of land for a new cemetery

The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Miriam Philpot who has given the Parish Council nearly four acres of land adjoining the recreation ground to be used as a new burial ground. This is much needed as the churchyard is full. Mrs Philpot's generosity is greatly appreciated. Preparation of the land is underway but it will be some time before it is available for burials.

Wickham website

Our website now has a 'Square Cam' thanks to traders who have sponsored the webcam which offers a live window on Wickham Square. It is just for fun and is receiving lots of hits! Many thanks to Neale Fray who has spent hours setting up and fine tuning the webcam.

Many thanks also to Barrie Marson who has very kindly scanned several hundred of Stan Woodford's photos so they can be viewed on the website. They can be found under Local History – Pictorial History on the website. At the time of writing only part of the collection is available on line.

Wickham Parish Council was runner up in the Hants Web Awards 2005 : Awards for website excellence, Best Town or Parish Council Website category.

Bus stop in The Square

An order has been placed to refurbish the bus shelter, we have been fortunate to secure a grant for £1000 towards the work from Hampshire County Council which represents 50% of the total cost.

There have been complaints that the seat next to the shelter is excessively uncomfortable. The missing slat has now been replaced. If you think it is still uncomfortable contact the Clerk !

Transport and Highways issues

The culvert bridge opposite Mayles Lane was finally repaired in 2005, although the wall requires further improvement.

Dragons teeth have been ordered for several locations to protect the grass verges and prevent parking. Pavements

near to the Shell Garage will be surface dressed in the near future.

Pot hole and patching repairs have been carried out on several roads, an order for special maintenance has been submitted to repair the footpath opposite the BTA garage in Winchester Road.

There are plans to install temporary flashing signs in Winchester Road to remind drivers of the speed limit.

Ongoing repairs and maintenance requirements are dealt with as quickly as possible. Contact Parish Council Highway Representative Angela Clear with any issues of concern.

Review of speed limits

There are plans for a 40mph speed limit for Titchfield Lane and Fontley Road.

Speed limits on A32 / School Road are due to be reviewed in the near future.

The Parish Council has also asked for the 30mph speed limit in Mill Lane to be moved further north as the new pedestrian access from Gwynn Way to the community centre is proving popular with young people.

Hampshire County Council's plans for 2006/7 to close Springles Lane to through traffic and to build a footpath from River Lane to Segensworth Road are supported by the Parish Council.

South East Plan

The South East Plan is a new type of planning document. It sets out a vision for the future of the South East region to 2026, outlining how the government and councils need to respond to challenges facing the region such as housing, the economy, transport and protecting the environment.

The Plan includes a proposal for 10,000 new houses and employment space 'north of Fareham' which will surround Knowle. Another large development area is planned for Hedge End with smaller numbers at Whiteley.

The Parish Council responded to the consultation raising concerns that one quarter of all proposed development in the

region for the next 20 years will be within six miles of the rural village of Wickham. It added that Wickham Parish has, in the last 10 years, has already accommodated around 2000 additional houses within its boundaries and continues to experience the detrimental effects of insufficient infrastructure.

The Parish Council requested that priority be given to minimising the detrimental impact of the development on Wickham and other villages within the Southern Parishes of Winchester District particularly the need to plan for greatly improved transport infrastructure.

The Plan has now been submitted to government and will be subject to an independent 'Examination in Public' before being finally approved.

To view the plan look at the South East Plan website:

<http://www.southeast-ra.gov.uk/southeastplan/index.html>

The Parish Council also has a full copy that can be viewed on request.

Retirement of Norman Melsome

At the Parish Council meeting on 20th February we said goodbye to Norman Melsome, our village cleaner for nearly thirteen years. Mr Melsome has done a fine job and we know he will be keeping a close eye on Paul Collins and his team who have taken over the wheelbarrow! Enjoy your retirement Norman.



Chairman Angie Clear with Norman Melsome

HRH Countess of Wessex opens new houses in Gwynn Way.

The new houses in Gwynn Way have been built on an 'exception site,' a site outside the development boundary where permission has been granted as the houses are low cost homes for local people.



There were seventy applicants for the houses which indicates the need for more similar developments in the village.



Countess of Wessex arrives in Wickham

The Countess of Wessex performed an official opening of the houses on 2nd November; it was an enjoyable event, the Countess took the time to speak to everyone which was appreciated. It was very sad that Peter Gwynn died a few days prior to the ceremony, but it was lovely that Margaret and her family were able to attend



Lighting up Wickham for Christmas

Everyone enjoys the festive atmosphere in Wickham Square, the Christmas tree and buildings decorated with fairy lights.

It happens with the generous help of John and David Gwynn from A E Roberts who deliver, put up and take down the tree which the Parish Council funds.

The Square Events team of volunteers work tirelessly for a weekend or two putting up the lights.

For Christmas 2005 we had new lights funded with the help of Wickham businesses and the Parish Council at a cost of around £2000.

It is a great example of village teamwork and we appreciate the time and energy that is so freely given for the benefit of Wickham.

Wickham Folk Festival

The Parish Council has supported the proposal for a Folk Festival in Wickham, the event will take place at the Community Centre from Thursday 3rd until Sunday 6th August 2006.

The Festival should help raise substantial funds for the Community Centre.

Folk Festivals are family affairs and the bands that have been booked are not noisy! Parking and camping is planned on the outskirts of the village. Strict licensing and environmental health conditions will be adhered to.

A full time Health and Safety Officer will be employed together with 24 hour security. No late night parties will be permitted!

Folk fans will be pleased to hear Richard Thompson is headlining, Oysterband and Shooglenifty are two other bands to look out for.

Concerts end at 11pm Thursday – Saturday and 10.30pm on Sunday.

To book tickets see the website: www.wickhamfestival.co.uk.

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 the Parish Council made its first presentation of Citizen of the Year awards.

Congratulations to:

- Donna Wilkins Citizen of the Year 2005
- Judy Lucas Citizen of the Year 2006
- Katherine Lemon, Young Citizen of the Year and
- Mike Denis who won Customer Service Community Award



The first winners of the Stan Woodford Cup also received their prizes.

- Barrie Marson won the adult section and
- Dan Redfern the Junior Cup.

Entries for this year's competition welcomed!

The Youth Club followed the presentation with an excellent review of their activities during the previous year, complete with a PowerPoint slide show. There are surely a few community leaders for the future within our Youth Club!

There were many interesting displays from local organisations to view during the buffet.

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the event.

Nicki Oliver, Parish Clerk

Committee Reports

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 together with some verge maintenance and village cleaning which is ably carried out by Groundsman Paul Collins and his team.

The Committee agreed that the hanging basket and flower beds should continue as previous years but in recognition of possible water shortages will be watered using ; 'grey' or previously used water, from a local stable yard wherever possible.

The committee also assists with funding the churchyard maintenance, Christmas tree and lighting display and bus shelter maintenance.

Morgan O'Connell Chairman GP Committee

Planning Committee

Between May 2005 and April 2006 the Planning Committee has considered and responded to 108 planning applications in the Parish.

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.)

Jenny Mallett Chairman Planning Committee

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 2005 is included below.

Angela Clear Finance Committee Chairman

Grants approved by the Parish Council for 2005/6 include:

- Wickham Play Scheme £800
- Citizen's Advice Bureau £1750
- First Responders £500
- Meon Valley Home Start £500
- Wickham Primary Pond project £250
- Wickham Youth Club £1000
- Wickham Community Centre contribution towards tile hanging repairs £750



Local organisations are welcome to submit grant applications to the Parish Council for consideration.

Audited Accounts 2004/5

2003/4		2004/5
	Income	
63,700	Precept	63,825
1,106	Interest	1,477
874	Football	1,123
100	VDS Sales	Nil
Nil	Flower bed sponsorship	1,200
Nil	Parish Plan grant	2,500
Nil	Open Space grant 2004	10,330
	Sundries	40
Nil	VAT	6,564
	Reimbursements	
65,780	Total income	87,059
	Expenditure	
13,633	Employment	12,918
8,298	General Administration	6,445
16,857	Grants	4,876
7,949	General Purposes Committee	9,332
2,215	Lighting Committee	7,427
4,608	Recreation Committee	4,612
	Parish Plan	2,969
920	Open Space Project 2004	10,409
514	Replace computer	Nil
158	Councillor training	Nil
10,608	Whiteley accounts transfer	
1,675	VAT	4,242
67,435	Total Expenditure	70,041
	GENERAL FUND	
33,753	Balance at 1 April	32,098
65,780	Add: Total Income	87,059
99,533		119,157
67,435	Less: Total Expenditure	70,041
32,098	Balance at 31 March	49,116

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,

New lights planned for 2006 include along the footpath between the Community Centre and Buddens Road, the entrance to Wykeham Field, and the top of Hoads Hill.

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.

Angela Clear, Lighting Representative

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 Groundsman, Paul Collins and his team, 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.

Wickham has a severe shortage of sports pitches and a consultation was carried out in August 2005 to gauge residents' opinions on three options available to address the shortfall: 1. To accept and offer to exchange the recreation ground for a larger site in Mill Lane; 2. To pursue compulsory purchase of additional land; 3. To continue with the shortfall in recreation space.

Details were enclosed in a consultation leaflet '**Additional Sports and Recreation Facilities for Wickham?**' delivered to 1100 households in Wickham with the free summer Parish Magazine. The response rate was very disappointing in view of the time and effort taken to prepare the leaflet:

Responses received 135

Response rate 12.2%

Response rate for viable poll 33%

As the response rate was so low the results could only be viewed as an indication of the opinions of 12% of residents.

Of the 135 households that responded:

- 19% of respondents in favour of exchanging the recreation ground for a larger site in Mill Lane (Option 1)
- 51% of respondents in favour of compulsory purchase of additional land (Option 2)
- 29% in favour of continuing with the shortfall in recreation land (Option 3)

Of responses received 15 were from Manor Close and 11 from Hoads Hill following a local campaign, representing 19% of responses.

28% of respondents did not indicate their address.

The Parish Council discussed the options available to address the shortfall in recreation land in November 2005 and agreed to continue with the shortfall - Option 3 in the consultation leaflet. Details of the options and the advantages and disadvantages of each can be viewed on the Parish Council's website with the minutes of the November Full Council meeting.

New Play Equipment

Following the decision not to pursue additional recreation land it was agreed the funds built up for this purpose should be used for the benefit of local residents, the first project tackled was for some new play equipment for the recreation ground and a new play area for The Circle.

The Parish Council held a workshop on 22nd April to show residents and young people proposed plans for new play equipment.

The young people chose their preferred layout and it is hoped to have a new play area at the Circle completed before the summer holidays. Additional equipment for the recreation ground has also been ordered and improvements to the skatepark area are planned.

Sue Roger-Jones Chairman Recreation Committee

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.

Chairman's report

I am very happy to report, once again, that the Water Meadow has been used and appreciated by very many people throughout the year.

In the last year repairs to the paths and steps have been carried out together with refurbishment of vandalised picnic benches.

A large old willow tree near to the road was becoming a safety problem and a decision was taken to remove it which was a major task involving several tree surgeons and traffic lights in Fareham Road. At the same time two non-native conifers were removed from the Meadows.

The Trust is very grateful to the many people who help to keep the Meadow looking so good by regularly picking up litter and reporting any problems that occur.

Jenny Mallett, Chairman Wickham Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust

Photography Competition



Look out for the posters advertising the Stan Woodford photographic competition for residents of Wickham Parish. The subject is **Life in Wickham 2006** and application forms are available from Studio 6 in The Square email: print@studio-6.co.uk. Closing date 31st December 2006.

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AUGUST 2006 DIARY

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Tue 1 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 2 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 3 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 4 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 6 **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** 2 Samuel 11: 26 – 12:13a
 08:00 Holy Communion Ephesians 4: 1-16
 09:45 Family Service John 6: 24-35
 18:00 Holy Communion

Tues 8 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 12:30 Mothers' Union Lunch in the garden of 3, Glebe Corner
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 9 10:00-15:00 Mothers' Union Deanery Quiet Day at Droxford
 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 10 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 11 19:30 Fuchsia Society, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 13 **THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** 2 Samuel 18:5-9.15,31-33
 08:00 Holy Communion Ephesians 4: 25-5:2
 09:45 Parish Communion John 6: 35, 41-51

Tue 15 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 16 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 17 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 18 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sat 19 LAST DAY FOR COPY FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE
 13:00 Holy Matrimony: Pippa Walton/Matthew Commander

Sun 20 **THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** 1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3-14
 08:00 Holy Communion Ephesians 5: 15-20
 09:45 Parish Communion John 6: 51-58
 18:00 Choral Evensong

Tue 22 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 23 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 24 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 25 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 27 **THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** 1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-42
 08:00 Holy Communion Ephesians 6: 10-20
 09:45 Parish Communion John 6: 56-69

Tue 29 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 30 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 31 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1 14:00 **Magazine Distributors' Meeting, Church Room**
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat 2 12:00 Holy Matrimony: Sarah Bingham/Guy Salter

Sun 3	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13
	08:00 Holy Communion	James 1: 17-end
	09:45 Family Service	Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23
	18:00 Holy Communion	

Tue 5 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Lady Chapel
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed 6 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

*LAST DAY FOR COPY SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE
SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST*

From the registers

Holy Baptism

Isabel Grace Kerley 11/06/2006

Holy Matrimony

Deborah Lloyd/Charles Smith 17/06/2006

Rest in Peace

Baby Charley Ann Wilkins Bull 07/06/2006

FUNDRAISING EVENT

In aid of the ROAD SAFETY charity

BRAKE

Saturday 22nd July 10am-12noon

at the

Paterson Centre, Swanmore



TEA, COFFEE AND CAKES, SOFT DRINKS AND
BACON BUTTIES, CHANCE TO WIN GIANT TEDDY BEAR
LUCKY DIP AND TOMBOLA, PERENNIAL PLANTS,
HAND CRAFTED JEWELLERY, BRIC-A-BRAC, CAKE SALE,
FISH FOR DUCKS, RAFFLE AND MUCH MORE

In Loving Memory of Adam Harvey

Is This The Oldest Tea House In Hampshire?



The Tea House has been a part of Wickham Square for generations now; the present owners have decided to try to piece together its history so that a small publication may be printed for customers to enjoy.

They believe the Tea House dates back to 1901 which would make this year its 105th Anniversary!! Something well worth celebrating.

Do you have memories of the Tea House in earlier years? Would you like to share these with others? Then perhaps you could write them down with approximate dates and hand them into the Tea House. Alan Ross; the General Manager will collect them together and hopefully they can be combined into a small booklet for the Tea House customers. Don't forget to give your name and address so that they can send you a copy too!

Here are some old photographs for you to enjoy, they have graced the walls of the Tea House for some years now.

Although there is a new owner for the Tea House which is now called 'Clementine's', the tradition of fresh local produce cooked on the premises and home made cakes and scones still continues. The meat comes from Tull's – another established business of the Square, and the vegetables from local producer 'Edwards'. The eggs from Titchfield and the cakes made by local Pastry Cook 'Pauline'.

Many people have asked why we named the Tea House Clementine's? Well, this is in honour of Winston Churchill's wife who was reputed to have loved her afternoon teas.

Now of course we have added 'Italiano' for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, customers have been enjoying the warm evenings of late by eating outside on the balcony area! And very shortly we will be opening the Take Away 'Clementine's Express' offering Paninis, Sandwiches, Wraps, Fresh Salads, Home Made Cakes and Fresh Fruit.



So, now we are appealing to Wickham residents to come forward with their memories of the Tea House. Did it really start in 1901? If so it is the oldest Tea House in the County - if not in England!

Chris Walton

DIETING

Janet Frampton's husband, Graham, had become a blob and it was her fault, because she enjoyed cooking too much. She decided to take matters in hand. He would have to go on a diet, starting on Monday. Today was Friday. It would not be easy, since he had grown fond of the three course evening meals she served regularly now that the children had flown the nest. She, on the other hand, remained rather too thin, contenting herself with a fraction of what Graham put away.

"That was absolutely scrumptious," Graham said as he finished his steak au poivre. You told me this morning what you'd planned for dinner this evening and I swear I started to salivate at the thought of it as soon as I left Truro." Janet winced at the compliment. She also winced because she recognised the word scrumptious as one used regularly in the cooking programme he'd become addicted to and she felt that the word salivate was something that only dogs did. It was ironic really: no sooner had he finished his meal on a Tuesday when he would sit down and watch someone else cook another one and encourage her to experiment with what they had just seen. Mind you he would never be home early enough from his job at the bank even to peel a potato. It would have been useful just once in a while to have those little glass bowls of vegetables prepared in advance as on TV, whilst she attended to the artistry of the dishes she created.

"What are we having for pudding?"

"A three fruit cobbler."

"Excellent. And with custard. Great! You should open a restaurant. People would come for miles around. This is better than anything we've had when we eat out."

"When did we last eat out? You never want to nowadays. It's all right for you. You have the occasional business lunch." She smiled a Mona Lisa smile, knowing there would be changes on Monday.

Graham's job was largely sedentary and he took no exercise. He was forty-eight and his stomach had drooped over the top of his trousers for some years now. Janet no longer found him attractive. However, she now feared cholesterol, heart attacks and being left alone. She sometimes suspected that her cooking and his eating were substitutes for the physical affection, which now mostly eluded them. From Monday a regime of vigorous walks would be instituted in addition to a low fat diet of fish, white meat and plenty of fruit and vegetables. She had no intention of being left a widow when Guy reached those dangerous years of his early fifties. And she could do with more than the occasional cuddle.

On Monday Janet had not told Graham what he could expect for dinner that evening as she usually did. Let him imagine some extra special gourmet feast. Consequently, when he sat down to a salad starter, he could not refrain from comment, "This looks disgustingly healthy! Where's the salad cream?"

"You can have a tiny drop of this olive French dressing. Try it. You'll love it."

When Graham had put down his eating irons as he liked to call them, he commented, "Well, that certainly was an appetiser. I don't feel I've had anything to eat yet. What's next?"

"Vegetarian lasagne. I thought we'd try a completely different set of meals this week. See how it goes shall we? It's all right we're not going completely vegetarian."

"Mm. Surprisingly good. And for afters?"

"Well. I thought that we'd give puddings a miss this week. You can fill up with fresh fruit if you're still hungry. As much as you like. By the way no cheese, I'm afraid."

Graham was not an unintelligent man. "I'm on a diet, aren't I?" His face was glum. His wife's brisk breezy manner brooked no argument in domestic matters. Home, cooking and recreation were her territories. He merely brought home the bacon and there would be precious little of that in the near future by the sound of it. Still they could always have a blow out in a restaurant at the end of the week.

Janet served her mean lean cuisine all week, but when he suggested trying out the new restaurant in the next village on the Saturday evening, she politely declined.

"I've cooked some tea." It was Sunday morning. Graham's broad jowly face was stupidly pleased with his stale joke. She could see no appreciable difference to his waistline. In his youth she had been attracted to his study muscularity, not to mention the security of his job. Less secure nowadays, mind you. She had had no intention of joining the ranks of superwomen who attempted to juggle home, kids and a job. Nowadays even lady bountiful one day a week at The Citizens Advice Bureau was beginning to get in the way of golf dates with her friends.

"Lovely day," said Graham.

"After breakfast how about a walk along the river then?" He frowned.

They walked through some gardens, blooming with red camellias and white and purple-edged magnolias, across fields, over stiles, climbing to a promontory overlooking where the river met the sea. A red-faced, sweating Graham collapsed on a wooden seat with a memorial plaque.

"I'm going to leave a seat in my will," he puffed. Just then a fishing boat, which had been motoring upstream, began to jettison fish guts. Gulls wheeled and screamed around it like gigantic midges around a sweating head.

"The gulls are eating well," said Graham without irony. She glanced at him. He really was thinking about their stomachs and not his own. After six months of healthy eating Graham's weight had reduced from sixteen to fourteen stone. At first he had taken to wearing belts to keep up his trousers; then Janet had been forced to get out her workbasket; and finally they were compelled to buy new clothes. Then he caught the bug. He began to work out in a gym three or four times a week and the pounds continued to come off. He could now be mistaken for a man in his early forties.

At a friend's party just after Graham's own forty-ninth birthday, whilst circulating Janet was pleased to overhear Caroline Blaney remark, "You're looking very trim these days, Graham. Whatever happened to your middle-aged spread? You look as if you might even be hiding a six-pack under there." But Janet was not so pleased to hear the rest of the conversation. "I think I know someone who wouldn't mind a peek," she hinted slyly. "I came with Stephanie over there." As if by telepathy Stephanie glanced in Graham's direction. Janet turned to see a well-endowed woman in her late thirties sashaying across the room towards her husband.

"And who's Stephanie?" enquired Graham.

"Well, she's someone who asked me who's the dishy man in the blue shirt."

"I know you of old. You're just winding me up," said Graham.

"Well, here she is. Stephanie, Graham. Graham, Stephanie."

"Hello."

"Hello."

Half-hidden behind a yucca plant, Janet eyed the attractive woman in the red dress, long fingers elegantly holding a glass of red wine. Graham seemed to Janet to be fluffing up his feathers, so to speak. So he was interested was he? She'd soon see about that.

That night whilst Graham was brushing his teeth, she looked in the mirror and decided that she had become far too thin. When he re-entered the bedroom, she saw him as Stephanie might have seen him had she been in a bedroom with him. He was transformed! His open pyjama top revealed he really did have the beginnings of a six-pack.

On the first Monday after the party she re-introduced red meat in the shape of steak au poivre. A large treacle pudding was steaming in a giant saucepan on the hob. It would be served with custard, and if he wanted it cream too. Guy looked at the heaped plate before him and at his wife's food, piled unaccustomedly high and said, "I can't possibly eat all this. What's going on?" He looked her in the eye and added, "Do you know what I would really like?"

"What's that?" Somehow she knew what he was going to say.

"A nice nut roast, Janet. A nice nut roast."

Tony Johnson

Wickham Folk Festival

Thursday August 3 - Sunday August 6

Some of the world's finest traditional musicians and singers will be heading to Wickham over the first weekend in August for the new Wickham Folk Festival being held in and around the Wickham Community Centre in Mill Lane.

Artists appearing include folk-rock pioneers Maddy Prior and Steeleye Span; legendary singer-guitarist Richard Thompson (formerly of 'Fairport Convention'); world music stars Osibisa; Los Pacaminos featuring special guest Paul Young; 'Mercury Music Award' nominee Seth Lakeman; BBC 'Folk Award' winners Spiers & Boden; Oysterband; top Irish band Flook; Shooglenifty from Scotland; Fiddlers Bid from Shetland and many more.



Overseas artists include the award-winning American duo Chris & Thomas plus, from Canada, one of the world's finest violinists Alasdair Fraser accompanied by Natalie Haas on cello.

The Festival aims to provide residents and visitors alike with top-quality music and entertainment in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere with concerts being staged on both outdoor and indoor stages.

The Festival will also feature Morris Dancing displays in Wickham Square, a traditional crafts fayre, informal pub sessions, performance poetry, workshops, storytelling, singarounds and lots of fun for the kids.



The event is being organised by the same team who organise the annual Gosport & Fareham Easter Folk Festival in the Ferneham Hall and Ashcroft Arts Centre in Fareham.

Festival organiser Councillor Peter Chegwyn says, "Folk Festivals attract a very friendly, family audience who never cause any trouble. In 15 years of the Easter Festival we have never had a single incident.

"We are confident that Wickham will provide a superb setting for a high-quality Folk Festival which looks set to attract visitors from all over the world. We already know of one gentleman from New York who has never visited Britain before but is travelling over to see Richard Thompson perform in Wickham. The Festival should give a big boost to local Wickham businesses and we hope local residents will also enjoy some wonderful live music from well-known performers like Paul Young who you wouldn't normally see singing in Wickham.



"Everything will be done to ensure everyone can enjoy the Festival without undue noise or disturbance to other Wickham residents. We will have a professional security team on site all weekend, washing and toilet facilities for weekend visitors, a well-organised off-street car park, agreed limits on noise levels, and regular litter patrols to ensure the Festival leaves Wickham clean and tidy."

Full details of the Festival (which should not be confused with the annual Wickham Music Week) can be found on the official Festival website www.wickhamfestival.co.uk while a Festival leaflet enclosed with this copy of Wickham Parish Magazine gives details of all the main concerts and how to buy tickets.

A weekend Festival season ticket guarantees admission to all concerts and events all weekend while individual day tickets grant entry to all concerts and events on a particular day.

Tickets can be purchased from the Ferneham Hall Box Office in Fareham, telephone 01329 231942; The Mayflower Box Office in Southampton, telephone 023 8071 1818; online via www.ticketsouth.co.uk or by post from the Festival Office - please see the Festival leaflet for full details.

For more information please see the Festival website www.wickhamfestival.co.uk

THE GOOD LIFE

It all began a few years ago. Organic vegetables – what a good idea. Grow our own for the family and sell the surplus. Well, that's when things really began. A few years ago now, my husband Barry, suffered a stroke and had to retire early and our lives were changed completely. Thanks to being able to work on a plot of land at the back of our property, which we purchased a few years earlier, he was able to get himself mobile again. The plot was covered in a deep undergrowth of brambles and weeds and a large number of felled trees. We eventually made a way through from the garden with a digger and started to clear the "Black Hole of Calcutta" as we used to call it. It took nearly 2 years to clear the plot and by the end of it Barry had regained his fitness and our venture began in earnest.

In went the spuds, runner beans, cabbages and a whole range of organic vegetables and tons of manure supplied by a local farmer. Then came the Polytunnel, which we filled with cucumbers, courgettes and tomatoes. As things began to ripen, we soon realised that we more had more vegetables than the family could eat so we sold the surplus at a makeshift stall, which we erected by our gate. This venture was a great success and so each year we have cultivated more land and grown more organic vegetables. The New potatoes have been especially successful so this year I have planted out 12 different varieties along with more vegetables. We get a buzz from growing organic vegetables, knowing that what we eat and sell is the product of organic manure and TLC and has not been treated with anything nasty,

Now that we had opted for the Good Life, I decided rather than go back to work in a stuffy office I should find another outdoor enterprise. All my life I've always had a passion for cats. Can't walk past one without making a fuss of it so I thought what better way of earning a living than set up our own cattery and look after other people's cats when they went away on holiday

It took us about 6 months of administration and planning time before we started to build our cattery on what was one of our vegetable plots. Then we went full steam ahead to open for Easter. It was touch and go whether we would make it. Building the cattery had proved to be much more difficult than we had anticipated but working all hours, we managed to complete only two days before the "Vet Inspection" We were nervous about the inspection as there was a long check list of things we had to have done and things we needed have in place to qualify for a licence. We were delighted when the inspection was finished and we were told that we had passed.



A few days later we collected our licence and then took in our first cats. We are called Chestnut Cattery and can board up to 12 cats at any one time in spacious double Penthouse chalets. All very posh. We have a joke about calling it Butlins for cats, as some people have commented that they wouldn't mind staying in the spacious Penthouse chalets themselves. The cats we have boarded certainly seem to like their accommodation, especially the heated shelves and lookout windows and seem to enjoy strolling down the cat ladders, which lead down from their sleeping quarters to their food, scratch posts, litter trays and a comfortable chair.

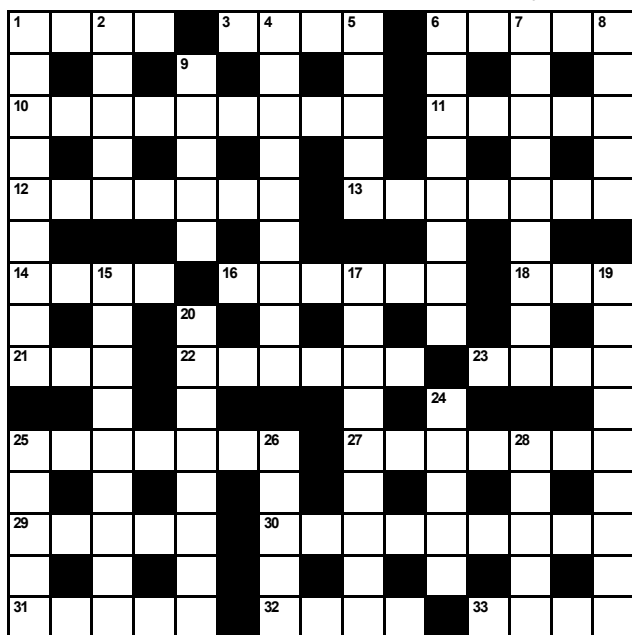
We have looked after quite a few cats already and we are loving it (and them). If you want more information or wish to come and have a look around we are situated in North Boarhunt on the B2177 road to Southwick (about 1.5 miles from Wickham) next to a large Nursery. Do give us a call on **01329 832497** or visit our Website **Chestnutcattery.com**. If you do decide to visit, please forgive me if I try to flog you some sweet, tender organic vegetables from our stall.

chestnutcattery@yahoo.co.uk

Marilyn Hirst

Wickham Prize Crossword No.6

by Konrad © RJS 2005



- 13 Denied grass held information back (7)
- 14 Observe eastern agent (4)
- 16 Fifty eat in Germany to reduce (6)
- 18 Residue from a tree (3)
- 21 Initially strange, it reveals the master's address (3)
- 22 Wag tail at the Hun (6)
- 23 Evil destroyed? It's a cover up! (4)
- 25 Replace dustpan to an upright position (5-2)
- 27 Fight over letter deliveries? Not before 1945 surely (4-3)
- 29 The deep canoe splintered (5)
- 30 Pelota row about another game (5,4)
- 31 Safe is he? (5)
- 32 Dance, look back, stagger! (4)
- 33 Shut out! Properly so! (4)

Down

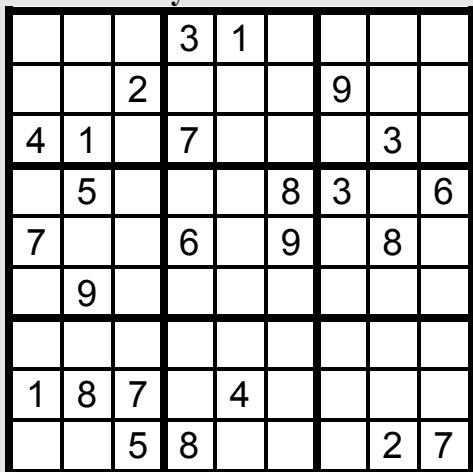
- 1 Fatigue confused dissenter (9)
- 2 Something is wrong, it's not a hit! (5)
- 4 April the first and the chaps are in welcome accord (9)
- 5 Guide an ox? (5)
- 6 Agree to worker following the witches (8)
- 7 Mathematical action to make entire (9)
- 8 It's very clear the top encompasses University College (5)
- 9 Previously a force or electron charge (5)
- 15 Repent man! Change or remain so forever (9)
- 17 Old sailor and favourite engineer: an explosive mixture (9)
- 19 Debts following endless session of High Court of Justice. Very funny! (9)
- 20 Does he make the beds in the nursery? (8)
- 24 Stars turning heads in Russian court (5)
- 25 A ship to sail up lakes (5)
- 26 Energy authority (5)
- 28 Stormy with rain on the hills initially (5)

Name Phone number

Across

- 1 A group on the same side of the harnessed draught animals (4)
- 3 Knocks fight back (4)
- 6 Cold about tor (5)
- 10 Strengthen check for church (9)
- 11 Prophetic, talismanic leader in charge, after Virginia (5)
- 12 Shuffled Eve's red warrant (7)

Wickham Sudoku No.6 by Balthasar



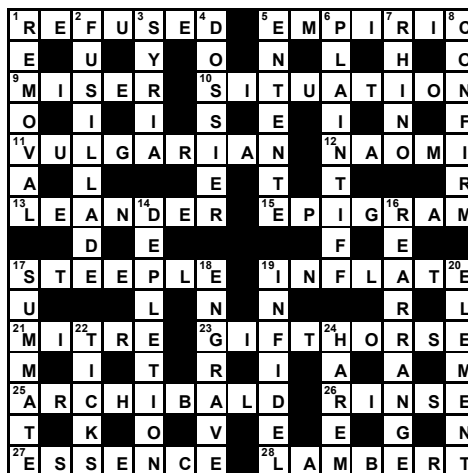
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Wickham Sudoku
Solution No.5
By Balthasar

Please send your completed crossword to the editor by Thursday, 31st August 2006.
The first correct solution opened wins a £10 voucher to spend at *Heming & Co.*



Wickham Prize Crossword Solution No.5 by Konrad



WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The sunshine left us for a while bringing in its place a welcome cooling breeze and a well attended meeting. 'Jerusalem' was sung unaccompanied, but always in tune, thanks to Molly hitting the right note. It was nice to welcome Joan Smith back again.

With the usual business completed and dates of all future activities and meetings put in our diaries, we then finalised the details and travel arrangements for our outing to Mottisfont Abbey on 21st June.

Joyce Cunliffe gave a report on her day at the WI AGM in Cardiff. Voting on the two resolutions was extremely close. Fay Mansell, the new WI president, gave our condolences for the death of the last president Barbara Gill. A talk was given by Hilary Benn MP, just back from Afghanistan, it was interesting though worrying; he is very concerned about world peace. It's also good to know that new Women's Institutes are being formed and that numbers are increasing.

Sylvia Wells reported on the Group Quiz, we came 3rd with 128 points, the winners got 133 points, so an excellent effort!

The talk on 'Butterflies' was given by Jenny Mallett; she began her interest when she realised just how wildlife had been devastated by intensive farming. Butterflies are 70% in decline and undoing the damage is going to take years. Hampshire has three large Nature Reserves. The Butterfly Conservation Group has 11000 members, and is a registered charity. What amazed me were nature's colours and designs, their habitat and life cycle.

Flower of the month Tied between Barbara Mullet & Joyce Cliefe

Competition Barbara Mullett

Next Meeting - July 12th at 2pm in the Scout Hut

This is our planning meeting; bring your ideas for the next year's programme.

GFW

1ST WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP

The Scouts are busy getting organised for the camping and outdoor season. Brushing up on their camping skills and pitching tents making sure they are in good order (not only for themselves but for the Cubs as well) for when we go camping in July.

The Beavers and Cubs went on a visit to Bursledon Windmill. We watched a dvd on how the windmill was restored and how it works. Half the group went up the windmill to see the workings and how the grain is turned into flour, the other half stayed in the barn and ground grain into flour by hand on small stones. Of course we reversed the groups, so we all had chance to make flour. We all came away with a kilo of flour that was ground on the premises. We all enjoyed the visit and the Beavers and Cubs have asked to go again!!!! We can recommend you to go and visit the Windmill and see for yourselves.

We still have spaces in our Beaver Colony and Cub Pack, if you have a son or daughter (ages 6-14years) who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please phone 01329 832739 for details.

Enjoy your summer holiday.

Chris Samways, Cub Scout Leader



WICKHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

VISIT TO VILLERS 26-28 MAY

Six members of Wickham Twinning Association responded to the invitation of the mayor of Villers, M. Gerard Vauclin to Cllr. Therese Evans, Hon. President of Wickham Twinning, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Villers as a seaside resort with its own casino and a steam railway link to Paris.

On the Saturday morning, dressed in costumes of the early 1900s, they were driven in vintage cars through the streets of the town and then rode in style in a period steam train along the sea front. Therese Evans, Ann Johnson, Chairman, and Caroline Fribbance, Secretary, were splendidly attired in lacy long dresses, largely of their own making.



Their spouses, David Evans, Tony Johnson and Bryan Fribbance added dashes of colour in striped blazers, boaters and flashy canes. The six English so stood out from the crowd that, during a lengthy walkabout as the Mayor's entourage in the afternoon, they found themselves constantly waylaid for photographs. However, photos dropped off somewhat once the strikingly tall elegance of Caroline Fribbance had left the scene. She submitted to an elderly man kissing her cheek for a photograph, but admitted to being more impressed a little later by another man, young enough to be a potential toy boy.

The evening was taken up by a meal in the magnificent public room above the Casino with its panoramic view of the sea. Between courses entertainment came in the form of French can-can dancers in skimpy costumes, who sang numbers from Cabaret and some made famous by Edith Piaf, including "Je Ne Regrette Rien". They sang just as beautifully as they danced. For one dance only Bryan, stage name "Brion", donned the traditional frills, but was accused by the leading dancer of having no behind because he failed to make the necessary final movement to reveal it. Long before he finally succeeded, his English compatriots and the whole room were in tearful floods of laughter.

Later in the night sky a fireworks display made colourful patterns of light, carried by a brisk breeze away from the canvas replica of the first casino built on the beach, which had many years previously been carried out to sea by a huge storm. French flair and some English brio made for an unforgettable weekend doing its bit for the entente cordiale between Villers and Wickham.

Ann Johnson

WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB

At the time of writing, our results for the month of June are 3 matches won and 3 lost, with another 4 still to be played. We won the return fixture at Shedfield, meaning that we now hold the Mike Blake trophy for the coming year.

One notable score was at Fareham & Crofton, where Mark Raven opened the batting and carried his bat for the whole of the innings, scoring 101 not out. Well done Mark! This valiant effort was unfortunately not enough as we lost by 29 runs.

Fixtures for July and August are as follows:

July			August		
1	Old Hambledonians	A	5	Locks Heath III	H
2	Bursledon	H	6	New Alresford	H
4	Alton	H	12	Portchester II	A
8	Purbrook III	H	13	Purbrook	A
9	Under 40s v over 40s	H	19	Curdridge	H
11	Wessex	A	20	Bidbury	A
13	Old Academicals	H	26	Hayling Island	A
15	Bishop's Waltham II	A	27	Ship Shop	H
16	IBM South Hants	H			
18	Owlsebury II	A			
22	Portsmouth PO	H			
23	Swanmore	H			
29	Compton	A			
30	Phoenix	H			



If anyone is interested in getting involved in the Club – as a player (of any standard), scorer or umpire, please contact Malc Burt on 01329 834398.

Lesley Wilde

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

Please find below details of our July and August events near to Wickham.

Wed 12 July

A Ramble round Hamble 2pm. Ron Kerridge will lead us through the variety of habitats found in this area, from foreshore to copse, from estuary to common. Meet at the car park by the sea, at the bottom of School Lane, Hamble Common (Map ref. SU 482 059). For further information, please contact Ron Kerridge on 01489 576958. Cost £2.

Sun 16 July

Summer Walk, Downland Flowers 10am. Old Winchester Hill was a landmark for the ancients, and for us, an example of rich downland landscape. The walk is to be led by Phil Jeffs. Please meet at first signposted car park on right as you come up Old Winchester Hill from Warnford/A32 (Map ref. SU 647 210). To book, please contact Phil on 01489 896280. Cost £2.00 adults, £1.00 children.

Wed 19 July

Moth Madness 8pm. An evening of moth trapping and your chance to learn about the moths that live around Swanwick Wildlife Reserve. Please meet at Swanwick Study Centre, off Sopwith Way where parking is available (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book a place, please contact Jo Smith on 01489 570240. Cost £1.

Sat 5 August

Butterflies and Wildflowers on Old Winchester Hill

11am-3.30pm. Join Brian Fletcher for a summer walk to see chalk downland wildlife. Bring a packed lunch if you would like to stay for the afternoon and a walk round the hill fort. Please meet at the main car park on the minor road south east from Warnford (Map ref. SU 646 214). For further details, please contact Mary Parker on 01962 864440.

Wed 9 August

A Round around the Golf Course 2pm. This gentle walk, led by Peter Adams, takes us around the shores of Cams Bay, along the perimeter of the golf course. Please meet and park at the car park at the end of Birdwood Grove which can only be reached via Shearwater Avenue (Map ref. SU 596 056). For further information, please contact Peter on 01329 287653. Cost £2

Sat 12 August

Discover Winnall Moors 10.30am-14.30pm. Join us for two walks, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, around wonderful reedbeds and meadows of the Winnall Moors Wildlife Reserve. The walks are to be led by Chris Bush, the Trust's Winnall Moors Reserves Officer and will include free entry to the City Mill. Please meet at the National Trust's Winchester City Mill (Map Ref. SU 487 294). For further details and to book your place, please contact Bob Goodwin or Anne Aldridge of Winchester City Mill on 01962 870057. Numbers are limited to 25 people per group, children over 10 welcome.

OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

MEON VALLEY U3A Programme Theme: "Travellers' Tales"

The new "academic" year, with the theme "Travellers' Tales", will start on Tuesday 19th September at 2pm at Wickham Community Hall. The presentation on that day - "Mozart's Travels – a Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of Mozart's Birth" will be made by Bunny Thornton and Dr. Denis May.

Details of all the talks, the **Music Appreciation** meetings: the **Reading Group**: the **U3A Strolls** round conservation areas and the **Creative Writing Group** are in the 2006/2007 programme, available in July. Telephone (01489) 878503 for a copy.



MEON VALLEY CARERS TOGETHER – MEMORY MATTERS

Do you know anyone with dementia?

Of course you do



Don't forget

Alzheimer's Awareness Week

2- 8 July 2006

Dementia affects **EVERYONE**

Changes to Benefits and Services

You may not be a member of our group, if so, you may well not be aware of the benefits and services available to Carers. If however you are already receiving some benefits and services you may not be aware of the implications of Hampshire County Council's proposed changes to Charging Policy for Adult Services. We can give you the benefit of our experience and can signpost you to information.

Forthcoming Meetings:

- Tue 11 July Pub Lunch – The Old Forge, Shedfield – 12 noon
- Tue 25 July Support Group Meeting, Paterson Centre, Swanmore- 2-4 pm- Visit to Ostrich Farm
- Tue 8 August Pub Lunch – The Old Forge, Shedfield – 12 noon
- Tue 22 August Bring your Own Picnic – Forest of Bere – Paterson Centre Swanmore if wet

Forthcoming Village Fete:

You will have the opportunity of meeting us at Swanmore village fete on Saturday 8 July where we shall be running a stall.

Meon Valley Carers Together provides essential support and guidance for people with dementia and their carers.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED.

To find out more about us and our activities contact:

Bill Drake on 01489 895706, email billdrake@onetel.net
or Cheryl Tucker on 01489 892845, email cheryltucker@dsl.pipex.com

Alternatively, you are always welcome to join us at our one of our get-togethers.

MEON VALLEY CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Q. I have taken out a new mobile phone contract but have just seen a deal in a newspaper that gives cheaper calls. Can I cancel the contract and return my new phone?

A. You cannot return your phone or cancel the contract, just because you have changed your mind or found a cheaper deal, unless your contract allows you to do this. Check to see if your contract gives you a right to cancel. If it does, the mobile phone company may charge you to do this – details should be in your contract.

However, there are many other circumstances in which you can cancel your contract free of charge: for example, if you have paid by credit, signed the contract in your own home, or ordered the service by post, phone or over the internet.

If any of these circumstances apply, you should talk to an experienced adviser, for example, at a Citizen Advice Bureau.

If you do decide to cancel your mobile phone contract, contact the mobile phone company and let them know. Confirm the cancellation in writing.

You can get more detailed information and advice on your consumer rights, or any other problem, by contacting 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. We also run an advice surgery at Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham on Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. If this is not convenient, please note our **Thursday evening appointments only** session (from 4 to 7 p.m.) at the Bishop's Waltham Bureau. You can also go to our local website www.bishopswalthamcab.org.uk or you can go to the national Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk

THE ROWANS HOSPICE

HOSPICE TRAVEL TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FLOWER FESTIVAL AT SOUTHWICK CHURCH



Friday 14 July 10.00 - 18.00
Saturday 15 July 10.00 - 18.00
Sunday 16 July 12.00 - 18.00

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE BY BOOKING A TOUR!

DAY TOUR BY LUCKETTS COACH TO BRISTOL Thursday 20 July 2006

'Explore as you please' an exciting City overflowing with intriguing, traditional and occasionally off the wall things to do and see! What really makes it special is its energy and the mix of historic and new. With the city, coast and countryside all within easy reach, Bristol is a great place to enjoy a day out. You will be spoilt for choice! £18 per person

VIENNA 4 DAY CITY TOUR 20 - 23 November

4★ hotel in exceptional location near St. Stephens Cathedral and the world famous State Opera in the heart of the old city. Scheduled flights and included city tour. Celebrate Mozart's 250th. Anniversary in his City with an opportunity to tie in with the famous Christmas markets. A unique blend of the historic and the modern.

"Dripping in beauty and dusted with romance, this magical city is a culture-lover's dream"

All tours include a donation to the Hospice.

For details and booking forms for the above please send a 9" x 4" stamped self addressed envelope to:-
Hospice Travel (SBPM), Orchard Cottage, 34 West Street, Southwick, P017 6EA
For more information telephone 07940 805431, 023 9238 2433 or 01329 237890
Email: rowanstravel@yahoo.co.uk



Home-Start Meon Valley
is looking for volunteers to help at their
Friday morning Drop-in Group.

The Group that is attended by Home-Start families runs from 9.45 - 11.45 and is held at
Wickham Community Centre each week.

If you enjoy working with young children and have parenting experience we're sure you'll find it rewarding.

For more information, please contact the Home-Start office on 01329 835936

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL REPORT

JULY 2006

Winchester City Councillors representing Wickham, Knowle and Curbridge:

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South East Plan and PUSH (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire)

We have reported on this matter regularly in recent issues. As you know the Plan proposes the building of many new houses in the Southern Parishes area, including a Strategic Development Area of 10,000 new homes to the south of Knowle Village and north of Fareham. We have always stressed the importance of maintaining gaps from this SDA around Knowle and Wickham settlements.

After a second stage of consultations in the autumn of 2005 the South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) has agreed the Plan and submitted it to Government in March 2006. The City Council was required to formally respond to the published Plan by 23rd June. After this stage of consultation there will be an 'Examination in Public' (EIP) at which an independent Panel, appointed by the Secretary of State, will examine the Plan. The EIP Panel will submit its report to Government, with the Plan expected to be formally adopted in early 2008.

As you know we have expressed our deep concerns about the proposed SDA to the south of Knowle in the past and we both pressed for the City Council's response to earlier consultations to set out as strongly as possible the need for further assurances on the infrastructure, environmental and other aspects of the Plan. It is also difficult to see how the crucial gap between Knowle (and indeed Wickham) and Fareham can be maintained if all of the new homes are built on this one site.

Wickham Folk Festival

This Festival will be held at the Community Centre in Mill Lane from Thursday to Sunday, 3rd to 6th August next and will feature many top names in folk music. The City Council approved an application for a new premises licence by the Community Centre which was necessary before the Festival could take place. Environmental Health officers from the Council were consulted on public safety, noise levels and other aspects with the organisers to allay the fears of some local residents and the Police were also consulted on the safety and highway issues.

Proposed new Primary School at Whiteley

The new Conservative administration at the City Council will consult with Whiteley residents before finalising their plans to sell Council recreational land next to the Meadowside Leisure Centre at Whiteley to Hampshire County Council. The land is proposed to be used to build a new one form entry

Church primary school. Many residents have expressed their concerns about the loss of the playing field facilities.

New funding for Affordable Homes

The Winchester District will benefit from around £2.4million which has been made available for new affordable homes in small villages in the District. The funding should provide 40 homes over the next 2 years. The money is available thanks to a partnership between several Hampshire District Councils and Rural Housing Enablers being successful in attracting funding for affordable homes in rural areas. The funding has been awarded to Hyde Housing Association to build the homes.

Knowle Village

Residents of Knowle are being consulted on the possibility of a new Village Hall which would replace the Chapel as the main village community facility and be combined with the already planned Sports Pavilion for the recreation ground. The village would then have a purpose built hall with better noise insulation, lower heating costs and more parking. This was agreed in principle by the previous administration in Cabinet and the community part would be funded mainly by Winchester City Council. We are awaiting confirmation from the new administration that they will proceed with these proposals. We will be pressing for this community opportunity for Knowle if this is what the residents decide they would like.

Next Councillor Surgery

Our next surgeries are:

Knowle Village Hall Tuesday July 18th 7-8pm

Wickham Community Centre Tuesday, 19th Sept. 7-8pm

No appointments are necessary and we are always happy to try and help on all local matters at any time.



Thérèse and Phil