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**Lent Lunches for Everyone!**

Starting on Friday, 8th February at  
12.30pm preceded by a short service in  
the church at 12.15pm

*Full details on page 5*



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## ***REFLECTIONS FROM THE LICENSED READER***

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Dear Friends,

When I was a young lad my parents insisted that I should write proper “thank you” letters to members of the family and friends who were kind enough to give me something for Christmas. They had to nag me to do it. My problem was that by Christmas I still had not written to all those who had given me a birthday present a month earlier!

I pleaded with them that there was really no need to write; surely as I had said “thank you” personally at the time that would be sufficient? I then suggested that a telephone call would do. But that too fell on deaf ears! Their view, and one that has remained with me ever since, is that saying “thank you” is the most important part of receiving. Maybe their implied threat that if I did not write to say “thank you” then there would be no present next time was enough to persuade me to get out the fountain pen!

All too often we take the gifts we receive for granted. In February we are now long enough away from the Christmas celebrations that God might ask whether the gift of His Son Jesus has properly been acknowledged. As we approach Lent the question becomes even more poignant. Frankly looking at some of the appalling events around the world, and closer to home, I do sometimes wonder.

But that would be to close the eyes to just how much work is being done in our parishes in His name.

During the interregnum church services have not only continued unchanged but more services and study groups have been asked for. Baptisms, weddings and funerals have taken place and rotas maintained as if no interregnum existed. Bells continue to ring. Choirs continue to sing. Daily prayer with Sunday morning and evening worship testify to the love of God in our churches.

Throughout the parishes, pastoral care, home visiting and communion, lunch groups and a host of other activities show that God’s love is shared everywhere, not just within the confines of our church buildings beautiful though they are.

St John the Baptist and St Nicholas churches in Shedfield and Wickham have shown just what can be achieved as the administrative and burdensome tasks of drafting parish profiles and person specification have already been completed. This has culminated in agreement by both PCC’s that the Bishop be asked to nominate someone to become vicar and rector within the United Benefice. We pray for a speedy and successful outcome.

God’s presence is all around us whether we have an interregnum or not. The continuing life and worship of our parishes in the busy, often daunting, weeks and months of the interregnum has reinforced my conviction that our love for Him does not diminish, nor does His love for us.

And so in this letter I need no prompting to say “thank you” not only for the precious gifts He gives us but particularly at this time for all you do, collectively and individually and in so many ways, to maintain the work of St John the Baptist and St Nicholas.

In His Love,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Stephen". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

*Stephen Campion, Reader*

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## HOW DO OUR BUILDINGS HELP OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY?

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DO our church buildings help or hinder our mission and ministry to our communities?

That's the question we'll be asking ourselves in the next cycle of our diocese's Kairos process.

This time, it will involve looking at the theology behind church buildings, auditing what we have, and then deciding whether to open new churches and church halls, revamp the ones we have and whether any should close.

But the key behind our 'Kairos: Buildings' process is how our buildings affect our own discipleship and mission. Tackling this issue will bring our understanding of what it really means to be a Christian into sharp focus.

Among the questions we'll be asking are:

- What part do our church buildings play in our ministry?
- Does constant fundraising for our buildings exhaust our time and energy?
- Are our churches sacred spaces that are valued by our communities or irrelevant and dilapidated?
- Are there new solutions to the ownership and funding of our churches and church halls that would release time and money for mission?

The Kairos initiative was initially launched by the bishop in February 2004 to address five issues: our ageing congregations, the national shortage of clergy, financial challenges, the cost of maintaining our buildings, and the lack of relevance of Christianity to many non-churchgoers.

Our eight deaneries developed five-year Kairos plans to help meet those challenges, which were presented and blessed in our cathedral in July 2005. Some of those plans included ambitious projects to revamp buildings. Many sought to provide new models of mission and ministry, and many projects are still ongoing.

In a progress report to our Bishop's Council, our Diocesan Kairos Group (DKG) concluded that the initial Kairos process had been both incredibly successful and yet fell short of the targets we had set ourselves.

The successes included better collaboration between parishes and an impressive array of projects that aimed to meet genuine community needs. Kairos appeared to be "embedded in the diocesan psyche".

But at the same time, it had failed to impact significantly on the five issues that were initially identified. That's why our diocese's Bishop's Council agreed that the next cycle of Kairos should specifically focus on one of those five challenges.

The Ven Trevor Reader, chairman of the DKG, said: "It's important that people realise that the first cycle of Kairos was vital. By going through that process, we are now much better equipped to tackle things we couldn't have done beforehand. Now we have fostered new relationships and considered different models, we're in a much better position to take some bigger risks.

"And tackling the buildings issue is a sure-fire way to tune in to what is really important in our Christian faith. Buildings are both a blessing and a pain, and we'll explore every aspect of that in our next Kairos cycle.

"One of the lessons we've learnt is that it can be counter-productive to push parishes and deaneries through a very tight time-scale. So the chances are that we'll ask deaneries to decide exactly when is the right time for them to go through the next cycle of Kairos."

Deaneries are likely to be asked to go through the Kairos Buildings cycle from 2008 onwards. It will involve the following phases:

1. **EXPERIENCE:** an exploration of the problems connected with our buildings
2. **EXPLORATION:**
  - (a) **THEOLOGY** - some work in small groups in which worshippers think about what our church buildings are for, and how sacred space should be used;
  - (b) **RESEARCH** - some research will be done in each deanery - with support from the central diocesan structures - as to what our church buildings are currently used for, what other church buildings exist locally, and about the demand for each of them.
3. **REFLECTION/RESPONSE** - deaneries will be invited to make a response to the bishop at a special Eucharistic service he will lead in each deanery.
4. **ACTION** - the deanery plans for our buildings will be implemented.

*Neil Pugmire, Diocese of Portsmouth*

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## ***FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER***

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Firstly I am pleased to say that Wickham Wasps after school club is about to become part of the Methodist Church's work in Wickham in addition to our Sunday Church meeting at the Community Centre and mid-week fellowship class. Hopefully by the time you read this article the ink will be dry on the Agreement between The Community Association and the Meon Valley Methodist Church. I see this as a very positive move for both the community and the Church (i.e. Anglican, Methodist and other denominational Christians in Wickham). It is our hope to be more involved in community activities as well as sharing our faith wherever possible and appropriate.

Our church worker, Tony Perry, and his team are providing good facilities at WASPS and excellent worship on Sundays building a Christian witness at the Community Centre. We are looking to extend that, however, much more through pastoral and chaplaincy into the whole village. The Methodist Circuit is helping to finance WASPS and we look forward to seeing further extension of the facilities and activities during the summer.



**Tony Perry** – Circuit worker  
(taken in warmer weather!)

Activities: **Sunday worship** at the Community Centre 11.00am -12.30pm  
**Wickham Wasps** at the Community Centre 2hrs after school Mon – Fri  
(for details contact the Community Centre)

Secondly, as we move into Lent with this edition, we turn our eyes to the passion, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ, may I share this thought with you?

Three times our Lord spelled out to the disciples that his destiny was his death on the cross at Calvary. Each time he made it clear to his disciples that this was necessary as the way of salvation for the world. He was born to die that we might live!

This was difficult for the disciples to grasp, because to them, being with him, everything seemed just great. How challenging then, when they remembered first meeting Him and his invitation to “follow me”. The way of the cross is our way too if we go with Jesus. Each day brings that challenge....”pick up your cross and follow me”(Luke 9:23).

We make so many choices each day, many of them trivial, some important and some of utmost importance. Who we follow is one of those choices. We live in a society in which we are encouraged to follow (or copy) many different role models. Our culture tends to elevate leaders, young royals, singers, sportsmen, fashion models and media personalities to superstar status. How quick we are when there is a disaster, to judge those who chose the wrong person(s) to follow. Today's young people are desperate for godly role models. The late John Wimber once said “it is not wrong to follow a man. It is wrong to follow the wrong man!”

The challenge to us all is to go with God and walk the way of the cross, to know Jesus and live our lives in the power of the Spirit. It is a clear choice for us to make. May this Lent take us deeper into the truth of God's gift to us in Jesus Christ and the power of Easter.

With prayers and blessing,

*Andrew Baguley*

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## ***PARK PLACE PERSPECTIVES***

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Now that Christmas and New Year are past, and Lent is on the horizon perhaps we might begin to have hopes of Spring. There are already primroses out in the grounds of Park Place. There are only a few as yet, but, no doubt, many more will follow. A sure sign of the new life that Easter will bring.

During the dark days of winter, the Friends of Park Place suffered the loss of one of their number. A man who will be greatly missed, and lovingly remembered, by all of us. A true Christian, he took a very active part in all the work done by the sisters to improve the lot of our sisters and brothers in India, Brazil, and Ethiopia. The Garden Party was a great favourite of his, and he delighted in compiling one of his 'fiendish' quizzes for the occasion.

He often contributed to this magazine, usually signing himself '*a friend of Park Place*'.

Although he had been ill for a few years, his death was quite sudden, but thank God, peaceful and pain-free. His name was David, and he was my husband.

Eternal rest give unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

*Leila Smith*

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## ***THE MOTHERS' UNION***

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In December we had a 'Christmassy' meeting when we sang carols and enjoyed a light-hearted quiz set by one of our members.

Our speaker in January was Canon Peter Marshall. As it was in the week of Epiphany it was suitable that Peter should take as his subject the Magi, and we had just read the appropriate passage from St. Matthew's gospel. It was pointed out to us that in most Christmas cards the magi are usually represented as being kings, and in fact at our crib in church, two of them are wearing crowns. This led up to the realization that most of the commonly held ideas about the magi are in fact legends or myths. The authorized version of St. Matthew describes them as wise men from the east, and other translations speak of astrologers or magi, so who were they? We are happy to sing 'We Three Kings of Orient

are...' but the 'Orient' is the only bit which has any biblical foundation. Since they are said to have followed a star, it is a reasonable assumption that they were astrologers (Star-led Wizards the poet John Milton called them). They are reputed to have come from all over the place including Africa, but this again is only legend. Because they gave gifts of three kinds – gold, frankincense and myrrh – we assume that there were three of them, but again there is no evidence for this. It is up to each individual to decide for himself (or herself) how to interpret the biblical story. Peter ended his talk by saying "I have the feeling that Matthew intends us to see in his story of the birth of the Christ Child, death to the old life without God and resurrection to the new life with him. I think that the magi found death, the death of their old life which was leading them to destruction, but they found also the gain of a new life in Christ which was for eternity".

Our next meeting is a fund raising lunch on Tuesday 12th February at 12.30pm at 3 Tanfield Park.

*Anne Marshall*

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## ***HACKNEY CHRISTMAS GIFTS***

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### **A Letter of Thanks to Everyone who Supported the Deanery Christmas Gifts to the Deanery of Hackney**

At the end of November last year gifts from all the parishes of the Deanery were brought to Waltham Chase Village Hall, sorted and packed into Noble Argue's van which he very kindly provided and drove for us again. The following day we took the gifts first to the Priory for Sister Moira and Sister Elizabeth to use in their Community's work with homeless and needy men and women and then to St James' Church, Clapton where the Revd Rosèmia Brown stores the gifts for the Night Shelter and other churches to collect.

Sister Moira wrote on 26th November:

**"To all the kind people of Bishop's Waltham Deanery who have contributed to the wonderful collection of "Harvest" (in the widest sense) – that you brought to us on Saturday. A very big and heartfelt**

**THANK YOU!**

**Your gifts will be so greatly appreciated by all the folk who come to the Dunloe Centre and to the Sunday Stall. Opening all the boxes and packages and finding the treasures inside is like a mega Christmas. In fact I shall keep a**

number of the new items to give as Christmas parcels on our last opening before Christmas. With best wishes to you all and much gratitude." *Moira SSM*

Thank you too again from the Hackney Link Committee members representing the parishes of our Deanery. Enquiries can always be made to Norman Chatfield 01489 891995.

We're very happy to mention that you can contact Noble Argue for possible gardening and landscaping work on 01489 780557.

*Norman Chatfield*

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## ***THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER***

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The Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, 7th March 2008 at 2pm will be held at the Methodist Chapel, High Street, Shirrell Heath.



The Christian Women of Guyana, The Land of Many Waters, have been responsible for compiling the service which is entitled "God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding". The offering of the service worldwide begins in Tonga, passes to New Zealand and then Australia and within twenty-four hours prayers will have been said right around the world.

Please do come and support this special annual service: all are welcome – men, women, young people and children.

Afternoon tea will be served in the hall after the service.

*Ann Shotlander*

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## ***DEANERY SPONSORED WALK FOR CHRISTIAN AID***

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It's never too early to book the date -  
**SUNDAY 11th MAY 2008**  
- and never too early to get sponsors.

Book it in your diary today - SUNDAY 11th MAY 2008 - at 2pm from Hambledon Church. It will be an up to 10 mile circular walk in a beautiful rural area, and there will be a shorter walk of 4 to 5 miles available for those unable to do the longer distance.

Further information from Hugh Spendlove on 01489 893574.

*Hugh Spendlove*

## ***Lent Lunches for Everyone!***



Yes, it is now that time of year to be looking ahead to Lent, a time for thought and reflection. It is also at this time we hold our Lent lunches for a period of 6 weeks, where one is able to enjoy delicious home made soup, bread, cheese and a cup of tea at St Nicholas Church here in Wickham.

These will be held on a Friday at 12.30pm, preceded by a short service in the Church, at 12.15pm. It would be lovely if you could join us too for this service.

The dates to note are:

**February 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th**  
**March 7th and 14th**

Our first Lent lunch, i.e. February 8th, will be our '**Churches Together**' lunch, and we warmly invite those from the other Churches within our Deanery to join us on this day. Collections from this lunch will go to **Age Concern Meon Valley Day Care Centre Minibus Fund** (towards a new minibus).

Collections from the following 5 lunches will go to our Bishops Lent Appeal. Do please come and support these good causes and enjoy good food and company, a warm welcome awaits you all.

*Di Hemingway-Rice and Robert Goulson*



On Easter Saturday 23rd March there will be a "**Gift Day**"  
At St Nicholas Church between  
10am and 3pm

St Nicholas is a very ancient church and one of which we are very proud. There are some much needed repairs to be undertaken and completion of the North Transept since the pews have been removed. We hope to change the choir stall in due course to enable us to hold music concerts and other events such as our harvest supper. More than this though is the general cost of keeping the church open and warm as the cost of heating and lighting is rising so steeply. We hope that you will support us in our desire to uphold the beauty of this wonderful church which is not only for the people who worship here but is for everyone in the parish.

## **St Nicholas' Church and Wickham Village Fete**

**Saturday 14th June 2008**

A date for your diaries! The Fete is a lovely event in the gardens of Beverley each year and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible again; those who just come to enjoy the outing and those who help to such good effect.

If you have any ideas for us to try this year or any offers of help, please contact Niki Cartwright on 01329 833749.

## **HAMPSHIRE PROBATION AREA**



A team of Unpaid Work offenders have been working at St Nicholas' in Wickham for the past few weeks. The work was arranged through Eddie Pervin the Placement Manager for the area.

Phil Jurd (Unpaid Work Supervisor) accepts a cheque donation from Robert Goulson, Churchwarden of St Nicholas, flanked by Dan Wilcox and Graham Britten, Unpaid Workers.

He said: *"The group initially painted the hall and now we are tidying the grounds over the coming weeks. We try to work in as many areas as we can,*

*so that both rural and urban communities can benefit from the service. St Nicholas Church has very kindly given us a donation that will help to cover the cost of consumables that we use, and we will revisit the site on a regular basis to keep it tidy"*.

If you represent a charity or are a non – profit making organisation that need work doing, then contact Eddie on 023 9272 8437.

*Eddie Pervin*

## **A MONUMENTAL MASTERPIECE**

### **The Waynflete Singers**

"The greatest work of music of all ages and of all peoples" will be performed on Saturday 8th March when The Waynflete Singers present Bach's mighty Mass in B minor in Winchester Cathedral. Not performed very often due to its vast proportions and a call for technical excellence in its soloists – the evening promises to deliver a roller-coaster of emotions from deep despair to sublime beauty and sheer joy and will satisfy newcomers and seasoned veterans in the audience alike.



The Waynflete Singers will be joined by Florilegium – one of Britain's most outstanding period instrument ensembles and the soloists will be Katherine Fuge, Robin Blaze, William Kendall and Peter Harvey, directed by Andrew Lumsden.

Tickets are now on sale from £30 - £10 and are available from Winchester Cathedral Box Office on 01962 857275 (situated in the Visitors' Centre).

Book online: [www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk](http://www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk)

*Brenda Simms*

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# VILLAGE NEWS

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## HAMPSHIRE SONGS AT SHEDFIELD

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The Gardiner Appreciation Group is putting on a concert of Hampshire songs at Shedfield Reading Room on Saturday 9th February at 7.30 pm. The Group was set up by Bob Askew and Paul Hawkins to publicise Hampshire's wonderful heritage of folk song. It takes its name from Dr George Gardiner who collected over 1,200 songs in the county between 1905 and 1909. Bob will be introducing the concert, and will give a five minute introduction to the work of George Gardiner and other collectors in Hampshire.



George Gardiner

The concert is headlining Gwilym and Carol Davies who made tape-recordings of Hampshire's traditional singers and musicians in the 1960s and 70s. They will be performing Hampshire songs, and will be talking about the musicians and singers. One of the old venues was Sam's Hotel (now called Samuel's Rest), which is a few minutes walk from the venue.

Rob Mills will also be singing. He is a local singer who learnt songs from his father. Most folk singers perform in folk clubs nowadays, but Rob carries on the tradition of singing at family and social events. He may also have a few stories about the old days.

Anne Winter is singing in support. She has learnt a number of songs from her home area in the Hayling-Havant area.

Don't miss this chance to hear Hampshire's own songs. Tickets £5.00. Enquiries to Bob Askew 020 7928 8076, email [bob\\_askew@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bob_askew@hotmail.co.uk)

*Bob Askew*

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## The Stan Woodford Photographic Competition 2007



### Winning entry 2006

Please accept my apologies. I missed the deadline for the last edition of the Parish Magazine so there was no reminder in December that it was time to think of putting in your entries for the 2007 Competition. Although the photographs for the Competition must have been taken by the 31st December 2007 **we have decided to extend the closing date until the end of February this year.** Please take your entries to Studio 6 where you can collect an entry form. We had a super collection of entries for the 2006 competition. It would be splendid if we could get as good a set or an even a better one this year.

Look out your photographs and enter the 2007 Competition.

*Michael Carter*

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## **GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY**

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Margaret and Cedric Moppet, from Purbrook, take this library to eight different venues each month, from Bognor to Titchfield, as well as three other places just to sell their very reasonably priced cards. Although the Library has been run on a voluntary basis for 20 years, new publications have been regularly added to the stock, funded solely by donations, which also keep the dedicated library vehicle on the road.

The Library goes to the Paterson Centre School Room at Swanmore on the second Tuesday morning of most months. The stock is set up on tables and there is plenty of time to browse.

Cedric is on hand to give any help to find something.

There is material for seekers, for encouragement, for strengthening of faith and to increase knowledge - and also a selection of recently published fiction.

The Library also carries a supply of greetings cards and notelets for sale at very reasonable prices - a good opportunity to stock up. Stay a while too for a coffee or tea and a chat - you'll be most welcome.

If you can't get to the Library on the first Tuesday at Swanmore, perhaps you might like to visit another location on a different day. Please ring Pam Manson on 01489 892374 for details.

*Pam Manson*

## **THE GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY**

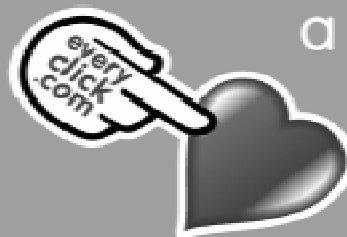
The next visit of the GNTL is  
at the **Paterson Centre,**  
**Church Road, Swanmore,**  
on **12<sup>th</sup> February 2008**  
at **10.30 am ~ 12.15 pm**

There are books, CDs, videos  
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and help your local group raise  
funds for their new building!

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## **POLICING PRIORITIES FOR WICKHAM**

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Find out what the policing priorities are for  
Wickham and meet the Meon Valley Safer  
Neighbourhood Team.

Next visit of the mobile police unit:

**Wickham** - Wednesday 27th February 2-4pm

**Knowle** - Friday 29th February 6-8pm

<http://www.hampshire.police.uk/Internet/>

follow the Safer Neighbourhood links.

*Nicki Oliver*

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## Community Association

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Website: [www.wickhamcommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.wickhamcommunitycentre.org.uk)

### February 2008

#### Youth Club on the move...

Plans are in place for a 'new' building for the exclusive use of the Youth Club. A 20 x 4m second hand Portacabin is to be installed behind the Community Centre.

The Youth Club leaders have made a successful grant application to cover the costs of providing and installing the building which is a fantastic achievement.

It is hoped the building will be open for young people to use at least three evenings a week with the possibility of further evenings being explored.

Congratulations to all involved, it has taken a lot of time and effort to reach this point and the results are well deserved.

#### Woodford Suite booked for wedding receptions

The Woodford Suite is the upstairs room at the Centre, previously used by the Social Club. The room has been refurbished and redecorated and has new furniture.



Woodford Suite - Abi & Jim's wedding reception  
Photograph by Naomi Stannard

With its well stocked bar and capacity for 150 people it is an ideal venue for wedding receptions and parties. So, if you are looking for somewhere for a local reception check out the Woodford Suite first!

#### Recycling facilities for Wickham

The Scouts made a request to the Parish Council for some local glass recycling facilities.

The Community Centre and Parish Council are very keen to help with this and are looking at possible sites for a bottle bank in the Centre car park. It is hoped to have the facility in place shortly.

#### New caretaking team receive compliments!

Ray, Gary and Roy had a tough act to follow after the retirement of Jeff Kill. Jeff put a 110% into keeping the Centre up to scratch.

Compliments from our users clearly show that the new team, lead by Ray, is taking the running of the Centre to new levels of excellence!

Building on the work of Jeff, the team are deep cleaning and redecorating with great efficiency.

The floors are squeaky clean, the skirtings sparkle and Ray can be heard whistling and singing at all times of day - and evening.

#### A new use for the Meon Room?

When the Youth Club move to their new building the Meon Room will become available for hire. This is a great room for informal gatherings and children's parties.

The Community Association will be carrying out some minor refurbishment but rest assured the Youth Club mural will remain!

#### BIG green challenge

£1 million prize fund

Follow the link to find some money for all those energy saving projects you want to do:

<http://www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk/>



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# Children's Centre



## Family 'Art Attack' Workshop

Competition to name and draw a logo for the children's centre which is to be attached to Wickham Primary School and serving families across Wickham, Shedfield and Whiteley



**The workshop will be delivered by Orange Apples Ltd Company**

Unleash your creativity and learn new skills!

An opportunity for families with children up to 11 years old to experiment with painting, printing and sketching!

Paint your own pots to go home!

Paint giant canvasses!

Come and learn about the children's centre near you!

Places are limited so please call Lucie on 02380 650 034 to book a free place for your family!

**Where: Wickham Community Centre  
Mill Lane, Wickham  
P017 5AL**

**When:  
Saturday 23 February 2008**

**What time: 2.00 – 4.00pm  
Dress for mess!**

**Refreshments provided**

**All children must be accompanied by an adult**

**For information & regular updates visit:**

**Website: [www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-centres](http://www.hants.gov.uk/childrens-centres)**

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## **WICKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL GREENPOWER GOBLIN PROJECT**

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Setpoint Hampshire, in conjunction with Intech, the Science and Engineering Discovery Centre at Winchester, is sponsoring an electric kit-car contest for primary schools in the Portsmouth area this year. Wickham School has been lucky enough to obtain a kit. The school's Technology Club, with help from their teacher, Mr. Proctor and an Intech advisor, have built the car and will be taking part in the "Race Day" event for all participating schools at the Mountbatten Centre, Portsmouth, on March 8th.

The aim of this contest is to generate an interest in engineering in children at an early age. It is hoped that this will enable them to enjoy science and engineering as they progress through their education and that it may inspire some of them to choose a career in these fields, as engineering companies in the UK are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit suitable young trainees.

The car, a Greenpower Goblin, has an aluminium space-frame chassis which can carry one person. It is powered by a 24volt electric motor and is capable of 15mph; a disc brake and full safety harness is fitted.

Building has progressed very satisfactorily, the car is now running and the children are learning to drive it; initially on reduced power and at half speed. The body work is the final job needed to complete the car.



Everyone connected with the project is looking forward to a successful day on March 8th and anyone wishing to see the car and the team will be able to do so at the Wickham Annual Parish assembly on April 23rd.

*Mike Bennett*

### **Wickham C. E. Primary School**

#### **'Stay and Play'**

**a group for all under 5s and their parents.**

**Do join us this term on**

**Tuesday, 5th February**

**And**

**Tuesday, 12th February**

**The next date is**

**Tuesday, 4th March**

**2.00-3.00pm in the School Hall**

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# WICKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Pirate Maths Week

The children, parents and staff of Wickham Primary School had an exciting week in January sailing the High Seas whilst learning about Maths in a fun way.



The week was kick started by Barry Philips, (Hampshire Maths Team Advisor) who met with parents to give hints and tips about how they can help their children with Maths at home.



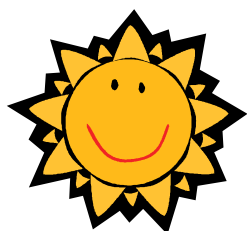
The rest of the week was taken up with "Pirate" activities, ranging from making a life size pirate ship out of 3D shapes, making jewel biscuits with the correct number of jewels, treasure hunts and orienteering and lots of maths investigations and challenges.

Pirate Week ended with us all dressing up as pirates and coming together to share and celebrate all the work we had done.



*Rosie Smith Reception Class Teacher*

## WICKHAM SUMMER PLAYScheme



We are please to let you know that Wickham Summer Playscheme will be running from **Monday, 28 July until Friday, 22 August 2008** at the Community Centre.

However, we will be closed on Thursday, 31 July and Friday, 1 August for the Wickham Festival.

"Information and Booking Forms" are available from Wickham Community Centre or email [wickhamcentre@btconnect.com](mailto:wickhamcentre@btconnect.com).

*Jenny Bunce*

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# ROOKESBURY PARK SCHOOL

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Our  
**'jeans for Genes Day'**  
raised over £300



## **Cradle Song**

Cradle Song gentle and soft  
Rocking slowly and soft  
Baby wrapped up warm and tight  
Lying in his mother's arms

Cradle song drifts along  
Over mountains and crossing streams  
Weaving his way through dreams

Cradle song, cradle song  
Is what this baby needs  
Mother's voice calm and slow  
And no more crying all eve.

*Maddie Falconer Age 10*

## **You**

You came into my life  
Like an electric shock  
After a power cut  
And me,  
Like a TV  
Burst into life

You came into my life  
Like a burst of static  
After a long drawn silence  
And me,  
Like an amplifier  
Burst into life.

You came into my life  
When I needed  
A charge,  
A jolt,  
To run.

But  
In the same way you came,  
You left  
And like a fuse that's blown  
An old wire that's snapped  
I lost all power  
And eventually  
Died,  
Inside.

*Bradley Thomas Age 11*



**Year 3 paintings for  
their Egyptian project**



*Pippa Harris-Burland, Headmistress*

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# POEMS AND MUSINGS

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## LET US GO FORWARD WITHOUT ANY FEAR

Listening to the church bells ring,  
We wonder what the New Year will bring.  
What 'ere may befall us, we must be strong,  
Then we can cope, with what comes along.

We each have our faith, whatever our creed.  
Our god will supply us, when we are in need.  
So let us be cheerful, we must not get low,  
Our God is with us, where 'ere we go.

We do not know what lies ahead,  
But god will keep us in good stead.  
If we go along with Him by our side  
We have our guardian and our guide.

Let us go forward, with God in our sight,  
Then we know, we will do what is right.  
Then ring out the bells, let our hearts sing.  
Knowing we can face, what the future will bring.

*Rhoda Cane*

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## LETTERS

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From Ann Sharp

*Dear Editor,*

Please may I use your letter page to say 'thank you' to Jean of "**Jean's Hair Stylists, Wickham**" - 48.5 years, what a shame she didn't make 50!



Jean is a very caring person, always asked after customers she hadn't seen for a while, in case they were ill, was always extremely generous with raffle prizes - free hair dos or large cans of lacquer and always 'fitted you in' even if it was 7.30 am!!!

Many of Jean's customers started having their hair done as youngsters, then newly weds, young mums who brought their children and finally as older mums bringing their grandchildren.

We shall all miss you Jean. The Square won't be the same without you. I am just one of your many sad but appreciative customers.

*Ann Sharp,  
The Glebe, Wickham*

## RED-BERRIED LOVE

The firelight brought a touch of summer sun  
To your shoulders as you knelt on cushions  
After love on a frosty February evening.

You knelt there, silently, smiling at me.  
Flames flickered in your eyes.  
Red-berried love grew in the evergreen space  
between.

*Tony Johnson*

## RELATIVELY SPEAKING

We've been off visiting relatives. Have you ever noticed how much shorter a long journey seems to be when coming back, as opposed to going?

"It's the same distance both ways," says the Missus.

"Not necessarily," say I. "Perhaps the relativistic space-time continuum is a direction dependant variable."

"What?" says the Missus.

"Or maybe it's quicker going south because it's down hill towards the equator.

"What are you talking about?" says the Missus.

"Then again, perhaps England has shrunk, having dried out somewhat during the day."

"It's raining," says the Missus.

"Or solar radiation is giving me wind assist in this direction. Or the air density has reduced due to convection on a warm day," says I.

"It's not warm, It's November and it's cold," says the Missus.

"Eureka!" says I, "it's the gravitational sling-shot effect due to the path and proximity of the Moon! There, didn't I tell you that Einstein has something to do with it?"

"I wish you would pay more attention to your driving," says the Missus.

*Mike Hollis*

### Letters to:

Neale Fray, 22 Manor Close, Wickham,  
Fareham, Hampshire, PO17 5BZ  
Telephone 01329 832751  
E-mail: neale@fray.me.uk

*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.*

## ***FEBRUARY 2008 DIARY***

### **FEBRUARY 2008**

Sat 2 8:00 Men's Breakfast, Church Room

Sun 3	<b>PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE CANDLEMAS</b>	Malachi 3: 1-5 Hebrews 2: 14-end Luke 2: 22-40
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Family Service	
	18:00 Choral Eucharist	

Mon 4 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room  
19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room

Tues 5 10:00 **Holy Communion, Normandy Court**  
12:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room  
16:45 Brownies, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham History Society, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 6 **ASH WEDNESDAY**  
12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room  
19:00 **Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes**  
**Joint Service at St John the Baptist, Shedfield**

Thur 7 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room  
20:00 Wykeham Group Council Meeting, Swanmore

Fri 8 12:15 Lent Prayers, Lady Chapel  
12:30 Lent Lunch Churches Together, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sat 9 14:30 Dystonia Association, Church Room

Sun 10	<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Genesis 2: 15-17: 3: 1-7 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	14:00 Holy Baptism: Annalise Marie Edmonds	

Mon 11 11:00 Spinners/Weavers, Church Room  
**14:00 and 19:00 Lent Course begins, Rectory**  
19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room

Tue 12 12:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room  
12:30 The Mothers' Union Fund Raising Lunch at 3 Tanfield Park  
16:45 Brownies, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Society, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 13 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room  
19:45 Wickham Wives, Church Room

Thur 14 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 15 12:15 Lent Prayers, Lady Chapel  
12:30 Lent Lunch, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

**Sat 16 LAST DAY FOR COPY FOR MARCH 2008 MAGAZINE**

Sun 17	<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Genesis 12: 1-4a Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17 John 3: 1-17
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	18:00 Choral Evensong	

Mon 18 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room

Tues 19 12:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room  
16:45 Brownies, Church Room  
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 20 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room  
19:30 Model Engineers Society, Church Room

Thur 21 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room  
 Fri 22 12:15 Lent Prayers, Lady Chapel  
 12:30 Lent Lunch, Church Room  
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 24	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	Exodus 17: 1-7 Romans 5: 1-11 John 4: 5-42
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	

Mon 25 11:00 Spinners/Weavers, Church Room  
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room  
 Tue 26 12:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room  
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room  
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre  
 Wed 27 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room  
 Thur 28 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room  
 Fri 29 12:15 Lent Prayers, Lady Chapel  
 12:30 Lent Lunch, Church Room  
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

**MARCH**

Sat 1 08:00 Men's Breakfast, Church Room

Sun 2	<b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	Exodus 2: 1-10 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7 Luke 2: 33-35
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Family Service	
	18:00 Choral Eucharist	

Mon 3 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room  
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room  
 Tue 4 10:00 **Holy Communion, Normandy Court**  
 12:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room  
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room  
 19:30 History Society, Church Room  
 Wed 5 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room  
 19:30 British Legion, Church Room

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*From the registers*

*Holy Baptism*

Frank Clapham	23/12/2007
Nola Florence Barker	30/12/2007
Marcus Michael Fayek	30/12/2007
Nathan Robert Goodman	30/12/2007

*Holy Matrimony*

Kelly Kellett/Gary Hancock	22/12/2007
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*Rest in Peace*

Christine Carpenter	Burial of Ashes	05/12/2007
Brian Peter Osman	72 yrs	11/12/2007
Patricia Ann Pilcher	68 yrs	01/01/2008

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## SAM'S PLAICE

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I moved to Wickham in 1983 when my Dad retired from working as head gardener at Fir Hill in Droxford where we had lived for 9 years. Mum worked in the house as well as bringing up me, my two brothers and my sister.



When we moved to Wickham I had just left school and all I wanted to do was work with horses, which I did, travelling daily back to Droxford on my moped. Horses have always been a passion in my life but I soon decided to have a horse for pleasure rather than work with them. I kept my new forest pony, Fern, at Mayles Farm for a few years, walking up and down the lane with my faithful dog, Domino.

Mum started her shop in 1989; her passion has always been flowers and flower arranging. She has built her shop 'Sandra's' in Bay Tree Walk into a well established business and still puts as much loving care into it now 18 years later. For over two years I managed the Belgium chocolate shop next door to her and enjoyed using my flowery skills to decorate delicious boxes of chocolates.

Fish and chips, then, was quite a change and the business found me - I bumped into an old friend from Droxford who was known as Gussies and he needed some help in his fish and chip van. From there I decided, when Nigel wanted to give up the business, to buy his small trailer and set up on my own and rename the business '**Sam's Mobile Catering**' (see regular advert starting in the next edition). This was in 2001 and now I am in my 7th year and going from strength to strength.

In 2005 I took a short break when my wonderful daughter, Bronwyn, came into the world who gives me great joy every day. Now I juggle my days between Bronny and my work and of course my partner, Gabe, and for now horses have to take a back seat, but I can't wait till Bronny has her first pony.

I have worked hard to build up my weekly fish and chip evenings and have at last got my new trailer, and with the help of my brother Joe, have turned this trailer into what I hope will be the best fish and chip shop on wheels! Joe is great; he can turn his hand to anything. He now also has his own growing business, repairing lawn mowers, working from Newtown near Soberton. He is in his third year now and despite the strange weather patterns of our summers is still doing well. Joe has overcome all the initial problems that arose with the trailer and when I couldn't see a way ahead and wondered what on earth I thought I was doing, he just calmly said 'Don't worry Sam, we'll do it like this!'

I owe Joe a great deal of thanks, as without him it would not have happened.

On Wednesday evenings from 6 – 9pm you can find me outside the **Bold Forester** Public House in Soberton Heath for a takeaway with a difference. Jim, the landlord welcomes people into the cosy bar to enjoy their fish and chips, or any of the other delicious alternatives on my menu, with a drink. When the weather improves the garden is a great place to eat.

Thursday evenings I'm in Droxford Square, same time both evenings. All the food is freshly prepared to order and served with friendly efficiency, so pop along and try some!

*Samantha Spelling*



### Chinese New Year The Year of the Rat

Chinese New Year is the longest and most important celebration in the Chinese calendar. The Chinese year 4706 begins on the 7th February 2008.

Where do you read your Wickham Parish Magazine? Barry with Alice from Hypro Mold, Shenzhen City, China, catch up with the latest Wickham news.



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# WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our December meeting saw us enjoying good food, good conversation and a quiz or two.

We will be enjoying good food again at our February meeting, this time lunch at The Forge, Shedfield. We all agreed it was a pleasant way to bring in the New Year.

*Mavis Bruce*



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## WICKHAM WIVES

For our first meeting of 2008, we invited John Pratt to tell us about his experiences whilst working at Cases Bakery.

John's early years were spent in Littlehampton and the family moved to Wickham in 1939 when his father was employed as a baker by Mr Frank Case. John was very interested in baking and he asked if he could go to the bakery on Saturday mornings and then during the school holidays to work.

His jobs were not always involved with the bakery, the shop in Station Road was also the Post Office and Mr Frank Case was the postmaster. Consequently, if John was available, he was sent off on his bicycle to deliver telegrams. On one occasion he had to deliver a telegram to Rookesbury House which was taken over by the army. He recalls being stopped by an armed guard at the gate before he could gain admission to the drive, and another guard when he approached the house.

Being a telegram boy was a handy little earner for John. He was paid 3d (that was when there were 240 pence to the £1.00) for local deliveries, 6d for the outskirts of the Square, and 9d or even one shilling (12d) for Hundred Acres or even further afield.

John attended Harrison Road School in Fareham and was a talented pupil. He was offered a job in the Council Offices, but very much against his headmaster's advice he turned down an office job as he was determined to become a baker.

We are now getting into the years of World War II with rationing and many ingredients used to make cakes were unobtainable. Bread, currant and raspberry buns and doughnuts were the only things they could produce. A licence was granted to make 'Agricultural Pies', so John was dispatched to Mr Tull the butcher to purchase a quantity of minced beef. Their pies were very popular in this time of rationing with local people and land workers, etc. Hot cross buns were made on the Thursday before Good Friday and queues formed early on Good Friday to be sure you bought them before the shop closed at 11am for the rest of the day.

In 1947 John went into the Air Force for 2 years National Service. This was compulsory training for all young men of 18 years old, in one of the armed services. On his return, John went to 'Bakery School' which meant cycling to Swaythling every Wednesday to gain his 'City and Guilds qualification'. We must remember that rationing and clothing coupons didn't finish until 1953 and nothing was wasted. The sacks that the Canadian flour came in were opened, washed and made into aprons for the bakers. The large catering size jam tins were sought after by the local gypsies who cut them into strips to use around wooden clothes pegs which they sold from door to door.

Once free from rationing the business went from strength to strength, employing up to 60 people. The selection of small cakes was second to none, along with all 'celebration' cakes, steak and kidney pies and Cornish pasties. Passing trade boomed and at times such as Goodwood race

meetings, coaches would discharge their passengers in the Square and they flocked to Cases to buy the freshly cooked wares. Sadly, once the M27 was built this trade ceased.

For many years the jacket potatoes were cooked in the bakery ovens for Harvest Suppers. Most people had no idea just what went on in those bake houses behind the shop, and the loyalty of the employees, who willingly worked extra hours if the need arose.

For me, and several others at our meeting, John's talk was like opening a time capsule. I remember queuing for bread and savouring the delicious smell coming from the shop and bakery. I confess to eating some of the crusty top of the hot loaves before I reached home!

Thank you John for sharing the part you played in our village life, it is important that these memories are not lost in these days of mass production.

The next meeting on Wednesday 13th February will be held in the FIRE STATION (NOT the Church Room) in Station Road Wickham at 7.30 pm. Graham Pike will give us an illustrated account of his "Motor Cycle Ride through India", and if there is time, a look around the fire engine!

*Margaret Gwynn*

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## ***FORESTERS FRIENDLY SOCIETY***

By the time you read this, I'm sure you will have booked your Summer holidays (I booked mine last May!) or will be counting how many shopping days to Christmas!

Apart from all that, I write to say what a wonderful time we enjoyed at our Carolcade on 2nd December 2007 in St Nicholas Church. Sholing Salvation Army Band were up to their usual standard as was Tracey singing her solos, what a beautiful voice



she has and so natural. Truly a gift from God. I'm sure in some way or other we all have a gift which some of us haven't discovered. We were also privileged to see the Timbrel team in action under the leadership of Tracey.

We raised £127 for Fort Cancer Charity which is the main Charity we support. After the Carolcade, approximately 50 of the congregation joined us for refreshments in the Church Room. Unfortunately the Salvation Army were unable to, as they were due to play in their own Hall at 4.30pm.

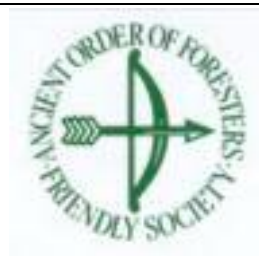
Bro. Alec Blandford, along with his wife Marilyn and her sister, Margaret Prow, decorated one of the 26 Christmas trees on behalf of the Court at the Sholing Salvation Army Festival of Trees. The way the Salvation Army Hall was prepared for Christmas was very impressive. It was great that we were invited to take part.

On Sunday 9th December, members who attend our bi-monthly Court meetings were again invited to bribing their spouses to a Christmas Lunch at Greens (36 of us were present). No mean feat for Carol/Frank and the staff who so skilfully looked after us, especially as the whole of their seating area was full. I must say we are always looked after well when we visit there.

All being well, a coach party will be visiting the Ice Show at Brighton on Saturday 26th January, stopping at the Toby Carvery, Goring for meal on the way home.

Bobbie Smith and myself are working on a few ideas for 2008 and several are already taking shape. One month has already gone of this year, but on behalf of the Court, may I wish you every blessing for 2008.

*John Pratt*



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## ***THE WICKHAM SOCIETY***

In January each household in the village should have received our flier ‘Wickham – the future?’ notifying residents of one of the options Winchester City Council is considering, which is to build 1000 new homes in Wickham. We have had several committee meetings over the last few weeks and our discussions culminated in a number of questions about the over development of Wickham i.e. almost doubling its size, its status as a ‘village’ or ‘town’ and ‘strategic and local gaps’. These questions were sent to Winchester City Council on 10th January 2008. Copies were also sent to our Hampshire County Councillor Freddie Allgood, our Winchester City Councillors Therese Evans and Angela Clear, Wickham Parish Council and to the Parliamentary Candidates for the new Meon Valley Constituency, George Hollingbery (Conservative) and Liz Leffman (Liberal Democrat). If you would like to see a copy of the ‘questions’ submitted then please contact one of the committee members.



I am pleased to say that we have already received responses from Winchester City Council, Freddie, George and Liz and by the time this article goes to press we will have attended Winchester City Council’s ‘Workshop’. As the date of our next meeting is just **3 days** before the closing date for submitting letters and/or completed questionnaires on the ‘LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper’, we plan to use it to review the questions and responses and to discuss the way forward. We look forward to welcoming as many as possible to this meeting so that we can truly represent the voice of the village.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th February 2008 at 7.30 pm the Church Room when we will discuss:

### **WICKHAM – the future? Where do we go from here?**

#### **STOP PRESS:**

We have been informed that Winchester City Council will only consider **written** responses to the consultation, so if **you** are concerned about the future of Wickham then please write to:

Head of Strategic Planning  
Winchester City Council  
City Offices  
Colebrook Street  
Winchester  
Hampshire  
SO23 9LJ

#### **Important:**

The closing date for all correspondence regarding the ‘LDF Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper’ is 5pm on Friday 15th February 2008.

*Maggie Smith*

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## ***WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY***

Our Speaker for the meeting on 4th December was unfortunately admitted to hospital at the last minute and it proved impossible to find a substitute.

However our Chairman and Secretary filled the gap more than adequately with excellent presentations. Brian gave us an outline history of brewing as this was the original topic for the evening. This was followed by a quiz based on slides showing unusual features in Wickham which we had to identify.

Barrie then showed us the story of the building of the six frigates forming the first American Navy, including the *Chesapeake*, from whose timbers the Wickham Mill is built.

As this was our last meeting before Christmas, we were joined by members of the Wickham Society and enjoyed mulled wine and ‘nibbles’ to round off a pleasant social gathering

Our next meeting, on 5th February, will comprise of a talk on ‘**A Short History of Fareham**’ by Ann Baxendale MBE, Leader of the Fareham History Society.

*Doreen Barrett*

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## **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WICKHAM BRANCH**



Christmas has been enjoyed by all and the New Year dawns with optimistically brighter hopes for our members at home and our serving forces overseas.

The Annual Christmas Dinner & Draw was held on the 8th December 2007 at our usual venue, The Shedfield Reading Room. About 60 members and friends attended and enjoyed a full evening of festal fun and feasting.

Our next event was a Burns Supper on 19th January 2008, held at the same venue and was supported by about 45 members and friends. The room had been decorated in traditional style by Maggie and Emily with help from Sheena and Annette. A sherry reception got the evening off to a good start with other ample liquid support from a variety of containers. The Haggis was paraded by The Chef, received in the true tradition and toasted by the Chief, The Reciter, The Chef and The Whiskey Carrier and then toasted by all present and after receiving the Address and being dispatched, the haggis was driven back to the kitchen to great applause to be served.



The Haggis is Toasted



Some of the members and friends

On the morning of the 19th January, at the Hampshire RBL County Conference, held in the Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham, the branch received a certificate as the runner up to the winner of The Folley Cup, which is awarded to the Branch without a club, for the best record over the last three years. This award is weighted in favour of the recruitment of new members.

Next Branch Meeting 5th March 2008

Quiz Night 8th March 2008

Both events meet in the Church Room

*Mick Kerley*

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## **1<sup>ST</sup> WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP**

**Happy New Year to all our readers**

### **Christmas Post**

Thank you to everyone who supported us again last year we raised £67.80 for funds (we delivered 452 cards). I would like to thank Paul and all his staff (Pages Newsagent) for all their time and hard work they put in making this successful.



### **Doctors Surgery**

Did you see our Christmas puddings, Crackers and Trees? The Cubs and Scouts have so much fun making these decorations to brighten up the building for the festive season. I would like to thank

everyone who put money in the donation tub you generously gave £60.00. Thanks also go to the staff who generously gave a gift to every Cub and Scout who helped make the decorations.

A very BIG THANK YOU must go to Community Care and St Nicholas Church for the very generous donations they made towards the new building fund. Talking of new buildings, we are still waiting on outline planning permission from Winchester Council...so keep watching this space!!!!!! We now have 2 qualified Archery Instructors in our group. Ashley and Trevor both gained their GNAS Instructors Qualifications in December. Once we have all the equipment (which we have to buy, if anyone would like to make a donation) our Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will all become budding Robin Hoods!!!!

### **Wonderful news**

All our love and best wishes go to Trevor and Kirsty who gave birth to a lovely baby girl, Emily, on 3rd January, she popped into this world weighing nearly nine pounds (at this time this Akela is still waiting for a cuddle).

### **Do you have a computer?**

Would you like to make us some money at no expense to yourself? If so, when you need a search engine please log on to [www.everyclick.com](http://www.everyclick.com) and register on 1st Wickham Scout Group, you will then gain us 1p for every time you go onto the site. It doesn't sound a lot but with the dozen of us who have registered we've raised over £300.00. Thank you to everyone who has sent/given us used postage stamps (we are still collecting them). A bin liner full will be on its way to charity very soon.

If you have a son or daughter aged between 6 and 14 who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please telephone 01329 832739 for details.

*Chris Samways, Cub Scout Leader*

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## **GUIDING NEWS**

### **World Thinking Day**

February is a very important month for all those involved in the Guiding movement as 22nd February is World Thinking Day. This day is celebrated all over the world by those who belong to WAGGGS (World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts) – there are members in 145 countries and it gives us an opportunity to think specifically about our peers around the globe. Thinking Day was first celebrated in 1927 and the date was chosen because it happened to be the birthday of Lord Robert Baden-Powell who founded the scouting and guiding movements and also of his wife Olave who was the World Chief Guide. The theme for 2008 is **think about water** and Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Senior Section members all around the world will be doing just that, focusing on the importance of water to health, issues of access to clean water and also water conservation. Across the local Meon Valley Division a variety of activities are being organised, for example in Bishops Waltham guiders are planning a joint swimming party for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides as a good basis for thinking about water! If there are any members of the community who have a specialist knowledge about any aspect of water please do contact your local guiding groups – we always enjoy the opportunity to welcome speakers to our meetings!



### *Did you know...?*

- that Girlguiding UK has over half a million young members aged between five and 25.
- that one in four eight-year-old girls is a Brownie.
- that almost half of all women in the UK have been involved in guiding at some stage in their lives.
- that 50,000 girls are waiting to join Girlguiding UK because of a shortage of volunteers.

WAGGGS – “We are an organisation with 10 million girls and one voice.”

*Alison Ashdown*

## **WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The AGM was held 26th November, with a good attendance by club members. Awards were presented to the deserving winners of the league and club batting and bowling averages by our president Harold Davies.



Steve Judge won the league and club bowling awards



James Martin receiving his award for the league and club batting

Runners-up were:



League batting: Mark Raven



Club batting: Robert Higgins



Club bowling: Brian Kirby

The league bowling runner-up award was won by Martin Giles but unfortunately Martin was unable to be there to collect his trophy due to a severe bout of man-flu.

The Fareham indoor league is still progressing. Here is a report from our intrepid captain, Robert Higgins:

Wickham Cricket Club is experiencing an inspirational season in the Fareham Indoor Cricket League. That giant of the game, Sam Ryan, has returned to inspire and carry all before him. The veteran captain, Robert Higgins, last seen on the

Brighton Rally, has conducted his orchestra of cricketers with a masterly baton, even persuading Brian Kirby and Steve Judge away from their domestic duties. Despite all this, Wickham C.C. has only won two of their four matches.

Matches are played at Fareham Leisure Centre on Sunday evenings and spectators are welcome to come along and support the lads. Results can be viewed at:  
<http://sehicl.hampshire.org.uk/sehicl/results/Division4.html>

On a rather gloomy note, it is rather distressing to have to report that our cricket pavilion has been vandalised on at least two occasions in the last few weeks. Windows have been smashed, the frames ripped out and the door has been pulled off its hinges. There is nothing of any material value stored in the pavilion so the only motive could be for 'fun'. This is just another headache to contend with for the pavilion rebuilding committee, who are still struggling manfully on to try and secure a quote from a building firm that is realistic and attainable, given our very limited budget. The pavilion was erected in 1962 and has stood fast through all conditions, including the two great hurricanes of 1987 and 1990 and it is very sad to witness the results of such mindless and pointless destruction.

On a lighter note, don't forget that indoor nets start on 2 February at the Rose Bowl, Southampton in preparation for the start of the season in April. If you are interested in joining the club, either as a player, scorer or umpire, please give Malc Burt a call on 01329 834398.

*Lesley Wilde, Secretary*

## *CURDRIDGE AMATEUR DRAMA GROUP*



### **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April** **Fish out of Water**

It's time to book your tickets for the next production, a hilarious play set on the Italian Riviera, following the comedic exploits of a group of English tourists as they discover the delights of sharing a hotel with each other whether they like it or not. It's not difficult to conjure up the image of this disparate bunch, the loud bossy female and the controlling brigadier as they career through their summer break creating mayhem in the relaxation department. Some familiar faces are accompanied by a few new ones on our small but bijou stage and the set design explores that compact space in full Mediterranean colour!

The play, a comedy called "***Fish out of Water***" written by Derek Benfield, celebrates the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Curdridge Amateur Drama Group following a seven year gap. Since 1968 the group has produced two plays every year (except one) and at least one of our current members starred in the first play, another comedy called *Yellow Sands*, by Eden Philpots. We are very pleased to be carrying on the tradition of entertaining local people while having fun ourselves

Tickets are priced at a very reasonable £5.00 (with concessions on Wednesday to £3.00) and will go on sale in late February; available on calling Chris Pond on **01489 895844**. Doors open at 7pm, there is a well stocked bar and the play starts at 7.45pm. During the interval, soft drinks, tea and coffee are also available.

*Glenda Willis*



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## **MEON VALLEY CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU**

**Q.** I've heard something about us getting more holidays in future.  
Can you tell me if this is right?

**A.** Yes, it is. As from 1 October 2007, anyone working full-time (five days a week or more) will be entitled to 24 days paid holiday – an increase of four days a year. This right to paid holiday will increase again to 28 days a year from 1 April 2009. Part-time workers get a pro-rata increase.

This is the minimum paid holiday you must be given, but your contract may entitle you to more. Public holidays will count as part of your holiday entitlement unless your contract specifically says that you are given these in addition to your statutory paid holiday, so check your terms.

Workers will be able to carry the additional amount of statutory holidays over to the following year.

The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR) has produced a ready reckoner to help calculate entitlement. It is available from the DEBRR website at [www.berr.gov.uk](http://www.berr.gov.uk)

If you have any problems getting the time off work you are entitled to, or if you need help working out your rights to paid holiday, consult an adviser at your nearest Citizens Advice Bureau.

For more information about paid holiday entitlement contact your local **CAB** at The Library, Bank Street, **Bishop's Waltham**, SO32 1AN, Tel. No. (01489) **896376** open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. 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](http://www.bishopswalthamcab.org.uk) or you can go to the national Citizens Advice website [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk).

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Or E-mail: [rowanstravel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rowanstravel@yahoo.co.uk)

**(CRUISE INCLUDES A CONTRIBUTION  
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## **MEON VALLEY CARERS TOGETHER – MEMORY MATTERS**

**From Bill Drake:**

A belated Happy New Year to you all. I wish to thank all the many people who visited, sent cards or latterly have stopped and talked in the street following my stroke. It has been a life changing experience, proving one's vulnerability and the devastating effects upon those who, like my wife Margaret, have depended upon their Carers, such as me. I am so very grateful for the action taken by our trustees who called the emergency services, and for the response which was then taken by the statutory services to enable me to recover well, and to arrange for the care that I am no longer able to give to Margaret.

For those many elderly or sick people in our communities my message based upon my experience is now very clear: -

1. Make an Emergency plan for use in the event that you or your Carer need help.
2. Ensure that family, friends, neighbours, can gain access to your home in an emergency. A key safe is cheap to fit, and easy to operate by persons entitled by the owner to use the secure combination.
3. Ensure that you have an emergency method of communicating your problem to named people that does NOT depend upon you being able to get to the door or use the phone.

I strongly recommend the Winchester Lifeline service (tel. 01962 856488) which, in addition to a simple press button pendant alarm, offers other hi-tech equipment to aid the vulnerable by various Telecare systems. I am personally now using a Falls Detector, which would have alerted the Emergency Services 3 hours earlier in my case, and might have saved my life had my stroke been more serious.



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Hampshire County Council are funded by Government to establish systems to cater for emergencies involving vulnerable people, and will be making efforts to link up with us all. Do take notice of any information that is promulgated for your own safety and wellbeing.

**Carers Cafés.** Just a reminder in case you haven't dropped in before: You will be very welcome at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles Church, Martin Street, Bishop's Waltham, at 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm on Wednesday 13 February; or at The Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road, Soberton Heath at 1.30pm to 3.30pm on 17 February; or at All Saints Botley Parish Room every Thursday between 10 am and 12 noon.

**Diary Dates:**

- 12 Feb Pub Lunch - 12 noon at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase
- 26 Feb Music Therapy. Pamper Afternoon for Carers. 2 pm Paterson Centre
- 4 Mar Pub Lunch - 12 noon at The New Inn, Swanmore
- 18 Mar Easter Card making with Jill. Session with Anne Meader. 2 pm Paterson Centre

**MEON VALLEY CARERS TOGETHER PROVIDES ESSENTIAL SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA AND THEIR CARERS**

**For more information contact:**

**Bill Drake on 01489 895706 - email: [billdrake@onetel.net](mailto:billdrake@onetel.net) or Janet Chierchia on 01489 893381 - email: [janet@clickers.org.uk](mailto:janet@clickers.org.uk) Sylvia Hutchins at MVCT Carerlink Centre: 01489 895444 on 12 September and 25 September between 11 am and 1 pm. (At other times there is a message service.)**

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## **MEON VALLEY LIONS**

### **Thanks for making it a record Christmas**



The Meon Valley Lions Club's annual Christmas collection this year received record support from villages and hamlets throughout the Meon Valley. In total the collection amassed a grand total of £4,400 in charitable donations – over £200 up on the previous year and our largest total ever.

During December, Father Christmas and his brightly lit sleigh, plus the Lions Club collectors, visited some 20 separate communities. For young and old, the sound of carols announcing Santa's visit often marks the unofficial start of their Christmas festivities and it was great to see so many happy faces and to receive such fantastic support.



*Father Christmas and helpers in Wickham Square*

Well done and thank you to all those local people who braved some pretty icy conditions to meet Father Christmas and drop their donations – large and small – in the collection boxes. In the spirit of international peace and seasonal harmony we even received 14 Euros this year!

### **Now the Lions want to help the community**

The cash we collect is used by the Meon Valley Lions Club to finance initiatives and support for local projects and charities. 80% of the money is allocated locally to individuals and charities such as Community Responders and Home Start, with the remainder directed to national and international causes. And none of this is funding is diluted by administration costs.

So we'd like to hear from local charities, small organisations or individuals who feel they have a deserving cause to which we can put our money to good use. Children with special needs, families needing a helping hand, clubs or organisations with a special project – so long as it's a deserving cause and you're within the area bounded roughly by East Meon, West Meon, Owlsebury, Curdrige, Knowle, North Boarhunt & Hambleton we're willing to listen to your case and help where we can. Please contact the Secretary Ron Wilson at Meon Valley Lions on 0845 8337812

*Ian Adams*

# Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



## Sleepy Hollow

Throughout winter we dig out our woolly jumpers and turn on the heating, but how do Hampshire's mammals adapt to the cold temperatures?

Winter is a difficult period for mammals as there is less natural food available and the harsh weather conditions. Mammals are warm blooded creatures that produce energy from the food they eat to keep a constant internal temperature. In some cases this is simply not possible as there is not enough natural food available to produce enough energy to keep warm. Some mammal species have overcome this problem by hibernating through the winter. Hibernation effectively allows the animal to reduce its heart rate and internal temperature in order to use less energy and survive the cold.

Before entering hibernation it is vital that the mammal eats as much food as it can to ensure it has enough energy reserves to survive. Hibernating mammals usually have normal periods of activity several times throughout the hibernation which are used to eat food, drink water and excrete waste.

There are only 3 species of British mammal that truly hibernate, but which are they?

**Hedgehogs** Hedgehogs are regularly seen in urban gardens and will often hibernate in gardens if there is a suitable habitat available. The hedgehog hibernation period is from November to March but is dependant on weather conditions and food availability. During hibernation a hedgehog's heart rate will drop from 190 to 20 beats per minutes and their internal temperature will drop from the usual 37°C to just above freezing. Hedgehogs will often stop visiting a garden in winter if there are no suitable areas for hibernation. Piles of logs and leaves in a dry area protected from the wind can provide an excellent hibernation habitat for hedgehogs.

**Dormice** The hazel dormouse has a reputation for its hibernation habits. The name dormouse is connected with the Latin 'dormire', or French 'dormir' which means 'to sleep'. During the summer and autumn months hazel dormice will fatten up and prepare for the winter by eating hazelnuts and honeysuckle berries. The dormouse hibernation period can be anytime between October and April and takes place in an underground nest within a tangle tree roots. Dormice often lose half of their bodyweight during hibernation and so when they emerge in spring they feed on willow flowers and insects to build up their fat reserves. After hibernating dormice build nests of woven honeysuckle further up in the trees or hedges which they then live in throughout the spring and summer.

**Bats** Bats usually hibernate between November and April, and they chose their hibernation sites very carefully, taking temperature, moisture and location into consideration. Hibernation sites can be hollows in trees, roof spaces, caves, cellars or even purpose built bat boxes. During hibernation bats can take as few as 5 breaths per minute as the entire body slows down to save valuable energy. Like most hibernating species, bats will wake up for short periods to search for food and water and excrete waste. This uses a lot of energy and it can take 20 minutes for a bat to warm its body up enough to become active.

If you would like to find out more about the species featured in this article, please contact Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's free wildlife information service, WildLine on 01489 774446 or email [WildLine@hwt.org.uk](mailto:WildLine@hwt.org.uk).

## Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events in February

**Sun 3 Make a Bird Box** 12noon-3pm. Join Reserve staff at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve to make a bird box to take home with you. Please meet and park at the Swanwick Lakes Centre, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. The only charge will be to cover the cost of materials.

**Mon 11 Four Corners of America** 7.30pm. Geoff Moss will give an illustrated presentation showing the wonderful scenery of the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde, Arches and Bryce Canyon. To be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Fareham. Parking is available in Trinity Street car park. For further details, please contact Peter Adams on 01329 287 653. Admission £2.



**Tue 12 When Will It Be Spring?** 10.30am-12noon. It is Alfie's first winter and his mother tells him he must sleep until spring. But how will he know when spring has arrived? Join us and find out about Spring at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve. An event for toddlers and pre-school children. Meet and park at the Swanwick Lakes Centre, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Admission £2.50 per child. Please bring coats and wellies or sensible shoes.

**Sun 17 Brickbats and Strawberries** 11am-12.30pm. Find out more about the fascinating history of Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, and search for some of the visible signs of its industrial past which are left behind. Meet and park at the Swanwick Lakes Centre, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details, and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Admission £1. Stout shoes/walking boots essential.

**Wed 20 Tadpole's Promise** 10am-12noon. Where the willow meets the water a tadpole met a caterpillar - and made a promise. Come along to Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve and find out why he broke it - and learn more about tadpoles and caterpillars on the way. A session of crafts and activities indoors and out for 4-7 year olds. Please meet and park at the Swanwick Lakes Centre, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Admission £2.50 per child. Please bring coats and wellies or sensible shoes.

**Thur 21 Recyclosaurus and the Bottle Beetle** 10am-12noon. Come along to Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve and help us make giant prehistoric creatures out of - rubbish! Then find somewhere on the reserve where your creatures might like to lurk and scare the visitors. Please meet and park at the Swanwick Lakes Centre, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book a place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Admission £2.50 per child. Please bring coats and wellies or sensible shoes.

**Thur 28 Gardening and Ponds for Wildlife** 7.30pm. An illustrated presentation by Phil Jeffs on gardens and ponds to attract wildlife, with guides to suitable trees and plants and habitat creation. Meet at St Peters Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. For further details, please contact Phil on 01489 896280. Admission £2, refreshments available.

*Abi Jarvis*

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## Wickham Common



Those of you who visit Wickham Common or who heard Barry Duffin's talk to the Wickham Society will know that the Common is owned by Hampshire County Council. They are keen to return a significant part of it to acid heathland. The geology and soil conditions of the Common are unusual in this part of Hampshire and acid heathland is a rarity. The habitat supports an interesting community including nightjars which are ground nesting.

Two years ago workers of the County Council Countryside Commission and volunteers, led by Barry, cleared a heavy growth of Birch trees and scrub. Since then, there has been good growth of heathers but there has also been considerable regrowth of Birch saplings. At the moment these are easy to cut out and just recently a few of us have cleared a small area. If the great mass of saplings continues to grow the heathland plants will disappear and many important animals and birds will go with them.

Barry is organising a clearing session from 9.30am to 12.30am on Sunday 16th March. To clear a reasonable area he needs a good number of people. He will bring some Titchfield Haven volunteers with him, but he would welcome anyone from Wickham who can help. You can just turn up but it would help with the organisation of the morning if you could let either Barry or I know that you can come beforehand. Barry can be contacted at the Titchfield Haven Nature Reserve, telephone 01329 662145. My telephone number is 01329 832928.

*Michael Carter*

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## Bursledon Windmill

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# WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL REPORT

## FEBRUARY 2008

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### Winchester City Councillors representing Wickham, Knowle and Curbridge:

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### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

#### CHRISTMAS WINDOWS IN THE SQUARE



Thanks to Nyal, Becan, Taigh, Teagan, Emily and Lauren who helped Therese judge the shop windows display. First Prize went to Birchall and Haydock, second to The Village Bakery and third to Warwick's. Well done to all!

#### OPTIONS AND APPRAISALS CONSULTATION

Hopefully you are all now well aware of the public consultation taking place from Winchester City Council on local housing numbers up to 2026. Firstly these numbers are imposed on us by the government and it is the statutory obligation of the local planning authority to find areas to put the housing. We are talking about large numbers in the Southern Area of Hampshire. Already 2 Strategic Development Areas North of Fareham (10,000 homes) and at Eastleigh (6,000 homes) are proposed under the PUSH authorities (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire) and Winchester City Council has to find spaces for another 6,740 in its District. The Major Development Area of West of Waterlooville (2,000 agreed with 1,000 reserve) could take its 1,000 reserve and several options are being proposed which include 1,000 extra homes for both Wickham and Knowle. These proposals are only **options for consultation** at this stage. Please ensure you give the City Council your views—either at one of the workshops which you may have already attended or through the questionnaire obtained by clicking on the LDF (Local Development Framework) links at [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) or contact the council by individual letter. **Your views will count.** Local organisations such as the Parish Council, Wickham

Society and Residents' Groups will also be sharing their views. Given the large numbers proposed and that the larger settlements such as Denmead, Bishops Waltham, Whiteley and Wickham will probably have to take extra housing we need to think about how many houses the two settlements Wickham and Knowle could take.

Some questions you might like to think about are:

- Does Wickham/Knowle want/need another 1,000 homes each?
- Would they benefit from more houses?
- What type?
- Are there particular areas of the outskirts of the villages where development would not be appropriate?
- Should there be more work opportunities?

Make sure the City Council has your views by 15th February. Feel free to copy us with your views as we shall be making a response as your local councillors.

#### MAYOR OF WINCHESTER'S RACE NIGHT

A big thank you to the local businesses: Bargate Homes, Biscoes, John Byrne, Co-op, Greens, Heming's, Kuti's, Meon Valley Golf and Country Club, Park Place Nurseries, Studio 6, Taylor Garnier, The Old House Hotel, Warwick's and Wickham Park Golf Club who supported the race night on 12th January with sponsorship. Also many thanks to all you loyal residents who turned out to attend and/or 'bought' horses. The event raised approx £1,500 for the Mayor's Charities and it was a fun local community event.

#### OUR NEXT COUNCILLOR SURGERIES ARE:

- Tuesday 19th February 7-8pm  
**Wickham Community Centre**
  - Tuesday 18th March 7-8pm  
**Knowle Village Hall**
- Just come along



*Thérèse and Angela*



## Wickham Parish Council News February 2008

### Christmas light switch on

Thank you very much to the volunteers who worked so hard to install the Christmas tree and lights in The Square.

Many thanks to John and David at AE Roberts who delivered and installed the tree.

Particular thanks to Neale Fray who appointed and organised the volunteers.

The Youth Club and St Nicholas Choir were in fine voice and thanks to The Old House for providing mulled wine and to Chris and Barry for the hot dogs.



Many thanks to Aziz at Kuti's who helped pay for Father Christmas's horse drawn carriage.

The evening of the switch on was a magical event, thank you everyone.

### Volunteers wanted

Were you inspired by the Christmas light switch on event? Would you like to be involved in running events in the village? A team of volunteers willing to organise village events needed to bring Square Events back to life.

### Citizen of the Year Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on 23rd April.

Please send your nominations to the Clerk, the categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Good Neighbour Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Business of the Year

**Stan Woodford Competition – last chance to get your entries to Studio 6!**

### Vacancy for a Councillor

If you are interested in local affairs and would like to be more involved the position of Parish Councillor may be for you!

For more information on the work of the Parish Council see our website or contact the Clerk – details below.

Prospective councillors should be able to attend evening meetings and be prepared to undertake training as appropriate.

### Affordable housing

A number of potential sites are being explored for a small development of affordable houses for local people. It is hoped the study will be completed and some options will be presented for consideration at the Annual Parish Assembly on 23rd April.

### Future Development in Wickham – make your views known by 15th February

Winchester City Council is currently consulting on a number of options for development across the district over the next 20 years. WCC has to demonstrate that it has considered every potential option to meet Government requirements.

No decisions have been made and there will be further consultation during the summer when a series of 'preferred options' have been developed.

To take part in the consultation process visit Winchester City Council's website [www.winchester.gov.uk](http://www.winchester.gov.uk) and follow the Local Development Framework links.

If you would like a paper copy of the questionnaire please contact the council 01962 840 222

### Adopt a pavement

**New supplies of litter pickers just in! Free to volunteers prepared to adopt a pavement**

### Parish Council Meetings

All held at Wickham Community Centre

#### Full Council

7.15pm Monday 18th February

#### Planning Committee

Monday 26th February

#### General Purposes Committee

Monday 26th February

Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver  
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