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THOUGHTS FROM THE DEACON



At the moment the economic climate is a very worrying one for many people. We see the price of fuel rising with the promise that gas and electricity will increase by 40% this winter. The cost of food is rising daily and mortgages are set to rise with the price of houses falling. So I want to talk to you about HOPE. It would be very easy for us as a society to fall into depression along with the money market but that is not what Jesus offers us. His vision for the human race, and creation as a whole, is one of hope not only for this life here on earth but also for eternity.

As I write this the press are telling of a man in America who had melanoma. Scientists were able to clone some of the immune system cells in his blood and multiply them to a vast degree. They then gave them back to him where they attacked the cancer to the extent that he has been free of melanoma for three years.

Sierra Leone in West Africa suffered a civil war, starting in 1991 and continuing until 2002. Tens of thousands of its citizens died but slowly hope is rising and parts of Freetown, its spectacularly sited coastal capital, set along the edges of a mountainous peninsula, have been transformed in the six years since the end of the civil war in 2002. The buildings and factories that have gone up since hostilities ended show the potential for Sierra Leone. President Koroma said his policy on corruption was clear (it was the illicit trade in diamonds that fed the war). He has sent out clear warnings to everybody, including members of the government, and he believes that in the next 36 months Sierra Leoneans will start seeing the turnaround.

Since the storm in the 80's that destroyed so many of our forests and trees in the south there has been a great transformation not only in woods and forests that were planted but also in the ones that were left. If you walk in those woods today your will find new growth and regeneration and won't be able to tell that there was such devastation.

These are just three examples of diverse situations that at one time seemed hopeless and yet have been transformed. So I ask you: where are the situations here that need transforming, the ones that seem to be without hope, and what can we do about them? Who are the hungry and thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and the prisoner (Matthew 25:31-46) in Shedfield and Wickham? How can we together bring hope and transformation to their lives?

HOPE 08 is a Christian movement in which many churches of all denominations are taking part. You can discover more about it on www.hopeinfo.co.uk. Please sign on: there is something for everyone.

We too wait hopefully and with anticipation for the arrival in September of Bruce and his family in the vicarage at Waltham Chase and look forward to all that we shall share together in the future in the united benefice under his leadership.

Yours, in faith and hope and love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

FINDING A NEW RECTOR FOR WICKHAM

The process of selecting a new rector is a complex one and I was both daunted and privileged to be involved. It appears that as far as anyone can remember previous appointments had all followed recommendations by the bishop, but the appointment process for parish clergy has begun to change and it is less common for the bishop to recommend a candidate. To start the process the joint PCC's met to prepare a profile of the united benefice and to write an advertisement:

The Portsmouth Diocesan Board of Patronage and Sir Richard Rashleigh, the joint patrons of the United Benefice, seek a warm and caring priest to continue the interaction between the communities and congregations of these two thriving parishes. The United Benefice is situated in a beautiful rural location on the edge of the Meon Valley in Hampshire and serves four villages within the recently created Wykeham Group Ministry.

The patrons seek a priest who

Has good pastoral ability and will encourage and energize members of both congregation and community

Is welcoming and can demonstrate good communication skills

Relates well and engages with people of all ages

Will lead the parishes in worship and prayer, in a range of styles, and help to develop spiritual growth and foster lay involvement

Enjoys working collaboratively and will enhance the ministry of Group and Deanery

Two lay members from each PCC were appointed to act as representatives in the selection process. John Gwynn and myself for Wickham, and Adrian Jordan and Stephen Campion for Shedfield. Our patron, Sir Richard Rashleigh, was invited to attend the interviews.

Eight applications were received and the Patronage Board met in March to short-list four candidates for interview. The interviews involved a two-day programme as follows:

Day 1 22nd April

2pm Welcome to candidates by Rural Dean, Parish Representatives, Clergy, Readers and 4 PCC members from each parish who drive candidates on a tour of the United Benefice.

6pm Evening prayer at Wickham led by Revd Elizabeth Groves

6.45pm 5 minute presentations given by candidates to the Archdeacon, Rural Dean and Parish Reps.

8pm Supper at Shedfield with PCC's and all those involved in interview process.

9.15pm Candidates leave and the PCC members feed back to Parish Representatives their comments, good and bad, from meeting the candidates.

Day 2 23rd April at Bishopsgrrove

9.30am Candidates will be interviewed by each of the following groups/people:

The Bishop

Patronage Board Representatives (and Sir Richard Rashleigh)

The Parish Representatives and Rural Dean

It was the unanimous decision of both the parish and Patronage Board representatives to offer the vacancy to Bruce Deans and this was endorsed by the Bishop. We were delighted when Bruce accepted and we eagerly await his Institution Service on September 8th. I hope many of you will be there to welcome him.

Sue Pittam

FROM THE METHODIST MINISTER



GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN

What inspires you? What gives you a glimpse of something outside of ourselves yet is already around us?

For some it might be some constellation viewed against the night sky through a telescope or for others it might be a tiny acorn containing the potential to become a great oak tree.

What speaks of hope and enables you to carry on regardless of problems, pain and persecution? Is it the flicker of light at the end of a long tunnel or the moment that you fall in love?

What could be so profound and beyond our understanding yet so full of future potential for us in understanding and love?

The answer that I want to give is “heaven”.

The witness of scripture to heaven is found throughout the Bible. It is referred to as the Kingdom of heaven. It is in this kingdom, the eternal kingdom of God, where those who have found faith in Jesus Christ as the Saviour, will live, having been raised from death into eternal life. The New Testament describes this kingdom as a place where there will be no more dying, no more sickness, pain or sadness but where there will be joy and gladness, peace and worship. This is the inheritance of those who believe in and know Jesus Christ as Lord.

Scripture does not leave us in a state of confusion or doubt about the reality of heaven. Instead it reveals the most wonderful news. THE KINGDOM HAS COME IN JESUS AND IS HERE. It came through the birth, life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus, God from heaven incarnate by the Virgin Mary. He gave us an amazing glimpse of heaven. He told his hearers that the kingdom had come. He furthermore told them that if they repented of their sin they could begin to experience the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

When John the Baptist was in prison, he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if “he was the one or should they expect someone else”. He was asking if Jesus was the Messiah and the one establishing His kingdom on earth. Even though John was Jesus’ cousin, born also by a miracle of the Holy Spirit, he did not understand what the kingdom would be like. He was expecting the restoration of Israel and its’ covenant relationship with God and freedom from Rome. Instead Jesus gave him an answer about a different kingdom. He replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.” In other words he was defining the kingdom of God here on earth in terms of heaven. This is a powerful picture and really challenges us about our culture, both as a nation and also as Christians.

How do you experience the Kingdom of God? Has it broken through into your life? What is your expectation of God’s rule and reign here on earth? Is Jesus’ definition your experience, if not, why not?

Our witness as Christians is inspired by and built upon this revelation. In the Methodist Circuit we have been concentrating upon this theme through a series of meetings and celebrations both in Wickham at the Community Centre and in our other six churches. If you need a glimpse of heaven to inspire, heal and bless you, why not join us on a Sunday morning at 11.00am in the Houghton Room. Tony and/or myself will be pleased to share and pray with you. May you find in Jesus peace, hope and purpose this summer.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Andrew Baguley

WICKHAM CHURCH & VILLAGE FETE

14th June 2008

We wish to extend our grateful thanks to all the following organisations for their very generous support and donations :

Barn Beauty	Mount Folly Nurseries
Barnard's Restaurant	Old House Hotel
Bay Tree Gifts	Pages Newsagent
Bay Tree Tea Rooms	R.G. Warwick & Partners
Birchall & Haydock, Chemist	Redhill Nurseries
Biscoes, Solicitors	A.E. Roberts
Co-operative Stores	Sheraton Insurance Brokers
Confiserie Verdonk	Steve Harris Ltd., courtesy Eric Downes
Green's Restaurant & Café Bar	Taylor Garnier
H M Hair Design Group	Tull's Butcher's Shop
Heming & Co..	The Village Bakery
John Byrne, Estate Agent & Chart'd Surveyor	Watson's Dairy
McCarthy's Fruit & Vegetable Store	Wickham Square Gallery

This information was correct at the time of going to print

We also wish to extend our thanks:

To all those volunteers who contributed so much time and effort to make the fete a success, and to the wonderful team of helpers who set up and then cleared away.

Thank you to our entertainers: the pupils of Wickham Primary School, Prince Joseph and Princess Sophie, Shirrell Heath Methodist Band, Terry Crawford and her llama and Rookesbury Estate.

Our thanks are also due to Wickham Scouts for their practical support and, last but not least, thank you too to those who came – it was lovely to see so many of you there and to share a lovely sunny afternoon with you. Thank you ALL very much.

Yours sincerely, The Fete Committee

GRAND DRAW 2008: List of prize winners

No.	Prize	Donor	Ticket	Winner
1	£200 Cash Prize	Anon	5351	M Cole
2	£100 Cash Prize	Anon	0716	R Lipscombe
3	£75 Meat voucher	Tull's Butcher's Shop	5229	T Bristow
4	£75 Voucher	Heming's Hardware	5256	D Goepel
5	£25 M&S Vouchers	VT Naval Support	4290	Mark (no surname)
6	Free Will Form	Biscoes Solicitors	5303	M Stevens
7	£50 Hamper	Co-Op	5258	D Goepel
8	£20 Voucher towards a meal	Barnard's Restaurant Wine Bar	4921	E Pack
9	Bottle of Malt Whisky	Taylor Garnier	0390	P Maclean
10	A Bottle of Whisky	Anon	5031	I MacGuire
11	Two mystery bags of Jewellery	Wickham Gallery	4178	M Choudhury
12	Beauty Voucher	Barn Beauty	4264	M Quaye
13	Voucher	HM Hairdesigngroup	4034	P Commander
14	6 Bottles of Wine	Wickham Laboratories	0229	J Mallet
15	Baytree Gifts voucher	Baytree Gifts	1127	B Bultitude
16	Wine Pourer and wine	Anon	5203	D Poole
17	DVD Player	Anon	5102	J Gwynn
18	3 bottles of wine	Old House Hotel	4200	Wilson (no initial)

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all the people and companies that donated prizes towards the Grand Draw this year that made it such a success.

Adrian Groves, promoter

NEWS FROM PARK PLACE



Now that summer is with us at last, we have been thinking more and more about our plans for the annual Garden Party. Obviously an event like this takes a lot of organising. We are lucky enough to have a wonderful leader who is getting us all involved, and fires us with her own great enthusiasm.

We have mentioned the event before, but at the risk of being tedious, we do want to encourage as many of you who can make it, to join us once again. The date is 13th July, the time is 3pm, and we can promise you a great afternoon, with, of course, some delicious refreshments.

Summertime is when England looks her best; and we are lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the country.

Park Place grounds are looking lovely right now, so perhaps this is the time to remind you of the Meditation Walk that has been created there for all to use and enjoy. Just walking through it, or sitting and resting on one of the seats calms the spirit. Those of us who have had trouble or grief in our lives this year can find solace in such a place.

Very few of us find prayer or meditation easy, but just being in silence with God amid the beauty of His creation concentrates the mind amazingly.

All of us at Park Place wish our friends in Wickham a great summer, and in the words of St Francis of Assisi:

*May the Lord bless and keep you in his love
May the Lord let his face to shine on you
May he be gracious to you, lift his
countenance upon you
And give you all his peace and love*



Leila Smith



Summer Activities Break for Children

Organised by Sister Judith

at the
PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE
Monday 28th to Thursday 31st of July 2008
from 10.00am to 3.00pm.




Total Cost
£50.00 for the 4 days or
£14 for each separate day

Please bring along your own mid-day snack

*Come along and have plenty of fun while you learn to
make cakes & biscuits and fancy cards*

Enquiries & Booking form to: Sister Judith, Park Place Pastoral Centre,
Wickham, Fareham, Hants, PO17 5HA. Tel. 01329 833043

☐ Please reserve _____ places @ £50.00 each; _____ 1 day places @ £14.00 each for the Summer Activities Break for (childrens names)

I enclose a cheque, for E _____, made payable to 'Park Place Mission Fund'

Name _____ Phone no _____
Address _____ Post Code _____

FRIENDS OF ST NICHOLAS

I believe it is rather timely that Reader Stephen Campion, in his message to the June parish magazines of both Shedfield and Wickham, said, and I quote: '*I find it hard to imagine what a village would be like without its church as a dominant feature*'. Just think what the junction what look like if the church were in a very poor state of repair or even not there at all.

I mentioned the idea of the Friends to someone the other day and he said 'I am not religious'. When I replied that that did not matter; try thinking of the church as an historic building of great architectural value, he then saw the merit of contributing towards its continued existence.

I wrote in the last article that I was a member of The Friends of St Winifred's Church, in Branscombe, Devon; I was there last week and was told that the Friends had contributed £52,000 toward necessary repairs. This money was raised by subscription over nine years or so. The average yearly amount was £20.

Please don't delay; let me know if you are interested in this project so that we can proceed further and form The Friends.

John Landaw 01329 830088 or email john.landaw1@btopenworld.com

John Landaw



**Indian
Cooking Classes**

Organised by Sister Judith

at the
PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE
Monday 11th to Friday 15th of August 2008
from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

Total Cost
£75.00 for the 5 days or
£18 for each separate day

**Come and capture the exotic flavour of
India in a five day course of exciting
cooking and sampling what you cook.**

Enquiries & Booking form to: Sister Judith, Park Place Pastoral Centre,
Wickham, Farnham, Hants, PO17 5HA. Tel. 01329 833043

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Please reserve _____ places @ £75.00 each, _____ 1 day places @
£18.00 each for the Indian Cooking Classes 11th - 15th August 2008, for :-
(names) _____

I enclose a cheque, for £ _____, made payable to "Park Place Mission Fund"
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Address _____ Post Code _____

FLOWER LADIES - AGM

During the year Mrs Cora Simmons, who so ably organised her Flower Ladies for many, many years, retired. She had given sterling service to the church and we will strive to keep her standards.

Mrs Jane Buckle and myself, took on her job. This is intended to last for 2yrs and then hopefully others will step forward to bring their fresh impetus into play. We very much hope that new people will come forward to join our enthusiastic group.

There should be a wider variety of blooms decorating our lovely church as flowers and foliage from our gardens will be used regularly as they come into season. Donations of flowers from any local people would be extremely welcome.

A new beginning has seen some fresh ideas put forward, namely:-

A vase of flowers may be put on the small window sill in the north transept, near the pulpit, in memory of a loved one on the anniversary of their death.

Flowers could be donated to the Church to mark the anniversary of the birthday of a loved one, as a celebration of their life or simply that you would like to donate money for the flower fund. Please contact us.

A selection of high quality silk flowers have been donated/purchased to augment fresh flowers and reduce costs.

We are open to any help and your ideas. Should you just like to join us to get an idea of what is

involved - a simple arrangement as you would do for your own home is fine. Please do not be intimidated - we are not experts - just people who love flowers and colour. Come and join us - have some fun and help to keep your church beautiful.

ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not need to be a member of the Church.

Please contact me on 01329 833188. My details are in the parish magazine.

Mavis Stevens

CHURCHES TOGETHER



Quiet Half Hours

The following dates are for the Churches Together **Quiet Half Hours** in the BW Area.

- 29th July at Corhampton Church
- 30th September at St John the Baptist
Study Centre, Shedfield
- 28th October at St Peter's Church,
Curdrige
- 25th November at Waltham Chase
Methodist Church, Curdrige Lane

All held on Tuesdays, starting at 7.30 pm, lasting 30 minutes. If you haven't been before, come and discover how much spiritual benefit can be gained from spending a quiet time with other Christians.

Jill Sutton

THE MOTHERS' UNION



The love of bee-keeping like so many good things is caught, not taught. This was demonstrated to us by Adrian Groves, our speaker at the June meeting. We are aware of the importance of bees for pollination, but probably the highly organised life of a beehive is not so well known. We were intrigued by the wonderful way the bees are organised to produce food for themselves. As honey is so delicious we can enjoy the result of their work, for man has discovered that as long as a sugar solution is given to replace the honey the bees are content.

For our July meeting we are visiting Hinton Ampner, and in August we are invited to Ann Sharp's garden for a cup of tea and chat.

Anne Marshall

OUR VISIT TO ISRAEL

Last month we had the huge privilege of visiting The Holy Land. We travelled with a group of 50 people led by Chris Hill from CL Bible Tours.

We went on a 10 day tour called **'In The Footsteps Of Jesus'** The emphasis of this tour was to visit places where Jesus would have walked and taught.

The first 5 days were spent in Jerusalem and allowed us plenty of time to visit many of the special Holy Sites. We were able to sit on the Steps of the Temple Mount, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, view Bethlehem from the 'Shepherd Fields' and spend time at the sites of the house of Caiaphas and the Antonia Fortress. The visit to the Western (Wailing) Wall and walking through the tunnel that follows the ancient street that Jesus walked when He was taken to Pilate were amazing experiences.

Other highlights included the Israel Museum to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, the Garden Tomb, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Museum of the Holocaust.



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



The Mount of Olives

We then travelled to our hotel overlooking the Dead Sea, calling in at Masada, the massive rock fortress of Herod the Great. We took a cable car to the top where the views over the desert and Dead Sea were simply stunning. We also had an opportunity to float in the salty waters.

The next day we journeyed to the Sea of Galilee calling in at Qumran where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered and Ein Gedi where David hid from King Saul and spared his life.

Our hotel overlooking the Sea of Galilee was a delight. We enjoyed watching the sun setting over the sea and the twinkling lights of Tiberias.

We visited Bethsaida, home of Peter and Andrew and where Jesus performed many miracles. We drove up to the Mount of Beatitudes and shared the account of the Sermon on the Mount.

We also enjoyed a ride across the Sea of Galilee in a wooden boat. Further trips included Mount Carmel, the biblical village at Nazareth to see how people lived in New Testament times, Meggido the chariot city of Solomon and Ahab and the valley of Jezreel (Armageddon)

Our last day was spent in Caesarea before returning home from Tel Aviv.

This was not just a holiday, it was a spiritually life-changing experience.

Chris and Lindy Hill, ably supported by a brilliant team including an experienced licensed Jewish guide, expertly led the tour. They have led over 70 tours to Israel, and this showed in the abundance of love, and care that we were given.

This trip has really brought the Bible alive for us. If you have the opportunity to visit the Holy Land then we would recommend taking it as soon as possible!



The Garden of Gethsemane

Pam and Mark Faux

LOCAL NEWS

WICKHAM COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS



The Wickham Community Responders are forging ahead and with the prospect of new members we are gaining in strength! But we will always be on the look-out for new blood (if you forgive the pun).

And on a note of new people and going forwards I have to announce that as of the AGM last month I have stepped down as the Co-coordinator of the group. Mainly due to a promotion at work and my new position in Hampshire Fire and Rescue service as a Campaigns manager and press officer and all the extra responsibilities that holds I don't feel that I can give the time that the Responders need.

But don't worry. We will still continue giving our all for Wickham, but now we will have the excellent talents of Allyson Thomas at the helm, and I'm sure everyone will wish her all the best in the year to come.

Now, from pushing ahead to dragging our heels, or our best friends by the ankles. I was at home the other day, cutting the grass and enjoying the warm weather when along came this band of what I assumed were children if you scraped the mud off. Behind them and being towed by his feet were one of their friends who had had an accident, involving as far as I could gather a length of blue sisal (rope), a patch of nettles, a tree, a thrown trainer (lost to the woods) and a short, but sharp fall.

The injuries were relatively minimal (compared to my childhood anyway) and easily fixed, but if you were to find a casualty laying under a bough in the woods, dragging them through the mud by their shoe laces to find help probably isn't the best thing you could do (you might ruin the shoes for a start) so if you do find anyone, refer back to a previous parish magazine for what to do; but here is a guide for (not) moving casualties.

MOVEMENT OF CASUALTIES/ CASUALTY HANDLING

Movement of casualties should be strongly discouraged, but in some cases is necessary to provide treatment (CPR on their backs, to manage airways in cars/beds, to control bleeding etc)

In most cases it is worth remembering to NOT MOVE A CASUALTY UNLESS ESSENTIAL, as this can lead to additional or compound existing injuries UNLESS:-

- IMMEDIATE DANGER IS PRESENT
- HARMFUL FUMES that could cause poor breathing
- IN OR NEAR WATER (risk of drowning)
- IMMEDIATE LIFE-SAVING TREATMENT IS NECESSARY

IF YOU DO NEED TO MOVE A CASUALTY

- REQUEST ASSISTANCE
- USE CORRECT MANUAL HANDLING TECHNIQUES
- USE RECOGNISED METHODS

Drag (but not by the ankles) - hold under the armpits
Human crutch - walk by their side

Two handed seat - with another person link hands and ask the casualty to sit on them.

Roll over flat, i.e from lying on their front to their back so that you can start CPR

Chris Norgate, Wickham Community Responders

GARDEN PARTY

AT WICKHAM HOUSE,
THE SQUARE, WICKHAM

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

on

Thursday, 3rd July, 11am - 2.30pm

for

Coffee/tea - from 11am

Light lunches - from 12 noon

STALLS - Cakes and Pastries, Gifts,
Plants and Produce, Knitted Goods,
Tombola, Raffle, etc.

ALL WELCOME

BLOOD DONOR SESSIONS IN WICKHAM



Venue:

Wickham Community Centre

Session Times:

1:30pm to 3:25pm and 4:30pm to 7:15pm

Session Dates:

Thursday, July 17, 2008

Thursday, November 6, 2008

Melissa Pang

MEON VALLEY POLICE STATION

Mobile Police Office

Please note the following dates and locations for the Mobile Police Office in your area over July & August.

Saturday 23rd August 12 to 1.30 pm
Wickham Square

Sunday 24th August 12 to 1.30 pm
Hundred Acres car park

Sunday 24th August 2.00 to 3.30pm
Knowle

Due to annual leave etc it has not been possible to find dates in July.

Hazel Tea

RNLI

Wickham and Curdridge Branch
invite you to a

BARBECUE

At Hart House, Mayles Lane
on Friday July 4th at 1830

Raffle, competitions

Entrance £7 including first glass of wine

Please let us know if you are coming!

Michael Carter 832928 Barrie Marson 832313

Roy Perkins 832953 Patrick Spence 833023

MEMORY LANE FAYRES

ANTIQUE & COLLECTORS FAYRE

SUNDAY 20th JULY 2008

&

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST 2008

10.30am until 3.30pm



WICKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
MILL LANE, WICKHAM

New Stall Holders always welcome

Phone Enquiries: **023 8086 9058** after 6pm

Mobile: Dave **07717 853 910**

Paul **07767 373 788**

Email: memorylanefayres@ntlworld.com

MEMORY LANE FAYRES

HAMPSHIRE ARTISTS WEEK

GREYSTONES CRAFTS & GIFTS

Handmade & Unusual Gifts

**GREYSTONES, TITCHFIELD LANE,
WICKHAM TEL 01329 836646**

Saturday 16th August

Sunday 17th August

Monday 18th August

Tuesday 19th August

Friday 22nd August

Saturday 23rd August

Sunday 24th August

Monday 25th August

Thursday 28th August

Friday 29th August

Saturday 30th August

Sunday 31st August

From 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**ART FORMS INCLUDE: DICHOIC JEWELLERY
WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHS WATER COLOURS
STAINED GLASS TEXTILES WOVEN & MOHAIR
GARMENTS BEAD WORK & POTTERY**

On the road between Titchfield and Wickham – 1 mile
south of the Golf Club – look for the signs

THE GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY

will be at the Paterson Centre

Tuesday 8 July

10.30 am - 12.15 pm

*to borrow books, CDs, DVDs, videos
and audio tapes*

and/or

to buy greetings cards and notelets

- all at very reasonable prices

- could save you ££s

... and stay for a cup of coffee or tea.

Reminder: No visit in August.

Next date: 9 September

*to buy your Christmas cards, calendars and
diaries !*

OUR SERVICES CLOSER TO YOU



From mid-July residents who live outside Winchester town will find it much easier to access the Council's services, with Council officers working in well-used community facilities in Bishop's Waltham, New Alresford and Whiteley.

In Bishop's Waltham residents will be able to speak to council officers at the new Citizens Advice Bureau offices in Well House which are currently being refitted. The New Alresford venue is being finalised and will be announced shortly, and in Whiteley residents will be able to pop into Meadowside Leisure Centre to access council services.

In each area there will be a Customer Service Advisor one day a week to help residents report issues such as graffiti to be removed, damaged pavements, faulty street lights, as well as to provide information about planning applications, bin collections and even take Council Tax payments (non cash). There will also be alternate weekly visits from Housing and Benefits Officers who will be available for appointments or for you to just drop in and see if you prefer.

This initiative is part of the Council's push to provide a better service to residents in the more rural parts of the district. It also reflects the emerging findings of the new Local Development Framework, which identifies these settlements as important locations for key services.

Alice Ainsworth

HOME-START MEON VALLEY



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Home-Start Meon Valley is looking for people who may be able to spare a few hours a month to help with its fundraising activities. We appreciate that people do not always want to make long-term commitments but could you commit to Home-Start for 1 year perhaps?

We are celebrating our 10th the anniversary this year and we are looking at ways to expand the service we offer to families in the Meon Valley. We desperately need funds to do this as statutory agencies are cutting back their funding.

Do you have a few hours to spare to help us organise our annual Christmas Bauble Hunt or our fashion show in November?

If you are interested, please contact Tracy Micklethwaite on 01329 835936

Niki Cartwright

In Aid of The Mayor of Winchester's Charities

Registered Charity No. 1093428

Cllr Michael Read of Denmead, the Mayor of Winchester, has chosen the following charities for his year:

- The Hampshire & Isle of Wight Air Ambulance Service,
- The Rowans Hospice
- The Scout Association

Saturday 19th July 2008 at 3.30 pm

Brass in the Garden

Denmead Brass Band

Playing in the beautiful garden of Greta Bendall,
Inham Farm,
Inhams Lane, Denmead

Gates open at 2.45 pm

*Bring your own picnic, Chairs and tables
provided*

£8.00 per person/family £20.00

Tea and cake can be purchased

Thursday 24th July, 2008 at 7pm

Bubbles Around the World

Russell Paine, *Diploma in Wines*
Explains why Champagne is
champagne and

Bubbles are bubbles with a little taste

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EYE OF THE BEHOLDER



Local globe-trotting photographer Sally Rice brought a taste of the exotic to Wickham on 24th May with an exhibition showing different aspects of religion and spirituality from around the world. The pictures showed a rich variety of scenes, from sunsets at Angkor Wat, to small lake-side churches in New Zealand and a monk hanging out his washing in Tibet.

The day-long event attracted lots of visitors and was the first exhibition for Sally. She now plans to build up her own photography company, Eye of the Beholder, and already has a booking to photograph a fashion shoot in London next month.

If you missed the show or would like to see more of Sally's work, you can visit her website at:

www.eyeofthebeholder-photography.ifp3.com

Katharine Webb

BEECHCROFT OPEN GARDEN



Maggie and David Smith would like to thank everyone who visited their garden which was open for the first time under the National Garden Scheme.

Having successfully passed the critical inspections of the NGS assessors at the first attempt, we opened for two days over the May Bank Holiday with some degree of trepidation as to what lay ahead. The weather forecast was not good. How many people would turn

up? Would the parking arrangements work out?

An enthusiastic team of 'volunteers' was assembled to man the gate, car parking, refreshments, and plant sales, whilst we answered the visitors' many questions about the garden. The first day saw 227 people turn up to view the garden, exceeding all expectations to the extent that the plant stall almost sold out, and extra cakes were being baked in the early hours of Monday morning!

The weather on Bank Holiday Monday was dreadful, nevertheless another 88 people braved the wind and the rain to enjoy a stroll around the garden.

A magnificent total of £1356 was raised for the NGS sponsored charities, which include MacMillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie Cancer Care, and Help the Hospices. The NGS has donated over £40m so far to these worthy causes.

If you did not get to visit the garden this time we shall be opening again next year.

Thanks once again to our friends for all their hard work and of course to our visitors.

Maggie & David Smith



WICKHAM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants. PO17 5AL

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Website: www.wickhamcommunitycentre.org.uk

July~August 2008

panic NIGHT CLUB

**Disco for young people
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Saturday 26th July 7.30 - 11pm in the
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Local DJ's and live band

Great music, soft drinks, hot food
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Tickets £3.50 booked in advance,
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Adult supervision by CRB-checked
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Hedge between the Community Centre and Garnier Park

Plans are underway to remove the trees and
scrub and to replace with a native hedge
between the Community Centre and Garnier
Park footpath. This project will be in memory
of Sue Fitzgerald who initially worked on the
proposals.

Wickham Summer Play Scheme

Booking forms are now available from the
Community Centre.

Places are starting to fill already so be sure
to book early.

Wickham Community Centre is hosting a Beer Festival



Friday 19th and Saturday
20th September
Entry £4

35 real ale and ciders to try, plus bar.
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Not to be missed!

Did you know

**You can access Wi-Fi internet at
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**You will need: A Wi-Fi laptop, an
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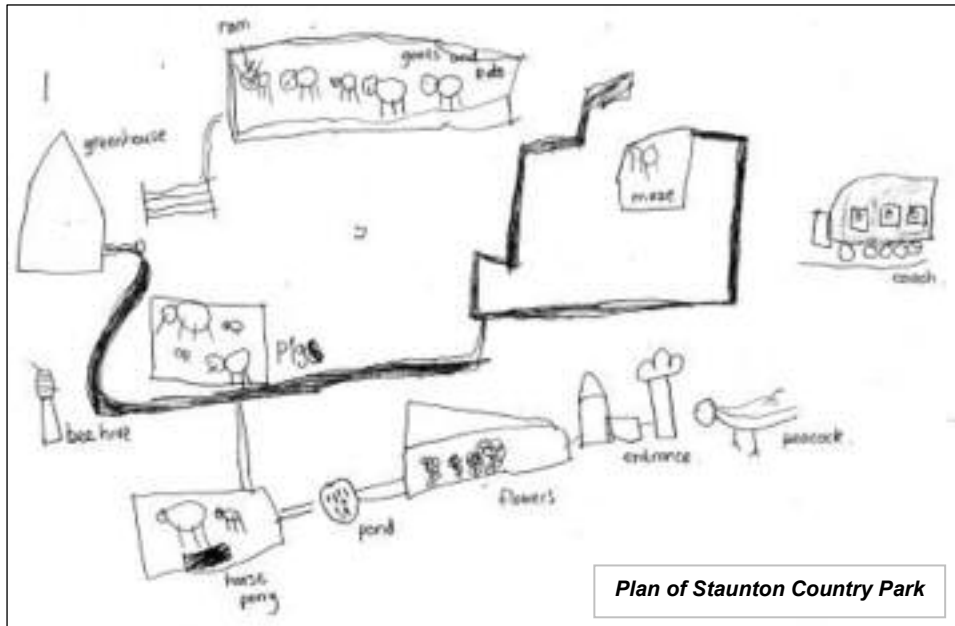
**Get on-line today with Wickham
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WICKHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Key Stage 1 visit to Staunton Country Park

Tuesday 10th June dawned bright and sunny and saw 60 excited children and their teachers off on their school trip to Staunton Country Park. Off we set with our picnics and sun cream for an exciting ride on a coach, arriving at the park for a full day learning about animals.



We fed goats, sheep and alpacas, learned how to care for a ferret and marvelled at how small baby guinea pigs are. There was a maze to get lost in, a sensory garden to explore and a huge greenhouse which housed a jungle, complete with tarantula spider!

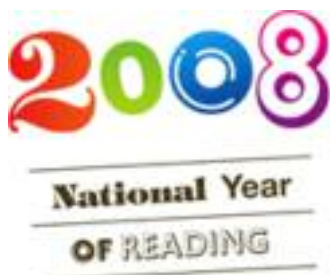


A wonderful play park to relax and play in rounded off a fabulous day. We returned tried and happy with lots of memories of our day out.



SWANMORE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

SOLENT CHILDREN'S LITERATURE QUIZ



To help celebrate the National Year of Reading 2008, the first Solent Children's Literature Quiz took place at Bridgemary Community Sports College on the evening of 4 June 2008. All the secondary schools in the Fareham & Gosport area of the Hampshire County Schools Library Service had been invited to take part and it was great to see teams of two Year 7s and two Year 8s from Bridgemary itself, Bay House, Henry Cort, Porchester, Swanmore, Hamble and Cams Hill ready to battle it out over 7 rounds of 10 themed questions to win the trophy newly donated by Hampshire County Library, plus book tokens for the winning team. But no contestant went home empty-handed because the entrance "fee" was a set of suitable paperbacks so that there was a book for everyone.

There was a terrific buzz and excitement amongst the contestants – and amongst their supporters in the audience, their parents and siblings and the teachers and librarians who had organised it all. After two hours of sometimes very difficult questions from our splendid MC for the evening, Anne Marley, the worthy winners were Bay House School; second was Henry Cort and joint third were Swanmore and Cams Hill.



Congratulations to our Swanmore team who were
Henry Boden, Melissa Blaikie, Beth Dingley and Emily Honnoraty

SWANMORE WINS YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS' CHALLENGE!

Six teams of young people from schools in South Hampshire presented their environmentally sustainable product, idea, or service to a panel of business and innovation judges in the Grand Final of the **PUSH Ahead! Young Entrepreneurs' Challenge** on Wednesday 14 May. The winning team, **Swanmore College of Technology**, was presented with a trophy and prize of £500, sponsored by BDO Stoy Hayward.



The team, made up of Year 10 pupils, were:
Ewan Brownlie, Daniel Tiller, Chris Goldring, Michael Renfrew and Chris Colson.

The Swanmore team had worked with their teacher, Mrs Avril Nobbs, and their business mentor, Diana Galpin, who is an intellectual property lawyer and also works for Southampton University's Enterprise and Innovation Unit, to further develop their service which had won them the first round of the competition in March. Their service was a Personal Development Learning Day on the theme of environmental education and sustainability. Swanmore has a long tradition of organising in-house special event theme days and the team thought it could expand this idea to have them run by a business using teams of actors to deliver sessions.

The challenge was masterminded by the Enterprise, Innovation and Business Support working group of PUSH. They have worked in partnership with several key groups in the region - Solent Skillquest, Portsmouth & South East Education Business Partnership. BDO Stoy Hayward, Yellowfin, and the South East England Development Agency.

YEAR 9 ENTERPRISE DAY

270 Year 9 pupils took part recently in an all-day Enterprise Activity to introduce them to the world of business and encourage them to work as teams to problem-solve.

The groups of up to seven pupils were randomly created prior to the day and the task was not revealed to them until the morning of the event. A limited budget to spend on display materials from the International French shop and advice from their classroom advisors ensured that the scene was set for a competitive morning of hard work.

The task this year was to produce a CD cover and promotional material for a new up-and-coming band. Additional tasks included creating materials for promotion in Europe and considering where the distribution centre would be located for the band's merchandise.

The French Shop opened and the purchase of items was negotiated using their language skills. Group members with strong IT skills were sent to the computer room to create PowerPoint presentations and graphic items. Others toiled away creating presentation and marketing materials. Effective planning and careful budgeting were the key to success.

The overall standard this year was very high, especially the use of IT, and the judges found their task quite difficult because many teams excelled in so many different aspects of the task. However, three clear winners were chosen. Prizes and certificates were awarded to the winning teams with £10 vouchers for the overall winners supplied by Solent Skill Quest who had supported the event and organised the outside visitors in the role of advisors.

SWANMORE PUPILS GO GLOBAL

The pupils in the four Houses at Swanmore College of Technology have raised money to benefit two past pupils to go to India and Tanzania to help create a better life for children in these two countries.

Harry van Schaik, who left Swanmore College of Technology last year went to India with a group of friends to help renovate and practically rebuild a school in a village. Harry came and spoke to all the pupils in a series of assemblies explaining how the money raised had been used. The pupils saw the evidence of Harry balancing on a roof, regardless of health and safety, making the building water-tight and of him painting and decorating a small school as far removed from Swanmore as possible.

James Barrow, who left Swanmore four years ago, is planning to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in order to raise funds to build and improve schools in Tanzania. James too entertained pupils with a brief geography and economics lesson in four assemblies explaining where he was going and what the money the pupils had given him could buy. Everything looked to be at a very attractive price until James explained what the wages were like too!

The pupils were pleased to see that they had made a difference in the world again this year. Last year, the pupils raised £2,450 to buy five Shelter boxes through the Rotary Club and all five have been traced and are being used in Uganda.

Every pupil in the Swanmore College community may proudly declare that they are true global citizens and making a difference to the world they live in.

James is still looking for sponsorship for the climbing of Mount Kilimanjaro and if you too would like to sponsor him, you can contact him on 07922883913.

Malcolm John

POEMS AND MUSINGS

Mr. JACK POCOCK, GUARDIAN

Jack Pocock bowled fast for the village team,
A fraction short of a length, with bite – mean.
The team he played for was Bradfield village
Pitched once a year against Bradfield College.
A stuttering run and his arm whipped over:
It took courage not to run for cover.
Public schoolboys fenced as missiles fizzed past.
All avowed, “He is seriously fast!”
Big fish paid respect to village minnow,
My guardian, who was my boyhood hero.
He mended roads and later cut hedges,
A council workman on modest wages
In holey buff envelope, paid weekly,
Handed to missus on Fridays meekly.
She gave back coins for beer, Woodbines and cricket.
Listen! Wireless forecast. State of the wicket!

At confirmation class asked our parson,
“How many fathers have you?” I said, “One.”
“No. Your earthly one and Father in Heaven.”
Same question next class. I was wrong again.
My answer, three, left him in a state of shock.
“My dad, my heavenly father and Mr. Pocock.”

Tony Johnson

A KNIGHT TO REMEMBER

The other day I held a shop door open for an elderly lady.
“Thank you,” she said, “it’s nice to see that chivalry isn’t dead.”
The Missus squeezed my arm and whispered, “ooh, you Knight in shining armour!”
“Oh yes,” said I, “and what kind of Knight would you prefer?”

“You can have an eleventh century Norman – all brawn, no brains. An illiterate, belligerent oaf.
You can have one of the Crusader variety, murdering raping and pillaging his way across Europe to finally massacre Muslims in the Holy Land in the name of God and personal profit.
Or, perhaps you would like a Hospitaller, not much more than a Corsair, terrorising the Mediterranean in search of plunder.”

“No, none of those,” said she in horror.

“Ah, I know,” said I. “What you want is a Templar Knight with his vows of chastity, poverty and obedience.”

“I don’t mind the obedience,” says she, “but I’m not so keen on the other things.”

Ah, the good old days

Mike Hollis

JULY~AUGUST 2008 DIARY

JULY 2008

Tue	1	10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room 16:45 Brownies, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed	2	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur	3	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room 19:00 Mothers' Union Deanery Summer Festival at St John the Baptist, Shedfield 19:15 P.C.C. Church Room
Fri	4	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat	5	08:00 Men's Breakfast Group, Church Room 12:00 Private Party, Church Room 12:00 Holy Matrimony: Joanne Hobbis/Neil Underwood 16:00 Holy Matrimony: Tracey Rowland/Richard Bramley 19:00 Pudding Club, Church Room

Sun	6	THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 08:00 Holy Communion 09:45 Family Service to include Holy Baptism of James Bishop, Aimee Richardson, Elizabeth and Emma Williams 18:00 Choral Eucharist	Zechariah 9: 9-12 Romans 7: 15-25a Matthew 11:16-19,25-30
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Mon	7	11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tues	8	11:30 Mothers' Union Outing to Hinton Ampner 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room 14:15 The Mothers' Union meets at 3, Glebe Corner. 16:45 Brownies, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed	9	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur	10	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri	11	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat	12	14:00 Holy Matrimony: Joanna Phasey/Ben Gregory

Sun	13	EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 08:00 Holy Communion 09:45 Parish Communion 14:30 Holy Baptism: Lewis and Lacie-May Sells	Isaiah 55: 10-13 Romans 8: 1-11 Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
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Mon	14	11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue	15	13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room 16:45 Brownies, Church Room 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Wed	16	12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room 19:30 Model Engineers Society, Church Room
Thur	17	09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri	18	19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
Sat	19	HACKNEY GROUP

Sun	20	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 08:00 Holy Communion 09:45 Parish Communion 18:00 Choral Evensong	Wisdom of Solomon 12 Romans 8: 12-25 Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
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Mon	21	11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
Tue	22	13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room 16:45 Brownies, Church Room 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
 Sat 26 15:30 Holy Matrimony: Christine Pennycott/David Brett

Sun 27	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	1 Kings 3: 5-18 Romans 8: 26-39 Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	14:30 Holy Baptism: Olivia Kerley	
	18:00 Choral Evensong	

Mon 28 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tue 29 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 30 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

AUGUST

Sat 2 08:00 Men's Breakfast Club, Church Room
 14:00 Holy Matrimony: Danielle Stone/Robert Dann
 16:30 Holy Matrimony: Claire Routhorn/Timothy Foote

Sun 3	THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Romans 9. 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Family Service to include Holy Baptism of Jacob Smith	
	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
 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:15 The Mothers' Union meets at 3, Glebe Corner.
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 6 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 7 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 8 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sat 9 14:30 Dystonia Association, Church Room

Sun 10	THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	1 Kings 19: 9-18 Romans 10: 5-15 Matthew 14: 22-33
	08:00 Holy communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	14:30 Holy Baptism: Amelia Bingham-Salter	

Mon 11 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tue 12 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:15 Mothers' Union Tea and Chat at 3, Glebe Corner
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Wed 13 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Thur 14 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room

Fri 15 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

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

Sun 17	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28
	08:00 Holy Communion	
	09:45 Parish Communion	
	18:00 Choral Evensong	

Mon 18 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room

Tue 19 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room

16:45 Brownies, Church Room



Wickham Parish Council Annual Report May 2007 - April 2008

The Parish of Wickham

Wickham Parish is one of the largest parishes within the District of Winchester City Council with nearly 1850 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 are the parishes of Boarhunt and Soberton with Shedfield, Curdridge and Whiteley to the north and west.

The Parish Council

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

The Parish Council provides a **local voice** for its residents; each Parish Council differs in the work it carries out. The majority of the work carried out by Wickham Parish Council is through its committees: Finance, Forward Planning, General Purpose, Planning, Recreation, Street Lighting and the Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust. A Highways representative deals with road and transport issues; there is also 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 and also in Wickham Community Centre; 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 attend meetings and to contact Councillors and Clerk with issues of concern.

Chairman's overview

It has been an honour to once again serve the community as Chairman of Wickham Parish Council.

The past year has been busy for the Council with a number of important issues to discuss and projects to progress.

A major highlight was winning the Calor Gas Hampshire Village of the Year with the help of a local team.

In April the village was judged for the next round which is the national entry. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who took part in creating a fantastic display in the Community Centre. I trust it conveyed to the judges what a great community we have in Wickham.

Another very successful Annual Parish Assembly was held in April with presentations made by Wickham Primary School and entertainment provided by the Youth Club. It was a wonderful evening which also included the Citizen of the Year awards, of which there is more later in the report. The winners of the Stan Woodford Photographic competition were also announced.

Many thanks to all who attended and took part in the Assembly.

As well as being Council Chairman I am responsible for lighting and highways issues. Highways issues are quite numerous at times and I can assure you that these are dealt with in the quickest way possible, but not always as quickly as I would like!

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Flooding in certain areas of the village has caused concerns, and may I thank the residents of Riverside Mews for their hard work during recent problems with flooding. We are working constantly with Southern Water and Hampshire County Council to try and resolve this issue.

All the Parish Council meetings are open to the public and you will be made very welcome if you attend! Agendas are posted on notice boards and on the website and minutes are available at meetings or to view on the website.

When councillors, clerk and chairman work together as a team they combine energies and skills to deliver real benefits to the community they serve.

All councillors work together to improve the quality of life and the environment for the residents of Wickham and Knowle. We are all very committed and we do not forget that we were elected by residents. Our job is to represent the interests of the whole community. I can assure you we will do our very best at all times.

**Angela Clear, Chairman
Wickham Parish Council**

Parish Council News for 2007/8

New Councillor for Knowle

Colin Roke, a resident of Knowle, was co-opted to the Parish Council in February following the resignation of Neil Jackson.

Christmas light switch on event

The Parish Council organised this event for the first time this year.

It was very well attended and was a successful evening thanks to the volunteers who worked so hard to install the Christmas tree and lights in The Square.

It wouldn't have happened without John and David at AE Roberts who delivered and installed the tree, and particular thanks are due to Neale Fray who appointed and organised the volunteers.

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

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

Affordable houses for local people

Following a successful survey of residents which identified a continuing need for affordable homes for local people, it is hoped to progress a second project to follow the success of the Gwynn Way development. A possible site to the rear of the community centre has been identified for the houses, to allow a joint project with the Wickham Community Land Trust.

Safer Neighbourhood Panel

Wickham is leading a new project for the Meon Valley, bringing local representatives, Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and residents together to discuss and review local policing priorities. There is a suggestion box at Wickham Community Centre if you would like to make your views and concerns known.

Parish Council website

www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk

The website has lots of information about the village and Parish Council. The agendas and minutes of meetings are available to view on line. Stan Woodford's photo collection is available to view and download in the Village History section.

Would you like some webpages for your group? If you provide the content, pages for your organisation can be added to the Parish Council website. Contact the Clerk for more information

Village of the Year



In 2007 Wickham entered the Hampshire Village of the Year Competition and won both Calor Hampshire Village of the Year and best village in Winchester District. A great result for the village and the team who put the entry together.

On 22nd April this year Wickham was visited by the judges as part of the entry into the national Village of the Year competition. The competition is about how the village looks after its community and creates life-enhancing opportunities for all its residents.

The team took the judges for a tour around the village which included a visit to the primary school where they were met by Head Teacher Carol Burton and were delighted by the busy pupils and inspiring surroundings.

The Water Meadows, Church, Chesapeake Mill and the houses in Gwynn Way were also part of the tour which finished at the Community Centre.

Over 40 local organisations and groups pulled out all the stops to create displays in the hall. The result was incredible, and a fantastic reflection of the riches Wickham has to offer its community.



Thank you all for your hard work; it is really appreciated. Thanks also to the Men's Group and all who spent time clearing up litter and cleaning signs prior to the visit.

Thank you also to residents and businesses who displayed the 'Welcome to the judges' posters. The judges commented that they hadn't experienced such a welcome in any other village.



Thank you to the Community Centre management and staff for your forbearance and assistance as the event grew beyond all expectations.

Lastly, thank you to the team that showed the judges all our village has to offer: Angie Clear, Barrie Marson, Nicki Oliver, Ted Fitzgerald and Neale Fray.

GOOD LUCK WICKHAM!

Annual Parish Assembly

On 23rd April over 150 people attended the Annual Parish Assembly, which must have been one of the largest attendances to date.

Wickham Primary School Year 6 pupils gave a very confident presentation on some recent projects they had undertaken; this was followed by a demonstration of an electric car which the Technology Club had made and raced. This wonderful project was led by Parish Councillor Mike Bennett and Duncan Proctor, a teacher at the school.



The Youth Club performed with Drums for Fun which had everyone's toes tapping, a really enjoyable performance.

Thank you to everyone who attended and took part in the Assembly.

Citizen of the Year presentations were another highlight of the Assembly.

Citizen of the Year 2008 - Neale Fray

Neale helps with lots of projects in the village. Neale's post as Editor of the Parish Magazine takes up many, many hours. Last year trusteeship of the Community Association was added to the extensive list of local roles which includes bell ringing for St Nicholas Church. Without Neale the Christmas lights and tree for The Square would not have happened.

Thank you Neale; your award is truly deserved.

Young Citizen of the Year - Ryan Cottle

Ryan is a dedicated and reliable member of the Youth Club, always ready to lend a helping hand, which is very much appreciated by the Leaders.

Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the Community - Eileen Gulliford

Eileen has recently retired as secretary to The Thursday Club, a position she had held for 32 years. The Thursday Club provides an important contact for the village's over 60s and runs regular meetings and outings. Eileen, with her PA experience ensured the smooth running of the Club and has left a list of duties which now take four people to carry out.

Lifetime Achievement Award for Service to the Community - David and Sue Roger-Jones

David has brought the Community Centre back into profit and can be found behind almost all village initiatives. Sue is Chair of Governors for Wickham Primary School and a long-standing parish councillor. Sue too is involved in many community activities. David and Sue were active in setting up WASPS – Wickham After School Project, and are always involved in moving forward local projects, especially those for young people.

Business Making Significant Contribution to the Community - Frank and Carol Duckworth

Frank and Carol regularly contribute to village life and support charities either by holding events or through contributions. Greens is often a venue for community meetings and Carol leads many initiatives to benefit local traders.

Good Neighbour Award - Joan Bramley

Joan was a founder and committee member of the Meon Park Social Club in the 1950s, helping to organise large bonfire and firework displays, annual dinner dances and Christmas parties for children. Joan has a great interest in St Nicholas Church and runs stalls for the fete, arranges flowers and also worked in the Church charity shop raising thousands of pounds to build the Church Room. Until last year Joan helped deliver Meals on Wheels, and as a dedicated member of the British Legion she continues to sell poppies and read the roll of honour on Remembrance Sunday.

Good Neighbour Award - Gerald and Carol Hazzard

Gerald and Carol were born in Wickham and have lived in the village all their lives. The couple were key players in fund raising for the new community centre in Wickham. For many years they have organised country and western dances and raised hundreds of pounds for the community centre and local charities. Gerald served on the Scout Committee, Wickham Social Club and Wickham Bowls Club, and both are always ready to lend a helping hand to local people in need.

Special Community Award – Jean Bell

This year a special award was made to Jean Bell, who has served her customers at Jean's Hairdressers for 48½ years, willingly opening her shop at 6.30am for early appointments when needed. Jean was dedicated to her clients and business and is greatly missed as she sadly had to give up the tenancy of her shop earlier than expected.

Stan Woodford 2007 Photographic Competition winners

Under 14 Josh Hughes
Under 18 Siobhan Spowart
Over 18 Neale Fray

Winners and all entries available to view on the Parish Council website.

**ADOPT A PAVEMENT ROLL OF
HONOUR
2008**

Thank you to

**MORGAN O'CONNELL
ANGIE CLEAR
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PETER BANKS
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TED FITZGERALD
MANDY MARTIN
HEMSWORTH FAMILY
TONY JOHNSON
MICHAEL LYNCH
TREVOR ASTBURY
MICHAEL SADLER-FORSTER**

for adopting a pavement.

**Plenty of pavements left for
adoption.....litter picking equipment
provided!**

Nicki Oliver, Parish Clerk

Committee Reports

Forward Planning Committee

This new Committee was constituted in December 2007 to consider all options for the immediate, middle and long term development of the village and to produce a "Wickham Development Strategy" to cover the period up to 2030.

The Committee will monitor proposed studies that aim to reveal the likely consequences for the wider area of the proposed SDA (Strategic Development Area – 10,000 houses plus employment land) north of the M27 and will look to carry out its own studies if necessary to ensure the impact of the SDA on the village and its surroundings are minimised.

The Committee is closely following the production of the Local Development Framework for both Winchester City and Fareham Borough Council and

responding to consultations where appropriate.

The Parish Council responded to the WCC Issues and Options consultation by supporting the provision of an additional 150 houses to the north of the village centre over the next 20 years to reinforce and enhance its role as a sustainable 'key hub'.

The Parish Council also supports the provision of affordable housing for local people together with measures to redress the current higher percentage of social rented accommodation in Wickham compared with other areas. Significant green gaps between the settlements of Knowle and the North Fareham SDA and Wickham and the SDA have been requested.

Planning Committee

Between May 2007 and April 2008 the Planning Committee has considered and responded to 82 planning applications in the Parish.

The Parish Council has objected to the current proposals for the Wickham Laboratory site and has asked for the community to be involved in the planning of the development at the earliest stage.

The Council supported proposals for a new mosque and community facility in Fontley Road. The site already has outline permission for industrial use and the Parish Council does not want to see an extension of Pegham Coppice industrial estate on this site with the attendant increase in heavy goods vehicles.

The mosque proposals offer an opportunity to enhance the landscape and ecological value of the site.

The mosque is moving from another site in Wickham; the majority of residents are probably unaware of its current existence.

Copies of planning applications are available to view locally by contacting the Parish 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.)

General Purposes Committee

The GP, or General Purposes 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 also assists with funding the churchyard maintenance, Christmas tree and lighting display and bus shelter maintenance.

This year the Committee has overseen the refurbishment of the war memorial, the installation of a new seat at the top of Dairy Moor, the purchase of a badge of office for the chairman and the installation of new 'Welcome to Wickham' signs.



The Committee has also led a pilot Safer Neighbourhood Panel in conjunction with neighbouring parishes.

Work in progress includes a review of the parking system in The Square, a tourism leaflet for Wickham and a map of the Parish showing rights of way and points of interest.

Street Lighting Committee

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and running costs of 75 street lights in the Wickham area.

If you would like an area to be considered for new lighting please contact the Parish Council.

Cemetery Committee

The Cemetery Committee looks after Knowle Hospital closed cemetery and is planning for a new memorial ground and conservation area on land adjoining the Fareham Road recreation ground.

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, The Circle and in front of the Community Centre.

The skatepark is also the responsibility of this Committee. Regular safety inspections are carried out and repairs actioned as necessary.

During the last year the Committee has been looking at the possibility of taking responsibility for the green spaces and play areas at Knowle together with a new community building.

Plans for a new Scout HQ and changing facilities for the recreation ground are also being progressed.

Regular meetings with the Scouts have taken place since November 2006 to seek a way forward. The Parish Council secured planning permission for a new building in a new position in early 2008. The Parish Council is keen to take advantage of grant opportunities to provide new tennis courts and multi use games area which can be provided if the Scout HQ is moved to a new location on the recreation ground.

It was hoped to be able to work towards a shared community building for use by sports teams and the Scouts with funding assistance from the Parish Council's Open

Space Fund, which can be used for sports facilities, but the Scout leaders have indicated that they would prefer sole use of a new building.

Unfortunately discussions and alternative ideas together with delays in the Scouts receiving their insurance settlement have not yet provided the Scouts with a new home. The Parish Council continues to work with the Scouts to achieve a satisfactory outcome for everyone.

Water Meadows Millennium Green Trust

The Parish Council, as First 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.

The Meadows are regularly maintained by groundsman Paul Collins and his team, local organisations also help by clearing litter on a rota basis. Local people also help to keep the area free from litter, which is greatly appreciated.

This year the Trust invested in the construction of new steps to access the Meon Valley Trail; the old steps had become worn and were always rather steep.



Some major tree removal and surgery has also been completed.

Thanks are due to Jenny Mallett who retired as Chairman of the Water Meadows Trust this year. Jenny has overseen many successful projects as the Meadows have developed over the last decade. Jenny has kindly offered to continue in an advisory role when needed, which is very much appreciated.

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 2008 is included below.

The Parish Council approved the following grants during the last financial year:

Income and Expenditure Account For the Year Ended 31 March 2008 (Audited)

Wickham Youth Club	£280	Travelling to Drums for Fun performance
Wickham Youth Club	£213	Youth Club teeshirts for drumming performances
Wickham Youth Club	£1000	Precepted grant
St Nicholas PCC	£150	Additional printing for annual report
St Nicholas PCC	£450	Contribution towards new mower
St Nicholas PCC	£827	Grant towards church yard maintenance
Knowle Village Residents Association	£500	Grant towards newsletter costs
The Chill Zone Knowle Youth Club	£1000	Grant towards set-up costs for new club
Wickham Community Centre	£2000	Repairs and replacements to cctv system
Wickham Summer Playscheme	£850	Contribution towards running costs
First Responders	£500	Contribution towards running costs
Citizens' Advice Bureau	£1750	Contribution towards running costs
Wickham Primary School	£200	Contribution towards '20 is plenty' signs
Home Start	£500	Grant towards running costs

2006/7		2007/8
£	Income	£
77,563	Precept	79,668
Nil	Agency Services Reimbursed	Nil
Nil	Loan/Capital Repayments	Nil
2864	Interest	4001
Nil	WACA grant refund	116
503	Football fees	863
Nil	Square Events repayment	578
Nil	Training income	75
Nil	Village of the Year prize	300
Nil	Donation towards badge of office	200
	Running costs	
1000	General Purposes grant	800
500	Christmas grants	245
345	Recreation	Nil
	New Projects	
111,676	Open Space project 05 (WCC grant)	Nil
21,973	Vat Reimbursements	Nil
216,424	Total income	86,846
	Expenditure	
16,244	Employment	17,157
10,422	General Administration	10,594
Nil	Agency Services	Nil
Nil	S. 137 Payments	Nil
6,660	Grants	4,635
	Running Costs	
12,074	General Purposes Committee	8,682
8,646	Lighting Committee	4,083
6,849	Recreation Committee	11,102
	New Projects	
108,401	Open Space project 06	Nil
14,135	New projects/contingency	14,506
22,161	VAT	2,619
205,592	Total Expenditure	73,378
	GENERAL FUND	
64,285	Balance at 1 April	75,117
216,424	Add: Total Income	86,846
280,709		161,963
205,592	Less: Total Expenditure	73,378
	Round up	3
75,117	Balance at 31 March	88,588



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19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
 Wed 20 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
 Thur 21 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 Fri 22 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
 Sat 23 14:30 Holy Matrimony: Hannah Cowles/Damian Lodrick

Sun 24	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Isaiah 51: 1-6
	08:00 Holy Communion	Romans 12: 1-8
	09:45 Parish Communion	Matthew 16: 13-20

Mon 25 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tue 26 13:00 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 30 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre

Sun 31	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	Jeremiah 15: 15-21
	08:00 Holy Communion	Romans 12: 9-21
	09:45 Choral Matins	Matthew 16: 21-28

SEPTEMBER

Mon 1 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tue 2 10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court
 13:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 Wed 3 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
 Thur 4 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 19:15 P.C.C. Church Room
 Fri 5 15:30 Holy Matrimony: Claire Lander/Vernon Pemberton
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Community Centre
 Sat 6 08:00 Men's Breakfast Group, Church Room
**Mon 8 19:30 THE INSTITUTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR, REVD BRUCE DEANS,
 AT ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, SHEDFIELD**
**Fri 12 19:30 SERVICE OF INDUCTION OF REVD BRUCE DEANS
 TO ST NICHOLAS, WICKHAM**

*LAST DAY FOR COPY SEPTEMBER 2008 MAGAZINE
 SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST*

From the registers

Holy Baptism

Isabel Katherine Holmes 01/06/2008
 Emily Ann Brewster 01/06/2008

Holy Matrimony

Neil Harding/Natalie Howarth 06/06/2008
 Craig Miller/Helen Manuel 07/06/2008
 Rob Bell/Cara Perry 21/06/2008
 Robert Terry/Tracey Harper 25/06/2008

Rest in Peace

David Parrott 65 years 06/06/2008
 Ronald Harry Ottewill 81 years 09/06/2008
 Elsie May Kightly 84 years 16/06/2008

LETTERS

From Eric Tucker

On behalf of our family, I would like to take this opportunity to thank relatives, friends, organizations the people of Wickham and district, for their many letters and cards of sympathy on the sudden death of Ann. We were very fortunate to have been married for 55 years. Ann was a true Wickhamite being born in Wickham, christened, confirmed and married in our St Nicholas Church. Ann never lived anywhere else and never wanted to. Once again very many thanks to everyone for their kind support.

Yours sincerely,

Eric Tucker

Rectory Bungalow, Southwick Road, Wickham

From Joyce Johnston

Dear Editor,

On behalf of St Nicholas Parochial Church Council may I, via the pages of your excellent magazine, thank the Committee of the recently closed Wickham Social Club at the Community Centre for their generous contribution to the late Reverend Arnold Hirst's Memorial Fund.

I would also like to thank most sincerely all those many people who have contributed and are still donating to the Fund.

Joyce Johnston

Asst. Churchwarden

From Eileen Jayne-Wood

Thank you to all those who supported the Skittles Fundraising Night on 23rd May.

An excellent Supper was provided by The King's Head, Wickham, and the evening raised a total of £178-95 for The Rowans Hospice.

Kindest wishes,

Eileen Jayne-Wood

Rowan's Hospice

From Gillian Goddon

During the life of Wickham Social Club which was situated at the community centre, a children's fund was established. Many family fun functions were held in support of the local community. These included amongst other things an Easter egg hunt, pumpkin carving competition, Halloween fancy dress and a visit from Father Christmas at the annual Christmas party. The younger children received an individual present and the teenagers were each given a five pound voucher.

Following the enforced closure of Wickham Social Club I and the former committee were left with the

dilemma of what to do with the remaining funds. It has subsequently been agreed to donate such in equal shares to local existing organizations/appeals. I am therefore pleased to announce the following beneficiaries:-

Scouts, Brownies, Youth club, Friends of Wickham Primary school key stage one adventure playground, the late reverend Arnold Hirst's portable font appeal and Wickham community first responders.

I write to thank all former members for their past support and wish to advise my accounts are now being filed.

Regards,

Gillian Goddon

Honorary Treasurer former Wickham Social Club

From Linda Banks

Dear Sir,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big, public 'Thank you' to the, now disbanded, Wickham Social Club for their generous donation of £100 to the Friends of Wickham Primary School (FOWPS).

FOWPS are a group of parents, staff and friends who attempt to raise funds for the children of the local primary school. These monies help provide valuable resources that would otherwise fall outside of the normal school budget.

We hold various events throughout the year including the recent BINGO evening and the forthcoming SUMMER FAYRE (Saturday July 12th).

We rely heavily on the support of local businesses for sponsorship and welcome all help from the public, both locally and further afield.

It is with such generosity as of the Social Club and the local community that we are able to support our local school to offer better opportunities for the children.

Thank you once again.

Linda Banks

FOWPS (chair)

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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.

A Tribute to Commander Brian Hall MBE 1929 -2008



On 12th May 2008 Wickham lost one of its most respected residents, Brian Hall, who did so much for our local community.

Brian was born in Manchester on 13th March 1929 and attended Manchester Grammar School. A committed Christian, he served as an altar boy in his youth and attended Church regularly, latterly at Winchester Cathedral. In 1947 he began his career in the Royal Navy which was to last 41 years and brought him much success. He trained as a Naval Engineer at the Royal Naval Engineering College and this training and expertise as an engineer stood him in good stead throughout his life. He approached everything with the precision, careful consideration and reflection

of an engineer before taking a direct course of action.

Brian spent much of his career in submarines working at the cutting edge of technology. He dealt initially with the experimental and very dangerous substance-the fuel High Test Peroxide. Later he progressed to working in nuclear submarines. Although submarines were his speciality, he served in a fascinating long list of ships: HMS Vanguard, Cadix, Indomitable, Albion, Blake, Artful, Explorer (which held the underwater speed record), Narwhal, Blake, Dolphin as well as HMS/M Explorer and Dreadnought. He worked at Rosyth and Portsmouth Dockyards, at the Ministry of Defence and was on the inspecting staff of Flag Officer Submarines He was promoted to the rank of Commander in Singapore after only serving a few weeks there and he received the MBE in recognition of his services.

Brian met Alison in 1955 on a climbing holiday in Skye. He proposed after only 4 meetings in 3 months and sold his MG car to buy the engagement ring. They were married in 1956. Brian was always a passionate mountaineer -he climbed Snowdon at the age of 7! -and climbed many of the mountains in Scotland and the Lake District. In their early married life he and Alison lived in a tent for 6 weeks on the Mull of Kintyre. Brian and Alison moved to Titchfield Lane in Wickham in 1961 where they have always lived in the village.

After retiring from the Navy in 1978 he worked for SCATS and latterly for Inter Europe in Fareham writing text books and manuals including those for the Thames Barrier. In 1978 he stood for election as a local District Councillor for Wickham on the Winchester City Council and began a new and successful career in local politics. He was well respected by his political colleagues from all parties for his sense of fairness, his thorough approach to council work and his considerate, gentlemanly manner. During his time on the Council he was very involved in planning and oversaw the introduction of the Council wheelie bin scheme.

From 1988/9 he was elected to be the 791st Mayor of Winchester. The Office of Mayor of Winchester is an old and prestigious mayoralty and is second only in rank to the Lord Mayor of London. Brian also gave freely of his time to the village and served for many years on the Wickham Parish Council where he took a special interest in footpaths and planning matters. After retiring from the City Council in 1994 he served as sidesman and twice as Head sidesman in Winchester Cathedral where his services were also much valued.

Brian had so many interests which he shared with Alison. Brian was also involved in the organisation of several local groups. He was Chairman of Swanmore Tennis Club for 7 years; a keen golfer in their local golf club which lies at the bottom of their well-kept garden; he and Alison led the local Scottish Dancing group for 25 years and he loved music, opera and ballet. He was very skilled in embroidery and tapestry design and his own original work can be seen in his dining room where he designed and re-covered the dining chairs and in the many handcrafted handbags carried proudly by Alison and friends.

He was a very keen gardener: their garden is a picture and a visit to his greenhouse is a delight. He was also a passionate beekeeper and, in accordance with ancient lore, his bees had to be told of his death a few weeks ago. His organisation of his life was such that he had already prepared the main details for any obituary and I am very grateful to him for this. He was a humorous man, very strong, very disciplined and always active and we in the local community gained greatly from his energy and expertise. Brian enjoyed so much in life and gave so much back in return. He will be sadly missed by us all here in Wickham. Rest in Peace.

Thérèse Evans

BISHOP'S WALTHAM FESTIVAL 2008

The Festival is Back!!

The Festival Management Committee is delighted to announce that Bishop's Waltham Festival is bouncing back this year. Events will run from Monday 7th July and will end with a fabulous Festival Day in the Palace on Sunday 13th July. Highlights include International Jazz Star Digby Fairweather and his Half Dozen presenting a concert of cool Jazz in The Palace on the afternoon of



Digby Fairweather and his Half Dozen

Saturday 12th July. Tea and cakes will be available for that unique tea dance atmosphere. On Friday 11th, we are thrilled to have retained the services of Festival favourites Rain or Shine Theatre Company who this year will be presenting Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* as part of their national tour. We are also delighted to announce that we will be joined for a talk in the Jubilee Hall by the multi-award winning crime writer Frances Fyfield. Ms Fyfield is a criminal lawyer, practising in London, the setting for many of her books. She also lives by the sea which, aside from the love of London, is her passion. Her novels include *A*

Question of Guilt, nominated for an Edgar Award, *Deep Sleep*, winner of the Silver Dagger Award, *A Clear Conscience*, nominated for the Gold Dagger Award and winner of the Grand Prix de Literature Policiere in 1998, *Shadow Play* and *Blind Date*. There will also be a FREE theatre matinee from a professional touring company for young children.

Our community work has been given new impetus this year with a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and will feature a return of Music in Banks, The Festival Singers, three Local History events and a chilling Murder Mystery in the Palace on the Saturday evening. For the fourth year, the festival will be hosting a Youth Band Night giving opportunities for young people of the village and the surrounding communities to strut their stuff on the festival stage with full professional technical back up and opportunities for workshops to develop their musical and performance skills.

Plans for Festival Day are firming up. There will be a wide range of workshops for everyone to try including drumming, circus skills, boules, musical performance, story telling and many more. One highlight of the day will be performances by 150 junior school children of international dance and music work learned in an intensive workshop programme on the day. There will also be performances by students from Swanmore Technical College and highlights performances from the Youth Band Night!



The full Festival line up for 2008 is:

Monday 7th July	Music at Banks Live music with a delicious dinner
Tuesday 8th July	The unique sound of Festival Singers - a concert in St Peter's After-school stories and crafts at the library for 7-11 year olds Free tickets available from the library
Wednesday 9th July	Bishop's Waltham on Parole with local historian Barbara Bidell A Story Time Special for under 5's, stories rhymes and crafts in the Library
Thursday 19th July	Young talent on display at the Youth Band Night in the Palace Sponsored by Gravatom Award-winning crime writer, Frances Fyfield in the Jubilee hall
Friday 11th July	History walk starting at St Peter's at 2.00pm ending at the Palace Shakespeare's <i>The Winter's Tale</i> at The Palace
Saturday 12th July	<i>The Princess and The Pea</i> - Puppet theatre for children at the Palace Sponsored by Fythian and Saxby Cool jazz at the palace with Digby Fairweather and his Half Dozen As evening falls, Upham Players present <i>A Murder Mystery</i> at the Palace
Sunday 13th July	Join 200 local young people performing in A Festival Day and try a range of workshops, stalls and activities.

This is your festival. Come and join the fun. Tickets will be on sale at Winchester Theatre Royal, Vecks in the High Street and Bishop's Waltham Library.

Sue Harris

A BILL FOR REPAIRS

Reading the June edition of the magazine in the early hours of Thursday morning I was drawn to the potential challenge posed by the '*A Bill for Repairs*' item. An amusing little snippet like this would have been widely propagated across the internet. It would be a simple thing to find a full version.

Or so you would think. Using "*A Bill for Repairs*" in Google produces little, little of interest to me that is, but thousands of entries on damaged political Bills. A search on Belgium artists' bills, again little of use. Finally I decided to use "corrected the ten commandments" in Google, expecting to find all sorts of madcap entries; but the surprise was that there is only one returned. And, bingo, it has the right words there. It says that the source is a stonemason museum in Wiltshire - at Great Bedwyn Stone Museum. A stone attached to a museum door has the following:

Repairs to a Monument

Corrected the Ten Commandments -	110s 0d
Embellished Pontius Pilate and put New Ribbon in his Bonnet -	20s 0d
Put New Tail on Rooster of St. Peter and Mended his Comb -	25s 0d
Replumed and Reguided the Way of the Guardian Angel -	155s 0d
Washed the Servant of the High Priest and put Carmine on his Cheeks -	10s 0d
Renewed Heaven, Adjusted the Stars, and Thoroughly Cleaned the Moon -	65s 0d
Re-animated the Flames of Purgatory and Restored Souls -	27s 6d
Revived Flames of Hell, Put New Tail on the Devil, Mended his Left Hoof, and Did Several Odd Jobs for the Dammed -	96s 6d
Put New Spotted Dashes on Son of Tebbias and Dressing on his Back -	106s 0d
Cleaned the Ears of Balaams Ass, and Shod him -	14s 0d
Put Earrings in the Ears of Sarah -	26s 0d
Put New Stone in David's Sling, Enlarged the Head of Goliath and Extended his Legs -	45s 0d
Decorated Noah's Ark -	60s 0d
Mended the Shirt of the Prodigal Son, and Cleaned his Nose -	15s 6d
Total -	£38 15s 6d



Stone at Great Bedwyn Stone Museum

Almost word perfect. The values are different from the magazine item, but the text is so close. Now to cross check this. A place name is a useful thing to have when searching the internet. There are many entries for the Great Bedwyn Stone Museum. A very popular place it seems to be too. There are many, many entries and even photographs. Even a photograph of the stone with the text above.

Having the photograph is useful. It is the only solid evidence that the stone actually existed. The spelling on the stone is not perfect, dammed and earing stand out. These have been corrected in the magazine version, but the magazine says that Balaam's Ass was shot, and I would hazard a guess that he was shod as per the stone.

So my guess is that the stone is the original. I can find no other mention of the text on the internet. I assume that the magazine carried an updated version with the spelling corrected and a typo added, with a short introduction to lead into the list. No shame in that, these stories are always being

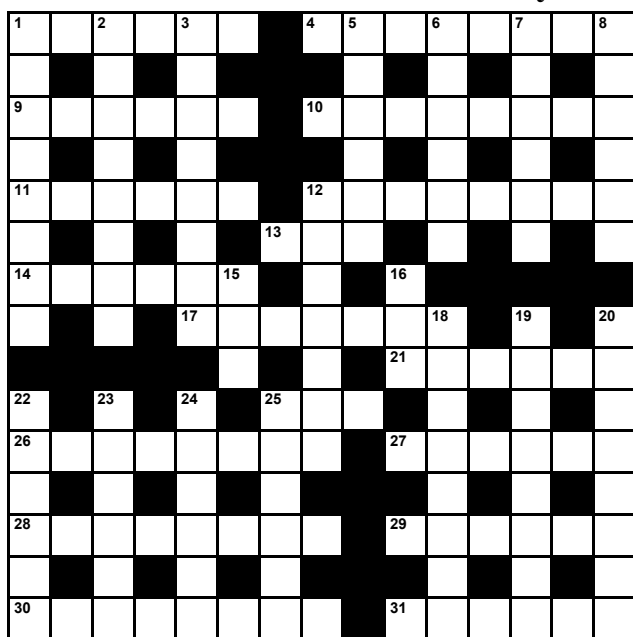
updated and improved, it is rare to be able to find the source.

Mission accomplished I think. The full list has been found, and Great Bedwyn Stone Museum added to my places of interest to visit. Another success for the internet and Google. Did you know that the name Google is the result of a spelling mistake, but that's another tale.

Richard Sculpher

Wickham Prize Crossword No.26

by Konrad © RJS 2008



- 13 Endlessly raced to the hill (3)
- 14 Gentle Benjamin swallowed a gin cocktail (6)
- 17 Fractions pirate's Polly prattles about (7)
- 21 One who is abandoned gets nervous feeling inside (2,4)
- 25 Shout about railway (3)
- 26 Reserve card for discount reading (4,4)
- 27 Saints about to shed tears for Kingsley's Tom and Mr Grimes (6)
- 28 Support distraught spouse Mr Capone! (8)
- 29 A plant for Prudence (6)
- 30 Stretch apprentice engineer, not now (8)
- 31 Niche holiday (6)

Down

- 1 Popular writer to dedicate book (8)
- 2 Disfiguring of French opposite (8)
- 3 Outbid Grace for Westminster Walk (8)
- 5 Vagrant put spur in tavern (6)
- 6 Offer to nurse (6)
- 7 I entered a fast time following leading competitor's patron (6)
- 8 Simply employed, as one in cathedral city (6)
- 12 Lead surrounding other plant (7)
- 15 Point one plus ten equals nothing (3)
- 16 What's his name, the television doctor? (3)
- 18 She swooned foolishly, after Edward removed arctic footwear (8)
- 19 He's found in a dodgy nightclub. Sticky! (8)
- 20 Where spiders meet on the internet perhaps (8)
- 22 Maybe is able to come down by rope (6)
- 23 Notable success on pools entry (6)
- 24 Discharge accountant turning left (6)
- 25 Returning sailor, in queue we hear, to see clergyman (6)

Name Phone number

Across

- 1 Popular debutante, the first to place under obligation (6)
- 4 Broken case bolt is a hindrance (8)
- 9 Is reflecting about a distant hunting expedition (6)
- 10 Information in ones grasp. I include delegated bodies (8)
- 11 Architectural style produced by couple of companies behind Royal Observatory (6)
- 12 Fatherly friend consumed a bird (8)

Wickham Sudoku No.26
by Balthasar

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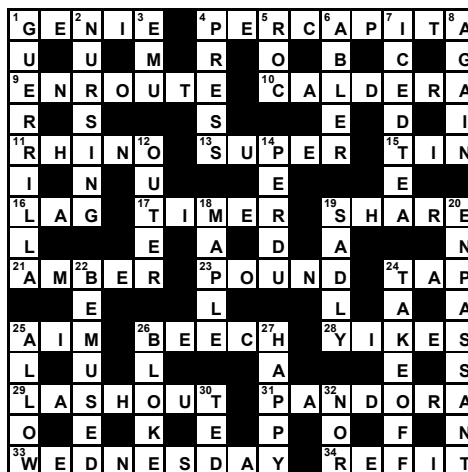
Wickham Sudoku
Solution No.25
By Balthasar

Please send your completed crossword to the editor by Sunday, 24th August 2008.

The first correct solution opened wins a £10 voucher to spend at *Heming & Co.*



Wickham Prize Crossword Solution No.25 by Konrad



WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Once again we put on our imaginary walking boots and followed Carol and her husband on one of their epic walks. New Zealand, South Island. Lord of the Landscapes.

They in fact went from walk to walk in a Camper Van zigzagging across the island on quiet roads to deserted beaches and snow-covered mountains, the scenery stunning. They joined cruise walks at various places, a boat dropping them off and picking them up at the end of the day. Carol's slides of the wild flowers were beautiful. All the native flowers of New Zealand are white, but there are now massed banks of lupins and Californian poppies, not liked by all New Zealanders but a great tourist attraction.

They saw blue penguins, Kea's and hot springs. They then did a "Great Walk" from Glenorchy to Greenstone, taking 5 days and four nights. Carrying all their equipment including food and pots and pans, they trekked across the snow-covered mountains, frost covered plain, forests and past spectacular waterfalls. Wilderness walking Carol called it. Thank you Carol for letting us join you.

- The competition was won by Barbara Mullett
- Flower of the month also Barbara Mullett

Next meeting will be on 9th July, planning the programme for next year.

Mavis Bruce

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – WICKHAM BRANCH

The Wickham Branch of the Royal British Legion was in evidence at the Annual Parish Assembly held at the Community Centre in May.



The Judges appeared very impressed by our efforts to demonstrate the varied work of the Legion in general and the local branch in particular.

The Plant Sale on the 3rd May in the Square proved a moderate success. The Branch offers grateful thanks to those who supported our stand.

The Branch Visit to Villers-sur-Mer on the 6th May to 9th May once again proved a very enjoyable occasion but which raised very poignant memories for some of the travellers.

On the 15th June the annual BBQ was held at "Alders" Mayles Lane, by kind permission of Mrs Joyce Tuffill. The general opinion was that this BBQ was one of the most successful held by the branch. Due in no small measure to the joint efforts of the "Chef and Choux Chef" (Jim and Eric), the quality and variety of meats on offer accompanied by a well-prepared salad, washed down with a pleasant wine made for a very enjoyable and satisfying afternoon. Sheena and Mary ran a draw, the profit going to swell the branch funds.

In September our French friends will be visiting us again when the hosts and the branch will be entertaining and dining our visitors. One idea this year is a ride on the "Watercress Line" to Alton with a lunch in the RBL Club at Alton before returning to Alresford in time for an evening meal in Wickham. We hope that our friends will enjoy their stay.

Next branch meeting: - 1st October 2008

Mick Kerley



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Even though we have been relieved and delighted to find that there are those among us who can produce a substantial and tasty meal with commendable aplomb, in June we decreed a break for the cooks, and the fairies who mysteriously clear away while we are debating matters of state.

Early risers on the morning of Saturday 7th June might have seen a steady stream of furtive characters sneaking in and hastily shutting the door of Lilly's Tea Rooms, well in advance of the official opening the following week.

It can now be revealed that Morgan O'Connell had negotiated an arrangement whereby we acted as guinea pigs in a trial run for the staff of Lilly's. The trial passed to the full satisfaction of all concerned; we enjoyed delicious fresh food of local produce, and Lilly's found that they were not completely overwhelmed by a gang of seventeen boisterous men all demanding to be served at the same time. By general consensus, we will return to our old haunts and practices in the church room on the first Saturday in July, but we hope to return on occasion to Lilly's to confirm our first favourable impressions, making such outings a special event. We are by no means a closed gathering, and any qualified person is always welcome.

Finally, as the catalyst of Friends of St Nicholas, we offer our congratulations to John Landaw who manned a Friends stall at the fete despite being unwell, and who is promoting the scheme to great effect. An article by John appears elsewhere in this issue of the magazine.

Robert Goulson

ROYAL NATIONAL LIFEBOAT INSTITUTION



Very many thanks to those who contributed to our house-to-house collection at the beginning of June. We raised £680, a little less than in previous years due to several of our collectors having moved away. However we are hoping for good weather to ensure a successful Barbecue on Friday July 4th. (see the advertisement for this) - please ring one of the committee if you would like to join us. If you have a little time and energy to spare to help with setting up we should be very grateful for some assistance on the Friday and Saturday mornings.

Michael Carter 832928 Barrie Marson 832313

Barrie Marson

THE WICKHAM SOCIETY

As usual the Horse Fair was held, only on this occasion the opportunity was taken to carry out maintenance work on the bridge while Winchester Road was officially closed. A small group of members gathered and the trees that were growing into the structure of the bridge were cut down, some completely blocked the road, a large number of saplings were also removed.



We managed to achieve a great deal in a short time before the road was re-opened to the usual heavy traffic; later on we hope to give the bridge in Bridge Street a similar hair cut and to treat the ivy on both and so hold the deterioration of those two structures.

We joined the History society in a guided walk around the Fareham Quays area, ably led by Brian Barrett who displayed a thorough and detailed knowledge of the areas walked.

The Annual Solent Cruise was undertaken jointly with the Wickham History Society and Fareham Civic Society. The moment we boarded the boat the wind got up and the sky went black but it cleared up very quickly into one of those glorious evenings so often enjoyed on the Solent. We were treated to a detailed commentary of the major landmarks, sea forts and vessels and culminated in us being able to navigate very carefully to the upper reaches of the Langstone Harbour and then back to Gosport watching a beautiful sunset.

Beating the Bounds



On Saturday the 21st June a small party of members and villagers set off from Mill Lane and followed a route trying to stick as closely as we could to the Parish boundary. This proved difficult at times and some of the footpaths we walked had clearly not been walked for some time. The weather mostly held dry and many of us saw areas of the parish that we had not seen before; the new foot bridge at Kingsmead and the views over the fields and river. At several points in the walk there were vantage points where large expanses of the Meon valley could be viewed.

It certainly impressed upon me just how varied is the habitat in our parish and how important it is to safeguard it for future generations. We covered some 15 miles, made much shorter by the enjoyable company. As with all good walks it ended with a debrief at the King's Head for a well deserved pint.

A special thanks to Norman whose local knowledge was very helpful, he having walked it originally aged 7 in 1960. Well done to every one who took part.

Chris Hoare

WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

On June 9th we had the first of our Summer Outings, when about twenty members of the History Society and Wickham Society were treated to a guided walk around Fareham Quays, led by our Chairman Brian Barrett. Most of us hadn't realised that there are five separate quays, for handling coal, gravel, and other bulk goods, which in past times escaped the heavy duties levied in Southampton – thus Fareham was a favoured port and crowded with trading vessels in early Victorian times – when the creek was recommended for healthy bathing! Nearby was a memorial stone suggesting a theory



that a secondary landing by the Normans took place at Fareham in 1066, with the intention of marching on the capital, Winchester! We walked back, via the Falklands memorial and the West Street iron sculptures, with a greatly enhanced knowledge of our local town.



On Friday 13th of June, ignoring superstition, nearly 140 members of Wickham and Fareham societies set sail from Gosport on our annual cruise. This year, the weather was gentle, with high water at 9 p.m. - meant we were able to go into Langstone Harbour, which near low tide is a sea of mud. The course from Portsmouth Harbour was through the gap in the underwater barrier, and our friendly skipper gave a running commentary on this and all the other navigational features, while Brian Barrett told us the history of the land forts and other buildings that we were seeing from an unusual direction.

Our return brought us close to Spit Sand, Horse Sand and No Mans Land sea forts in the Solent and the skipper told us the latest news of these structures.

Our final Summer visit is to Emsworth Museum and Harbour on July 1st meeting at the museum at 7pm.

Barrie Marson

WICKHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Garden Parties are here again and ours is on Sunday, 13th July at 12.30 in the garden of Willowden, Titchfield Lane. There'll be music, wine from France, delicious food, croquet and, of course, good company. If you still do not have a ticket, please phone.

Some news from Villers. The mayor, Gérard Vauclin, was re-elected for the third time with 96% of the vote. His five deputies were also re-elected, including Catherine Vincent who came to Wickham last time. Her brief is the environment.



The Comité de Jumelage paid tribute to François Demaison, a founder member who died last February. They celebrate their 30th anniversary with their German twinning in October and were allocated 2,900 Euros (£2,100.00) for the year.

Villers is internationally famous for the fossils to be found in the cliffs called 'Les Vaches Noires' and they intend to build a 'Maison du Méridien' museum to house scientific knowledge about the Greenwich meridian, palaeontology and the marshland nature reserve. The people of Villers loved the Morris Men.

**Our Quiz will take place on the 11th October in the Church Room.
Our new idea for Wine Tasting will take place on 22nd November.**

Please telephone Ann on 01329 833400.

Ann Johnson

1ST WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP

The Beavers had one last thing to finish their Creativity Challenge. So we introduced them to tie-dying, tee-shirts were brought in and stones were collected to tie around with string, this proved a challenge in itself!!! We got that bit done, then we put them into the dye (rather a nice purple). Everyone had to have a stir and make sure their shirt was covered in the dye. We now have to wait until next week to undo all those lovely knots and bits of string, to see if we have some great patterns!!!!



Our Cubs are working towards the DIY badge and painting happens to be part of the badge, we had great fun painting fence panels, the end of a shed and a gate. They all did very well, and all had fun. Yes we did get a few flicks of paint over us, which was quite good. I thought I had got off lightly but then someone opened the gate straight onto my leg. I now have a lovely staggered green line down a pair of dark pink trousers but still the fencing does look good!!



The Scouts cooked on Trangia's, designed and made rafts for the raft race, went on a treasure hunt, and a cannon was made from Pringle tubes, oh boy didn't those tennis balls go high! We registered with BT's Giant Sleepover; this was in conjunction with Save the Children.

A Guinness world record was hopefully going to be broken, this involved as many children all over the country sleeping somewhere other than their own bed on that night. We were very kindly loaned the Montessori Pre-school building. Not all the children could make it that night but we did have 43 children and 9 adults sleeping. Great fun was had,

everyone arrived at 5.30pm and then the mayhem started!! Sleep mats down and sleeping bags on top, out into the garden we went to have photo's taken, in through the front doors came Sam with sausage and chips for everyone, they went down well!! Scouts then went off for a five mile hike, Cubs and Beavers were taken to the Water Meadows for a litter pick, and just for the fun of it we did the Square as well! Back to the school we went, the film Jungle Book was watched, the Scouts crept in and also watched about half of it. After drinks and biscuits it was off to bed. I'm pleased to say that nearly all of them were asleep by midnight. So the Leaders bedded down before 1 am.



Breakfast was done in relays first cereals, then Tina arrived with a mountain of cooked bacon, this was promptly made into sandwiches...they went down well. Kits were then packed, sleeping bags were rolled or stuffed into bags and sleep mats rolled and tied were we ready to go home....

No, another world record was about to be attempted at 9.30am. All children were to clean their teeth for 2 minutes. I'm pleased to say they all managed it. It was then time to go home. As a thank you for taking part every child who registered was given a 'goodie' bag to take home. I would like to thank Sam Spelling and Tina Butler for the food, Neale Fray for taking photographs, Sue and David Roger-Jones for coming to verify our sleepover, the Leaders and the children for making this event happen and YES we played a part BREAKING THE WORLD RECORD.

What a super time we all had at the Duck Race, as a group we would like to THANK Jenny Bunce, Caroline Martin (and all their helpers) for all their time, effort and hard work that they gave making this such a great event.

I must end this report on a sad note. The Parish Council have decided not to pursue a joint building with us after all this time. They have agreed that we can rebuild, but in a new position on the Recreation Ground. This means it will now cost us thousands more as we have to run new services and pile-drive the new foundations. We now need serious financial help. It seems such a shame that Scouting has been part of Wickham for nearly 100 years and we are now homeless.

We are still meeting at Lyons Copse, Shedfield so if you have a son or daughter aged 6-14years who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please do not hesitate to telephone 01329 832739 for details.

Chris Samways, Cub Scout Leader

MEON VALLEY GUIDES



Safari Camp 2008

During the May half term around fifty girls plus several guiders representing all six of the guide units in the Meon Valley division (Curdrige, Bishop's Waltham, Swanmore, Waltham Chase, Shedfield and Soberton and Newtown) came together at the Sandy Acres Guide campsite on Sandy Lane near Shedfield for four nights under canvas and days filled with a wide variety of what for most were new experiences. They arrived on Sunday 25th May and were lucky that a break in the weather meant they could at least get their tents up in the dry. That night with torrential downpours only a couple of tents were flooded, somebody took wet bedding to a tumble dryer and everything continued as if the weather were true to the 'safari' theme! Activities included cooking without utensils which involved scooping the flesh out of an



orange, filling the hole with chocolate cake mixture, wrapping it in foil and ‘cooking’ it in the fire (I am assured it tasted delicious), making a rope ladder and other useful camp gadgets such as drying racks for all that wet clothing, and pioneering for which they made chariots and ladders from big poles and rope. At the end of the week the girls were asked to fill in evaluation forms – here is a selection of the responses which should give an idea of how the week went.

“What did you like about the camp?”



“The food, because every meal was delicious”...”the people”...”drumming” (they did a two hour african drumming workshop run by Active Arts from Southampton)...”climbing” (all the guides got a chance to climb up the climbing tower, one girl persevered for twenty minutes determined to get to the top, which she did to a very big cheer!)...”the campfire”...”well everything”...

The great thing is that 96% of them said they would camp again, which given the weather they had shows remarkable fortitude! They enjoyed the fact that the Young Leaders and Rangers helped out, that they cooked their own breakfast on open fires and that they had hot chocolate at bedtime. They weren’t so keen on the rain, invading ants or washing up (I’m sure most of you can sympathise with that!). One of the main aims of the camp had been to introduce guides from different units to each other and many of them made new friends during the week. At the end of the camp they were presented with their Camping Badges before going home exhausted but happy!

Alison Ashdown

WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB



After four wins and four defeats during May, the June results to date have also proved to be rather mixed:

May	Wed	7	Bishop’s Waltham	Friendly	Won
	Sat	10	Ryde II	HCL	Lost
	Sun	11	Shedfield	Friendly	Won
	Tues	13	Ropley	Wild’s Sports 20/20	Lost
	Sat	17	Compton	HCL	Lost
	Sun	18	Durley	Friendly	Lost
	Sat	24	Burridge III	HCL	Won
	Sun	25	Searles	Friendly	Cancelled
	Sat	31	Old Hambledonians	HCL	Won
June	Tues	3	Millers	Wild’s Sports 20/20	Rained off
	Sat	7	Purbrook III	HCL	Won
	Tues	10	Micheldever	<i>Tichborne Cup 2nd round</i>	Lost
	Sat	14	United Services III	HCL	Lost
	Sun	15	Locksheath	Friendly	Abandoned due to rain
	Tues	17	Micheldever	Wild’s Sports 20/20	Lost



RANDOM THOUGHTS WHILE AT WICKHAM, PLAYING CRICKET

It's warmer now, playing cricket
 Time was when I wore four sweaters
 And now just one...And he's out...
 Did British Rail miss the sleepers
 That made his bat...You're out,
 Just look in the scorebook my son.

Players more talkative now, playing cricket
 More sophisticated...see the cars
 And that... is out...Who felled what tree to make that bat...
 And what's the score
 At Wickham, playing cricket.

It's wetter now, playing cricket
 I notice, being prone to osmosis,
 And that's a buzzard, look that's new,
 By the contrail...Less easy to dream
 Great shot...But more to applaud,
 At Wickham, playing cricket.

Our setting sun gets orange strong
 Attacks the air's still blue and shifting clouds;
 Civilisation's roar distant rumbles
 As dreams are poised, the score in balance-
 At Wickham C C, playing cricket.

By Robert Higgins

Fixtures for July and August are:

July	Tues	1	Holybourne	H	Wild's Sports 20/20
	Sat	5	Bursledon	H	HCL
	Sun	6	Shedfield	A	Friendly
	Mon	7			<i>Igglesden Cup Qtr Final</i>
	Tues	8	Owslebury 2	A	Wild's Sports 20/20
	Thurs	10	Old Academicals	H	Friendly
	Sat	12	Capital	H	HCL
	Sun	13	IBM South Hants	H	Friendly
	Tues	15	Wessex Health	H	Wild's Sports 20/20
	Sat	19	Ordnance Survey	A	HCL
	Sun	20	Swanmore	H	Friendly
	Mon	21			<i>Igglesden Cup Semi Final</i>
	Tues	22	Castaways	A	Wild's Sports 20/20
	Sat	26	So'ton Travellers	H	HCL
	Sun	27	Phoenix	H	Friendly
Tues	29	Winchester Fire Service	H	Wild's Sports 20/20	
Aug	Sat	2	Bishop's Waltham II	A	HCL
	Sun	3	New Alresford	H	Friendly
	Tues	5	Scrummagers Colts	A	Wild's Sports 20/20
	Thurs	7			<i>Igglesdon Cup Final (at North Walls)</i>
	Sat	9	Bosham	H	HCL
	Sun	10	Purbrook	H	Friendly
	Sat	16	Hambledon III	H	HCL
	Sun	17	Fareham Utd	H	Friendly
	Wed	20	Kuti's tbc	H	Friendly
	Sat	23	Netley Sports	A	HCL
	Sun	24	Ship Shop	A	Friendly
	Sat	30	Denmead	H	HCL
Sun	31	BBQ	H	Friendly	

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

OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

Seafarers work for all of us

Please remember them on Sea Sunday — July 13



In towns and cities around the world, men and women seafarers are saying goodbye to their families as they embark on year-long contracts at sea. In ports around the world, seafarers and stevedores conduct the daily rhythm of loading boxes bound for far-off lands. In churches around the world, people are gathering to thank God for the important work that seafarers do in order for us to live our everyday lives.



It is all too easy to forget the seafarers who bring us so much. We rely on them for our food, our clothes, our petrol and our cars. In fact, in the United Kingdom, seafarers are responsible for bringing us over 90 per cent of our daily needs. Yet, because they are only in port for a few hours, coupled with the long hours they work and the isolation a seafarer can feel when in a port miles from the nearest town, it is easy to push them to the backs of our minds.

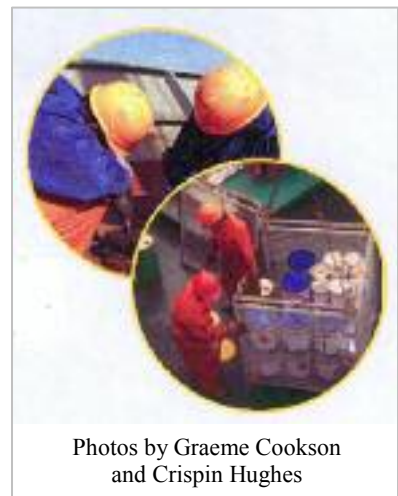
The shipping industry has changed considerably over the years but the problems seafarers face continue. Seafarers still lose their lives in shipping accidents, suffer the abuse of non-payment of wages, and piracy is still a major problem. That is why the support of The Mission to Seafarers can make all the difference to their lives and working environments.

As an international mission agency of the Anglican Church, The Mission to Seafarers reaches out to the 1.2 million seafarers that man the merchant fleet with a message of love and hope in a harsh and often inhospitable environment.

In over 230 ports worldwide, Mission chaplains and staff visit seafarers on their ships extending a hand of friendship and help in times of crisis. In over 100 ports, The Mission to Seafarers operates seafarers' centres. These are inviting places in the middle of dull, featureless docksides. Inside, crewmembers can make the most of their limited time ashore by replenishing essential items from our shops, celebrating Communion and fellowship in our chapels and, crucially, they can use our telephones and computers to keep in touch with their loved ones thousands of miles away.

Whilst the large majority of shipowners treat their seafaring staff well, there is still a rogue minority that do not. Seafarers have been stranded on vessels in ports with no idea how long they'll be there. Some go for months with no pay, not enough food and fresh water. In these situations, local representatives of the Mission work with ships' agents and other partners to bring resolution and comfort to crews.

In 2008, the Mission is continuing to minister to seafarers through exciting new initiatives with the help of the Church. In Vlissingen, for example, the Mission recently entered partnership with the Old Catholic Church of the Netherlands. In Mangalore, South India, the Mission has recently opened a new purpose-built centre. In every one of our port presences, chaplains and volunteers hand out Bibles and other Christian literature in different languages to aid seafarers in their daily walk with God. On Sea Sunday, as we gather to remember, please pray for the work of The Mission to Seafarers as it engages with seafarers in ports around the world



Photos by Graeme Cookson and Crispin Hughes

For more information about The Mission to Seafarers go to: www.missiontoseafarers.org

MEON VALLEY CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU

Q. I have to take time off work to have a foot operation. Am I entitled to sick pay and how much will I get?

A. You will be eligible for statutory sick pay (SSP) after you are off work for at least four days in a row and if you earn more than £90 a week. This is the minimum amount you can be paid when you are off work sick, but your contract of employment may give you extra rights to more sick pay than this, so check your contract to see what you are entitled to.

Most workers qualify for SSP, including part-time workers and workers on a fixed-term contract. Agency workers may also be entitled to SSP but should get advice as the legal situation is complicated. SSP can last for up to 28 weeks, and contractual sick pay may last for longer. Check your employment contract to see if this applies to you.

If you cannot get SSP, or if you have been off sick for more than 28 weeks, your employer should give you form SSP1 and tell you why you cannot get SSP. You can use this form to claim incapacity benefit from your local benefit office if you are not entitled to either SSP or contractual sick pay.

You will be paid either SSP, or, if your contract of employment gives you more pay when you are off sick, you will be paid what it says in your contract. This might not be your normal rate of pay, but it should not be less than SSP.

SSP is paid at a fixed weekly rate of £75.40 if you work full-time, pro-rata for part-timers. If SSP is your only income whilst you are off sick you may be able to claim other benefits such as housing benefit.

For more information on Sick pay and other benefits 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 or you can go to the national Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk.

MEON VALLEY CARERS TOGETHER – MEMORY MATTERS

Bill Drake and his family wish to thank the many people who sent condolences and who attended Margaret's Thanksgiving Service on 6th May at St Barnabas' Swanmore to celebrate Margaret's life and achievements. Bill particularly wishes to thank the Swanmore Lace Group, Bishop's Waltham W.I. and staff at the Swanmore Day Care Centre for their kindness in including Margaret in their activities over the years and making her feel welcomed and stimulated.



(Readers will understand the lack of news in Memory Matters in the June magazines – double dose this month!)

Thanks are due also to all the people who visited the Longstock Water Gardens in support of Meon Valley Carers Together, and to Janet, Janice, Chris and Geoff who manned the gate and parking. It was a great day with good weather and a significant contribution to our funds.

Carers Action Planning for Emergencies (CAPE) This scheme, funded by Government via Hampshire County Council, will be launched during June by Carers Together in Hampshire, and advisers are based around the county, one of whom will work from the MVCT Office at Swanmore. The role of advisers is to enable Carers to prepare in advance for the unexpected emergency that leaves them unable to care for their relative or friend. Everything proposed is simple, practical and logical, and Bill who has experienced just such an emergency totally endorses the scheme. Do contact the CAPE team at 01794 519495 to book a visit or request information.

Are you worried about your **Security at home**? If you are over 60 the Hampshire Bobby Trust will help by giving your property a Security Survey and provide the fittings needed to make your home secure, free of charge. Members of MVCT have taken advantage of this scheme and thoroughly recommend it. Contact the Bobby Team on 02392 899056 or 0845 045 45 45 and ask for the Bobby Van Service at Gosport Police Station.

Do you care? Then you should register with Carers Together and you will then receive quarterly the **News Magazine "Do you Care?"** written especially for you as a Carer. It contains details of local support and activities but also has well written summaries of new local and Government policies that directly affect you as a carer. By registering you are also able, if you wish, to take part in a local support group such as MVCT, to get good advice on matters affecting you as a Carer, or you can take an active role in improving services and policies locally and nationally. This is a time of great change in Care Services and we all need to get it right for ourselves and for the future. Contact Carers Together at 01794 519495.

Worried about your memory? A new booklet (with that title) giving good advice if you are worried about your memory, has been written by the Alzheimer's Society under Dept for Health funding, and is to be made generally available at Surgeries. Until the distribution is fully organised please feel free to contact us at MVCT and we can arrange for a photocopy.

Our experience has shown how vital it is for people to accept their problem and to seek help and support at the earliest time. So don't delay; your future depends upon it and we and the Alzheimer's Society are here to help you.

Do you just **need to talk to someone about your concerns**, someone who is non-judgemental and empathetic? Then call the Carers Active Listening Line at 08000 3 23456, open 365 days a year from 9am to 11pm.

Do you have a **concern about the Care given to a relative**, but are scared or don't know how to complain? If we do not complain effectively bad practice will continue. Most Managers are anxious to improve services, but they

cannot take action unless they are informed. Please take advice and support from an expert at Carers Together – phone 01794 519895.

Are you **looking for a Care Home or Nursing Home** for yourself or a relative? This will be a difficult decision and you will need good advice, as well as visiting a number of homes before you make a choice. The Council for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) inspects all homes at intervals and produces reports which can be accessed by the public. It also now grades the homes, so that all homes within a chosen radius of your home can be quickly selected for visiting by clients or eliminated at a glance. MVCT and Carers Together can assist you in your search if you do not have, or use, a computer.

MVCT welcomes all who have any form of Dementia, together with their Carers. We are very concerned that many people are coming to us too late to get the most benefit from membership and good company. Those of us who have been caring for many years, have learned to value the understanding, friendship and support that we continue to give each other. Don't suffer in silence.

Please, please don't be shy, give us a try! Call us for information or a confidential chat or home visit. Why not join us on our **outing to Staunton Park** on Tuesday 22 July and meet our members and the team. If you'd like to come, please ring Sue Musselwhite on 01489 877282 to reserve seats on the minibus.

Diary Dates:

- 8 July Pub Lunch: 12 noon at The Forge, Waltham Chase
- 22 July Outing and Lunch at Staunton House, Havant – Meet at **11.30 am** at the Paterson Centre
- 12 Aug Pub Lunch: 12 noon at The Black Dog, Waltham Chase
- 26 Aug Talk by CAB – 2 pm at the Paterson Centre
- 9 Sept Pub Lunch: 12 noon at The New Inn, Swanmore
- 23 Sept Outing to Fort Nelson – meet time to be advised

If you would like transport to any of the above meetings please ring Geoff Matthews on 01489 890843

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

For more information contact:

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MVCT Carerlink Centre: 01489 895444

(Staffed every Tuesday afternoon; message service at other times)

Pam Manson

Home-Start Meon Valley Fundraising Fashion Show

Thursday 13th November 08 at 7pm
Wickham Community Centre
Mill Lane Wickham PO17 5AL

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Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust



**Hampshire &
Isle of Wight**

Water Vole Rescue needs to start now ... before it's too late!

Recent headlines stating that water voles have become "the fastest declining mammal in Britain" have been quick to draw to our attention to the fact that sadly another one of our native mammals is under threat of extinction.

For a long time "Ratty", as water voles became affectionately known through Kenneth Grahame's classic book "Wind in the Willows," were a familiar site on many rivers and waterways. With the centenary of this novel upon us, now is the time to act swiftly to ensure that water voles can be restored to many of the sites that they have disappeared from.



Water Vole by Chris Bean

The reasons for the decline are complex but it would appear that there has been a steady decline of water voles since the turn of the 20th century and it is thought that water voles have disappeared from 95% of their original UK wetland locations since 1900. This very much reflects the trends of changes in waterway management, land drainage, habitat loss and pollution. However since the late 1950s, another factor in the form of the accidental introduction of the non-native American mink has accelerated the decline.

The gently flowing chalk rivers of Hampshire, with well vegetated banks with relatively soft substrate, can potentially provide ideal habitats for water voles. But despite this numbers are still declining and in some river valleys populations have disappeared altogether.

The decline of water voles in the UK should be a matter of concern for us all. Their potential disappearance from our riverbanks means more than the loss of one part of the wetland jigsaw. Good waterside habitats also supports a host of other wildlife including kingfishers, damselflies, Atlantic salmon, brown trout and kingcups.

It is essential that we do all we can to protect and expand the remaining water vole populations. The Wildlife Trust is therefore engaging in a number of water vole recovery and reintroduction projects to try and ensure a better future for this charismatic creature.

To help save the water vole and protect other wetland wildlife we have launched an appeal to raise £55,000 to carry out a range of measures including surveys of riversides and streams; riverside improvement work; trial reintroduction projects and giving advice to landowners.

The appeal has got off to a good start with a donation of £5,000 from Hampshire natural mineral water supplier Hildon Water. Hildon Water has also generously offered to donate 5p to the appeal for every bottle of Hildon Water sold between 1st July and 30th September.

Please help us meet our target. Making a donation is easy ... You can donate by post to Water Vole Appeal, Beechcroft House, Vicarage Lane, Curdrige, Hampshire SO32 2DP, by telephone by calling 01489 774 400 or online at www.hwt.org.uk.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust event in July

Tue 1 July Teddy Bears' Picnic 10.30am-12noon. Bring along your favourite teddy for an unforgettable day out deep in the woods at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve. Why not bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the session? An event for toddlers and pre-school children. Booking is essential as places are limited. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, 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. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Bring coats and wellies or sensible shoes.

Fri 18 July Sights and Sounds of Summer 1.30-3pm. Enjoy a ramble around Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve with reserve staff looking for butterflies and dragonflies and finding out about our monitoring programmes. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, off Sopwith Way (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Please wear stout shoes or boots.

For details of all our events, check out www.hwt.org.uk

Abi Jarvis

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL REPORT

JULY~AUGUST 2008



Extra Money to Repair Roads

Hampshire County Council has decided to spend an additional £1 million to repair rural roads in the county. The aim is to catch up with a backlog of needed repairs, mainly on rural roads. I have been in touch with Hampshire Highways to request that some of this additional money is spent in Winchester's Southern Parishes.

New Contractor

Our new highways contractor, Amey, has started work in the county and is keen to improve performance with a faster turnaround following complaints of defects.

The best way to report a defect on the highways is to contact Hants Direct, the county council's call centre at Fareham. The telephone number is 0845 603 5633. I have visited the call centre to see how it works and I have been very impressed. When the operators receive a call about a highways defect, they bring up a map onto their screen to pinpoint exactly where it is, take information from the caller, and then refer this to the right officer in the right place for action.

Roads Survey

As part of the drive to improve the highways in the county, the county council was the first county to sign up to a national survey that will be conducted over the next three months. A random sample of residents will be asked for their views on roads and transport links. The results will be published in the autumn. Since 12 other counties have signed up for this survey, we will be able to compare our results with those in the other counties.

Rural Champion

Hampshire has appointed Councillor Ray Ellis to the Cabinet with responsibility for rural matters in the county. He will act as our rural champion and ensure that the rural voice is considered in all matters of importance that come before the council. In a reshuffle of duties in the Cabinet, Councillor Margaret Snaith takes on responsibility for community support and Councillor Jonathan Glen economic development.

Finding New Talent

A partnership of all local authorities in South Hampshire has been selected to test a new Government "Find Your Talent" programme. The programme will give young people in this area which includes Wickham the opportunity to engage in cultural activities for five hours a week in and outside school. Activities include workshops, creative writing sessions, storytelling, composing and performing music, learning to play a musical instrument and mixing digital music. The programme is being led by the Hampshire County Council's Recreation and Heritage Department.



Frederick Allgood

*County Councillor
for Wickham*

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL REPORT

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COUNCIL AND CASEWORK

This is the start of the civic year and not all have yet met. We continue to carry out a lot of casework in response to your queries, flooding, security concerns, planning etc..

WINCHESTER SAVERS

Winchester Savers (a branch of Hampshire Credit Union) opened this year and now has over 100 members. Credit Unions are not answerable to shareholders and pay out dividends in place of interest. They are less sensitive to changes in the interest rate and general fluctuations in the economy so are seen as a sound way of saving and securing small low-cost loans. By joining, members purchase a part of the business which entitles them to a share of the profits at the end of the financial year.

Membership of Winchester Savers is open to anyone who lives within Hampshire. People on low incomes will often find it beneficial to join a Credit Union, as there are no restrictions on membership. The Winchester branch is based in the Parking Office, Middle Brook Street and is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm - 4pm. Call (01962) 820 424 for more details or visit www.winchestersavers.co.uk

GRANTS:

More than £600,000 is available to community groups and charities through City Council grants. As well as the Community Chest Grants Scheme there are now three new grants aimed at helping local groups to go green: Carbon Reduction, Community Planning and Biodiversity grants.

1. CARBON REDUCTION GRANTS:

Grants of up to £500 are available for projects which help to promote or support carbon reduction initiatives, such as installing renewable energy systems or taking energy efficiency measures.

2. COMMUNITY PLANNING GRANTS:

Parish councils and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to £500 to support the community planning process.

3. BIODIVERSITY GRANTS:

Hedge or tree planting, pond restoration or thinning of woodland areas are all projects that could be supported by biodiversity grants of up to £500.

SUMMER FESTIVALS:

Why not visit ...

THE HAT FAIR

3rd to 6th July - the UK's longest running street festival. Lots of free open air fun for all at various open spaces in Winchester.

BISHOPS WALTHAM FESTIVAL

7th to 13th July mostly at Bishops Waltham Palace.

SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL

17th to 19th July music from Winchester, Salisbury and Chichester Cathedrals at Winchester Cathedral.

WINCHESTER GUITAR FESTIVAL

25th to 27th July Winchester Discovery Centre.

COUNCILLOR SURGERY:

Our next councillor surgery is in Knowle Village Hall Tuesday July 15th 7 to 8pm. No appointment needed.



Thérèse and Angela