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THOUGHTS FROM THE CURATE



Here we are at the end of another year and I can hardly believe it. It is a time for looking back and reflecting on all that has happened this year but also for looking forward to the year ahead.

We started the year with the inauguration of President Obama. One Kenyan woman said "We expect that Obama is going to change the world and as Kenyans we are going to follow in Obama's footsteps and change the world," a brave statement and probably the hope of many people. We were promised a 'barbeque summer' but hopes were dashed; however we have certainly had an Indian Summer through September and October.



There have been earthquakes in Italy and Indonesia and tsunami in the Samoan islands and a year of global financial crisis. Finally we have watched our soldiers returning from war. Sometimes whole regiments are on parade but all too often it is the sight of coffin laden hearses through Wootton Bassett. Last month we

remembered the fallen of two World Wars and all those who have died fighting to keep us and

the world free; free to speak, free to think. It is a sobering fact that since the end of the Second World War there has only been *one year* when none of our servicemen has been killed in war.

You will all have your reflections on the past year, some painful, some happy and joyous. Weddings attended, commitments made, some maybe broken, births and deaths all part of life's rich pageant. But now we look forward to the turning of the Old Year and the coming of the New with all our hopes and dreams of what it holds in store for us. Before the coming of Hogmanay Christians are looking forward expectantly, hopefully for the coming of Christ and His kingdom at Christmas. It is the coming into the world of a tiny child that brings us hope. Hope that things can be different, not in some other place that we call heaven, but here and now on earth. For this child who was born in poverty, who had to be flee as a refugee, who had a short life and died an ignominious death on the cross, is the one who was raised from the dead who redeems us, who brings us His peace and makes all things new.

Please join us as we remember our Patron Saint, Saint Nicholas. Join the children from our village school who will join with the children from Rookesbury Park School in bringing to us a special song on 6th December, St Nicholas's Day. Then join us as we look forward to and celebrate His birth, as we sing carols in the square with our Methodist and Roman Catholic friends and the Nine Lessons and Carols in Church. Join us as we retell the story and seek his Kingdom of peace, mercy, justice and truth.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds and the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas.

Elizabeth

Editorial

It was another busy month in the Church calendar. On a wet and blustery Sunday, the Church was filled to capacity with worshippers who had come to observe this year's Remembrance Day. Again we hosted a contingent of *Les Anciens Combattants* from Villers- sur- Mer and we had Bible readings in French and English. The growing casualty list of our armed forces, fighting in foreign wars, makes the annual Remembrance Service particularly significant, poignant and close to home.

You will read in the following pages of three local volunteer groups, Community Care, Park Place and First Responders who are trying to recruit additional helpers/members. All three groups provide a sterling, community service which are much appreciated. See if you can reschedule your routine and spare a few hours to assist these most worthy causes, you will find them very flexible and welcoming.

Farewell then, Konrad and we hope that you enjoy your new position.....many of us will miss your cunning wit and humour!

It is fitting, that in the year which sees the Centenary of the Wickham Scout Group, to learn that a new Scout Hall, all weather sports facilities and pitches, tennis courts and car-parks are to be constructed on the sports field.

What a pleasure to be able to enjoy a noggin in the refurbished King's Head, at a time when nationally, 50 pubs a week go out of business. The splendid new décor,

furnishings, roaring log fire, ambiance and tempting menu, make this yet another welcoming and attractive community meeting place. We wish the new management every success.

Once again, the 'litter issue' spoils the beauty of the village. It takes only a little effort from young and old to keep Wickham neat and tidy. Please, use the bins!

Christmas will soon be among us and the magazine is stocked with reports of many festive events and functions. Perhaps the so called 'credit crunch' may restrict some of the seasonal spending excesses some of us have come to dislike. Maybe we can return to a traditional type of Christmas, of the Messiah, family gatherings, peace on earth and simple pleasures, yule-log fires, carols, glass of sherry, snowflakes and an apple and an orange in your stocking.....!

Happy Christmas from the editorial team.





Many of us go to church at Christmas. It's nice, makes us feel good. And why not, we are all welcome. When you sit there do you ever think of the church, the building, that wonderful structure that has lasted for 900 hundred years? If you did, and I know some do, would you say how can I help to preserve it? Well that's easy, become a friend! The building is saying "Please be my friend". Give your friend a Christmas present and join The Friends of St. Nicholas. A very happy Christmas to all.

John Landaw
friends@stnicholaswickham.org.uk

**WICKHAM
COMMUNITY CARE
HERE TO HELP**

Do you sometimes need help with transport to the doctor's surgery, hospital or other medical appointments or shopping

If so Wickham Community Care may be able to help you.

To organise transport please ring Wickham Surgery 01329 833121 to obtain the contact number for the Community Care Group

There is no set fee for the transport but we do ask for a donation towards the driver's mileage expenses

If you would like any more information please contact Sue Leatham 01329 834925

WICKHAM COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

First Responders really are just what it says on the tin: linked in to Ambulance Control and covering only the local area, they can reckon to be first to reach an emergency and to offer medical care until an ambulance arrives. As a volunteer organisation, they are not paramedics but have received NHS training in basic life support.

The Wickham group is a small but enthusiastic band. Although our NHS training does not qualify us as incidental First Aiders, last summer we paid for a member to gain an appropriate qualification so that we were able to offer First Aid support at the Fete and at the Duck Race. We also provided cover at the Beer Festival, and expect to attend the Christmas events in The Square.

With our members including a retained fireman and a mother-to-be, we are severely constrained at present in the coverage we can provide. In the last month three active members have responded to nine emergency call-outs. We could provide a far better service with greater numbers, and we are eager to welcome anyone who is willing to offer to be on call in a very worthwhile cause for a few hours a week. We would be particularly glad to see Knowle residents, since the village is within our area.

Now that the nights are dark please bear in mind that vital time may be lost in finding the right address. If you call out any emergency services please think about making your house stand out, perhaps by switching on all the lights and asking someone to wait outside to flag down the response vehicle.

YOUR COMMUNITY (STILL) NEEDS YOU

For details please contact Allyson Thomas (07725 023043) or allysonthomas@me.com.

WICKHAM MOTHERS' UNION

I have to say that I was glad when my formal education at school and college was over. But others do not think like this including Margaret Edgworth who obviously enjoys studying because since her retirement from her teaching days she has achieved a Masters Degree! At our November meeting she spoke to us about one aspect of her study, that of the Portsea Workhouse from 1880 - 1919. We thoroughly enjoyed her observations of life in this period and place which was enhanced with the pictures she was able to show. I think that most of us have been influenced by Charles Dickens' portrayal of workhouses but the one in Portsea certainly did not seem to be any where near as bad as the ones he wrote about. Just the same, I for one am thankful that I have not had to live in one!

We look forward to the Deanery Mother's Union Advent Service which this year will be at All Saints Botley on December 1st. Our next meeting will be on preparing for Christmas and this will be at 7, Tanfield Park.

Anne Marshall

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News from Park Place.



As you know we have had an extraordinary year so far at Park Place. We are, of course, always trying to raise funds for the Sister's projects in the Third World; but since last January, we have had the necessary refurbishments to the building to think of as well.

We have had some generous donations from many individuals, and various people have been kind enough to arrange other activities to help to raise funds.

Some of our 'Friends of Park Place' and other helpers have been prepared to give their time on several Sundays, to run a stall at the Chichester Car Boot Sale, which is held in the market place. The last figure I have for the money they have raised is, in excess of £1008.00. They are still continuing to go there on selected



Sundays, so I expect to be able to update that figure next time.

Once a month a small group of choir members from the St. Philip Howard Church in Fareham with a medley of friends and family, gather for a sortie into the local countryside. Moved by the plight of the Sisters at Park Place and motivated by the leadership of Barbara and David Tyler-Tisdale, they decided to turn one of their rambles into a sponsored walk, with the money raised to go to the Park Place Appeal.

On the day chosen for their walk the group set off for a ten-mile hike, which apparently stretched to thirteen miles by the time they had finished.

They say that their aching limbs and sore feet were well worth the final result. Their efforts raised the magnificent sum of £1138.00

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As if that were not enough, we also had a sponsored runner in The Great South Run, which took place on October 25th. Alex Vo, a friend of ours, from Southsea, was generous enough to give all the money



raised by him to the Sister's effort to complete the new clinic they are building in Ethiopia. This amounted to £1000.00. Thank you very much Alex.

We are very blessed in our friends and benefactors, and thank God for them.

*“May the Lord bless you and keep you:
May He show His face to you and be
merciful to you.*

*May He turn His countenance to you and
give you peace.*

*May the Lord bless you and keep you in
his love*

St Francis of Assisi.



The Sisters, Father Andrew and all of us, wish you, our friends, a very Happy and Holy Christmas, and a truly Happy New Year.

Leila Smith

PARK PLACE CHARITY SHOP

Park Place is planning to open a charity shop in Fareham in the New Year to raise funds for the building appeal and for the Sisters' work in the developing world.

Could you help?

We need volunteers and a manager to join our team of helpers.

Please contact Fr Andrew at 01329 833805 or email

parkplace1@hotmail.co.uk

Park Place Pastoral Centre

**Christmas
Indian Meal**

at
PARK PLACE PASTORAL CENTRE
on Sunday 20th December 2009
at 12.30pm.

Cost
£15.00 for adults
£8.00 for children (Under ten)
Wine / soft drinks will be included

In aid of the renovation of Park Place

*Come and capture this exotic combination of Indian cooking
in a Christmas Spirit.*

Enquiries & Booking form to:
Sister Judith, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham, Fareham, Hants.
PO17 5HA, Tel. 01329 833043 E Mail judithfma@aol.com

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Please reserve places @ £15.00 each; and places
@ £8.00 each for the Christmas Indian Meal on 20th December 2009.
for :- (names)

I enclose a cheque, for E made payable to "Park Place Appeal
Fund" Name..... Phone No.....
Address Post Code.....

The Waynflete Singers - 40th Anniversary Season

The Waynflete Singers open their 40th Anniversary Season in Winchester Cathedral with a resounding Christmas Fanfare conducted by their Director Andrew Lumsden.

The choir's 120 voices will be accompanied by Fine Arts Brass, one of the top international brass groups who have toured to over sixty countries and performed in almost every music festival in the UK. Their many recordings have received outstanding reviews.



Photo: Andrew Lumsden, Director of Music,
The Waynflete Singers

The choir will open with joyous seasonal works by three of the finest 17th century composers - Gabrieli, Praetorius and Schutz, including the 8 part setting of In dulci júbilo by Praetorius.

This will be followed by Naji Hakim's Jesu Redemptor Omnium a fabulous choral work, commissioned originally by The Waynflete Singers and accompanied by brass, timpani and percussion. This highly original, atmospheric and accessible work was very well received when it was first performed in the Cathedral four years ago.

They will also perform Jongen's Mass (Op 130)... "a deeply impressive work... one of the best mass settings from the mid 20th century" (Gramophone 2007) a lyrical and moving work with brass and organ accompaniment by Belgium's leading musical figure of the period.

In 2010 the season continues with a Spring Concert on 20th March featuring Rachmaninov's Vespers; a Summer Concert on 19 June with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra featuring Faure's Requiem and culminates on 11 December 2010 with a welcome return by Florilegium when Handel's Messiah will end the celebrations in magnificent style.

"Come and feast your eyes and ears in this sublime setting and be a part of the choral tradition of which we are proud and privileged to be a part".

**The Christmas Concert will be on
Saturday
5th December in Winchester
Cathedral at 7.30pm. Tickets are
available from the Cathedral Box
Office 01962 857275; [winchester-
cathedral.org.uk](http://winchester-cathedral.org.uk)**

Further information from Brenda
Sims,
1962 793096
www.waynfletesingers.org.uk



**Valentine Ball
12th February
2010**

At Marriott Meon
Valley hotel in aid
of

Home-Start Meon Valley. This will be a black tie event. There will be an auction of promises and live entertainment, if you would like to attend, are able to donate a prize or would like to help with the fundraising please ring Louise 01329 835936

Registered Charity No. 1108953

Merry-Go-Round
A Sure Start Children's Centre



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



We would like to invite all parents and children to come and join us on Wednesday 9th December

2.30 – 4.30 pm to decorate the Centre. You will have the opportunity to make decorations, take part in festive art & craft activities, decorate the christmas tree and much more. Being creative is thirsty work so there will also be refreshments available!

**DECEMBER 14TH & 21ST
CHRISTMAS PARTY!**
- £2.50 per child
**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

We are very excited to invite you all to the Merry-Go-Round Christmas party. Come and join us for music and singing, festive art & crafts, and refreshments. We are expecting a very special visitor this year, Father Christmas! Visit Father Christmas in his grotto and receive a quality gift!

**BOOK IN ADVANCE SO THAT SANTA
KNOWS TO BRING YOU A PRESENT!**
01329 834 874

Monday 14th December @ Merry-Go-Round, Buddens Road, Wickham 9.30 – 11.00am
Monday 21st December @ Whiteley Community Centre 1.15 – 2.45 pm

CLOSURE DATES

Closed Tuesday 22nd December to Monday 4th January
No groups will be running in Wickham or Whiteley during this period.



Why not give the gift of Baby Massage this Christmas to your own baby or to a friend!

£3.00 per session or £15 for full course.



All the staff of Merry-Go-Round wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Friday 11th carols around the outside tree – 6.30pm
Saturday 12th 10am – 4pm
Sunday 13th 11am – 4 pm
followed by Christingle service

St John's Church West Meon

Over 20 decorated trees



Hot chocolate, tea, coffee,
Mince pies, cookies and cakes
All welcome Free admission

WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a really successful and happy autumn term at Wickham Church of England Primary School. The children, staff, governors, parents and friends have worked hard as a team to move the school forward and we've had lots of fun too.

The staff and governors have developed a new vision for the school which embodies our determination to provide the best possible learning opportunities for our children:

Our vision is for Wickham Church of England Primary School

To be an excellent school where everyone is valued and all our children are inspired and enabled to become successful, lifelong learners who achieve their full potential.

To foster an understanding and tolerance of all faiths and cultures within our caring Christian community.

To enable all our children to become self-motivated, responsible citizens, preparing them for a healthy fulfilling life.

We have implemented systems for rigorous self-evaluation and staff and governors have used this to strategically plan future improvements. We have also asked our parents for their comments on all aspects of school provision and would value any feedback from the wider community too.



This is an exciting time in our school's development and we appreciate the support we receive from the village.

Conservation Area

One such example of invaluable community



support was seen on our recent Pond Clearance Day. We are fortunate to have a two and a half acre conservation area in the school grounds but it has become rather overgrown in recent years. On Saturday 21st November Karen Finch our School Grounds Manager, led a team of parents, children, staff, governors and friends of the school in clearing the pond of debris and vegetation. Following a spate of vandalism some years ago, the pond had become unusable but it has now been fully reinstated and our children are once again able to explore the living world at first hand. There was a tremendous sense of achievement at the end of our Pond Clearance Day when we could see the results of our team effort.

Some younger members of our team enjoyed becoming very muddy whilst working hard and we are extremely grateful to Katrina Underwood of the BTCV for her expertise and all those who helped on the day.

Remembrance Day

We marked Remembrance Day in November with a minute's silence in school. Our Year 2 class have also been finding out all about the significance of poppies and they visited St Nicholas Church with our

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Curate and Vice-chair of Governors Rev Elizabeth Groves to look at the war memorials.

We are currently finalising plans for the rededication of a War Memorial in memory of two Wickham lads who died during the Boer War. The plaque was originally hung in the old school opposite the church and has been sensitively restored by our local British Legion.



Christmas Events

The Friends of Wickham Primary School (FOWPS) Christmas Fayre marks the start of our annual festivities and this year we are looking forward to sharing many of these with the whole community. Our Key Stage 1 children are preparing a Nativity for the first week of December. We then have Christmas parties and our traditional Christmas Dinner which sees the staff serving the children as we enter into the festive spirit.

Our final and eagerly awaited event is to be a very special Carol Service at St Nicholas'

Church. Our whole school will walk down to the Church on our last day of term for a service at 10 o'clock. We will celebrate the Christmas story through songs, drama and poetry led by our Key Stage 2 children.

My first term here as Headteacher has flown by and I would like to thank all our staff and governors for their hard work and commitment. Our Christmas events promise to create a magical end to this busy term as we look towards the spring term with eager anticipation.

We wish everyone in the parish a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to sharing our school events and successes with you all in the future.

Maria Ackland
Headteacher



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The Paterson Centre
Church Road
Swanmore SO32 2PA

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Mrs P.A. Didymus
(Cert Ed, Adv Dip Ed,
EYPS)

The Greenery Nursery School is joining the new Nursery Grant System which allows for 15 hours of free nursery education a week. The nursery is a well established school, with an excellent reputation. We pride ourselves on excellence in care and early education. There are two fully qualified infant teachers already on the staff and we have a third joining us in January.

I am a fully qualified infant teacher and last term I returned to university to undertake the Early Years Professional Status award. This is the new Government standard and is a rigorous and in-depth study that examines and verifies the candidate's practices in all areas of early education and leadership of staff.

The children have been busy making gift boxes for the 'Operation Christmas Child' charity again this year and have been enjoying the unseasonably warm weather in the lovely garden. We have started rehearsing our Nativity, which this year is linked to general themes of autumn, hibernation and migration.

We will be busy cooking and baking for Christmas, as well as all the other creative activities we enjoy throughout the year.



HAPPILY TO SCHOOL...

FAIRLANDS NURSERY SCHOOL, CHURCH ROAD, SHEDFIELD, SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE, SO32 2HY. TEL: 01329 834848

admin@fairlandsnurseryschool.co.uk

(15 hours FREE Nursery Education per week for all 3 & 4 year olds)

We can't believe it is nearly Christmas! Both staff and children are getting more and more excited. Christmas Carols have been practiced since October and are well on the way to perfection! Don't forget to pop into our Christmas Fayre between 4-6pm on Wednesday 2nd December where we would love to see you all.



As we have been talking about the imminent opening of our NEW SCHOOL LIBRARY we arranged for the children to go on a trip to the local mobile Library where Keith was very helpful and supplied them all with stickers. The children returned with arms full of books to read to the other classes and share their experience.

We would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Jo and Carol (Headteachers)

THE WICKHAM SILVER

On the 26th August 2009, Neale Fray and I were privileged to handle the "Wickham Silver", 35 years after St Nicholas Church sold it to raise funds to build the Church Room

It had originally been sold to an American gentleman but encountering difficulties with the



authorities in allowing it to leave the country, he sold it, no doubt at a profit, to Hampshire County Council, who bought it with the aid of a 50% grant from the Victoria and Albert Museum.

For many years it has been on display in a gallery in Alton, but has now been removed to the Museum and Archive Service in Winchester, prior to future exhibition around



the region. It may one day be in the Westbury Museum in Fareham for people to see.

It is very beautiful and nearly 400 years old, hallmarked London 1646 and 1647. The silversmiths initials WT are clear but all records

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of silversmiths were lost in the Great Fire of London. I believe pieces were in use in our church up until the 1940's. What I find incredible to understand is that the Wickham congregation commissioned it to be made around the time of the Civil War and also managed to keep it safely hidden away during that time!!

Joyce Johnston

MEN'S BREAKFAST

In this edition of the magazine we are delighted to announce our second birthday. Once again, we will celebrate by laying aside our cooking utensils and treating ourselves to a fine meal out. This year, we hope that The Mill Tea Room will find space to accommodate us and our guests – our outside speakers and our good fairies who have discreetly saved us the chore of washing up.

In the latter half of the year we have again been fortunate in enjoying a great variety of most entertaining talks. Indeed, the talks in our first two years make a hard act to follow, and again this is a suitable moment to record our thanks to those speakers who will read this article.

We had heard that John Pratt could tell us a thing or two about Wickham when Case's Bakery was just that, and not a residential Close, and we were not disappointed. With his sharp memory and pungent anecdotes John could have kept us amused for far longer than time allowed.

It was a great pleasure to welcome back to Wickham Keith Lomas, himself a resident of Case's Bakery Close until recently. From Keith we learned something of *la vie outre Manche* when he gave us an insight into the many joys and few woes of owning a holiday home in a little village at the foot of the French Pyrenees. The many searching questions which followed showed that his talk had sowed the seeds of much interest. We may be faced with a number of absentee members.

Malcolm Frost had long promised to tell us about what went on in his garden workshop, and his talk about his lifelong interest in steam traction engines said it all. His enthusiasm was infectious, and the pictures of some of the leviathans were awesome. A day out at the Great Dorset Steam Fair beckons.

Fresh back from a cruise in the eastern Mediterranean, David Roger-Jones gave a fascinating ruminative talk and put forward a number of challenging theories linking the myths of the ancient world with the writings of pre-history and the stories of the Old Testament. It was impossible to offer categorical answers, but we were left with much food for thought.

Men's Breakfast was not set up with a charitable purpose in mind, but at the end of the first year we found that we had accumulated a considerable balance of cash. We decided to create a new group, the Friends of St Nicholas, which would share the money with an Armed Services charity. This year, we have again amassed a handsome surplus, which we will share between the Friends and another Forces charity.

As always, this report concludes with an open invitation to the men of Wickham to join us for breakfast in the church room at 8.00am on the first Saturday of the month.

Robert Goulson

BAUBLE HUNT

12 - 3PM
SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER

WEST WALK, HUNDRED ACRES, FOREST OF BERE

£2.50 PER CHILD
present from Santa
Refreshments ~ Raffle ~ Stalls

Winchester & District Young Carers

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 1075409



WICKHAM

Community Association

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

Telephone: 01329 833688 E mail: wickhamcentre@btconnect.com

www.wickhamcentre.org.uk

December 2009

December activities and events for your diary all at the Centre unless noted

Three Bears Playgroup every morning
during term time 9am -12.30pm

Scouts Monday 7 - 9pm during term time

County Youth Workers Monday 7pm
Youth Club Building during term time

Keep Fit Monday 6 - 7pm

Rifle Club Monday 7.30 - 9pm

Ladies Circuits during term time Tuesday
10 - 11am

Mobile Library Wickham Square Tuesday
9.15am - 12.45pm

Dance Academy Tuesdays 7 - 9pm

Scallywags Dog Training
Tuesday 6.30pm

Wickham Indoor Bowling Tuesday and
Friday 7.30pm

Brownies Tuesday 4.45pm Church Room

Lunch Club Wednesday Church Room

Cubs Wednesdays 6.30 - 8pm

Youth Club Wednesday 6 - 8pm

Slimming World Wednesday 7pm

Poppins Play Group Thursday 9.30am
Church Room

CAB Thursday 10.30 - 1.30pm

Beavers Thursday 6 - 7pm

Youth Club Thursday 6 - 8pm

Pennywise Dog Flyball Thursday 7 - 9pm

Home Start Mother and Toddler Friday
9-12 noon

Pilates Fridays 10 - 11am

Indoor bowls Fridays 7-10pm

Rifle Club Saturdays 10 - 12 noon

3rd December Wickham Thursday Club

Wednesday 9th December WI

Saturday 12th December Fareham Cavy
Club

Monday 14th December Tea Dance

Monday 14th December Blood Donors Clinic

Monday 14th December Parish Council
7.15pm

Ticket only for 19th December buffet dance
8-11pm

20th December Rabbit Club

Ticket only for 24th December
Christmas Eve Dance 8-1pm

27th December Athena Fayre

We look forward to seeing you!



*Merry Christmas from staff
and trustees*





After-School Recreation Club Opens

Wickham ARC, or After-School Recreation Club, opened its doors on September 30th for an open evening, with the club starting on the 1st October. ARC, located in Wickham Community Centre, runs from 3.30pm till 5.30pm. A variety of activities have been run based around the three main areas of focus;

Food Hygiene and Culture, members of Wickham ARC have cooked meals, including Chilli, Cod Chowder, Fajitas, Carrot Cake, and have even delivered a three course meal for staff and Trustees (even if it was Pumpkin soup and Pumpkin pie!).



This has been done in conjunction with our world map. The map is being filled in as we work our way around the world, so far having having covered Mexico and USA.

Sports activities have included Dodgeball, Badminton, Short Tennis, Table Tennis and Football. This is a spread of activities that



when it is stated many of Britain's youth are suffering from a lack of participation in energetic activities, this variety of sports is an essential provision for our members to have.

Craft activities including the world map, have been introduced to increase members awareness of events and the current issues facing us. This included making Halloween Posters, and the

members have indicated they did not previously have. In the current climate,

Recycled Christmas Trees.

Thank you to our New Volunteers; Ryan, Dan, Kirsty, Lucy, and Kat, they have allowed us to continue to run Wickham ARC each day since 1st October, and to The Board of Trustees, without whom there would be no After-School Recreation Club!

We hope that those in attendance at the three course meal enjoyed their Pumpkin Soup and Pie!

Finally, while ARC's membership list is growing, so is our need for volunteers! If you feel that you could benefit from helping out please get in touch.

IT Room to Open 30th November

Wickham ARC will begin to use the IT room



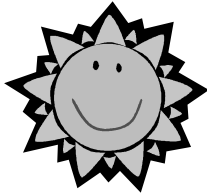
next to the H o u g h t o n Room as from 30th November 2009. This will primarily be for the use of homework.

The rooms layout has been changed due to the intended multipurpose use. It is our intention to use the computers to develop the homework provision we have.

We are happy for you to bring in your homework and work



on it while you are at ARC. We have a number of members who currently bring in work. The Staff and Volunteers are also available if you want any help.



Wickham Summer Playscheme

We are pleased to let you know that Wickham Summer Playscheme will be running from Monday, 26 July until Friday, 20 August 2010 at the Wickham Centre. All day sessions (0900-1700) and morning sessions (0900-1230) will be available for children aged five to eleven.

“Information and Booking Forms” can be collected from the Wickham Centre in the spring. Alternatively, email;

bunce.family@bopenworld.com

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Public Consultation on proposed new surgery and affordable housing

Residents of the parish and surrounding areas viewed an exhibition of plans illustrating the proposed development north of Wickham Centre in Mill Lane on Tuesday, September 22nd. The exhibition was held in the Centre and fulfilled the requirement placed on the developers by the local authority to consult with residents and establish their views on the proposals.

The proposals, if approved by Winchester City Council, will comprise a new purpose built surgery to replace the current inadequate facility and 20 new affordable homes. Of the latter, 12 will be for rent from Hyde Housing Association and 8 will be for rent or shared ownership offered by Wickham Community Land Trust.

The event was held from 3.30pm until 9.00pm. Representatives of the developers and the surgery were all in attendance to answer questions and encourage visitors to the exhibition to complete feedback forms and, if appropriate, register their interest in the proposed affordable homes.

Forty-eight visitors signed a voluntary register to state that they had attended. The number of actual visitors was somewhat higher than this figure as some people signed on behalf of couples and some did not sign at all.

Visitors who completed the feedback forms indicated overwhelming support for all aspects of the project. The figures were as follows:

	Supportive/Very Supportive
Surgery	85%
Hyde Housing homes	90%
Wickham CLT homes	90%

Individual comments were encouraged and these were overwhelmingly positive. There was some concern expressed concerning the impact the development would have on flood water in

Bridge Street and this was the single most significant issue recorded. The developers were able to show that they are alive to this issue and have taken advice to ensure that the development does not add to the problem. Further examination of the impact and actions to deal with it will be closely examined in the planning process.

Encouragingly there were 10 expressions of interest to add to the many already recorded in the housing proposals and these will all be followed up at an appropriate time next year.

While it cannot be claimed that the exhibition represented a referendum on the proposals, it clearly showed that those attending are keen to see it proceed. The outline plans have been scrutinised and endorsed by the Parish Council and negotiations with the Community Association over access have been agreed subject to finalisation of legal agreements.

The next steps are to pursue planning applications. The surgery application has already been submitted and details are on display in the current surgery. The housing proposals are being finalised and the planning application will shortly be submitted. It is hoped that building will start in the New Year.

If anybody missed the exhibition and would like to see what is proposed please complete the form below, detach it and send it to the address shown and we will arrange a suitable opportunity to view the plans and register interest.

Nic Holladay, Chairman, Wickham CLT,

To: Nic Holladay, Chairman, Wickham CLT, The Firs, Titchfield Lane, Wickham PO17 5NT.

First name	Family name	Address	Post Code	Tel no

An Interview with our crossword setter.

As you know, Konrad has been setting the crossword here for the past four years. As this issue carries his 40th and last crossword it seemed a good time to interview him.

James Williamson: Konrad, what made you want to write crosswords?

Konrad: I have always enjoyed puzzles of all sorts, word, number and logic puzzles. Spy films were very popular when I was little, and as youngsters we were all transfixed by codes. We loved the idea of the secret message which is known only to those who know the code. I think the cryptic crossword is a sort of amalgam, part word puzzle, part logic and part code. You have to know the rules to be able to solve it. The challenge for me is to write a crossword so it can be solved, but not too easily.

JW: So have you been writing them for long?

K: I started writing when I was at university. I had been solving them for some years and it seemed a natural progression. I had them published in the university magazine and people liked them. After I graduated I stopped writing to concentrate on my career. I started again when I moved to Knowle Village. Initially I was published in the Knowle Village Post, but I had to provide the prize! Then, a chance meeting with Neale Fray led me to the parish magazine, where I have been for the past four years.

JW: Have things changed since you started to write?

K: There have been huge improvements in the tools for writing. When I started I drew the grid by hand and then filled it with words manually. That could take weeks, using a variety of crossword dictionaries. Only once the grid was filled could I start to write the clues. The key then was to get good words in the grid right at the start as changing words later in the process was very difficult. Having a single word which was 'unclueable' could mean rewriting large portions of the grid – it could add weeks.

JW: And today?

K: Nowadays we have computer software. I just choose a grid and the words can be entered in seconds. If I don't like the words they can be changed instantly. It saves so much time. I still have to write the clues though, the important part remains unchanged. I do not relish the thought of computer generated clues.

JW: Are you a writer, setter or compiler?

K: I am a writer. I think of the crossword as something to be written. Equally, if you wanted to call me a setter or compiler I would accept it, but I think of it as writing.

JW: So how long does it take to write one?

K: It depends. I have to be in a creative



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mood. Sometimes I can write one in a day, or it could take a month or more. It is impossible to predict. Words which prove impossible one day suddenly turn themselves into clues the next. If only I knew why...

JW: How do you start the writing?

K: I begin with the grid. Different grids have different shapes and numbers of clues. I like to aim for around 30 clues with plenty of intersections in a pretty grid. Some grids are prettier than others.

JW: Then you fill the words in using the software

K: Yes, the software does all that. If I want to use particular words I can add them. I can use themed lists of words if required. Themed crosswords are difficult as there are never enough themed words to fill a whole grid. I once had discussions with a publisher in East Anglia who wanted a themed crossword with every answer a local place name. It was impossible and so never got written.

JW: With the words in, on to the clues. Do you start at the top and work down?

K: Oh no. I always start with the longest words. Once they are in I can break the grid into corners and work on the next longest words. Clueing the long words first means that the backbone of the grid is settled. The shorter

words can then be changed later without affecting large areas of the grid.

JW: How many types of clue are there?

K: There are about seven or eight basic types then there are mixes of different types within the same clue. The aim is to disguise the type of clue if possible.

JW: How do you decide on the type of clue?

K: The words usually do it for me. Some words can be broken up easily, or have obvious abbreviations, others have anagrams which just jump out as being appropriate for the word. It's not a process that can be easily described, this is the art part.

JW: Are there rules on the balance of clues within a puzzle?

K: No, there are no rules at all. I like to get a few of each type if I can. It's not always possible. I try to limit the number of anagrams. Also a clue shouldn't really be longer than 10 words, otherwise it becomes more story than clue.

JW: After clueing it goes to the editor?

K: Haha! If only it was that easy. It has to be verified before the editor sees it. It is important that there are no mistakes. Solvers hate mistakes, they put in a lot of effort to solve the clues so they don't want to be thwarted by carelessness on the part of the writer. The crossword goes to my 'test team'. I should like to thank Helen at work for her support in this. Helen has 'tested'

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every crossword before publication, and has ensured they are fair and not too obscure, and that my spelling is correct and I am using the words correctly. She is brilliant at this and has rescued many a crossword from an ignoble fate. Helen generally solves the crosswords in a day or two and provides me with feedback. I don't know how she manages to solve them so quickly. It is an essential part of the process, and the crosswords wouldn't be so fair without the testers.

JW: Is Konrad your real name?

K: No. Torquemada was a famous crossword writer who was named after the Spanish Inquisitor. Konrad von Marburg was a German Inquisitor. He wasn't a very nice man by all accounts so maybe it wasn't such a good choice. I hope the answers to my clues can be found painlessly.

JW: Do you have any favourite clues?

K: No not really. I am pleased with some clues, less happy with others, but the feedback from the testers often contradicts how I feel. Everyone has their own preference for clues. I am happy if the solvers are content completing the whole puzzle. If they like individual clues it's a bonus for me.

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JW: Why are you stopping?

K: I have changed job roles at work. I was a shift worker for many years. The pattern allowed me every third week off. Ideal for gardening and crossword writing. I now work a standard 9 till 5 and there just isn't the time to write ten crosswords a year.

JW: No more crosswords ever?

K: Never is a hard word. I can't say that I shan't write more in the 48 years until I am a centenarian, who knows. At the moment though, work has to be the priority for me.

JW: What will you do instead of writing?

K: Work will take up much of my time. When I am not working you may find me in the garden or walking across the local fields.

JW: Thank you Konrad

K: Thank you, and I should especially like to thank the Parish Magazine and its editor, Neale Fray, for publishing my work for the past four years. The parish is very lucky to have such a quality magazine, it has been good to be a part of it.

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BISHOP'S WALTHAM HEALTH WALKS

A brief history: Over the past decade the initiative of an Oxfordshire GP to encourage his patients to take care of their own health has evolved into a government-supported scheme with over 2000 'Health Walks' taking place

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every week all over the country (www.whi.org.uk).

Locally, Winchester District Council has set up a system of weekly guided short walks with the aim of opening up the countryside to those who might not otherwise get out as much as they would like. It was initially expected that the walks would be based on Wickham, but Bishop's Waltham was chosen as offering a wider selection of country walks. The scheme started in October, and has quickly proved popular (there have not been any rainy days as yet). The walks, which start and finish at the Square in Bishop's Waltham, are of 2-3 miles and take about an hour. As far as possible, roads are avoided and footpaths are free of obstructions.

The walks take place every Thursday, starting from the Square at 10.15. Many walkers choose to gather in a café at the end of the walk to review the morning whilst replenishing the calories lost. Parking in Bishop's Waltham costs 60 pence for two hours; alternatively, the No 69 bus (Winchester) leaves the Square in Wickham at 09.35 and gets to Bishop's

Waltham at 09.55. There is an hourly return service at 33 minutes past the hour.

Posters giving details of the scheme can be found on the parish council notice-board in the Square, in the surgery, and in the church room. For further information telephone the co-ordinator, Lydia Lockhart (01962 848725)

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DECEMBER

- Tues 1 **10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court**
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham History Society, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Wed 2 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
17:30 Christmas Lights Switch on in the Square
- Thur 3 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
- Fri 4 10:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Sat 5 08:00 Men's Breakfast Club, Church Room
12:00 – 14:00 St John the Baptist Advent Market in the Church
 14:00 Dystonia Association, Church Room

<p>Sun 6 ST NICHOLAS PATRONAL FESTIVAL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:00 Holy Communion Malachi 3.1-4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09:45 Family Service to include Holy Baptism of Luke 3.1-6 Zack Darren Pink , and Rhiannon Wynn Roberts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">18:00 JOINT SERVICE WITH ST JOHN THE BAPTIST TO CELEBRATE OUR PATRONAL FESTIVAL</p>
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- Mon 7 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tue 8 14:15 Mothers' Union at 7 Tanfield Park
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:15 PCC Meeting, Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Wed 9 12:00 Lunch Club Christmas Meal, Church Room
 14:00 Women's Institute meeting, Wickham Centre
 19:30 Wickham Wives, Church Room
- Thur 10 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
- Fri 11 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas' Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Sat 12 16:00 Holy Matrimony : Alice O'Connell/William Driver
 19:30 "Pudding Club" Church Room

<p>Sun 13 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">08:00 Holy Communion Zephaniah 3.14-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">09:45 Parish Communion with Creche Luke 3. 7-18</p>
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- Mon 14 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 13:30 Tea Dance, Wickham Centre
- Tue 15 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 First Responders, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre

Wed 16 19:30 Model Engineering Society, Church Room
 Thur 17 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 Thurs 17 **18:30 Carols in the Square**
 Fri 18 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 13:30 Holy Matrimony : Marie Pennycott/Wayne Boud
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
 Sat 19 20:00 Christmas Buffet Dance, Wickham Centre - Admission by ticket only

Sun 20 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:00 Holy Communion Micah 5.2-5
09:45 Parish Communion with Creche Luke 1.39-45
18:00 NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE

Mon 21 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Light Railway Association, Church Room
 Tues 22 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
 Thurs 24 **CHRISTMAS EVE**
18:00 Childrens Crib Service Isaiah 52.7-10
 20:00 Christmas Eve Dance, Wickham Centre - Admission by ticket only
23:30 Midnight Mass Luke 2.1-20
 Fri 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
08:00 Holy Communion Isaiah 52 7-10
09:45 Family Service followed by a Luke 2.1-20
short service of Holy Communion

Sun 27 ST JOHN APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
08:00 Holy Communion Colossians 3.12-17
09:45 Service of Carols and Poetry John 21.19b-end

Mon 28 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tues 29 16:45 Brownies, Church Room

JANUARY 2010

Sat 2 08:00 Men's Breakfast Club, Church Room

Sun 3 EPIPHANY
08:00 Holy Communion Ephesian 1.3-14
09:45 Family Service John 1.10-18
18:00 Choral Evensong

Mon 4 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 13:30 Tea Dance, Wickham Centre
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
 Tues 5 **10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court**
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
 Wed 6 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Wives, Church Room
 Thur 7 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 Fri 8 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas' Art Group, Church Room

19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre

Sun 10 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST	
08:00 Holy Communion	Ephesians 3.1-12
09:45 Parish Communion with Creche	Matthew 2.1-12

Mon 11 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue 12 14:15 Mothers' Union Meet at 2 Coldharbour Close
16:45 Brownies, Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
Wed 13 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
14:00 Women's Institute, Wickham Centre
19:30 Wickham Wives, Church Room
Thur 14 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 15 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre

Sun 17 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
08:00 Holy Communion	Psalms 36.5-10
09:45 Morning Worship with Creche	John 2.1-11

Mon 18 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
13:30 Tea Dance, Wickham Centre
19:30 Light Railway Asscn. Church Room
Tues 19 14:00 Standing Committee Meeting. Roman Way
16:45 Brownies, Church Room
19:30 1st Responders, Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
Wed 20 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
19:30 Model Engineers Association, Church Room
Thurs 21 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 22 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
14:00 St Nicholas Art Group. Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
Sat 23 20:00 Saturday Dance, Wickham Centre

Sun 24 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
08:00 Holy Communion	Nehemiah 8.1-3,5-6,8-10
09:45 Parish Communion with Creche	Luke 4.14-21

Mon 25 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tues 26 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
Wed 27 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur 28 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
10:00 Coffee Morning at the Rectory
Fri 29 10:30 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
14:00 St Nicholas, Art Group, Church Room
19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre

Sun 31	THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	
08:00	Holy Communion	1 Corinthians 13.1-13
09:45	Choral Matins	Luke 2.22-40
10:00	The "Other Service" at Wickham Primary School	

FEBRUARY

Mon 1	11:00	Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
	19:30	Circle Dancing, Church Room
Tue 2	16:45	Brownies, Church Room,
	19:30	Wickham History Society, Church Room
Wed 3	12:00	Lunch Club, Church Room
Thur 4	09:30	Poppins Play Group, Church Room
Fri 5	10:30	Health Visiting Team, Church room
	14:00	St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
	17:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
Sat 2	08:00	Men's Breakfast Club, Church Room

St Nicholas Wickham

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
of Significant Services and Events 2010**

Last Thursdays	Monthly Coffee Mornings
5 th Sundays	The 'Other Service' at Wickham C of E Primary School ~ 10am
Fridays 19 th , 26 th February	
5 th , 12 th , 19 th , 26 th March	Lent Lunches
Friday 2 nd April	Good Friday service in the Square and Walk of Witness (carrying the cross to St John the Baptist, Shedfield via Park Place) ~ 10:30am
Sunday 25 th April	Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting ~ 11am
Sunday 9 th May	Christian Aid Walk
Saturday 12 th June	Wickham Annual Fête ~ 12.30 pm
Saturday 30 th October	Big Draw

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Madeline Harfield	1st November 2009
Charlie Neil Wagstaff	1st November 2009

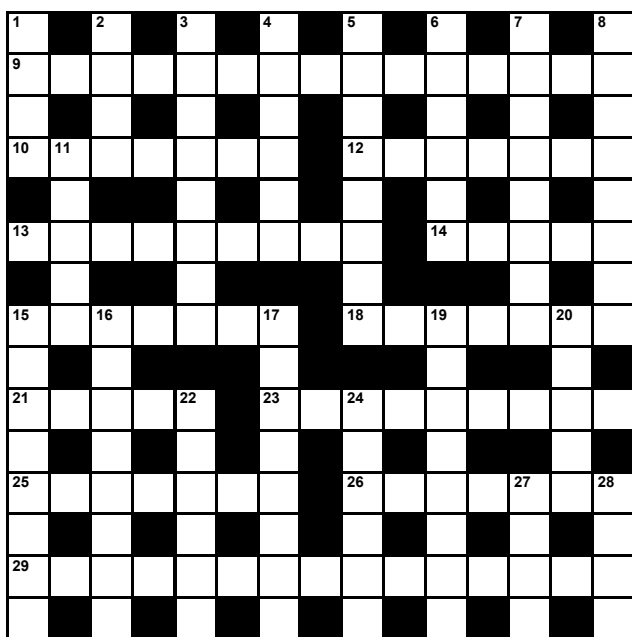
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James Maulden	97 years	3rd November 2009
Alfred Jewell	90 years	23rd November 2009

**LAST DAY FOR COPY FOR FEBRUARY MAGAZINE
SATURDAY 16th January**

Wickham Prize Crossword No.40

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- 15 Chief chap is behind cape (7)
- 18 Bro! Leave corned beef out for a legal team (7)
- 21 Eat in New Hampshire or in Wales (5)
- 23 Take mixture of cress oils for this disease (9)
- 25 He's a little grizzly so carry young scout (4,3)
- 26 A follower before ancient city glared endlessly at crook (7)
- 29 Doing sequential translation for foremost problem under discussion (7,8)

Down

- 1 Colossal Greek character found in city (4)
- 2 Only beginner lost unknown stone (4)
- 3 Kelvin with current record breaks arm used for Mass (8)
- 4 Divers old boys air pressure line discovered (6)
- 5 Skilled Edward embraced a fast time (8)
- 6 The outcome of firing an arrow in the air, maybe (6)
- 7 I'd no indication about idleness (8)
- 8 Poole rug set out before the chorus (8)
- 11 Weighty cat? (5)
- 15 Foul game! (8)
- 16 A cross Miss Gardner has the first Asian waxbill (8)
- 17 Scuffy graduate goes between two poles holding feed for horses (8)
- 19 Beneficial to lock a stronghold (8)
- 20 Feature a cup and saucer, maybe (5)
- 22 Feverish, he caught nervous twitch (6)
- 24 Work for the party (6)
- 27 Initially learn song of retreat (4)
- 28 Run and make money (4)

Name Phone number

Across

- 9 Writing would be pointless without it! (6,9)
- 10 Dandy company doctor trails smallest one in boat (7)
- 12 Capone follows Roman, and here is very honest (7)
- 13 Bury pert buckle. Elucidate (9)
- 14 Drawing binding (5)

Wickham Sudoku No.40 by Balthasar

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Wickham Sudoku
Solution No.39
By Balthasar

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Wickham Prize Crossword Solution No.39 by Konrad

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SATURDAY NIGHT THEATRE

Listening with mother

Too palely tired to take it off,
She tucked her Sister's tunic up
And poked the fire to mottle her legs.
He tuned the dark green radio,
Perched on the shelf, its shoulders sloping,
To draw back the curtains of their minds.

They'd the best two seats in the house:
There were only two to be had.
Wizard innards sucked from the ether
Bodiless speech. Places, faces.
Floated in the darkening room
From some far country of hurt hearts.
Their ears felt their breaths warmly near...

As the clop-clop coconut horses'
Hooves faded, real rain sluiced the drains.
He clicked off and struck a late match.
The gas mantle fizzed Epsom salts,
Then hissed. Low. House lights shaded up,
The radio's rainbows washed out
In the hardened light. To bed. To
dream...

Tony Johnson

SEASONAL THOUGHTS

Fairly recently I was in Fareham Bus Station sitting on a seat waiting for the Wickham bus. Now I have a habit of starting a conversation with anyone who is sitting near me.

After two sentences this particular lady turned to me and said "And where were you born?" "A dozen miles from Bethlehem" was my reply.

A gleam of interest appeared on her face – but she had moved away before I could enlarge and explain that there is a small village in West Wales with this illustrious name.

Also, the sheep outnumber the people by at least 100 to 1!

Talking of sheep, I am fascinated and feel very humble when I watch "One Man and his Dog". A few years ago, one of the presenters of the programme had the following information and poem printed in a Daily Newspaper. The poem was written by Charlie Disney, a farmworker living in the presenter's village. He was a fine man with simple tastes who loved the countryside. The story of Donkey Fred was inspired by a donkey on the bridleway to Granchester.

Old Fred he stands with downcast eye
He shakes his head and wonders why
This empty meadow for my home, and I
stand sadly here alone.
He calls to mind a summer day, and folk
who walked the Bridleway,
He wonders if it's true, what when a donkey
went to Bethlehem
That Mary on his back did ride with Joseph
walking at her side.
And now the stars are shining bright, and
darkness falls once more 'tis night
How all is quiet, and donkey Fred walks
slowly to his humble shed.
And underneath the starlit beams, old Fred
the Donkey sleeps and dreams.
With shepherds poor and the Wise men, he
walks the road to Bethlehem.
And one bright star looked down and led old
Donkey Fred to Jesu's bed.
He lowly kneels and with a bray greets Jesus
Christ on Christmas Day.
And Mary said "We thank you Fred for
coming to our manger bed.
Tell folk who walk the Bridleway, you came
to us on Christmas Day.

Submitted by
Gwyneth Burch

MEON VALLEY CARERS TOGETHER

Registered Charity No. 1107865

MVCT is a registered charity which continues to grow and provides support for older people suffering with dementia and their carers. Through outings, activities and social interaction it aims to portray and promote a positive way of living with dementia.

The AGM on Tuesday 27th October 2009 was attended by 80 people including the Chair of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Tim Knight, and the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchester, Councillor Dominic Hiscock.

Bill Drake gave his final report as Chairman followed by the Treasurer's report.

Sue Musselwhite, who has been with the group for 5 years as a trustee and volunteer, was elected as new Chairman.

The Chair of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Tim Knight gave a short speech followed by Dr Stephen Hillier. Bill Drake was presented with a gift by Councillor Felicity Hindson in recognition of his work with MVCT. The Mayor and Bill Drake then ended the formal part of the meeting by cutting a large cake. Bucks Fizz, cake and tea were then enjoyed by all present!

In her update given at the AGM Sue Musselwhite talked of the progress being made to forge stronger links between the public and voluntary sectors in the care of dementia. She thanked Bill Drake for his vision in setting up the Awareness Day in January. Since this conference and ongoing meetings with professionals including Dr Stephen Hillier (a local GP), Linda Batcheldor (Adult Services) and Paula Glavin (Community Mental Health Nurse), a booklet covering all aspects of support and information for carers has been published by MVCT. Paula has also worked with her colleagues to establish Memory Matters courses, the first having already taken place in May. Links with Age Concern and the Shaw Trust have also been established.

Are you or someone you know caring for a friend, relative or neighbour with dementia?

Do you sometimes wish you could talk to someone else who understands how you feel? Then why not come and join us at one of our meetings. We are always pleased to welcome new faces, and transport can be arranged by contacting Sue Pardon at the MVCT Carer Link Office.

Diary Dates for 2009/10

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| 1 December | Pub Lunch, The Forge, Shedfield.
Time 12 noon |
| 15 December | CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Paterson Centre. Time 2pm |
| 18 December | Panto: Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs. |

Members Only.

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| 12 January | Pub Lunch. The Forge, Shedfield.
Time 12 noon |
| 13 January | Bishops Waltham Film Night.
(Time and film yet to be decided.) |
| 26 January | Age Concern Talk.
Movement to music/games followed by Plant a Bulb. |
| 30 January | Family Night. A chance for members to enjoy a party with their loved ones.
Paterson Centre.
Time 7pm. |
| 9 February | Pub Lunch, The Forge, Shedfield.
Time 12 noon |

Why not call in and find out more about the group. The Carer Link office behind the Paterson Centre in Swanmore is now open Mon and Thurs 9-1pm in term time; and Mondays only 9-5pm during school holidays. Phone: 01489 895444.

E-Mail: meon-valley@btconnect.com

Meon Valley Citizens Advice Bureau

Q. A Bank that I do not normally deal with has contacted me to chase an outstanding debt. I think I may be a victim of identity theft. What should I do?

A. Identity theft is a type of fraud which takes place when someone you don't know gets hold of your personal details and uses them to apply for credit or to open an account in your name. If you have been a victim of identity theft you will usually not have to pay for any money you have lost, unless it can be shown that you have acted fraudulently or without reasonable care, for example by keeping your PIN number written down with your card. You must act quickly:

Contact the bank straight away, keep a record of all conversations you have with them, and copies of any letter sent or received.

Report the matter to the police, and get a crime reference number.

Check with the credit reference agencies (details below) whether any applications for credit have been made in your name. If they have, you can ask to have the information removed from your file.

If you suspect that someone has got hold of your details been stealing mail, or has fraudulently applied to get mail redirected from your address, you should contact the Royal Mail Customer Enquiry Number on: 08457 740740

Contact CIFAS, the UK's Fraud Prevention Service at www.cifas.org.uk. For a small fee they will make sure that anyone applying for credit in your name is automatically double-checked.

The credit reference agencies are:

Experian Tel: 08702416212

Website: www.experian.co.uk

Equifax Tel: 08705 143700

Website: www.equifax.co.uk

Call Credit Tel: 0870 0601413

Website: www.callcredit.co.uk

For more information and advice about identity theft, go to www.cardwatch.org.uk, or to the Home Office website at www.identitytheft.org.uk

Q. Recently, my husband lost his job, and only has redundancy money for three months. I only have a part-time job which would not cover the cost of the mortgage. Is there anything I can do to make sure we don't default on our loan and face possession?

A. Facing the prospect of repossession can be frightening, but losing your home is not the inevitable outcome of financial difficulties. Since January 2009, a number of different Government schemes have been introduced to prevent it happening, like Homeowner Mortgage Support, and for the most vulnerable households facing the immediate threat of repossession, there may be the potential option of the Mortgage Rescue Scheme.

Firstly, it's really important to get advice no matter what stage you are at. If you think you are going to have problems paying the mortgage, do contact your lender or visit your local CAB to talk through options of maximising your income- perhaps claiming Support of Mortgage Interest or renegotiating affordable payments for a period. Under the government's mortgage protocol, lenders are obliged to help and make all reasonable attempts to help borrowers find a way through a difficult patch.

You should make mortgage your top priority. If you have other unsecured loans, creditors or catalogues you might have to pay less towards them to make sure you can meet your mortgage payment. Get in touch with everyone you owe money to and let them know what's going on. You should also claim all the benefits and tax credits you're entitled to. This might take some time so while you are doing it keep in touch with your mortgage lender so they know what you are doing.

Lenders should show that they have exhausted every possible option before applying for a possession order. Even on the day of a possession hearing, there are things that can be done – To find out if your court has such a duty desk scheme go to www.nhas.org.uk

Finally, remember that concerned homeowners can get free, impartial advice from their local Citizens Advice or from www.direct.gov.uk/mortgagehelp, or from one of National Debtline's advisers on 0808 808 4000.

For further information contact your local **CAB** at Well House, 2 Brook Street, **Bishop's Waltham**, SO32 1AX, Tel. No. (01489) **896376** open from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 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 e-mail us on bishopswaltham@cabnet.org.uk with your problem. 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



Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Winter Birds

This time of year is perfect to see a great range of over-wintering birds on our coasts. A visit to any of our coastal wildlife reserves will be rewarded with spectacular sights of waders and wildfowl. You'll see waders such as dunlin, oyster catcher, curlew, redshank and black-tailed godwit. Wildfowl will include wigeon, teal, great crested grebe and the Brent goose.



The Brent Goose is the smallest of the wild geese that overwinters in Britain. Driven south by the Siberian winter, they arrive on the South and East coast of Britain to

feed on mud flats and coastal pasture. Brent Geese are creatures of habit returning to the same areas year after year and often in small family groups. Juveniles can be distinguished by the white edges to the wing feathers which are evident as white bands when the birds are at rest.

The Solent Harbours and coast are important areas for this species supporting 10-13% of the world's population and around 30% of the UK population. The geese initially feed on the coastal mudflats eating eelgrass and algae. When these supplies run out they begin to move inland utilising other food sources. The marshes on the South coast are vitally important because they provide a feeding area for several thousand Brent Geese.

You can visit any of the coastal sites such as Farlington Marshes, Lower Test and Keyhaven. The Wildlife Trust runs many bird watching events throughout the year to help you enjoy the wildlife on your doorstep even more.

(see our website www.hwt.org.uk for full details)

Experts will be on hand to help identify what you are seeing.

As a starter, here are some quick descriptions of some of those that you might see.

Waders

The **oystercatcher** is a large, stocky, black and white wading bird. It has a long, orange-red bill and reddish-pink legs.

The **curlew** is the largest European wading bird, instantly recognisable on winter estuaries with its long down-curved bill, brown upperparts and long legs.

The **redshank** is a medium-sized wading bird. It has longish red legs and a long, straight bill. It is grey-brown above and whitish below.

Wildfowl

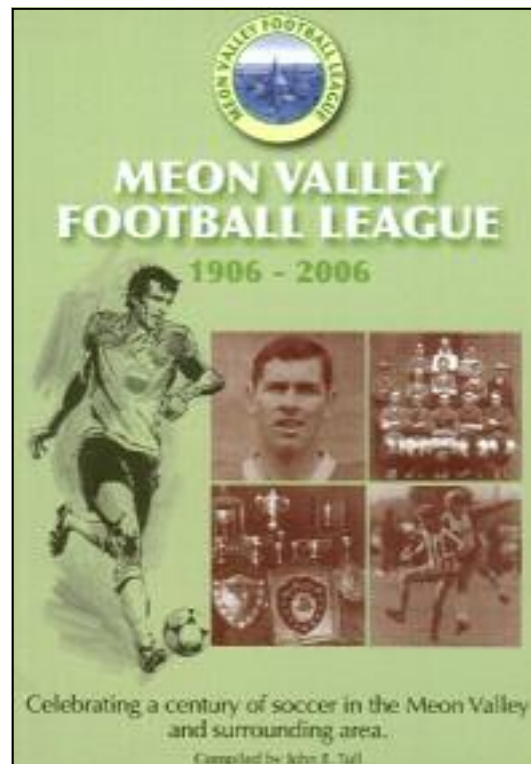
The **Brent Goose** is a small, dark goose – about the same size as a mallard. It has a black head and neck and grey-brown back, with either a pale or dark belly, depending on the race. Adults have a small white neck patch.

The **wigeon** is a medium-sized duck with a round head and small bill. The head and neck of the male are chestnut, with a yellow forehead, pink breast and grey body.

Teals are small dabbling ducks. Males have chestnut coloured heads with broad green eye-patches, a spotted chest, grey flanks and a black edged yellow tail. Females are mottled brown.

Books for Christmas

MEON VALLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE is a celebration of a century of soccer in the



Meon Valley and surrounding area (1906 – 2006).

It was compiled by John Tull and published in October 2008. It is available from Pages Newsagents, Waltham Chase village store and other local bookshops at £7.50



Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Events

December

Mon 14

FA The Beauty of Bats 7.30pm. Chris and Mike Pawling of the Hampshire Bats Group will give an illustrated talk on the life and distribution of these fascinating creatures. To be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, West Street, Fareham. Parking is available in Trinity Street. For further information please contact Peter Adams on 01329 287653. Admission £2.

BW Christmas Quiz 7.30pm. Join us for a quiz evening for teams of up to 6 people. Lots of fun in the lead up to Christmas, including a raffle and festive refreshments. Younger teams are very welcome – come along and challenge the old hands! The questions will be on various topics, not just wildlife. To be held at Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Parking is available at the library next door. For further information please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Entry £9 per team.

Tue 15

FA Wonderful Winter 10.30am–12noon. Wrap up warm and welcome in winter at Swanwick Lakes. Come and find out what all our wildlife is up to and look forward to Christmas with some sparkly activities. An event for toddlers and pre-school children. Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). Booking is essential, so for further information and to book your place please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring warm coats and wellies.

Tue 22

FA Yuletide Yarns 10.30am–12noon. Christmas is a splendid time to tell stories. Come along to Swanwick Lakes to share some seasonal tales and activities and decorate a story book to take home as a Christmas gift. An event for families with 4-7 year-old children. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref SU 505 098). Booking is essential, so 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. Please bring warm coats and wellies.

January

Wed 6

FA Blow Away the Cobwebs 10.30am–12noon. Join Swanwick Lakes staff for a short guided walk looking for signs of life during the winter months. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (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 £1.50. Stout shoes or walking boots are essential.

Mon 11

FA Poisonous Plants all Around Us 7.30pm. An illustrated talk by Dr Rosemary Hopewell on the poisons found

not only in many of our wild flowers, but also in the plants that grow in our gardens, and how they may affect us. To be held at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Trinity Street, Fareham. Parking is available in Western Road car park or in Trinity Street. For further details, please contact Peter Adams on 01329 287653. Admission £2.

Tue 12

FA First Snow 10.30am–12noon. When Sara goes with Mummy and the dogs to feed the sheep one winter's morning, her teddy goes too. Soon, to Sara's delight, it starts to snow. But where is Teddy? Come along to Swanwick Lakes for an event of crafts and outdoor activities for toddlers and pre-school children. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). Booking is essential as places are limited, so 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. Please bring warm coats and wellies.

Mon 25

BW Otters and Water Voles in Hampshire 7.30pm. Graham Roberts of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust will present an update on these fascinating river mammals. To be held in the Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Parking is available at the library next door. For further details, please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Admission £2.50 including refreshments. Children free.

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

Wickham Barn Dance in aid of Mayor of Winchester's Charities

We are organising a Barn Dance
in Wickham Centre
on Saturday February 6th 2010
in aid of the
Mayor of Winchester's Charities.

The Barn Dance marks the end of Homelessness
Week and the

Mayor's two charities are
ones for the homeless:

Emmaus Winchester
and

The Trinity Centre Winchester

Tickets are £15 and £6 for children in-
cluding a Ploughman's Supper.

The evening will start at 7pm. Please
come and join us!!

Meon Valley Lions



Santa's coming down your way soon!

The Meon Valley Lions Club will be out and about again this December helping Father Christmas bring joy and happiness to all the children in your town or village. Starting on Tuesday 1st December and going right through to Christmas Eve, the familiar gold sleigh bedecked with its colourful lights, will be visiting locations the length and breadth of the Meon Valley.

As usual, we will also be making our Christmas charity collection and even though times are tough, we are hoping you will all be able to support us and beat last year's collection of £3,700.



Eighty percent of our charitable activity is ring-fenced to support local needs and our volunteer code means that all the money you give is channelled into the charity, with no administrative costs devaluing your contribution.

Please help us again this year – no matter how small your donation, Father Christmas really appreciates it and every little helps. We will be in each area between 6.15pm and 8pm unless indicated otherwise.

Santa's in your area on the following dates (subject to change without notice):

Wickham Square, Saturday December 12th 9am – 1pm

Mislingford & Knowle, Monday 14th December

Shirrell Heath & Shedfield, Thursday 17th December

Wickham, Friday 18th December
Hundred Acres and Boarhunt, Monday 21st December

Meon Valley Lions have recently re-launched their 200 club as a means of raising charitable funds for local causes. When you join the club, you are allocated a membership number and are required to pay £12 per year or the princely monthly subscription of £1.

Then, every month a random 200 club number is drawn and the winning owner receives a prize of up to £70, with the surplus going into a charity account. Once a year, there is a "super" draw where you have the chance of winning up to £400. The MVLC 200 Club is a lovely way of making a small, regular charitable donation but with the chance of winning something back. We are building up our numbers again to the 200 mark and are actively looking for new members to support the Club. If you would like to join please call John Ormiston on 01489 893899 or e-mail john.ormiston@virgin.net.

At our November meeting, Mrs Pat Morris gave a very interesting and moving presentation of her involvement in the Friends of Teso charity, based in Bishops Waltham. From small beginnings in 2002, this local charity has grown to be a major coordinator of aid and relief for Teso, a poor region of northern Uganda. Friends of Teso collect clothing, books, bedding, equipment, tools, medical equipment etc from the local area and ship several 40ft containers each year to the town of Soroti where the Mayor



oversees its distribution.

Clearly, it is a charity that only exists through local goodwill and support so please visit their website at:

www.friends-of-teso-uganda.org.uk

ALFRED GEORGE ARMISTICE JEWELL



**November 1919-
November 2009**

Thank you to everyone for their cards and messages of condolence on the death of Alf, our devoted father. It is overwhelming to feel the love and respect that you all felt for him.

He was a great character and a gentleman, a loving father, Grandfather and Great grandfather. Helping others was how he lived his life, in work and retirement.

We, as a family will miss him, but we know that he is now at Peace with his beloved Rene.

Thank you again.

Claire, Matt, Aaron and family.

Dear Editor

The hope at the end of the First World War was that our Servicemen would be welcomed back to 'a land fit for heroes'.

It took well over an hour on the morning of Remembrance Sunday to clear litter from The Square and Bridge Street in order to furnish a parade route 'fit for heroes'.

Is it not deplorable that the privilege of living in such a lovely village should be negated by the inconsiderate behaviour of a few?

Yours faithfully

(Name and address supplied)

Are you stuck for Christmas Presents – here's a suggestion!

Bring your music-loving friends and family to a musical experience with The Havant Orchestras at Ferneham Hall, Fareham! Choose from a miscellany of English music on 6th February, a superb young Russian pianist playing Brahms on 27th March – or further ahead from concerts on 15th May and 3rd July. There are talks about the music before each concert at 6.30pm – one for 'adults' and one for younger listeners, then an interlude played by local students before the music 'proper' commences at 7.30pm and all this is included in the price of your tickets which

are available now at the Box Office.

The February concert by the Chamber Orchestra begins with Malcolm Arnold's appropriately titled Serenade for Small Orchestra, continues with Gerald Finzi's Shakespearean-flavoured suite 'Love's Labours Lost' and then local well-known and -loved favourite flautist Catherine Nicholson will take centre stage to play the solo part in Rutland Boughton's pastoral, and in Cathy's words 'wonderful', Concerto for Flute and Strings where not only the soloist will shine but the string section of the orchestra as well. After the interval the complete orchestra with leader Brian Howells will play Mendelssohn's 1st Symphony – not English music but the composer had a love of Britain and wrote this symphony when he was only 23 years old.

The Orchestras' Musical Director, Peter Craddock will conduct this and the May concerts and he will share the podium for the Symphony Orchestra concerts in March and July with the holder of this season's Bob Harding Bursary for Young Conductors, Samuel Draper who is a post-graduate student at the Royal College of Music.

Please contact Sandra Craddock (023 9248 3228, sandra.craddock@ntlworld.com) for a brochure with full details of all the season's programmes. Tickets cost £7 00 - £17.50, with concessions for students and children and are on sale at Ferneham Hall Box Office, open 9.30 - 5.30 Monday – Saturday, telephone 01329 231942 and at the door.

STOP PRESS!! Peter Craddock received the Special Achievement Award at The News' Guide Awards 2009 ceremony at the King's Theatre on 16 November for his work with the Orchestras since he founded them in the 1960s.

The Havant Orchestras are a Registered Charity and their website is:
www.havantorchestras.hampshire.org.uk

Saturday 6 February 2010, 7.30pm
Havant Chamber Orchestra

Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham

Serenade for Small Orchestra Malcolm Arnold
Suite 'Love's Labours Lost' Gerald Finzi
Concerto for Flute and Strings Rutland
Boughton

Flute soloist Catherine Nicholson
Symphony No 1 in C minor
Mendelssohn

WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS



The Royal British Legion- Wickham Branch.

Since last month I am very sorry to report the death of one of our longest serving members, Alf Jewell. Alf's gentle manner and quiet advice will be sadly missed by all in the branch.

The Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service were held on Sunday 8th November 2009.

The parade formed up in the Square at about 10.15 am in time to march to the church and read the names of the service men killed during the



two World Wars before the "Last Post" is sounded at 11.00am.

On this occasion only six of our French veterans visited Wickham, but a full weekend of visits was planned, these included a viewing of the Map Room in Southwick House which proved to



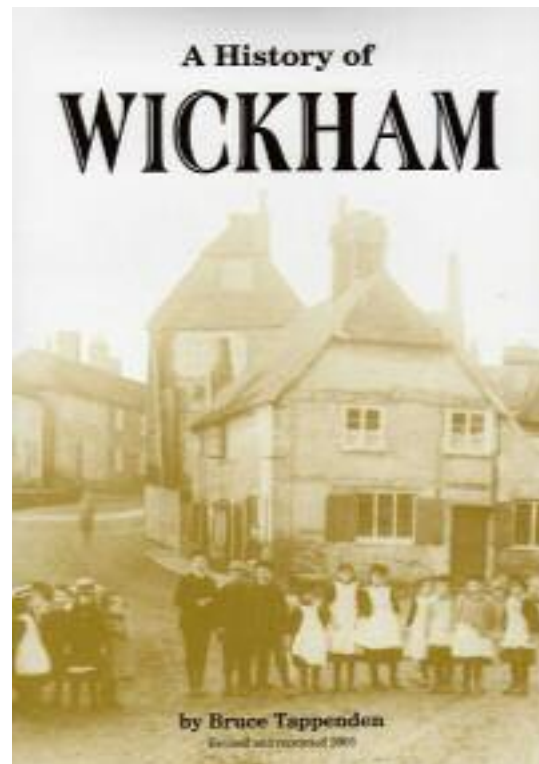
be of extreme interest to our French friends from Villers-sur-Mer, being in the area that the D-Day landings were made in. After the Remembrance Service on Sunday, we were transported by

coach to Froxfield to "The Pub with No Name" for an excellent traditional English Roast Beef Dinner, once again a treat appreciated by all. Many thanks to Gerald for planning and organising the whole weekend.

Wednesday 11th November being Remembrance Day at 11.00pm, the "Last Post" was sounded in the Square from the steps of "Lilly's". The two minutes silence was observed by quite a large gathering, finally the "Reveille" was sounded followed by "The Lament" from piper Duncan Mathews. A very moving experience.

Mick Kerley

Books for Christmas



The History of Wickham is the definitive history of the Village.

Written by Bruce Tappenden in 1996 and revised in 2005 by Wickham History Society. It is now available from Pages Newsagents and the Chesapeake Mill at £9.99 (£6 from the History Society to its members)

The History Society welcomes new members— we meet at 7.45 on the first Tuesday evening in each month in the Church Room - see page 38

WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS



Court 2290 held their 4th Harvest Supper in Wickham Community Centre on Sunday 25th October. 63 members and friends sat down to, and certainly enjoyed, a Buffet Supper prepared by some members of the Court.

For the 2nd year running we were privileged to have the High Chief Ranger, Bro Jim Launchberry and his wife Janet with us. Our previous H.C.R. Bro Pat Swadling and his wife Margaret joined us once again. Grace was given by Revd Elizabeth Groves. The Guest Speaker was Mal Rees of Andover who has written many humorous books.

As is custom, a raffle took place, the proceeds being shared with the H.C.R.'s appeal for 2009/2010 Multiple Sclerosis and the Courts chosen Charity "Fort Cancer". Bro Pat Swadling, the previous H.C.R. Raised £56,000 for his appeal 'Motor Neurone Disease 2008/2009'.

Saturday November 7th, we once again travelled to the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in the Royal Albert Hall with 42 members and friends. This year we enjoyed the sunshine compared to last year when we discovered how wet rain is while away from home and nowhere to dry your clothes!! Several of the Group ate their packed lunches in Kingston Park enjoying the warm sunshine. As is normal and natural, the atmosphere in the Albert Hall was very emotional. I think it is right to say that ones emotions varied throughout the One and three quarter hours. After the Remembrance we made out way to the oach bound for Harestock Lodge Hotel, Winchester for an evening meal which again was very enjoyable.

To me it was a great surprise when I discovered the young chef had only been at Harestock Lodge for one week and we were the first large group he had prepared a meal for. I guess he was pleased to see so many empty plates. (I'm not certain if any went away with doggy bags!)

Sunday 13th December we will be in St Nicholas Church for our Annual Carolcade at 2.30 pm. The singing will be led by Denmead Brass Band. Mince Pies. Sausage Rolls, tea, coffee and fruit juice will be served in the Church Room. Admission to the Carolcade is free. A collection in aid of Charity will be taken. All are welcome to join us and enjoy singing the carols.

On behalf of the committee and members of Court 2290, may I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.



Programme 2009/2010 Theme: "People and Places Revisited"

Dec 8 2pm **Christmas Get-together and Quiz**
Wickham Community Centre
Guests welcome

15 2pm READING GROUPS: telephone
(01329) 833384 for details

17 2pm MUSIC APPRECIATION: **Handel:**
"The Messiah"
Telephone (01329) 833594 for
directions to venue

2010

Jan 5 2pm **"Botswana - from Desert to Delta"** presentation by
Bill Hall, Animal Information
Liaison Officer, Marwell
Animal Park.
Wickham Community Centre
Guests welcome

19 2pm **"St. Wilfred and the Celtic Tradition"** - talk by
Hugh Spendlove, retired Art
Lecturer and Calligrapher
Wickham Community Centre
Guests welcome

26 2pm READING GROUPS: telephone
(01329) 833384 for details

WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

WICKHAM WIVES



Wednesday 11th
November 2009 was the date of this month's meeting of our Wives Group and it seemed an ideal opportunity to invite Madeleine Selby to talk to us about the

members of the Armed Forces who received the Victoria Cross before the First World War and are buried in the Highland Cemetery in Southsea.

Altogether there are 13 courageous V.C. Heroes buried in Portsmouth, 8 of which lie in the Highland Cemetery. Madeleine began by giving us a brief history of the origin of the Victoria Cross. The V.C. Supercedes all other awards. It was introduced by Queen Victoria as a result of the carnage of the Crimean War in 1856. Until then only officers received distinguished awards, many not even fighting on the front line. The common soldier received just a campaign medal regardless of his achievements or bravery. Now, all servicemen were to be considered for the award on an equal footing, regardless of rank, for "conspicuous bravery or devotion to duty in the presence of the enemy".

Queen Victoria supervised the design of the medal in the form of a Maltese Cross only with the arms 'spread out' (cross paty). What it was to be made of, the wording, and they were to be suspended on a crimson ribbon for the Army and a blue ribbon for the Navy. When members of the Air Force were awarded the Victoria Cross, it was agreed to use the crimson ribbon for all services.

Hannocks, the Royal Jewellers, were commissioned to make the medals in time for a grand Parade in Hyde Park on 26th June 1857. 62 recipients were hastily summoned to receive their awards. Of the 8 V.C.'s in Highland Cemetery, 3 received their awards at that first investiture.

Madeleine has researched the backgrounds of these 8 decorated men in Highland Cemetery and their feats and achievements are remarkable.

Henry James Raby V.C. was the first person to

wear the medal. He died aged 79 yrs. His V.C is in the Royal Naval Museum in Portsmouth Dockyard suspended on a blue ribbon.

Sir William Nathan Wrighte Hewett V.C had a most distinguished career, won his Victoria Cross at the age of 20 years in Sebastapol. He died in Haslar Hospital in 1888 aged 53 yrs. Hewett was the 5th to be invested.

Gunner John Robarts V.C was way down the file of the 62 recipients because he was "only a Gunner. His name was mis-spelt on the medal as Roberts. Robarts died in 1902 aged 68 years. His medal is in the Army Museum in Chelsea.

Captain Hugh Shaw V.C rescued a wounded comrade under intense firing. He died in 1904 aged 65 yrs. His medal is in the Army Museum in Chelsea.

Lieut Hugh Stewart Cochrane V.C the headstone of this distinguished man is fashioned as a Victoria Cross. He received his award on 1st April 1858. He died in 1884 aged 54 yrs.

William Temple V.C., Assistant Surgeon in the Artillery in New Zealand. He, along with a fellow comrade Pickard dressed the wounds of his captain who was shot in the face, and rescued him in a war against the Maoris in 1863. Temple died 1919 aged 85 years.

Lance Cpl William Goate VC his grave in Highland Cemetery was unmarked until October 2003. William Goate was awarded his VC for a daring rescue in Lucknow in 1858. He came to Southsea in 1900 and died in 1901 aged 85 years. William Goate's medals were sold 7 months after his death for £85.00. In 1999 they were sold at Sotherbys for £29,000.

Gunner Israel Harding V.C born on 21st October 1833 he joined the Navy in 1849 aged 16 (with such an auspicious birthday he was surely bound for naval career). Gunner Harding fought in the Zulu War of 1879. It was whilst under attack in 1882 that a 10 inch spherical shell with fuse burning lodged on the main deck above a hatch covering a magazine of ammunition and 25 tons of gunpowder. He threw water over the fuse then plunged the shell into the tub of water. Harding retired from the Navy in 1885. He was invited to be one of the pall bearers at the funeral of John Robarts. With the outbreak of the 1st World War

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in 1914, Harding re-enlisted to serve again despite being 80 years old. Sadly he sustained a broken leg whilst serving on a mine sweeper following an explosion. Harding died in 1917 aged 83 years. He is the last VC to be buried in Highland Cemetery.

These gentlemen deserved to be remembered and their resting places cared for and preserved. Their unselfish lives, devoted to others, Queen and Country must not be allowed to fade under lichen and ivy.

Madeleine recited the Dissertation at the conclusion of her talk.

“We will remember them”

On 9th December we will celebrate Christmas with a party.

The opening meeting for 2010 will be on 13th January, 7.30 for 7.45 pm in the Church Room.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Wickham Wives for their support over this year and send best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Margaret Gwynn

Swanmore in Pictures 1870-1970

by
Keith Harrington and Juliet Burgess

Residents of Swanmore past and present, including many from Wickham, attended the



Book Launch on 31 October of 'Swanmore in Pictures 1870-1970' by Keith Harrington and

Juliet Burgess. The authors have drawn together around 200 photos of the parish from the early days of photography onwards and the book gives a fascinating insight into the lives of local people. Many people recognised family members in the pictures, which include views of quiet, traffic-free roads, working life on the farms and in the brickyards, community activities such as Edwardian 'harvest homes', schoolchildren in pinafores, sports teams (including a rounders team of 1907), church occasions and wartime scenes. The book is available at Pages and McCarthy's or from the authors – for more information phone Keith on 01489 892769 or email julietburgess@talktalk.net.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The November meeting was our AGM. Our President, Sylvia Wells, chaired the meeting. The annual report was given by our Secretary, Molly Haydock and the financial report by Sheila Georges. Sylvia Wells thanked the committee for all their hard work and support throughout a full and enjoyable year. The present committee was then re-elected "en bloc".

A report of the Autumn meeting held at Basingstoke was given by Sheila Georges.

Our speaker was Mavis Stevens who demonstrated "*Fun with Flowers*" inviting members to do their own arrangements with foliage and flowers kindly provided by her. Tea and homemade biscuits were served and the vote of thanks was given by Sylvia Wells. A most enjoyable and satisfying afternoon.

The raffle was won by Molly Haydock, Sheila Georges and Mavis Bruce. The flower competition was won by Mavis Bruce and the competition was won by Jocelyn Lovett.

Our next meeting is on 9th December when we will have a Christmas tea and be entertained by Patricia Matthews entitled "*Christmas Cheer*". Members are asked to bring a small wrapped gift as well as some seasonal food

Jocelyn Lovett

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Wickham Scout Group



Alf Jewell, a former Scout Leader for many years in Wickham, passed away on

Thursday 12th November. Our thoughts are with Claire, Ann, Michael, Dave, Colin and their families at this sad time.

All sections have had a very busy month:

Scouts

Ice Skating was the order for the Scouts during half term,



Pebble painting

for some this was their first time on the ice. Yes there were tumbles, falls and trips but all had a

great time. Pebble painting and pumpkin carving (these were on display at the bonfire and firework display) are a couple of elements for the artist badge that we are working for. We had a very informative evening when Sheena and Eric Bright came to tell the Scouts about the good work the British Legion does.

Cubs

Looking at maps, the symbols, contours and grid references are part of the Map reader badge we are working towards. Once again we are busy, busy, busy making decorations for the Doctors' Surgery. If you have to go to the surgery over the festive time we hope they spread a little cheer!!

Beavers

We had a coin evening, we looked, we rubbed and we learned to spin! We had a super visit from Fire Fighter Hilton when he came to talk to the Beavers about fire safety in the home, but the highlight of the evening when Lucy was asked to don her Dad's uniform (it fitted beautifully!). Many thanks Mr Hilton.

We had a good turn out of Scouts, Cubs and a couple of Beavers at the Remembrance Day service. Cubs and Beavers made paper poppies to surround the poem The Flanders Field as their tribute to the fallen in the world wars. I felt very proud that we were able to display this on the

pulpit in the Church.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our annual Bonfire and Firework display. The evening started well, but oh dear!! The rain came down, we all got soaked but everyone stayed to enjoy the fireworks. Let's hope we have a dry one next year!

Congratulations are in order for one of our Scouts. Fiona Ward went on a selection weekend for a place to go to the World Jamboree in Sweden in 2011. We're proud to say she got through and will be only one of four who will represent the Meon Valley District at this once in a lifetime adventure.

CHRISTMAS POST

We will be delivering Christmas Cards around the village once again this year at the very reasonable price of 15p per envelope. The post box and the area we cover will be in PAGES NEWSAGENT from 1st to 21st December.

On the 27th October the Parish Council gave us permission to rebuild and approved the design of a new Scout Headquarters on the Recreation Ground. The building will not be going back in the same position as before but behind the tennis court. This is due to the fact the Parish Council are hoping to build a Muga pitch where our old building was. When this Muga is built the tennis court will go onto that pitch and the old court will become part of the much needed extra car park. As with all new builds it looks as if we will have some problems to overcome.

We may have to pile drive the foundations and we will have to run new services to the new building, due to this we need to raise about £25,000. At the present moment the Parish Council cannot say if they can help us financially, but we are going to be applying for grants etc. and of course do a lot of fund raising. Our dream is to get the building up in this next year as its official Wickham Scout Group will have been in the village for 100 years.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

If you have a son or a daughter, aged between 6 and 14, who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please telephone the number below for information.

Chris Samways 01329 832739

WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Having spent the first few weeks of this term learning all about asthma and how it affects people's lives, Brownies and Rainbows are now doing something to raise some money for two asthma related charities. We have chosen to support Asthma UK, a national charity and a local charity called AWAAIREBEAR.

On Tuesday 24th November the girls put on a concert called 'A Year of Fashion', a fashion show with a difference showing what type of clothes may be worn at certain times of year with a few not so normal outfits thrown in just for fun. Included in our concert were outfits ranging from our uniform to bridesmaid dresses, witches and their cats to Father Christmas and his elf, school uniform to snowflake, and even a visit from the Easter bunny!

Through receiving donations for tickets, the sale of refreshments in the interval and the sale of raffle tickets, we have managed to raise a total of £160. Of this amount £100 has been donated to AWAAIREBEAR. In return for this donation we were presented with two big teddy bears. These bears have been given to local schools and will be used to comfort children in distress by giving them a big 'bear hug'. The two schools that we decided to give a bear to are Wickham Primary School and Newtown Soberton Infants School. The remaining amount will be donated to asthma UK towards their Trigger-happy Appeal.

All of the girls have put in an enormous amount of effort during rehearsals for the concert but



have also had a lot of fun and giggles on the way, especially when we wrapped one of them up in toilet roll to turn them into a 'mummy' for mothers day! I hope that all members of the

audience also enjoyed themselves on the night too.

I would also like to thank Nigel and Mary Foss, the directors of AWAAIREBEAR for joining us on the night to accept our donation and to present the two bears to our chosen schools. Lastly my thanks go to both of the schools concerned for agreeing to accept one of the bears and also to Maria Ackland from Wickham Primary and also a representative from Newtown Soberton Infant School for being able to join us for the concert and to receive their new cuddly friends, and to apologise to all the Rainbow and Brownies mums and dads, as you now have a few more badges that need sewing on to your girl's uniforms!

If your daughter is aged 4 – 10 and would like to join in the excitement of our centenary celebrations, please contact Sarah or Jenny York on 01329 833150, we have spaces in both units at present.

Sarah York



Our next meeting is a joint meeting with Wickham History Society and it is followed by our Christmas Fayre. Mulled wine will be served and members are asked to bring along a small amount of food for us all to share.

HISTORY and HASLAR

Eric Birbeck – Haslar Heritage Group
Tuesday 1st December
at 7.45 pm in the Church Room
Maggie Smith



WICKHAM ORGANISATIONS

THURSDAY CLUB

We met on a cold and blustery 'Bonfire Day' for our November gathering. It was good to welcome two new members as well as the usual 'die hards'. We had a most interesting illustrated talk by Adrian Groves who spoke at length about his experiences during his service as a submariner. His graphic descriptions of training and life on board included his experience of surfacing 100 feet from a submerged submarine and to constantly exhale air whilst ascending or it would expand and burst the lungs. (There were instructors in attendance to punch the stomachs of anyone not exhaling sufficiently!)

We saw many pictures of the interior of modern submarines, including the tiny galley (kitchen) where two chefs produced meals for 130 crew three times a day and baked bread during the night so that the crew awoke to a wonderful aroma.

Despite the privations morale was generally high with no-one, surprisingly, suffering from claustrophobia.

Don't forget that our next meeting, on December 3rd, is the Christmas party. After this, there is a pause until February 4th when we shall have an illustrated talk by Mrs. Carol Watson on "A Coast to Coast Walk".

Jane England

WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

On November 3rd we had a fascinating talk (really a performance) by Roger and Barbara Glancefield of the Regency Society on 'Regency Naval Uniforms'.



disrobed carefully, meanwhile explaining the details of each garment and its practicalities for instance when the hat was worn fore-and-aft or

Barbara was already dressed in a day-frock of the 'brother of a naval officer in 1810', and told us some background about the appropriate dress for different occasions. Roger then appeared dressed as a Post-Captain of 1812. He

athwartships, and what the shirt-tail was for. After Barbara's discussion of materials, Roger re-appeared as a 1940's naval officer, and described the evolution of the uniform. An enjoyable and informative talk.

Our next meeting is on December 1st when Eric Birbeck will talk to us about 'History and Haslar'. This will be a joint meeting with the Wickham Society, with mulled wine and nibbles.

February 2nd 2010
The Wessex Film and Sound Archive
David Lee

Barrie Marson



Wickham Cricket Club

The AGM was held on 9th November at Green's, Wickham Square and was chaired by John Gwynn in the absence of chairman Frank Duckworth. There was a very good turnout for the meeting, with many lively discussions.

League and club batting winner:	Chris Martin
League batting runner up:	James Martin
Club batting runner up:	Martin Rowe
League and club bowling winner:	Andy Gwynn
League and club bowling runner up:	Steve Judge

Awards were presented for some outstanding performances this season. From top to bottom, the photos show Chris Martin, James Martin and Steve Judge receiving their trophies from our president Harold Davies. Chris Martin also came second overall in our division in the Hampshire Cricket League for batting and had the highest century in our division (which was in fact a double century)!



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Wickham finished in third place in our division in the Hampshire League, having won 11 of our 13 games and would have been promoted to Regional Div 1 South next season but were held back because we were unable to comply with the grounds standards requirements for that division so we will remain in Regional Division 2 South East for another year.



Wickham finished top of Div 2 in the Wilds 20/20 Evening League, gaining promotion to Div 1 next season, having played 11 games, won 7, drawn 2 and lost 2. Winners medals were presented to evening league players.



Our social secretary, Big Sam, is now happily playing cricket in the sun in South Africa and Gary Callaghan has manfully stepped up to take on the role. We await with bated breath the many delightful evenings of entertainment that Gary has in store for us in the coming months.

Some reports on the Fareham Indoor League:

“The indoor league has got underway and we are now three matches into the season. In the first match to Hayling, the highlight of the Wickham innings was the massive 67 extras bowled by Hayling. This was not enough however to win us the match.

“Our second match, against Hampshire Bowman, was a different story, when the return of new captain Gary Callaghan invoked new energy into the team (or something like that!). Wickham lost the

toss and we were put in to bat and things got off to a good start, with both openers Chris Martin and Dave Higgins (son of former captain Robert) reaching 25 and having to retire. With Robert also getting over 25 we were in a very commanding position, and despite losing a few quick wickets at the end while trying to build a mammoth score, we made a defendable 134 for 4. With a great first over from Chris taking 2 wickets we were in a strong position. With some very good tight bowling and some excellent fielding, Hampshire Bowman needed 57 runs from the last 3 overs. This proved too much and despite a good innings from their captain, who was the only wicket not to fall with a score of 66 n/o, Wickham cruised to their first victory of the new season by 20 runs.


“Having won the toss in our third match against Purbrook C, Captain Gary elected to bowl first, with Chris Martin and Gary opening with a couple of tight overs and Gary bagging an early wicket (a beauty of an inswinging Yorker, which upended the batsman's off stump). Brian Kirby and Sam Vollentine were unlucky not to get a wicket, with some hostile bowling (in-between the wide's though!!). We ended up restricting Purbrook C to 117 for 4, an achievable target at least. Chris and Dave Higgins went about opening with a swagger as usual and got us off to a great start, with Chris reaching his 25 in quick time and retiring. This brought former captain Bob Higgins to the crease only to see Dave fall for 20. A quick-fire duck for Brian and some tactical slogging from our captain brought Chris back to the crease, who saw us home, unbeaten himself on 36, Sam Vollentine on 10 and another not-out to Bob with 26. Another win to the mighty Wickham!”

The club needs an umpire and scorer for Saturday league matches. Could there be a more pleasant way of spending a Saturday afternoon? Travelling around Hampshire with friends, being out in the fresh air, getting a nice tan, being part of a team, enjoying cricket teas . . . If you are interested in joining the club or know someone that this just might suit, please give Malc Burt a call on 01329 834398.

Lesley Wilde

STAN WOODFORD PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION 2009

December has come round again and it is time to think about digging out those fantastic photographs you took earlier in the year to enter them for this year's Stan Woodford Competition.



**WICKHAM AMATEUR
PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

open to all residents of Wickham and Knowle.

Life in Wickham Parish, 2009

A trophy and cash prize will be awarded to the best entry in each of the three categories:


**ADULT
18 & UNDER
13 & UNDER**

with certificates for winners of various other categories

Closing date for entries: **31st December, 2009**
Judging will take place by 31st January 2010

Application forms available from:
Studio 6, The Square, Wickham
or e-mail: print@studio-6.co.uk
if you want one e-mailed to you.

This annual competition is dedicated to the memory of Stan Woodford, a life-long resident of Wickham, who had a passion for photography and the area in which he was born.



Or, maybe you need to get the camera out to catch the essence of one of this month's Village activities, some evocative Village scene, or some amusing incident.

I am delighted that several people have already submitted photographs, but we need a whole lot more so that we can beat last year's record of over 100 entries. Remember that there are three categories: adult, young adult (18 and under) and juniors (13 and under). Entry forms can be obtained from Studio 6, The Square, Wickham or by e-mail from print@studio-6.co.uk. You can make as many entries as you want, as prints, copies on disc, or by e-mail to print@studio-6.co.uk.

You may have seen the August exhibition in Dick Warwick's garage of all the photographs that have ever been entered for the Competition. If you missed it you can catch these entries on the Parish Council website www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk. Have a look and see how much better your photographs

are than any of them and then hurry them in to this year's Competition which ends December 31st.

Michael Carter

Wickham Fire Station



Did you know:

- You are twice as likely to die in a fire if you do not have a smoke alarm.
- 90 people die each year because the battery in their smoke alarm was flat or missing.
- Over half of house fires are caused by cooking accidents.
- More than five fires a day are caused by candles.
- Every three days someone dies from a fire caused by cigarettes.

Faulty electrics (appliances, wiring and overloaded sockets) cause around 7,000 house fires across the country every year.

Sad statistics but you can prevent your family from becoming trapped or harmed by simply fitting smoke alarms. This year Wickham Fire Station are offering a safety in the home visit arranged at your convenience. We will help you with a fire plan, point out risks and fit Fire Angel smoke alarms on your escape route. This is a totally free service. Fire Angels will last up to 10 years so no more balancing on a chair to change the battery. To arrange your visit phone Graham on 07789 926539, if I do not answer straight away please leave your name and number and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively you may wish to visit Wickham Fire Station on Tuesday evening between 7.00 and 7.30 pm. You can also phone during these times on 01329 832109. We are here to look after you all so do not miss out.

A Merry Christmas from Wickham Fire Station

Marty COLES
Wickham Fire Station Manager

November 2009

Hampshire Transport Plan Consultation

A major consultation on the future of transport in Hampshire was launched on 2 November by the County Council. It is the first stage in the preparation of the third Local Transport Plan that will cover the period from 2011 until 2026.

The views of bus, rail, ferry, air and car travellers are being sought to help shape the development of a policy focusing on the key challenges such as economic regeneration, combating climate change, ensuring equality of opportunity and safeguarding the safety, health and well-being of residents.

The plan will be three parts, one covering South Hampshire, one covering the central county and one the North.

The initial consultation lasts until 31 December and comments will form the basis of a transport plan that will be published next spring for further comments. The final plan will be prepared for submission to the Government next autumn.

Copies of the consultation brochure can be obtained from <http://www.hants.gov.uk/consultation> or by telephoning 01962 846811.

Road safety campaign

The county council has commissioned a 30-second cinema advertisement on road safety that is being aimed at young drivers and being shown at cinemas across the county. The advertisement highlights how inexperienced young drivers run a greater risk of injury and death in road crashes and the danger increases if they have young passengers.

The message says starkly that every day in Britain two young drivers under 25 die on the roads. Statistics show that one in five young drivers have an accident in the first 12 months on the roads.

Hampshire at the Albert Hall

I visited the Royal Albert Hall on 11 November for the annual Schools Prom at which this year just over 800 young people from Hampshire schools performed a new musical work, called "The Darwin Dilemma" to mark the 150th anniversary of the publication of Darwin's "The Origin of Species". The young people formed a huge choir which was backed by a brass band and dancers. This was the main piece in the programme. The Hampshire schoolchildren also sang "Earth Song" as a tribute to

the memory of Michael Jackson who died a few weeks ago.

Waterlooville Library

Hampshire's library at Waterlooville will close in February for about six months so that a major refit can take place. A temporary library will be provided in a portacabin at the Community Centre.

Work Starts at Fort Nelson

Work has started on a major project at Fort Nelson in Boarhunt Parish to construct a new visitors' centre, educational rooms for school visits, a new exhibition hall for the artillery and a new car park. The project has been made possible by a lottery grant and by financial support from Hampshire County Council.

Green Technology

Hampshire has won two major awards for its efforts to make its information technology more environmentally friendly. The first was for "Outstanding Achievement" in the Government's Greening Government awards. The second was in the Sustainable ICT category of the public sector IT Excellence awards. The awards recognise the importance of technology in reducing carbon footprint and increasing efficiency.

First anniversary of Village 30

The Village 30 initiative has completed its first year of operation with positive signs that Hampshire's drivers are taking note and easing their feet off the accelerator.

The monitoring of traffic in villages where the speed limit was reduced to 30 mph last year reveals that average speeds have fallen from 39 mph to 35 mph. Over the coming months a further 25 villages will have the speed limit reduced.

Hampshire Senate Priorities

The Hampshire Senate which brings together the leaders of all local authorities in the county has agreed a set of priorities for the next 12 months. These include combating the effects of the recession, supporting the needs of armed forces' families, providing more affordable homes and the challenges of rural life. The aim of the Senate is to achieve better working, efficiency and co-ordination among public services in the county.



Freddie Allgood

WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

December and January WCC report

Yellow lines Scheme approved

Cabinet has agreed the yellow lines proposed in Buddens Road, Mill Lane, Manor Close and Tanfield Park. Local residents, local councillors and the Parish Council have been involved in the discussions and the scheme amended accordingly. These will come into effect next year.

Warwick Way -parking time to be increased

In order to accommodate friends and visiting services to residents of Warwick Way the time allowance for parking there will be increased to 1 hour as from next year when the new yellow lines are put in.

Wickham Square Residents' Parking Scheme

The City Council will take over the parking permits from Warwicks and has written to local residents to inform them of the changes. Only 3 permits per household of named registration vehicles will be allowed at charges of £10 for the first two and £30 for the third. Householders can purchase any number of visitors' tickets. We have confirmed with the Parking Manager that there will be no problem in charity organisations eg RNLI etc getting a permit to use the Square for their one off events. They only need to ring up or notify the Parking Office at Winchester City Council and give the location and registration number etc of vehicle so that the traffic wardens know.

Knowle Village Hall

The 3 way legal agreement between The City Council, Parish Council and Berkeley Homes is progressing it is hoped it will be all signed soon.

The Wizard of Oz at the Theatre Royal

If you are looking for a traditional pantomime the Winchester's Theatre Royal pantomime is always to be recommended. This year the production is The Wizard of Oz. The City Council and Hampshire County Council both support the theatre with an annual revenue grant.

Wickham Barn Dance in aid of Mayor of Winchester's Charities

We are organising a Barn Dance in Wickham Community Centre **on Saturday February 6th 2010** in aid of the Mayor of Winchester's Charities. The Barn Dance marks the end of

Homelessness Week and the Mayor's two charities are ones for the homeless:

Emmaus Winchester and The Trinity Centre Winchester. Tickets are £15 and £6 for children including a Ploughman's Supper. The evening will start at 7.pm. Please come and join us!!

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Wickham Twinning Association

Wickham Parish is twinned with a charming seaside resort on the Normandy coast Villers-sur-Mer. We encourage links of all kinds between Wickham and



Villers which have included not only families but The British Legion and Anciens Combattants, the Primary Schools, Morris Dancers etc We have a very active membership and the committee organises fundraising events throughout the year in order to support the annual visits which take place between our two communities. Not every small village can have a twinning so we welcome members and supporters from the surrounding villages. We now have a new leaflet about our twinning which is available at all our events.

2010 events

Quiz February 27th Church Room

Garden Party: July 11th Coldharbour Close

AGM March 24th

Visit to France: last weekend of October for Fête de la Coquille

Plant Sale May 15th Warwick's Garage

Winetasting: November tbc

Do contact us if you would like to become a member or join in events / visits

Therese Evans Chair 832700;

Wickham Parish Council News

December 2009

Councillor Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor, please contact the Clerk if you are interested in standing for co-option. Applicants need to be able to attend evening meetings and be willing to undertake training.

Applications for co-option will be considered at the Full Council meeting to be held on 18th January

Christmas light switch on



6pm Wednesday
2nd December

Lantern processions 5.30pm
from the Community Centre

A new home for Wickham Scouts



The Parish Council has agreed a new site on the recreation and a proposed building design for the replacement Scout HQ.

A number of options were discussed, councillors agreed to permit the Scout's preferred site and design options.

Wickham Festival 2010

A licence application for the Festival to return in 2010 has been made, the outcome is awaited.

Skatepark improvements



Join in the discussion and help with the grant application on Facebook .
Group name: Extend Wickham

Expert help with local community planning projects needed.

The Parish Council is working on some planning documents to secure the best outcomes for the village and its residents over the coming years and we need your help please!

The Village Design Statement the village already has a VDS but it needs revising to comply with the latest planning regulations.

This document describes the nature of the physical aspects of the built and natural environment, defining policies to protect and enhance important features and to set out guidance for the design of new development.

A Village Sports Development Plan this will set out a vision for the development of new sports facilities and the enhancement of existing provision to meet current and future aspirations for Wickham and Knowle.



A new pool for Wickham by 2020?

Please contact the Clerk if you would like to assist with these projects.

Knowle

The Parish Council will be taking responsibility for the village green and play areas along with the community building at Knowle in due course, this will reduce the burden on the estate management contractor and resulting charges to residents. The building will be sublet to Knowle Community Buildings Association.



The Parish Council has fulfilled all its legal requirements to allow work to start on the new building but outstanding matters between Winchester City Council and Berkeley are still to be resolved. It is hoped work on the building will start soon.

The Council is also chasing the completion of the landscaping around the skatepark which is rightly causing concern for users.

A grant to support the development of the Knowle Post, a newsletter for residents, has been agreed by the Parish Council



Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 14th December

7.15pm Monday 18th January

Committees

7pm Monday 14th December if required

7pm Monday 11th January

Please see notice boards and website for agendas and dates and times of other meetings.



Wickham Recreation Ground

Plans are afoot for the recreation ground!

The pavilion is looking great after its refurbishment and the Scouts are planning their new HQ which will be sited just beyond the tennis court.



Plans for a multi use games area are in hand to provide all weather football training facilities and two tennis courts. This will be sited between the existing tennis court and pavilion.

Do you want to get fitter and enjoy socialising at the same time?

Walks for Health



Every Thursday at 10.15am, meet in Bishops Waltham Square. Walks will last approximately an hour (2-3 miles) and are most suitable for those with low / no activity level. For more information contact Lydia Lockhart on 01962 848725

Many thanks to local walk leader Robert Goulson for assisting with this very worthwhile project

Best wishes for a merry Christmas from the Parish Council



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Part-Time Adult Education Courses

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Swanmore Community Education Centre

Swanmore School of Technology, New Road, Swanmore SO32 2RB

Course Description	Start	Day	Start time	End time	Weeks	Booking code	Tuition fee
Bee Keeping - How To Start	22 Feb 2010	Mon	19:00	21:00	5	S601B	£60
Men's Fitness and Training	13 Jan 2010	Wed	20:00	21:30	10	S10B	£90
Gentle Hatha Yoga For All	11 Jan 2010	Mon	18:30	20:00	10	S20B	£81
Family History	11 Jan 2010	Mon	19:00	21:00	5	S611B	£50

For full details about these courses visit our website www.eastleigh.ac.uk and type the booking code into the Quick Course Search.

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How to Enrol

- Enrol by ringing Eastleigh College enrolment line 023 8091 1299 (open throughout the year) or the Swanmore Centre/Hedge End Centre on 01489 896192 / 01489 782124 (term time only) and using a credit/debit card
- Enrol online at www.eastleigh.ac.uk
- Pop in to the main campus in person at Chestnut Avenue, Eastleigh.

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