

WICKHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

50p

APRIL 2010



100 years ago! Mr. Arthur Heming delivers his wares to the people of Wickham in 1910

Inside this issue-

From the Rector	1	Fairlands School	14
Christian Aid Walk	2	Wickham Centre	15
Flowers and Music	2	Wickham Centre Diary	16
Letters, Thursday Club	3	April Village Diary	17
Church Diary	4	U3A	18
Wykeham Group Ministry	5	New Forest Show	19
Mothers' Union	6	Hampshire Wildlife Trust	20
News from Park Place	7	Meon Valley Carers	22
Church and Village Fete	8	White Horse Walk Challenge	23
Editorial, Fete Week Competitions	9	Artys at Knowle	24
Wickham C of E Primary School	10	Wickham Societies from page	25
Poem	11	Hampshire County Council	31
Rowans, Samaritans	12	Winchester City Council	32
CAB, Question Time	13	Wickham Parish Council	33

From the Rector

'Crossing the road!'



Of late I have been reflecting quite a bit on crossing roads – both in Waltham Chase (part of Sheffield Parish) and in Wickham.

In Waltham Chase, I find myself regularly having to cross the dreaded Winchester Road as I take my turn to deliver my two boys to school at St John the Baptist Primary. Sometimes I collect them at the end of the day and bring them home again too – though it's tempting to forget about that bit! Anyway, I am so grateful to the lollipop man (Steve) and lollipop lady (Judy) who escort me/us safely across the road. It can be quite scary at times!

In Wickham, I have been supporting the church-led community campaign to get a set of traffic lights installed at the dreaded A32 junction outside St Nicholas Church. That junction is just so complicated. For those of you not familiar with it – it is a disjointed crossroads which at busy times can have you (if you're driving) looking left, then right, then sort of straight ahead and then left, right and then... oops a pedestrian, of all annoying things, has stepped off the pavement, quick hit the brakes, reverse back and start again! And if you're a pedestrian, well at peak traffic times you'd be best saying your prayers and then walking a good bit away from the junction to cross. There have already been a few accidents – and I really hope that something is done to make the crossing safer before anything worse happens.

Anyway, being the sort of person I am I can't help taking these everyday things and seeing them in a spiritual context. And I got to thinking that by the time you read this (depending on when you receive this magazine) we'll probably be in the middle of either Easter preparations or Easter celebrations. And do you know that 'crossing the road' is the meaning of Easter!

Because what Jesus did on *the Cross* on Good Friday was in effect to lay himself across the chasm that separates us from God the Father. He became like a bridge that we can all walk over to get safely to the other side. In the making of that bridge quite a few cars slammed into the side of him. Let me not under-play the cost of what Jesus has done for us. But the result is a beautiful shining bridge that takes us back to the place of our origin and into the hand of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – that family of the Godhead.

So at this time of Easter as you enjoy the company of your own family and hopefully take time to enjoy some Spring weather – please consider whether you might like to cross the road safely – and if you'd like to, please use the bridge!

And if you'd like to find out more about 'crossing the road' you may like to sign up for the 'Building on Christian Foundations' course I'm running over four Monday evenings in April and May. Please do contact me for further information. (See page 2)

With my love and best wishes for you and your families at Eastertime.

Your friend and rector,



BRUCE

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

If you'd like to talk to Rev Bruce or would like to support the church either in Wickham or the parish of Shedfield (which includes Waltham Chase and Shirrell Heath), please don't hesitate to contact him at brucedeans@the-bearsden.fsnet.co.uk or on 01489 896637.

Building on Christian Foundations Course

New to church? Got some questions about Christianity? Want to check out about adult baptism or confirmation but still have some questions to ask?

Why not phone or email our Vicar/ Rector, Rev Bruce Deans (01489-896637; brucedeans@the-bearsden.fsnet.co.uk) to sign up & come along to the Building on Christian Foundations Course. We meet on four Monday evenings 19th April, 26th April, 10th May & 17th May @ 7:30pm (finish @ 9:15pm) @ The Study Centre, St John the Baptist Church, Shedfield.

Please book early as places on the course are limited!

Christian Aid Walk Sunday 9 May

What better way of spending a Sunday afternoon in springtime than enjoying a walk in our lovely Hampshire countryside to support a worthwhile cause!

9-15 May is *Christian Aid week*, when organisations across the globe will be raising funds to support the relief of poverty. Each year, the Bishop's Waltham Deanery leads a ten mile and five mile sponsored walk, and it is the turn of Shedfield parish to host the event. Last year we raised over £4000, and this time we want to better that total! Please come and join us at 2.00pm on **Sunday 9 May**, starting from **Waltham Chase village hall** (*not* Shedfield church as advertised last month).

Put this date in your diaries now and tell your friends and families! Sponsorship forms will be

available at your church from mid April – or contact Robin Boston (01329 832618) for more information.

A'THANK YOU' from The Children's Society to the Parish of St Nicholas.

I am so happy to report that over the last year all you wonderful home box holders raised the grand sum of £428.86 for this worthy charity.

It is the generosity of supporters like you which enables The Children's Society to give children the vital help and support they need. Help in finding them somewhere safe to stay, and someone to talk to them about their problems. Plus much, much more.

Every penny does truly count. I would be very happy to hear from anyone who too would like to become a home box holder.

With many thanks.

*Di Hemingway-Rice
Parish Secretary for The Children's Society
Telephone 01329 835463*

Flowers and Music



Thank you to everyone who supported our '**Flowers and Music**' afternoon on Saturday March 13th. We raised almost £500 which will pay for our shed and leave enough for some insulation and shelving!! Thank you to all

(Continued on page 3)

(Continued from page 2)

those friends who sold tickets, made cakes and helped on the day and thanks, also, to the



Botley Flower Guild and to Alan Hibbert who all gave their time and talents voluntarily – and finally if anyone feels inspired and would like to join our team do get in touch via the phone number in the Magazine – we will make you most welcome!!!

The Church Flower Team

Charity Swiss Evening

Richard and Elizabeth Greaves and David and Therese Evans would like to thank all those who came to their Swiss Evening in the Church Room last month. Hopefully you now all know what a raclette supper is, more about Swiss wines and about the country. The evening was a great success and the excellent news is that we raised £2,000 which will be shared by our two nominated charities -Naomi House and Park Place Wickham. Thank you everyone for coming, joining in the fun, bidding at the auction and being so generous. It was a very worthwhile result!

Richard, Elizabeth ,David and Therese

Thursday Club

The club met on 4th March to hear a most interesting talk by Maurice Kemp, on the Big Bands of the 30s and 40s. Not a still foot in the hall! He first heard jazz music being played when he was 14 and it started him on a lifetime's

interest. He still presents the Jazz Programme on Radio Haslar on Fridays.

He started with Nat Gonella - Britain's equivalent to Louis Armstrong - who ended up living in Gosport. Humphrey Lyttleton opened 'Nat Gonella Square' and there are several other places in the town which bear his name. Maurice played extracts of works by the Dorsey brothers, Stan Kenton, Glen Miller, and others, all of which were familiar. Also jazz settings to classical works by Mozart and Rimsky-Korsakov.

The banjo came under discussion, not a very valued instrument apparently as there are many jokes about it. Did you know a definition of a gentleman is one who can play a banjo, but doesn't? Or the difference between a trampoline and a banjo? You take your shoes off to jump on a trampoline!

The next Thursday Club meeting is on 1st April when there will be an audio-visual presentation to music by Mr. John May. New members are warmly welcomed, so do just roll up and come and enjoy a talk and a lovely tea. If you have any difficulty in getting to the Wickham Centre we can arrange transport for you.

Jane England

LETTERS

Dear Reader

I am writing to tell you about Wickham Arc or its former name Wasps. It is an after school club for children aged 9 – 16. We, the children and members, come up here everyday after school to see our friends, to do our homework and cooking.

Last year we had some sad news that we were being closed down because we didn't have the right funding but in 2009 we re-opened with the help of Liz Rowe, Mike Douglas and the volunteers Kirsty Campbell and Daniel Redfern, but once again we have been let down because of funding.

We are trying everything we can to reopen Wickham Arc such as jumble sales, sponsored walks and talent shows which are going to be happening soon.

If you would like to help us with our money problems even the tiniest donation would help.

Please contact us on

lizzierowe@hotmail.co.uk

Tara Campbell age 13 on behalf of ARC

APRIL 2010 CHURCH DIARY

Thurs 1		MAUNDY THURSDAY	
	10:00	Wickham Primary School Easter Service	
	19:30	Maundy Thursday Service with optional washing of feet	St Nicholas
Fri 2		GOOD FRIDAY	
	10:30	Service in Square followed by	
	11:00	Walk of Witness to St John the Baptist stopping off at Park Place Pastoral Centre for refreshments. If walking please bring a packed lunch and stay for	
	14:00	Good Friday Service with hymns	St John the Baptist.
Sun 4		EASTER SUNDAY	
	06:00	Dawn Service	St John the Baptist
	08:00	Holy Communion 1. Cor. 15.19-26 Luke 24 1-12	St Nicholas
	09:45	Parish Communion	St Nicholas
		<i>NO EVENING SERVICE TONIGHT</i>	
Mon 5	18:00	Songs of Praise in Winchester Cathedral Ticket Entrance only	
Tues 6	10:00	Holy Communion	Normandy Court
	19:15	P.C.C.	Lady Chapel
Sun 11		SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	08:00	Holy Communion Acts 5.27-32 John 20.19-31	St Nicholas
	09:45	Parish Communion	
Sun 18		THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	08:00	Holy Communion Psalm 30	St Nicholas
		<i>PLEASE JOIN US FOR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST BETWEEN THE 8AM AND 9.45AM SERVICES</i>	
	09:45	Morning Worship John 21. 1-19	St Nicholas
		to include Holy Baptism of Allanah Ebony Forshaw	
Fri 23	14:00	Holy Matrimony : Patrick Butler/Lucille Storey	
Sun 25		FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	08:00	Holy Communion Psalm 23 John 10.22 – 30	St Nicholas
	09:45	Parish Communion	
	11:00	ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING	
		<i>Please attend if at all possible</i>	
MAY			
Sun 2		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
	08:00	Holy Communion Acts 11.1-18 John 13 31-35	St Nicholas
	09:45	Family Service	
	18:00	Choral Evensong	

FROM THE REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Erin Ruby Kinsella-Snellgrove 7th March 2010

R.I.P.

Edward Money 65 years
Joan Stubbington

2nd March 2010
17th March 2010

The Wykeham Group Ministry ~ Regular Pattern of Sunday Services

	Shedfield Parish Church Saint John the Baptist	Wickham Parish Church Saint Nicholas	Swanmore Parish Church Saint Barnabas
1st Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion (No Evening Service)	8.00 am CW Communion 9.45 am Family All Age 6.00 pm Choral Evensong	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Family Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Family All Age 6.00 pm Evening Prayer	8.00 am CW Communion 9.45 am Parish Communion (No Evening Service)	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion 6.30pm Evening Prayer
3rd Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion 6.00 pm Choral Evensong	8.00 am CW Communion 9.45 am Morning Worship (No Evening Service)	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Family Service 6.30 pm Holy Communion
4th Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Morning Worship 6.00 pm Evening Prayer	8.00 am CW Communion 9.45 am Parish Communion (No Evening Service)	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	8.00 am BCP Communion (10.00 am 'Experimental Service' at Waltham Chase Village Hall) 6.00 pm Evening Prayer	8.00 am CW Communion 9.45 am Mattins (10.00 am 'The Other Service' at Wickham Primary School) (No Evening Service)	8.00 am BCP Communion 10.00 am Parish Communion 6.30 pm Home Groups' Service

Swanmore Village Ball 2010



Preparations are already in full swing for the Swanmore Village Ball to be held in the grounds of Swanmore Primary School. The **new** date for the ball is **Saturday 3rd July 2010**. There will be a fabulous stylish marquee, live music, dancing and casino tables to create another wonderful evening of fun and laughter! This year we are pleased to announce that the proceeds are going to be shared between the Primary School and Naomi House Children's Hospice, which offers respite care to sick children and their families. (www.naomihouse.org.uk) There has already been a lot of interest this year and places are limited so get your friends together and reserve a table of 10 **now** by contacting Sandra on 07817197696 or emailing sandrapcox@tiscali.co.uk. Booking forms for this event are available from Swanmore Primary School and Swanmore Village Store.

Mothers' Union Report for March meeting.

At our March meeting, Anne Shotlander gave us the second instalment of her talk on the Jewish religion. This time she told us all about Passover.

After a greeting in Hebrew, Anne reminded us of the familiar story of how the Jews were slaves in Egypt and how they finally escaped. They had been told by God to slaughter a lamb and put its blood on the doorpost of their houses. That night, all the first born of the Egyptians would be killed, but those with the lamb's blood on their doorposts would be "passed over" and spared, giving them the opportunity to escape. The Passover celebrated by Jews up to the present day commemorates this event.

All Jewish houses have a muzusa on the doorpost which is a little box containing a parchment roll containing the law or shema.

The Passover celebrations last for ten days, starting on the first Friday after the first full moon after March 21st. The entire house will be thoroughly spring cleaned and anything containing flour is thrown out symbolising getting rid of any evil. For the benefit of the children a small amount of flour is spread in a trail. The younger members of the family love to follow this trail, sweeping it into a heap with a feather and putting a match to it which makes an exciting bang.

The table is laid with a white tablecloth, two candlesticks containing white candles and a silver cup called Elijah's cup which is filled with wine although this is not actually drunk. There is a round dish called a seder, containing a roasted shank bone and a roasted egg symbolising the new free life which the Jews expected in the promised land, together with lettuce and cucumber. They have horseradish to symbolise bitterness in their life in Egypt, and charoseth which is ground up apple and cinnamon representing the mortar between the bricks of their houses. A small dish of salt water reminds them of their bitter tears during captivity. Everyone has a wine glass ready for four toasts

during the evening, and all the food is cooked using Matzos meal instead of flour.

There is always an extra empty seat prepared at the table in case Elijah or another prophet should arrive.

The mother lights the candles to indicate that proceedings have started. The religious part starts with prayers for the departed and then involves reading the story of Exodus, everyone having the haggadah book in front of them. When the bit comes about all the plagues, wine is flicked out of their glasses (great fun!). As this all takes a very long time, they pause in the middle and have their meal which is a very special one, often with soup followed by cold fried fish, then roast lamb, finishing with a dessert which looks a bit like fried Christmas pudding. The religious service is then resumed but this must be completed by midnight.

A similar celebration happens each evening during the ten days of Passover.

Although this Passover celebration has continued almost unchanged for such a long time, in the twentieth century an addition was made to remember the six million Jews killed in the holocaust.

It was such an interesting talk including so much detail that it is impossible to give it full justice. Thank you Anne, for giving us such an enjoyable and instructive afternoon. Thank you also to Anne Marshall for hosting the afternoon.

The fundraising lunch held last month made £120 which will be divided between the Mothers' Union overseas and disaster funds.

Our next meeting is a joint one with Shedfield and our speaker will be the Revd Harvey Griffiths. His subject is Southwick Priory. This is on Tuesday April 13th at 2.15pm, and is in the church room.

Margaret Edgworth.

News from Park Place.



Thank God that this cold winter seems to be ending at last. Spring will be soon be with us and everything will be green again, celebrating the new life that Easter brings.

At Park Place we are once more thanking some of our Wickham friends for their generous efforts on behalf of the Sisters.

On 20th February, Therese Evans, her husband and a couple of friends held a fundraising evening, the proceedings to be shared between Naomi House and Park Place. This took place in the Church Room next to St Nicholas, and was in the form of a 'Swiss Evening'.

They raised the amazing sum of £2000 and when the gift aid is added, this will amount to around £1200 for each.

We thank them very much for their generosity; we are indeed blessed to have such good friends. We have a new event planned for 5th June, which will take place in the garden at Park Place. It is to be called 'Folk at Park Place' and we are looking forward to it very much indeed. There will be Folk music and Dance groups, and we hope lots of you will come and enjoy music in the open air on a summer's day. You might like to bring a picnic with you, but there will also be some refreshments and soft drinks on sale. We plan to start at about 3pm and finish at about 7pm.

Full details will be in the June edition.

Sister Evelyn has returned from her travels, and Sister Karuna from her visit home to India. We welcome them back with great joy.

Sister Juliette has recently departed for her much needed rest, and we wish her a restful break.

When this edition of this magazine comes out, we will be in Holy Week.

On behalf of the Sisters, Father Andrew, and all of us, we wish you a very happy and holy Easter.

God Bless.

Leila.

Winchester Alzheimer's Society.

WILDLIFE in the GARDEN

by Andrew Cleave MBE

7.30pm Thursday 11th

March 2010

The Tower, Kings' School, Romsey Road, Winchester

Come and listen to Andrew, a passionate enthusiastic expert, giving a factual and humorous look at the wildlife which shares our gardens. The illustrated talk covers both the gardener's friends, and those species some may call pests, including organic and environmentally friendly methods of dealing with them.

£10.00 a ticket (glass of wine & nibbles included).

In aid of the ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY - WINCHESTER & DISTRICT BRANCH.

Support, information and advice on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia for carers, family and relatives. Volunteers always needed and welcomed.

GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY

2nd Tuesdays, 10.30 am - 12.15 pm at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore.

Books, teaching tapes, music and films ~ to borrow.

Greetings cards and notelets ~ to buy.

Coffee and tea served.



**ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH AND WICKHAM VILLAGE FETE
SATURDAY 12TH JUNE, 2010**

The Fete is held each year in the beautiful gardens of Beverley

Gates open at 12.30

Do make a note in your diary to come and enjoy:

STALLS ~ BBQ ~ PIMMS TENT

GAMES ~ CHILDREN'S FUN CORNER

AUCTION ~ GRAND DRAW

LIVE MUSIC

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Please start saving items for our stalls:

Books, bottles, bric a brac, jewellery, toiletries, tombola, DVD's and nearly new.

Thank you to all those who have already signed up to help – we particularly need more volunteers to run the nearly new stall and to help in the tea tent

Please contact - Sue Pittam (828589) Judy Lucas (833655) Niki Cartwright (833749) or Di Frost (832633) – we look forward to hearing from you!





SCARECROW COMPETITION

As part of this year's Fete on Saturday 12th June 2010

All you have to do is build a scarecrow of your own design using whatever materials you have to hand.

The rules are simple:

Maximum height 1.5 metres and must have a central pole which can be fixed to a support or stake for display purposes.

There are 3 groups:

Made by up to 2 people,
Made by up to 6 people
and Made by any organisation (eg Scouts)

Start planning your scarecrow now and for added points dress him as a pirate!



Grand Draw 2010

The Summer Grand Draw will take place at the St Nicholas' Summer Fete on 12 June 2010. This year we have, as usual, great support from our local traders in the village.

The first and second prizes are cash prizes of £200.00 and £100.00 respectively. There are also two generous prizes of £75.00 vouchers donated by Tulls the Butcher and Hemings Hardware. Those of you who are local will know of both the quality of Tulls meat and the diverse products available in the Hemings Aladdin's cave. There will be many other prizes, all donated by our generous local traders, and we thank them for their support again this year.

I appeal to all our Magazine readers to try and sell the tickets enclosed with the May issue. Please do not worry if you are unable to do so, you are not alone as many do not find asking people to buy raffle tickets an easy or agreeable task but nonetheless this is a major fund raising event for the Church and I am asking you once again to respond as you have always done in the past. Should you be unable to buy or sell the tickets I ask you to return them to me at the Rectory or to Pages Newsagent so that we can

sell them elsewhere or on the day of the Fete; it is of note that last year we ran out of tickets during the Fete as your support and popular demand ensured we were able to sell all our tickets.

The tickets are 50p each and a full book is £2.50, if you wish to purchase just one ticket it will be appreciated and providing the remaining tickets are returned we can sell them it is important to enjoy the occasion and not to feel "put upon" or embarrassed.

Tickets will be on sale in the Square on the days leading up to the Fete should you require more tickets.

I thank you for your support and look forward to presenting you with your prize.

Adrian Groves

Editorial.

Easter will soon be upon us bringing, hopefully, an end to the long, dreary winter and the start of a new spring. To all those who supported the elderly and the housebound through the dark days of winter, your kindness and consideration has been much appreciated. Springtime also seems to kick-start numerous village events and functions, spread across the coming months. From fêtes to picnics to gatherings. Most are listed in the following pages and many villagers use the much valued magazine calendar as a 'first point of call' when searching for events information.

Please read Chris Samway's delightful 'Wickham Scout Group' article. A heart-warming mix of hands-on adventure, prayers of the young and fun-packed activities. Great stuff, it is enough to melt even the coldest heart!

You will see two 'appeals' in this edition, one close to home and another far away. The first is a letter from Liz Rowe asking for donations to fund the Wickham After School club (Wickham Arc) a much needed and valued community project.....and the second is a long and moving article about Phillip Dean of Swanmore who, for many years, has cared for a small army of orphans in Sierra Leone. Please try to support these most worthy causes.

Thanks to the Wickham Morris-men for the advanced warning of the (at dawn, yes, 5.15 a.m!) May Day celebrations. Sadly, my bedroom window is but a few feet from their favoured dance spot, so I shall enjoy the stick bashing, rousing festivities - like it or not! Don't suppose that you could leave the fiddle and that big drum at home. No? Thought not.....ah well, it's only once a year and it's all part of Wickham's rich tapestry of life!

DB

WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

April 2010



We have had a very busy and rewarding Spring Term at Wickham Church of England Primary School. There have been several special events planned to activate and inspire our children's learning including some which have taken us out into the community.

Our netball and football teams have taken part in local tournaments and our Year 6 class have been working on a particularly exciting Design Technology project called "Green Goblin". This involves building an electric kit car from scratch and then racing against cars from other schools. Reports of these events have been written by our children.

Green Goblin

The Greenpower Goblin kit car is designed specifically to offer primary school pupils a chance to get involved in a simple, practical engineering project that embraces many relevant aspects of science and technology in a fun and exciting way. This year our Year 6 class have worked on the Green Goblin project as part of their design and technology classwork. Not only have they built and raced the electric kit cars but they have also secured sponsorship from local companies to cover the associated costs of the project. We are particularly grateful to parent volunteers David Tibbert and Andy Paice who have helped the children build, test and refine their cars and for the financial support we have received from Innovations Group, Angela Holidays and Brijan Tours. On Saturday 13th March our three Green Goblins – Wickham Lightning, Wickham Whizzer and Wickham Eagle competed at the Mountbatten Sports Centre against cars from



other local schools. We were extremely well supported by parents on the day and the children raced very well in team T-shirts they had designed themselves. The cars were placed 4th, 7th and 9th overall and everyone is looking forward to the next race meeting which will take place at Goodwood in July. The following report was written by Year 6:

Before we even started to build the cars we were put into groups to form three race teams. We wrote to local companies to ask for sponsorship to support our entry in the two racing events and fortunately all three teams got positive replies. The people who so kindly sponsored us were the Innovation Group, Angela Holidays and Brijan Tours – thank you!

First we had to open the boxes and sort the pieces out. Then we had to build the frame, after that came the tricky parts! We had to build the chassis and make sure it was stable. Next we had to add on all the motor parts and the electrical bits like the wires and the battery.

Finally, when we had all the chassis and cables assembled in the correct places we had to design the side and front panels for the cars. We had chosen names for our race teams so we designed the panels to show our team names and our sponsors.

We have practised racing our three electric cars and will race for real at the Mountbatten Centre on Saturday 13th March 2010 and at Goodwood on Sunday 18th July 2010. Our class is so excited about racing at these two

places and we are hoping to win a few of the races for our sponsors and our school!

Netball Team News

On Tuesday 9th March our school netball team took part in the annual Netball Rally held at Bishop's Waltham Junior School. Teams from

(Continued on page 11)

(Continued from page 10)

six local schools within the Sports Partnership entered the High 5 tournament. We were put into a mini-league and our first game was against St John The Baptist Primary School. We fought hard but were defeated 4-0. Next we played Bishop's Waltham Junior School where excellent



speed of passing and great shooting gave us a 5-0 victory. We had done enough to qualify as runner up in our mini league and went on to face Curdridge Primary School for a place in the final. Despite the efforts of our wonderful defence we were beaten 5-0. Our final match was to decide 3rd and 4th place and we faced Swanmore Primary School. In a nail-biting decider we managed to hold our advantage and earned 3rd place overall in the tournament with a 2-1 victory.

We are extremely proud of our netball team's achievements. Well done to the girls and boys from Years 5 and 6 in the team who played so well and represented our school brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. We are also grateful to Miss Lewis, our teacher in charge and to Karenza Stocker our dedicated coach who is a parent volunteer.

Maria Ackland (Headteacher)

NO BACKGROUND

**I slaved sixteen hours a day on that farm,
Slept on a concrete verandah. No pay.
No medical care. Denied school. A stray.
They'd shipped me overseas for a better
life,
They said. Told me that mum and dad
were dead.
They lied. I lost my brother. Found
another
Christian Brother masked in a black
soutane,
Who clasped my naked back. Abuse.
Abuse.
Abuse. They stood us in a horseshoe ring.
Made us witness sickening punishing.
No use complaining. No background, you
see.
Such loneliness: an ice block in your heart
That will not melt. Where are my folks?
Such lies.
Where are they? Who am I? Time's
running out.
Who were they, the nameless faceless
liars?
Late, late Prime Ministers apologise.**

Tony Johnson

ST NICHOLAS MUGS

**I have on sale in the church on Sunday
mornings, some white bone china mugs
showing a picture of the church on both sides,
at the reasonable price of £4:95p each.**

**You can buy direct from me
my telephone number is Wickham 832900
and I will deliver.
Joyce Johnston**

(Thousands of children were sent overseas to Canada and Australia in the 19th and 20th centuries, right up until 1967, from children's homes, including Barnado's and Church of England homes. The Australian Prime Minister apologised at the end of last year and Gordon Brown on 24 February)



YOUR LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP

Have you any ideas for arranging a fundraising event where we can all help and enjoy the occasion within the Meon, Boarhunt, Southwick Support Group area please?

Maybe there is someone who would be prepared to open their garden?

Maybe hold a coffee morning or afternoon tea?

Events contribute towards the ongoing running costs at the hospice, nearly £10,000 per day.

As most of you know the specialist hospice care and support is provided without any charge, to patients with a life limiting illness, their relatives and carers, residing in Portsmouth & South East Hampshire.

We really do look forward to hearing from you - many thanks.

023 9238 2433 / 023 9237 0647

Samaritans of Portsmouth and East Hampshire

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SAMARITANS?

How much do you know about Samaritans?

The Samaritans organisation is one of the longest-established and most respected in our local community, and its services are needed more now than ever before.

The local Portsmouth and East Hampshire branch is asking for help to ensure that it can continue to provide its essential 24-hour service for people who are feeling suicidal or depressed, or who

need emotional support.

Samaritans are seeking people who can assist in any of the following ways :

Train as a Listening Volunteer to support callers

Samaritans listening volunteers come from all sorts of backgrounds and, because full training is given, need no specific experience. The obligation is to undertake one 3- or 4-hour day-time duty per week, plus one 6-hour night-time duty per month. Duties may be undertaken at times to suit the volunteer. Volunteers are trained to support callers not only on the telephone, but also face-to-face and by e-mail (no computer knowledge required!)

Make a donation or help with fund-raising for Samaritans

Samaritans are dependent upon voluntary contributions, and the Portsmouth and East Hampshire branch needs to raise over £100 a day just to cover its costs. They need people who can spare a little time to join their team street and house-to-house collectors, or who can place a collecting tin in their workplace. They are also asking people to think of them when they next update their wills.

Assist with publicity or raising awareness

Samaritans need to raise awareness in the local community about the 24-hour availability and support which they provide. They would like to be able to increase the number of callers using their service in the hope of supporting even more people experiencing distress or suicidal feelings. This requires wide distribution of posters, leaflets and other publicity. Samaritans will also provide speakers to other organisations or meetings of community groups.

If you feel that you can help Samaritans achieve their objectives in any of these ways, please contact them now :

Phone : 023 9269 1313

E-mail : portsmouth@samaritans.org

Write :
Samaritans, 296 London Road,
Portsmouth, PO2 9JN

Visit their website : www.samaritans.org/portsmouth

CAB

Q. I've just moved house. How do I make sure I'm registered to vote in time for the general election?

A. To vote in any election you must be on the electoral register. Registration forms are delivered to every household each Autumn, and generally people can check if they are registered to vote by contacting their local council. But if you have recently moved, then you need to register by visiting your local electoral registration office and filling in a registration form. Alternatively you can apply online, print off the form and sign it, then send it off to your electoral registrations office.

You can apply to be added to the register at any time throughout the year, but registration applications must be received between two to four weeks before polling day, depending on the election timetable, and registration can take up to eight weeks, so register as soon as you can to be sure you don't lose your vote.

It's important to be aware that there are two versions of the electoral register. The full version lists everyone in the constituency who is eligible to vote. This is available to political parties, some government agencies and credit reference agencies. It is also available for public inspection all year round at council offices and certain other places. There is also an edited version of the electoral register which is available for open sale. You have the right to opt out of this version of the register.

For more information about the process, and restrictions on who can register to vote, see the Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk and the Electoral Commission's website www.aboutmyvote.co.uk or 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

'Question Time'

Tuesday 20th April at 7.30pm

**Waltham Chase Methodist Church
Curdrige Lane, Waltham Chase, Southampton, SO32 2LD**

An opportunity to question prospective Meon Valley party political candidates.

Questions in advance to organiser Steve Bridge (e-mail: bridge.s@talk21.com)

Organiser: Steve Bridge, 12 Forest Close, Waltham Chase, Southampton, SO32 2NB



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)**

The children have been practising very hard for our Spring Concert and are very excited to finally be able to perform to all their Mummies, Daddys, Grandparents and Carers. We have some very talented young stars of



the future, so look out for them on the X Factor!

We celebrated the Chinese New Year by enjoying a food tasting morning, which included prawn crackers, noodles and fortune cookies. The children had great fun trying to master the skill of using chopsticks! They created wonderful Dragon Masks and Chinese lanterns and at the end of the week they all took part in a procession in the playground, where the children wore their masks and played musical instruments and pretended to be scary Dragons!

Our dance/ballet afternoon (Thursday 1.15pm -3.45pm) is proving to be a great success and the children are managing to teach us their newly learned steps! We would like to officially welcome Miss Smith onto our team at Fairlands.



We will be running our Summer Play Scheme again this year. The dates for this are July 21st – August 20th (Mon- Fri). This is available to any children between the ages of 2 – 10. If you require any further information please contact Mrs Smith in the school office on 01329 834848.

Some tickets are still available for our Quiz Night on Saturday May 15th in the Reading Rooms, Shedfield at 7.30pm. If you would like to come and join us, to help raise funds for our new Outdoor Provision please feel free to contact us.

Jo and Carol
(Headteachers)



WICKHAM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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



OLDER PEOPLE'S WELLBEING

More and more people are choosing to stay in their own homes and to rely on help from relatives and neighbours for support. There are lots of ways in which the official agencies can help but is everyone aware of what help is available?

We are also conscious of the good work that our village organisations are doing and Wickham has a fantastic culture of caring for our neighbours. To support the good work, the community Development group at Wickham Centre is working on ways in which we can help.

If anyone needs a bit of information, please just give us a ring at the office – we are not the experts but we can

put you in touch with a person who is. We have guidance notes in the office and a directory of all the government agencies as well as other people that can give FREE help.



FINDING OUT.

This Summer we will be sending out an enquiry form, to discover the needs in the community. If you live in Winchester, there is lots of help at hand, like Dial-a-Ride and Carers Together. We want to find out what you need to make life a bit easier and interesting. Please take the time to fill in the form and get it back to us; it could make a lot of difference.



Citizens Advice
the diary for your community

Don't Forget that the Citizens Advice Bureau is available at the Centre. They are experts on all sorts of matters, legal and practical. Joyce and her team are at your service every Thursday from 10.00 am. Or you can phone Bishops Waltham CAB on 01489 896376 any day.



GETTING THERE

IF getting to hospital or making an important appointment can be a problem. Please phone

Community Care

– either Sue Leatham on 01329 834925 or Heather Oswald on 01329 835061





WICKHAM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

April 2010

**April 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 (19th April
cancelled)

Rifle Club Monday 7.30 - 9pm

Ladies Circuits during term time Tuesday
10 - 11am

Mobile Library Wickham Square Tuesday
9.15am – 12.45pm

Scallywags Dog Training
Tuesday 6.30pm

Wickham Indoor Bowling Tuesday and
Friday 7.30pm

Brownies Tuesday 4.45pm Church Room

Lunch Club 11.30am Wednesday Church
Room

Cubs Wednesdays 6.30 - 8pm

Youth Club Wednesday 6 - 8pm

Slimming World Wednesday 5.15pm &
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

Fareham Cavey Guinea pig Show
Sunday 11th April

Tea Dance Monday 12th April 1.30pm

WI Wednesday 14th April 2pm

Beer Festival Saturday 17th April

Tea Dance Monday 26th April 1.30pm

Aero model Club Thursday 29th April 7pm

Ballroom Dance Saturday 24th April 8pm

Athena Fair Sunday 25th April

U3A Tuesday 27th April 2pm

Parish Assembly Wednesday 28th April
6.30pm

For more details on activities and events
please contact the Centre

Check the website for details of rooms
available and hire charges

www.wickhamcentre.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you!



APRIL 2010 VILLAGE DIARY

Thurs	1	14:00	Thursday Club	Wickham Centre
Fri	2	10:30	Health Visiting Team	Church Room
		14:00	St Nicholas Art Group,	Church Room
Sat	3	08:00	Men's Breakfast Club,	Church Room
Mon	5	19:30	Circle Dancing,	Church Room
Tues	6	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
		16:45	Brownies,	Church Room
		19:15	P.C.C.	Lady Chapel
		19:30	Wickham History Society,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Wed	7	12:00	Lunch Club,	Church Room
Thur	8	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
Fri	9	10:00	Health Visiting Team,	Church Room
		14:00	St Nicholas Art Group,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre-
Mon	12	11:00	Spinners and Weavers,	Church Room
		13:30 – 16:00	Tea Dance, Admission £2.50	Wickham Centre
		19:30	Circle Dancing,	Church Room
Tue	13	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
		10:30-12:15	Good News Travelling Library	Paterson Centre Swanmore
		14:15	Mothers' Union Meeting,	Church Room
		16:45	Brownies,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Society	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Wed	14	12:00	Lunch Club,	Church Room
		14.00	W.I	Wickham Centre
		19:30	Wickham Wives,	Church Room
Thur	15	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
Fri	16	10:30	Health Visiting Team,	Church Room
		14:00	St Nicholas Art Group,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Sat	17		LAST DAY FOR COPY FOR MAY MAGAZINE	
		11:00-16:30	Charity Beer Festival	Wickham Centre
		18:00-23:00	Charity Beer Festival	Wickham Centre
Mon	19	11:00	Spinners and Weavers	Church Room
		19:30	Light Railway Association	Church Room
Tue	20	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
		16:45	Brownies,	Church Room
		19:30	First Responders,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Wed	21	12:00	Lunch Club,	Church Room
		19:30	Model Engineering Society,	Church Room

(Continued on page 18)

(Continued from page 17)

Thur	22	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
Fri	23	10:30	Health Visiting Team,	Church Room
		14:00	St Nicholas Art Group,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Sat	24	14:00	Private Party,	Church Room
		20:00 – 23:00	Saturday Evening Dance Admission £4.00	Wickham Centre
Sun	25	11:00 ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING		St Nicholas
			Please attend if at all possible	
Mon	26	11:00	Spinners and Weavers	Church Room
		13:30 – 16:00	Tea Dance Admission £2.50, at the	Wickham Centre
		19:30	Circle Dancing,	Church Room
Tues	27	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
		16:45	Brownies,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre
Wed	28	12:090	Lunch Club,	Church Room
		18: 30	Wickham Parish Assembly	Wickham Centre
Thur	29	09:30	Poppins Playgroup,	Church Room
		10:00	Coffee Morning	Wickham House, The Square
Fri	30	10:00	Health Visiting Team,	Church Room
		14:00	St Nicholas Art Group,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham Indoor Bowling,	Wickham Centre

MAY

Sat	1	08:00	Men's Breakfast Club,	Church Room
Mon	3	19:30	Circle Dancing,	Church Room
Tues	4	09:30	Poppins Play Group,	Church Room
		16:45	Brownies,	Church Room
		19:30	Wickham History Society,	Church Room
Thurs	6	14:00	Thursday Club	Wickham Centre



Meon Valley

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

Apr 13	2pm	" Changing Military Uniforms - 1815 to 1915 " talk and demonstration by Barbara & Roger Glancefield of Regency Society Wickham Centre	Guests welcome
	20	2pm	READING GROUPS: telephone (01329) 833384 for details
	27	2pm	" Iceland - Land of Fire and Ice " illustrated talk by Dr. Alan Green Wickham Community Centre Guests welcome
May 11	2pm	Annual General Meeting Wickham Centre	



Poppins Play Group

Poppins provides a relaxed environment for mums and carers, and plenty of toys and room for the children to play



Come and join us on a Tuesday and Thursday morning, from 9:30 in the Church room at the back of St Nicholas, Wickham.

£1 entry, free tea and coffee, juice and biscuits for children.

Plenty of free parking

Celebrating The 90th New Forest & Hampshire County Show

Note for your diary! The New Forest & Hampshire County Show is celebrating its 90th Anniversary this year so we are planning a whole series of events to celebrate this momentous year in our history.



I hope you can help us. Please dig out your attics and let us have any memorabilia you have on the Show from years gone by, as we are going to have a marquee full of memorabilia for everyone to view at the Show.

We are also looking for anyone who is 90 years old this year, lives in Hampshire and is relatively active, to get in touch as we wish to invite one every day to be our special guest at the Show.



The Show this year will be on 27th to 29th July at New Park, Brockenhurst. If you or

anyone you know wish to enter any of the competitions or classes, have a stand, book corporate hospitality or take part in any type of sponsorship however large or small, contact the show office on 01590 622400.

Details about this year's Show, its main events, new additions and a whole range of information can be found at www.newforestshow.co.uk

All tickets for the Show are 20% off until July 11th when you buy from the show office or via our web site!

Credit card hotline is now open on 01590 622409 and the new web site will be up shortly to buy tickets on line.

Jackie Neylon, Press Officer,
The New Forest & Hampshire County Show

ALL IN THE APRIL EVENING

IN AID OF THE ROWANS HOSPICE

**AT THE MEON HALL
MEONSTOKE**

FRIDAY APRIL 16TH @ 7:30pm

A concert of choral and instrumental music, with more than a hint of humour – with solos, duets, poetry, a Politician's hymn and some "Mud, glorious mud", accompanied by David Burgess and Pat Matthews. Tickets £12 to include your first glass of wine. Don't miss it!



Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Working for Wildlife

Debbie Tann, Chief Executive of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, has issued a call to action for local nature lovers. As the Trust enters its 50th anniversary year, we are embarking on a bold new approach to nature conservation – a vision to create living landscapes and living seas rich in wildlife, valued by everyone.



It will be a challenge. Wildlife is under greater pressure than ever, from housing development, climate change and the way we all live. The Trust has very successfully safeguarded wildlife in nature reserves for the last fifty years, but it is no longer enough. Habitats and species continue to decline in the wider countryside whilst our reserves become ever more isolated.

Of course we have to continue to protect our special sites, but they must be enlarged and joined up. We need to encourage wildlife to spread into new areas so that it can recover. It's time to think big.

The current economic crisis is adding to the pressure, but the downturn may present positive opportunities for the environment and wildlife. We need to promote the real value of natural resources and the importance of our rather fragile world, without which we simply could not survive.

Our vision recognises the incredibly important job that nature does in supporting human life. Nature provides clean air, water and food, pollution control, flood alleviation and climate regulation; wild places provide us with spiritual wellbeing and a chance to recharge our batteries away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

Human beings need wildlife and wild places; it's as simple as that. Living landscapes and living seas can provide us with the environment we need for the 21st Century.

Our 50th anniversary is an opportunity to take a major step forward in making this vision a reality – but we need more members to do so. In order to grow our numbers, we are looking to employ Part time Field Officers to build on an already impressive 28,000 membership.

Pauline Liddiard is an experienced member of the team and says, "Since I began working for the Wildlife Trust I have met some really interesting people. They like to tell me about the wildlife they have in their garden and in the local area. When a new member joins us, I enjoy knowing that this is having a positive effect on wildlife for the future."

Would you be interested in helping us to find new members using your knowledge of the local area? The hours are flexible and you will be joining a friendly team, dedicated to ensuring that wildlife thrives where you live. If you have already have experience of door to door or face to face recruitment, or would like to gain these skills, then we would like to hear from you. Just contact us on 01489 774400 or look at our website www.hwt.org.uk for full details.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events

April Wed 7

FA **Hatch Egg - Hatch!** 10.30am–12noon. Join us for a session of crafts and activities related to birds, nests and eggs. An event for families. 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 Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring warm coats and wellies.

Sat 10

BW **Dawn Chorus Walk and Breakfast** 5.30am. Pete Potts, HCC Countryside Ranger, will lead a walk to hear the gradual awakening of the birds to the sun rise, with a cooked breakfast to look forward to at the end. Please wear wellies or walking boots. Meet at the Cricklemede entrance to The Moors (Map ref. SU 558 169). Parking is available in the road. Booking is essential so for further details and to book your place, please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Cost adults £5, children £2.50 to include cooked breakfast.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events (contd.)

April Mon 12

FA **The Wildlife of Portsdown Hill and Surrounding Area** 7.30pm. John Goodspeed will give an illustrated talk on this wildlife-rich, open access area on our doorstep, drawing from his experience of leading many walks in the area. 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.

Wed 14

FA **Itchen Navigation Guided Walk** 10.30am-12.30pm. Join us for a guided walk, led by Polly Whyte, along the Itchen Navigation to see how the Trust has restored the banks for the benefit of wildlife. Find out about the history and conservation importance of this special waterway. Meet outside the Bridge pub near Shawford train station (Map ref. SU 472 249). For further information please contact Peter Adams on 01329 287653. Suggested donation £2.

Tue 20

FA **A Seed in Need** 10.30am-12noon. What do seeds need to help them grow? And what do they look like when they start growing? Come along and find out in this session of seed related activities and plant a sunflower to take home with you. 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 details and to book your place, please contact Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Please bring outdoor clothing and wellies. Suggested donation £2.50 per child.

May Fri 14

FA **The Hamble River, Holly Hill and Wendelholme** 10.30am-2pm. Join us for an enjoyable walk up the river from Warsash and back through the woodlands looking for birds, butterflies and flowers. Please bring a picnic lunch. Meet and park in the car park by the river in Shore Road, Warsash (Map ref. SU 489 062). For further details, please contact John Goodspeed on 023 9222 1361 or 07811 435252. Suggested donation £2.50.

Sun 16

BW **Pond Dipping** 9am. Join Pete Potts, HCC Countryside Ranger, to see what is lurking in the depths of the pond. Meet at Claylands Nature Reserve, Claylands Road, Bishops Waltham. There is parking beside the household refuse site. (Map ref. SU 458 568) For further information please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Suggested donation £2.50 adults, children free.

Portsdown Travel
sponsored by
Rowans
Registered Charity Number 20078

**OBERAMMERGAU
PASSION PLAY
24 - 31 JULY 2010
EIGHT DAYS - BY AIR**

HALF BOARD HOTEL ACCOMMODATION AND EXCURSIONS
TO VARIOUS PARTS OF AUSTRIA INCLUDING SALZBURG
RETURN COACHING TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL AREA

For more information and Booking form please send a stamped addressed 9" x 4" envelope to: Portsdown Travel Group Organiser (Oberammergau), Decharl Cottage, 34 West Street, Southwick, Hampshire, PO11 6EG or contact Hon. Captain without delay

☎ 023 9238 2433 / 01329 232915 / 07940 805431
Email: portsdowntravel@hotmail.co.uk
(THIS TOUR INCLUDES A CONTRIBUTION TO THE HOSPICE)

Portsdown Travel
sponsored by
Rowans
Registered Charity Number 20078

**ANNUAL CRUISE IN SUPPORT
OF Your LOCAL HOSPICE
CANARY ISLANDS
MADEIRA-LISBON-SPAIN
P&O 'AZURA'
17 - 29 October 2010
12 Nights from Southampton**

For full details contact:
☎ 023 9238 2433 / 01329 232915
Or E-mail: portsdown.travel@hotmail.co.uk

**MEON VALLEY CARERS
GROUP NEWS**
Registered Charity No. 1107865

MVCG provides support for 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.

We had 51 for our lunch at The Forge on February 9th – we regularly have a good turnout but this must be a record! As well as enjoying a good lunch, there was time to catch up on all the news from other members.

At our monthly meetings our carers are regularly given information on how to cope on a day to day basis with the problems concerning dementia.

In February the carers were given the opportunity to hear from a freelance trained nurse who is establishing herself in this area as a sitter. She has been CRB checked and we have taken up references so we are confident that with her bubbly personality she will be an asset to the group.

Following on from this Sarah Mould of Jackie Pool Associates explained why the challenges involved with dementia occur. A lively discussion followed and members were encouraged to air together issues that concerned them.

Hopefully after understanding a little more about the effects of the illness they felt more able to cope. Meanwhile the ‘cared for’ were busy showing off their artistic talents painting with Sally. Afterwards everybody enjoyed pancakes.

Three of our volunteers went on a ‘Better Balance for Life’ course in February covering simple exercise instruction, explanation of falls prevention and goal setting. The course stressed how important regular exercise and physical activity are in helping older people to remain independent with exercises designed to improve balance, flexibility and prevent falls and it is hoped to incorporate some of these exercises into our sessions.

As part of our programme for April, Andrew Knights will be visiting the group for music therapy. Enjoying music and singing has been proven to have a positive effect on people suffering from dementia. Even those who have

severe mental impairment can still remember the songs they knew from their younger days and we are striving to make music a regular part of our meetings.

Do you like a challenge and do you enjoy music and/or singing? Could you be the person we are looking for to motivate and encourage our group in music therapy? Do you have good social skills and could you spare an hour 3 or 4 times a year? If so, why not contact our office (details below) to learn more about this rewarding opportunity.

Carers are often confused about how to get NHS paid care for a relative with dementia. The Alzheimer’s Society’s booklet ‘When does the NHS pay for Care?’ aims to clarify this complex subject with guidance on how to apply for funding if you think a person with dementia is eligible. Call into the office for a copy or visit www.alzheimers.org.uk or call 0845 300 0336 for a copy.

Diary Dates for 2010

- | | |
|----------|--|
| 23 March | ‘Magic of the Movies’
Paterson Centre - 2pm |
| 13 April | Fish and chips at the Paterson
Centre - 12.30pm |
| 27 April | Afternoon outing to Brambridge
Garden centre
Leave Paterson centre at 1.45pm |
| 11 May | Pub lunch The Forge, Shedfield -
12 noon |
| 25 May | Surgery talk at the Paterson
Centre - 2pm
Music therapy with Andrew
Knights |

Why not call in to find out more about the group and pick up one of our newsletters.

The Carers Centre for Memory Concerns, behind the Paterson Centre in Swanmore, is now open Mon & Thurs 9 - 1 pm in term time & Mondays only 9 - 5 pm school holidays.

Phone: 01489 895444

E-mail: meon-valley@btconnect.com

White Horse Walking Challenge

Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd of May are the dates of a new walking event involving a challenging trek, rewarded by superb evening entertainment at three White Horse pubs.

The idea for the WHITE HORSE WALK arose following the return of Waltham Chase resident Steve Hughes from his 1,200 mile trek from John o'Groats to Land's End. Steve Bull, landlord of the White Horse pub in Bishop's Waltham, had followed his namesake's trek with interest. Lisa Bull, Steve's wife, was equally enthusiastic and suggested the challenge be used to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, who had been such a huge help during her mother's recent illness with breast cancer. Lisa's Mum, Glenda, had suffered hair loss following radio and chemo treatment. Macmillan helped to restore her dignity by providing her with a wig and showing her makeup techniques.

The walk involves a 100km (62.5 mile) trek over 3 days, mainly through rural Hampshire, stopping at the White Horse Inns in Westbourne, near Emsworth, and Priors Dean, near Petersfield, the latter also known as the Pub With No Name because of the absence of signs. The outstanding support of the landlords of these other two pubs has been a crucial factor in the development of this event.

Enthusiastic regulars from all three pubs have ex-

pressed a desire to commit not just their money, but also their energy. The invitation to participate is extended to anyone who wishes to share in a challenging long-weekend, but one filled with great fun and companionship.



Visit any of the three WHITE HORSE pubs mentioned above and ask how to participate. A small contribution to Macmillan will secure a walker's pack, and specially produced Ordnance Survey route maps can be ordered for just £20. Supporters unable to join might still wish to donate to Macmillan via www.justgiving.com/whitehorsetwalk

1. The White Horse,
Beeches Hill
Bishops Waltham
Hants. SO32 1FD
Tel: 01489 892532

Steve & Lisa Bull

2. The White Horse Inn
The Square
Westbourne
Hants. PO10 8UE
Tel: 01243 372442
info@whitehorse.uk.com

Mike Sutcliff

3. The White Horse Inn (The Pub with No Name)
Priors Dean
Hants. GU32 1DA
Tel: 01420 588387
georgie@pubwithnoname.co.uk

Paul & Georgie Stuart

Date	Depart From (1)	Destination	Approx. Dist. (2) (miles)	Evening entertainment (3)	Accommodation
Fri 31 Apr				Pre-walk entertainment from 'Rocket Dogs' at White Horse, Bishops's Waltham	
Sat 1 May	White Horse, Bishops's Waltham	White Horse, Westbourne	23.5	Free pint and BBQ, plus music from rock band 'Government' at White Horse, Westbourne	Indoors. Please bring sleeping bag and mat.
Sun 2 May	White Horse, Westbourne	White Horse, Priors Dean	19	Free pint and BBQ, plus music from duo 'Trev and Trev' at White Horse, Priors Dean	Camp site adjacent to pub.
Mon 3 May	White Horse, Priors Dean	White Horse, Bishops's Waltham	20	Free pint and BBQ at White Horse, Bishops's Waltham	

(1) The two Steves will be departing from each pub at 9.00am each morning.

(2) Total walking distance 62.5 miles, which equals 100km.

(3) The food and free pint is for bone-fide charity walkers

For more information, contact Steve Hughes on Tel. 01489 891500, Mob. 07779 284 809 or email steve@ablewood.net

ARTY's at Knowle Village – part 2

Welcome to Part two of my Article on the struggle and determination needed to set up a local small business in this the deepest recession for many decades and personally I believe we are certainly not out of the woods yet by a long shot.



My focus for this Article has been “Arty’s” which is situated in the centre of South Square, Knowle Village and as its name implies is more than just a Café Wine Bar. It is a mixture of local artists work on show and for sale, along with a friendly local Wine Bar and Cafe Restaurant.

As I mentioned in last month’s issue Paul Malec knows the local community and loves Art, he has lived in Knowle for many years and loves the Village.

It has not been easy to get Arty’s open and Paul values the support of the Local Community in helping him to get up and running. He has fought hard with determination to make this work as a business, supporting the Knowle community along with local artists. A place where local people could go out to eat and drink or just have a coffee within walking distance of their homes.

Getting Arty’s open by early December 2009 has been an uphill struggle and battle for Paul. . Paul has been working in the shell of a unit which he has leased since the summer of 2009.

Paul has done a lot of the construction work involved himself but he truly values the

help from friends and customers who have used their skills and time to help get him open .

The delays and costs in getting services connected and the labour involved he realised was not going to be easy . In addition to this almost as soon as Paul opened he was hit with a Business Rates Bill of £8,500 for a Business that had hardly traded at all. This was crippling, and although within the current legislation, does not encourage or help new business start up and develop.

The combination of these facts along with the recession and



extortionately high rents are preventing any new businesses starting up in our area. We need to be encouraging and helping new businesses to open so they may in the future be able

employ some local people and ease the unemployment problem.

I am glad to say Arty’s is now serving hot meals with a good selection on the menu including Steaks Pizza’s Goulash and many more. Along with our Arty’s New Years Eve party catered for a local residents Birthday lunch with 40 covers and all had a nice time. Paul and Arty’s has now been nominated as one of the entry’s for Barclays Bank new local business of the year award.

Please feel free to contact Paul on his email or mobile if you are starting or have recently started a business and would like to discuss the pitfalls and battles Paul has experienced or why not pop in for a coffee a drink or just to look at the Art.

paultheartouse@yahoo.com

07528177247

Nigel Prior



WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

On March 2nd, Ann Baxandall of The Fareham History Society gave a talk on

The Domesday Book, a survey of English life as far north as the rivers Ribble and Tees. It was carried out in 1086 and completed in 1087.

This survey is unique as it is the first public record of property compiled in the Middle Ages. It was written entirely by hand in Latin probably by a clerk in the Scriptorium at Winchester. Originally held in the Treasury at Winchester, it is now held in The Public Record Office.

William 1st had wanted to know how England had fared in the twenty years that he had been king. Thus it was a survey of each shire and comprised its lands, livestock and annual dues; its primary purpose being to provide the maximum yield from the land tax.

This was a fascinating account of a remarkable document and gave a valuable insight into the way life was organised and recorded nearly one thousand years ago. This talk was followed by a lively question and discussion period prior to the usual tea and biscuits at the close of the meeting.

We next meet on April 6th. at 7.45 p.m. for an illustrated talk by local historian John Mitchell entitled "The Titchfield Canal – or 'New River'"

Doreen Barrett

A new book entitled

Villages of the Meon Valley: aspects
of their history

By
Peter R. Watkins

will be published on 13th May 2010. Priced at £15 copies will be available at the pre-publication price of

£12.50 if ordered and paid for by the date of publication.

To order copy(ies) please send to 7 Crofton Way, Swanmore SO32 2RF. Cheques should be made payable to P.R. Watkins. To collect from 7 Crofton Way, Swanmore, please telephone to arrange a convenient time 01489-894789. By post, please add £3.00 for postage and packing for each copy. Please state if you would like your copy to be signed by the author.

Charity Beer Festival

Saturday 17th April
11.00am - 4.30pm
6.00pm - 11.00pm

WICKHAM CENTRE

Music by The White Knuckle Blues Band Saturday Evening
Food available
Tickets £5.00

Tel: 01329 833688
www.wickhambeerfestival.co.uk

WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Titchfield Canal



or



New River?

An illustrated talk by John Mitchell

Tuesday 6th April 2010

7.45 pm in the Church Room

Members: free

Non - members £1

WICKHAM WIVES

It is several years since Phillip Dean from Swanmore came to Wickham Wives to tell us about his project to help the Street Children of Freetown, Sierre Leone and the formation of the St George Foundation, so an update was long overdue.



Phillip briefly reminded us how, whilst on a visit to the Homes of Hope Orphanage in Freetown, he became aware of just how many children were abandoned without regular food or anywhere to sleep. He felt compelled to do something, though he realised it was a 'drop in the ocean' with upwards of 3,000 children out there.

With the help of a friend Justina, they worked out that he could feed 35 children lunch and tea for £250.00 for a month. The first day 35 children turned up. They were virtually wild, undisciplined, had had no education, never seen a doctor and had never experienced the security and love of a home.

Word soon got around when the children were returned to the street that evening, and the next day 50 turned up! Somehow the budget was stretched to accommodate them, but that was the limit.

In August of that year, Phillip rented a bungalow and 68 children moved in. They were literally the original "neighbours from Hell!!!" With the help of volunteers and Justina, Phillip organised a daily programme from 7 am – 7 pm. Within 2 months the change in the children's behaviour was remarkable. Their good behaviour enabled them to be enrolled into school and given uniforms and books. During this time great effort was made to trace their villages and

families, then they could return to their tribal roots but still continue their education providing they attended regularly.

The success rate has been amazing and the St George Foundation was funding 638 children by the end of 2009. At the end of this year the first 30 – 40 children will be leaving school, but as more places become available there are always more children waiting for an opportunity to join the foundation. The cost of education is free, but additional expenses, uniform, books, etc. costs £30.00 per child per term.

The experience of St George to rehabilitate lost children is well known in Freetown, and other orphanages and UNICEF use their expertise. Without warning last year 31 children aged 4 – 8 years were taken to St George due to an emergency evacuation from a discredited orphanage by direct order of the President of Sierre Leone. Similarly abandoned handicapped babies or toddlers are accepted until a permanent solution is found.

Phillip was looking at ways of being self-



sufficient. This was a good rice growing area before the Civil War, but the land was abandoned, implements stolen and no rice seed available which left villages derelict. Phillip visited a village 120 miles away to encourage the villagers to return a 17 mile strip of common land into growing rice. It was agreed that the village and St George would share the crop if they provided the tools and the seeds using the farmers' expertise. Hopefully it will be a great success as the cost of rice has escalated and 1 ton of rice a month is needed to feed the children.

Southampton University has taken an interest in a project to create a self funding business in a 3rd

(Continued on page 27)

(Continued from page 26)

World country. The project will be to help the local rice farmers to sow rice in rows instead of just scattering it by hand. The 17 mile strip will be divided in half, one half sown by the traditional method and the other in rows with a calculated space between plants. The yields will be measured and compared at harvesting later this year. An attempt at pig farming was not too successful as the feed was expensive and the pigs kept escaping and eating the neighbour's vegetables! The chickens have been a great success.

Another lucrative project was to start a "car hire firm". They have 5 4 x 4's landrovers shipped out from the UK. There are no other car firms risking the rough roads once out of the city!

Finally, Phillip's largest project – to get a School of Midwifery established. Maternal mortality rate in the villages is 1 in 8 in childbirth, and half of all babies die before the age of 5. There are no midwives in the villages, only "village attendants", who have no training so do not recognise problems that may occur during pregnancy or childbirth.

An opportunity came for Phillip and Justina to meet the President's wife, who is a Christian and very sympathetic towards health problems in the country. They explained that they hoped to establish a School of Midwifery and to their delight she totally supported the scheme and agreed to become their Patron. A programme for rural areas was arranged involving the Tribal Elders and the village attendants. The Tribal Elders were not to marry young girls until the age of 17 or 18 years old, and the "village attendants" had to be given a midwifery training. This will take 2 years followed by 7 years working in the villages in order to qualify for their certificates.

I am sure I have overrun my allotted space in this magazine for which I apologise. Our members were so full of admiration for Phillip and the St George foundation, that a collection at the end of the meeting raised £90.00. Thank you to everyone who contributed and a special thank you to Phillip and congratulations on the fantastic success of their projects.

Our meeting on 14th April 2010 at 7.30 for 7.45pm in the Church Room will give us all an opportunity to try our skill at art, using pastel chalks, under the guidance of Pat Fray.

Margaret Gwynn

WICKHAM SOCIETY AGM



The Officers and Committee look forward to seeing as many of you as can attend the Annual General Meeting. Business will include discussion on the developments of the Civic Societies national umbrella organisation, 'Civic Voice' which is being championed by Griff Rhys Jones. We finally have some answers to the questions we raised as to cost and benefits available, which we will need as a Society to discuss in order to decide to join, or not.

There will be a light hearted quiz after the official business has been transacted which Maggie has kindly organised.

If the current keeper of Ruby could possibly bring her back as she may be looking for a new home.....

Chris Hoare

Wickham Twinning Association

Members are invited to join us in this year's visit to Villers-sur-Mer, our twin town in Normandy from Friday October 22nd to Sunday 24th. We shall leave as a group on the Friday afternoon boat and return on the Sunday afternoon boat. Individual travel may be possible at different times. Please let me know if you wish to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet French people in their homes. Everyone is very friendly and no knowledge of French is necessary although it is an excellent opportunity to brush up your language skills if you have any! Costs will be the return travel only plus a small gift for your hosts. New members welcome!!.

Two fundraising activities:

1. Come and meet us at our plant sale in the Square in Warwicks Garage Saturday May 15th .
2. Also there will be a Bastille Day party at 9 Coldharbour Close on Sunday July 11th.

Therese Evans Chair and President of WTA

WICKHAM WI

The March meeting of the Wickham W.I. was our 90th Birthday Celebration.



Invitations were sent to other Branches within the Group who helped to make it such an enjoyable occasion. This was held at The Wickham Centre in the Houghton Room.

Our President, Sylvia Wells, welcomed all to the party. The hymn Jerusalem was sung, accompanied by Pat Mathews, on her keyboard



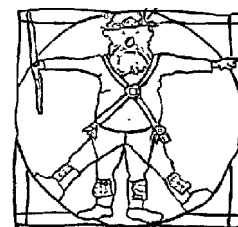
As our speaker for the afternoon failed to arrive, we were very fortunate to have Pat with us, who kindly offered to do a "Sing a long with Pat", which was a true test of our vocal chords!! Pat also played some classical pieces and sang a few ditties. She also said some poems, causing a lot of laughter, especially after a Pam Ayres poem!!! Having not come prepared to do all this, Pat really did us proud.

The afternoon continued with a really good raffle and then the excellent Birthday Tea provided by our members. The Cake was cut by Sylvia Wells and Molly Haydock and afterwards served with Champagne toasting our future. Altogether a really memorable afternoon.

Jocelyn Love

The dates are as follow for 2010
APRIL 14th MAY 12th JUNE 9th
JULY 14th AUGUST 11th SEPT 8th
OCT 13th NOV 10th DEC 8th

WICKHAM MORRIS



Wickham Morris will once again be celebrating the arrival of May Day on Saturday 1st May 2010 by Greeting the Dawn at 5.15am (with apologies to anyone round the Square who gets awakened earlier than they would like).

Please feel free to come and join the fun. We always get a lot of positive comments, but to those few people who may get upset, we again apologise and would ask that



they please bear with us for this, once a year, slight inconvenience.

Then, starting at 6.30pm, the Square will be bustling with as many Morris sides as we can muster. Although May Day falls on the Bank Holiday weekend this year, we still hope to kick off as usual with children from Wickham, Swanmore, Botley and Scantabout Primary Schools doing their Maypole, Morris and Country Dance Displays.

From about 7pm there will be Morris dancing in various styles of Cotswold, Border and North West as well as Clogging. Please come and join us. It is all free, but we would welcome donations to our designated charities this year which are Alzheimer's and Dementia, and Pulmonary Hypertension Association.

Maggie Wilson



WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB

The new season is not far away now. Let's hope the weather holds out so that the pitch will be ready. There are just two more net practice sessions on Tuesday 6th and 13th April then the real thing starts! We are still

Played against DOE Cavaliers, was much tighter, with DOE requiring a six off the last ball, which fortunately they got



April	Sun	18	Chawton	A	Friendly
	Sun	25	Affam Rhino	H	Friendly
May	Sun	2	Gosport & Fareham Rugby Club	A	Friendly
	Sat	8	Bidbury	A	Hampshire League
	Sun	9	Shedfield	H	Friendly
	Sat	15	Ordnance Survey	A	Hampshire League
	Sun	16	Durley	A	Friendly
	Sat	22	Purbrook III	H	Hampshire League
	Sun	23	Hedge End	A	Friendly
	Sat	29	Ryde II	A	Hampshire League

awaiting details of the Wilds 20/20 Evening League fixtures – these should be available soon.

Wickham have played their last match in the Fareham Indoor League and are currently in third place out of ten teams, having won six of their nine matches. Some teams still have a couple of games to play so the final table positions are by no means certain at the moment.

Here is a short report on the last two matches from captain Gary:

“Wickham went into the last two games of the season requiring 2 good wins to stand any chance of promotion.

The first game was against Old Hambledonians and Wickham cruised to victory by 3 wickets with Chris Martin and myself (somewhat surprisingly) top-scoring with 32 and 30 not out respectively. The second and final game of our season,

nowhere near, due to a great final over, once again by Chris Martin.

It therefore requires a bit of luck from the teams in 3rd and 4th place to draw and Wickham will march on up to Division 2! If

17th Jan 10	XIIth Men A	Won by 11 runs
7th Feb 10	Denmead	Lost by 4 wickets
28th Feb 10	Old Hambledonians	Won by 3 wickets
14th Mar 10	DOE Cavaliers	Won

this doesn't happen, then I think we can reflect on a solid debut season in Div 3, finishing in

the top 4. If the team wish me to stay on as captain and with some new ideas, we will continue our good form in the season 2010-11!

All the best for the outdoor season – Gary Callaghan”

If you are interested in joining the club either as a player, umpire or scorer, please give Malc Burt a call on 01329 834398.

*Lesley Wilde
Secretary*



WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP

Cubs have been writing prayers.

*Dear God,
Thank you for the food we have to give us strength.
Thank you for the school that educates us.
Thank you for our house in which we can shelter.
Thank you for my Cub pack where I make lots of friends.
But most of all Thank you for making me.
Amen*

Patrick Caldwell

Eleven Scouts, eight Cubs and six Leaders went to Wilverley Cottage in the New Forest for a residential weekend. This was a chance for the Cubs to get to know the Scouts and work along side them before they make their way into the troop. Arriving at the car park, Scouts with full kit on their backs (Cubs kits put into a car) hiked for half an hour to the cottage. A roast dinner was waiting for them on arrival (that went down well). Saturday morning with porridge and cooked breakfast eaten, washing up done and everything cleared away, everyone made their own lunches and off we went on a five mile hike to Burley.

A shorter route was hiked back to the cottage. After being fed and watered once again Cubs and Scouts were put into teams and sent off to do an orienteering course. A meal of Wilverley Cottage Pie was most welcome for dinner. Cubs were tired and went to bed earlier, Scouts sat and played games or cards for a while and then went to bed. Sunday morning, Oh how it rained! but after breakfast wet gear on and the Scouts were outside having a lesson on axe and saw, wood for the fire had to be replenished. After lunch, kits packed, cottage cleaned it was all too soon to have to go home, a hike back to the car park. We all had a brilliant time, and of course the question was "When can we come here again?"

Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Thank you for all the friends we have and our family.
Thank you for all the things we eat and drink,
and help us follow your good sins and not your bad sins.
Amen*

Teagan King

Beavers, on a very wet night designed umbrellas, with animals, zigzags, checks, stars and in every colour you could think of, they look great! With summer just around the corner, we are looking at the country code. We've talked about why we should close farm gates. The answer - This is because we don't want burglars to go onto farmers land or for the wolves to go into a field and get the sheep!!! Why should we keep to paths across fields? The answer -

Because if we walk on the farmer's crops, he will be very sad. Why should we keep dogs on a lead? The answer - This is because if a dog was to chase the sheep a horse may kick your dog. What some brilliant answers!

Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Thank you Lord for trees and forests.
Thank you Lord for animals and nature.
Thank you Lord for our house and cars.
Thank you Lord for the whole creation.
Thank you Lord for loving me.*

Amen

Theo Banks

Scouts have been cooking pancakes on tins, making paper bow and arrows and working towards their pioneering badge.

Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Thank you for Cubs.
I enjoy it a lot.
I like having a good time with my friends.*

Amen

Max Wilson

Congratulations to Matthew Ward, one of our young Scouts, who is in the rifle club. He entered a County competition held at Hiltisbury on 28th February taking part in the rifles and pistols. He came 1st in the rifles and 9th in the pistols and came 5th overall in the under 12's. This will give Matthew his Master at Arms badge. Well done Matthew.

Prayer

*Dear Lord,
Thank you for making the people around me loving,
caring and thoughtful,
even when I don't expect it.*

Amen

James McCarthy

Cubs entered the district six-a-side football. Although we didn't win they tried their best, well done James, Scott, Theo, Tom, Kirk and Nick. The final went to Bishops Waltham Diamond pack and Shedfield Tuesday B team. Bishops Waltham won 4-2 and will now go on to the County finals. We wish them well.

May I remind you we are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens. We would be very grateful if we could have yours.

The May Day Fayre is drawing even closer. If you would like a stall or pitch please telephone the number below. If you have a son or daughter aged 6-14 who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please telephone the number below for details.

*Chris Samways, Cub and Beaver leader
01329 832739*



Our six-a-side football team

Hampshire County Council News

Reward for Partnership Working

Hampshire County Council and its partners are to share a reward from the Government of £16.85 million for improvements in areas such as road safety, educational attainment and adult exercise.

The partners agreed in 2005 a set of targets across a range of issues such as tackling obesity, identifying care and housing needs, reducing deaths on the roads and the diversion of waste from landfill.

The Government provided £2 million to help kick start partnership work and offered a sliding scale of rewards depending on how much improvement was made.

In Hampshire more than 20 partners from the public, voluntary and community sector signed up to the challenge and managed to secure significant improvements in 80 percent of the targets and thus qualified for the reward.

Each of the partners, which include the NHS, the police, the fire and rescue service, district councils, the ambulance service, and the voluntary sector, will receive a share of the £16.85 million pot. This money will be used to make further improvements in services.

Adult Services Grants

Voluntary organisations that help older people in the community and adults with disabilities have benefited from £412,000 in grants from the county council. The grants help the council to personalise services so that people have more choice about the services they receive to lead independent lives.

Among those organisations who benefit from the grants are Age Concern Hampshire, Hampshire Centre for Independent Living, the Leonard Cheshire Disability Fund, and, in the Winchester District, Age Concern Winchester and Winchester Live at Home Service.

Culture for All Passport

The county council's Culture for All Passport has been given the seal of approval with a national award for best practice.

The Passport gives up to two adults and two children unlimited access to all of the county council's paid-

entry visitor attractions. The award came from the Association of Cultural Enterprises and the county was up against competition from the large London museums.

The Passport costs £69 and gives access to Milestones Museum, Manor Farm Country Park, Staunton Country Park, Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Bursledon Windmill, Aldershot Military Museum, Royal Victoria Country Park and Basing House. There is also free parking at Queen Elizabeth Country Park.

Since its launch last year 1500 Passports have been issued. For more information about the Passport programme see: www.hants.gov.uk/passport

Thank You to Blood Donors

The Chairman of the County Council has given his thanks to the vital work of Hampshire's blood donors who have together helped save the lives of thousands of people across the county.

Over 140 blood donors in the county have been thanked for donating blood that is used to treat people following an accident or during an operation.

It is estimated that the blood donated by the 143 donors has helped 36,800 people.

The National Blood Service needs to collect 7000 units of blood every day to help save lives of the injured and sick patients, yet only four percent of the population currently gives blood.

Anyone aged between 17 and 65 and weighing more than 50kg (7 stone 12lbs) and in good health can give blood. The donor line is 0300 123 2323 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Help our Post Offices

The county council has called for a pledge from the Government that no further post offices closures are being planned. Instead the council wants the Government to expand opportunities for financial services to be available in village post offices to generate more business.

These could include a children's savings account, a weekly budgeting account, increased access to other banks' accounts for customers and offering financial services to business.

Freddie Allgood



WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

Council Tax and Rents

The WCC part of council tax will increase by 1.5%. The Council also collects taxes on behalf of the County, Police and Fire Authority as well as the Parish Council precept. Council house rents will increase by 1.09% and there will be no increase in garage rents.

New Knowle Village Hall

Legal documents have all now been successfully completed and work is expected to start on this shortly.

Voting at the General Election

If you are new to the area don't miss out on your opportunity to vote. In order to vote you must be on the Register of Electors. If the General Election is as expected on May 6th, then the latest date for registering to vote, applying for a postal vote or changing your postal vote is Tuesday April 20th. Contact the Electoral Helpline 01962 848192 if you need any help. There are no City Council or Parish Council elections in Wickham this year.

Yellow Lines

These have now been mostly completed around the village to control parking on dangerous corners or where parking has led to difficulties in vehicles circulating safely along roads.

Residents' Parking Scheme

Residents' permits for the Square will, as from June, be issued centrally from Winchester Parking Office. The Council will shortly be writing to residents eligible to park in the Square informing them of the new details. Up to 3 permits per household for named vehicles can be issued, with the first being at a lower charge. Charity organisations may still use the Square for their events and only need to apply to the above office.

New Park and Ride Winchester

The new Park and Ride site situated on the Compton and Shawford side of the city will be opening very shortly. The Bar End sites will continue to operate.

Freeman of the City Honour

The Council rarely grants the freedom of the city to individuals, the last was in 1987 to local historian Barbara Carpenter Turner. At Full Council last month Therese proposed awarding the honour to Martin Biddle, an eminent archaeologist who has been responsible for changing the face of archaeology nationally and worldwide. He has undertaken widespread work in excavating Winchester especially the Old Minster since the 1960s. The Council voted in favour of the motion and Professor Biddle will receive his award at Mayor Making on May 19th.

Treasures of Hyde Abbey

An exciting new exhibition has opened at the Discovery Centre in Jewry Street Winchester, the Treasures of Hyde Abbey. Hyde Abbey was founded for the burial of King Alfred the great in 110 and grew to be one of the richest monastic houses in the country. The exhibition tells the story of the history as well as bringing together for the first time in five centuries a selection of treasures from the Abbey loaned from organisations around the country. It's a must to visit. There is also a full programme of talks, tours and special events to accompany the exhibition which closes on May 2nd.

Angela Clear

Tel: 832923
14, Manor Close
Wickham
Hants
PO17 5BZ
Email: aclear@winchester.gov.uk



Therese Evans

Tel: 832700
3, Copperwood
Holt Close
Wickham
Hants
PO17 5EY
Email: tevans@winchester.gov.uk



Wickham Parish Council News

April 2010

Wickham Parish Assembly

6.30pm Wednesday 28th April

The Mayor will be attending

Citizen of the Year awards will be made

Find out what is happening in the village or let councillors know what you think should be happening

Yellow Lines

Yellow lines agreed some years ago have finally been installed. The lines will be reviewed after a year so if you have any comments please let the Council know.


Wickham Parish Council

The Brian Sharp Memorial Cup



Best Summer Garden Competition 2010

Open to all residents of Wickham and Knowle

Entry forms available to download from the Parish Council website (search on Wickham)

Or email clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk
Tel 01329 835019
Wickham Parish Council, Heatherdene, Turkey Island, Shedfield, Southampton SO32 2JE
Closing date 26th May 2010

Housing for local people

Do you have an income or joint income of less than £60,000? If so you can register with Winchester City Council for affordable housing.

At present WCC's housing register shows a very low demand for shared equity or 'rent to buy' properties in Wickham.



If you are interested in this type of property or know someone who might be, please register with Winchester City Council and also let the Parish Council know.

Allotments / Community Growing Land wanted



There is an ongoing demand from local people for additional land to grow their own fruit and vegetables. The private allotment site at Park Place is very successful.

The Parish Council would like to hear from any land owners that may be interested in selling or renting land for allotments to increase the supply for residents of Wickham and Knowle.

The Council would also like to hear from anyone with a large garden who would like to share the growing space with another gardener.

Parish Council Meetings
Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council
7.15pm Monday 19th April
Committees
7pm Monday 26th April

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

Nicki Oliver Parish Clerk
Heatherdene, Turkey Island, Shedfield,
Southampton SO32 2JE tel 01329 835019
Email clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk

