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## THOUGHTS FROM THE CURATE



I once said in a magazine letter that Advent is one of my favourite seasons in the Church's year and so it is but one of the difficulties about Advent is, it is so difficult to celebrate it because of Christmas. Advent means 'coming' and it is the time that we prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ as a baby in a manger, the Light of the World. Advent starts four Sundays before Christmas day and so often we start to decorate the Christmas tree and have carol services and Christmas parties at the beginning of December and then by Boxing Day or just after we are so fed up of tinsel it all comes down and we forget about Christmas for another year. When I was young we didn't decorate our tree until Christmas Eve and the Church held its carol services on the Sunday or during the week after Christmas Day and carol singers would go out in the couple of days before Christmas.

In the Church we celebrate the Christmas season until the 2nd February. (So this magazine covers the whole of the season for us.) On Christmas Day you all know that we celebrate Jesus Christ's birth but did you know that on 6th January (or the nearest Sunday) we celebrate Epiphany the coming of the Wise Men when sometimes in church we have a special rich cake and a fruit cup. On 2nd February we celebrate Jesus being taken to the temple by his parents and Anna and Simeon recognising in this young child the promised

messiah. This day is called Candlemas when we celebrate with candles.

At the darkest time of the year when often the weather is at its worst it is good to be able to lighten the darkness with celebration.

For some people in our community it is likely that this Christmas won't be such a joyous occasion. Perhaps they will be worried about their job and whether the expected cuts will make them redundant or maybe there are other financial worries.

Perhaps they are elderly and will be alone over Christmas. Many people dread Christmas and instead of being a time of laughter and sharing it is a time of darkness and depression.

As we start Advent and our preparations for Christmas and all the festivities let us try to look around us and see those people who are struggling, the widow or widower whose family lives a long way away, those who through illness or old age can't get out and are confined to their homes, the young mother tied to the family who would really like some free time to go shopping or just have a breather to find herself. We could all give these people a little of our time; to be a light in their darkness.



Please join us in our celebrations at sometime over the Christmas season; the details of our services you will find in the magazine

I pray that Christ's light will shine into your lives this Christmastide dispelling any darkness and that you will experience joy, peace and love.

*Elisabette*

**Editorial.**

And so 2010 draws to a close and winter looms. Christmas will soon be here and there is a full calendar of Church Services and celebrations to lift our souls. What a year, a new government, a new Bishop and a new Police Chief. What may 2011 hold in store?

I was most touched to read the Park Place entry about Asbe Tefari in Ethiopia and the sterling work of Dr Shutte. A very 'well done' goes to the generous donor who financed the rebuilding of the clinic and to those Wickham stalwarts, the Duckworths, who raised funds for a new Jeep and, to Dr Shutte. The Asbe Tefari Clinic is a heart-warming development, if you have some funds left after Christmas shopping - here is a much needed and most deserving project. *Congratulations to the Wickham Scout Group, soon to celebrate their centenary and for their continued dedication and hard work..... We were saddened to learn that the Wickham W.I. is to be dissolved after 90 years of service. The branch is to merge with the Bishop's Waltham branch so will not disappear entirely. We will listen out for your final rendition of 'Jerusalem'!*

It is amazing to learn that the first St Nicholas church began in 1120, almost 900 years ago.....or 372 years before Columbus discovered the New World. Please raise this issue with your society and discuss how you would like to participate in the anniversary. *If you are bored or in a 'rut', cast your eyes on pages 18 -22 and read the amazing list of activities and events taking place in and around the village.*

Hats off to the hardy group of villagers and other interested parties, who braved a cold and rainy evening outside Fareham Council, to raise their objections to the huge 'North Fareham' development. A protest, it appears, that fell on deaf ears.....and now moves on to phase two!



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You have probably read in the Editorial that the church will be almost 900 hundred years old. Many organisations and individuals use the building, but few think about the cost of

maintaining it, so that it will be there for future generations. What we need are small steady trickles of money to keep pace with the up-keep. The Friends suggest a minimum subscription of £10 per annum, so if lots of Wickham organisations encourage their members to become Friends, then we can achieve that steady trickle.

“Please be my Friend” is our slogan. Remember it the next time you come to church. There are forms by the main entrance, it only takes a moment to fill one in and return it to me, or contact me directly.

John Landaw, tel 01329 830088  
Email; friends@stnicholaswickham.org.uk

## NEWS FROM PARK PLACE



A very Happy Christmas, and the joy of this blessed Season to you all, from the Sisters, Father Andrew, and all the Friends of Park Place, and when it comes, we wish you the very best of New Years.

You may remember that last month I mentioned a young doctor who has gone to help the sisters in Ethiopia.

Here is some news of her, and what she is doing in Asbe Tefari.

Until next year then, God Bless you all.

Leila.

### *Helen*

Patients of Wickham Surgery may remember that earlier this year a young doctor, Helen Shutte, took the place of Dr Smallwood during his temporary 'retirement'. If you didn't know her by name, she was the very tall, very slim doctor with dark hair.

Helen is currently in Ethiopia, having volunteered to work at the Franciscan Sisters' Medical Clinic in Asbe Tefari. In 2009 an anonymous donor provided funds for the rebuilding of the clinic and Carol and Frank Duckworth raised funds for a jeep. In 2010, the Friends of Park Place raised £10,000 towards equipment. With your help, the clinic

provides a safe medical service to people living in one of the poorest parts of the world.

Helen had no previous experience of tropical medicine so she went off armed with many kilos of text books and was feeling very nervous, but Sr. Anyisia, who is Sister-in-Charge at Park Place, helped set up this clinic 12 years ago and was a great help to Helen in her preparations.

The Asbe Tefari clinic, like Wickham Surgery, is located in beautiful, green landscape, but there the comparison ends. At the clinic, conditions are basic; power cuts occur daily so Helen relies on the wind-up torches she took with her. She sees cases of typhoid, typhus, strange worms, malaria, leprosy and even battered wives. She has visited the leper colony, also established by the Franciscan Sisters and found that a very humbling experience. She found smiles everywhere, no complaining and lots of "Thank God".

The medical team treat what they can and cases that are beyond their capabilities they send to the local hospital - which also has pitifully limited resources. Helen is learning how very lucky we are in England with our scientific knowledge, our level of hygiene and our plentiful resources.

If you wish to support the clinic at Asbe Tefari, either by making a donation or by organizing an event, please ring the Sisters on 01329 833043.

*Katharine Crozier*

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### **NINE TO NINE HUNDRED**

The earliest record of our parish church of St Nicholas is 1120. This means that in nine years' time, in 2020, we will be celebrating the span of nine hundred years during which the people of Wickham have found reassurance and stability in a changing world and a place to worship in the church which stands out above the village, offering a welcome to all.

Before he left recently to become Bishop of Basingstoke, our Archdeacon, Peter Hancock, made a point of encouraging the people of Wickham to start thinking about these great celebrations. This gave the spur to the parochial church council, where fundamental ideas and aspirations were already taking shape.

The PCC believes that in addition to planning festivities in 2020 we should aim to recognise the ninth centenary with the completion of a significant project for the enhancement of our parish church and its role in the community, and that for this reason the time is now right for planning and fund-raising to be set in train. Initially, the churchwardens acting as coordinators would be grateful to hear from anyone, whether a member of the congregation or not, who would be willing to join a centenary committee. Proposals would also be very welcome for any project which would meet this aim.

*Sheila Campbell  
Robert Goulson*  
Churchwardens

## **WICKHAM MOTHERS' UNION**

In November our Curate, Elizabeth Groves, spoke to us about her and Adrian's trip to America. We saw pictures of some of the places they had visited including Washington and the Niagara Falls. We all thoroughly enjoyed seeing these pictures and hearing what she had to say..

We have received already a Christmas Card and letter from our Mothers' Union link in Sydney giving us details of their activities during the year. We are sending a card signed by all our members and also a letter with information about what we have done in our branch during the year.

Margaret Edgworth drew attention to an article in the MU magazine called "Bye Buy Childhood". It showed that 80% of UK parents believe that media and marketing with sexualised content is too easily accessed by children, making them sexually aware too young.. It was a relief to hear that one step taken by Asda is to refrain from selling padded bras for very young children.

Through "Bye Buy Childhood" Mothers' Union is calling for change, asking marketing, media and retailers to make a difference to childhood by (i) not taking advantage of children's natural inexperience to sell to them, (ii) not marketing or selling goods of a sexualised nature to children under 16, and (iii) ensuring that children under 16 are not exposed to the marketing and display of sexualised products.

Margaret Edgworth completely changed the subject when she brought to our notice the news of Christians being killed in Iraq. Canon Andrew White known as the Vicar of Baghdad, speaking on the radio, said that they are all terrified but never-the-less hundreds are still going to church. We wondered whether we would be able to do so in such circumstances! We continue to pray for them all.

Our December meeting on the 14th, Preparing for Christmas, will be held at 7, Tanfield Park and in January on the 11th we meet at the Rectory when the Reverend Jim Brasier will speak about Vestments.

Anne Marshall

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## **SWANMORE METHODIST CHURCH**

We warmly welcome anyone from Swanmore and the surrounding areas who would be on their own at Christmas, together with carers and those who they care for, to join us on Christmas Day at 1.30pm for a traditional Christmas Lunch. Come and share a happy time together.

If you would like to come, or maybe you know someone in the area who will be on their own and might like to join in, please book your place by phone ;  
(01489 894387)  
or email (deb.worton@tiscali.co.uk)  
Transport can be provided. Please book by Friday 10 December

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## **COME AND SING! Mendelssohn's Elijah**

on Saturday 5th February, 2011, at St. Nicholas, Church, Wickham.

The Conductor will be David Burgess and the Organist: Mark Dancer with Soloists.

The Registration & score hire starts at 3.30pm and rehearsal from 4pm. Public Performance at

7.00pm, audience welcome.

Costs:

Singers: £7

Score hire: £2

Audience: £5

[Prices include a refreshing glass after the performance]

To register contact: 01329 833655 or 832428 or events@stnicholaswickham.org.uk

For more details: www.stnicholaswickham.org.uk



Charity Registration No: 1002832

Sunday 5th December 2010 **BAUBLE HUNT** West Walk, Hundred Acres Bere Forest, 12-3 pm  
Entry : £3 per child – meeting with Santa and gift included! Raffle & side-stalls - Barbeque & refreshments available. More information: Hilary Jukes 01962 843513

Organised by the Meon Valley Friends of Naomi House Children's Hospice

[www.naomihouse.org.uk](http://www.naomihouse.org.uk)



The Campaign for Drawing  
www.thebigdraw.org.uk

## **THE BIG DRAW— Wickham the first ten years of the 21st century**

Please come and see the vibrant frieze of art that

goes down the transept of St Nicholas Church. This frieze was the work of so many diverse groups this year. First the Wickham CofE Primary School Wednesday Art Club produced some fantastic art ranging from the new Skate Park to the Millennium Water Meadows, Lilley's



Tea House, pupils' homes the dreadful destruction of the Scout Hut by a fire-raiser and a local young female footballer's image!

The Cubs, Beavers and Scouts, with the help and supervision of Chris and Barry Samways produced another wonderful range of pictures that Chris glued to the bright yellow poster paper suggested by one of the St Nicholas Art Group, Mavis Stevens. I had

chosen a variety of coloured backgrounds over the years of running the 'Big Draw' but nothing as bold as the yellow! However it looks fantastic!!

On the main day of *The Big Draw*, Saturday 30th October, members of St Nicholas Art Group took turns in manning various slots between 09.30 and 16.00. During this time we had ones, twos and families who happily interpreted the subject into colourful art. The roll was then added to the ones from the school and the Cubs etc.

The St Nicholas Art Group also had a display of their own art for added interest which was much admired by people on the day.

As part of the 'Bridging Wickham' initiative a group of about 35 Muslim young people and some of their parents came to the

Church on Saturday 7th November and added their drawings to a yellow roll, they seemed to have a great time judging from the happy smiling faces and the laughter, the art was excellent too.

We already have a theme for next year's event 'Stewardship of our planet and its resources' and the date for your diaries is Saturday 15th October!

*Patricia Fray*



An invitation is extended to all to join Court Loyal Brethren No 2290 for their Annual Carol Service at St. Nicholas Church, Wickham, Sunday December 12th at 2.30pm. By kind permission of Wickham PCC.

Incorporating Denmead Brass Band and Wickham Church of England Primary School Choir. Admission is free, a collection will be taken in aid of Fort Cancer Charity. Refreshments will be served at the close of the service in the Church room.

Please come and join us.

*John Pratt*



### **Forest Folk**

North Boarhunt Village Hall  
Trampers Lane, North Boarhunt  
www.forestfolk.co.uk

13 December - Christmas Ceilidh with  
the Bursledon Village Band (£10)

20 December - Malinky (£12)

17 January 2011 - Steve Knightley (£12)

21 February - 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Live concerts start 8 pm,  
Singarounds first Monday of the month  
commencing 7.45 pm

for further information and tickets,  
please ring Charles on 01329 833625,  
Janet on 023 9226 4288 or  
email [info@forestfolk.co.uk](mailto:info@forestfolk.co.uk)



## WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our children, parents and carers, staff and governors are all enjoying the benefits of good team work and as a result, the children of Wickham Church of England Primary School are making fantastic progress.

I am extremely proud to lead the school team and celebrate the outcomes of recent visits by Hampshire Local Authority Inspectors and Advisors. Having identified some concerns about the quality of teaching last year we embarked on an intensive programme of school improvement. The robustness of this plan was recognised by our Ofsted inspectors in March who agreed with our own judgement that improving the quality and consistency of teaching for learning should be our highest priority.

Just eight months later I am thrilled to report that the overall judgement of quality of teaching at our school has improved significantly. Our staff team continue to work hard in our drive for excellence in all areas of teaching and learning.

### Early Years Learning

Our eagerly awaited outdoor learning area for Year R has now been built. The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum promotes high quality learning both



inside and out in recognition of children's varying learning styles and preferences. Our Year R teacher

Pam Vincent plans opportunities for children to learn and practise new skills in all areas of the curriculum with a high focus on exploration and first-hand experiences.

Pam is supported by our Early Years Teaching Assistant Penny Agnew and together they interact with and observe children's learning in order to plan their next steps.

There is no doubt that our Year R children enjoy the varied opportunities they are provided with and that their Early Years experiences establish a strong foundation for future success.

The children have had great fun watching our new outdoor learning area take shape and have loved using the new climbing apparatus in particular.

### Home School Partnerships

I was delighted to welcome around sixty parents and carers to school recently for our Reading Event. Our Leadership Team presented information about our



successful Read Write Inc phonics programme, cursive handwriting style and reading target cards. Parents and carers were able to try some of the strategies we use in school and then spend time in their children's classes joining in with English learning activities.

The event was very successful and we have planned further opportunities for the new year when we will present information about how we teach maths and introduce our virtual learning environment Wizkid.

Parents, carers and community volunteers have made great use of our new Reading Lounge and children across the school are enjoying sharing books and developing their reading skills. We are fortunate to be well supported by our community and would like to thank our volunteers for their dedication. If you are interested in joining our team and helping our young readers, please contact Mandy Martin in our school office.

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### **Christmas Events**

The Friends of Wickham Primary School (FOWPS) Christmas Fayre marks the start of our annual festivities and we would like to thank you for your support at our fundraising events throughout the year. Our Key Stage 1 children are preparing a Nativity which they will present to family and friends in 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.

We are very proud of our school choir who will be performing at the St Nicholas' Patronal Festival, Foresters Friendly Society Carolcade, Carols in the

Square and Thursday Club Christmas Party this year. Our whole school will walk through the village to St Nicholas' Church on our last day of term for our Carol Service at 10 o'clock. We will celebrate the Christmas story through songs, drama and poetry led by our Key Stage 2 children and will be pleased to welcome parents, carers and members of the Parish to join us for this special service.

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*



Wickham Montessori School, Park Place Pastoral Centre, Wickham TEL - 07860 805752

15 hours a week FREE for all 3 and 4 year olds

We welcomed the children back to school after our half term break and they were excited to learn that we were off to visit the goats and other animals that are reared here in the grounds at Park Place. We met the pig and fed her apples, then off to see the goats and learn all about how they are looked after, finally checking on the chickens and turkeys before returning to the classroom after a wonderful outdoor learning experience.

The first week of November was also busy, with Bonfire Night fast approaching; the children made chocolate apples to take home and produced some beautiful firework pictures. Finally, we made our own rocket which we 'launched' across the classroom, with a little help from some string, a straw and a balloon!

During this busy half term we will be learning about



other animals that are reared here in the grounds at Park Place. We met the pig and fed her apples, then off to see the goats and learn all about how they are looked after, finally checking on the chickens and turkeys before returning to the classroom after a wonderful outdoor learning experience.

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Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of light and St. Andrew's Day and

all things Scottish! Of course, our own Christmas celebrations are ongoing; the children are busy rehearsing for our Nativity Play and excitement is growing as Christmas approaches.

It is important to remember that although we offer the children so much variety and richness due to our beautiful surroundings, this is always balanced with our Montessori classroom which follows the main areas of learning, Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Maths and Knowledge and Understanding of the World. From this varied environment, the children can explore through structured freedom of choice and grow in confidence and independence; learning at their own pace.



Montessori education benefits children of all abilities, so please contact us if you would like to come along and have a look around or find out more about our school. We are becoming increasingly booked up from January onwards, so please contact us as a priority if you are interested in a place for your child. We can offer 15 hours FREE nursery education per week for all three year olds.



## FAIRLANDS DAY NURSERY,

CHURCH ROAD, SHEDFIELD,  
SOUTHAMPTON, HAMPSHIRE, SO32 2HY  
TEL: 01329 834848  
admin@fairlandsnurseryschool.co.uk

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

We have had great fun this month playing outside in the leaves. The babies are particularly enjoying our bark area and everyone is making use of the outdoor covered classroom. We have collected leaves for our Autumn pictures, splashed paint everywhere for our firework craft and are now letting the children loose with the glitter as Christmas approaches!!!



Our Nativity rehearsals are going extremely well, we are looking forward to the children dressing in their festive costumes and watching their parents reactions when they take to the stage!

Don't forget our Christmas Fayre on Thursday 2nd December at 4.00pm, where we hope to see you all along with our special visitor, Father Christmas.



Fairlands Day Nursery is now open between the hours of 8.00am and 6.00pm to all children aged between 1 and 5 for 50 weeks of the year excluding Bank Holidays.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact us on 01329 834848 or email us at admin@fairlandsnurseryschool.co.uk

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

*Jo and Carol  
(Headteachers)*

## From Rookesbury to Romania

Rookesbury Park School families, and the wider community, have been filling and collecting shoe



boxes ready to be sent out to Romanian families. Romania is one of the poorest countries

in the European Union and many people there desperately need whatever help can be offered. The Link Romania charity has been helping for many years to provide what most in this country would just view as basic necessities such as toiletries. The school has been an area collection point for the past few years, co-ordinated by Mrs Valerie Robson and a team of senior pupils. She says "Our pupils love wrapping up early Christmas presents and adding it to our shoebox mountain. When we see photos or videos of those gifts in the arms of a beaming Romanian child, we know we are supporting a very worthy cause".

*Erawin Olie*

## *Poppins Play Group*

Wow, what a busy month we have had! We ended October by decorating spooky Halloween lanterns which we lit the following week for our Halloween party. They looked beautifully sparkly all lined up next to each other.

The party was a fancy-dress one and the children had lots of fun dressing up as witches, pirates, skeletons and pumpkins. We had spooky crafts and we made paper bats and pumpkins, there were 'feely boxes' for the children who had to be very brave to put their hand in and guess what was inside. We decorated cupcakes with 'bugs and worms', more commonly known as red and green icing and sweets. We ended the session with some spooky Halloween food and a super time was had by all – thank you to everyone who helped to make it such a success.

The children enjoyed making brightly-coloured fireworks out of cardboard tubes, crepe paper and glitter. They looked wonderful decorating the board in the Church room, but so much better when we used them to decorate the food tent at the Scout's bonfire night spectacular – a



big thank you to Chris Samways and the Scout group for letting us get involved.

Sugar-Snaps photos visited Poppins and took some wonderful pictures of the children that are available for parents and guardians to buy in time for Christmas. The activity was so popular that the photographers had to come back the following week to finish the session as they ran out of time. Sugar-Snaps have kindly offered to donate 10% of the takings from the Poppins sessions to the group and we have agreed that, as the children of Poppins have little need for extra toys at the moment, we will donate the offering to the BBC Children-in-Need appeal.

Usborne books visited us to offer books to

purchase in time for Christmas and, depending on the volume of orders, will donate some books to the Poppins library. Inspired by the Usborne craft books, the children made snowflakes and Christmas stockings as we begin the exciting build-up to the festive season.

### *Coming soon to Poppins*

2 & 7 December – Pottery painting

9 December – Bumper Christmas crafts

16 December – Nativity story and Christmas party (0930 – 1330)

### *Christmas break and 2011*

Poppins will have a break over the Christmas fortnight and 16 December will be our last meeting

of the year, we will return in 2011 on Thursday 6 January – we wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, and thank you to everyone who has made Poppins so successful in 2010. Due to expanding family commitments, Poppins will only be meeting on Thursdays from 2011 – a big thank you to all who

supported the Tuesday session over the last year.

If you have, or care for, a child who would like to join in with the fun at Poppins, please come along. We use the Church Room behind St Nicholas Church on Thursday mornings, 9:30 – 11:30. There is plenty of free parking at the back of the church, off Southwick Road. The cost is £1 per family and that includes refreshments. Any queries, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

*Lucy Goodman 07786051221*

### *What's On - December*

**BABY MASSAGE** @ Merry-Go-Round Children's Centre 5 week course Next course starts on Wednesday 5 January 9.30-11.00 am  
 Please call to book a place Cost £20

Usual weekly sessions of the following groups:

**Merry Tots** for 0-5 years on:  
 Mondays 9.30-11.00 am @ Merry-Go-Round  
 Mondays 1.15-2.45 pm @ Whiteley Community Centre.

**Wiggle Waggle Workshop** for 0-5 years Tuesdays  
 10.00 –11.00 am @ Merry-Go-Round

**Mini Mites** for the under ones on: Thursdays 10.00—11.30 am @ Whiteley Community Centre  
 Fridays 9.30—11.00 am @ Merry-Go-Round

**Baby Yoga** @ Merry-Go-Round Children's Centre  
 5 week course starts on Wednesday 5 January  
 11.30 am—1.00pm £20. Please call to book your place

**Messy Play** @ Merry-Go-Round Children's Centre  
 Friday 3 December 1.30—3.00 pm 2—5 year olds  
 £ 1 per family

**Buggy Blast** @ Merry-Go-Round Children's Centre  
 Mondays 11.00—11.45am £2 per session  
 Making fitness fun

Buddens Road, Fareham, Hants PO17 5HU  
 tel: 01329 834874  
 Email: merrygoround.cc@hants.gov.uk

#### GIFT COAT

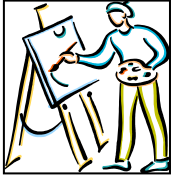
After the stroke he had no need of the coat,  
 One hundred pounds worth of brown suede leather.  
 You wouldn't believe we had to sneak out  
 His own coat, his extra skin in bad weather,  
 From his digs, to save it from his landlord,  
 Who'd "borrowed" it. And left a nasty fag-burn  
 On the lapel. Reckoned dad, in the hot ward,  
 Had no need. But he'd worked damned hard to earn  
 The cash to buy it – cash I'd once refused:  
 A hundred pound gift from father to son.  
 The old man was poor. How could I have used  
 What was to him so vast a sum, so hard won?  
 The burn I nail-clipped out and so came  
 To wear dad's gift with many-coloured pride – and shame.

Tony Johnson

# Wickham Community Association

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Telephone: 01329 833688 E mail: [wickhamcentre@btconnect.com](mailto:wickhamcentre@btconnect.com)  
[www.wickhamcentre.org.uk](http://www.wickhamcentre.org.uk)

## ART AND PHOTOGRAPHIC



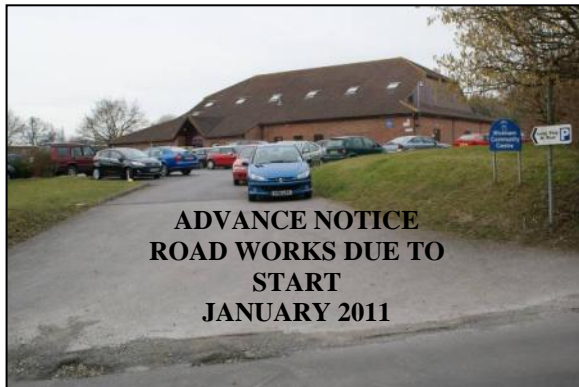
### EXHIBITION

10th – 13th  
February 2010  
Woodford Suite of  
Wickham Centre



This is a NEW EVENT for Wickham and will include the pictures submitted for the Stan Woodford Photographic Competition and examples from the Woodford Collection of historic photographs.

To enter material to the exhibition or to the Stan Woodford competition, please see the adverts elsewhere in this magazine.



In preparation for building the new Surgery and Housing next to Wickham Centre, contractors will be making a new access road on the Centre's site. There will be major disruption at times, for which we apologise in advance.



We know of at least four groups who have taken the time to give their views on the future of Wickham. The consultation closes on 10th December, so you can just get your views in if you hurry now. Log on to Winchester Council's site at <http://www.winchester.gov.uk/>

## OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE THEIR SAY

On 16th November, seven local young people took part in a City Council consultation called blueprint. They gave a good insight into what young people feel the village lacks at the moment, as well as providing information on what they feel they will require in the next ten years, as they move into adulthood.

Michaela Harris, a Youth Club volunteer, has agreed to enable Youth Club members to have their say on Thursday the 2nd December.

The next meeting of the Youth Council is on Tuesday 14th December at 7pm if you are aged 10 or more and would like to take part please phone the centre to let us know you are attending.



Tony Ryder who is one of our trustee's and one of the leaders at the youth club is working towards opening a drop in cafe for young people in the portakabin at the rear of the centre.

He is meeting people from local organisations who may be able to provide volunteer staff to enable the project to get off the ground in the New Year.

It is hoped that the cafe will open on a Wednesday evening between 7 & 9 pm to start with and if proving popular, longer opening hours, more evenings and maybe a new venue could be found if funding was available.

The cafe would start by selling hot dogs, burgers, chocolate, chips and various drinks while providing somewhere warm and comfortable for young people to chill with friends and seek support.

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## Letters

### To the Parish Magazine

I am writing to say how pleased I was to see the trees shooting out again opposite the Church and how a few weeks later once again they have been cut back, they will always shoot again, so why not let nature take it's course and let them grow back. I was told they were cut so people could see the church from the railway line, I have lived in Wickham nearly seventy years and have never seen anyone up there, only on the bridge which you can still do now, also I have been told there are going to be new seats on the grass, what a waste of money, the way that the traffic comes down from Droxford and along School Road, I think it is dangerous, a few weeks ago a car went into the garden at the end of St. Nicholas Row, a much better idea would be to put the money towards traffic lights.

*Mrs.B.Dean, Wykeham Field*

Dear Editor,

Having read the Editorial in the October Parish Mag. re 'Mother Nature stepping in' where the trees 'felled to improve the view from Bridge Street' used to stand, I was amused to see Paul and his team trimming the said side-shoots.

Having spoken to Paul I understand he was under orders to do this; does the Parish Council have a coherent policy for this site? It lies opposite my window, so I see as much of it as anyone. At the moment the green space is very welcome, and Paul's idea of planting bulbs on the bank as a backdrop would not only be aesthetically pleasing,

but a cheaper option than many of the grand ideas proposed. After all, he is a gardener!

I say this on behalf of all the Council Tax payers.

*Pat Matthews,*

*Glebe Corner, Wickham*

Dear Editor

I thought the community may like to know that the school is erecting a 1.8mtr fence from the school gate to the Community Centre to ensure the safety of the children. However, instead of a colour which will blend in with the surrounding countryside, a mid blue powder coating has been chosen. I'm amazed that no planning permission or consultation was needed by the school and I find it hard to believe that the school governors were so narrow minded in deciding the colour. This is a rural area, Wickham is very close to a national park, and is so special that school children are brought here to study its history and architecture. Surely they should be encouraged to be sensitive to their surroundings. I do hope the governors will heed this letter and think again when they are deciding on the details of the fence which is to be continued along the side of the community centre. I hope they will consider carefully the effect on the village and rural situation when they are considering other 'improvements'.

*Norman Becket*



Our launch event in the Jubilee Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> October was well attended and our five speakers - Cllr Hindson of HCC, Stephen Burke CEO of Counsel and Care; Dr Derek Browne of Age Concern, Alex Welford, Age Concern "Fit as a

Fiddle" Manager and Patience Sambrook, Chair of Hampshire Association of Older persons Forums gave attendees a clear insight into the benefits in taking a positive view of the opportunities of an active mental and physical life in retirement.

These were well demonstrated by a brief session of Singing for Fun led by Annabel Armstrong and her team from the Meonstoke Village Band , and demonstrations of New Age Kurling, which is

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proving ever more popular among members.

The short term future of MVARA was decided by the gratifying number of new people joining us at the launch event on 20<sup>th</sup> October which was by chance on the same day of the Government Spending Review announcement. There can be little doubt that this will affect us all and that many retired people will feel the strain.

In these circumstances participation in local groups such as MVARA will be increasingly important, not only socially, but giving members a say in their local and national concerns via our Older Persons Forum.

We now need a breathing space (thank goodness for Christmas) to assess the priorities set by members for new activities and, assuming a positive response, then we will attempt to launch taster sessions for these activities via various supportive agencies in the period up to 1<sup>st</sup> April . During the same period we will seek Grant Aid Funding to enable us to develop, start and maintain a full programme for the following FY 2011-2012.

Our regular activities meetings are increasingly popular . The IT bus particularly developed a waiting list , but after the trial sessions there were difficulties with Internet access in both venues and at the time of writing the service was suspended and HCC were making efforts to resolve the problem. It is hoped that by publication date a service will be resumed by one means or another and existing users and those on a waiting list will have been informed.

Age Concern –“Fit as a Fiddle” programme intends to offer the following new activities in Spring 2011 –Nordic Walking; Tai Chi, Healthy Eating for Gentlemen followed by Healthy Eating for Ladies .All are subject to you the public seeking to take part. Further information will be provided in the New Year, but in the meantime give your names to me or Terry Wilson, particularly if you are willing and able to act as a leader for any activity..

We remain vaguely aware of a range of groups/ activities for adults within our communities but, on the whole they are not well publicised and since neither MVARA nor the Statutory Services have a record of these groups then we are not able to direct people to them. Since we have no wish to work in competition we are keen to compile a list of such groups so that a directory can be produced of benefit to the whole Meon Valley community.

We hope to launch a Website in the New Year, so if you run any such group in the area please send your details to me and we will help to publicise it.

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and look forward to meeting more of you in the New Year.

Bill Drake – Chair MVARA  
Bobbins, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DS  
Tel 01489895706  
email [billdrake@talktalk.net](mailto:billdrake@talktalk.net)

The diary of planned activities until 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2011 is as follows:-

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Lunch 1215 the Old Forge, Shedfield – pre booking only  
Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> – Singing for Fun – 1400- 1530 Kings Church, Bishops Waltham  
Dec 6<sup>th</sup>– Ladies Pub Lunch 1300 The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - Gentlemen’s Pub Lunch – 1200 The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham  
Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – New Age Kurling – 1430 – 1630 The Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham  
Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> - Ladies Pub Lunch 1300 The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham  
Jan 7<sup>th</sup>– Singing for Fun – 1400 – 1530 Kings Church, Bishops Waltham  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>- Gentlemen’s Pub Lunch,1200 The Barleycorn, Bishops Waltham  
Jan 20<sup>th</sup>- New Age Kurling – 1430 – 1630 The Jubilee Hall, Bishops Waltham

New Members are welcome at all meetings, so come and join us.

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### **WHAT ARE SENIORS WORTH**

Remember, old folks are worth a fortune,  
With silver in their hair, Gold in their teeth, Stones in their kidneys, Lead in their feet

And Gas in their stomachs.  
I have become a little older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life;  
frankly I have become a frivolous old gal!  
I am seeing six gentlemen every day.

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As soon as I wake up,  
Will Power helps me out of bed  
Then I go to see Johnny Loo. Next Charlie Cramp  
comes along and when he's here he takes up a lot of my  
attention, When he leaves Arthur Ritis shows up and  
stays around all day.  
He doesn't like to stay in one place very long so he  
takes me from joint to joint.  
After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to  
bed with Johnny Walker.

What a life! Oh yes I'm also fighting with All Zymer.

P.s. The minister came to call the other day.  
He said that I should be thinking about the hereafter.  
I told him I do all the time.  
On my way home, in the parlour, upstairs, in the kitchen  
or down in the basement, I say to myself  
Now what am I here after,

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## Birch Tree Yoga

Tucked away in Hundred Acres road, in the Forest  
of Bere, is a tree that is flourishing !

Birch Tree Yoga, run by Karen Percival, opened in  
May 2008 and now offers 8 classes a week in this  
beautiful tranquil haven.

When Neil & Karen moved to Wickham in  
September 2007 (a return for Neil as his parents  
lived here), it was the opportunity for Karen to  
leave her job as a PE teacher in a large Gosport  
Comprehensive School and pursue her dream of  
opening a Yoga Studio and teaching her passion,  
Yoga !

### *The studio*



Having been a keen gymnast & fitness  
professional, Karen took up yoga at a stressful time  
of her life and became hooked; after 8 years of

personal practice the natural progression for her  
was to train to teach this ancient discipline.

She has taught Yoga to adults in many local gyms  
& draughty halls .... children & teenagers, ranging  
from Primary to Secondary schools and Fareham  
Tertiary College. Her enthusiasm &  
professionalism is evident and Birch Tree Yoga  
now runs workshops and training days for other  
teachers too.

The studio is light, warm and beautifully decorated  
– a perfect space for practice. Clients range from  
young sportsmen & women to older clients (86!)  
Yoga is for everyone, whatever your religious  
beliefs. It's non –Competitive and whether you  
want to improve your physical fitness (– flexibility,  
strength, co-ordination & balance) or use the stress  
reducing aspects of Yoga ,there is a branch for you.

“We love living in Wickham , and try to support  
all the local businesses and St. Nicholas Church ,  
we have been so warmly welcomed , and just feel  
so blessed to live here”

Further details & schedule  
[www.birchtreeyoga.co.uk](http://www.birchtreeyoga.co.uk)  
Tel 01329 834511

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## *The Legend of the Christmas Rose*

There are many legends about the Christmas Rose,  
but I think the following is an interesting one.

When Jesus was born in the little town of  
Bethlehem, there came Wise Men from the East  
bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. A  
little shepherdess, watching from afar, wept  
because she had no gift to offer the Christ Child.

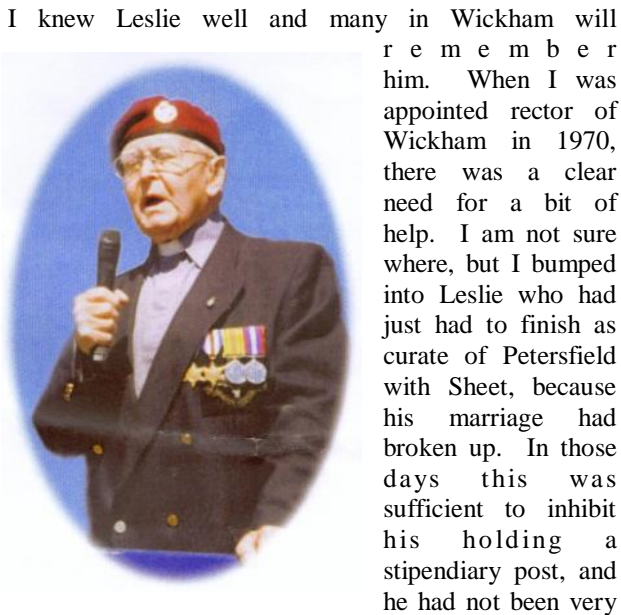
Where her tears fell to the ground, there sprang up  
flowers which she hastened to gather and bring to  
the infant.

In adoration, she knelt at the crib, so Jesus could  
see the flowers and where His blessed little hands  
touched the petals a delicate pink appeared. And so  
a flower that had never bloomed before came into  
existence- the Christmas Rose.

To this day, the Christmas Rose blooms more  
abundantly at Christmas time than at any other  
season.

*Gwyneth Burch*

## *Reverend Leslie Burt*



I knew Leslie well and many in Wickham will remember him. When I was appointed rector of Wickham in 1970, there was a clear need for a bit of help. I am not sure where, but I bumped into Leslie who had just had to finish as curate of Petersfield with Sheet, because his marriage had broken up. In those days this was sufficient to inhibit his holding a stipendiary post, and he had not been very well treated. In fact Leslie had made a considerable sacrifice, giving up a responsible and very well paid job as an executive for Shell to become ordained in 1966. He had served for some time in Caracas, Venezuela, and had a working knowledge of Spanish. After his stipendiary ministry was so unsatisfactorily curtailed, Leslie found employment at Plessey Electronics, which became part of the ill-fated Marconi Group which in those days was a major employer at Titchfield. He was, I think, a company secretary. Leslie was responsible for his three children, the two boys being teenagers. He agreed to come to Wickham to help with the services, and came over from Portsmouth most Sundays and often for mid-week events. He was immensely reliable and very loyal. Many in the Wickham community came to know something of his steadfast faithfulness and appreciated his ministry, laced as it always was with a wry sense of humour. He had a fund of quite quirky stories which he delivered in a dead-pan voice. His experience of life had not been easy. He was born the son of profoundly deaf parents, and had been brought up to learn to speak in a silent, sign language world. This accounted for a somewhat strange inflection in his speaking voice. Leslie cared for his old mother until she died at an advanced age. She was the dearest old lady and we were all sorry when she died. He “spoke” British sign language completely fluently and maintained a ministry to a church for deaf people which met in Gosport. . Leslie would arrive at church for a Sunday morning service with his old mother, sometimes someone from the Gosport church for the deaf, his friend Joyce Keeling and his lovely young daughter Lindsay. Somehow during the worship, Leslie managed

to sign to his mother. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Leslie. He was immensely generous with his time, with money, and with compassion. He used to visit us in Bedford, after Nicola and I had moved there. When I found myself responsible for housing a church for deaf people at my parish church, on more than one occasion Leslie came up to help with services. He made very good friends with an ebullient character called George Hickman, who was both deaf and dumb and yet somehow engaged with everybody but he was always delighted to see Leslie who could communicate with him directly. After Leslie and Joyce had left, we always found very well chosen presents for each member of the family, so arranged that we would not find them until after they had departed. I learnt only a little sign language myself, but here again Leslie helped me.

Leslie was chaplain to the Wickham branch of the Royal British Legion. As a young man, he had been a glider pilot. These gliders were towed from Lasham over to France, where they were loosed and crash landed behind enemy lines. The purpose being the silence of their flight, in order to land men and material without detection. Leslie was crew on one of the gliders which landed either on or very shortly after D-day 1944. It must have been an extremely daunting and frightening enterprise. I remember him telling me how he had been strapped into the glider with some kind of light armoured vehicle behind him. There was the constant danger that this vehicle would break loose and crash forward into the crew as they were strapped in front of it, especially at the moment of landing. Leslie was himself quite deaf, due to his experiences in the war, and this was a struggle for him especially as he became older. After his experience in France in the war, Leslie took a great interest in the Villers-sur-mer twinning association. In the course of our time in Wickham, Leslie married Joyce and they lived happily in Southsea, where Leslie maintained his usual loving care of his family, often through considerable ups and downs. He was also enormously kind to Joyce’s family and a real father through ups and downs. I thank God for my remembrance of Leslie. Nicola and I met him in Petersfield with Joyce for lunch not long ago. He always had a mark of discipleship about him which was authentic and powerful. His dogged faithfulness, his compassion, his generosity and his kindness had a validity about them which was fresh and real. He was a wonderful friend to Nicola and me those years ago and he helped me on so many occasions, often covering for me when I was away. He was remarkable for his patience and he never ever complained though there were many things that were hard and disappointing for him. May he rest in peace and rise in glory, and may Joyce be comforted and strengthened in what will be a great loss.

*Anthony Hulbert  
Now retired and living in Meonstoke*

## DECEMBER 2010/JANUARY 2011 CHURCH DIARY

Sat 4 13:30 Holy Matrimony : Lewis Richards/Amber Evans

<b>Sun 5</b>	<b>ST. NICHOLAS PATRONAL FESTIVAL</b>
08:00	Holy Communion
09:45	Family Service to include Holy Baptism of Hunter Douglas, Shaun Barnes and Samuel James Grimwood
<b>18:00</b>	<b>St Nicholas Patronal Festival Service</b>
	<b>Address: Rev Stuart Holt, Area Dean</b>

Tues 7 10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court

<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
08:00	Holy Communion	Isaiah 35.1-10
09:45	Parish Communion	Matthew 11.2-11

**Thurs 16 18:30 CAROLS IN THE SQUARE**

<b>Sun 19</b>	<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	
08:00	Holy Communion	Isaiah 7.10-16
<b>NB</b> 09:45	Parish Communion	Matthew 1.18-end
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Nine Lessons and Carols</b>	

<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Crib Service</b>	<b>Psalm 89. 1-2 &amp; 19-27</b>
<b>23:30</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	<b>Luke 1.67-79</b>

<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	
<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 9.2-7</b>
<b>09:45</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Luke 2.1-20</b>

<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	
<b>08:00</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Isaiah 63.7-9</b>
<b>09:45</b>	<b>Service of Poetry and Carols</b>	<b>Matthew 2. 13-end</b>



## Wickham Village Diary for December 2010 & January 2011

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Short Tennis	9.30am-11.30am
Yoga	9.45am 11.45am
Modified Pilates	10am – 11am
Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Lunch Club, Church Room	12.00noon
Baby Clinic	12.15pm 2.15pm
Skipping Club	4.30pm –5.30pm
Slimming World	5.15pm – 8pm
Karate	6.30pm –7.30pm
Cubs	6.30pm – 8pm
Wickham Society, Church Room	7.30pm
Badminton	8pm – 10pm

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Poppins, Church Room	9.30am
Citizens Advice	10.30am 1.30pm
Upholstery	10am – 4pm
Thursday Club	1pm – 4pm
Beavers	6pm – 7pm
Jets Flyball	6pm – 9pm
Choir, Church Room	6.30pm-7.30pm

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Badminton	9.30am 11.30am
Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Pilates	10am – 11am
Health Visitors, Church Room	10.30am
Badminton	1.30pm –3.30pm
Wickham Indoor Archery	7pm – 9.30pm
Wickham Bowls	7.30pm – 10pm

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Mens Breakfast Club, Church Room	8.00am
Rifle Club	10am – 12pm

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December

Badminton	7pm – 9pm
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### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Spinners & Weavers, Church Room	11am
Tea Dance	1.30pm –4pm
Keep Fit	6.15pm –7.15pm
Rifle Club	7pm – 10pm
Scouts	7pm – 9pm
Circle Dancing, Church Room	7.30pm
Western Partners	8pm – 10pm

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Poppins, Church Room	9.30am
Circuits	10am – 11am
U3A	1.45pm –3.45pm
Short Tennis	2pm – 4pm
Mothers Union, 2, Cold Harbour Close	2.15pm
Brownies, Church Room	4.45pm
Sallywags	6.15pm – 9pm
Wickham Bowls	7.30pm – 10pm

Alamo	7.30pm-10pm
Wickham Society, Church Room	7.45pm

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Short Tennis	9.30am 11.30am
Three Bears	9am– 12.30Flexi
Yoga	9.45pm 11.45pm
Lunch Club, Church Room	12.00noon
Baby Clinic	12.15 – 2.15pm
W.I	2pm – 4pm
Skipping Club	4.30pm -5.30pm
Slimming World	5.15pm – 8pm
Karate	6.30pm –7.30pm
Cubs	6.30pm – 8pm
Wickham Wives, Church Room	7.30pm

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Poppins, Church Room	9.30am
Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
No Citizens advice today	10.30am 1.30pm
Blood Donors	11.30am onward
Beavers	6pm – 7pm
Jets Flyball Team	6pm – 9pm
Choir, Church Room	6.30pm-7.30pm

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Badminton	9.30am 11.30am
Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Pilates	10am – 11am
Health Visitors, Church Room	10.30am
Badminton	1.30pm –3.30pm
St.Nicholas Art Grp, Church Room	2.00pm
Archery	7pm – 9.30pm
Wickham Indoor Bowls	7.30pm – 10pm

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Rifle Club	10am – 12pm
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### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Fareham Cavy Club	all day
Badminton	7pm – 9pm

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Spinners & Weavers, Church Room	11.00am
Badminton	1.30pm –3.30pm
Keep Fit	6.15pm –7.15pm
Scouts	7pm – 9pm
Rifle Club	7pm – 10pm
Circle Dancing., Church Room	7.30pm
Western Partners	8pm – 10pm

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi
Poppins, Church Room	9.30am
Circuits	10am – 11am
Short Tennis	2pm – 4pm
Mother's Union, 14 Tanfield Pk	2.15pm
Brownies, Church Room	4.45pm
Sallywags	6.15pm – 9pm
Wickham Bowls	7.30pm – 10pm
First Responders, Church Room	7.45pm

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Short Tennis	9.30am 11.30am
Three Bears Playgroup	9am – 12.30flexi

Yoga 9.45am 11.45am  
 Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm -5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Cubs 6.30pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm –7.30pm  
 Engineers, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Beavers 6pm – 7pm  
 Jets Flyball 6pm – 9pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm-7.30pm  
 Alamo Square Dancing 7.30pm-10pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Badminton 9.30am 11.30am  
 Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 Badminton 1.30pm –3.30pm  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm  
 Archery 7pm – 9.30pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Rifle Club 10am – 12  
 Christmas Buffet Dance, £10.00 7.30pm-12

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

Rabbit Club all day  
 Badminton 7pm – 9pm

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Badminton 1.30pm-3.30pm  
 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 11.00am  
 Rifle Club 7pm – 10pm  
 Light Railway, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Western Partners 8pm – 10pm

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Circuits 10am – 11am  
 Short Tennis 2pm – 4pm  
 Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 Scallywags 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Responders,Church Room 7.30pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

Short Tennis 9.30am – 1.30am  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm –5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm –7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 Christmas Eve Dance, ticket only 8pm till late

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

CLOSED

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

CLOSED

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> December**

CLOSED

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

CLOSED

Poppins, Church Room 9.30am

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> December**

Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm –7.30pm  
 Royal British Legion, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Jets Flyball Team 6pm – 9pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Friday 31<sup>th</sup> December**

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**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

CLOSED

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

CLOSED

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

CLOSED

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Circuits 10am – 11am  
 Short Tennis 2pm – 4pm  
 Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 Scallywags 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Alamo square Dancing 7.30pm – 10pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

Short Tennis 9.30am 11.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Yoga 9.45am – 11.45  
 Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm –5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm –7.30pm  
 Royal British Legion, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Jets Flyball Team 6pm – 9pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

Badminton 9.30am 11.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am

Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm  
 Archery 7pm – 9.30pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Saturday 8th January**

Rifle Club 10am – 12

**Sunday 9th January**

Badminton 7pm – 9pm

**Monday 10th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 11.00am  
 Tea Dance 1.30pm – 4pm  
 Keep Fit 6.15pm – 7.15pm  
 Scouts 7pm – 9pm  
 Rifle Club 7pm – 10pm  
 Circle Dancing, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Western Partners 8pm – 10pm

**Tuesday 11th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Circuits 10am – 11am  
 Short Tennis 2pm – 4pm  
 U3A 1.45pm – 3.45pm  
 Mother's Union, The Rectory 2.15pm  
 Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 Scallywags 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Wednesday 12th January**

Short Tennis 9.30am 11.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Yoga 9.45am – 11.45  
 Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Cubs 6.30pm – 8pm  
 Wickham Wives, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 13th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Jets Flyball Team 6pm – 9pm  
 Beavers 6pm – 7pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Alamo Square Dancing 7.30pm – 10pm

**Friday 14th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Badminton 9.30am 11.30am  
 Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm  
 Archery 7pm – 9.30pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Saturday 15th January**

Rifle Club 10am – 12

**Sunday 16th January**

Badminton 7pm – 9pm

**Monday 17th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 11.00am  
 Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 Keep Fit 6.15pm – 7.15pm  
 Scouts 7pm – 9pm  
 Rifle Club 7pm – 10pm  
 Light Railway, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Western Partners 8pm – 10pm

**Tuesday 18th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Circuits 10am – 11am  
 Short Tennis 2pm – 4pm  
 Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 Scallywags 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Alamo square Dancing 7.30pm – 10pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm  
 1st Responders 7.30pm

**Wednesday 19th January**

Short Tennis 9.30am 11.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Yoga 9.45am – 11.45  
 Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Cubs 6.30pm – 8pm, Engi-  
 neers Assoc, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 20th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Upholstery 10am – 4pm  
 Jets Flyball Team 6pm – 9pm  
 Beavers 6pm – 7pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Alamo Square Dancing 7.30pm – 10pm

**Friday 21st January**

Badminton 9.30am – 1.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Homestart Mother & Toddler 9am – 12pm  
 Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm  
 Archery 7pm – 9.30pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Saturday 22nd January**

Rifle Club 10am – 12  
 Ballroom 7pm – 11pm

**Sunday 23rd January**

Badminton 7pm – 9pm

**Monday 24th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi

Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 11.00am  
 Tea Dance 1.30pm – 4pm  
 Keep Fit 6.15pm – 7.15pm  
 Scouts 7pm – 9pm  
 Rifle Club 7pm – 10pm  
 Circle Dancing, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Western Partners 8pm – 10pm

**Tuesday 25th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Circuits 10am – 11am  
 U3A 1.45pm-3.45pm  
 Short Tennis 2pm – 4pm  
 Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 Scallywags 6.15pm – 9pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Wednesday 26th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Short Tennis 9.30am 11.30am  
 Yoga 9.45am – 11.45  
 Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon  
 Baby Clinic 12.15 – 2.15pm  
 Skipping Club 4.30pm – 5.30pm  
 Slimming World 5.15pm – 8pm  
 Karate 6.30pm – 7.30pm  
 Cubs 6.30pm – 8pm  
 Badminton 8pm – 10pm

**Thursday 27th January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Citizens Advice 10.30am 1.30pm  
 Upholstery 10am – 4pm  
 Jets Flyball Team 6pm – 9pm  
 Beavers 6pm – 7pm  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm-7.30pm  
 Alamo Square Dancing 7.30pm – 10pm

**Friday 28th January**

Badminton 9.30am 11.30am  
 Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Pilates 10am – 11am  
 Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm  
 Archery 7pm – 9.30pm  
 Wickham Bowls 7.30pm – 10pm

**Saturday 29th January**

Rifle Club 10am – 12

**Sunday 30th January**

Athena Fayre 10.30am-4pm  
 Badminton 7pm – 9pm

**Monday 31st January**

Three Bears Playgroup 9am – 12.30flexi  
 Spinners & Weavers, Church Room 11.00am  
 Badminton 1.30pm – 3.30pm  
 Keep Fit 6.15pm – 7.15pm  
 Scouts 7pm – 9pm  
 Rifle Club 7pm – 10pm  
 Circle Dancing, Church Room 7.30pm  
 Western Partners 8pm – 10pm

**Tuesday 1st February**

Brownies, Church Room 4.45pm  
 History Society, Church Room 7.30pm

**Wednesday 2nd February**

Lunch Club, Church Room 12.00noon

**Thursday 3rd February**

Poppins, Church Room 9.30am  
 Choir, Church Room 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Friday 4th February**

Health Visitors, Church Room 10.30am  
 St.Nicholas Art Grp., Church Room 2.00pm

**Saturday 5th February**

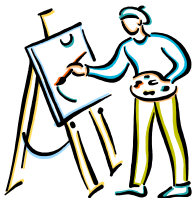
Mens Breakfast Club, Church Room 8am

**Please check with individual groups as they may cancel at short notice**

***IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY***

***SATURDAY JUNE 11TH 2011***

This is the date for our next Fete. We hope all of you who have helped us before will be kind enough to support us again in 2011. New volunteers would be especially welcome so please keep the day free and watch out for more information in the parish magazine next year.



**ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC  
EXHIBITION**

10<sup>th</sup>–13<sup>th</sup> February 2011 The Woodford  
Suite at Wickham Centre.

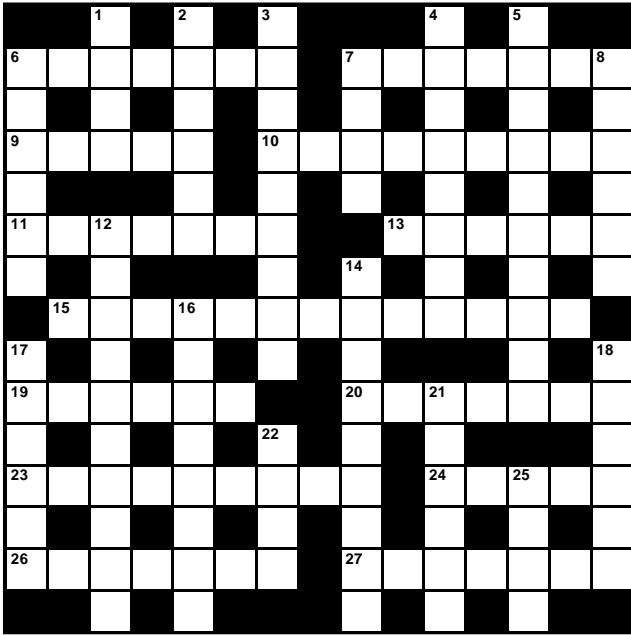
Entries invited from local Artists & Photographers  
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For details & entry form, please call or email on  
01329 833688 or [wickhamcentre@btconnect.com](mailto:wickhamcentre@btconnect.com)  
(deadline for entries, 25<sup>th</sup> January)



# Wickham Prize Crossword No.43

by Konrad © RJS 2010



- 11 Treads on relative (7)
- 13 Game of chess finishes this way for prisoner (6)
- 15 Cite reserve as source of information (9,4)
- 19 20A! Water isn't frozen! (6)
- 20 Former pupils wait and see (7)
- 23 For each person agent returns headgear. I thank you (3,6)
- 24 Loner may join up (5)
- 26 Cream soups warmed Gestapo (7)
- 27 Call to account every last devil (7)

**Down**

- 1 Upmarket transport (4)
- 2 Arrange intervals to drop ten competitors (6)
- 3 Don Bowyer revealed as Batman's sidekick (3,6)
- 4 Opener Bond upset about broken chessman (8)
- 5 Disturbingly right about dour medieval poet (10)
- 6 Capital hospital community (6)
- 7 Fruity sounding couple? (4)
- 8 Irate communist returns to plant (6)
- 12 Choose to speak before body of voters (10)
- 14 Current engulfed cobra, it squirmed being agile (9)
- 16 Swap telephone hub (8)
- 17 Tin a young dog may grab easily (4,2)
- 18 Bent white metal item lost while looking for riches! (6)
- 21 The tired little one of Walt's seven (6)
- 22 Designs top quality document (4)
- 25 Genuine silver coin (4)

Name ..... Phone number .....

**Across**

- 6 Emerson left untidy reception rooms for the porch (7)
- 7 In favour of lightweight course? (7)
- 9 Odd graduate does a dance (5)
- 10 Turn about sharply making collection (4-5)

Please send your completed crossword to the editor by Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2011.

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

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**Wickham Sudoku No.43**  
by Balthasar

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	3							
		5				4	2	
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	8		1	2		5		

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## Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

*Protecting wildlife. Inspiring people.*

### *50 Years of Inspiring People*

*by Peter Hutchings, Hampshire and Isle of Wight  
Wildlife Trust*

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust is 50 years old and we're about to celebrate our golden jubilee with a range of exciting activities over the coming year. From the outset, the Wildlife Trust has been very aware of its role in helping people understand the environment and our wildlife. We have understood the challenge of inspiring and enthusing the next generation in an increasingly urbanised world. In fact, in the very early days, it was recommended that the Trust should secure a series of nature reserves that would be used primarily for education purposes.

Having a vision is one thing, turning it into a reality is something very different.

And from the first Wildlife Trust AGM in 1962 with some 450 members, the reality must have seemed a long way off.

By the Trust's Silver Jubilee in 1985, membership numbers had risen to 5,000 and the number of nature reserves continued to grow. But it was not until 1993 that a massive step change took place in delivering the education vision, when Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve was established. At last, a purpose built facility set in 80 acres, where education could be delivered to an audience that covered schools, community groups and the general public.

Further Education Centres followed in 1996 at Blashford Lakes and Testwood Lakes in 2002. It is quite remarkable that, from the early vision, many thousands of people now visit these reserves every



year to take part in a wide range of formal and informal wildlife education, through guided walks, talks, countryside courses and family events. With membership at over 28,000, the Trust is now fulfilling the role that could have only been a dream at the outset.

Over the years, the Trust has invested much time and effort in helping people to understand and enjoy their local wildlife. This investment will continue to be the cornerstone of the Wildlife Trust's approach today and into the future, making a real difference to local people and wildlife.

If we are to nurture a new generation of supporters to value and take responsibility for our local wildlife and wild places, we must find new ways of inspiring and involving people. Our education centres and nature reserves will remain a valuable asset to the Trust and our education work, but we will also need to invest in reaching out beyond their boundaries, into the local communities in our cities, towns and villages across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

As a charity that relies on funding and support from our members, your help is always appreciated. To find out more, have a look at our website [www.hwt.org.uk](http://www.hwt.org.uk). It's a great way to keep up to date with our latest events, news stories and volunteer opportunities.

### **December**

#### **Tue 7**

FA **Stars, Trees, Robins and Reindeer** 10.30am–12noon. Come along to Swanwick Lakes to help us get ready for Christmas. Make some wildlife decorations and presents to take home. An event for toddlers and pre-school children. Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Dawn Preston or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring warm coats and wellies. Booking is essential.

FA **Explore Cams Bay and Fareham Creek for Birds** 1.30pm. We will walk the shoreline path to the edge of Fareham and then take the shorter road walk back to the start. About 5 miles all on good flat paths. Meet in the car park at Wicor Recreation Ground Portchester (Map ref. SU 601 050). For further details please contact John Goodspeed on 023 9222 1361 or 07811 435252. Suggested donation £1.50.

#### **Mon 13**

BW **Christmas Quiz and Raffle** 7.30pm. Join us for a fun quiz evening with mince pies and mulled wine. Enter as a team of 6 or come along to join a team on the evening. Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1EE. Parking is available in library car park next door. For further details, please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961 (evenings and weekend). Admission £9 per team of 6. Children welcome.

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FA **Botswana** 7.30pm. Julie Jenkins will give an entertaining illustrated talk on the wildlife of Botswana. 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 21**

FA **Yuletide Yarns** 10.30am–12noon. Come along to Swanwick Lakes for a session of stories, crafts and seasonal activities. An event for families with children aged 4 to 7. Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Dawn Preston or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring warm coats and wellies. Booking is essential.

## **January 2011**

### **Sat 1**

FA **Frosty Footprints** 10.30am-12noon. Who is creeping in winter woods? Who is sneaking past the frozen lake? Come and find out at our New Year event at Swanwick Lakes for toddlers and pre-school children. Please bring warm coats and wellies. For further details and to book your place, please contact Dawn Preston or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Booking is essential as places are limited.

### **Thu 6**

FA **Blow Away the Cobwebs** 10.30am. Join reserve staff for our traditional New Year guided walk and see wintry Swanwick Lakes at their best. Please wrap up warm and wear sturdy shoes or boots. For further

details, please contact Dawn Preston or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £1.50.

### **Mon 10**

FA **South Downs National Park** 7.30pm. Nick Heasman will give an expert presentation: "The Past, Present and Future of Our 21st Century National Park". 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.

### **Sun 23**

FA **Bird Box Making** 10-11.30am and 12.30-2pm. Bring your family along to Swanwick Lakes and make a bird box to help the birds in your garden. This is a drop in event but booking is essential due to limited wood supply. Please wrap up warm and wear sturdy shoes or boots. For further details and to book your place, please contact Dawn Preston or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £4 per bird box.

### **Mon 24**

BW **Cacti in Chile to Warm a January Evening** 7.30pm. Illustrated talk on cacti and other wildlife encountered on trips to Chile over 5 years by Angelika Money from the Portsmouth Cactus Society. To be held at Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham SO32 1NS (Map ref. SU 557 176). Parking is available at library next door (postcode SO32 1EE). For further details, please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Admission £2.50 adults, children free, including refreshments.

Swanwick Lakes Nature Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick, SO31 7AY, (Map ref. SU 505 098).



## **Meon Valley**

In the November issue of this publication there was a report of the recently formed Meon Valley Active Retirement Association (MVARA). The final paragraph mentions vague awareness of other adult groups and claims that neither it or The Statutory Services have records of them. In the case of the Meon Valley U3a, we find this astonishing since we are about to celebrate our 20th anniversary and also because members of our U3a attended and even spoke at the inaugural meeting of the MVARA. The final paragraph refers also to lack of publicity, yet our U3a programme is regularly listed in this and several other local parish magazines, since our membership of 80 (and growing) extends to Bishops Waltham, Waltham Chase, Swanmore, Soberton, Droxford, Knowle and Fareham.

Meon Valley U3a has been holding meetings at

Wickham Community Centre since 1991. Membership is for the retired – requires no qualifications – just an interest in informal lifelong learning. Visitors are always welcome.

A themed programme of twice-monthly talks takes place on Tuesday afternoons from September to April annually. Topics are varied: this season's subjects have included local environmental matters, archaeology, music, literature, local history, adventure and travel. Meon Valley U3a's activities include three reading groups, study groups for geology, music appreciation, painting and sharing art, poetry, visual arts appreciation, a jazz group and a strolling group for those keen on flowers & wildlife.

Membership currently costs £10 per year (with an occasional £1 surcharge) which also gives access to workshops and summer schools organised nationally by the parent group, The Third Age Trust.

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WEBSITE:

University Of the Third Age Meon Valley <http://www.mvnet.co.uk/u3a>

Meon Valley U3a Chairman - Brian Barrett - telephone (01329) 833384

**Dec 7** 2pm “*Mozart’s Travels*” Musical presentation by Bunny Thornton & Dr. Denis May

Wickham Community Centre, guests welcome

**Dec 16** 2pm Music Appreciation: Britten’s

“*Prince of the Pagodas*” Ring (01329) 833594 for venue

**2011**

**Jan 11** 2pm “*Ancient Temples of Upper Egypt*” illustrated talk by amateur historian Mike Hollis, Wickham Community Centre, guests welcome.

**Jan 25** 2pm “*Did Shakespeare Come to Titchfield?*” presentation by George Watts Wickham Community Centre, guests welcome.

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## ***Bishops Waltham Police Station***

I am delighted to have started at Bishops Waltham at the beginning of October. I have now met some members of the community, been out on patrol with my team, and am therefore starting to understand some of the issues that need to be addressed. The area I cover is split into six neighbourhood beats with a Police Community Support Officer and Police Officer working together on two beats each:

### ***Whiteley, Soberton Heath & Newtown***

PC 2551 Steve CROSSLEY

PCSO 13319 Owen REEVES

### ***Wickham, Boarhunt & Southwick***

PC 21169 Jon NEWMAN

PCSO 13308 Hannah JEFFCOAT

### ***Soberton, Hambledon and Denmead***

PC 21853 Emma PORT

PCSO 13204 Laurence DAY

I am already aware that the team I have is excellent, and have been well directed by my friend and colleague Sergeant Chris Stanton. It is now my role to keep up the work Chris has been doing, and look at how we can reduce crime further in a relatively low crime area.

I have over 13 years service with Hampshire Constabulary, working in Southampton and Winchester areas. I have worked as a Detective, both at Constable and Sergeant; and have 4 years experience in safer neighbourhood policing on the Winchester District, including my most recent role as Deputy Inspector.

My aim is to prevent crime in your neighbourhoods therefore improving the quality of life for all; this will be the main responsibility of my three Police

Community Support Officers. The Police Constables in the team will mainly utilise their powers to deal robustly with offenders and investigate crimes that occur.

On each neighbourhood beat my officers will give monthly engagement opportunities so that residents can tell us their community priorities. I will then meet with safer neighbourhood panels to discuss local priorities and determine where my officers should be deployed. I will report back to the panel on our progress with your priorities and discuss any changes on a quarterly basis. All our community priorities can be viewed on the NPIA website: <http://maps.police.uk>

I am a keen supporter of Neighbourhood Watch, and will be working with my team and NHW coordinators to try and increase the numbers of NHW’S in the area. By being a member of NHW you get updates of suspicious activity in your area, and also have an opportunity to assist us by providing community intelligence which helps us work out crime trends at a local level.

I look forward to meeting you over the coming years. If you wish to contact me or my team we work out of Bishops Waltham Police Station, Hoe Road, Bishops Waltham. The Station is open Monday to Friday 0900 – 1300 hours, alternatively email:

My team:

[Meon.valley.south.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Meon.valley.south.snt@hampshire.pnn.police.uk).

Or me at: [alastair.hibberd@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:alastair.hibberd@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



*Alastair  
Hibberd*

## **CAB**

Q. After seeking advice about my debt I'm considering bankruptcy, but I'm worried as I've been told it's difficult to get a bank account after being made bankrupt. Is this true and what are my options?

A. As soon as you're made bankrupt, your bank and building society accounts will be frozen. Once your accounts have been frozen you'll need to make other arrangements to pay bills and receive benefits or wages. Some banks let you keep your account after you've gone bankrupt but most don't. If yours doesn't, you can try to open a basic bank account with another bank. Most banks won't give a new account to people who are bankrupt but a few, such as Barclays and the Co-Operative, do. A list of which banks do is available from the Financial Services Authority website: [www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk/pdfs/bank\\_accounts.pdf](http://www.moneymadeclear.fsa.gov.uk/pdfs/bank_accounts.pdf)

If you are struggling to open a basic bank account an alternative option could be a Post Office Card Account (Poca). Poca's can be used to receive your benefits, state pension or tax credits but not for wages

or things like housing benefit. If a Poca isn't suitable there are Prepaid cards or a Managed account, but all of these

have limitations and charge a fee so should only be used if all other options fail.

If you are considering bankruptcy, or have gone bankrupt and are struggling to open a bank account and manage your financial affairs your local Citizens Advice Bureau can help.

For more information you can contact your local CAB at Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, Tel. No. (01489) 896376 open from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 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](mailto:bishopswaltham@cabnet.org.uk) with your problem. You can also go to our local website [www.bishopswalthamcab.org.uk](http://www.bishopswalthamcab.org.uk) or you can go to the national Citizens Advice website [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

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## **CPRE Hampshire**

Wallington Village Community Association (WVCA) is one of the latest groups to show its support for the SHUV campaign, run jointly with the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which is concerned about a proposed large-scale development of between 6,500 and 7,500 homes north of Fareham. Campaigners say that it will infill the only piece of green countryside between the village of Wickham and Fareham.

David Walton, of Wallington Village Community Association (WVCA) is due to speak for campaigners at a Fareham Borough Council meeting on 18th November, at which councillors will vote on whether to pass the plan within the Core Strategy for the area. If it is passed, the development plans would be included in information to be considered at Public Inquiry.

Mr Walton said: "The Council's own data contained within the Core Strategy document shows that in the period 2010-2026 the Fareham Housing need is for an additional 500 homes above and beyond those currently planned to be built; which begs the question why are they even considering an SDA of

6,500 - 7,500 homes on some of the best farmland in Hampshire, just to satisfy PUSH's aspirations.

"Secondly, I believe it would be grossly irresponsible of the Council to commit to such a massive development at this early stage, when most of the infrastructure requirements haven't even been costed, let alone are the funding streams in place. In the present financial climate, where is the money going to come from to fund for example the highways improvements, the access road, work on the Motorway Junctions and the BRT system, all of which ought to be made absolute prerequisites before any decision is made. All of the local Community Groups are totally against the SDA proposals in their present form."

Fareham Borough Council has said that funding will be detailed in an 'Area Action Plan', to be drafted at a later date.

An online group has been set up by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, to fight the proposals. Email to [SHUV-@googlegroups.com](mailto:SHUV-@googlegroups.com). Postcards can be ordered from 01962 779185 or by email at [info@cprehampshire.org.uk](mailto:info@cprehampshire.org.uk).

## **MEON VALLEY CARERS GROUP NEWS**

Registered Charity No. 1107865

### ***Promoting a positive way of living with dementia***

MVCG is a charity that provides support for people suffering with dementia and their carers. If you are caring for someone with dementia, whether it's a relative, friend or neighbour, and feel you might benefit from our group why not contact our office, details below, or call in and pick up a newsletter.

October saw the Meon Valley Carers Group AGM. We had the pleasure of welcoming The Right Worshipful the Mayor of Winchester, Councillor and Chairman of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Carol Leversha, as well as our members and other guests.

The Meon Valley Carers Group is now becoming an established group within the Meon Valley area. We continuously visit and invite new members to join the group. We strive to support the needs of carers and the cared for who are suffering with any form of dementia. We offer information, advice and social interaction through lunches, meetings and outings.

The theme for this year's Dementia Awareness Week was Remember the Person. We also aim to promote ways of living with dementia by improving public understanding thus enabling both the carer and the cared for to still enjoy life and still do much of what they have done before.

For the future we will continue to organise outings such as to the pantomime later in the year and a trip on the Watercress is planned for next year, along with many other activities. We aim to provide carers with information to improve their knowledge and assist with their caring role. A memory course is planned for the group to be organised by the Gosport and Fareham Older Person's Mental Health Team which we welcome as an important step forward to supplying information in a rural area.

The Mayor of Winchester formally open the Drop in Centre situated at the rear of The Paterson Centre which will be manned by Vicki, our admin support worker, on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am –

1pm. Statistics indicate that two thirds of people living with the symptoms of dementia do not receive a formal diagnosis. Without a diagnosis people cannot receive the support, information and treatment they need to maintain their quality of everyday life. Our aim is to encourage people with memory concerns to call in and see Vicki for an informal chat. We also wish to encourage the family and friends of our existing members to feel at ease to contact the centre if they are concerned about particular issues.

It often goes without being said, but a huge thank you goes to all the volunteers of the group who play their part in making the group so successful, but also making it possible.



We are looking forward the Christmas party on the 14th December when the children from Swanmore Primary School will be singing Christmas carols. We will also be having hand bells and will hopefully get a chance to have a go too!

**Volunteers needed!**

Are you a sociable person who enjoys meeting new people? We need caring volunteers at our meetings to stimulate people with dementia during activities and/or provide a listening ear to our carers. You will need good listening skills plus patience and empathy to interact with elderly people (those with dementia and their carers). Why not come along to our AGM or pop into the office and find out more about the group?

7th Dec	Christmas lunch at the Forge 12 noon
14th Dec	Christmas party The Paterson Centre 2pm

The Carers Centre for Memory Concerns, at the Paterson Centre, Church Road, Swanmore Mon & Thurs 9 am - 1pm, Tel: 01489 895444  
E-Mail [meon-valley@btconnect.com](mailto:meon-valley@btconnect.com)



Being a parent isn't always easy... Children don't understand that you may be tired, upset or feeling unwell. Home-Start volunteers support families (who have a child under the age of 5 years)

living in the local area, visiting once a week for a couple of hours offering friendship, practical support and a listening ear. We are also looking for Trustees to join our Management Committee. If you have a few hours a

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## MEON VALLEY LIONS

### *What's with the new idea?*

In recent months, much has been made by Prime Minister David Cameron of The Big Society idea, where communities reduce their reliance on central government and practise self-help from within. Whatever the political dimension, there is a lot to be said for the volunteering philosophy and it's something that Lions have been doing for a long time. Lions clubs have been in existence for approaching one hundred years and the Meon Valley Lions Club has been active in this area since 1973. Our motto is "We serve!" and the focus is very much on the local community. Although part of an international organisation, our club works to ensure that 80% of the money we raise is channelled back into local good causes and charities within the area of the Meon Valley. The remainder goes to national and international programmes such as the Pakistan floods or the Tsunami appeal – but in all cases every single penny we collect from donations, or at our fund-raising events, is used to help others. Unlike many other organisations, we use absolutely none of the money for salaries or administration.

We are looking for like-minded men and women to join us to give a little back to their community, and you can commit as much or as little time as you can spare. It isn't all hard work; Lions have fun too with a packed social programme, so if you'd like to find out more give us call: 01489 894932

### *Santa's 2010 itinerary*

Although we all know that Father Christmas visits every child on Christmas Eve, he does some quick practice runs throughout the Meon Valley in December, just to make sure that all the boys and girls have been good. He'll be in your area on the

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week to spare and you have parenting experience give us a call to find out more. Training is given – the next course will be starting on Monday 24th January 2011 at Wickham Community Centre. Out of pocket expenses will be reimbursed. This voluntary work is

following December nights between about 6.15pm and 8pm, so listen for the carols and look out for his brightly lit sleigh! The Saturday dates are



morning appearances.

Sat 11 (am) Wickham Square

Tue 21 Mislingford and Wickham

Once again Lions will be collecting for our charities as we accompany Father Christmas around the towns and villages, looking to equal our 2009 total of £4,152. This year we have decided to allocate the Christmas collections to a number of specific charities including Young Carers, Homestart, Citizens' Advice Bureau and Meon Valley Young Carers – so you know exactly where your donations are going. Please give whatever you can to help us.

### *200 Club*

One way of helping our good causes is by getting involved with our Supporters Club 200 Club. At a cost of just £1 per month you contribute to the 200 Club with the chance of winning a cash prize of up to £70 each month, plus £400 in the annual super-June draw. The maximum number of members is 200 (the clue's all in the name) so the odds of winning are so much better than the National Lottery and you get the satisfaction of knowing it's also helping good causes. This month the previous proceeds of the 200 club realised £1,000, which was donated to the Meon Valley Lions charitable causes. To find out more, visit our website ([www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk](http://www.meonvalleylionsclub.org.uk)) or register by simply contacting Jon Ormiston 01489 893899.

unpaid but is highly rewarding. YOU can make a difference to someone's life. Home--Start is The UK's Leading Family Support Organisation.

Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants PO17 5AL 01329 835936 and ask for Claire  
Email: [organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk](mailto:organiser@homestart-meonvalley.org.uk)

## ***WICKHAM MEN'S BREAKFAST***

On 4<sup>th</sup> December we will be assembling in Greens for our third anniversary breakfast. As usual, we will invite the two good fairies who miraculously clear the kitchen while we debate higher things, together with three outside speakers who have entertained us so well over the year. To select a few from our excellent talks would be invidious, so a summary of the year follows.

A remarkably skilled researcher, Dennis Boylan also has the knack of bringing his story to life. The history of the development of the first air link to East and South Africa in the very early days of flight was packed with adventures which would have filled an edition of Boys' Own.

In February, Mark Esbester, an optometrist practising in Southsea, gave us an idea of the workings of Vision Aid Overseas. The charity organises teams from the UK which make short visits to deprived areas of Africa to set up mobile eye clinics. Mark's photographs showed how the enormous amount of administration and planning needed were clearly rewarded in the gratitude of people who might have trekked for several days to regain their sight.

Over the next two months we looked to Shedfield for a speaker. Pete Yeoman's enthusiasm for and expertise with vintage cars found him in America where he took part as a co-driver in a New York to Seattle rally of Model T Ford vehicles. We were left admiring the stamina of the vehicles as much as that of the drivers. Pete was followed by Steve Hughes, who arrived complete with the enormously heavy rucksack he had toted on 'Steve's Long Walk' from John o' Groats to Lands End, managing to make a few detours en route.

'The Navy couldn't find an expert in port administration, so they sent me', was Tom Quayle's modest introduction to a polished and highly entertaining talk on his experiences on detachment to the coalition forces tasked to rebuild Iraq's main outlet on the Persian Gulf, a moment of grandeur which he evidently enjoyed.

Just as the debate over Darwin was in the news Michael Carter came to tell us about the excitement of recent research which seemed to prove, at least for the time being, that Darwin was right. Maybe

there will be a sequel: we hope at any rate to see Michael again.

We hope that in inviting as speaker Sheikh Fazle Abbas Dato, the Resident Alim of the Muslim community at Al Mahdi, we may have helped in the growing process which has become known as 'Bridging Wickham'. Sheikh Fazle's talk certainly led to a lively discussion.

In taking up the offer of Portsmouth Water to send a speaker we were enlightened by a most interesting talk by Ian Limb, who seems to hold down a number of posts in the Company. As customers, we were impressed with the achievements of the Company and questioned whether Southern Water might also be persuaded to put a head above the parapet.

An open invitation to Brian Barrett itself leads to mystery and appropriately, with the aid of an archive of photographs, Brian chose to delve into the life of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, one time resident and football player in Portsmouth, and linking some of Conan Doyle's acquaintances with the characters of Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson.

For our last talk Barrie Marson chose the title 'Goodbye to British Technology'. What might have seemed an obscure title was made clear by Barrie's fascinating talk which skimmed over his career from the time when British technology led the world to the point where the demise of our leadership and experience was epitomised by EMI choosing to concentrate on music production rather than compete with American and Japanese technology.

We are pleased to report that we are again able to make donations to the Friends of St Nicholas and to a Forces charity. This year we will send a cheque to SSAFA.

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*

## **THURSDAY CLUB**

The talk this month was entitled 'To the Antarctic and back before I was 18' and was given by one of our members, Philip Frances-Medland. He explained how he joined the Navy and what the training was like. Then, using many photographs taken at the time of the places he visited, and of the other 24 young sailors, he retraced his steps on what for him was an epic journey, taken as a 17 1/4 year old in 1953. An early stop on the journey was Bermuda where he pointed to what was then the longest airstrip in the world; made of compressed metal from cars, it was the refuelling stop for aircraft from the US to Britain. We saw photos of the colourful daily street markets in Trinidad and the cropping of sugar cane in Guiana. His ship, HMS Vervan Bay, sailed into the live volcano known as Deception Island in the Antarctic. The

Captain took his dog, Claude, on the journey rather than have it put down as it attacked sheep. Every time Claude was allowed off the ship he had to be carefully watched as he attacked dogs, and on one occasion, penguins. Every week Philip and the other lads had to train at rowing for an hour, in all weathers, but why they had to do this did not become clear until they made the return journey through Bermuda. The Captain had entered them in a Regatta. They won, and were presented with a replica of an oar in silver which, together with some whale teeth (which Philip had extracted himself) were on show for us to see. Quite an experience in 1953 when most of us regarded a short trip by bus to do the shopping as a big enough adventure!

*Jane England*

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## **WICKHAM YOUTH CLUB**

A very successful Halloween Party was held on October 28th. in the Community Centre and in tents and gazebos set up in the open space at the rear. There were Stalls for Pumpkin Carving, Face Painting, Cake Making and lots of other games, plus Story-telling for all ages, which was very popular.

Congratulations to Lucy Warwick and Michaela Harris who worked very hard to organise the event.

It's hoped that the goodwill generated by it will bring forward a few new volunteer helpers- we are still in urgent need of 2 or 3 people, to make Wednesday –evening opening possible.

Our next event will be a Family Christmas Party on Thursday December 23rd, 7pm until 11pm. There will be a bar, disco and a cold buffet. Also Santa's Grotto in the Club Hut. Tickets £2 for adults, £1 per child, children under 5 are free.

*Ray Hughes*



Two cruises are on offer from Portsdown Travel;

**DUBROVNIK** 1 - 8 May 2011  
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ACCOMMODATION RETURN COACHING  
TRANSFERS FROM LOCAL AREA**

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## **WICKHAM WIVES**

The members of Wickham Wives were delighted that Dr Steve Smallwood was to give us an update on the work of the BASICS Doctors. BASICS is the British Association for Immediate Care. Started in the late 1970's by a group of doctors who realized that rapid stabilisation of severely injured people at the scene of the trauma could save lives.

Since no NHS funding was forthcoming, the scheme was set up and entirely funded by volunteers. Training was organised for the doctors, but they soon became aware that more equipment was required than their routine "doctor's bag". From this small beginning they now have the latest emergency anaesthetising and resuscitating equipment, with a car carrying all the recognised features for rapid response. The doctors have all the protective measures needed for their safety, helmets and fluorescent visible protective clothing including a stab vest. Their aim is to give 24/7 cover 365 days of the year throughout Hampshire.

A Training School at Knowle for paramedics and BASIC doctors allow them to work together and complement each other. In the last 10 years, trained anaesthetists and intensive care specialists have joined the team. Equipment to anaesthetise a roadside patient; enable an airway to be cleared; restore oxygen to the brain, is vital. Anaesthetising a trapped person enables other rescue services to release them, thereby reducing trauma.

BASICS works in conjunction with other rescue services, such as training with the Coastguards. The Helicopter Emergency Service allows these doctors to experience being winched onto boats and hillsides to enable difficult rescues to be made. Medics returning from Afghanistan have given valuable advice gained

in immediate care, the importance of teamwork enabling casualties to survive when there was apparently 'no hope'.

Some doctors now attend accidents on motorcycles, carrying essential equipment, enabling them to negotiate traffic congestion. These doctors are given special training by police motorcyclists. The latest item of equipment is a radiation monitor - should there be a "dirty bomb". Police advanced driving courses have reinforced the experience of Dr Smallwood, who realized the importance of speed limits, having witnessed the effects.

Equipment and expertise comes at a price - each equipped car costs upwards of £30,000, plus annual maintenance, replacements and training. For the future of BASICS, NHS involvement would reduce the pressure on those trying to keep the service "on the road". Ideally, an approved course of BASICS training could be given to doctors on completion of their training. Education continues, with regular meetings with all the disaster agencies. We can never be too prepared.

In thanking Dr Smallwood, we can be reassured that these special volunteers are there, giving their time to being BASIC doctors. Dr Smallwood, came dressed and equipped for "any emergency", but thankfully he wasn't bleeped. I would like to thank our members for the generous donations of £115.

December 8th is the Wives' Christmas Party and we will meet again on January 12th for a talk by Margaret Edgeworth on the "Poor Houses" in Portsmouth; in the Church Room @ 7.30p.m. On behalf of Wickham Wives may I send you all best wishes for Christmas and the coming year.

*Margaret Gwynn*

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## **ARMED FORCES DAY JUNE 2011**

Early in November, a number of Parish organisations got together to form a Working Group with the intention of showing our community's support for our boys and girls in uniform on Armed Forces Day 2011. The group aspires to arrange the following:

Friday 24 June 2011 - Parade for the Children - from Wickham Church of England Primary School to the Square, hopefully accompanied by a band. There

they will raise the Armed Forces Day flag.

Saturday 25 June 2011 - the Ancient Order of Foresters will be arranging a band concert in the Community Centre.

Sunday 26 June 2011 - Flag raising ceremony in the square, possibly accompanied by a band. It is hoped that we will be able to conduct an open air service of thanksgiving in conjunction with the flag raising.

It's early days, but let's hope that we can make this happen. Make a note in your diary!

*Mike Hollis*

## **WICKHAM-VILLERS TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Encore une fois we have returned from a most enjoyable biannual visit to Villers, this year featuring the Scallop Festival (Fete de la Coquille). After a good crossing, with a pleasant dinner on the ferry, we were met by our hosts, late on Friday evening. Saturday dawned wet, but that did not prevent us from visiting the attractive, small surrounding villages and the resorts of Deauville and Trouville with their fantastic food markets. Our hosts had all been careful to ensure they had sufficient fuel to transport us around as the fuel strike was at its height and Normandy was one of the worst hit areas. A group visit had been arranged for the afternoon to an attractive and interesting local calvados distillery. After the tour, we were all able to sample their wares which included Pommeau, cidre and apple juice as well as the fiery calvados. For the evening our hosts had organised a meal and dancing to a reggae band at a most unusual Creole Club.

Sunday morning was free time again and some



people chose to visit the Fete de la Coquille in Villers itself whilst others toured the local villages; Pont L'Eveque, famous for its cheese being one of them. The Fete again featured a huge food market with local producers cooking delicious food and displaying jams, confectionery, meat of every description (and from every part of the animals), wines,

calvados, cider and of course, masses of seafood, especially the famous coquilles. The Normandy producers' federations were parading in their traditional uniforms and local dancers performed regional dances, all adding a joie de vivre to the celebrations. After an excellent lunch with our hosts, all featuring the delicious scallops, it was



time to depart for the ferry home.

A most successful, enjoyable week-end with plenty of wonderful, french hospitality and food and some much-needed language practice. It is strange how it takes several days at home before one stops automatically trying to think of the French for everything one does. However, it is not necessary to speak any French to enjoy these visits and we always welcome new members, so if good food, good wine and good fun appeal to you, why not join us? As a special promotion, we are offering an introductory year's membership for just £1 per person until Christmas (children under 16 free). This is instead of our usual, already low price, of £5 per family. Please contact our Membership Secretary, Di Hemingway-Rice on: 01329 835463.

Our next event will be the always popular Quiz on 18th February. Why not brighten up a dull winter's evening and come along? Tickets will be available from Di as above.

*Mike Bennett*

## ***WOMEN'S INSTITUTE***

This afternoon's monthly meeting, held at the Wickham Centre as usual, was the penultimate meeting of Wickham WI. Next month's meeting will be the final time we shall be meeting in this way. For various reasons we are unfortunately having to fold as Wickham W.I but fortunately, in January, 2011 we shall be merging with Bishop's Waltham W.I. and will then be known as Bishops Waltham and Wickham Afternoon W.I. We celebrated our 90th Birthday this year which was quite a milestone and of course are very sad that we cannot continue as before. However, all our members who are able to continue, are looking forward very much to our new future with Bishop's Waltham.

Our speaker this afternoon, on 10th November, was Christine Poole who gave a wonderful talk about



her time on SS Uganda, during the Falklands War. It was most interesting for us to hear how the nursing staff, etc. was brought together from staff



from Haslar and Plymouth hospitals. They were flown to join the ship at Gibraltar and then sailed to the Falklands.

Eventually anchoring somewhere off those

shores. During the long journey down, the various rooms were transformed to become a floating hospital. Quite a feat. In all 730 casualties were treated, including 150 Argentineans. 504 operations were performed on board. The ship was at sea a total of 113 days having steamed 25000 miles. Naturally, after Christine's talk there were plenty of questions. A really fascinating afternoon. June Brown gave the vote of thanks. After tea and biscuits, we had the business side of our meeting.

Sheila Georges gave an excellent resume of Hampshire's W.I. Autumn meeting held at The Anvil in Basingstoke on 20th October. Three of us from Wickham attended. The Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane and the Mayoress, were present for the morning session. The main speaker in the morning was the conductor Jonathon Wilcocks. He gave us a very amusing talk about his life and finally, actually conducted us all in singing Jerusalem. We nearly lifted the roof !! Wonderful.

After the lunch break, and after various business items, our final speaker was Eve Pollard. She was great fun and also gave a very amusing resume of her life.

The meeting was brought to a close at 3.30pm and we all left for our long journeys home, feeling on quite a high.

After this report, we discussed arrangements for our last meeting in December. We shall, of course, be having our last AGM, after which Patricia Matthews will be entertaining us with music and amusing stories, as only she can. We shall finish the meeting with a celebratory tea supplied by ourselves.

The winner of the flower of the month was Barbara Mullett, which was a beautiful pink nyrene.

After a super afternoon our meeting closed, as usual, at 4.00pm.

*Sylvia Wells, President*



## **WICKHAM CRICKET CLUB**

The AGM was held on Monday 15th November at Greens, Wickham and was chaired by John Gwynn in the absence of Chairman Frank Duckworth.

At the meeting, the winners of the best batting and bowling averages were announced, including a new additional award for the champagne moment of the season. The 'trophy', which was appropriately a bottle of champagne, was presented to Peter Gwynn for his 6-over mid-on against Knowle. Not only did the ball clear the boundary, the skateboard park alongside and the 4-foot post-and-rail fence beyond that by about 15 feet, it then proceeded to hit an unfortunate pigeon in flight in the woods! The picture shows Peter receiving his award from Club President Harold Davies.

Winners of the league and club average trophy were:

League and club batting winner:	Chris Martin
League and club batting runner-up:	James Martin
League bowling winner:	Chris Martin
League bowling runner-up:	John Barrett
Club bowling winner:	John Barrett
Club bowling runner-up:	Chris Martin

As well as holding the position of President, Harold has also been treasurer for the club for many years and this year he presented his 62nd balance sheet, before handing over this role to Bob Hayward, who has kindly agreed to take over. Harold has been a key member of the club in both a playing and administrative role. He has held many positions of responsibility over the years, from Secretary in 1950, then Treasurer in 1952 and during his bowling career spanning 28 years between 1949 and 1977, Harold took 1196 wickets, his average being 4 for 71. He was also Vice-Captain and then Captain for many seasons, heading the bowling aver-

ages on many occasions. When his playing career ended, Harold took on the role of Umpire for the club and officiated as Umpire for the Winchester & District Cricket Clubs Association league, including some cup finals. He also prepared the batting and bowling averages for all but one year, until the recent move to an electronic method.

A dinner is to be held in his honour in the Spring, as a mark of our thanks and appreciation of the massive contribution he has made to the success of



the club. It is hoped that players both past and present will be able to attend.

And finally, a report from our Fareham Indoor League captain, Gary Callaghan:

'The indoor team this year has struggled to live up to the tremendous performances of last season, this being mainly due to the loss of three or four key team members. However the enthusiasm in the team remains high and the new team members seem to be enjoying the challenge of indoor cricket! Hopefully this will lead to our first victory shortly!'

We are always pleased to welcome new members, of all playing abilities. If you would like to join the club either as a player, umpire or scorer, please give Malc Burt a call on 01329 834398.

*Lesley Wilde  
Secretary*

### **Allotments**

Are you interested in renting an allotment?  
Contact Trevor Astbury 07787 495779

Or the Parish Council 01329 835019  
Email [clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk](mailto:clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk)

## WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP

We've had a very busy month despite having a week off for half term.

All sections had fun drawing and colouring pictures of things that were special to them for the Big Draw.

### Scouts

Pumpkin carving went down well, these were on display at the bonfire and firework evening. Patrols took part in an Apprentice Challenge, they had to design, market and advertise children's toothpaste, Kingfisher patrol won with their toothpaste Scrubby Dubby Do.

### Cubs

We have been busy designing fireworks which was fun, having a games evening and making decorations.

### Beavers

Firework and bonfire pictures, investitures and lots of games.

We have recently received our Sainsbury's Active Kids parcels. I'm pleased to tell you we had enough vouchers to order two 4-man tents, one 3-man tent, play parachute, rounders bat and a dozen bean bags. THANK YOU to everyone who donated us their vouchers.

The fire was lit, hot dogs and soup were being eaten and drunk while we waited for the fireworks to start. Then one big bang and the sky was lit up from a rocket. Wizz, bang, crackle and woosh the fireworks went on and on. We did have a shower of rain, but it didn't spoil the fun. Thank you to Poppins who decorated our gazebo's with your rockets!!!! THANK YOU to everyone who supported this very successful evening.

We were proud to be invited to join the British Legion for the Remembrance Day Parade and service. Well done to Callum, Matthew, Cameron, Peter, Natasha, Jennifer, Abbie and Jay who helped sell poppies for the Poppy Appeal in the Square.

If you go into the Doctors Surgery in December please look up, the Cubs have made the decorations once again this year.

### Our new building

We are very hopeful the contracts and lease's will be signed in the next couple of weeks. We are then hoping the new building will be started before Christmas.

### Christmas Post

The Scout Christmas Postbox will be in PAGES NEWSAGENT from Wednesday 1st December until Sunday 19th. We will deliver your cards around the village (see map of the area we deliver in Pages) at the very reasonable price of 15p per envelope.

It's official - WICKHAM SCOUT GROUP has been in the village for 100 years. We are waiting for Adam Jollens our County Commissioners to come and present us with a certificate and a plaque (which will be put in pride of place in the new building). We will be having a presentation evening in the new year, this will be open to anyone who has been involved with the group, please let us know if you would like to come so we can give you the final details.

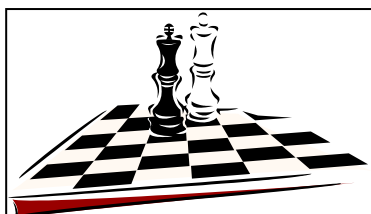
We would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you have a son or daughter aged 6-14 years who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please telephone the number below for details.

Chris Samways, Cub/Beaver Scout Leader  
01329 832739

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## New Chess Club for Wickham?



Would you be interested in becoming a member of a new Chess Club for Wickham?  
Please contact Eاون Furnell  
[ewfurnell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ewfurnell@tiscali.co.uk) tel 01329 834606

## **WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY**

In November, Crawford Wright, a member of our Society, gave an illustrated presentation entitled "Roman Hampshire".

He began with a road map of Roman times that showed how far across England the invaders had reached. The conquest of Britain was an extension of earlier successes in France and Germany which had led to trading interchanges with British groups. The eventual invasion from Boulogne into Kent involved huge numbers of soldiers, horses and ships - a logistical success somewhat reminiscent of D-day- nearly two millennia later.

In the South particular mention was made of Portchester, Fishbourne, Silchester and the Isle of

Wight - areas overrun by the future emperor Vespasian in charge of the Second Legion. Excellent pictures of Roman artefacts were shown including a woman's head modelled in Whitby jet, glass and pottery ware and a variety of mosaics from various villas. These included fine examples from Fishbourne and Brading. The exquisite workmanship was testimony to the influence on Britain of the Roman invasion so many centuries ago.

Our next meeting on 7th December will be a joint one with the Wickham Society. Gareth Owen's talk about "Solent Archaeology and Conservation" will be followed by our traditional Christmas fare of mulled wine and snacks provided by our members.

*Doreen Barrett*

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## ***The Stan Woodford Photographic Competition 2010***

May I remind you that entries for the Stan Woodford Photographic Competition 2010 should be submitted by the end of December. If you have not already got one, application forms are available from Studio 6, the Square, Wickham or if you would like to have one e-mailed to you, the e-mail address is [print@studio-6.co.uk](mailto:print@studio-6.co.uk). Entries should be delivered to Studio 6. They can be sent in as prints or on a computer disc. If you would prefer they can be e-mailed to [print@studio-6.co.uk](mailto:print@studio-6.co.uk).

There are three main categories which cover people and events in Wickham Parish. These are Adult, 18 and under and 13 and under. There will be a cup and cash prize for each of them. As in previous years we will be awarding certificates for various other categories.

This is the fifth anniversary of the Stan

Woodford Competition. Since the first one, a whole array of photographs have been submitted covering many different aspects of our village and the life of people who live here. You can see all the photographs on the Parish Council website. Stan Woodford had a passion for photography and Wickham. You can see him at work in the large print half way up the stairs to the Woodford Suite in the Community Centre. He would have been delighted to know that other people share his enthusiasm.

Stan saw and recorded great changes during his life. The area round Wickham is going to change dramatically over the next 20 years following the Fareham Borough Council's decision this week to build a town the size of Petersfield immediately to the south of Hoads Hill. It is important that we have a record of our community as it is now. Do have a go this year.

*Michael Carter*



## ***The Royal British Legion- Wickham Branch.***

One of the main reasons for the existence of the Royal British Legion was recognised the last week when Remembrance Services and Parades were held throughout the country, Wickham was no exception. The members of "l'anciens combattants" from our twinned French town of Villers-sur-Mer were once again hosted for a long

weekend by members of the branch, to share with us the sorrow and the memories that still remain from the two great wars.

The Saturday was a day for relaxation and pleasure with a coach trip to Lymington for a walk through the street market and sample the local cake and coffee shops. Following a



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very generous buffet style lunch in the Lyminster RBL Club, the coach took a scenic autumn drive across the New Forest to Fordingbridge for a short walk around the town and then back to Wickham. Unfortunately the rain was rather heavy on Sunday morning so the Parade from the Square was called off, but the Remembrance Service in a very full St Nicholas Church and the wreath laying at the Memorial continued as normal. The evening was completed with a fine dinner at The Prince of Wales Inn in Shedfield.

We all thank Gerald for the smooth organisation of the weekend.

The Branch AGM was held in the Church Room on the 24th November 2010.

The Christmas Dinner and Grand Draw will be held at the Brook House Masonic Centre, Botley, on the 11th December 2010.

By the way, did you know?

We are the guardians of Remembrance and the importance of remembering those who have made the ultimate sacrifice and those who fought and are still fighting for the freedom we enjoy.

Mick Kerley

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## ***Knowle village news***

I do hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas getting to know your neighbours; this all helps pull communities together.

Let's continue to promote a Good Community and neighbourly Spirit at Knowle and at the same time make it tough for those who may try to disrupt our community aims.

I will be calling a meeting for all of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators at Knowle at the Hall in the early spring. We would welcome new members along, the more the merrier.

### ***Youth Club.***

With fantastic support and help over the past 6 months this has been run by Hannah and her Police colleagues for the Teenagers on every other Friday evening. This support will tragically come to an end soon but I wish to thank Hannah and the team for starting this up again. We wish to keep this going and eventually move to Weekly Friday nights but to do this we need help from you urgently we have a couple of Volunteers whose CB checks are going through at the moment but in reality to keep this facility open we need at least another 7-10 Adults who are willing to help every other Friday evening; please contact Hannah or me if you can spare a few hours to help this facility stay open.

### ***Police Surgery***

At Arty's Café Bar in South Square every other Sunday between noon and 1pm our local neighbourhood Police team partnering with Arty's are there every other week and all are welcome to drop in and meet the team as well as are any concerns they have on local Policing issues. The next Police Surgery's are on 21<sup>st</sup> November, 5<sup>th</sup> December and 19<sup>th</sup> December.

## ***Knowle Neighbour Hood Watch News***

### **(a) Parking issues**

Please all, if you can, please firstly use allocated parking spaces, secondly use allocated visitors parking spaces and third if there really is no other choice park sensibly whereby your neighbours are not inconvenienced in any way. Please do not under any circumstances park in narrow streets, pinch points or on grassed areas

### **(b) Antisocial unsafe Driving**

This again has been on the increase over the past few months. The speed limit is 20 MPH on the roads and should be common sense that it should be a lot less in parking areas

### **(c) Antisocial Behaviour**

Apart from driving and parking we have had some reports of teenagers congregating in the evening, some with Alcohol in the Children's Play areas around the Village. Noise, rubbish cans and in some cases broken glass has been left in these children's areas. This is thoughtless behaviour by a minority but please if you observe anything like this report it, as apart from the noise and clearing up young children could be injured.

### **(d) Crime**

We have had some crime in Knowle over the past months but I am pleased the damage to parking lights is reducing. Criminal Damage will be dealt with as such by Police where offenders can be identified so please do report any damage observed.

Let's all have fun and get behind those who serve on our Village committees and work together on making Knowle a good community and keep it a safe place to live in 2011.

Nigel Prior  
Knowle Neighbourhood Watch

## ***Best Gardens Competition***

### ***Brian Sharp Cup***

“Beechcroft” Hundred Acres - Maggie and David Smith.

A delightful garden entirely planned and transformed by Maggie and David who set themselves this daunting challenge when first coming to Wickham 7 years ago. They have turned their long and narrow 1 acre plot into an enchanting garden with a main garden with wildlife ponds, linked by a small waterfall near the house, down to a natural pond area and up a steep slope to a fantastic fruit and vegetable cage and small orchard. The garden is full of interesting plants, shrubs and wild flowers all lovingly cared for by Maggie and David.

### ***Wickham Parish Cup***

Joint Winners:

1. Michael Hollis - 12 Buddens Rd

This is a garden for all seasons and purposes: eating out, children, dogs, cats, wildlife etc. It has a good mix of plants (the perennials are mostly grown from seed by Jenny and Mike Hollis ) and shrubs with a clever design. There is a Mediterranean patio, seating areas, a winter garden, wild life pond and at the bottom not fairies but chickens! A delightful garden full of surprises designed as an extension of the indoor living space..

2. Jane Gawne - Dale Cottage Bridge Street

Jane took over Betty Darymple-Smith's charming legacy and has created a beautiful and delightful

traditional village cottage garden right in the middle of the village. From the garden there are fascinating glimpses of village roof scapes and the garden itself is crammed with unusual plants. Of particular note are the roses, little arbours and the productive vegetable garden cultivated amidst flowers and herbaceous plants. This is a gem of a garden where you could while away the summer.

### ***Best Senior Citizen***

Joan Law - 9 Mayles Close

Joan's garden has been specially adapted for low maintenance with shingle paths and raised planted beds which are at an easy height for gardening. There are two separate garden areas full of pretty plants with different textures and colours. Joan has personalised the garden with her own knickknacks. The overall effect is delightful and is living proof that you are never too old to maintain a pretty garden..

### ***Best New Garden***

David and Pat Geddes - 4 Copperwood

This garden is only 2 years old so still has a way to go to reach maturity. It is a delightful woodland garden designed for all year round colour with woodland bark paths edged with wood which wind down the garden, a pond with a waterfall and shade loving plants and climbers in beds. Setting out the garden was particularly challenging because of the lack of sunlight coming through the trees but the end result is very effective. This is a garden with a difference.

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## ***Waynflete's 40th Celebration Messiah***

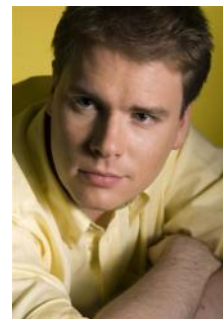
The Waynflete Singers 40th Anniversary season will be brought to a glorious close when the choir sings Handel's masterpiece Messiah in Winchester Cathedral on 11th December.

They will be joined on this joyous occasion by Florilegium - one of Britain's most outstanding period instrument ensembles and by a stellar group of international soloists including acclaimed Handel specialists soprano Carolyn Sampson and countertenor Robin Blaze. They will be joined by tenor Benjamin Hulett, a former Winchester Cathedral chorister and bass

Tim Mirfin, who was also brought up in

Hampshire. Both are now principals with the Hamburg Opera who also work regularly with leading British and European opera companies.

Next year the choir will be bringing the London Mozart Players to Winchester with a Brahms and Beethoven concert on 26 March 2011. The programme includes Beethoven's rarely performed Choral Fantasia featuring local pianist Roger Owens.



*Benjamin Hulett  
Tenor*



# Hampshire County Council

## *All Hands to the Pump*

Hampshire County Council is urging householders to check their ditches and watercourses in the constant fight against flooding. Following heavy rain earlier this month, there was localised flooding in parts of the county so the highways teams were working long hours with the emergency services to deal with water on the roads.

Flooding problems were caused by fallen leaves blocking gullies and a strong run off from fields saturated by intense rainfall. Worst areas affected this month were Emsworth and Hayling Island.

It is impossible to stop all flooding but some fairly basic tasks can help to minimise the problem. Hampshire Highways urges residents to ensure their ditches are clear of leaves and vegetation and to avoid dumping grass cuttings there.

The county council spends £2 million a year on maintaining 900 metres of highway drains and more than 200,000 roadside gullies.

## *Outstanding Design*

Hampshire County Council's new headquarters has been named the most sustainable building project by the City of Winchester Trust. Trust members voted this as their favourite building and cited this as a sound long-term investment. Just over £200,000 a year is saved in running costs and the building accommodates 75 percent more staff than previously.

The Trust also recognised the Winchester Discovery Centre as the best example of refurbishment in Winchester.

## *Museums Partnership*

Museums across the south are planning to form a stronger alliance in a bid to enhance services for residents and to secure government funding. Hampshire County Council is working with the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, Winchester City Council, the Isle of Wight Council, the Mary Rose Trust and the National Motor Museum in Beaulieu to



form a Hampshire and Solent Museum Alliance. The new alliance has the potential to share exhibits, knowledge and expertise to access the Government's Renaissance Fund.

Museums in the south include the D-Day Museum, Arthur Conan Doyle Collection, the Mary Rose, Southsea Castle and the Charles Dickens Birthplace in Portsmouth, and Southampton is the home of the Spitfire and Titanic exhibits. Winchester has a huge reserve collection it would like to share with others.

## *Business Leaders Look to the Future*

Hampshire County Council hosted a business conference to consider the implications of the Government cuts in public expenditure for local businesses. It also provided local business leaders the opportunity to tell the county council what they felt its priorities should be when dealing with the cuts.

The business leaders said the key message from them was to make it easier for local businesses to provide goods and services for the council and to keep them informed of the main changes the council is proposing to make in its budgets. They suggested that business and the council could work together to improve broadband in Hampshire and access to credit, improve skills and training and to focus on opportunities in international trade.

## *Moves for a new Village Green*

The Hampshire Action Team (HAT) has considered an application by Wickham Parish Council for funds to support their proposal to create a Village Green opposite the church near the railway arch on Bridge Street.

The Action Team was broadly enthusiastic about supporting such a project but wanted to see if the parish council can achieve some economies.

The HAT has a budget of £200,000 for community projects in this year, and received applications considerably well above that figure. If the parish plans can be achieved for about £10,000, it is felt such a grant would be forthcoming. I have strongly supported the parish initiative and hope we can achieve a successful outcome.

*Frederick Allgood  
County Councillor - Wickham*

## **WINCHESTER CITY COUNCIL**

### ***Knowle's Community Building to be ready by January 2011***

Winchester City Council has invested £400,000 in building a new community building for Knowle which will have meeting rooms and a sports hall along with associated car parking. Berkeley Homes has been responsible for the inclusion of changing rooms etc for the playing pitches and is building the facility which is expected to be finished by the end of the year. The building will be handed over to Wickham Parish Council

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to be run by the Knowle community Buildings Association in the new year.

### ***What is your vision for your community in 20 years time?***

Winchester City Council will be updating its Core Strategy in the Local Development Framework early next year and will be taking on board the views of local residents and associations regarding what community facilities, housing numbers, businesses etc villages would like to see locally in the future. Knowle and Wickham residents have the chance to have their views included by returning the questionnaire delivered by the Parish Council, attending the public meeting organised by the Parish Council on December 14<sup>th</sup>, writing in to the City Council's Forward Planning Department or informing us. Make sure your views are heard.

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## ***The Mayor of Winchester's Charity***

Charity No. 1093428

### ***Fascinating Bubbles***

a fun wine tasting evening by Linda and Gerry Banks (diploma of wine) to be held in Abbey House, Broadway, Winchester.

## ***Wickham Toilets***

These are recognised as being in need of an update and are currently on a future refurbishment list.

### ***Which way to Neverland?***

"Second to the right, and then straight on 'til morning!" or even nearer-The Theatre Royal Winchester. This year's pantomime at the theatre (which receives a grant from the Council) is "Peter Pan" based on J M Barrie's classic children's tale of make-believe a n d adventure. T h e pantomimes here are always real family fun.

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### ***Awards for the Council***

The City Council's Tourist Information Centre recently won the Gold Award in Tourism South East's ExSEllence Awards and the Council was awarded the Purple Flag award for Winchester's evening and night time economy.

### ***Councillor Surgeries 2011***

**Wickham** Community Centre Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup>  
7-8pm

**Knowle** New Community Building Wednesday  
February 23<sup>rd</sup> 7-8pm

No appointment necessary. Just come along.

Best Wishes for the Festive Season and a Happy  
New Year 2011

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(The official residence of the Mayor) on Friday  
11th February 2011 at 7pm £10 per person  
(donation)

For further information or tickets please contact:  
Mrs J H Read 023 9225 7565

Embankment managed as wildlife meadow with additional planting if appropriate to provide an attractive foreground to the church



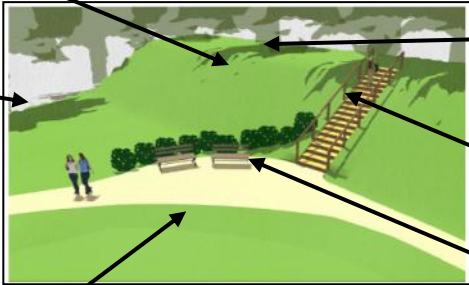
Wickham Parish Council  
**Bridge Street Village Green Proposals for consultation**

Seats at the top of the embankment to allow views of the church



6 native trees to attract wildlife with spring blossom, autumn fruit and leaf colour eg wild cherry, crab apple and guelder rose.

*(Note the trees that were removed were sycamore – non native ‘weeds’ of little value to wildlife which had become overgrown and dangerous)*



Existing disintegrating steps removed and new user friendly steps installed in the centre of the embankment

New path to link to the steps and seating area

New seating area with either traditional benches or a contemporary design as a focal point, native hedging behind

**The Parish Council has applied for a grant to cover the cost of the groundworks and is waiting to hear the outcome. Offers to sponsor trees and seats would be welcomed.**

# Wickham Parish Council News

December 2010

**Christmas Light Switch On 6.30pm  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**



This year the Parish Council is paying for the lights to be installed for health and safety reasons, this has left no budget for the horse drawn sleigh. Buzz at the Kings Head has plans though.....Father Christmas will be arriving in style to switch on the lights

## NHS Dentist for Wickham

A mobile dentist based at the Community Centre is open for new patients, attendance is by appointments only, telephone  
01962 670501 see the website for more information  
[www.iosisclinic.co.uk](http://www.iosisclinic.co.uk)

## Take action against irresponsible dog owners – a plea from your Chairman



If you see dog owners regularly allowing their dogs to foul the recreation ground or other areas of the village please contact the Parish Council with a description of the owner and the time of day.

This will help the Dog Warden to take action. Dog poo on the recreation ground is becoming an increasing problem, some owners are even allowing dogs to foul in the play area.

**Help the Parish Council stamp out this antisocial behaviour.**

## Parish Plan

The Parish Council is reviewing the draft Parish Plan in the light of the Government's 'Localism' agenda and new information that has come forward.

At present the Plan is recommending an extension to the north of the village to provide up to 150 new houses including 36 affordable houses for local people. The aim is to encourage young families into our aging community to keep the school, shops and services viable.

Since this recommendation was made another possible site has come forward for development to the east of the village on the Glebe Fields. We would like your views on whether this would be supported in preference to, or in addition to, that to the north.

All households should have received a consultation leaflet which is also available to download from the Council's website:  
[www.clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk](http://www.clerk.wickham@parish.hants.gov.uk)  
Or from the Clerk on request

The responses to this consultation will help with the Parish Plan review and a similar process being carried out by Winchester City Council called Blueprint, see website [www.community-blueprint.co.uk](http://www.community-blueprint.co.uk)

## Public meeting to discuss the proposals 7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at Wickham Community

### Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

**Parish Plan / development proposals**  
7pm Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December

**Full Council**  
7.15pm Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**Committees**  
7pm Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December

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

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