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From the Rector

Who's the church for anyway?'

I was reading a newspaper article recently that said that over the last 25 years the number of British people describing themselves as Christians has dropped from 66% to 50% according to new data from the National



Centre for Social Research. And the article went on to look forward over the next 25 years and project that there would be a further drop with only 33% of the population then identifying themselves as Christian. Sadly the biggest drop is reported to have come in the Anglican Church down from 40% in 1983 to 23% today. This is all a bit depressing for me to hear at the beginning of a New Year – but it did get my attention and start me thinking... ‘How do I as a Christian leader respond to this?’

Well my first thought was to ask myself the question, ‘Whose church is it anyway?’ and my second thought was to ask myself, ‘And who is the church for anyway?’. The answer to the first question always gives me some comfort – but hopefully doesn’t lead to complacency! The church is the church of Christ. It is Christ’s church of which we are members. And as I believe Jesus Christ to be God, to be both Lord and Saviour, both the beginning and the ending of all things – I believe that the church will never die out. A particular shape or denomination of church may die out – but Christ’s church will never die. And I give thanks to God for that!

The answer to the second question is more of a challenge, ‘Who is the church for anyway?’. I hope that the idea that some folks used to hold that church is only for

‘holy’ or ‘goody goody’ people is now well in the past. Church was never for that. Church is for those of us with questions about life; for people who are challenged by the world they find themselves in; for people who are imperfect; for the broken in mind, spirit or body; for the poor and the needy; for the spiritually searching; for the spiritually and physically tired; and for those of us who would describe ourselves as sinners. It’s for rich and poor alike. It’s for the less exciting amongst us and for the ‘cool’ good looking types as well! Church is not for ‘holy’ or ‘goody goody’ people – but it is a place where ‘not-so-holy’ people, like me(!), can become holy (or ‘special’) in God’s eyes. And it’s certainly not a club or a clique operating for its own good. In fact it’s the only organisation that exists for the benefit of non-members!

And that’s why I found some cause for hope for the future in amongst all the mince pies and turkey I ate, the various nativities I attended and the endless carol singing I thoroughly enjoyed over the Christmas period. Because I found myself enjoying the company of so many different people in our community from babies & toddlers to young people, old people, in between people – all sorts! I found myself at several school events chatting with all the children and teachers and the mums & dads. I was standing on the touch lines at the football pitches in Swanmore watching Waltham Wolves under 6s doing their stuff in the slippery snow! I joined the Men’s Breakfast in Wickham for their special pre-Christmas bash in Chesapeake Mill in Wickham. I enjoyed listening to our local Superman, Steve Hughes, talk to a Men’s Group evening about his 1,200 mile walk from John o’Groats to Land’s End as he raised money for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK. I found myself enjoying happy times with the excitement of a couple of Christmas weddings and also sad times as a number of deaths occurred over the Christmas period as well. The sheer diversity of different things going on and the

inter-weaving of our churches and their communities struck me. And I have to say I find it very encouraging.
For surely this is how it should be.

We have many challenges ahead of us in 2010 – from paying our bills to continuing to make our churches more accessible to the range of different people who live in our communities – but I am really pleased that we have a good platform on which to build and really strengthen our communities both in friendship and in Christian spirituality.

And so I don't think the outlook is so bad for the church – so long as we, its members, know whose church we belong to and who 'our' church is actually for and continue to do something about bringing the two together!

Your friend and rector



Bruce.

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



Hackney and Bishop's Waltham Deaneries Link

Once again the combined efforts of the parishes of the Deanery produced a wonderful result for the Christmas Gifts to the parishes of Hackney. In early December a great quantity of goods from every quarter was brought to Waltham Chase Village Hall and a team of volunteers, again from all our parishes, worked like Trojans to sort, label and pack the gifts which were then loaded on to Noble Argue's van for delivery the following day. The Sisters at The Priory and the congregation at St James' were thrilled with what was sent and especially for the care which people had taken to send items that were very much needed. As well as this we have had an especially generous response with gifts of money which will be divided between The Priory, the Night shelter and St James all of whom are in the front line of help for homeless and desperately needy people in East London. This notice comes with the warmest thanks of the Link Committee.

Norman Chatfield



Photo: The sorting operation at Waltham Chase

The World Day of Prayer

The Women's World Day of Prayer on Friday, 5th March 2010 at 2pm will be held at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Roman Catholic Church, Bishop's Waltham.

The Christian Women of Cameroon have been responsible for compiling the Service which is entitled "Let Everything That Has

Breath, Praise God". Cameroon has been described as 'Africa in Miniature' because it has borders with Nigeria, Chad, Central Africa Republic, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon and Equatorial Guinea.

The offering of this service worldwide begins in Tonga, passes to New Zealand and then to Australia and within twenty-four hours prayers will have been said around the world.

Please do come and support this special annual service:- all are welcome – men, women, young people and children. The speaker this year will be Miss Eileen Hughes who ended her long teaching career as the Diocesan Schools Officer for the Church of England Diocese of Portsmouth.

Afternoon Tea will be served in the Church Hall after the service

Anne Shotlander



WICKHAM MOTHERS' UNION

I always write the report for this magazine soon after our monthly meeting. But, not surprisingly, I cannot do it this month because it had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. Hopefully we can look forward to hearing our friend, Jill Hirst, telling us about some memories she has of her life with Arnold in South Africa, at a later date.

In the Mothers' Union Prayer Diary for January 10th - 16th we were asked to think about Zimbabwe and how members there have been affected by persecution, one

of which was to deny them meeting in church buildings, so they have responded by holding their services in the open air such as under trees and in people's gardens. On one occasion seven members from Harare were held in police cells for several days. Despite this harassment MU membership in Zimbabwe has grown. For example in 2008 three thousand women gathered for the Lady Day celebrations which was interrupted by the police who chased them from the grounds. Despite this in 2009 the number of women who gathered for these celebrations was nine thousand! Surely we take our peaceful situation too much for granted!

Our meeting on February 9th takes the form of a fund raising lunch at 3, Tanfield Park.

Anne Marshall

News from Park Place.



The Friends of Park Place have begun the new year at Park Place with renewed energy to promote the work of the Franciscan sisters, raising funds for the building repairs and for the Sisters' health clinic in Ethiopia.

Please put Sunday, February 14th in your diary! You may remember that a couple of years ago 'The Park Place Radio Players' enacted scenes from the books of Julia Bryant. Everyone who came was very much entertained. After a great deal of persuasion we have secured their services again, and we hope you will come and enjoy them. This

time the Radio Players will be supported by dancers and a musician.

Tickets are £5.00 and include tea and cakes in the interval. You can obtain them from Park Place, or I can reserve them for you, if you ring me on 01329 236567.

In the last issue we advertised that Park Place was hoping to open a charity shop, and we are delighted to announce that we have found good premises on a site in central Fareham, at 130 West Street. We have also appointed a full-time manager and we will shortly be busy smartening up the premises for opening later in February. It is an exciting prospect to start a shop from scratch, to make it welcoming, bright and cheerful - and full of goods you want to buy. We hope as many of you as possible will call in to say 'hello' and see what is on offer.

We depend on your help. We need good quality goods – clean clothes, shoes, books, DVDs, videos, bric-a-brac and anything else you want to get rid of that is in basic working order. Unfortunately we can't take electrical appliances. Let us help you with that clear-out! We can pick up from you or if you prefer, you can deliver to Park Place. We are also searching for a book case and a comfy chair to allow bibliophiles to browse.

We also need more volunteers to work in the shop. Could you give a few hours each week? If you can help in any way with goods or time, our manager, Jill Beesley, will be delighted to hear from you. You can contact her by calling direct on 07528 482215 or by email jillb310@msn.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.
God Bless you all.

Leila Smith

Churches Together in Bishop's Waltham

Lent Course 2010

The Lent course this year is called 'LENTWISE' - Spiritual essentials for real life.

'LentWise' explores five different spiritual essentials for our journey of faith, using passages from John's Gospel.

The course is written by Paula Gooder who is in much demand as a writer, speaker and lecturer in Biblical Studies. She is gifted in opening up the Scriptures so that they speak with freshness and relevance for today's Christians.

Jane Williams says of the course that it is 'User-friendly, undaunting and profound. With her (Paula's) help, Lent will be a journey of delighted discovery and not a miserable, dutiful trudge.' Find a group running near you and join us in that journey of discovery. Call Elizabeth on 01329 832134

LENT LUNCHESES 2010

at 12.30pm (Preceded by a short service in the Church at 12.15 pm)

TO BE HELD IN THE CHURCH ROOM

Home made soup, bread, cheese, tea or coffee

**19th February, 26th February
5th March, 12th March, 19th March and
26th March**

Collections from the first lent lunch will go to:

Streetwise, an organisation staffed by committed Christians, based in Southampton, and which it is hoped will

start operating in the Meon Valley this year. Similar to Street Pastors, the staff engage with young people aged from about 7 to 20 lurking on the streets, and provide an environment where young people can obtain refreshments, meet friends and, if wanted, take advantage of a listening ear with a Streetwise volunteer. More details can be found on *www.The Bus.co.uk*

Stove Project in Kisoro, Uganda. This project is being set up by Andy Mulley from Holy Cross Durley.

Its objective is to train the people of rural Kisoro in Uganda to make their own energy efficient cooking stoves, which also will have health benefits.

Collections from the next 5 will go to:

The Bishops Lent Appeal 2010

ORIENTATION PROJECT FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

Portsmouth and Southampton

Making a new start can seem a daunting prospect. The British Red Cross aims to help refugees and asylum seekers adapt to life in the UK by familiarising them with the local area and helping them access essential services. Working closely with other local organisations and agencies, they seek to enable people to develop their self-reliance and confidence within a short period of time.

This project will help by:

- Offering initial orientation support with a volunteer caseworker for a necessary period.
- Providing information and practical support in accessing essential health, welfare, education and legal services, and dealing with unfamiliar systems.
- Providing information on local support networks, community

groups, and other social networks.

- Giving emergency provisions and clothing.
- Signposting to other services and agencies assisting refugees and asylum seekers.
- Referring to other British Red Cross services, such as International Tracing and Message.
- Providing training to become a volunteer.

One area of particular concern to those working on this project is the issue of DESTITUTION, particularly amongst "Failed" Asylum Seekers. This group often have no where to call home, and are without any income.

The Project seeks to link destitute people to local groups of similar origin and also helps with the provision of clothing, toiletries and vouchers with which to purchase food.

**DIOCESE OF KUMASI (GHANA)
SPIRITUALITY AND RETREAT
CENTRE PHASE II**

The Spirituality and Retreat Centre at Nkawie, in the Diocese of Kumasi, will be the only such residential centre in the Anglican Church in Ghana. Situated in the geographical centre of Ghana, it will provide a place for lay and clergy groups from Kumasi and other dioceses to meet for education and training, spiritual growth, worship and prayer.

A gift of over £9500 from the Bishop's Lent Appeal in 2009 has enabled the existing modern (but incomplete) buildings to be made secure with doors and windows, to improve the water supply and to install washing and toilet facilities. The Rt. Revd. Daniel Sarfo, Bishop of Kumasi, has written: 'Please convey our sentiment of gratitude to the entire Portsmouth Diocesan family for their kind gesture.'

The Warden of the Centre, Father Daniel

Pieh, who spent the summer of 2009 in the UK on a training programme sponsored by IDWAL, will move to the Nkawie site in the New Year, and will begin to welcome groups to the Centre.

A further gift from the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2010 will give the Centre electric power, improve the road access, and help to develop the surrounding land to enable the Centre to generate additional income. This is an exciting project, which will be of real and practical benefit to our partners in the Anglican Church in Ghana.

Di Frost



Lent Lunches 2010

Friday 19 February	Wickham, Church Hall
Wednesday 24 February	Soberton Village Hall
Wednesday 3 March	United Free Church, BW
Wednesday 10 March	Memorial Hall, Durley
Wednesday 17 March	Shirrell Heath Methodist Church Hall

Time: 12.30 - 2 pm

Menu

soup, bread and cheese, tea/coffee

Cost: Donations

Proceeds to be donated to
Streetwise (local)

& The Stove Project in Kisoro, Uganda (overseas)

CITWAL is associated with Churches Together in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

CAB

Q. I'm in the first month of my maternity leave and my employer has announced it'll be making 50 redundancies. Am I more at risk of being made redundant than my colleagues?

A. The fact that you are on maternity leave should have no bearing on your risk of redundancy. If it is taken into account as a factor by your employer, this would amount to sex discrimination and give rise to a legal claim. Conversely, being on maternity leave is not a shield to protect you from a genuine redundancy if a fair procedure is followed. Sex discrimination claims are very time-sensitive and you should seek advice from the CAB or law centre as soon as possible.

For further information about maternity rights and rights of working parents contact your local CAB at Well House, 2 Brook Street, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1AX, Tel. No. (01489) 896376 open from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. We also run an advice surgery at Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham on Thursdays from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. If this is not convenient, please note our Thursday evening appointments **only** session (from 4 to 7 p.m.) at the Bishop's Waltham Bureau. You can also e-mail us on bishopswaltham@cabnet.org.uk with your problem. You can also go to our local website www.bishopswalthamcab.org.uk or you can go to the national Citizens Advice website www.adviceguide.org.uk

GOOD NEWS TRAVELLING LIBRARY

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

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

Greetings cards and notelets ~ to buy.

Coffee and tea served.

Dates for 2010

12 January

9 February - *plus Easter cards*

9 March *ditto*

13 April

No visit in May

8 June

13 July

No visit in August

14 September - *plus Christmas cards, calendars and diaries for 2011*



Poppins Play Group

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



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

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

Plenty of free parking



An afternoon of

Flowers and Music

At St Nicholas Church, Wickham

On Saturday March 13th 2010
at 2pm

Flower arranging by **The Botley Flower Guild**

Music by **Alan Hibbert** and **Julie Brombley**
(organ) (soprano)

Tea and homemade cakes
Raffle of flower arrangements

Tickets £5

Available from Chris Beardshaw 01329 832910

Jane Buckle 01329 832517

Di Hemmingway-Rice 01329 835463

In aid of the church flower fund. charity no. X87432

WICKHAM COMMUNITY CARE REQUEST FOR DRIVERS

We urgently need help from volunteer drivers to occasionally transport local people to appointments at hospitals, doctors, dentists, opticians, physiotherapists etc.

Mileage expenses are paid

If you are willing to help and would like some further information on how the scheme works please contact:

Sue Leatham 01329 834925 or
Heather Oswald 01329 835061



Next month will be a year since we set up the Friends. We are still struggling to recruit more supporters. I know that times are difficult at the moment and there are many calls upon your money, but for as little as £10 per year, you could be helping to preserve our wonderful church building. Please think about it.

John Landaw 01329 830088
 friends@stnicholaswickham.org.uk

ST NICHOLAS MUGS

I have on sale in the church on Sunday mornings, some white bone china mugs showing a picture of the church on both sides, at the reasonable price of £4.95p each.

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

Joyce Johnston

Wickham Annual Fete

12th June

Forget the rain, the cold and the snow and book this date in your diary and come along and enjoy our annual village fete - either as a helper or as a visitor— we promise it will be a fabulous day out!

WICKHAM COMMUNITY CARE HERE TO HELP

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

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

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

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

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

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WICKHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Happy New Year from us all at Wickham Church of England Primary School.

We enjoyed a fantastic end to the autumn term with many school and community events. The Friends of Wickham CE Primary School – FOWPS – held a Christmas Fayre at the end of November. The dedicated FOWPS team includes parents, staff and governors and we thank them for their organisational expertise which made the Fayre such a huge success, raising £2000 for our school.

We were delighted to welcome the Choir of



St Nicholas who provided a wonderful Christmas atmosphere by singing carols for us – thank you to them for their support.

A very special service took place in our school hall at the end of November. The Revd Elizabeth Groves, our Curate who is also our Vice-chair of Governors led a parish service at our school. This alternative venue provided an opportunity for a child-focussed service which included children

young and old reflecting on the story of the good shepherd with art and crafts. We are



proud of our links with the Church and look forward to another of these 5th Sunday services in January.

December brought Christmas magic to our school. Our young Key Stage 1 children performed the nativity “It’s a Baby!” to two full-house audiences in our hall. Our recently purchased microphones and staging



ensured we could see every child in their costume and hear their carefully rehearsed lines and lively songs. We were extremely proud of our children as they performed brilliantly and we were really pleased to welcome so many parents, grandparents and members of the community to share the magic of our traditional nativity.

Our final Christmas celebration was an extraordinary Carol Service at St Nicholas’

Church. With the support of our local Police Constable and PCSOs, for which we are extremely grateful, our whole school family walked to the Church on our last day of term. The Revd Elizabeth Groves led our



procession and the church was packed with children, staff, parents and friends. We were delighted that our Rector was also able to share our celebration with us. Our Carol Service included both modern and traditional carols, presentations by our older



Key Stage 2 children and some very special readings. Our children wrote accounts of the nativity to lead us through the Christmas Story from the point of view of some of the main and lesser known characters. The service was a fitting end to the term for us, as we celebrated Christmas together in our church.

We've certainly had an eventful start to the new year, the heavy snow and freezing temperatures we experienced caused major problems for families and workers across



our whole region and forced us to shut our school for three days. The safety of our children and staff will always be paramount and I would like to thank our dedicated staff who worked hard to re-open our school as soon as possible.

The children enjoyed returning to school as the deep snow on our fields provided wonderful learning opportunities and the whole school had great fun together. Do have a look at our website gallery at www.wickham-primary.co.uk for more photos of our fun in the snow.

The term ahead promises to be a busy one for us at Wickham Church of England Primary School as we strive to provide the best possible education for our children. We look forward to sharing our journey with you all.

*Maria Ackland
Headteacher*

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

Our vision is for Wickham Church of England Primary School

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

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

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

*Maria Ackland
Headteacher*



Buddens Road, Wickham, Fareham, Hants,
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The Christmas Parties in Wickham and Whiteley were a great success. The children enjoyed the activities on offer and also the



arrival of our special guest, Santa. The Whiteley party even saw some of the first snowfall!

Many thanks to all the parents and children who made this event such a success.

2009 was a good year for Merry-Go-Round. It saw the centre being fully staffed, services, outreach and holiday programmes being developed and the numbers of parents and children attending groups increase. We welcomed Catherine Mace as a Play Worker. Her appointment has allowed groups to develop and she is a hit with parents!

With Christmas behind us we have lots to look forward to in 2010. Merry Tots and Mini Mites will continue to run, however, the Mini Mites under 1's group in Whiteley will now run on **Friday mornings 10.00 – 11.30am at Kiddi Caru.**

In addition we are pleased to announce the following events, Wiggle Waggle Music, Pancake Day Party, a new Craft group in Knowle 'C.A.S.T', on-going Baby Massage and Positive Parenting courses, Adventure Walks, Easter Theatre Production and monthly Messy Play sessions. Please ring for details on how to join in the fun!

Wiggle Waggle Music

Age 0 – 3 year olds, Tuesday morning 11.15 – 11.45 am (for 7 weeks)

Have fun, sing, laugh, wiggle, then wobble like a jelly!

Lovely instruments, brand new songs and all-time

favourites – musical fun with your little one.
£2 per session

Wiggle Waggle Workshops

Age 2 ½ years plus, Tuesday afternoon 12.30–1.00pm (for 14 weeks)

THE fun and funky dance, sport, fitness & music workshop for children and their grown-ups.

Jump, hop, wiggle and giggle!

£3.50 per session

The staff at the centre look forward to meeting all our families, so please, if you haven't already been in contact, call in for a coffee and chat, call us: **01329 834 874** or look us up on the web: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/merry-go-round-cc>.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy 2010!

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



admin@fairlandsnurseryschool.co.uk

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

We hope you all had a Happy Christmas! As



you can see we had a special visitor at Fairlands, which was a lovely surprise to end the term.

What a fabulous snowy start we've had to the New Year! We have managed to plough on through the snow, closing only for a day. What fun we've had (both staff and children!) We've had snowball fights, icicle hunting, football in the snow and we've even painted it.

Our first Toddler group started this week and proved to be a great success. Thank you to the experienced toddler group followers who helped us find our feet in this new



venture! All carers, toddlers and babies are welcome to come along on a **Tuesday Morning 9.15- 10.45 am** term time only.

After the excellent response we have had to our "special activity" afternoons, we have decided to introduce cookery on a Tuesday and possibly ballet/dance on a Thursday. As always any 2-5 year olds are welcome to join in these sessions, please contact us for further information.

Jo and Carol
(Headteachers)



At Rookesbury Park School,

the Head Pippa Harris-Burland is building a school of strengths. She says, 'My vision is for Rookesbury to develop as a strengths-based school, using our environment more effectively. We are known for our high academic standards, and challenging our



pupils with a stimulating curriculum in a nurturing family environment. Happiness is the key to all learning and an enhanced education, where each child is treated as an individual and given the space and time to flourish.' Pippa has implemented an Enrichment programme for Years 7 and 8, training the pupils in Leadership Learning, Peer Mediation and Skills for life. She is a huge advocate of the well being of the children; their happiness is her top priority. 'Through such activities as yoga, Circle Time, setting Smart targets and all the sport the children are involved in here, their spiritual well being has been shown to

facilitate better results in the classroom as well as creating a happy and flourishing school.' Come and see us in action; our children would love to show you around. Please call Diana Todd in the school office: 01329 833 108; we would love to see you.



Churches together Quiet half hours

- 23rd February Our Lady Queen of the Apostles, Bishops Waltham
 - 30th March Waltham Chase Methodist Church, Curdrige Lane
 - 27th April The Stables, Bishops Waltham
 - 25th May Shirrell Heath Methodist Church
 - 29th June St Nicholas Church, Wickham
 - 27th July Corhampton
- All held on Tuesdays, starting at 7.30 pm, lasting 30 minutes.

CTBWA is in association with Churches Together in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

Snow storm!

Winter came to Wickham late in the afternoon of 5th January and the heavy snows caused immediate problems to road users. By mid evening Hoad's Hill was like a toboggan run with a collection of abandoned vehicles which tailed back along Winchester Road and School Rd and beyond. Many of the smaller roads soon became impassable. With no official organisation, a group of villagers began to offer assistance to stranded motorists which eventually resulted in the Church Room being opened by Reverend Elizabeth and Adrian Groves who provided hot food and overnight accommodation.

Editorial.

Gritting/snow-plough vehicles managed to clear Hoad's Hill by 2a.m. by which time Wickham was cluttered with dozens of abandoned vehicles. Numerous tractor and 4x4 drivers did sterling work freeing motorists stuck in ditches and on slopes. The Old House and the local B/Bs were quickly filled by travellers unable to exit the village and several local residents provided shelter to stranded motorists in their own homes.

The days following the storm saw much disruption to daily life, including the suspension of public transport. Fortunately delivery drivers (including the brewery dray men) got through and The Co-op, One Stop, The Bakery and John Tull did us proud and saw us fed and watered. The treacherous conditions underfoot left many residents housebound which seems to have caused an immediate and impromptu system of friends and neighbours checking on the elderly, housebound and those living alone to ensure they had sufficient staples and basic commodities. Not to mention a cup of tea and time for a chat. There are reports of numerous acts of kindness and consideration and many residents have expressed their gratitude for the concern shown by many members of the community.

It took several days for 'things' to return to normal. We are grateful to the gathering of local volunteers who, of their own volition, and with great public spiritedness, braved the Arctic conditions to assist the many stranded motorists. A pat on the back also to those who carried out charitable deeds and exhibited a fine sense of community concern to look after, shop and 'drop in' and take care of the more vulnerable members of the village. It is yet another example of the benefits of living in a caring community and to the neighbourliness of Wickham life.

Well done, all those concerned.

Den Boylan

The new decade began with the sort of blizzard that only those of a certain age can remember! To the villagers, too numerous to mention by name, who braved the deep snows to give assistance to the host of motorists trapped in the village, your public spiritedness is commendable and much appreciated.

It is particularly pleasing to see the blossoming relationship between St Nicholas Church and the staff, parents and pupils of Wickham Church of England Primary School. The frequent meetings between the two groups, Church Services, Nativity Play and many others, in the school hall and in the church must be a positive addition to the education of the children. The sight, and sound, of the church full of youngsters, in full voice, is quite delightful

You will see in the following pages, notices for several forthcoming charity events. Please try to support them. Please do try to attend one of the six Lent Lunches to be held on Fridays, in the Church Hall. The first is scheduled for 12.15 on the 19th February and the next five over the following five weeks. Funds raised will go to a most worthy and diverse collection of good causes which are listed on pages 4-5.

Please spare a thought also, and a donation, for the poor people of Haiti, where a little goes a long way.

One of our locally run services is Wickham Community Care, a most valuable service which provides transport to medical appointments for those with mobility problems. They are trying to recruit volunteer drivers, if you can spare a couple of hours per week please see their ad on page 8.

I am aware that we are still trapped in the depths of winter, top coats, hats and mittens etc, but you might like to mark the 12th June on your calendar. Wickham Church Fête, a terrific community event, it's always a great day out, loads of fun, food and bargains, always sunny and brings in much needed funds for the Church.

A happy and prosperous New Year from the editorial team.

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WICKHAM

Community Association

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February 2010

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

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

Scouts Monday 7 - 9pm during term time

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

Keep Fit Monday 6 - 7pm

Rifle Club Monday 7.30 - 9pm

Ladies Circuits during term time Tuesday 10 - 11am

Mobile Library Wickham Square Tuesday 9.15am - 12.45pm

Sallywags Dog Training Tuesday 6.30pm

Wickham Indoor Bowling Tuesday and Friday 7.30pm

Brownies Tuesday 4.45pm Church Room

Lunch Club Wednesday Church Room

Cubs Wednesdays 6.30 - 8pm

Youth Club Wednesday 6 - 8pm

Slimming World Wednesday 7pm

Poppins Play Group Thursday 9.30am Church Room

CAB Thursday 10.30 - 1.30pm

Beavers Thursday 6 - 7pm

Youth Club Thursday 6 - 8pm

Pennywise Dog Flyball Thursday 7 - 9pm

Home Start Mother and Toddler Friday 9-12 noon

Pilates Fridays 10 - 11am

Indoor bowls Fridays 7-10pm

Rifle Club Saturdays 10 - 12 noon

8th February **Tea Dance**

22nd February **Tea Dance**

27th February **Dance**

27th February **Railwayana**

28th February **Athena Fair**

For more details on activities and events please contact the Centre

Are you planning a party or event in 2010? Check out the Centre first! Whatever your needs staff will do all they can to help.

Check the website for details of rooms available and hire charges

www.wickhamcentre.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you!

Wickham Centre is home to Meon Valley Home Start

Home Start

Support and friendship for families



A RECIPE FOR CONFLAGRATION or Ring a Bell for Last Christmas?

INGREDIENTS:

Take one in-house family of average size with two or three children (sex optional). Add assorted related family members such as grandparents, aunts and uncles.

METHOD:

Place ingredients in an overheated and stuffy room. Marinade for several hours in unaccustomed quantities of drink such as, wine, lager, beer, liqueurs, whiskey and British sherry.

Mix.

Place the ingredients into an oblong around a table, packed as tightly as possible.

Stuff.

Stuffing should consist of overgenerous portions of turkey, gammon, brussel sprouts, parsnips, roast potatoes, brandy-soaked Christmas pudding (preferably with old sixpences in it), brandy butter, double cream, mince pies and Christmas cake.

Decorate with cheap Hong Kong crackers, silly hats and sillier jokes.

Churn.

Break open the constituent parts from around the table.

Play games, if possible.

Allow physical and mental torpor to set in either by turning on the television or by lighting a log fire (preferably both) to add to the heat from the central heating and from the stuffed bodies.

Turn off the television and light the touch paper: conversation.

COOKING TIME:

Variable. A little impatience will help. In any event conflagration will ensue sooner or later.

SERVES:

As many as you like.

Tony Johnson
(The title was a THOUGHT FOR THE DAY on Radio 4 near Christmas some years ago)

Letters

Dear Editor,

May I, through our magazine pass on all our thanks to the heroic paper boys who have, without fail, managed to deliver our daily newspapers each day.

While many other services found the snow and ice too much to operate in, these folk trudged their way down our drives and garden paths just so we could sit in the warm and read the news.

I am sure I speak for all residents in Wickham, "WELL DONE"!!

Robert Gardner, Mayles Lane, Wickham

Dear Editor

I was sad to read that 'Konrad' has set his 40th and last crossword for Wickham Parish Magazine. I have passed countless hours with them, and chewed many a pencil, thankful that the deadline was a full three weeks away.

I know from rueful experience that there are many readers who will also miss turning to the crossword, which was so cleverly compiled and set at a challenging level. I am sure that I am not alone in thanking 'Konrad' for his contribution over the last four years, and assuring him that he would have a very warm welcome if he were to find that he still itched to set another challenge.

Robert Goulson

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Letters may be submitted by e-mail but please include a postal address. If you do not want your e-mail address published, please say so.

Letters may be shortened if space is short.

FEBRUARY 2010 DIARY

FEBRUARY

- Mon 1 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tues 2 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
 19:45 Wickham History Society, Church Room
- Wed 3 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
- Thur 4 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
- Fri 5 10:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Sat 6 08:00 Men's Breakfast Club, Church Room
 12:00 Wickham Community Care, Church Room

Sun 7 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

08:00 Holy Communion

**09:45 Family Service to include Holy Baptism of
 Iona Elizabeth Russell and Iona Grace Daly**

18:00 Choral Evensong

**Psalm 65
 Luke 8 22-25**

- Mon 8 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 13:30 Tea Dance at Wickham Centre. Admission £2.50
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tue 9 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 14:15 Mothers Union, 3 Tanfield Pk.
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:15 PCC Meeting in Lady Chapel
 19:30 Wickham Society, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Wed 10 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
 14:30 W.I Wickham Centre
 19:30 Wickham Wives, Church Room
- Thur 11 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
- Fri 12 10:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre

Sun 14 SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

08:00 Holy Communion

09:45 Parish Communion with Creche

**Exodus 34 29-35
 Luke 9. 28-36**

- Mon 15 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Light Railway Assen. Church Room
- Tue 16 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 First Responders, Church Room

- 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
ASH WEDNESDAY
- Wed 17 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
 19:30 Model Engineering Society, Church Room
19:30 Joint Benefice Service of Imposition of Ashes at St John the Baptist.
- Thur 18 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wykeham Group Council Meeting at Paterson Centre ,Swanmore
- Fri 19 10:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 12:15 Lent Prayers in Lady Chapel
 12:30 Churches Together Lent Lunch, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Sat 20 19:00 **Swiss Evening, in Church Room**

Sun 21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

08:00 Holy Communion
09:45 Morning Worship with Creche

Psalm 91,1,2,9-16
Luke 4.1-13

- Mon 22 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 13:30 Tea Dance at Wickham Centre. Admission £2.50
14:00 Lent Course begins at Rectory.
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
- Tues 23 09:30 Poppins Play Group, Church Room
 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Wed 24 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room
- Thur 25 09:30 Poppins Playgroup, Church Room
10:00 Coffee Morning at 7 Tanfield Park, Wickham
- Fri 26 10:00 Health Visiting Team, Church Room
 12:15 Lent Prayers in Lady Chapel
 12:30 Lent Lunch, Church Room
 14:00 St Nicholas Art Group, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
- Sat 27 19:30 Twinning Quiz, Church Room
 20:00 Evening Dance at Wickham Centre. Admission £4.00

Sun 28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

08:00 Holy Communion
09:45 Parish Communion with Creche

Genesis 15.1-12,17 & 18
Luke 13.31-35

MARCH

- Mon 1 11:00 Spinners and Weavers, Church Room
 19:30 Circle Dancing, Church Room
10:00 Holy Communion, Normandy Court
- Tues 2 16:45 Brownies, Church Room
 19:30 Wickham Indoor Bowling, Wickham Centre
 19:45 Wickham History Society, Church Room
- Wed 3 12:00 Lunch Club, Church Room

Last day for copy for March Magazine; Saturday 13th February 2010



Family fun exploring wildlife

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

Young children seem to have a natural fascination for wildlife and their environment. Bugs and slugs, slow worms and glow worms, larks and sharks – these are often the things that they love to see, feel or find out about. So what do you do with a child who is mad about frogs or bats? Wildlife Watch could be your solution.

Wildlife Watch is the junior branch of The Wildlife Trusts. Since 1972 it has been encouraging children and families to discover their local wildlife and to get

Wildlife Watch groups or just join the Wildlife Trust and get magazines, posters and heaps of ideas for things to do. Groups currently meet near Andover, Basingstoke, Four Marks, Havant and Portsmouth, Gosport, Swanwick, Southampton, Totton, Ringwood and on the Isle of Wight.

Wildlife Watch groups are organised by registered volunteers - people who enjoy working with children and are enthusiastic about wildlife and the environment. They come from all walks of life and may not be experts on birds or bugs but learn alongside the children. If you would like to get involved in this way, please contact Di Smith on 01489 774430 or email dianas@hwt.org.uk.

Most groups meet for a couple of hours,



involved with fun, hands-on activities. There is a great website www.wildlifewatch.org.uk where you can get information about hundreds of insects, birds, animals and plants that you might come across in Britain. You can create your own Spotter Sheets to take out with you. You can also record your sightings, so if you spot a fox or a robin, you can write it on your very own nature diary and earn points.

Here in Hampshire you can really get involved by going along to one of the

once a month, and are suitable for children from 5 to 14 years. Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Older children may become junior leaders. Lots of parents stay and join in because it's so much fun, making these really great family events. Going regularly to one of these groups helps children to make new friends and have fun whilst learning about the natural world.

A typical Wildlife Watch meeting might start with a short game then get stuck in to

pond dipping, shelter-building, making nest boxes or maybe plant a hedge. They may learn about compost, mini-beasts, tracks and signs or wild food. Indoor activities include crafts, clay models and games. Sometimes there might be a night walk to listen for bats and owls or an overnight camp. The list is endless and the children often help to plan the meetings around things that interest them.

At Wildlife Watch meetings, you are allowed to get muddy!

You can find details of all the groups and what they are up to on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust website hwt.org.uk.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust events

February

Mon 8

FA Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve 7.30pm. Jo Trotter and Jess Daish-Miller will give an illustrated talk on the history, wildlife and full diary of activities, mostly involving children, at this local Wildlife Trust reserve. 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 9

FA Brickbats and Strawberries 10.30am–12noon. Join us for a guided walk to find out more about the fascinating history of Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve and search for some of the visible signs of its industrial past which were left behind. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £1.50. Stout shoes or walking boots are essential.

Wed 17

FA Restaurant for Birds 10am–12noon. Come along to Swanwick Lakes and find out how you can help the birds in your garden this spring and make a bird feeder to take home. An event for 4–7 year-olds. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). Booking is essential as places are limited, so for further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring outdoor clothes and shoes.

Thu 18

FA Guided Walk at Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve 10.30am. Geoff Moss, a volunteer at this reserve, will lead us to the hides and help identify the birds we see. Meet at the Visitor Centre. Parking is available at Hill Head Sailing Club, or Meon Shore (Map ref. SU 535 024). For further details, please contact Peter Adams on 01329 287653. There is a charge of £3 for entry to the reserve. Warm clothing, sensible footwear and binoculars are advised.

FA Explore the Portchester Shore 2pm. On this walk we will explore the northern shore of Portsmouth Harbour from Wicor to Portchester Castle and back. Meet in the Wicor Sports Grounds car park (Map ref. SU 601 052). For further details, please contact John Goodspeed on 023 9222 1361 or 07811 435252. Suggested donation £1.50.

Mon 22

BW Woodland and Orchids 7.30pm. Richard Hedley, well known to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust members for his excellent photography, will give a presentation on woodland habitat and orchids to cheer up a dark February evening. To be held in the Church Hall, Free Street, Bishops Waltham. Parking is available at the library next door. For further details, please contact Jane Gentry on 01489 890961. Admission £2.50 including refreshments. children free.

Tue 23

FA When Will It Be Spring? 10.30am–12noon. It is Alfie's first winter and his mother tells him he must sleep until Spring. "But when will it be spring?" Alfie wonders. Join us at Swanwick Lakes to look for signs of spring in an event for toddlers and pre-school children. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). Booking is essential as places are limited, so for further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation £2.50 per child. Please bring warm coats and wellies.

March

Mon 8

FA Unseen Wildlife 7.30pm. An illustrated talk by tree expert Jon Stokes on the importance of the hidden wildlife in the leaf litter beneath our feet, under deadwood and above our heads in the canopy. 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 9

FA Put a Spring in Your Step 10.30am–12noon. Join Reserve staff for a guided stroll around Swanwick Lakes - looking at what's out and about in spring. Meet at Swanwick Lakes Wildlife Reserve, Sopwith Way, Swanwick (Map ref. SU 505 098). For further details and to book your place, please contact Jo Trotter or Jess Daish-Miller on 01489 570240. Suggested donation

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

MVCG provides support for older people suffering with dementia and their carers. Through outings, activities and social interaction it aims to portray and promote a positive way of living with dementia.

December was a very busy month for the group. Several new families joined in time to enjoy the Christmas activities which began with the lunch on December 1st. Our venue was The Forge, Shedfield and everyone enjoyed a really good meal.

The Paterson Centre looked very festive for our next event on December 15th – the Christmas party! We were very pleased to welcome the choir from Swanmore Primary School who started the afternoon with a selection of Christmas songs and carols. Andrew Knights, our regular music therapist, then entertained us with more songs and communal singing.

The covering of snow later that week helped keep seasonal spirits high as we set off on the coach to the pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Ferneham Hall, Fareham. In good pantomime tradition there was lots of audience participation and the performance was a lovely finale to the year's activities!

On January 26th the Princess Royal Trust for carers will be giving an emergency planning talk to the group. Many carers are concerned about what will happen to their loved ones if something unexpected should happen and they are temporarily unable to fulfil their caring role. The Princess Royal Trust will help carers draw up an emergency plan which can be activated should an emergency arise. If you feel this service would be useful please call in to the Carer Link (details below) for further information.

The group works closely with Adult Services and is supported by local GPs. The booklet produced by MVCG containing information for carers is available from local surgeries.

Diary Dates

- 30 January Family Night. A chance for our members to enjoy a party with their loved ones. Paterson Centre 7pm.
- 9 February Pub lunch. The Forge Shedfield 12 noon
- 23 February Coping with behavioural problems - talk by Sarah Mould. Activities, followed by paint a picture with Sally. Paterson Centre 2pm
- 9 March Pub lunch. The Forge Shedfield 12 noon
- 23 March 'Magic of the Movies' Paterson Centre 2pm

Why not call in and find out more about the group.

The Carer Link office behind the Paterson Centre in Swanmore is now open:
Mon & Thurs 9-1pm in Term Time &
Mondays only 9-5pm during School Holidays.

Phone 01489 895444

E-Mail meon-valley@btconnect.com

Wickham Wives

Regrettably we had to cancel the January meeting of the Wickham Wives due to the 'seasonal weather'!

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 10th 2010 in the Church Room, 7.30 for 7.45pm. We look forward to sharing some warmth and sunshine, even if only on a screen, with Pat Matthews and Sylvia Wells on their recent holiday to Australia.

Margaret Gwynn

Wickham History Society

At the start of our December meeting, we were shown a trophy awarded by the 'News' to Maggie and David Smith for their garden opened to the public under the National Garden Scheme in May 2009. They raised the grand sum of £2,400 for charity and had 756 visitors.

At this combined meeting with the Wickham Society, a talk was given by Eric Birbeck on 'History and Haslar'. Our speaker is a member of the Haslar Heritage Group and has had 44 years in the Medical Service of which 12 years were spent in Haslar Hospital.

The history of the Hospital is of particular interest. After the original intention to convert Portchester Castle into a hospital failed because of the cost, the site of Haslar Farm was purchased by the Crown in 1745 for £683. Theodore Jacobsen FRS was the architect of the new Hospital which was made of bricks made on the site of clay and Portland stone. The first patients were admitted in 1753 and by 1805 the wards were packed and 18,000 patients were admitted.

Many important names are associated with this hospital Queen Victoria herself liked coming here. James Lind became Physician-in-charge in 1758 a post he held for 25 years. He recognised that lime juice would be a treatment for scurvy, but this was not implemented in the Navy until 44 years after his death. Sir John Richardson, Admiral Sir Edward Parry and Professor T.H. Huxley were other famous people associated with the Hospital. A Time Team special is planned for 2010.

There has been much public protest and heart-searching at the closure of Haslar Hospital but its future is not entirely without merit. A care village for veterans is planned and there will be a Heritage

Visitors' Centre.

Mr Birbeck was an inspired speaker whose talk created much interest to an enthusiastic audience.

There followed an enjoyable social occasion, when mulled wine, prepared by Barrie Marson and Brian Edgeworth, and a varied collection of 'nibbles' brought by members provided a suitably festive end to our evening.

Our next meeting on February 2nd. is about the Wessex Film and Sound Archive and will be presented by David Lee

Doreen Barrett

Wickham W.I

Our December meeting was held as usual at the Wickham Centre. The business side of this was dealt with very swiftly as we knew our speaker, PAT MATTHEWS, was coming to entertain us at 2.30.p.m.

Pat duly arrived with her keyboard, music, e t c . a n d entertained us for an hour or so with a C h r i s t m a s t h e m e d programme of Caro, readings, songs and a m u s i n g poems. Pat had actually rewritten OFT IN DANGER OFT IN WOE calling it THE POLITICIANS' HYMN so appropriate and EXTREMELY funny. What else would you expect!!

We all then enjoyed a super tea supplied by our members during which we had a lucky dip into the bag of gifts, also brought by all of us. Everyone was delighted with their present. A very happy and enjoyable afternoon.

Sylvia Wells





Wickham Cricket Club

This is always a quiet time for the club in general but there is still a lot going on behind the scenes. Preparation is underway for the fixtures card for the new season, orders are being placed for league handbooks and match balls and AGMs for both the Hampshire Cricket League and Board to be attended. Pitch preparation is not an option at the moment with the snow still thick on the ground!

As a reminder of better weather last



summer, this photo shows young Charlie Gwynn in action at the Rosebowl when he captained Hampshire Under 10s against Surrey. (Hampshire won!)

And now a brief report on the Fareham Indoor League from captain Gary Callaghan:

‘Wickham were only scheduled to play one match since the last edition of the magazine, which should have been against Emsworth, but sadly this was not played as they couldn't get a team to face us (probably scared at the thought of Bob Higgins caressing them around the court or the sheer

pace of Steve Judge bowling at them!!)’

Wickham are currently in fifth place out of ten teams, having won three of their five matches so far. Remaining fixtures in the league are:

Date	Time	Opponent
17th Jan 10	9:15	XIIth Men A
7th Feb 10	6:15	Denmead
28th Feb 10	8:15	Old Hambledonians
14th Mar 10	8:15	DOE Cavaliers

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

Lesley Wilde
Secretary



Meon Valley

Programme 2010

Theme: “People and Places Revisited”

- Feb 2 “**The Manor of Wickham**” illustrated talk by U3a Chairman, **Brian Barrett. 2pm** Wickham Community Centre . Guests welcome
- Feb 16 “**The Hobby of Metal Detecting**” presentation by **John Forster 2pm**, Wickham Community Centre Guests welcome
- Feb 23 READING GROUPS: telephone (013290) 833384 for details
- Mar 2 “**The Earls of Southampton**” illustrated talk by historian **John Watts 2pm**. Wickham Community Centre .Guests welcome



Wickham Scout Group

A little late but Happy New Year to all our readers.

Scouts started the new year with a double presentation evening (see photographs). Congratulations to Kathryn, Joe and Alex - it's a great achievement. Well done to you all and Good Luck as you all go into Explorer Scouts.

Cubs and Beavers restarted with party fun nights, with games and, of course, lots of food!!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Post. We raised £83-00 which means that we delivered 553 envelopes. A very BIG THANK YOU to the staff of Pages Newsagent for the time and hard work they put in to help us with the post.

Many thanks to the Fareham Rotary Club who offered us the use of their sleigh and also help in knocking on doors. Over the four nights we visited Wickham, Knowle, Whitely and West End in Fareham. Over these nights we collected £650-00. Thank you to all who donated.

If you have a son or daughter who would like to join our happy family of Scouting please telephone the number below.

Chris Samways, Cub and Beaver Scout Leader 01329 832739



Kathryn Longstaff, Joe Simmons and Alex Richards received their Chief Scout Gold

Award from Barry Samways (Scout Leader) at a presentation evening. The Gold Award is the highest badge that can be gained in the Scout section.



Harry Burke from the Hampshire and I.O.W Masonic Grand Charity presented 1st Wickham Scout Group with a cheque for £800-00 for the building fund. We would like to thank the Charity for their generosity.

WICKHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

7.30p.m. -

St Nicholas Church Room

Tickets are £7.00 each to include a ploughman's supper.

This is a very popular event so don't delay in getting your tickets.

Telephone: Di Hemingway-Rice 01329 835463 or Caroline Fribbance 01329 832346

Please Note also that our AGM is to be held on the 24th March at 7.30p.m. in the Church Room. All welcome.



The Royal British Legion-Wickham Branch.

Christmas time has managed to bring some joy and happiness to the branch after the loss of several of our older members.

The branch held the Christmas Dinner and Draw on Saturday in The Study Centre at Shedfield, when about 45 members and friends attended. The numbers attending being down this year due to a change of dates and the consequent clashes with other events.

A very enjoyable Dinner was provided by our new caterers "ACE Catering". The meal was accompanied by a fun draw, run by Eric, Sheena & Maggie in which all present received some sort prize often to the great amusement of their friends.

The evening ended with the Grand Draw which is the main fund-raising event for the branch coffers. Around 45 prizes were on the table, with the winners spread far and wide, from Wiltshire to Suffolk. The Draw made a return of about £250.00 to branch funds. Our grateful thanks to Gerald & Mary for running the draw, to all those generous friends who donated prizes but our main thanks to all members and friends who bought draw tickets.

Our next event will be the Burn's Night Dinner on Monday, 25th January 2010 at The Travellers Rest, Newtown.

By the way, did you know?

The Royal British Legion provides financial, social and emotional support to Service people, past and present, and their dependants. The Legion steps in when the state fails to provide promised help.

Mick Kerley

Stan Woodford Photographic Competition

The big freeze before and after Christmas may have prevented you from getting your entries for the 2009 Competition to Studio 6. We have had a number of entries, but we would like to give you the opportunity to enter the Competition if you have print(s) or disc that you would like to enter. We have therefore decided to extend the period until the end of February during which you can get an entry taken during 2009 to Studio 6. We do hope you will take advantage of this extension.

Michael Carter



On Sunday December 13th, Court Loyal Brethren held their Annual Carolcade by kind permission of Wickham Parochial Church Council in St Nicholas Church. Denmead Brass Band rendered a few items and also accompanied the singing while Revd Elizabeth Groves guided us through the programme with such great ease. The collection, in aid of the Court's chosen charity 'Fort Cancer' raised £143. The service was followed by refreshments in the Church Room, so ably served by Court members which included an enjoyable get-together for all.

The following Sunday, members who attended the Court Meetings and their spouses (45 in all) enjoyed a Christmas Lunch at "Greens" under the supervision of Carol and Frank. One certainly has to thank them and all the staff for their care of us with such a wonderful meal.

So here we are again at the beginning of another year with all our ideas for Social Activities 2010 starting to fit into place.

Could this year be better than last, World Wide? We certainly pray it may be.

John Pratt



Slip sleigh-ding away...

The annual Lions' Christmas collections were certainly not without incident this year, as we visited the villages and hamlets of the Meon Valley during December. The Newtown area run witnessed some of the most atrocious wet weather conditions we have ever worked in, forcing Santa to don goggles and snorkel and Roger Morfill to smugly comment "I was really glad it was my turn to drive!" Meanwhile the Corhampton and Exton evening brought the equally unwanted pleasures of sub-zero temperatures and black ice. Roger got his come-uppance that evening, being the fourth of Santa's helpers to slip and land flat on his back with his legs in the air. At this point we decided to call it a night as we were spilling more money from our collection buckets than we were actually collecting from the generous members of the public. Our apologies go also to the children of Soberton / Hambledon, because on December 16th a complete Santa-sleigh systems failure deprived us of both our flashing sleigh lights and music. Disaster!

Amazingly then, when we finally counted everyone's donations, we were surprised to discover we had collected a **record** of £4,152 over the month. And all this in the depths of a financial depression! It just goes to show that despite hardships, the people of the Meon Valley truly understand the spirit of Christmas and are prepared to dig deep to support local charities and people in need. So "thank you" to everyone who supported us so generously again this year – your money will be put to good use.

On the social side, our Christmas dinner at the Brickmakers in Swanmore, proved a great hit, with the pub's new hosts putting on a veritable feast which impressed everyone. In a kind of calorie offsetting

scheme, Lion Andrew Brown and his wife Pam did their best to ease everyone's conscience by hosting the New Year's Day walk a week or so later.

This time of year is extremely busy for the Lions because in addition to the Christmas collections we also supported the Winchester Young Carers' Bauble Hunt in the Forest of Bere, by laying on a barbeque. A barbeque in December is not as daft as it sounds, because this time the weather worked in our favour, attracting cold and hungry people from miles around in search of the smell of sizzling sausages. In all we raised over £500 for the Young Carers and through a similar Boxing Day barbeque at the Hampshire Bowman were able to elicit a



further £235 *Photograph: Santa at Swanmore stores with Pauline Wilson (left) and Chris LeVoi (right)*

from people who remarkably still had some room for burger and onions the day after their Christmas Day feast.

Ahead of us lies the Annual Fishing Festival which we help organise with the Ford Fishing club, and through the kind support of the Transport and General Workers Union. Despite all the recent bad news at Ford's Transit plant in Southampton, the event is going ahead again this year and aiming to raise another £2,000 for the Naomi House charity based in Winchester. More of this follows in our next update.

Havant Orchestras

A (Musical) New Year Resolution

bring your music-loving friends and family to one or more musical experiences at Ferneham Hall, Fareham with The Havant Orchestras and their Musical Director Peter Craddock who received the Special Achievement Award at The News' Guide Awards 2009 ceremony in November for his work with the Orchestras since he founded them in the 1960s.

Havant Chamber Orchestra with their leader Brian Howells will start the New Year with a miscellany of English 'music in miniature' on 6th February and will begin with Malcolm Arnold's appropriately titled Serenade for Small Orchestra, then comes Gerald Finzi's Elizabethan-flavoured suite 'Love's Labours Lost' and the first part of the concert will finish with local well-known and -loved favourite flautist Catherine Nicholson taking centre stage to play the solo part in Rutland Boughton's pastoral, and in Cathy's words 'wonderful', Concerto for Flute and Strings where not only the soloist will shine but the string section of the

orchestra as well. Rutland Boughton was the founder of the Glastonbury Festival in the 1930s and was well-known until recently as the composer of the beautiful choral work 'Bethlehem'. Several of his vocal works were performed regularly at The Last Night of the Proms and the Orchestra is pleased to be publicising this somewhat forgotten composer in 2010 - the 50th anniversary of his death.

After the interval the full orchestra will play Mendelssohn's energetic and youthful 1st Symphony – written when he was only 23 years old.

Peter Craddock will conduct this and the May 15th concert (music by Arriaga, Nielsen, Beethoven and Haydn's Trumpet Concerto). For the two Havant Symphony Orchestra concerts on 27th March - with superb Russian pianist Alexander Karpelyev playing Brahms, and 3rd July – with another young soloist playing Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, he will share the podium with the holder of this season's Bob Harding Bursary for Young Conductors, Samuel Draper who is a post-graduate student at the Royal College of Music.

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Diary / What's On details

Saturday 6 February 2010, 7.30pm
Havant Chamber Orchestra
Ferneham Hall, Osborn Road, Fareham

Serenade for Small Orchestra
Malcolm Arnold
Suite 'Love's Labours Lost'
Gerald Finzi
Concerto for Flute and Strings
Rutland Boughton
Flute soloist Catherine Nicholson
Symphony No 1 in C minor Mendelssohn

20th century English 'music in miniature' – by Malcolm Arnold, Gerald Finzi and Rutland Boughton's Flute Concerto with Catherine Nicholson in the spotlight followed by that great Anglophile, Mendelssohn's 1st symphony.

Tickets: £17.50 - 7.00 with concessions for students and under 16s from Ferneham Hall Box Office: 01329 231942 and at the door.

www.havantorchestras.hampshire.org.uk



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Catherine Nicholson, Flute Concerto soloist with HCO 6 February at Ferneham Hall, Fareham

There are talks about the music before each concert at 6.30pm – one for ‘adults’ and one for younger listeners, then an interlude played by local students before the music ‘proper’ commences at 7.30pm and all this is included in the price of tickets which are available now at the Box Office and cost £7 00 - £17.50, with concessions for students and children. Ferneham Hall Box Office, is open from 9.30 to 5.30 Monday to Saturday, telephone 01329 231942 or book on-line at: www.fernehamhall.co.uk .

For full details of the season’s programmes please contact Sandra Craddock (023 9248 3228, sandra.craddock@ntlworld.com) or visit the Orchestras’ website: www.havantorchestras.hampshire.org.uk .



Hovercraft in the Solent

An illustrated talk by Warwick Jacobs
Lee-on-the-Solent Hovercraft Museum

Tuesday 9th February 2010

7.45 pm in the Church Room




Swiss Evening

What do you know about Switzerland? Do you enjoy Swiss cheese and wine? Do you want to support Naomi House and Park Place and have a fun evening out at the same time?

Come and join us at 7.00pm in The Church Room Wickham on Saturday February 20th 2010 for a

“Swiss Evening”

You will be greeted with a mulled wine, enjoy a raclette Swiss meal accompanied by Swiss wine and there will be Swiss music and a quiz. All proceeds of the evening will be split between the Children’s Hospice Naomi House and the Park Place Convent Appeal fund.

Tickets are £25 and are available from us. Numbers are limited.

Richard and Elizabeth Greaves tel 834591
David and Therese Evans tel 832700

The Waynflete Singers continue their outstanding 40th Anniversary Season

Many of you will have enjoyed the Waynflete Singers Christmas Concert last month with the Fine Arts Brass in Winchester Cathedral. A really satisfying start to the choir's 40th Anniversary Season!



You will certainly not want to miss their next concert in the Anniversary series conducted by their Director Andrew Lumsden on March 20th at 7:30pm, also in the Cathedral. It opens with Arvo Pärt's incredibly beautiful *The Beatitudes* - a setting of Christ's Sermon on the Mount for choir and organ, followed by Waynflete's first performance of the sublime Rachmaninov *Vespers*, which has been hailed as one of the most moving and spiritually profound pieces of sacred music written in the 20th century. This performance will also include interludes of organ music by Marcel Dupré played by Simon Bell, the choir's accompanist.



You may wish to make a note in your diary of two other Waynflete Singers concerts this year:

June 19 Summer Concert Fauré: *Requiem*,
Stravinsky: *Symphony of Psalms*
Stravinsky: *Monumentum pro Gesualdo di Venosa*
Gabrieli Brass
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

December 11 Anniversary Concert
Handel: *Messiah* Florilegium

Quiz Evening held on Saturday 28th November 2009 in Shedfield Reading Room.

Another very successful evening with a fantastic total of **£516.00** raised. We supported 2 charities – The Children's Society and The Cinnamon Trust which was founded for elderly people & their pets, but also offers its services to terminally ill pet owners. Each charity received £258 for which they were extremely grateful judging by the lovely Thank you letters received from them.

Once again we had a packed Reading Room with a few new faces amongst the 10 teams, who enjoyed light refreshments with a Christmas theme of Mulled Wine and Mince pies.

1st prize went to Tiger's Surprise with a score of 186, who did exceptionally well in naming all of the counties in England on the picture quiz. 2nd Hinge & Bracket on a score of 169, 3rd The Potentials with a score of 163, this team included 2 members (who shall remain nameless) who usually look forward to topping up their chocolate levels with the last place prize, so a great improvement here! The team that took home the chocolate- Bad Jac with a score of 121.

The raffle was very well supported, thank you to everyone who donated such lovely prizes & to Roy & Derek Richards who gave us such lovely Leeks, it really is very much appreciated - the total raised - £178. Roy Phillips did another fine job as auctioneer for the 2 hand made Quilts very kindly made & donated by Carol Taylor, enthusiastic bidding raised £77 for these beautiful quilts.

Thank you to Jill Phillips our quiz master who put together yet another Fun action packed Quiz, Roy for keeping score and keeping everything in order to run smoothly, Amanda Rickman for marking the answer sheets, Justine & Katie who do the running around collecting the sheets throughout the evening, & Thank you to everyone who came and made the evening such a great success.

Karina and Gill

Knowle Footpaths

Hampshire County Council is holding a Public Inquiry in order for us to have the footpaths reinstated, and recorded as Definitive Footpaths.

The current residents of Old Knowle need your support to help to return our footpaths which have been removed by successive landowners.

The Public Inquiry is to be held at Wickham Community Centre on 9th February 2010 at 10.00am.

further we go back the better. You do not need to have any connection with **Knowle** in fact it is better if you don't. We are looking for members of the public who used the footpaths around the hospital who were not resident or members of staff. If you were resident or a staff member did you see members of the public using them? This information is crucial for our support.

We need as many residents to attend the Public Inquiry to show support and a willingness to contribute to the Inquiry in anyway that is required on the day. Please



I know there are people who live in Wickham that came to **Knowle** for a walk in the countryside before the paths were ploughed over and the fields were fenced off. The footpath in question was known as the Boundary or the Black Walk it was always a dry track going over the brow of the hill, we would use it to walk to **Funtley** via the **Chalkey Walk**. It also linked up with the footpaths through **Swansdale Woods** to **Wickham** or the **Old Vine**. The

just turn up, no need to book.

I will keep you informed in the Parish Magazine.

The footpaths could be reopened for the enjoyment of the local population.

Thank You for your time.

Sheila Chambers (nee Anderson)

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A New Year Message from Knowle

Dear Wickham and Knowle Residents,
“Happy New Year”.

Hope you all had a good and safe Christmas. Firstly I am sorry I missed the last couple of issues of Knowle Village Post which is going from Strength to Strength with the help of Sam and all helpers etc which is great to see.

With the Snow over the past 2 weeks all around our area I personally was so pleased to see



neighbours helping each other where they could and keep each other safe. Community Spirit is at the heart of Neighbourhood Watch along with KVRA and KCBA working together to make Knowle and Wickham a great community to be a part of. Driving in these snowy conditions we have had, has been tricky and some (the very few!) have been driving too fast for the conditions in situ. This is unsafe for themselves and others. Please remember nothing is worth the rush take it slowly and try not to brake suddenly.

Park Sensibly, make room for others to pass safely and give plenty of room between parked cars (2 car widths is good) Remember your car may get damaged as well as others. And please do not park on the Grass at any time of the year. The Damage caused by this will have to be repaired by

Peval and will add to all our bills. People who don't respect these simple neighbourly guidelines and who repeatedly have no respect for their neighbours or the community will be dealt with by the authorities where necessary.

Glad to say crime and antisocial behaviour in general in Knowle and Wickham is still very low compared to other Villages and

Towns in the area. And we have had very few reported incidents over the last couple of months. Let us all work together as a caring community and keep

Crime and Anti Social behaviour low.

If you would like to be added to the Neighbourhood Watch weekly Crime updates on email please email me at nigel.prior@btinternet.com and I will pass on to your local group coordinator. For anything urgent please report to the Police on 101 (non urgent) or 999 dependant on the urgency of the matter.

Best wishes to all.

stay safe

Nigel Prior, Knowle resident

CURDRIDGE AMATEUR DRAMATIC GROUP



It Runs in the Family

A Comedy by Ray Cooney

**Wednesday 24 to Saturday
27 March**

Writing this article while the snow is sparkling on the fields and trees, and many roads are still like skating rinks, it's hard to imagine that in a few short months, we will be presenting our latest production, a hilarious farce by Ray Cooney.

While Dr David Mortimore is preparing the final draft of a speech for a neurologist's conference, he discovers an old flame has some shocking news from his past, which he must go to extraordinary lengths to hide from his wife and colleagues. In the traditional style of a true farce, things quickly become more and more complicated and the cast and crew have their jobs cut out to produce this fast moving, door slamming, medical mayhem of a play for the delight of our faithful audience.

Tickets will go on sale on February 24th and are available from Chris and Tony Pond on 01489 895844.

The play takes place at the **Reading Rooms in Curdridge, starting at 7.45pm**. The bar will be open at 7.15 and again during the interval.

We also hold Workshops on the first Monday of each month, focussing on some aspect of the group's activities. All are welcome.

In addition, there is a Youth Drama Group. For further details of this new Group and the Workshops please contact Teresa Pitt on 01489 895170.

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



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

The Barn Dance marks the end of Homelessness Week and the Mayor's two charities are ones for the homeless:

Emmaus Winchester
and
The Trinity Centre Winchester

Tickets are £15 and £6 for children including a Ploughman's Supper.

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



Hampshire County Council
News

Tackling Icy Roads

Hampshire Highways was out in force to tackle the icy roads of Hampshire during the severe weather spell in late December and January. Snow ploughs were obtained to clear the main priority routes in the county and salt runs conducted on a regular basis. Just over 300 men and women were mobilised to work around the clock using salt lorries, snow ploughs, JCBs and shovels. A mixture of sand and grit has been used on pavements in the towns.

Just over 13,000 tonnes of salt were used on the roads between mid December and mid January when the national government assumed responsibility for rationing salt supplies to local authorities.

Luckily the county had large stocks before the emergency, but once the national government took control of salt supplies a rationing system came into use.

Staff from the county's Countrywide Services and waste recycling centres joined the effort to keep the roads clear. Many residents helped by clearing their own paths and driveways and in many cases, their streets as well. There were scare stories in the press that residents might be sued if someone slipped on a pavement that had been cleared, but this was soon discounted.

Hampshire was called on to assist the main hospitals by clearing snow so that ambulances could safely deliver patients to wards for care.

Other problems concerned the number of trees that came down under the pressure of

heavy loads of snow and power lines that crashed on to roads. Highways staff worked with emergency services to make the roads safe.

More Salt Bins

The county council is looking at ways to provide more salt bins in the county as practical help for residents in extremes of weather.

There are just over 2000 salt bins in Hampshire and the Leader of the Council is proposing to triple this to 6000 by using £800,000 from the emergency services reserve. These bins will be placed in areas designated by parish councils. I have asked then parish councils in this area for suggestions to where additional bins could be located. If residents have any suggestions, please contact the parish council.

The county council is determined not to be complacent in the hope that extreme weather conditions happen every 30 years. The county is also proposing to contact village shops to find out whether they would be interested in stocking supplies of salt in the future.

Helping the Elderly

Another priority for the county council was to safeguard the elderly, many of whom were unable to venture out to obtain food. Adult Services staff manned a help line to offer help for people in difficulties. A special number was set up at Hants Direct to receive calls from the public.

Hampshire staff were working late to assist people caught out in the worst of the weather with emergency shelters in different parts of the county.

Freddie Allgood
County Councillor

Winchester City Council Report

Happy New Year!!

Refuse Collections

Hopefully we shall not see a repeat of the extreme weather conditions when refuse collections were disrupted. The message however in case of any future bad road conditions is always to continue **to leave your refuse/recycling bin out** until it is collected. Serco who collects the waste and recycling on behalf of the Council will eventually get to you. Well done to Serco anyway for collecting as many rounds as they did and also to our brilliant paper boys in Wickham at Pages who kept our daily papers coming throughout the snowy conditions!

Winchester's new development 'Silver Hill' -on hold.

After many years of discussions and negotiations the regeneration of a large area of Winchester which was to be called Silver Hill with new commercial and residential properties has temporarily come to a halt. The developers Thornfield Properties, the Council's development partner in the scheme, has been placed into administration. It is understood that control of the company has been taken by its bank, Lloyds Banking Group. The bank has appointed a major national property company to review the schemes that Thornfield was bringing forward. It is too early to say whether this scheme will still proceed.

Wickham Barn Dance in Aid of the Mayor's charities

We are organising a **Barn Dance** on Saturday February 6th 7.00pm start in Wickham Community Centre. Tickets cost £15 adults £6 children to include a Ploughman's Supper. There will be a Bar available. All proceeds are in aid of the Mayor of Winchester's charities which support two homeless charities:

Emmaus Hampshire and The Trinity Centre. Contact us for tickets which must be bought in advance for catering purposes. Come along and 'dos a dos' the night away!!

Elections

Winchester Council runs local and national elections. There will be no local elections in Knowle this year but we all know there has to be a General Election by June –probably in May.If you are new to the area make sure you are on the electoral register by contacting the electoral registrations section at the City Council 01962 840222.

Swiss Evening

Therese is organising a "Swiss Evening" with Richard and Elizabeth Greaves who live partly in Switzerland in Wickham Church Room on Saturday February 20th in aid of Naomi House and the Park Place Appeal. Tickets are £25 to include Swiss wine, raclette cheese supper, dessert, Swiss quiz etc.Numbers are limited so book early!

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Wickham Parish Council News

February 2010

Diary Date
Parish Assembly
6.30pm Wednesday 28th April

Christmas light switch on

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to put up and take down the lights and tree and to everyone who took part in the lantern procession and light switch on.

Your time and effort is much appreciated!

Wickham Parish Council Citizen of the Year Awards 2010

Nominations Welcomed

Please send to the Clerk by 26th March

Nominations need not be for volunteers but should be for people working or volunteering in the Wickham community, which of course, includes Knowle.

Categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Good Neighbour
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Customer service community award, for a local business making significant contribution to the community
- Lifetime achievement award for service to the community

Awards will be presented at the Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 28th April.

Offers of sponsorship from local businesses would be welcome.

Wickham Festival 5th – 8th August

The licence for the Festival has been granted, it is hoped that residents of Wickham and Knowle will have free entry on Thursday 5th August, more details will follow.

Speed limit reminder signs



In response to many complaints about speeding traffic, particularly lorries, the Parish Council has purchased a Speed limit reminder sign. The sign will record the number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit and flash to warn drivers to slow down.

Experience has shown that the effectiveness of the signs reduces after about two weeks so the sign will be moved around 8 locations in Winchester Road, Fareham Road and School Road to maximise its effectiveness. This is an expensive process and will be reviewed after a year.

A new doctors' surgery for Wickham

Plans for the new surgery are available to view online or at the Parish Council office. www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk Latest News

A decision will be made by Winchester City Council towards the end of February.

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 22nd February

Committees

7pm Monday 8th February

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

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