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THE NEWSLETTER FOR WIGMORE, LEINTHALL STARKES, ELTON AND PIPE ASTON

A proposal from the Teme Valley Youth Project (TVYP) to erect purpose built changing rooms/showers/toilets adjacent to the football pitch on the community land off Bury Lane

The TVYP trustees (remember them from the TVYP building on Kings Meadow?) in association with Tom Smith who is rejuvenating the football pitch, have put forward a proposal to the parish council for the erection of a custom made changing room/showers/toilet/meeting room building on the community land off Bury Lane. No plans have yet been prepared and the parish council, whilst accepting in principle that the provision of changing facilities for our young peoples football team is one they would support, are not yet in a position to make any decisions one way or the other.

The parish council suggested to TVYP that they organise a community meeting to explain their ideas and give some indication of what will be built and where they propose to site it. They are aware that any such building will require planning permission and they will need to submit plans to the local authority in the usual manner.

The building itself will be fully funded by the TVYP trustees although there will be additional costs for a concrete base and connection to the utilities.

The original proposal to the parish council along with the latest draft parish council minutes, may be seen on our web site:

www.mortimervillages.co.uk

If you wish to raise any comments or issues then please contact TVYP (youthtvyp1@yahoo.co.uk) in the first instance with a copy to our parish clerk.

***News Flash*
St James
Update!**

St James and our efforts to enable this 1000 year old church survive the coming decades.....

The CIC team have put in a great deal more effort in preparation for the work we hope will be possible once we hear about our Heritage Lottery Fund grant application. We have also been working on a business plan funded by Awards for All to ensure we have a viable plan to cover the future years of the project. Additionally we have been in discussion with Hereford Council on the possibility of European Funding being available. So all we can do now is wait.....until February/March time when the Heritage Lottery Fund will announce as to whether we have been successful.

Don't even think about asking what happens if we don't get this award.....!!!!

SatNav leads vehicles down your lane?

Fed up with large lorries down your way?

Are SatNavs directing traffic along your impossibly narrow roads and lanes?

It is possible to request routes to be altered.

There are two main companies you can contact and the email addresses are as follows:

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| Garmin | http://mapreporter.navteq.com/ |
| TomTom | http://mapinsight.teleatlas.com/ |

Defibrillator

At long last the defibrillator will be mounted in its protective box by the time this newsletter comes out. It will be mounted outside the village hall and has full instructions for gaining access to the equipment on the outside of the box.

Use of the defib machine is fully automatic and requires no prior training although such training is helpful. In addition to those residents already trained, we will be arranging further training sessions shortly and anyone interested please contact our parish clerk, Jano, on 01568 770282 or email clerk.wigmoregpc@outlook.com

It is not possible to harm anyone by its use as the machine will not deliver a shock if it detects the heart is still beating normally.

Full details will be on our website—www.mortimervillages.co.uk

New Art classes in Wigmore village hall

Artist Stephen Hand, who has recently moved to the area, is planning to start evening art classes in the village hall. The classes will run during term times and will be suitable for beginners and those who just want the opportunity to improve on existing art skill. Stephen trained at Medway College of Design and Canterbury College of Art and has also worked as a teacher of Art and Design Technology. He is best known for his wildlife and landscape paintings in acrylics and watercolours.

He has exhibited at various galleries including: Hampstead, Crouch End, Enfield, Great Dunmow, Hertford and Hackney. He has contributed work to the annual Ayot St Lawrence art exhibition and has also had work hung in the Humboldt Gallerie in Germany. Most recently he has had his own exhibition in Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.



If you are interested in attending the Art class please contact Stephen on 07786934880 or e-mail stephen@handdrawnart.co.uk

Wigmore and District Gardening Club

We held our AGM in January with the usual much enjoyed wine and cheese. Our finances are healthy and the committee has arranged a really exciting programme for 2016, with talks on 'Friends and Foes in the Garden', 'Wild Gardeners', 'Growing for Showing', 'Bark Stems and Evergreens for the Winter Garden' and 'Gardens of the Sun King at Versailles'. Our car trips will include visits to The Bannut, Ystrad House Knighton, Whimble Gardens, Broad Heath Gardens and Wildegoose Nursery Munslow. There will also be coach trips to Lydney Park, Wyndcliffe Sculpture Park and Veddw Gardens, and Batsford Arboretum.

We would not be WDGC members without our beanfeasts too – two in the summer and one at Christmas and a September social evening to which we have invited two other local gardening clubs.

The plant sale will be held in May as usual, with lots of wonderful home-grown flower and vegetable plants for you to buy at bargain prices.

New members are always welcome. We normally meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30 in Wigmore Village Hall and our car-trips usually leave the village hall at 1.30. We are a very friendly bunch of locals, of all stages of expertise, from the utter beginner to those who open their gardens for charity! Just come along and join in or phone Ken and Marilyn Wade on 01568 770605.

Grand Jumble Sale

Wigmore Village Hall—Saturday, March 19th 1—4pm

Refreshments, Raffle, White Elephant Stall, Books and Toys, Clothing

If you have any items to donate, please leave them in the hall foyer any time it is open, (please do not obstruct access). If you are unable to bring your items, please contact

alvin.smith@btinternet.com or phone 01568 770327

For any other information please contact Jenny Johnson on 01568 770162,

email: jenny5johnson@gmail.com

Newsletter

We are aware that some residents don't always get a timely copy of our newsletter. If you would like to receive an electronic copy instead please advise Jano, our parish clerk, with your email address and postal address and we will forward a copy to you. Alternatively you can read the latest edition on our web site www.mortimervillages.co.uk

Wigmore Group Parish Council

A few points from the January/Feb meetings.

The mobile home on the community field has been removed as it was not considered suitable as a football changing room.

Application has been made to remove the 50' silver birch on the Millennium Green. A stump will be left and this will be carved. The circular seat will remain and will be renovated.

A proposal has been received to build a changing room facility on the community field for the youth football team.

Your parish councillors are:

Wigmore

Bryan Casbourne—770155

Vic Harnett—770445

Jenny Johnson—770162

Helena Leclezio- 770679

Kevan Perkins - 770060

Leinthall Starkes

Graham Probert—770543—chair

Alan Dowdy—770121

Elton

Vacancy for 1 councillor

Pipe Aston

Clare Major—770588

County Councillor

Carol Gandy—780583

Parish Clerk

Jano Rochefort - 770282

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Update from our County Councillor—Carole Gandy

A belated Happy New Year to you all. Although the weather has been very wet I am sure like me you are very pleased that we have had no snow and very few days when the roads were really icy. However I know a number of residents in Mortimer ward have experienced some flooding issues. Nationally this seems to be an ever increasing problem and I can't imagine how awful it must be to have your property flooded.

The Council has set its budget for 2016/17 which will see at 3.9% increase in Council Tax excluding whatever increase is considered by the Fire, Police and Parish Council. The increase will provide £1.9% (£1.6m) to protect council services including safeguarding our vulnerable children and 2% (£1.7m) to alleviate the significantly rising costs of adult social care for the county's higher than average ageing population and the additional difficulties encountered in delivering this service in very rural areas. The proposed increase will mean a rise of around £4 per month for those living in a band D property.

Since 2010/11 the Council has been required to deliver £59m of savings and by 2019/20 this will have risen to £87m and this has meant having to make some very difficult decisions on what the Council spends its money on and how it spends its money.

A consequence of this is that the money available to Balfour Beatty for road re-surfacing and dressing has been reduced and this may well mean that some of those roads which residents have requested to be resurfaced, may not be in the programme for the coming financial year.

I would like to remind you that Hereford & Worcester Fire Service provide for the elderly, people living alone and those with reduced mobility a free of charge Home Fire Safety Check which involves a representative from the Service calling at your home to offer safety advice specific to your household and personal circumstances. To see if you qualify for this free service please do not hesitate to contact the Community Risk team on 0800 032 1155 quoting reference PN14.

A Service to Civvy Street booklet has been launched designed to provide information to ex-service personnel and their families and to help them navigate their way through healthcare, employment, housing etc. The booklet was funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Grant. Electronic link www.herefordshire.gov.uk/civvystreet.

As ever if you wish to contact me to discuss a particular matter or just a general chat do not hesitate to do so either by emailing carole.gandy@herefordshire.gov.uk or phoning on 01568 780583

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The Wigmore Times—Book Two

Wigmore Book 2 is in the pipeline, under the working title:

'**Wigmore Times...St James and Other Stories**'. The first book 'Wigmore Times... Then & Now' concentrated on the people and places in Wigmore over history; the new book will tell the modern story of St James' Church and its immediate and long term future. Interspersed with this tale of intrigue, treachery, greed, lust, 'orrible murder and revenge (just wait till you read it!) will be stories about life in our village by the people who live in it.

We know about the church, what it has meant to the community and we think we know what it may mean in the future. What we don't know are your stories: Family tales, people you used to know, what the village was like when you were young, experiences funny or frightening. Perhaps you are young; what's life in the village like for you and your friends?

Do you know anyone interesting characters? Good or bad, we don't mind and we don't judge although we do like to laugh. If you have a tale, tall or short, shaggy as you like, or photos that have never seen the light of day, and you don't mind having it all in print forever, send them to Steve Dawson at steve-dawson@outlook.com or call me on 01568 770140 and I can collect printed or hand written stories (as long as I can read them). If need be, I can come and sit with anyone with a tale to tell who can't do the above and I can take notes. Obviously the more varied, serious or funny, the more interesting and memorable will be Wigmore Times...St James and other Stories!



The Oak win Pub of the Season, Spring 2016 award

Picture shows Lene accepting the award on behalf of the Oak pub in Wigmore.

The OAK is fast becoming a "must go to" pub with comfortable sofas, chairs, log burner and great food and drinks.

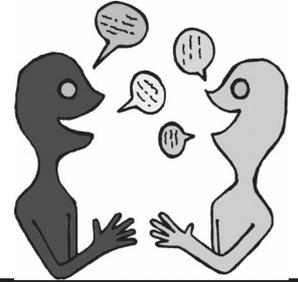
Tel: 01568 770424

Picture thanks to Peter Keam



CAMEO - some changes

You may have heard that CAMEO is closing.....lets be clear it is **not** closing and is continuing but on a different basis. We are not organising a Jumble Sale, but Jenny Johnson who helps manage the Village Hall will be doing so in the Spring some time, with help from some Cameo members. Cameo will in future be meeting at 2pm outside the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month to share cars, deciding ad hoc what to do that day. The exception will be Tuesday 3rd May when we join the Gardening Club for their outing to Ystrad House garden, Knighton. On this occasion only, therefore, we meet at WVH at 1.30 rather than 2pm.



Wigmore and the refugee crisis

It is heart warming to report that Wigmore has featured in helping to support the refugee crisis in Greece as at least one of our residents, Angela Gilchrist, gave up her Christmas and New Year to travel to the island of Lesbos to assist with the many families with very young children arriving in extremely unsafe boats from Turkey.

Angela had raised some £1400 from friends, relations and complete strangers and all this



money was used to buy essential food and ingredients for meals for the families.

During her stay on the island Angie ended up cooking some 500+ meals daily!

Angie will be running an Arts table at the Jumble Sale in March for the benefit of refugees.

Please mark anything you would like to

go to assist refugees when leaving items at the Village Hall



Viv from Queens Meadow is organizing a small jumble sale at the school after the Easter break to raise funds to assist in the refugee crisis. All money raised will go to Nicola North in Ludlow who in turn is arranging for boxes of clothing to be sent to Greece. You can see Nicola's details on Facebook.

More details of the sale will be advertised nearer the time—so keep a watch on the notice boards in the village and the shop. Viv can also arrange collection of any good quality clothing. The type of clothing needed includes – children's clothes, waterproofs, boys trousers, most underwear, baby sleeping bags and baby carriers.

Full details are on Nicola's Facebook page.

For more information then please contact Viv on 770863 - preferably after 8pm.

Story from across the continents

From Bridget Thomas

Joy Buxton, living in Auckland NZ, contacted Wigmore late last year and her message arrived at the shop.

Joy found out about Wigmore because she collects photos by George Chance, a photographer, originally from Liverpool but who moved to New Zealand. On my recent visit to NZ Joy showed me some of his photos, generally artistically enhanced and giving a very romantic view of landscapes. There is a website with photos of his, and that is how she



found the one of Wigmore Grange, because it was taken by him.

As a result of this contact we sent Joy a copy of our book "Wigmore TimesThen and Now".

Now back to Wigmore.....

Bridget Thomas, from Brinshope and a shop volunteer, during her visit to NZ to visit her daughter Ruth, took the opportunity to visit the Buxtons, who coincidentally live close by her daughter.

Above are Joy and David Buxton in the wonderful garden of their home near Helensville. This area was originally blocked out and given by ballot to soldiers returning from WW2, with which to start a farm. The original WW2 owners have now moved on, and other people live in this road, but you wouldn't know by driving down it. My daughter dropped me off at the road side and I walked up the drive, which took about 10 minutes. I am sorry I didn't have a video camera because what the Buxton's have done here is beautiful. So being a gardener of course I enjoyed my visit. They are also really interesting people.

We will be staying in contact with Joy and David and if any one has any photographs by the photographer George Chance then please contact the editor as we are sure Joy will also be interested.

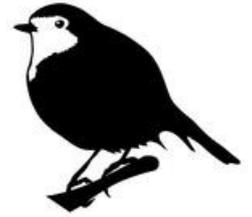
Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Wigmore

In response to the request by Kings/Queens Meadow NHW scheme to amalgamate into the Wigmore Village scheme, we are looking for further members in order to establish a new committee.

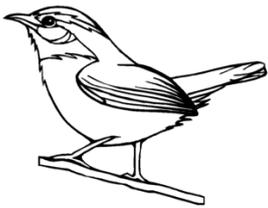
If you are interested in joining us please contact the Chairman/Main Coordinator Kevan Perkins on 01568 770060.

Bird Song Update

As I look out from my conservatory spring is in the air, but wait, this is still January as I write, and there is plenty of time for snow to arrive. However it is transition time for bird song and more birds are now calling and singing to claim their territories. A mistle thrush sings from the top of a tree. It will sing from any high perch whatever the weather, hence its name, the storm cock. Its small cousin, the song thrush, is starting to sing but not yet in full flow. The garden feeders are full of frenzied feeding by tits, house sparrows, goldfinches and siskins. On the ground below there is a dunnock which at this time of the year has quite a weak but persistent song. The robin is also ground feeding to compete with other birds. Its song is becoming louder day-by-day and its song so tuneful from dawn to dusk. Up above there is the busy flight in small groups of fieldfares with their 'chugging' call and also redwings with their 'zeeping' call. Both these Scandinavian thrushes will be away when spring is really here. From the copse over the brook to the back of my garden is the sound of a woodpecker drumming to attract a mate. To the front of my house over Greenhill Common I see the low flitting flight of the tiny wren amongst the scrub. Their numbers suggest that they have survived the winter well so far. However they do not sing too much yet. Finally from the trees the 'teacher teacher' call of the great tit suggests that spring is indeed in the air.



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David Gardiner

Funding for the parish

Nothing to report this time but hopefully we will be able to bring good news in the May edition.

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Tuesday	15.00 to 16.00
Wednesday	no attendance
Thursday	14.00 to 15.30
Friday	10.30 to 12.00
Saturday	10.30 to 11.30

Introducing Sophie Caley.....



I am a professional and experienced freelance hair stylist based in Wigmore, covering all surrounding areas within a 8mile radius. Providing all hairdressing services in the comfort of your own home. Whether you struggle to get childcare, can't get out to the salon or simply prefer being in your own comfortable surroundings, I can offer you very flexible times including evenings.

You can contact me on 07490 133280 for further information or to make an appointment

Bits and bobs in and around our parish.....



We have received a few ideas about "our" telephone box. The ideas centre around its use as a free library and a place that contains information about our village for both residents and tourists. It has also been suggested that it is relocated to the Millennium Green. Any other ideas are still welcome.



At what you probably know as the Mortimer Leisure Centre on Ford Street, there will be football training for residents 15 years +, on Tuesdays between 7pm and 8pm . No booking just turn up and join in. This is all part of the initiative to get our football pitch back into active use. You will no doubt have seen work taking place on the pitch in order to bring it up to playing standards.



Dog fouling remains an ongoing issue even though the parish council supply both dog poo bags and waste bins free of charge for this very purpose. You may also dispose of the used, double bagged, poo bags in your domestic waste bin.

So the issue cannot be one of cost!

It is more likely to be simply laziness or couldn't care a damn about our community environment!

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME IN WIGMORE

Once again this year the garden of Bury Court Farmhouse will be open in support of the NGS. Our first open day will be on Sunday 10th April from 2pm to 5pm. Plants and teas will be on sale as usual. We shall also be opening on the weekend of 16th/17th Sep.

On the Sunday (17th) Cathy and Ivan Jones' garden in Bury Court Park will also be open (as well as Ivan's art during hArts fortnight).

ngs gardens open
for charity

Wigmore Village Hall News

The hall is busy at the moment with the Teme Valley Youth Project coming in twice a week for youth activities. We have had several successful private parties and can recommend an outside bar if needed.

The Seven Stars Dance Christmas show was a triumph as usual, the hall was bursting at the seams with proud parents and grandparents. Lessons are on Mondays after school, various dance types and ages. The carpet bowls club has one more home match this season on 9/2, spectators welcome. All welcome to come and have a go on the other Tuesdays, 8-10pm, every week until our summer recess.

An artist has contacted me with a view to giving a selection of art classes on Wednesdays, a great opportunity on our doorstep. Please get in touch with him (see his advert in this edition) or me if interested.



The hall has been transformed for two Harry Potter themed parties, see above, and was also used for a large family celebration on Christmas day.

Wigmore Garden Club had their AGM in January, they meet the 3rd Thursday in the month at 7.30pm for various speakers and events. They also arrange trips out to gardens near and far.

On April 16th we are supplying refreshments for a coach party from the UK-wide Castle Studies Group, who will be visiting our splendid castle.

Sadly CAMEO (Come and Meet Each Other) social group was unable to find anyone to step up and organise, so they have changed the format of their meetings. See the separate article in this edition.

We are having the rear roof renovated in April, with repairs to any water damaged rafters. Hopefully there should be minimum disruption to hirers. This will use up our savings, so please support your hall by continuing to hire it for your parties and coming along to (or helping at!) events like our Jumble Sale on March 19th.

jenny5johnson@gmail.com 01568 770162

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Wigmore Community Shop

In January our elite band of wonderful volunteers celebrated with a lovely lunch in the OAK courtesy of the shop management group. The shop is now coming up to its 8th year in our village and it would be difficult to imagine this hugely popular asset not being available. Where else would you go to have a good ol' moan about the state of the footpaths in the village???

Alison our manager is doing a really wonderful job at the shop—we have extended our ranges and we endeavour to find new products every month as well as keeping a very close watch on prices. The Christmas range of products was clearly successful as we have very little left over—next year we have promised ourselves to start earlier and get even better deals.

Remember this is your shop—it is owned by the village and has a management team appointed every year by members. So maybe you would like to join our team and introduce some new ideas? Why not contact Alison and see what opportunities are available? We are very flexible and most volunteers choose their own times in the shop.



**Contact the shop at
770307
or email
wigmoreshop@hotmail.co.uk
or
call in and chat with Alison
(weekday mornings please)**



Wigmore Village Show 2016

A note for your diaries Saturday 24th September 2016

for an even bigger and better show!

Ken Wade is our creative organiser and he will be asking for your help and suggestions over the coming weeks!

You can contact Ken on 01568 770605