

THE WISTOW WARBLER

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NEW WISTOW PARISH CLERK

As reported in the last Warbler, the Parish Council was looking to find a new Clerk to replace David Titmarsh. Well, they've found one.

Patsy Coles, of Porch House on Manor Street, has now taken over as Clerk and officiated at her first council meeting on 30th September. Many thanks to Patsy for stepping forward to do this extremely important job, and the best of luck to her. You'll find her 'phone number on the back page. Also, many thanks to David who has done an excellent job while carrying out this role for a number of years.

WISTOW IN BLOOM - ANOTHER SILVER AWARD

Congratulations to everyone in the village who contributed in any way towards Wistow once again gaining a Silver Award in the Anglia in Bloom competition.

The judges commented that the village was clean and tidy, all of the community seemed knowledgeable about "In Bloom" and there is a general interest in the well being of the village. A good entry, and well done. It's nice to be part of a community that takes a pride in maintaining a pleasant environment for everyone who lives here.

In terms of how we can now move forward the judges felt that all the basics are there but there is a need to create a "wow" factor. They considered that the existing tubs and planters weren't sufficient to achieve this and that larger ones, or the grouping of smaller ones, would be the things to consider for the future.

The WIB committee will be meeting towards the end of October to decide on the way forward and to start to plan the activities and events for next year. A newsletter will be sent out in the near future with more information about this and also more detail about the marking for this year's competition.

Also, if you would like to get involved in any way, then please phone Pam Franklin on 824725.

Changes to our PCSO

Marc Robinson, who is currently our Police Community Support Officer covering Wistow, Warboys, Bury, Upwood and The Raveleys, left the post on 5th September to join the Metropolitan Police in London (brave man).

Marc's role is being taken over by PCSO Becca Poole; Becca has just got married so congratulations to her. One of her tasks will be to attend the Parish Council meetings to announce the latest crime reports for our area.

LATEST FROM THE THREE HORSESHOES

Julia and Gerry would like to thank everyone who came along to the two "Race Nights" that were held in the pub earlier this year. Both were extremely enjoyable fun evenings and succeeded in raising £1,000 for charity. More of these evenings will be held in the future, probably on Sunday evenings, so look out for announcements and come along.

Don't forget the quiz nights held on the last Wednesday of each month; however, please note that the Christmas one will be held on Wednesday, December 17th. All proceeds go to Cancer Research so get these dates in your diaries.

Here are the pub opening times over the Christmas and New Year periods:-

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December; bar 12-3 and 6-late (Xmas party B.J.'s), restaurant 12-2 and 6-8.

Christmas Day, Thursday 25th December; bar 12-3, restaurant 1-5 (bookings only)

Boxing Day, Friday 26th December; bar 12-6, restaurant 12-3

Saturday to Tuesday, 27th - 30th December; normal times

New Years Eve, Wednesday 31st December; bar, 12-3 and 6-late, restaurant 12-2 and 6-8

New Years Day, Thursday 1st January; bar, 12-6, restaurant 12-3

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Christmas Carols will this year be sung on Monday, 15th December but with a slightly different format to previous years. Meet at the Three Horseshoes as usual at 6.00 pm, but then the singing will be round the tree in the churchyard. It is also hoped that Father Christmas will put in an appearance. Afterwards, repair to the pub for mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds go to charity, and everyone is welcome to come along and swell the volume.

The Benefits of Dancing

Vicky Lincoln is a registered dance teacher with the Norma Terry School of Dance, and from September 2008 she will be expanding the school to Ramsey, offering Ballet and Modern/Jazz classes from the age of 3 years, teenage freestyle and adult body conditioning.

Dancing is a great way for people of all ages to get and stay in shape. Besides being fun, dancing has many positive health benefits including, flexibility, strength, endurance and a sense of well being. It also helps the body's circulatory system as it makes your heart pump blood faster and encourages weight control and overall fitness through calorie burn off.

As a dance teacher Vicky takes pride in the accomplishment of teaching children (and adults) to dance, and although you need commitment and dedication to learn, whether you are there purely for pleasure,

the social aspect or the dream of becoming professional dancer, the main aim is always to have fun!

For more information, please contact Vicky on 07786 682623 or missvicky@normaterry.com.

HUNTINGDONSHIRE MUSIC SCHOOL

Did you know that a fantastic music school is to be found on your doorstep? Huntingdonshire Music School has been established for over 40 years, yet constantly finds that many local people do not know of its existence, despite best efforts to publicise the school.

The Music School has around 400 students, of all ages, from 4 to over 80 years old. Although lessons are held on weekday evenings, the main focus of the Music School is on Saturday mornings, when students take part in a wide variety of musical activities, from individual instrument or musical theory lessons to ensembles, bands and orchestras. The bands are often asked to play for local events and are always happy to do so whenever possible.

Every year the Music School sets out on a summer tour. In 2006 it was Germany and Euro Disney, in 2007 it was Austria, and this year it will be the Isle of Man. Taking part in these tours is enjoyed by performers and supporters alike and a fun time is had by all!

Students have the opportunity to take AB exams each term, and the pass rate is extremely high. 24 students entered for the April examinations and all passed, many with distinctions and merits. This is especially useful for those students hoping to study music in higher education, but is also a valuable yardstick for those who just play for their own pleasure.

For more information, a prospectus, an informal chat about the facilities available, or to arrange a tour of the Saturday morning school, please contact Gary Sieling on 01480 379220. Or take a look at the website: www.humsa.org.uk

WISTOW CRICKET MATCH 2008

The 2008 Wistow Ashes was originally planned for Sunday 7th September but unfortunately had to be postponed due to torrential rain. The match took place two weeks later on September 21st which turned out to be a lovely sunny day.

The first semi final pitted Wispa's Team against the MacInnes Invitational. The Invitational were rewarded with the early wicket of last year's winning captain with the very first ball of the match, and this was the beginning of the end for Wispa's Team, the Invitational winning with three overs to spare. The second semi was just as one sided with Wistow Wannabies seeing off Shorties Showoffs even after an early collapse of the Wannabies' top order.

This led to a 3rd and 4th playoff which was eventually won by the Showoffs and was then followed by a classic final which saw the Invitational take on the Wannabies. This final was only ever to have one winner, and when their organisation, training (and team shirts!) paid off it was up to Chris Newton of the Wannabies to become the fourth team captain to lift the hallowed Wistow Ashes.

The final was won and lost on a magical champagne moment when Steve Tomkins (of the Wannabies) took a full length diving catch on the boundary to take the Invitational's last recognised batsman. This led to a disappointing 54 runs total for the Invitational which were polished off by the Wannabies with a couple of overs remaining.



The winning Wannabies team

Finally, a big thank-you to everyone who helped to set up and clear away the field, and to Patsy and Richard Coles for once again allowing what has become a regular village event to take place

on Porch House Field. Only 48 weeks to go till next year!

FORTHCOMING CANCER RESEARCH EVENTS

The local committee of CRUK would like you to share in some fund-raising events before Christmas.

Julia and Gerry have kindly offered to host a Hog Roast at the Three Horseshoes on the evening of Sunday, 19th October, from 6 to 10 pm. The hog roast will be cooked outside and salads and rolls will be available inside; to follow there will be a selection of desserts. There will be a raffle and live music by the BJs. Everyone is welcome – tickets are £10, £5 for children under 10.

On Friday morning, 24th October, a Pink Party will be held at the pub from 10 to 12 am. Come along for refreshments, games, bring & buy and a raffle.

The regular Mulled Wine evening will be held in the Village Hall on Friday, 28th November, from 7 to 9 pm. Cards will be for sale, and you can get to taste your first Christmas mince pies. Tickets are £3.50.

Forthcoming Events - Dates for your Diaries for 2008

Sunday 19th October – Hog Roast at the Pub, in aid of Cancer Research, 6 – 10 pm

Friday 24th October – Pink Party at the Pub, in aid of Cancer Research, 10 – 12 am

Friday 28th November – Mulled Wine Evening at the Village Hall, in aid of Cancer Research, 7 – 9 pm

Monday 15th December – Carol Singing, meet at Pub at 6 pm