

THE WISTOW WARBLER

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Early Autumn 2011

Editorial

We hope you have all enjoyed the summer - we have had a great one with lots going on including the summer events held in the village, reports of which have kindly been provided for us so we can all catch up with the news. Now's the time for new committees so if anybody is interested to join one of the village organisations please contact the usual suspects.

Clive and Fran Williams

THEFT FROM ALLOTMENTS

Equipment at an approximate value of £35 have been stolen from the allotment at the top of Mill Road. It would seem that sometime on Sunday or Monday (21st/22nd August) somebody entered the allotment and stole one of Dr Howard Manwaring's large 220 litre water barrels and also the hand pump that they use to pump water from them. They were in use on the Saturday afternoon and were both missing on the following Tuesday morning.

If anyone should hear of or has information regarding the whereabouts of these items please get in touch with Dr Manwaring at Chepstow House Mill Road.

In the meantime we would recommend that everyone be alert and that once again we need to be vigilant in protecting village property.

RAMSEY NEIGHBOUR POLICING TEAM

I will be doing a walkabout surgery in the Great Whyte in Ramsey on Saturday 8th October between 10 and 11am.

If you would like information on how to start up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in your street or road i would be happy to provide some booklets to pass to your neighbours to read.

You can contact me on 07921 094 812

Look forward to hearing from you.

PCSO Jill Tiernan.

WISTOW IN BLOOM

WIB members would like to give a big thank-you to the Struggles and Elmore families for keeping the verges and planters at the entrance to the village at the top of Mill Road in such good order. The new planters make a very attractive entrance into the village. The garden party held at Wistow House on June 12th was well attended despite the weather; it poured with rain for the whole afternoon but it was nice to see so many people there, and hopefully 2013 will be see sunshine. Thanks to Lesley and Roger for once again opening their garden.

The next event is the WIB Autumn Quiz, to be held in the village hall on Saturday 8th October. 7.00 pm for a 7.30 start, tickets will be £4.00 each, and snacks will be provided. As usual there will be a licensed bar. Watch out for notices around the village for how to get your tickets. Later in the year a Christmas Decoration making session is planned for the afternoon of December 16th (note that this will be tickets only). More details about this will be published nearer the time.

John Dransfield

'HELP FOR HEROES'

The Three Horseshoes is collecting any unwanted music album CDs, DVDs, Xbox 360, Wii, PS2 and PS3 Games in aid of Help for Heroes Concern. There is a collection box in the pub for all your donations. All items must have a bar code. For further information please **contact Julia or Gerry 822270**

CHIMNEY SWEEP

There is a Chimney Sweep coming to the village on Saturday, 1 October. The more appointments he can arrange the cheaper the cost. Please contact Julia or Gerry at The Three Horseshoes to make an appointment (Tel: 822270)

WISTOW FUN WEEKEND

In the 10 years the Village Hall Committee has been staging the Fun Weekend, it has never been called off due to bad weather. The prospects for this year's event did not look good. The forecasts were dismal and rain set in almost as soon as our many willing helpers collected at Porch House to prepare the field. However in spite of torrential rain soaking everyone to the skin, all was ready and it was then just a case of crossing fingers and hoping for the best. It worked; the skies cleared, the band arrived, folks set up picnics under their gazebos and by 6.30 pm on Saturday evening Porch Field was again rocking to the very lively music of Boozadaddy. When it was time to close around 10.30 people were still dancing and calling for more.

Would our luck hold for the fun and sports on Sunday? A few sharp showers had people diving for cover but eventually the sports got going in bright sunshine. The usual array of stalls and challenges was available together with a competition tent and bouncy castle. The TOTS Group set up a crèche for the toddlers and their mums (and/or perhaps dads) had been busy producing a host of delicious cakes for sale. Archery was included as something different this year, provided by the Oakham Bowmen. After some coaching from their experienced instructors it was possible to have a go. Getting a good score or even hitting the targets was far harder than it looked but proved a popular challenge for kids and adults alike.

The races were hotly contested as usual and the new space hopper races were a test of skill and stamina but enjoyed by contestants and spectators. The day ended with the prize giving but in near

disaster when guests of gale force wind threatened to take away the marshal and his tent. Quick action by several spectators, hanging onto the tent, saved the day. A bent and battered tent was the only casualty and overall the Wistow luck held and we managed to get through another enjoyable Fun Weekend. A list of winners is printed overleaf, thanks to them for taking part and to all who supported us over the weekend. As always we are grateful to the many helpers, judges and those who donate generous prizes without which it would not be possible to hold this annual event. Each year Patsy and Richard Coles make this ideal spot available to us and for this and their hard work and support we are most grateful.

7th WISTOW CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The Coles trophy got off to a damp start but in spite of a few showers players and spectators enjoyed another pleasant afternoon of village cricket. The Wizards beat the No Names in the first semi final. This was followed by the Wannabees against the MacInnes Invitational, won by the Wannabees. Because of the unsettled weather the final was the next match between the Wizards and Wannabees which saw the Wannabees as the Trophy winners with an innings without loss of a wicket. The concluding game saw MacInnes Invitational taking 3rd place. Jason Short was Man of the Match for some sound batting in both his innings but clinched it with a spectacular diving catch just short of the mid-wicket boundary.

Thanks go to the captains, players and all those who helped to make this another successful day with particular thanks to Patsy and Richard for again providing the ideal venue.

John Wadsworth

BROADBAND SERVICES

Colin McLeod of Millcroft would be interested to hear your views on the local Broadband services. "As an Internet user I am frustrated by the hugely varying but usually slow Broadband speeds, and I see from one of the "speed checker" sites that irrespective of provider many others are in the same boat. Unfortunately, because we are all with different providers it is hard to compare notes or experiences" "

QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

The Wistow Entertainment's Committee are proposing to hold a 'Party in the Park' (on the Playing Field) to celebrate this event. Stalls, Dancing Entertainment, Refreshments, Live Music. This is proposed as an all day event and will be held in June 2012 - date to be confirmed. Please contact Clive Williams if you are interested in getting involved

Clive Williams Tel: 823576

WISTOW READING GROUP

Through the summer we have read and enjoyed:

One Day by David Nicholls The story of two students who meet on the night of their graduation. The book tells their story on St Swithin's Day over a period of 20 years. It has recently been made into a film.

Case Histories by Kate Atkinson Surrounded by death, intrigue and misfortune, a private investigator is asked to unravel three seemingly unconnected and unsolved cases. Recently made into a BBC drama.

Polar Star by Martin Cruz Smith (author of Gorky Park)

Renko is exiled on a Soviet factory ship trawling between Siberia and Alaska. He is given the chance to regain his freedom by investigating a lonely and mysterious death.

From time to time, we purchase rather than borrow library copies of books, so if you are interested in borrowing any of the above, please contact Paul on 824800.

LOCAL SERVICES

Motor Services:

Car servicing, MOT and repairs.

Orchard View Garage,

Hillside Farm, Mill Road

Gary Burton Tel: 07595 507441.

The Farm Shop. Mill Road.

Shirley and Ray Burton. Tel: 822492

Local Garden Services Mill Road.

All aspects of garden work.

Ray Burton 822492 07741 224630

Picture Framing

Catering for all your picture framing needs.

Richard Coles

r.coles1@btinternet.com **Tel: 823542.**

Carpentry and Decorating

Bespoke furniture, etc. made to your individual requirements. Design assistance supplied.

Clive Williams

Tel: 823576 07973 138136

Dog Walking Service

Mel is a fully insured and a verified dog fosterer for a large local animal charity

£4.00 1/2 Hour walk

£8.00 1 hour walk

Contact Mel: 823749

'Three Horseshoes'

Great Local public house with good food and Adnams ale

Gerry & Julia Tel: 822270

USEFUL CONTACTS AND REGULAR EVENTS

Newsletter Editors

If you have any items that you would like to include in future editions.

Please supply written articles to:-

Fran & Clive Williams.....

Orchard House, Manor Street.

clive.forum@btinternet.com

Parish Council

Parish Council meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30 Village hall (Dates on the Notice Board by the bus shelter).

Councillors	Tel:
Richard Farrar (Chairman)	822444
Chris Leigh	824708
Clive Williams	823576
Jeremy Carter	823342
Deborah Robinson	822872
Deborah Booth	822734
Peter Bucknell	824222
Patsy Coles (Clerk)	823542

County Councillor

Victor Lucas,
The Manor House, Warboys
Tel: 822812
victor.lucas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

District Councillors

Peter Bucknell Tel: 824222
Peter Ward. Tel: 01733 200400

Member of Parliament (North West
Cambridgeshire constituency)
Shailesh Vara MP, House of
Commons, London SW1A 0AA
Tel: 01780 749379

Hall Committee

The Village Hall Committee
Please contact:-
John Wadsworth (Chairman)
Tel: 822541
Carol MacInnes (Secretary)
Tel: 823131
Jean Duke (Bookings Sec)
Tel: 82282

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group is open to anyone over the age of 18 and meets on alternate Wednesdays.
Please contact:-

Helen Buddle	Tel: 823121
Lynda Harding	Tel: 822747
Margaret Bish	Tel: 822698

Women's Institute

Meetings are held at 7.30 on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except August), usually in the Village Hall. Details are displayed on the W.I. notice board at the bus shelter.
Information contact:-
Susan Normington (President)
Tel: 823471
Jean Duke (Secretary) Tel: 822828

Cancer Research UK

Contact.....
Sally Wilson Tel: 823217
Jill Wadsworth Tel: 822541

Wistow web-site.

www.wistowvillage.info
Richard Farrar. Tel: 822444

SPORTS DAY RESULTS

2011

Catching Raw Eggs

Adults x 2 Dickie Hunwin and Neil Green (42.6m)
Under 14 Boys x 2 Oliver Jenkins and Rhys Thomas (43.8m)
Under 14 Girls x 2 Rose Jenkins and Kayleigh Hunwin (12.46m)

Lawn Darts

Adult winner: Judy Shrewsbury

Skimmers

Adult winner: Lisa Fiore - 25 points
Junior winner: Marco Fiore - 33 points

Competition Tent

Best Pot of Jam Veronica Barker
Best Photo (English summer) Clive and Fran Williams
Best 4 Dec. Cup Cakes Judy Shrewsbury
Best Under 14's Painting
/Drawing of a Summer Fete Annie Roper – Wistow TOTS
Best Scarecrow Harry Potter - Walsh Family, Kingston Way

TRACK EVENT RESULTS - 2011

Flat Races

Pre-School: Cameron MacInnes
Under 10's Sam White
Over 10's: Rhys Thomas
Teenagers: Oliver Jenkins

Egg & Spoon

7 and under Lily Tomkins
9 and under Aaron Hall
10's to Teenagers Molly White

Skipping

Under 7s Lily Tomkins
Over 7s to Teenagers Rhys Thomas

Spacehoppers

6 and under Liam Read
9 and under Aaron Hall
Teenagers Rhys Thomas

Three-Legged

Children's Rhys Thomas and Harry Walker
Adults Stephanie and Martin Green (inc. Funkey Monkey!)

Sack Races

Children's Joint winners: Rhys Thomas & Oliver Jenkins

Cancer Research UK

CRUK local committee have had another busy fund raising year with three collection days in Huntingdon, St. Ives and Ramsey. Our Big Breakfast was held in the village hall on 3rd May and we welcomed our faithful friends. The atmosphere in the hall is always lively with the usual Bring and Buy, Cake Stall, Raffle and Number Squares, accompanied with plenty of tea, coffee, bacon butties and pancakes. The builders opposite certainly tucked in, and even won a raffle prize.

Kimbolton was a very successful day on 17th July with the lucky winner of the raffle enjoying a trip on the Orient Express.

On August 18th 12 intrepid cyclists met at Rutland Water with Richard Farrer and Gordon MacInnes in their wheelchairs. The journey started in sunshine but soon the rains made the trip round quite a challenge! After three and a half hours a very wet group arrived at the Horse and Jockey for a pre-ordered lunch and very welcomed rest. After Richard had re-charged his wheelchair batteries the group braved the rain to complete the circuit. When all the sponsor money has been collected, it will hopefully raise nearly £1,000. Richard and Gordon were so amazing to have completed the circuit and their efforts are much appreciated by the Cancer Research Committee. They were truly inspirational, raising funds for others and they would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship.

Having funded two research projects for £56,000 and £54,000 in the past few years, the committee are aiming to raise £55,000 to fund a third project at Addenbrooke's looking into proteins with

Dr Clive De Santos. It is good to know that ALL the money we raise will go directly towards a project that we have chosen.

Again, many thanks to all those who support this worthy cause.

Jill Wadsworth

We look forward to seeing you at our next fund raising events:

Pink Party at the Three Horseshoes on Fri 28 Oct from 10.00 -11.30.

Wassailing Evening again at the Three Horseshoes on Thurs 15 Dec from 6pm with Carols, Readings and the Upwood Bell Ringers. All Welcome.

CHURCH CLOCK

As you know renovation work is taking place on the church clock. The project has been a rather long drawn out affair; it has taken over a year from the original quote for us to obtain Faculty permission for the work to take place. In the meantime not only has the price increased but the Government had withdrawn the grant that allowed us to recover the full cost of VAT. Since taking the clock down it has become apparent that further work and further expense is needed; the back board needs to be replaced as it is rotten and the automatic winder of the strike train, which was fitted in the 1970s and was paid for by the Jubilee Fund, also needs replacing. We have obtained a very kind donation to cover the costs of the original quote. We have fund raised in the form of the Heritage Weekend, which covers the cost of the backboard and VAT. Work is now in progress and we anticipate the sound of the bells in the not too distant future.

Mel Bennett, Church Warden

OUT AND ABOUT

The Great Fen Project

A Great Opportunity for Nature Lovers!

If you are interested in nature and wildlife then there is now a great new opportunity to become involved in one of the most important nature reserves in Europe - right on your doorstep!

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire Northampton and Peterborough has backed the creation of a Local Group to support, promote and raise funds for the Great Fen and associated projects. Based at the Great Fen, this group will work closely with the existing Wildlife Trust and Natural England staff already working on the project and aims to bring together people who have an interest in wild life, the countryside and the local history of this fascinating area of the Fens. The Group will stage a series of events to raise awareness among local people of the aims of the project and to illustrate the great variety of wildlife in the area. Talks by local experts and guided walks are already being offered the opportunity to be involved in any capacity, large or small, once a month but it is hoped that other activities can be staged and you now have opportunity to be involved in any capacity, large or small. **For more information contact: Adrian Kempster (Secretary) on panda@kempster1947.fsnet.co.uk**
For Forthcoming Events see back page

RAMSEY ARTS FESTIVAL

1st October 7.15 for 7.45

Not to be missed, a hilarious and touching British movie about growing up.

1st October 7.15 for 7.45

Upwood Village Hall Ramsey Arts Festival
710225 (or School Plus)

Jokes Corner

A man walks into a fishmongers carrying a salmon under his arm 'Do you make fish cakes?' he says 'Of course' says the fishmonger 'Oh good' says the man It's his birthday!

.....
'I'm a kleptomaniac, but I'm taking something for it!

W I News

Members have taken part in a variety of activities during the summer months:

A visit by a lingerie company experienced in bra-fitting; a talk by a representative from Age UK; the annual barbecue; a demonstration of the Wii Fit Plus exercise system - with several members 'having a go' - and a coach trip to two gardens in Essex on one of the hottest days of the summer. **Jean Duke**

Forthcoming events are:

- 12 Oct: Annual Meeting + Fish & Chip Supper and entertainment
- 9 Nov: Neil Callan on the History of the Silver Spoon
- 14 Dec: Christmas Party

New members are always welcome - with annual membership running from January, but we would be delighted to see occasional visitors too - at £3 per session

DIARY DATES

Sat 1 October Chimney Sweep

Sat 8 October WIB Quiz

Wed 12 October WI AGM

Fri 28 October CRUK Pink Party
10.00 am Three Horseshoes

Wed 9 November WI Neil Callan
History of the Silver Spoon

Wed 14 December WI Christmas
Party

Thursday 15 December CRUK
Wassailing Evening 6pm Three
Horseshoes

RAMSEY ARTS FESTIVAL

Film Night - Submarine Cert 15

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touching British movie about growing
up.

1st October 7.15 for 7.45

Upwood Village Hall

Ramsey Arts Festival 710225 (or
SchoolPlus)

GREAT FEN LOCAL PROJECT

EVENTS:

TALKS: All 7:30pm starts at Wildlife
Trust Countryside Centre, Chapel Rd.
Ramsey Heights.

Fri 7th Oct - Great Fen Storytelling
Performance: Tales of Wildlife and the
Fens with The Cambridge Storytellers.

Fri 4th Nov - Whittlesey Straw Bears by
Brian Kell.

Fri 2nd Dec - Fen Skating by Bob
Murdoch.

Suggested donation: £5.00 each (£3.50
concessions).

RAMBLES: All start at 10:00am

Tues 11th Oct - Woodwalton Fen
(5 miles)

Wed 9th Nov - Brampton Wood (6
miles)

Wed 7th Dec - Woodwalton village
and

Upwood (10 miles)