

THE WISTOW WARBLER

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Editorial

I would like to refer you to the article about the Parish Plan, and strongly encourage you to put your names forward to participate in the action plan. Please don't be put off by cynics who say that this is all just a waste of time – it isn't!

Also, I'll repeat a couple of things that I've raised before. First, if any of you want to use the Warbler for buying/selling or any other type of general communication then please feel free. Second, I'm still waiting for interesting stories and tittle-tattle about "old" Wistow.

John Dransfield

VILLAGE "HANDYMAN" NEEDED

Once again the Parish Council is looking for someone from the village to carry out small jobs on behalf of the Parish Council. Paul Turner, who has been doing this work until recently, has had to resign due to pressure of work.

The work is paid, and the Parish Council is keen to give this opportunity to someone local rather than having to use commercial contractors. For more information contact the clerk, Dave Titmarsh.

Quiz Nights Return to the Pub

Once again, regular quiz nights have resumed at the Three Horseshoes.

As before these are being held on the last Wednesday of every month; start time is 8.30 pm, but watch for the board outside the pub for any changes. Proceeds go to nominated charities and, in the run up to Christmas, towards the Pensioners' Christmas Party.

So come along and have a go. Not only is it good fun, but it's also in a good cause.

PARISH PLAN UPDATE

All of you should by now have received your copy of the Wistow Parish Plan, and I'm sure you will agree that it is an excellent piece of work. A big thank-you goes to all the people involved in its production; you'll see their names on page 5 of the plan.

Included with the plan document was a "Community Participation" sheet. There are many people in the village who would like to get involved in pushing the action plan forward, and I would urge you to complete and return the sheet indicating which of the items you wish to get involved in. The idea is that each issue will be co-ordinated by one of the parish councillors and you will be contacted in due course to start the ball rolling on your chosen items.

Having a wide participation in these actions won't only contribute to getting things done; just as importantly it will also help to foster the sort of community spirit that is one of the attractions of living in a small village like ours.

VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

Due to work and family commitments, Heather Marshall has reluctantly had to resign from the Parish Council. Heather has been a stalwart on the council for a number of years and I'm sure everyone will join the Parish Council in thanking her for all her efforts and contribution over this time.

This means that there is now a vacancy on the council. If you would like to serve as a parish councillor then please contact the clerk, Dave Titmarsh, who can give you more information. The closing date for applications is Friday 11th November.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

This Christmas, as every Christmas, the W.I. will be organising carol singing around the village with the proceeds going to various charities. This year it's on Monday 12th December.

Everyone is invited to join in, so if you feel like having an enjoyable evening in a good cause then please come along, and don't forget to bring a torch.

Meet in the pub car park at 6.30 pm, hymn sheets will be provided, and the evening will be rounded off with mulled wine and mince pies in the village hall.

An Opportunity to Help Fight Leprosy

LEPRA is a registered charity dedicated to helping leprosy sufferers around the world.

To support this cause, how would you fancy holding a "Cookies for a Cure" party during World Leprosy Week – 22nd to 29th January 2006? All proceeds will go towards LEPRA's

vital medical development programmes in Asia, South America and Africa.

All you need to do is bake (or buy!) some cookies and invite friends, neighbours and colleagues to your party (or parties) and collect "cookie contributions" from them. LEPRA will provide you with all you need to make your party a success, free of charge.

It only requires £21 to help to cure one person of leprosy, so it's possible to make a real difference. Although this dreadful disease is relatively easy to cure, there are an estimated 4 million people who are disabled by it. LEPRA's ultimate aim is its total eradication.

For more information phone Anastasia Evangelides on 020 8420 22765 or e-mail cookies@lepra.org.uk.

A Reminder about the Recycling Bins

This is just to remind you all about the recycling bins by the playing fields and to encourage you all to use them as much as possible.

The Parish Council receives the proceeds from the recycling, and has recently committed to invest some of these proceeds towards maintaining, and possibly improving, the playing fields.

So using this facility is not only "green" and environmentally friendly, but also directly contributes to our village facilities.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBJECT TO A PLANNING APPLICATION

There are occasions when people in the village have objected to a planning application but their objection seems to have been ignored by Hunts District Council.

If you are aware of a planning application and you have an objection then, in order to maximise the chance of your objection being given serious consideration, you should do the following:-

First, send your objection to Hunts D. C., in writing, and do it as soon as you become aware of the issue. Also, send your objection to the Parish Council, who will take your objection into account before submitting a response to HDC; again, do this in good time. You are also welcome to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to state your views in person if you wish.

WISTOW CRICKET – THE “COLES TROPHY”

The Wistow cricket tournament, held on Sunday 25th September, may not have been quite as prestigious as England v Australia but the contest for the Wistow ashes was nevertheless keenly contested and just as much fun for players and spectators alike. Porch House field had been manicured into a very passable cricket pitch and provided a very attractive venue.

Four teams took part, captained by Andrew Harding, Graham MacInnes, Christian Davies and Andy Carlyle. Two hard-fought semi finals were won by the MacInnes and Harding teams, with the MacInnes XI eventually winning the final and being presented with the trophy by Patsy and Richard Coles.

The “Man” of the Match award went to Kieranne MacInnes who, once she had perfected her bowling action, took 6 wickets including a hat-trick!

This was a trial run for what is hoped will be an annual event, along the lines of the fun weekend, and many positive comments have been received indicating that it was a great success.

A number of people have indicated that they would like to take part in future tournaments so it may be necessary to enlarge the competition next year with the possibility of also having a junior event. If you are interested in playing, helping out, or just watching, then look out for the notice that will be sent round the village by the Village Hall Committee sometime next spring.

WANT TO GET A MESSAGE TO THE POLICE?

Did you know that a representative from the local police force attends most of the Parish Council meetings?

If anyone has anything they would like to communicate to the police, whether general or specific, praise or complaint, then you are welcome to attend any meeting of the council and get a personal hearing.

If you do intend to attend, then you would be advised to check with Dave Titmarsh just before the meeting to check if a police representative will in fact be present.

Forthcoming Events - Dates for your Diaries for 2005

Friday 25th November – Mulled Wine Evening, 7.00 – 9.00 pm Village Hall

Monday 5th December – Ramsey Rotary Club Float (with Father Christmas) visits Wistow between 6.00 and 8.30 pm

Monday 12th December – Carol Singing, 6.30pm (meet outside the pub)