

THE WISTOW WARBLER

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Editorial

Well, this is it, my last edition as editor of the Warbler. I said in the last issue that someone has stepped forward to carry on producing it, and I can now reveal that the future editors will be Fran and Clive Williams. To contact them, find their details on the back page, and also see their article below.

After eight years of producing the newsletter it will be quite a wrench to give it up, but I suppose all things come to an end. I would like to say a big thank you to Fran and Clive for being prepared to keep the Warbler going, and I'm sure that you will all give them the support that you have given to me over the years.

John Dransfield

DIGITAL SWITCHOVER 2011

The traditional TV signal in Anglia is being switched off in 2011. The Switchover help scheme was set up by the Government and is run by the BBC and its purpose is to make access to digital TV easy for older and disabled people. The Help Scheme will convert an eligible person's television to digital in the run up to the digital switchover in Anglia and provides a year's free aftercare. The Switchover Help Scheme aims to reach out to all eligible people, to ensure that those who need help get it, so that no-one eligible need be left behind without access to television after the switchover.

People are eligible to receive help from the Help Scheme if they are: aged 75 or over **or** have lived (or are likely to live) in a care home for more than six months **or** get (or could get) Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Attendance Allowance, Constant Attendance Allowance or mobility supplement **or** are registered blind or partially sighted. Eligible people in the Anglia region will be written to later in the year to inform them about the Help Scheme and there will also be messages on the TV and radio.

For more information contact Thomas Pugh, 07950 811 7231, email thomas.pugh@eaga.com, or see the website www.helpscheme.co.uk

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW EDITORS

With great sadness we are about to loose the Editor of the Wistow Warbler. John has been a huge asset to the Village by reporting and circulating information that has been extremely useful to all of us over the years; it has been free to all, being paid for and delivered by John alone. I think we all owe extreme thanks to him, and wish him well in his retirement.

We are about to take up the gauntlet that John has now relinquished. We hope to maintain the standard that John has set over the eight years that he has edited the Warbler. We believe that with the help of the 'unusual suspects' we can continue the forthcoming issues in 2011, January being the first.

Clive and Fran Williams

ITEMS GO MISSING FROM THE GRAVEYARD

It would appear that a number of people have recently noticed items going missing from the graveyard, including a pot and flowers. Does anyone know anything about this? It would be nice if everyone could keep their eyes open when passing the graveyard and report any suspicious behaviour.

REPORT FROM THE WISTOW ASHES 2010

The Wistow Cricket Tournament started this year with the return of a game for the juniors, organized by Dickie Hunwin and Rod White. Two teams battled it out for the Junior Trophy and after a particularly useful

performance from Cameron Smart the Wistow Bats eventually beat Wistow KMS. The kids who turned up clearly thoroughly enjoyed the games but it would be great to see more of our youngsters taking part. So anyone wanting to have a go next year should contact Dickie Hunwin on 823000 or just turn up.

The Coles Ashes Tournament started at midday with the first of the semi finals. Wistow Wizards, captained by Andy Harding, took on Wistow Wannabies led by Chris Newton. The Wizards batted first and made a near disastrous start, losing 3 wickets in the first over to the bowling of Adam Dean. However some good batting by Neil Green steadied things down and the Wizards came off after 10 overs for a total of 46. More consistent batting by the Wannabies saw them pass the Wizards total in 8 overs to win the match. MacInnes Invitational 11, captained by Graeme MacInnes, batted first in the second semi final and we saw some excellent performances with the bat with 16 sixes resulting in a total of 130 in their 10 overs. Jason Short's Showoffs then took to the crease, but in spite of some good scores their final total of 91 was no match for the Invitational.

Thus the final was to be between MacInnes Invitational and the Wannabies but first we had the play off between the Wizards and the Showoffs. The Wizards were first into bat and some steady batting saw them with 64 on the scoreboard after 10 overs. The Showoffs soon set about the bowling of the Wizards and passed their total in just 6 overs to take the third place slot.

The Invitational won the toss in the final and chose to bat and their batsmen carried on where they had left off in the semis with several high scores, another welter of sixes, sprayed all over the spectators and put a very creditable 144 on the board at the end of their innings. We then saw some good batting from Chris Newton and his Wannabies but they never quite matched the scoring rate of the Invitational heavy hitters and in the end their total of 119 was not quite good enough. The MacInnes Invitational 11 emerged as worthy winners and at the end of another very enjoyable afternoon of cricket, Patsy Coles presented them with the Coles Ashes Trophy.

Again this year there were some stand out performances with the bat and ball and excellent fielding with some quite spectacular catches. This provided several choices for the Man of the Match Award but the captains in the end decided that following his prolific scoring, where he was not out in both innings and for his contribution in the field, the trophy should go to Gregor MacInnes.

Thanks must go to the four captains for putting their teams together, to all the players, helpers and the spectators who make this day of cricket a regular and

very enjoyable part of the village calendar. Of course it would not be possible without the continued help, support and hard work of Patsy and Richard Coles and for this the Village Hall Committee is most grateful.

PRIVATE MATHS TUITION

If you need private maths tuition then Don McFarlane, of Northern Cottage, Church Street, can help you. Don can provide tuition on weekday evenings and his fees would be: for GCSE level - £25 per hour; for A level, further maths and IB level - £30 per hour. You can contact Don on 823707, or by email at donmcfarlane@hotmail.co.uk.

LATEST FROM WISTOW IN BLOOM

Those of you who went to the quiz, held in the village hall on Saturday 18th September, will know that it was a huge success, with a great atmosphere and everyone having an enjoyable time. Financially, over £211 was raised, but, although the quizzes are primarily to raise funds, it would also be good for them to become part of Wistow's social life. The next will be held in spring, probably during April, so look out for more information nearer the time.

A quantity of bulbs was obtained for sale to anyone who wants them; these were on sale at the quiz but there are still some available. They are of excellent quality and if you want any then please contact Jill Wadsworth on 822541.

You will probably have noticed some of the recent activity around the village. Two new "manger" baskets have been fixed to the bus shelter and planted, and also the tubs outside the village hall and the planter at the foot of the Wistow sign across the bridge have been replanted for autumn/winter.

Two flower arranging sessions have been planned for before Christmas. These are: Christmas wreath making on December 10th, and table arrangements on December 17th. As we currently stand, the December 17th session is fully booked and the December 10th session only has 1 or 2 remaining vacancies. If you wish to attend either (there could always be cancellations) then phone Lesley Telling on 823553.

Back to funding, the Parish Council has pledged to contribute £200 to be used against specific expenditure; this can happen once the WIB committee has opened a bank account. Next year, at a time still to be decided, it is intended to hold a

Cheese and Wine evening; this is instead of the open garden at Lesley and Roger's so as to avoid clashing with the Church heritage weekend and village-wide open gardens.

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL CANCER RESEARCH COMMITTEE

The local committee has been working very hard behind the scenes and has raised amazing amounts of money each month. They are now in a position to see their latest project completed, this being the purchase of an essential machine for work with prostate cancer; this is a BondMax Immunostainer costing £54,000. They are fixing a date to go to meet Professor Neal to have the formal presentation. At the latest committee meeting, it was decided to send a further £8,000 to Addenbrookes so that any extra equipment that is used with the machine can be supplied. The committee will be ready to start on a new project in the New Year.

To celebrate in the village this year a "Blue Party" is to be held at the village hall. This is a change from the usual "Pink Parties" but is trying to emphasise the important research and progress with specific cancer affecting men. The Blue Party is to be held on Friday 12th November from 10.30am until 12.30. The usual items will be on offer:- coffee, tea, cakes, savouries, raffle, bring & buy etc, and it is hoped that the gentlemen of the village will support this worthy work.

On Wednesday 15th December there will be a Christmas "wassailing" evening in the Three Horseshoes, starting at around 7.00 pm, with carol singing, mulled wine, mince pies and general jollity; as usual everyone is very grateful to Julia and Gerry for their hospitality. If the weather is fine, then there will first be carol singing around the tree at the church, starting at 6.30 pm.

The preparations for the Silver Ball to be held at the Marriott on Friday 29th October have been going very well. It is very pleasing to be celebrating 25 years of fund-raising by holding this 25th Silver Anniversary Ball. Once again, thanks to everyone who continues to support the cause, and the committee is very grateful for all the generous donations received throughout the year.

KEEP USING THE BOTTLE BANK

Although for the past few months we have been able to put glass into our blue recycling bins, don't forget that the village still earns money from the recycling banks at the playing fields. So, if it's at all possible, try to use the bottle bank instead of your blue bin for your glass.

POSSIBLE NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES

Apparently the proprietor of Bury Stores has indicated that he would be prepared to make newspaper deliveries to Wistow 7 days per week. It is expected that deliveries will be first thing in the morning, with a weekly delivery charge of £1.25 per household. This is potentially a very useful service for the village, but will obviously only be viable if there is a reasonable take-up within the village.

At the moment this has come via Ed Elton of Kingston Way; if you are interested, then in the first instance contact Ed on 822517, or else call in Bury Stores and ask the proprietor directly

Forthcoming Events - Dates for your Diaries for 2010

Friday, 29nd October - Silver Ball in aid of Cancer Research, Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon

Friday, 12th November – "Blue Party" in aid of Cancer Research, 10.30 – 12.30 at the Village Hall

Friday, 10th December and Friday, 17th December – Flower arranging courses (pre-book with Lesley Telling on 823553)

Wednesday, 15th December – Wassailing evening, 7.00pm at the Three Horseshoes (if fine, preceded by carol singing at the church tree, 6.30pm)