

## USEFUL CONTACTS and REGULAR EVENTS

### **Newsletter Editors**

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

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### **Parish Council**

Meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30 Village Hall

**Councillors**.....

Richard Farrar (Chair)      Tel: 822444

Chris Leigh                      824708

Jeremy Carter                    823342

Deborah Robinson              822872

Deborah Booth                  822734

Peter Bucknell                  824222

Patsy Coles (Clerk)              823542

### **County Councillor**

Victor Lucas,                      Tel: 822812

The Manor House, Warboys

[victor.lucas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:victor.lucas@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

### **District Councillors**

Peter Bucknell                    Tel: 824222

Peter Ward.                        01733 200400

### **Member of Parliament**

(N. W. Cambridgeshire constituency)

Shailesh Vara MP,      Tel: 01780 749379

House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

### **Cancer Research UK**

Sally Wilson                        Tel: 823217

Jill Wadsworth                    822541

### **Village Hall Committee**

John Wadsworth (Chair)      Tel: 822541

Carol MacInnes (Sec)            823131

Jean Duke (Bookings Sec)      822828

### **Friendship Group**

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

Helen Buddle                      Tel: 823121

Lynda Harding                    822747

Margaret Bish                    822698

### **Pub Quiz**

Last Wed of each month

Three Horseshoes

Gerry & Julia                      Tel: 822270

### **Wistow Church Tots**

Every third Fri 9.30 - 11.30 in the Church

For parents/grandparents/carers of pre-school children to pop in; stories; crafts Plus cuppa and a biccies

Churchwardens: Helen Buddle 823121

Mel Bennett 823749

### **Wistow Toddler Group**

Every Thursday 9.30 - 11.30 am

In the Village Hall

### **Women's Institute**

7.30 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month

(except August), in Village Hall. Details are displayed on the W.I. notice board at the bus shelter.

Susan Normington              Tel: 823471  
(President)

Jean Duke (Secretary)          Tel: 822828

### **Wistow web-site.**

[www.wistovillage.info](http://www.wistovillage.info)

Richard Farrar

### **LOCAL SERVICES**

Carpentry/Decorating      Clive 823576

Dog Walking                      Mel 823749

Garden Services                  Ray 822492

Motor Services                  Gary 07595 50744

Picture Framing                  Richard 823542

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THE WISTOW VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

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## Editorial

Trust you enjoyed your Easter break and all the good weather we were having. Wistow is certainly looking very attractive after that early sunshine with all the fresh blooms around; hopefully it won't be too long now before the main road is back to normal.

We have been given lots of useful information and articles for this issue of the Warbler and as space is very limited we have not included the usual Local Services info but have added a summarised version at the end of Useful Contacts; please call us if you need more info on this.

There are lots of dates to add to your diaries and looks like a merry Spring/Summer is ahead.

**Clive and Fran Williams**

## APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

Gordon MacInnes, has been elected as Parish Councillor. His contact details are Ross House, Church Street, tel 823131

## QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

The Parish Council is planning a picnic party in the playground on Monday, 4th June from 3pm. There will be a prize for the best adult and child royal themed fancy dress and also for the best decorated home in the village. Please bring a picnic and something to sit on.

**And get those vocal cords in good order as The Three Horseshoes will also be hosting a Karaoke evening Mon 4 June**

## The Church Clock - Restoration

After 6 months of restoration work, the church clock is again up and running in its original 1748 condition. The work has been carried out by GD Armitage of Lutterworth who restore church clocks all over the world. The clock originally had no face and provided just an hourly strike to tell the time. The face would have been added later; (1800s). The face has had to be replaced completely and is in its original black with 24 carat extra-thick English gold leaf numerals and hands. The clock mechanism has also been stripped down, cleaned and new bearing surfaces fabricated. The previous strike auto-wind has also been replaced with a GD Armitage designed version which drives the drum where the winding handle would have fitted.

The more observant and acute of hearing will have noticed that the re-commissioning process has not been without its surprises. One villager thought the clock was striking his death knell when he heard it strike 24 times at 7am one day!!

This process of running in and fine adjustment is one which will take several months more before it will begin to settle down. This is perfectly normal for a clock of its age and style. It would be easy just to put on bigger weights but this would not be in the best interests of the clock's longevity and would lead to rapid and premature wear and unreliability.

Villagers should be aware that, because of the clocks heavy oak pendulum shaft and relatively small pendulum weight, that the accuracy will vary with the weather. Accurate enough to know when to bring the cows in but don't rely on it to catch the bus!

**Paul Turner**

## WISTOW IN BLOOM NEWS

Since the last epistle, activity has included the creation of two new beds around the signs on The Grove; the relocation of the raised bed from the "Wistow" sign just before the bridge, and the replanting of all the beds, tubs and baskets around the village.

The WIB organising group is now appealing for new members and also for people to participate in the various activities. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Lesley Telling on 823553. Sue Green and Christine Bentley have stepped down, hopefully only temporarily, and their contribution in the past is very much appreciated.

### Fundraising events:

**Spring Quiz Sat, 5 May; 7pm for a 7.30 pm start.** licensed bar, raffle, prizes for the winning team, and snacks and nibbles. Admission by ticket only Jill Wadsworth (822541) or John Dransfield (822936).

### **Open Garden: Sun 10 June 11 - 5pm**

As in 2010, Lesley and Roger Telling are kindly opening their beautiful garden again for an open day. With the alpacas providing a nice diversion for the children  
Admission on gate: £2.50 (children free)  
tea/coffee/juice included in ticket price  
Raffle, plant sale, and cake for sale.

## NEWSPAPER DELIVERY

Bury Stores deliver newspapers to the village 7 days a week. They offer an excellent service and charge £1.25 per week for delivery

## NENE & OUSE COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

is a charitable organisation providing door to door transport for those who are rurally or socially isolated. Their trips include weekly shopping trips, theatre trips, pub lunches, holidays, day and half day outings. Costs apply.

## VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE DIARY DATES / FORTHCOMING EVENTS -

19 May Plant Sale  
30 June Music Night  
1<sup>st</sup> July Fun Day  
8 September Cricket Tournament  
18 November Craft Fair

## SHOPPING SERVICE

Age UK Cambridgeshire is providing a shopping service for Cambridgeshire residents, aged over 60, who are unable to, or may have difficulty in doing their shopping. Many supermarkets now offer online shopping but unless you have a computer you cannot take advantage of this convenient service. Phone your order to their Shopping Service and they will make all the arrangements, and arrange delivery to your home. There is no commitment to shop every week. Age UK Cambridgeshire makes no charge for this service but supermarket charges for delivery may vary. **Enquiries and orders can be taken from Monday to Friday between 9 -12.30 on 01954 696650.**

## FUNDRAISING FOR RAINBOW SURGERY IN RAMSEY

The committee of the Rainbow Surgery Patients Group are fundraising for automatic double doors for the entrance to their surgery to gain better access for pushchairs and wheelchairs. One of their members will be taking part in the Pathfinder March on the 23rd June this year. This is a 46 mile circular walk on the Pathfinder Way and must be completed in one day! The committee is hoping that patients of the Rainbow surgery and local businesses will sponsor this intrepid walker and hence raise money for this good cause. *If you would like to offer a donation these will be collected at the surgery reception desk. The surgery opening hours are 8.30a.m-6.00p.m every weekday Closed for lunch 12.30-1.30 (Tues2.30p.m)*

**Adrian Kempster**

## TIME TRAVEL - HISTORY SOCIETY Two Defiant Priests

### Stephen Wakefield Rector of Wistow from 1559 to 1587

With the emergence of Protestantism after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 support for the Catholic faith did not entirely disappear in Huntingdonshire. In 1584 the diocese of Lincoln investigated two ministers, **Stephen Wakefield of Wistow** and William Dickinson of Elton. They were accused of being Recusants, individuals who refused to attend Anglican services. The 'Recusancy Acts' began during the reign of Elizabeth I and imposed a number of punishments on those who did not participate in Anglican religious activity, including fines, property confiscation, imprisonment and in some cases those adhering to Catholicism faced capital punishment.

### William Baker M.A. Rector of Wistow from 1642 to 1645 and 1661 to 1687

The period between 1643 and 1660 was a time of almost uncontested Parliamentary control of Huntingdonshire and some locals took advantage to overturn the old order. Puritans introduced their own ideas on church worship and deprived former ecclesiastical opponents of office. Then in 1644 the new Presbyterian Church government introduced an even more exacting ordinance, which evicted about twenty clergymen. Some were treated quite harshly, **Mr Baker of Wistow** being '*imprisoned at Huntingdon jeyl where he was abused and barbarously treated*'. William Baker returned as Rector of Wistow in 1661 after the Restoration of Charles II.

Look into our *Wistowpedia* website for more information on this and other subjects.

Contact Jenny on 822030

## YOGA IN VILLAGE HALL

There are a couple of spaces available for the Friday evening yoga class held in the village hall at 7 pm. This is a six week course until the end of May at £5 per session  
Contact Patsy Coles 823542

## OUT AND ABOUT

### BROUGHTON BEER FEST

The Crown Inn at Broughton beer festival over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> May opportunity to taste 12 real ales and local cider. [www.thecrowninnrestaurant.co.uk](http://www.thecrowninnrestaurant.co.uk)  
£1.00 for daily glass purchase plus tasting notes

### RAMSEY ARTS FESTIVAL

Festival events 2012

May 18<sup>th</sup> Family Quiz,

June 1<sup>st</sup> 'Art in The Fens'

An illustrated talk by Carry Ackroyd

June 22<sup>nd</sup> The Poetry evening,

'XIV Lines - a sequence of sonnets

June 23<sup>rd</sup> Film Night-Double bill featuring

'Memories from the Fen' a Great Fen film

produced in association with Abbey College

and the main feature 'My week with Marilyn',

Tickets and details 'School Plus' or

Elspeth Novice 01487 711181

Bill Thompson 812022

### WILD LIFE TRUST

Celebrate 100 years of Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

It all started in Woodwalton Fen with the purchase of the land by the Rothchild family, who built the well-known Rothschild's bungalow and made the first ever nature reserve. On 20 May they are having a special Centenary Celebration for families and hope that this will prove a very popular event.

Contact: Adrian Kempster 07983 859886

Visit their Website or Adrian will also be able to fill you in on all the Woodwalton Fen Project events for the spring