

THE WARBLER

(Wistow's Quarterly Community Newsletter)

Winter 2020

Editorial

Best wishes to you all for a Good 2020.

I hope, like me, you survived Dry January and Storm Denise and are now looking forward to the arrival of Spring, with the warmer days and lighter nights eagerly anticipated

We have a lot to look forward to in Wistow this year and this edition of the Warbler will highlight some of the planned activities. I hope you enjoy the news and look forward to joining you all at future events.

Fran Williams, Editor

DIARY DATES:

Pub Quiz Last Wed of each month

Mobile Library 3rd Tues of each month

Sat VHMC Leap Year Breakfast and
29 Feb Indoor Market
10:00 – 13:00 The Village Hall

Fri Bingo Night
20 Mar The Village Hall

Sat Funfest in the Park
4 July

WISTOW FUNFEST 4 JULY 2020

Preparations are underway for Wistow's annual fun day event. This year the 'Funfest' will be held on the Playing Field and we are promised a fabulous 'Party in the Park' with old and new activities and entertainment throughout the day and into the evening party.

So, mark your diaries and watch out for more updated information throughout the coming months

Seniors' Christmas Party

Another very successful day with 30 plus senior villagers enjoying the 'Seniors' Christmas Party' which took place on Saturday, 14 December, in the Village Hall between 1 and 4 pm.

Once again Wistow villagers showed their kindness and generosity in firstly, contributing to fund the event; without whom it would not have been possible, and secondly giving their time to help set up the hall, cook and serve food, and helping the party run smoothly. 30 over 75s attended the Party, enjoying sherry, followed by a three course Christmas lunch accompanied by alcoholic beverages, crackers, mince pies and chocolates. Between courses there was a free raffle with prizes generously donated by local tradespeople and kind villagers, the majority arranged and collected by Lizzie Lyon, and to add to the party-atmosphere entertainment was provided by saxophone duo, Gerry and Debbie.

This annual event is much appreciated by all, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you on the senior citizens' behalf

We are hoping to arrange a summer tea party; detailed invites soon.

Clive Williams

The Village Hall

As Chair, and on behalf of WVHMC, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill in their Village Hall Survey, either on paper or electronically. A 25% of populace by residence far outweighed my expectations. Not surprisingly, and thankfully, the consensus was to follow the WVHMC lead and push/progress the refurbishment plans going forward as indicated. Following an off-grid meeting on 5 February the latest paperwork has been formalised, countersigned, and forwarded to HDC and hopefully start the refurb. programme. The other major pointer was, that people do want and will use the Village Hall. Please bear with us as we implement the changes, they will be as requested and hopefully benefit all. For those who wanted and offered to run activities, but forgot to include their contact details, feel free to email: gordonmacinnes@hotmail.co.uk.

Gordon Macinnes

Proposed Indoor Market

Looking back over the past year and into the new had me thinking about the war against climate change and how my shopping habits impact on that. This led to the idea of an Indoor Market in our village hall where we could sell on our unwanted items, upcycled craft work, homegrown or homemade produce, etc. By holding a quarterly market would be a good way to support the use of our village hall and also give small local business people an opportunity to also sell / promote their produce.

Alongside the VHMC providing their usual fab breakfast fayre, the first Market Day is planned at the end of the month
Sat 29 Feb 10.00-13.30 hours.

Hope to see you there

Fran Williams

A Good Read :

The Girl you Left Behind by JoJo Moyes

Village Hall Events

The French Breakfast initiative; Many thanks to Cathy Waller, Sandra Parker and Great Support Staff, it was a resounding success, the cries of 'More! More!', were heeded and we have decided to hold a VH Leap Café morning with sausage rolls, bacon rolls, pastries, coffee, and tea on

Saturday 29th February 10:00-1330 hrs.

Fran Williams (tel: 823576) hopes to run a **mini Indoor Market** at the same time; anyone wishing to partake, i.e crafters, food stalls, Bodishop, secondhand goods, etc. please contact Fran to get onboard.

Friday 20th March has been voiced for a **Village Hall Bingo Night**, for which there will be a stocked and licensed bar and prizes, as per our last Bingo night.

Finally, **Wistowfest Saturday 4th July**.

This year's event is to be held on The Playing Field Oaklands Avenue; by all accounts it should be a Day and Night to remember. More details to follow.

Gordon MacInnes, VHMC

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Apart from the continuous unacceptable neglect of dog mess, all seems calm in Wistow, but if there are any issues in respect of Neighbourhood Watch please contact Parish Councillor Geoff Smith

Three Little Words

(new words added to Oxford dictionary)

Douchey - Someone who is annoying, offensive or dislikeable

E-waste - worthless or inferior electronic text or content

Futzing - ineffectual or trifling activity; messing about; tinkering

The Womens' Institute

We have continued the festive activities into 2020 with a Games Night for our meet in January followed by a very informative Gin Tasting evening in February. Both very social and enjoyable evenings.

Putting the social side of the WI to one side, our aim is also to inform, educate and support Local and National campaigns. We have a full and varied programme of events this year (see noticeboards and website) and would warmly welcome new members or visitors alike to join us at any. Just pop along on the night or contact myself or another member if you would like to be escorted (Tel: 823576)

Fran Williams, President

World Cancer Day 18 January 2020

Although officially the Ramsey and District Local Committee for Cancer Research has stopped, the offers of help and support in Wistow meant it was very easy to organise two groups of volunteers to collect at Tesco Stores in Ramsey and Huntingdon on Sat, 18 January, part of World Cancer Day. Tesco staff are always very helpful and allow us to use their community rooms to count the can money ready to bank. Our collections are sent to the Burleigh Park Cancer Research Committee, Stamford who have very gladly received £447.96 together with a contribution of £453.64 raised at the Wistow Christmas Fayre held in the Village Hall in December 2019.

Many thanks to everyone from Abbots Ripton and Wistow who willingly offered to collect

Jill Wadsworth

Craft and Chat

Craft and Chat group meet on Tues mornings 10.30 - 12.30 at The Three Horseshoes. Refreshments available to buy
Bring along your own projects, or just come for a chat.

LOCAL SERVICES

If you provide a local service and would like to add your details here please contact: Fran Williams Tel: 823576

Carpentry

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

Clive Williams

Tel: 823576

Mobile 07973 138136

clive.forum@btinternet.com

Garden Services Mill Road.

All aspects of garden and ground work

Ray Burton

Tel: 822492

Mobile: 07741 224630

Motor Services

Car servicing, MOT and repairs.

Orchard View Garage,
Hillside Farm, Mill Road

Gary Burton

Tel: 07595 507441

Picture Framing

Catering for all your picture framing needs

Richard Coles

Tel: 823542

r.coles1@btinternet.com

The Three Horseshoes Free house

Great Local with good pub food, drink, and hospitality

Charlie Drake and Al Scott Tel: 506166

ACUPUNCTURE

David Titmarsh

Medical Acupuncturist

Home visits in and around Huntingdon evenings and weekends

Tel: 07724 169600

THE WARBLER

(Wistow's Quarterly Community Newsletter)

Winter 2020

Editorial

Best wishes to you all for a Good 2020.

I hope, like me, you survived Dry January and Storm Denise and are now looking forward to the arrival of Spring, with the warmer days and lighter nights eagerly anticipated

We have a lot to look forward to in Wistow this year and this edition of the Warbler will highlight some of the planned activities. I hope you enjoy the news and look forward to joining you all at future events.

Fran Williams, Editor

DIARY DATES:

Pub Quiz Last Wed of each month

Mobile Library 3rd Tues of each month

Sat VHMCL Leap Year Breakfast and
29 Feb Indoor Market
10:00 – 13:00 The Village Hall

Fri Bingo Night
20 Mar The Village Hall

Sat Funfest in the Park
4 July

WISTOW FUNFEST 4 JULY 2020

Preparations are underway for Wistow's annual fun day event. This year the 'Funfest' will be held on the Playing Field and we are promised a fabulous 'Party in the Park' with old and new activities and entertainment throughout the day and into the evening party.

So, mark your diaries and watch out for more updated information throughout the coming months

Seniors' Christmas Party

Another very successful day with 30 plus senior villagers enjoying the 'Seniors' Christmas Party' which took place on Saturday, 14 December, in the Village Hall between 1 and 4 pm.

Once again Wistow villagers showed their kindness and generosity in firstly, contributing to fund the event; without whom it would not have been possible, and secondly giving their time to help set up the hall, cook and serve food, and helping the party run smoothly. 30 over 75s attended the Party, enjoying sherry, followed by a three course Christmas lunch accompanied by alcoholic beverages, crackers, mince pies and chocolates. Between courses there was a free raffle with prizes generously donated by local tradespeople and kind villagers, the majority arranged and collected by Lizzie Lyon, and to add to the party-atmosphere entertainment was provided by saxophone duo, Gerry and Debbie.

This annual event is much appreciated by all, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you on the senior citizens' behalf

We are hoping to arrange a summer tea party; detailed invites soon.

Clive Williams