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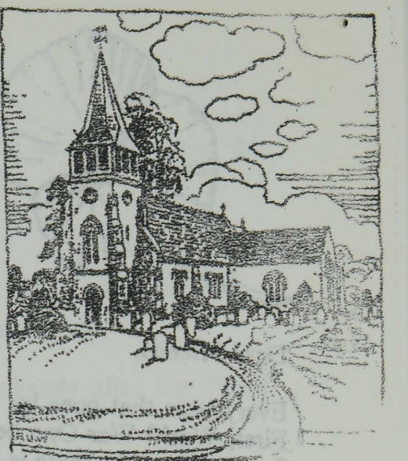
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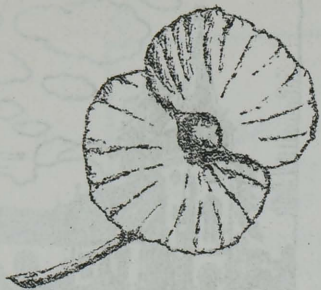


Sunday Services
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m. (ASB Rite B)
Parish Communion † 9:45 a.m. (ASB Rite A)
Young Church 9:45 a.m. (In the Church Room)
Evensong 6:30 p.m. (Prayer Book)



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The Rectory,
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November, 1990.

WE MUST STILL REMEMBER

Dear Friends,

Every year that goes by we are separated still further from the events of Remembrance Sunday. First, World War One began to slip away from us as those who remembered it grew fewer and fewer. Now, the same is happening with the Second. Today, no one under fifty can have any real memories of the war at all. I was only nine when the last war ended. And yet I do not believe we should forget.

Firstly, we should remember for the sake of those for whom this is not simply past history. Despite the passage of the years there are still many today for whom Remembrance Sunday brings a personal sense of loss because among the dead were those they knew and loved. For that reason alone what we do on Remembrance Sunday (November 11th) still has point and meaning.

And then, secondly, we remember because no one has a right to forget so soon the holocaust of death this century has seen. The last war cost 45 million lives, including 20 million Russians, 400,000 British, 250,000 Americans and 6 million Jews. Before that, something like 13 million died in the First War, approximately 1 million from the British Empire. Since then something like 30 million have died in other conflicts. Remembrance is something we owe to the dead. What kind of human beings would we be if we were to forget all this so soon?

But if we are to remember, what we must never do is to glamorize or idealise what happened. Of course there were many acts of bravery and courage (on both sides) which ennobled those who did them. There were those who of their own free will laid down their lives for their friends. Sometimes war brought out the best in people.

But of war itself there is no good thing to be said. The vast majority of those who died did not voluntarily lay down their lives. They were caught up in a nightmare over which they had no control. Many of those who died were not soldiers at all. They were women and children blasted to death in bomb damaged cities. They were just caught in the wrong place at the wrong time. We must never make war sound glamorous or glorious.

Wilfred Owen was a great English war poet. He came from the English shires. He was educated at the Birkenhead Institute and was a lay assistant to a country vicar before dying in the bloody hell of Flanders. In one of his poems he tells of a man who died in a gas attack:

If in some smothering dreams
You too could pace behind the wagon we flung him in,
And watch the white eyes writhing in his face,
His hanging face, like a devil's sick of sin,
If you could hear at every jolt, the blood
Come gargling from his froth corrupted lungs ...
My friend you would not tell with such high zest,
To children ardent for some desperate glory,
The old lie 'Dulce et decorum est,
Pro patria mori'.

On Remembrance Sunday we remember not the glory of war, but the dreadful obscenity and horror of it. We remember all those young lives ended too soon, the minds that were scarred, those who were left with injury and disability for the rest of their lives. We do not speak of the glory of war, for it has none. We do not seek to glamorize it. We commit ourselves to seek peace instead.

The fact of the matter is this. If we want peace, we have to be willing to work for it and to react to the risks and dangers of war while there is still time. Today our world is full of the most appalling armaments. There are still many violent and potentially violent conflicts all around us. The task of peace-making is given to us all:

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46:10)

If we were to be still, what would we hear God saying to us? Can there be any doubt of this message to our time?

He makes wars to cease in all the world;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear
and burns the chariots in fire. (Psalm 46:9)

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. (Matthew 5:9)

The Service of Remembrance on Sunday 11th November begins immediately after the Parish Communion at 10.55.

With love to you all,

Arnold.

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WICKHAM WIVES

October is the month for our Annual General Meeting, but before the business got underway, June Feast reported the death of Dorothy Smith, and asked us to spend a few moments in silence remembering Dorothy for her friendliness, her laughter and great artistic talents. We were also asked to remember Sheena Bright in our prayers, who earlier in the year had suffered the loss of her mother and now her father had died.

June gave a glowing report of our year's working, which she had very much enjoyed and announced that she would be retiring as Leader of the Group. She presented gifts to Peggy Everitt and Joyce Tuffill for their help in running the group. Peggy Everitt produced a very clear balance sheet, but stressed the need to have a money raising event in 1991 as our funds were rather low. It was also unanimously agreed to increase the annual subscription to £3 per member.

The Committee members are: Hilary Cox, Jean Hill, Margaret Gwynn. Treasurer: Peggy Everitt. Secretary: Joyce Tuffill and Leader: Mrs Patricia Matthews.

At the conclusion of the business, Isabel Thompson thanked June Feast for her work running the group, and presented her with a bowl of plants from members. Refreshments in the style of an "American Supper" followed, and everyone agreed that it had been a most successful evening.

We attended the Young Families Service at Bishop's Waltham on Wednesday 17th October. The Theme of the service was "Women's Organisations", and we are indebted to Sheila Howard for writing a short history of the Mother's Union which was read by Sabrina Gwynn, Margaret Gwynn, Joyce Tuffill, Sue Roger-Jones and Sheila Howard. It is always a pleasant occasion meeting together with other groups in the Bishop's Waltham Deanery. The collection was for the local branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau, and £36. was raised.

Our next meeting will be held on 14th November and will take the form of a cookery evening, with Christmas in mind - so please come along and support us.

Joyce Tuffill

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Diary

NOVEMBER

- 1 Thurs All Saints 14:00 Thursday Club, Community Centre
18:30 Holy Communion
- 2 Fri. All Souls 14:00 Magazine Compilation, Church Room. Volunteers always welcome.
18:30 Holy Communion. A Special time to remember, our own departed. There is a list at the back of the Church.
- 3 Sat. Richard Hooker, Teacher of the Faith, 16:00.
Diocesan Synod, Portsmouth.
- 4 Sun 8th Sunday before Christmas. Canon Ron Granger will be the Officiant at the morning services. The Rector is preaching at Droxford.
- 6 Tues. Clergy Consultation 10:00 - 16:00
Deanery Court 19:30 Shedfield Rading Room. Canon Michael Doe will speak on "Salvation and Good Works".
- 11 Sun 7th Sunday before Christmas. REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE begins at 10:55 - immediately after the Parish Communion.
- 13 Tues Charles Simeon 1836. 14.15 Mother's Union, Church Room
19:30 P.C.C. Church Room.
20:00 Scottish Dancing, Methodist Hall.
- 14 Wed 14:00 Women's Institute, Community Centre
19:45 Wickham Wives, Church Room.
- 15 Thurs 19:30 Deanery Course, The Church and Salvation. Canon Brian Scantlebury R.C.
- 16 Fri Margaret of Scotland, Queen, Wife, Mother 1093
- 17 Sat Hilda Abbess of Whitby 680
Hugh Bishop of Lincoln 1200
- 18 Sun 6th Sunday before Christmas
18:30 Songs of Praise, St Nicholas
- 19 Mon 19:30 Bishop Timothy, Shedfield Church "The Authority of the Church" All welcome.
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- 25 Sun 5th Sunday before Christmas
- 26 Mon 19:30 Parish Council, Church Room
- 27 Tues 20:00 Scottish Dancing, Church Room
- 29 Thurs 19:30 Deanery Synod
- 30 Fri St Andrew 18:30 Holy Communion
14:00 Magazine compilation, Church Room

DECEMBER

- 2 Sun ADVENT SUNDAY (Usual morning services)
18:30 PATRONAL FESTIVAL EVENSONG
(December 6th is St Nicholas Day)
Refreshments in Church Room afterwards.

NOVEMBER

- 6 Tues Wickham History Society Meeting at 7.30 p.m.

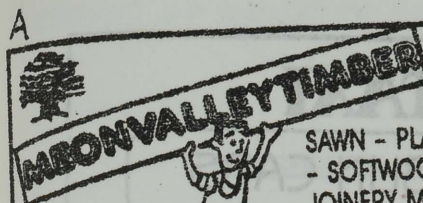
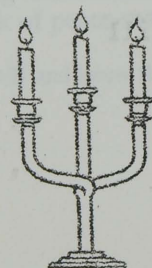
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Glasnost comes to the shipping scene

A whole new area of ministry is opening up for The Missions to Seamen. Instead of being turned away at the top of the gangway on Soviet and Eastern European ships, our Chaplains are being welcomed aboard, and crews from these ships are becoming regular visitors to the Mission's Seafarers Centres.

The Rev Owen Dykes, the Missions to Seamen Chaplain in Sydney, writes:

"On a routine ship visit to a Russian container vessel I was expecting to hear the same words as I have been listening to for years - "The Captain is on board, but he is busy. Good morning". Instead, I was conducted to the Captain's cabin.

He was a friendly man who spoke good English, and with great courtesy invited me to sit down and offered me a cup of coffee. We had a very interesting conversation about our respective families. It was the first time that I had ever been inside a Russian ship's master's cabin.

The ship was on a regular run in the South Pacific area. This means that the crew will visit us here in Sydney every month or so and it will give us a good opportunity to get to know them, help them, and offer friendship to these lonely men."

Great changes in Eastern Europe have led to increased openness amongst crews from Eastern bloc countries. For many of them, the Mission has provided the first chance to discuss and practise Christianity openly. As their freedom increases, it will be important that as well as offering a welcome at our centres, the Mission is ready to provide opportunities for worship and spiritual support, things that have been long denied some of them.

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Anxious crews in the Gulf get help from The Missions to Seamen

The Bahrain International Seafarers' Centre and the seafarers' centres in Dubai and Jebel Ali are once more living up to their reputation as safe havens in times of tension in the Gulf.

Lay Chaplain Roy Topping (a Lay Reader from the Chichester Diocese), who works at the Bahrain centre, says that levels of anxiety amongst merchant seafarers are running high. Memories of the Gulf war, which ended exactly two years ago with the loss of life of over 400 innocent seafarers caught in the crossfire, are still fresh in their minds.

They fear they may again be caught in the direct line of fire, he says, and they are experiencing great feelings of insecurity. He reports that there are queues of seafarers at the centre waiting to use the telephones to assure their families that they are safe. They are also anxious to get the latest news so newspapers are in great demand.

International crews of ships are using the centre in large numbers and there are now naval ships stopping off there. The most recent were two US naval supply ships which were there for two days and HMS York which called into the port. Quite a number of the ship's company used the telephones at the centre to contact their families.

Roy says that at the moment he is making sure he gets to every ship when it comes in, and spending more time on board because of the anxiety among crews. He is also spending more time giving seafarers lifts to the centre so they can make telephone calls.

Such is the appreciation of the welcome and support that Roy gives the crews of ships that regularly visit the port, that he has been offered a reciprocal safe haven on board by them, should he need it.

At the Dubai International Seafarers' Centre some 35,000 seafarers use the centre each year and there is an hourly bus service run by the centre to and from the ships during the day and in the evenings. This is very necessary as the port is huge (the largest man-made port in the world). It is miles from anywhere and taxi fares are very expensive.

In Amman the Rev William Taylor, a British Chaplain based in Jordan, has become a Mission Honorary Chaplain and has been making visits to ships in Aqaba. He is also helping to organise shelter in Amman for some of the refugees from Iraq.

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The main item at the September meeting of the Deanery Synod was a presentation on the Stepney Link, and in particular on the association between the deaneries of Bishops Waltham and Hackney. Introducing the subject on behalf of the sub-committee, the Reverend Geoffrey Morell outlined the origins of the project, and described the marked contrasts between the two deaneries. Hackney, with a population of 180,000, is entirely urban and far bigger than Bishops Waltham at 27,000; it is also one of the poorest deaneries in the country. Mentioning the very warm welcome that the link had received from the Bishop of Stepney, who had emphasised that the benefits were far greater than just those of practical support, he stressed the importance of learning as well as giving, and said how much he had been impressed by the spirit of generosity and service that he had found in Hackney, together with a sense of commitment and great courage and determination.

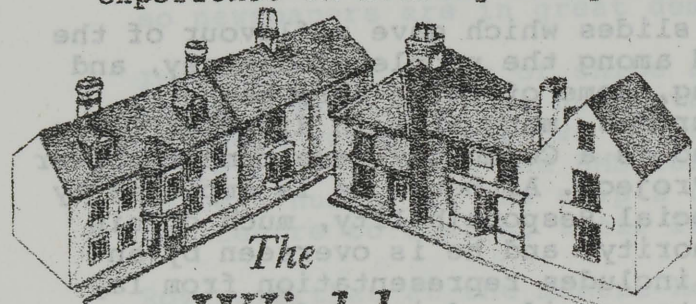
After seeing a number of slides which gave a flavour of the very different backgrounds found among the people of Hackney, and which showed the range of housing, some of it in very bad condition, and the number of churches, many also in disrepair, the Synod heard from Jeff Wykurz, who is a Community Development Worker in the Upper Clapton Community Project. Although he is employed by the London Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility, much of his work is funded by the local authority, and he is overseen by an ecumenical committee which also includes representation from lay groups in the area. His task is to provide advice and support to local people in almost every area imaginable - he described some of the more unlikely requests, such as providing a horse for the arrival of the bridegroom at a Sikh wedding - and he stressed that much of the value lay in encouraging people to confront and deal with their own problems. There are all too many of these, stemming from reasons that include poverty, broken families and the over-stretch in the means of support services.

His office is in a United Reformed Church building, and he described the mutual support that the churches are able to offer, while stressing that his work lies also with those who are not Christian and often not even religious, and that working across the boundaries is very important. He described the value that he had seen from the link, in the sharing of what both communities have in common and in the support and sense of fellowship that comes from visits in both directions by all ages from the young to pensioners, and from joining in services in each other's deanery. While there is a black side to much of life in Hackney, there is also much strength and dynamic enthusiasm, and help from Hampshire is valued for itself and for the spirit that the gifts express.

The optimism and determination that shine through the many difficulties of life in Hackney were clearly apparent in this inspiring talk. The Bishops Waltham Deanery aims to raise £2000 for the link in 1990/91; based on the quota allocations, this would set Wickham a target of £212, which is a small sum set against the symbolic value of sharing in the support of such valuable work. Geoffrey Morell also pointed out that the sub-committee would welcome more members to take an active part in running the link.

Among other matters, Rear Admiral Bazalgette reported on the status of the Bere Forest Housing Association, which is a joint project between the Church of England and the Roman Catholic and Methodist churches in the area, and is supported by the Parish Council. Founded in 1988, the Association was required to carry out a survey to identify housing needs in the district before any support from the Housing Corporation could be forthcoming. A project has been launched for the construction of a number of two-bedroom houses and one-bedroom flats on land at Heathlands in Shedfield, and planning permission is in the course of being obtained. The aim is to have the dwellings ready for letting, at prices comparable to council rents, by the end of next year. The procedure for allocation, which has yet to be finalised, will be similar to that used by the local authorities. Future projects might include the use of "equity sharing" to help people with limited means to make a start in home ownership. The Committee of the Association, which has a solicitor as secretary and an accountant as treasurer, is looking for a member with direct experience in housing management.

JBDR



The
Wickham
Society

The Wickham Society has had two recent events. On 24th September, a beautiful autumn evening, a party went to the Meon Valley Vineyard at Swanmore. Mr. and Mrs. Hartley gave us a guided tour of the vine-growing area where we saw vines of both red and white varieties. The grapes were nearly ready to pick on the older vines, although many of the younger vines have not started to produce fruit yet.

Having seen the method used to train the vines, we crossed the road to see the processes that transform the grapes into wine. We saw the machinery that pulls the grapes from their stalks, the press, like a giant spin-drier, that extracts the juice and the bottling plant. Unlike the Wickham Vineyard that we visited last year, at the Meon Valley Vineyard they bottle and label their wine on the premises.

The vineyard is unusual because it produces red wines and even more exceptionally Mr. and Mrs. Hartley produce a sparkling wine. This uses the same method as that for champagne, but labelling rules do not allow the word "champagne" to appear on the bottle.

We saw the method used to produce champagne, including the very large cork that is squeezed into the small neck of the bottle, and then we sampled some! We also tried the white and red wines. For those unable to attend, we have purchased a selection of the wines to lighten our AGM proceedings (27th February, 1991).

On 17th September, we were out again. This time we visited Brian and Jean Kingdom at the White Lion in Station Road. We presented them with the 1989 Wickham Society award in recognition of the contribution they make to the village and for the pleasure their beautiful flower display gives each year.

The next meeting is on 21st November at 7-30 in the Church Room when Mr. Rutter, the conservation officer for the area, will give a presentation entitled "Entrancing Entrances (Portals Past and Present)". This will be followed by a question-and-answer session on general conservation issues.

Sue Fitzgerald

THE RAMBLERS

Membership now stands at 160 Waltham Group Members and 32 affiliated, and walks have been well attended. It is gratifying to see several new leaders on our next programme beginning this month. We hope they enjoy the experience and are well supported so that they become familiar names as leaders.

The Cotswold walking weekend led by Joan and John Turvey and attended by 19 members, was a huge success in every way - the weather being very kind and accommodation excellent.

As I write this, 15 members are looking forward to Pauline Reed's and Andy Hayes' weekend in the Forest of Dean.

Our 4th A.G.M. will be held at Shedfield Reading Room on 22nd November at 7.30 p.m. If you have any new ideas or queries for the group, please use this as an opportunity to air them.

29th November, also a Thursday, at 7.30 p.m. and in Shedfield Reading Room, there will be a slide show by John & Joan Turvey on their Canadian trip. Why not introduce yourself to the group through this occasion.

And into 1991! on 24th January at 7.30 in Shedfield Reading Room, Mike Finnimore (Warden at Old Winchester Hill) will be talking on conservation work at Old Winchester Hill.

Enjoy the autumnal colours walking, and keep fit.

Pam Harding.

MOTHERS' UNION

The monthly meeting was held in the Church Room on Monday, 8th October.

After our opening service and business, we welcomed our Speaker, Mrs Fisher. She spoke of her childhood days as an adopted 6 week old baby to a well-to-do talented strict Presbyterian Scottish widow of 50. Her survival and employment in a spartan Methodist boarding school following a childhood with a nannie in an affluent home. Travelling alone at 13 to Paris for holidays with Mother. Holidays with different families in Scotland, but on leaving school was bi-lingual in French and English and with nothing but gratitude and love for the mother who gave her so much to start her adulthood.

Her talk was so popular she has been asked to return for Part II - her married life travelling worldwide - the churches she has known and that she too had to become an adoptive mother, having lost two babies at birth.

After looking at her old photographs, the meeting closed with tea and biscuits being served.

NEXT MEETING - Monday 12th November. The Speaker our former Diocesan President Mrs Silvia Coghlan on Christmas Customs.

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PARISH COUNCIL

In the absence of Mr Gosney the first business at the September meeting saw Mr Warwick elected as Chairman. With three other councillors absent and two others arriving hotfoot, but a little late from attending a meeting of the School Governors, he presided over a rather sparse meeting and remarked that he hoped it might be completed rather more promptly than usual. He was right, but not by a great deal!

He reported that notices requesting suggestions for street names in Winchester Mead had produced only two replies. One of these, Radcliff Road, was rejected because there was a road of this name in Fareham. The others were Bird Close, Coldharbour Road, Myrtle Road and Park Road. Enquiry of all present produced no more inspirations and it was agreed to submit the four to Winchester City Council.

Wickham Square The imposition of parking restrictions had been approved and would be implemented shortly. People seeking exemption will be invited to apply to the City Council (through the Council office in Buddens Road). It was remarked that some businesses were applying for all their staff and the Chairman pointed out that granting wholesale exemptions would nullify the whole scheme. Concerning the proliferation of notices in The Square mentioned at the last meeting of Council it was proposed to hold a meeting of all concerned to try and rationalise matters so as to minimise the effect on the appearance of The Square.

Planning Matters Decisions reported:-

W06311/04 **Lloyds Bank.** Permission refused for change of use of upper floor at Wickham Fisheries from residential to office use.

W09828/04 & 05 **Victory Hall.** Permission refused for change of use Unit 1 from residential to Office or retail use.

W11207/05 **Greystones Farm Titchfield Lane.** Extension to form hotel and two residential units. In reply to the Council's query the Planning Department had stated they understood this application represented the total development proposed. A decision on the application was deferred until the October meeting of the Planning Committee.

W11838/01 **Dwelling and garage on land at the rear of The Croft, Winchester Road.** Decision awaited.

Several applications were under consideration at **Whiteley** and this led the councillors from Whiteley (Mrs Bolton and Mr Kettle) to make a vigorous protest about conditions there. Landowners (including Hampshire County Council) were not maintaining fences on land eventually due for development but now let for grazing and as a result straying livestock were both a hazard and a nuisance. Indeed it seemed the area was approaching a state of anarchy, with roads blocked by fly tipping and gangs of youths roaming the area and being abusive when called to account. Policing of the area was inadequate. It so happened that councillors had received an invitation to visit the Solent Business Park at Whiteley, and after they had agreed to write to both City, Fareham and County Councils and to the Police drawing their attention to these matters, they decided to visit the area affected before going to the Business Park.

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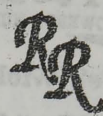


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PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE THE LAST MEETING

1. W11879/01. Siting of Mobile Home for temporary period at Hill Coppice Farm, Titchfield. Hampshire County Council.
2. W12104. Alterations and extensions to garage, etc. at The Glen House, Holt Close. Dr Brebbia.
3. WEUC/118. Use for storage, maintenance and repair of contractors and agricultural plant, machinery and vehicles at Fonthill Farm, Laveys Lane. Mrs Castle.
4. W12111. Greenhouses, packing shed, polytunnel and hardstandings at Mount Hilary Nursery, Hoads Hill. Arnolds & Richards.
5. W12118. Front Porch and covered way at 14 Tanfield Park. Mr & Mrs Johnson.
6. W10490/02/03/04/05/06/07/08/09. Arlington Securities/Higgs & Hill Residential Development at Whiteley Green for 230 dwellings and garages with roads, etc.



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Readers may remember the filming of an Inspector Wexford Ruth Rendell in August.

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The disappearance of Rodney Williams seems to Wexford to suggest nothing more serious than a wayward husband who has run off with another woman. However, when Williams' body is discovered, buried in a wood, Wexford's subsequent investigation reveals the most sinister of motives for the dead man's cruelly stage-managed murder.

In the course of the detective's investigations, the pharmacist's daughter is questioned in the Wickham Pharmacy. Eventually the complex story is disentangled and justice seen to be done.

To follow these events, watch "An Unkindness of Ravens" on TVS, Sunday evenings, 11th and 18th November.

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REMEMBRANCE WEEK**



The Poppy sellers will be out and about hoping you will buy a poppy. This collection is the main source of finance to allow the Royal British Legion to carry out their many commitments to the disabled ex service people, who through their service to the country are now suffering. Ex service people from the 1914-18 war are being taken care of in Royal British Legion Homes together with those of 1939-45 war, Korea and the Falklands war, not forgetting the ever present Northern Ireland casualties.

The Royal British Legion has three long stay homes and five Convalescent homes to be staffed and maintained. Did you know, most of the big motorway signs are made in the R.B.L. workshops for the disabled. And one in three of the London Taxi Drivers are trained at the R.B.L. Taxi School. Please give generously for your poppy.

Villers sur Mer Ancient Combattents will be joining in our Remembrance Parade and Service. We shall be taking them to Hendon Air Force Museum. There will probably be some spare seats on the coach at a reasonable price if anyone is interested.

W.S.P.

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Thursday Club

This month's meeting was rather more to the taste of lady members than gentlemen who were rather bemused by the proceedings.

Mrs Sue Harris, a Beautician, kindly visited the club and gave a lively and amusing talk on how to make the best of ourselves and our appearance.

Sue demonstrated various techniques on two members and everyone agreed that they looked very attractive as a result of her attention.

Before the talk, Mrs Syms welcomed a new member to the Club, Mrs Kirkby has lived in Wickham for 40 years.

The Christmas party will take place on 6th December to avoid the busy fortnight before the festive season. Tickets will be issued next month.

November meeting is on the 1st of the month and Miss Joan Chase will bring a touch of Summer to the afternoon with a talk and slide show on the Greek Islands.

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**WICKHAM TWINNING ASSOCIATION
VISIT TO VILLERS-SUR-MER 28TH/30TH SEPTEMBER 1990**

Therese Evans and Pauline Bentote had worked extremely hard to make our travelling and weekend arrangements as easy and comfortable as possible in our "sporting" foray to our sister community in France.

Collected from The Square at lunchtime on Friday 28th, the intrepid band of 28, including 14 children, were "bussed" to the Ferry Port (so, no parking problems) at Portsmouth for a very easy, calm and sunny crossing to Ouistreham, about 35 minutes from our destination. Lunch was available on board, so we arrived replete and ready for action!

Our hosts met us at the Ferry Port and took us by coach to the Mairie at Villers, where we met our families - by this time the children were ready for bed, but the enthusiasm of our French 'oppo's' was very welcome and re-assuring and several of the group were already, in fact, reviving old friendships. It is important to know that knowledge of the French Language is really totally unimportant on these trips - friendship and hospitality transcend these cosmetic barriers.

(Note for the future: If your family is large - pack more than one suitcase, as sometimes two French families are necessary to accommodate all the members of one English family and much humour is derived at the sight of 'said' English family dividing out night attire, washing gear, changes of clothing and 'frillies' late at night in the middle of the Civic reception area.)

On Saturday, the 'Sporties' practised their skills at Villers' impressive Tennis Club (Indoor Court and (?) 18 outdoor hard Courts) in readiness for the matches in the afternoon, while the more intelligent were given a tour of the market whence embarked William the Conqueror on his holiday sporting break!

Fortunately for us, Hastings was avenged on foreign soil - 11 games to 10 and all the Players were awarded lapel motifs of their visit to the Club and most impressive Trophies piling Wimbledon's Winners plate into the shade! In the evening we were feted at the newly built Casino in Villers at a Dinner-Dance for all the host families and their guests. We feasted on Normandy specialities, drank their vintage and danced until very late, returning to our beds for a welcome rest!

Sunday morning and lunchtime was spent "en famille", after which we all met up again at the Mairie to be transported back to the Ferry in the afternoon. (Save Stuart Wallace and his family, whose car, it was reputed, resembled an aqua-planing power boat on account of his worries about the shortages of French Beer which may soon be encountered!).

A tired but elated Group arrived back in the Square on Sunday night, thrilled to have been part of the fostering of Wickham's International Relations and looking forward to doing it all again some time soon. Wickham has it's work cut out to reciprocate next year, but with the leadership of Therese and Pauline and your goodwill, the future looks very bright!!



Name and address supplied

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THOMAS GEORGE DAVIES

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank the many people who have sent us messages of sympathy and for their love and support they have given us through the sadness of my father's death.

Sheena Bright

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

16 years ago, in the autumn of 1974, Nicola and Anthony Hulbert hosted a series of meetings at what we must learn to call the Old Rectory where some thirty or forty Wickham people came to listen to social workers and other experienced people talk about the needs of people in our community. From those discussions grew two organisations which are still going strong today.

Margie Smeeton agreed to start a Lunch Club, the object of which was to serve a good hot lunch every Wednesday to old people, lonely people and disabled people who were virtually housebound and had few opportunities for social intercourse. They enjoyed a lunch which they didn't have the trouble of preparing and just as much they enjoyed meeting a lot of people and having a good old chin-wag.

Now, sixteen years later and goodness only knows (yes, Margie does know - exactly!) how many thousands of lunches later she has stood down as head girl. That is a record of service of which she has every right to be proud and for which Wickham is truly grateful.

Thank you Margie.

Gina Weston is taking over and she will surely receive the same loyal support from cooks and crews which Margie would be the first to say has been the secret of her success.

The other organisation is Community Care. This has a Chairman to head it and here too there has been a change recently. Joyce Warwick was at those original meetings in 1974, and became one of the original co-ordinators at the start of Community Care. She became Chairman in 1981 and now, nine years and two hip joints later she has handed on the cares and responsibilities of office to Vickie Pawlyn, who was yet another member of the class of 14 and a co-ordinator right from the start up to the present. Thank you Joyce and more power to your elbow, Vickie!

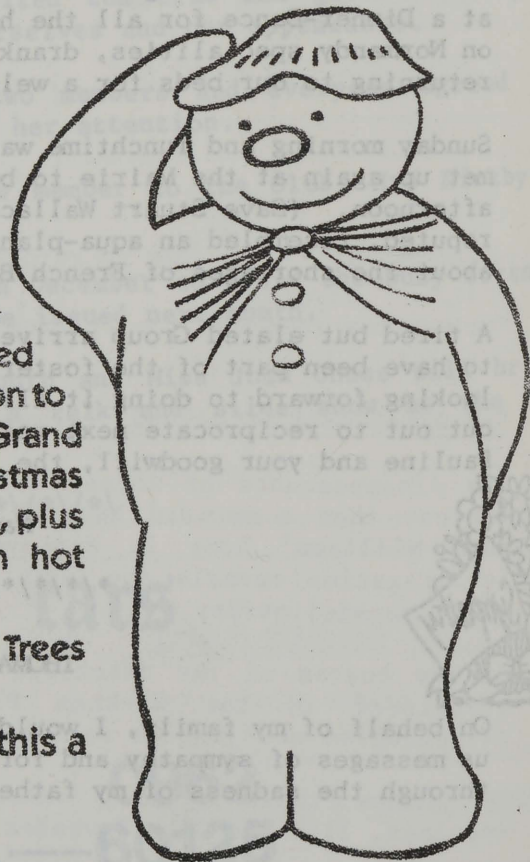
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

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This year we will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday November 24th at 2p.m. The theme of Father Christmas's Grotto will be based on Raymond Brigg's 'Snowman', and in addition to this there will be all the usual attractions; A Grand Draw with £75 1st prize, Handicrafts, Christmas Decorations, Cakes, Toys, Homemade Sweets, plus - tombolas, games and refreshments with hot mince pies.

We will again be taking orders for Christmas Trees at the bargain price of £1.50.

Please come and join us and help make this a really enjoyable afternoon.



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Prisoners' Week this year is November 12th to 18th.

Can you include this article in your Parish Magazine?

PRISONERS' WEEK, NOVEMBER 12 - 18 1990

Human beings have the capacity to explode releasing energies which did not appear to be present. Many people have within their hearts and minds much anger and frustration. To feel a victim of an uncaring world produces emotions of rejection, discrimination, injustice and hatred. Imagine all these feelings being bottled up inside and there is nothing we can do about it! Then suddenly an event occurs (as happened at Strangeways) when those feelings will be let out in actions of destruction and vengeance.

I know all men and women in prison do not feel as strongly as that, but certainly the majority do experience rejection (admittedly very often because of their own making through their offences). That rejection is a fact whatever the reason and prisoners are unlikely to change their way of life until they feel society does care, and is willing to give them a chance.

Jesus identified himself with the unfortunate and hated members of society; the friendless, the sinner, the tax gatherer. Why? I believe he saw them as individuals who particularly needed love, care and attention. The task of the Church today is more than proclaiming in pious words the Love of God, it is to love the unlovable which says the Church must be finding Jesus Christ in the inner cities among the poor and destitute and also the prisons. His love must challenge the evil that is so evident on occasions.

At Camp Hill, I see young men living in a jungle where they are often in fear of one another. Threatening and bullying are a continual aspect of many of their lives; what a dangerous game they play! They allow themselves to be dictated by evil. Will you please, during Prisoners' Week 12 - 18 November, pray for God to use every means possible to help his followers to discover his love at work in prisons that all there may see that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

BOB RUDD
Chaplain
Camp Hill Prison

WICKHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Artists in Portsmouth in the late 18th and early 19th centuries were the subject of Nigel Surry's talk in October. This was a period of considerable prosperity; the population had risen to around 30,000, the dockyard was flourishing, fortunes were being made by contractors and professional men and prize money was in circulation. Patronage and encouragement were available for a wide range of artistic activity. Drawing was widely practised and was taught in the Naval Academy and private schools, it was a particularly fashionable accomplishment for young ladies. A drawing master was also likely to have been a sign-writer, gilder, miniaturist and contributor to guide books.

Artists commissions ranged through portraits (particularly of Naval and Military officers), naval subjects and, to further supplement income, theatrical scenery. Visiting profilists and miniature painters would advertise in the local newspapers. The work of Sarah Harrington is now sought after, it has been calculated that in one year of travels through Oxford, Southampton, Portsmouth, Winchester and Cambridge, she produced approximately 2,500 profiles.

In spite of this activity artists held a relatively lowly status, being classed with singers and players. Portsmouth did not support a flourishing artistic community of its own. Southampton, which was then a fashionable spa town, had more outlets for work, for example, The Hampshire Gallery. The popularity of prints later freed artists from patronage, and their work reached a wider public.

The Pallant House in Chichester has a large collection of silhouettes, and other work can be seen in the Portsmouth Museum.

The next meeting of the Society is on Tuesday, November 6th, when Maureen Gale will speak on Twyford and the Mildmays. L.M.



R.I.P.
EDWIN GEORGE SPRACK

My family and I wish to thank you all for the lovely flowers and donations.

It was so good to have many friends, neighbours and relatives at George's Funeral Service.

Thank you for your comfort to us all at this time.

Dorothy Sprack



WICKHAM INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

'I'm too short!' 'I'm too heavy!' No, not cries from desperate members of a slimming club but comments from bowlers at the community centre at the end of September.

Upwards of 100 members, spouses and guests attended our first finals night on 28th September when the Ladies Singles, Club Doubles and Club Singles were played.

It was ladies first, as it should be, with Yvonne Case and Dee Shadwell lining up for the first match. After 3 ends it looked all over. Yvonne was trailing 6-1 and wishing she was somewhere else! But, like the stalwart she is, she fought back to lose, yes, but honourably 7-8. Well played Dee.

The doubles match came next with Helen and Roy Barfoot versus acting captain Gerald Hazzard and Dick Newland. Only 8 of the 9 ends were needed as Gerald and Dick proved too powerful a combination, winning 13-3.

The last match, the club singles, was more like a friendly than a fight for honour and glory. It seemed as if Bill Blunden really wanted opponent Derek Carter to win -----and vice-versa. In a jolly, entertaining and happy match, Bill came the victor 15-5. In true grand prix manner they shared a bottle of bubbly and, fortunately for the onlookers, refrained from a spray drenching!

A couple of video cameras were evident recording the evening's events, but a close watch on Look South and South Today was to no avail!

Our guest for the evening was Colonel Carpenter-Garnier who presented the trophies to the winners and runners-up, and drew the raffle. Very many thanks to him.

Many thanks also to the committee who organised the evening in a very professional manner, even to marking bowls with spray chalk! Referees were June Feast, Trevor Astbury and Dave Bowater and scorers were Jane Bowater, Ted Tuffill and Tom Gaines. 'Eats' were the responsibility of Janet and Carol ---- well done girls.

We all enjoyed a super evening and a number of guests are considering joining the club. We have vacancies for a few more members, ladies or gentlemen, so why not come and join us ---- no previous experience necessary, truly. Give me a ring on 832950 for more details.

Brian Sharp.

WICKHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

November meeting will be held on 12th November at the Wickham Community Centre, Houghton Room, at 7.30 p.m. The Subject will be "Geranium Growing" with Mr Chivers of Portsmouth. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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**FAIRTHORNE
MANOR**

Since the shock announcement in July that all the staff at the YMCA National Centre, Curdridge, were to lose their jobs, a great many rumours and speculation has been flying around. No, it is not closed and No, it has not been sold to Mecca!

In fact, very little has changed except it is under a new Management team. From October 1st, the new team consisting of Marian Riddell, Chris Hand, Don Gilloly, Tony Hill and Geoff Houghton, all ex-staff members, took over. Between them they came up with a package deal which they presented to the National Council of YMCA's in London. This was accepted and although paring down has had to be done, the Centre will continue to function on a Monday - Friday 9-5 basis until next Easter when the residential side will open for the summer.

The new package is aimed at a closer bond with the local community and to this end, they would welcome more use of the Centre by schools and youth organisations. Rooms will also be available for hire for independant use.

In the meantime, the "Fairthorne Foundation" has been set up with the task of raising £2 million from businesses and industry to upgrade the accommodation and facilities. This is an entirely independant organisation under the chairmanship of Ray Whent. "Friends of Fairthorne" continues as before in a supportive role and will continue to welcome members to enjoy the privileges of membership. The "Fair Play" Club started last year, continues to increase in number and activities and is available to children 8-12 years. They meet on one Saturday morning each month and more details are available on Botley 782558.

So there it is, with a lot of hope, faith and optimism the YMCA enters a new era. How about giving them YOUR support?

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Dear Rev Hirst

I would like to thank you and your committee for your very kind offer of financial help for the Wickham Parent and Toddler Group. I am sorry that there has been a delay before writing to you but we hope we have now resolved the question of accommodation for the group meetings.

There seems to be general agreement amongst those who attend that a larger room than the Activities Room is preferable and we are therefore investigating the long-term availability of the Houghton Room. The Main Hall is unfortunately not available for "half-sessions" and at £19 for a full session is beyond our means. We have therefore decided to use your donation to help cover the cost of the Houghton Room at £9.50 per session.

Our Treasurer feels that the accounting (yours and ours!) would be easier if we received a lump sum payment, if that is acceptable to yourselves.

The group is running very well and receiving great support, the meetings continue to be lively, noisy and great fun. We are very grateful for your continued interest and support which will help to ensure the continued success of the group.

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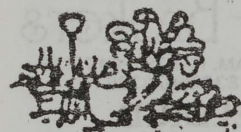
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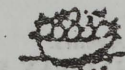
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