

## Community Christmas Carols

All are welcome to come together by the Christmas Tree to sing Christmas Carols again this year on Thursday 22 December at 18.30. The carols will be accompanied by the Salvation Army band and there will be refreshments afterwards, kindly supplied by Karl and Yolande from the Post Office.



## Jack Jolly Award 2017

This award for outstanding contribution to the fabric and life of the Wingham Parish Community will be presented at our Annual Parish Assembly on Wednesday 19 April 2017, but we need your nominations for suitable recipients. Please send the name of the person and reason for nomination to Kerry by Friday 6 January 2017. Forms can be obtained from the parish website or just send an email to [winghampcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:winghampcclerk@gmail.com) or note through Kerry's door. The winner will be presented with a fantastic glass trophy and certificate.

## KALC Community Award 2017

We are once again taking part in this scheme which is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of KCC and Mayor of Medway. The aim is to give recognition to those who have made a significant contribution to our local community. We would therefore like to invite nominations from you for anyone or any group in the village whom you feel deserves such recognition. Possible criteria could be:- long and sustained service to the community or part of it; achievements or actions of an inspiring nature to the local community; such other activities which have reflected credit on or brought benefits to the village or its people. The winner will be presented with a certificate at the Annual Parish Assembly on 19 April 2017. Nominations, giving the name of the person and reason for choice, should be sent to Kerry by Friday 6 January 2017. Forms can be obtained from the parish website or by contacting Kerry (email above).

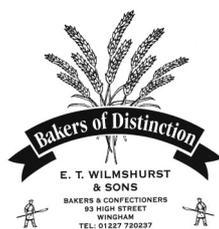
## Public Budget Meeting

Monday 5 December, 19.30, Miles Room, Wingham Village Hall  
All are welcome to come along to this special meeting of the Parish Council put on specifically so that residents can discuss potential items for the 2017/18 budget and ask any questions. If you want to have a say on how the Parish budget is spent next year, please come along.

## Welcome to new Councillor

We are delighted to welcome Natasha Redfearn to the Parish Council who was co-opted at the council meeting in September. Congratulations Tash and we look forward to working with you.

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## Tales from the Scout Hut

As always the Scout Group was pleased to take an active role in the Remembrance period in Wingham. Members of the group were out around the village with poppy tins taking part in the annual Poppy Appeal which we are pleased to support. On Armistice Day the Scout Troop organised a torchlight Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial in the Burial Ground with the support of Rev Chris. This was a Scouts own act of Remembrance led by the Scouts who read a Remembrance Poem and said prayers. The Last Post was sounded and wreaths laid at the memorial by the group and Staple Royal British Legion. It was a cold and frosty evening but the Scouts read their pieces beautifully. Thank you to everyone who came along.

On Remembrance Sunday we were proud as always, to be one of the uniformed organisations taking part in the Parade and Service in Wingham. Two Scouts and two Explorers, Liam, Emma, Charlie and Maddie read out the story of Private Albert Danton from Wingham, who died during the First World War and Liv played the Last Post and the Rouse. As last year, there was also a small contingent representing the group at Staple as part of our affiliation with Staple Royal British Legion.

Beavers returned from half term and got stuck into some exciting craft activities with seasonal themes. They started with fantastic firework pictures followed by making their own playdough which they used to make poppies. Of course, no Beaver programme would be complete without food so they have also made delicious pizzas which they enjoyed eating!

At Cubs they have been learning about the human body, in particular the heart and how the body and the organs function together. This has been thanks to Kevin, one of the Cub parents, who came along to help with this – big thanks from the Pack to him. They have also built mini rafts with lolly sticks and string and floated them in a crate of water with a night light on board. This month they have also enjoyed a sleepover at the hut when they all slept in cardboard boxes to experience in a small way life as a homeless person. The Scouts have been preparing for an overnight sleeping in bashers at Betteshanger Woods. They have also been learning survival skills including finding food in a survival situation and sending out distress signals.

After half term, the Explorers took part in a car crash training evening at Wingham Fire Station. They had a fantastic evening taking part in a simulated practise, trying out the equipment and having a talk on road safety. As many of them are turning 17 and learning to drive, this gave them a good understanding of safety on the road. Massive thanks from the unit to Wingham and Canterbury Fire Stations who organised the evening. Later, in the month they will take part in an overnight winter hike.



### **STOP PRESS!!!**

This year's Poppy Appeal raised £4390!!!! This is £200 more than last year. More details will be in the next edition. HUGE THANKS TO EVERYONE! Mike & Lynne Conolly

## Get fit for 2017 and raise vital funds

Thinking ahead to New Year resolutions and need a reason to get out and exercise? These opportunities might be of interest and will help raise vitally needed funds for Kent Association for the Blind (KAB).

The first, called 'The Virtual Cycle Ride' is a 24-mile cycle ride (on a route of your choosing over as many days as you want). You can take part as an individual or as a team, on a static bike at the gym, or outside in the park. The second is the London Marathon! KAB has several bond places on offer to interested runners. So if there are any budding runners or cyclists out there, please visit the website or contact Amy:

amy.vdw@kab.org.uk 01622 691357 - [www.kab.org.uk](http://www.kab.org.uk)

KAB supports visually impaired people to live independent lives. They work with people of all ages from toddlers and teenagers right through to people in their nineties and beyond. KAB offers a range of services including mobility training, a digital Talking News service, advice and guidance and courses in Assistive Technology. KAB support over 11,000 people across the region and last year received 2,450 new referrals to their service.

## WI News

We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in December but before that we are hosting a Carol Concert at St. Mary's on the 15th December at 19.00. The guest speaker for the first meeting of 2017 on January 23rd is Steve Ware of the National Coastguard Watch.

## Bowl team victorious!

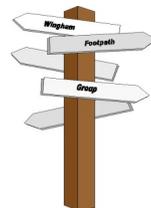
Congratulations to the mixed triples team from Wingham Short Mat Bowls Club who on Sunday 16th of October won the Dorothy Epps Memorial Shield at the Ashfield Road Community Association Club (ARCA) 20 teams of three entered all playing on four very different mats. Wingham won three games out of four but with high points scored got to play the semi finals and played ARCA on their own mats and beat them, after a short break then played the finals against Chilham over nine ends and Wingham was victorious. We are looking for new members: do you think you could play? (Better to wear out than rust out!)

Tel: Barry on 01843 826048

## Wingham Footpath Group

**Friday 2 December** – time for the Christmas party. Very kindly hosted by Cally and Mike – paid up Footpath Group members only for this celebration, please.

**Sunday 18 December** – ready for a Christmas walk with Jenny and Tom for two hours from Good-nestone church at 11.00. with a Christmas celebration drink afterwards. 07969638200



## News from St Mary's

Revd Chris Brewer - 721530

As you can see from our Christmas card there is lots going on at St Mary's this December. If you have children I would particularly like to invite you to our Christingle Service on the 4 December at 11.00 and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve at 16.00.

All are welcome to join us in our village church this Christmas.



## Wingham Historical Society

The annual quiz and buffet will take place on Thursday 15 December at 20.00 in the Miles Room of Wingham Village Hall.

## Post Office opening hours

Our opening hours over Christmas and New Year:

Thursday	22/12	- normal hours
Friday	23/12	- normal
Saturday	24/12	- 09.00- 12.30
Sunday	25/12	- closed
Monday	26/12	- closed
Tuesday	27/12	- closed
Wednesday	28/12	- normal
Thursday	29/12	- normal
Friday	30/12	- normal
Saturday	31/12	- 09.00-12.30
Sunday	01/01	- closed
Monday	02/01	- closed
Tuesday	03/01	- normal

***We wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year, all at Wingham Post Office.***

Wingham Post Office is raising money for the Rosarium Academy School, in India and has a large white cuddly toy tiger on display in the window. The tiger has a name, which for £2.00 you can select from a list and the correct one wins. Pop in and have a look.

## Christmas recycling and waste collection

There will be no collection on Boxing Day, so if Monday is your usual collection day please put your bins out on the Tuesday instead. Collections due from Monday 26 December to Friday 30 December will all move to the next day and will run from Tuesday 27 December to Saturday 1 January.

**Therefore in Wingham our usual collection day of Tuesday means our collection day will move to Wednesday 28 December.**

## Garden Waste

There will be no garden waste collections from Monday 26 December to Friday 6 January 2017.

## Christmas Trees

A real Christmas tree recycling service is offered to all garden waste subscribers, just place your tree out on your normal garden waste day between Monday 9 January to Friday 3 February 2017.



## See Saw Pre-School and Toddlers

Wingham Village Hall - contact Mary 07851 057213 or secretary@winghampreschool.co.uk Weekdays 09.00-13.00

Term 2 – 31.10.16 - 21.12.16

We are delighted to be able to announce that we have received the outcome from our recent Ofsted inspection. We are now rated as GOOD. It is a joy to see our fabulous setting and hardworking staff getting the recognition that they deserve. A big thank you to all of the parents for their continual support too.

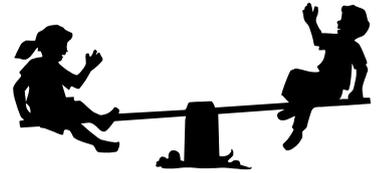
The first term is always a settling in period, and that includes for the parents as well as the children! Our AGM was held in September and we welcomed some new committee members while saying goodbye to those members moving on. Our officers for the upcoming year were elected, with Lucy taking on the chairs position, Sarah our new treasurer and Tash becoming secretary. We look forward to continuing the good work of the previous committees!

As a charity we do depend heavily on fund raising and donations. We have been extremely lucky this term with a cash donation from Brewers (a parent's company), apples from Russell at Wenderton Farm and equipment as a result of the sad news that Preston preschool has had to close. We would like to extend our thanks to these companies for thinking of us.

We still have current vacancies for any children over two requiring a preschool placement, please email secretary@winghampreschool.co.uk. Waiting list application forms for September 2017 entry for any children over two can be downloaded from the website [www.winghampreschool.co.uk](http://www.winghampreschool.co.uk) and emailed to secretary@winghampreschool.co.uk or sent directly to the preschool at Wingham Village Hall.

Please continue to collect and leave supermarket school vouchers at Wingham Post Office, Thank-you.

SeeSaw Toddler's group will continue to run at Wingham Village Hall every Thursday 13.30-15.00 at £2 per family in the new school, email Tash at [seesaw.toddlers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:seesaw.toddlers@hotmail.co.uk)



### Could you become an on-call firefighter?

Kent Fire and Rescue is recruiting on-call firefighters including for Wingham fire station. On-call firefighters are paid to be available for an agreed number of hours. During that time you can go about your normal life at home or work, but if you get a call to say we need you, you must be able to drop what you are doing and get to the station within five minutes.

Check [www.kent.fire-uk.org/oncall](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/oncall) for more details

### New deliverer

Many thanks to Lynne Ewart who has volunteered to deliver Rusham Road. We are very grateful to you for volunteering. Thanks to all our volunteer deliverers who go out in all weather to deliver the news each month.

### Kent Men of the Trees Village Competition 2016

Unfortunately, Wingham was not winner of the competition this year, but we received an excellent report from judge Alun Griffiths who was accompanied on his inspection by our Tree Warden, John Hall. Mr Griffiths noted how well looked after our High Street trees and verges were stating it is '...an example of good husbandry'. Mr Griffiths also noted how lucky the village is to have such a knowledgeable and keen forester in charge of our trees. The Parish Council would like to thank John for all he does and also take the opportunity to thank all volunteers in our village who help keep it looking lovely.

### Editorial - email [winghamcommunitynews@hotmail.com](mailto:winghamcommunitynews@hotmail.com)

Thank you to Lynne and Mike Conolly, Brenda Tidy and Lin Allen who kindly helped correct the little error in last month's WCN. Very grateful to all our community who help keep WCN going through the year. All our deliverers and sponsors. Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We are back in February 2017!

WCN is distributed to every home in Wingham Parish. I would be glad to know of any omissions.  
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