

## WCN - The future

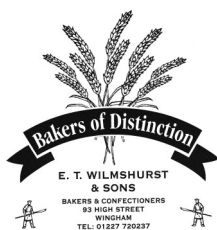
WCN is looking for a new editorial team for 2018. Work commitments are such that we can no longer continue to produce WCN, so it is time for someone else to take over. WCN in its current guise will continue until March 2018, when the current production deal and sponsorships run out. For a seamless transition we are looking for someone to help with the February edition and then do the March one as part of the hand over process.

Any volunteers should contact us on: [winghamcommunitynews@hotmail.com](mailto:winghamcommunitynews@hotmail.com)

**Poppy Time Again** As the evenings draw in our thoughts turn again to the sacrifices made by our forbears in defence of our liberties and, increasingly, to the needs of service personnel wounded physically or mentally in more recent conflicts. Who can fail to be moved by the courage shown by the competitors in the recent Invictus Games? But they needed a lot of help to get there. The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal has always been strongly supported in our villages and we had a memorable record breaking year in 2016, with a particularly strong performance by our schools, and we'll have to work hard to beat that. So once again shops, pubs and other businesses in Ash, Preston, Stourmouth and Wingham will be displaying our poppy trays and tins, and our team of steadfast door to door collectors will again be braving the autumn elements. We owe so much to those who risk their lives to preserve our cherished freedoms, so let's show our respect with another bumper collection. Lynne and Mike Conolly, Poppy Appeal Co-ordinators

**Meals on Wheels Scheme in Wingham** We're trying to find out how many Wingham residents would be interested in Meals on Wheels being delivered to them from The Deal Centre for the Retired (Age UK) and also for drivers to deliver the meals from Deal at lunchtimes in their own cars. Drivers are recognised as volunteers but would be employed on a zero hours contract, paid the minimum wage, and a fuel allowance would be paid to them in recognition of their time and resources. The meals would be delivered in foil trays transported in heated, insulated boxes and are all freshly cooked on the premises and would cost £8.00 for a main course and pudding. Different dietary needs can be catered for and they are provided six days a week, excluding Saturday and can be opted into on different days as required. Please contact Kerry, Parish Council Clerk, on 01227 722189 or e: [winghampcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:winghampcclerk@gmail.com) if interested in either buying the meals or delivering them. Kerry is collating the information on behalf of Age UK.

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DENTAL PRACTICE



## Tales from the Scout Hut

The term is now well underway. Last month the Beavers were working on their Air Activity Badge which involved making and flying paper aeroplanes. There has also been food involved, with an evening of pizza making and making cakes for Hallowe'en. We have welcomed two new Leaders at Beavers. Chloe, who has stepped up from being a Young Leader with Beavers since she was 14, as well as being a Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer at the group! Joseph has also joined, who was an Explorer Scout. Both joined the adult leadership team as soon as they turned 18 which is fantastic for the group.

At Cubs they christened the newly refurbished fire pit in the back garden and had a misty and atmospheric hike to Ickham. They've also had a great evening at Canterbury Golf Club having a golf lesson which they all enjoyed, and they have celebrated Diwali.

In September we held our first Saturday meeting for Scouts and Explorers. The Scouts got through a whole host of activities in the five hours – playing games, holding a Patrol Forum, made and cooked lunch and did some geocaching around the village. Meanwhile the Explorers worked really hard in the back garden to clear the fire pit area and build some new benches using scaffold boards and old tyres (many thanks to Horizon Motor Group in Wingham for the donation of the tyres). An old washing machine drum, donated by one of the Cub Leaders, is doing service to contain the fires. The Explorers have created a fantastic area which has already been used by themselves and the Cub Pack. At the end of the first Saturday, we held a slide show of our Jamboree camp for parents. We are looking forward to our next meetings which include a day at Betteshanger Woods.

The annual District Operation St George competition for Scouts was held at the end of September. In teams the Scouts go around various bases where there are different activities to be undertaken. This year it was hosted by Ash Scout Group, who provided a great evening which ended with hot dogs, hot chocolate and fabulous cakes. Our team didn't win but had a good time trying so a big well done to Alana, James, Jack, Emma and Jessica for taking part.

The group has been out and about with some of our Leaders supporting a number of local events. The group was pleased to support the opening of the new Play Area and MUGA at the recreation ground in September. We have also had leaders attend Aylesham Carnival to support the District Team at that event, and Babs will be helping to mentor new leaders at the new Scout group that is being formed in Aylesham next month. At our District AGM in Deal, the District was awarded The Growth and Development Award by Kent Scouts which is a great achievement by the whole District. Wingham Scout Group was awarded the actual trophy as we had shown the most growth by an individual group over the previous year. Matthew and I would like to extend our thanks to all our leaders and the committee, who have helped to make this continued growth possible.

**ST. MARY'S CLEANING.** Thank you to all those who helped with the Annual Church Clean. The church now looks extra beautiful. Please let Gordon or Gillian Bradley (01227 720357) or Barbara Hennessy (01227 720210) know if you could volunteer to be responsible for a small area of the church. Email [gandgbradley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gandgbradley@tiscali.co.uk) or email [ted.hennessy@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ted.hennessy@tiscali.co.uk). Volunteers can come when they wish, there is no need to clean weekly, you might find once a month would keep your area looking good. Thanks also to the people on the Sanctuary Cleaning Rota. We are very grateful.

### Dates for your diary

**Sunday 12 November-** 10.30 a.m. Remembrance Parade from North Court Road and then service at the church from approximately 10.50 a.m.

**Thursday 21 December-** 6.30-7.30 p.m. Community Carols by the Xmas tree

## The Friends of St Mary's , Wingham

It was great seeing so many people from the village at our Harvest Supper and I hope that we might see more of you at our Lights of Love service on the 3rd November at 3 p.m., when we will remember those we have loved who have died. The following week we have the annual Remembrance Sunday service on the 12th November, which people will need to get to by about 10.30 a.m., if you are not taking part in the parade along the High Street beforehand.



St Mary's has been at the heart of the village for hundreds of years and whilst it might be more true to say that the pub or the village hall lay at the heart of the village now, it is still an important part of Wingham's life and certainly its history. The church dates from the 13th Century and is a Grade 1 listed building with an amazing history - if only stones could talk!!! It has withstood the test of time well but is now in need of some tender loving care in the form of some major building works.

Many people believe that the Church of England is rich - if only that were true. They also believe that the upkeep of church buildings comes from some magical central fund - if only that were true. Unfortunately, neither are true and the maintenance and upkeep are left completely to the members of the congregation. St Mary's is blessed with a loyal and faithful congregation but unfortunately it is small and mainly made up of retired people.

Whilst we can just find the money for everyday expenses, the cost of the now urgent building works that are required mainly to the roof and tower, are way beyond the means of that small group of people.

We therefore intend to apply for grants and will try to raise sufficient money to match fund where necessary. The Friends of St Mary's do great work. They organise really enjoyable events and have raised quite a lot of money over the last few years and we are indebted and grateful to them.

However because of the scope of the work required we now need to look at raising additional funds. Don't worry. I'm not after your money - not yet anyway! I am after your experience, expertise and perhaps a little of your time. We really need help to identify appropriate funding bodies and to write bids for funding applications and to approach appropriate organisations and people for help.

As well as some advice and help in project managing the building work that needs to be done and some imaginative and new ways of raising additional money on top of what we are already doing and much more. If you can help in any way with this urgent restoration work to our historic village church please contact me on 01227-721530 or e-mail [ca.brewer@tesco.net](mailto:ca.brewer@tesco.net).

Many thanks. Chris Brewer

**Christingle Service-11a.m. on 3rd December, St Mary's Wingham. ALL WELCOME.**

### Wingham Footpath Group

**Sunday 19 November** – Karen and Dennis are going to take us for approximately two hours from the Duck Inn at Pett Bottom. Tel no 07929 760353

**Friday 8th December** – Christmas party! To be kindly hosted this year by Amanda at Skye Court Wingham starting at 8 p.m. Fully paid up members only to the party please.

**Sunday 17th December** – Michelle and Marcus will lead us for 2 hours, meeting at their house near Gibsons Farm Shop. Tel no 01227 728291

### Wingham Local History Society

Meetings start at 20.00 in the Miles Room, Wingham Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month. All talks are open to visitors and the fee is £4.

### Wingham WI

There is no formal meeting in December but we will be partying on the 18th and having a Christmas meal at some time, date and venue yet to be decided.

## Forthcoming musical events in the village

**Friday 17th November** Daniel Moulton performs an Organ Spectacular! in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. There will be three organs and three organists taking part, so get your tickets from the Politician's Daughter priced £10 or online [www.Kentorganschool.com](http://www.Kentorganschool.com)

**Saturday 18th November** the Royal College of Organists will be with us at St Mary's Church from 10 to 4pm, with local student organists and others from Oxford. This free event is for you to come along and have a go. Come and explore, grab a coffee and a piece of home-made cake, you will have a great time. The day is aimed at everyone!

## Friends of St. Mary's Church, Wingham

**100 Club:** The October 2017 draw for the 100 Club took place on the 6 October at The Harvest Supper and the lucky winner was Mr and Mrs Dilnot-Smith. Congratulations to you both. Can I please remind people that there are still shares available and will be included in all future draws. Shares are £20 each. This is an annual price and the shares will be in all draws even if they have won before. The next draw will be at the History Talk on 16th November 2017.

**Forthcoming event: "WINGHAM CHURCH AND COLLEGE"** A talk given by David Eaves

Thursday 16th November 7pm at St Mary's Church. Tickets £6.50, includes wine and nibbles (members of LHS £5)

To Book: Tel: Jan 720 215 or Kathie 720 649

**WINGHAM COMMUNITY GRANTS 2018/19** Wingham Parish Council has legal powers to issue grants or subsidies to Wingham village organisations. All village organisations are invited to read the Council's GRANT AWARDING POLICY (available on the WPC website or from the clerk) and consider making an application on the appropriate form for next financial year (2018/19). All applications, using the WPC form only, must be received by the clerk by 30/11/2017 and will be discussed at the Council meeting on Monday 11 December. Grants will be issued to successful applicants in Spring 2018. Please send your completed application forms/supporting documents to Kerry via email to:- [winghampcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:winghampcclerk@gmail.com) or by post to:- 4 Hillside Cottages, Preston Hill, Wingham CT3 1BY

**Saturday 4th November**

10 - 11.30 am

**The Anchor Pub, Wingham High St**

**Coffee Morning in aid of the Poppy Appeal**

Can you help? We need contributions for the cakes stall, bric-a-brac and raffle prizes

Buzz Lynne on 722979

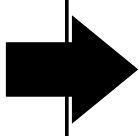
£1 entrance includes coffee, tea & biscuits.

Please support this event.



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

Thank you for all your contributions to this month's newsletter. We anticipate that December's newsletter will also be full of events and celebrations to attend. We haven't yet heard from any members of the community who may be willing to take on the WCN when we finish editing next year. Please do get in contact if you think you may be able to spare a few hours to keep the newsletter going! Zoe and Jo



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