

Parish Council News

MAY 2018

ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY

CELEBRATION & PRESERVATION

Celebrating those who do so much for the village and discussing how we can preserve our assets and environment

Monday 23 April, 7.30-9.30, Wingham Village Hall

Parish Councillors

Bryan Curtis
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01227 721873

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Clerk

Kerry Coltham
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District Councillors

Trevor Bartlett
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Susan Chandler
01304 813688

Michael Conolly
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Michelle Abbott & Ali Hood
Jack Jolly Award



Jo Osborn & Bryan Curtis
Special Parish Council award



Bryan Curtis & Kerry Coltham
KALC Community Award

Thank you to all residents who supported this year's Parish Assembly; we hope you found the evening informative and interesting. Following the Chairman's report, the Jack Jolly glass trophy was presented to Ali Hood by last year's recipient, Michelle Abbott. This was in recognition of Ali's 'behind the scenes' work in the community, performing acts of kindness for people who are in some way vulnerable. The KALC Community Award was presented to the parish clerk, Kerry Coltham, by Cllr Bryan Curtis and this was in recognition of her hard work to ensure the successful completion of our award-winning refurbished play area and new MUGA project. There was also a one-off special Parish Council award for each of the three outgoing members of the WCN team to thank them for their dedication to producing the Community Newsletter over many years. The outgoing editor, Jo Osborn, was presented with her glass trophy by Cllr Curtis, and also accepted the awards for Zoe Fraser and Ady Kerry who could not be present.

We were then treated to a brilliant presentation made by Wingham Scouts: "Let's Make Wingham Plastic Clever". In gathering information they made a field trip to Deal beach, walked Wingham High Street and neighbouring roads, and carried out a survey with Wingham businesses. This was followed by a presentation from Church Warden, Steve Sheath, and our vicar, Chris Brewer, on "St Mary's in the Community". They gave a clear account of the current issues facing our church building and the costs involved with keeping it running and in reasonable repair. There are major structural projects requiring urgent attention and their fund-raising team are applying for grants. They stressed this is a community building for all to use and enjoy. Residents were asked what needs to be done to encourage more people to use this fabulous building. If anyone is interested in helping, especially with public relations/communication, please contact the vicar.

During general questions including queries on roads and traffic congestion, it was noted highways issues can be reported via the KCC on-line tool: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>. Reports from the evening are available to read by visiting the website.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Electors of the Parish interested in becoming a council member are invited to write to the clerk with a personal statement outlining why you would like to be a councillor, the commitment you can offer, and the skills, experience and interests you have. You must also complete a consent to nomination form (*available online or from the clerk*) and send this with the letter of application and personal statement to the Clerk by **Monday 14 May**.

VILLAGE WATER SERVICES

Following a spate of leaks in the High Street last year, the Council arranged a meeting with Southern Water (SW) managers. The good news is that currently Wingham is not an area of concern for clean water supply but is being closely monitored. Wingham is a District Metered Area and is monitored 24hrs/day as is the water pressure. Issues with waste water are being dealt with by maintenance programmes where quarterly mini-jetting is taking place due to issues with non-biodegradable items disposed of in the sewer. Currently there are no structural defects on the sewer serving the High Street so the maintenance should mitigate future blockages occurring. When deciding if action is required, SW also take into account calls from residents. If you experience any problems with your water supply in your home, please contact SW Customer Services: 0800 027 0363.

A PLEA ON RUBBISH!



This was collected by the clerk in the MUGA at the Rec one morning, along with another similar pile from the Play Area and Rec. Please, can we all do what we can to keep our village litter free. Even if it's not your rubbish, please pick it up anyway and put it in one of the numerous village bins. Our Scout group gave a fantastic presentation at the Parish Assembly last month: 'Let's make Wingham Plastic Clever!' which as well as the plastic problem across the world, highlighted the amount of litter in our village during a walk they made along the High Street and adjoining roads. Whilst we can't solve the global problem overnight, together we can easily solve the issue in our village, just by picking it up and throwing it away.

NEW VILLAGE SIGN

Black Forge Art have now made the main part of our new village sign. There is a bit more work to be done and a few details to be finalised before we can go ahead with installation and unveiling later this year. A big thank you to The Dog and Wingham Wildlife Park who contributed to the cost.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- TINY TOTS & MESSY FRIDAY Fri 11 May, 2-3, then 3.30-4.30 St Mary's Church
- REC CLUB AGM Tues 22 May, 7.30, Social Club
- FRIENDS OF ST MARYS GARAGE SALE Sat 2 June 10am - 2pm

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like your community event added to this list or to the council website calendar, please contact the clerk

REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE

www.winghampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Remember to check our website for up to date information on what's going on in the village and our surrounding area. It is updated daily with news items, details on village planning applications, events, and meetings with easy to use links from the home page.

TRADING STANDARDS

KCC TS Alert & Kent Community Police messages are shared on the village facebook page and PC website: <http://www.winghampc.kentparishes.gov.uk>

Compensation for scam victims who used Western Union Western Union have agreed to refund victims who sent money to fraudsters between 1 Jan 2004 & 19 Jan 2017. The deadline to make a claim has been extended to 31 May 2018. How to make a claim: You can only apply by filling in the Western Union remission form:

<https://kccsecure.com/westernunionremission/Claimant/UnKnownClaimForm> You can post a copy to; United States v. The Western Union Company, PO Box 404027, Louisville, KY 40233-4027 or visit Western Union website to find out more:

<http://www.westernunionremission.com/>

SCAM ALERT: You cannot apply for a refund from Western Union by email so watch out for scam emails which say you can.

Please report rogue traders to us as soon as you see them

Contact Trading Standards:-

Trading Standards/Citizens Advice and Education
03454 040506 or go to

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards>

Or follow them on twitter: @kent_ts

You can register for email alerts about scams, rogue traders and doorstep callers at tsalerts@kent.gov.uk

HOW TO CONTACT THE COUNCIL

Contact the Clerk:

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Contact a Councillor

see telephone numbers on page 1

or

Speak to Councillors during the public session before Parish Council Meetings