



KALC award



Special award for WCN



Jack Jolly award

WINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Peter Prebble a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Please see the back page of this newsletter for details.

REPORT ON WINGHAM'S ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY Monday 23 April, 7.30-9.30

'CELEBRATION & PRESERVATION'

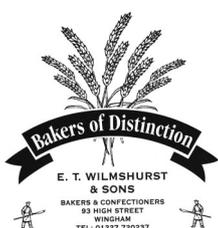
Thank you to all residents who supported this year's Parish Assembly. We hope you found the evening informative and interesting.

Following the Chairman's annual report, the Jack Jolly glass trophy award and certificate were 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: making meals, shopping, booking medical appointments and simply visiting lonely people.

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 and dedication, which went beyond her Parish Clerk duties, to ensure the successful completion of our award-winning refurbished play area and new MUGA project.

A one-off special Parish Council award for each of the three outgoing members of the WCN team was presented to thank them for their dedication to producing the Community Newsletter over many years. They have ensured the publication remains relevant, sharing village news and events to the whole community and through sponsorship, have avoided the need for lots of adverts. The outgoing editor, Jo Osborn, was presented with her glass trophy by Cllr Curtis, but unfortunately Zoe Fraser and Ady Kerry could not be present.

WCN sponsored by dona-



Wingham

DENTAL PRACTICE



General questions followed. It was noted that any highways issue (on roads, footways, street furniture, etc) can be made via the KCC on-line reporting tool: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>.

Reports are available to read by visiting our Parish Council website. From the Parish Council Chairman, County & District Councillors, Village Hall Committee, Parochial Church Council, Footpath Warden and Tree Warden.

We were then treated to a brilliant presentation made by Wingham Scouts: "Let's Make Wingham Plastic Clever". As they so often do, Scouts are leading the way on getting Wingham to start the conversation to make our village 'Plastic Clever'. Further details will be in next months 'Tales from the Scout Hut'

A presentation from Church Warden, Steve Sheath, and our vicar, Chris Brewer gave an account of the current issues facing our church building and the costs involved. There are major structural projects requiring urgent attention. Their fund-raising team are applying for grants; So far, enough has been raised to match fund for this year only so far. They are very keen to establish a vision for the church's future in our community for the next 500+ years. They stressed that this is a community building for all to use and enjoy, whether you have a faith or not. Residents were therefore asked what needs to be done to encourage more residents to use this fabulous building. Anyone interested in helping, especially with PR and communication, please contact the vicar.

Tales from the Scout Hut

The Scout Group is entering the best time of year, when the evenings get longer and the weather improves (hopefully) and Scouting can move outdoors as often as possible.

The new season kicked off at the end of April when the District held its annual St George's Day parade and service in Deal. We paraded from Deal Castle to St George's Church for the service. This is an important landmark in the Scouting year as it's the one-time districts come together and renew their Promises. We'll let you know how it went in the next WCN.

The Scouts attended the Annual Parish Assembly at the Village Hall to deliver a presentation on 'How to Make Wingham Plastic Clever'. The Scouts have been looking at plastic pollution and how to reduce it for their Environmental Challenge Badge. We will report back on the details of this next time.

Group camp at May half term will be at Downe Scout Campsite where we will be having a 'Walk on the Wild Side.' It's eight years since we last went to Downe so we are looking forward to all the many activities on offer at the site plus the chance to visit the home of Charles Darwin, which is just a short hike away.

The Beaver Scouts have plans to hold a sports evening and take part in District archery, shooting, climbing and caving events. They will also go on a hike and will be investing some new young Beavers to the Colony.

Cubs start the term with making tie-dye t-shirts for camps which involves a great deal of mess and fun, and produces some bright and colourful tops!

The Scouts have also found time to commemorate RAF 100 by making and flying paper aeroplanes. The Explorer Unit kicked off the term with an evening of geocaching in Sandwich. They are also practising their bike riding, ready for a sponsored bike ride, which they are holding later in the summer in aid of Alzheimer's UK. They will also be going paintballing.

Small Capital Grant Applications 2018/19

The Parish Council has the legal power to award small capital grants to non-profit making voluntary village organisations in providing any recreational facilities which the council itself has power to provide. A limited amount is set aside in the Council's budget each year, for this purpose. Small grant applications from village organisations for capital expenditure (eg purchase of equipment) are therefore invited. Please read the Council's policy (available on the PC website) before applying on the appropriate form and send this to the Clerk, Kerry Coltham, 4 Hillside Cottages, Preston Hill, Wingham CT3 1BY or email: winghampcclerk@gmail.com by Friday 8 June. **The applications will be considered at a meeting of council on Monday 11 June 2018.**

Parish Council Member Allowances

The Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 provide that a Parish Council may pay a parish basic allowance for each year to each of its members. The Regulations also provide that a Parish Council may pay to its members a travel and subsistence allowance for travel undertaken or expenses incurred in connection with the performance of various prescribed duties. During the financial year 2017-2018 no councillors received the basic allowance and no travel expenses were claimed. The Register of Allowances may be inspected by any local government elector of the parish on application to the Clerk.



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.

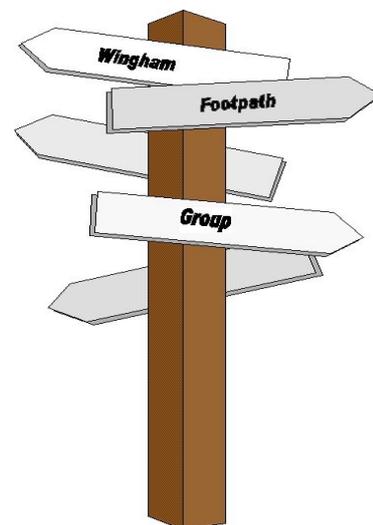
Wingham WI

There is no speaker in May as there will be a discussion on the Resolution to be put forward at the National Federation Annual Meeting. **New Members are always welcome to why not come along and check us out, we meet at 7.30 on the third Monday of the month in the Miles Room, Village Hall.**

Wingham Footpath Group

- Thursday 17th May – AGM, kindly hosted by Mike and Viv, starting at 8 p.m. This is the opportunity to plan the summer programme until Christmas comes around again. It is also an opportunity to pay our membership fees for the coming year.
- Sunday 20th May – Mike and Cally lead us from the The Flying Horse public house in Wye, meeting at 11 a.m. Tel no 07710260103
- Sunday June 17th – Mike and Viv will take us for a couple of hours, starting at 11 a.m.

From Crundale Church. Tel no 07990 518452





The Friends of St Mary's invite you to join their GARAGE SALE in WINGHAM

Saturday 2nd June 2018

This is a great opportunity for you to clear any unwanted items and make a little cash. As a customer you can find some great bargains!

10 am to 2 pm

To register your "garage" (it doesn't have to be a garage!) deadline for registering is 25th May.

contact Jan Millett 01227 720215.

If you would like to take part but aren't central to our village, we can arrange a site for you. **The fee to register is £10 per site.**

Maps of the participating sites plus teas, coffees

Friends of St. Mary's Church, Wingham 100 Club

We were able to have the first draw for the 2018/19 year and the winning share is 46 belonging to Denise Lyon. Congratulation Denise.

MESSY FRIDAY at St Mary's Church

For parents, carers and primary school children, crafts, songs and stories from 3.30 to 4.30 pm

11th May Come along and
15th June join the fun!
6th July

BUMPER PRODUCE SALE Bank Holiday Monday, 7th May 12-3pm in The Haywain Garden

Large selection of BEDDING & PERENNIAL PLANTS HOME BAKING & PRESERVES LOCALLY GROWN PRODUCE 100% PROCEEDS TO THE PILGRIMS HOSPICES Competition categories for the August Bank Holiday Produce Show will be announced with competition plants and seeds available for purchase. For further details please contact Jo Tatman 01227 722912

Additionally, there is a bench outside the Haywain Pub on which there are loads of plants for sale. The contents change weekly. All home-grown by a group of local volunteers. 100% of the proceeds go to The Pilgrims Hospices.

WINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

Following the resignation of Peter Prebble a vacancy has arisen on the Parish Council. Electors of the Parish who are interested in becoming a Member of the Council are invited to write to the Clerk with a personal statement outlining the following:-

- Why you would like to be a Parish Councillor
- The commitment you can offer to the role
- What skills, experience and interests you have

You will also need to complete a consent to nomination form (available from the clerk) and send this with the letter of application and personal statement to the Clerk by **Friday 11 May 2018** to:

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

The thoughts and opinions expressed in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the Editor. **Items for the next edition required by Friday 18th May 2018**

They may be left at Wingham Post Office, sent via email: winghamcommunitynews@hotmail.com

Published by Andy Bowes and Caz Burke 85 High Street Wingham

Printed by Dover District Council services