

Wickham Parish Council News

December 2005

Peter Gwynn

We were very sad to hear that Peter had died and our thoughts are with Margaret and her family.

Peter worked tirelessly for the Parish Council, he was always willing to be involved in new projects and was a member of most of the committees when he was a councillor.

Peter will be greatly missed.

HRH Countess of Wessex opens new houses in Gwynn Way.

The Countess of Wessex performed an official opening of the new houses on 2nd November; it was an enjoyable event, the Countess took the time to speak to everyone which was appreciated. It was very sad that Peter Gwynn died a few days prior to the ceremony, but it was lovely that Margaret and her family were able to attend.

Gift of land for a new cemetery

The Parish Council would like to thank Mrs Miriam Philpot who has given the Parish Council two acres of land adjoining the recreation ground to be used as a new burial ground. This is much needed as the churchyard is full. Mrs Philpot's generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ideal Christmas present and new years resolution?

Recycle your garden and kitchen waste...

Compost bins available at reduced prices
220 litre bin with hatch
(Height 90cm, Diameter 74cm)
£13.80 including delivery (RRP - £39.95)

330 litre bin with hatch
(Height 100cm, Diameter 80cm)
£14.75 including delivery
Water butt - one size only
200 litre butt with safety lid
(Height 124cm, Diameter 65cm)
£29.95 including delivery

Application by telephone to Blackwell -
0870 1646017
(this number is available 24 hours a day -
Blackwall is the company supplying the
compost bin) You can pay by cheque,
postal order and credit/debit card.

Knowle Cemetery

The Parish Council has taken ownership of the old hospital cemetery at Knowle following a great deal of research and negotiations carried out by Sue and Ted Fitzgerald, Thérèse Evans and Jenny Mallett. The cemetery is in Mayles Lane, on the right hand side if you are coming from Wickham, just before Ravenswood and Mayles Corner. It is well worth a visit, it is a peaceful wooded area with a marked path, stone memorial and information board.

There is more information from Sue and Ted Fitzgerald on our website:
www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk

Lighting up Wickham for Christmas

Everyone enjoys the festive atmosphere in Wickham Square, the Christmas tree and buildings decorated with fairy lights.

Ever wondered how this happens?

The tree seemingly appears by magic, a telephone call to the Gwynn family at AE Roberts is all that is needed. The Parish Council pays for the tree but it is chosen, delivered, put up and taken down with the generous help of John and David Gwynn and their team. Thank you to everyone that helps.

The lights take somewhat longer... This year we have new lights funded with the help of Wickham businesses and the Parish Council at a cost of around £2000. Thank you for agreeing to help with funding.

The lights arrived in ten enormous boxes that were very speedily collected by Square Events Chairman, Dave Martin. Thank you for that Dave!

The Square Events team work tirelessly for a weekend or two putting up the lights. Thank you very much for your time and energy, it is appreciated by everyone.

What happens to those ten boxes for the rest of the year? They are very kindly stored by David Roger-Jones along with tons of other equipment that Square Events use for the carnival, fetes etc. Thank you David.

Litter and dog fouling

Are there any areas of Wickham that you feel need more attention to deal with litter and dog fouling problems? please let the Clerk know your views.

Unnecessary signs

Are there any signs that you feel should be removed?

Is a member of your household in need of housing?

The Parish Council has application forms for Winchester City Council's Joint housing register available on request from Parish Clerk.

Looking to use public transport?

Try this online planner
www.traveline.org.uk tel 0870 608 2608

The Parish Council has copies of new planning applications for the Parish, available to view locally - no need to visit Winchester!

Contact the Clerk to arrange viewing

Meetings

Next Full Council

7.15pm Monday 16th January
Knowle Village Hall

Planning Committee

7.30pm Monday
12th December 2005
Wickham Community Centre

Check the notice boards or website for details of other meetings.
www.wickham.parish.hants.gov.uk

Everyone welcome to attend meetings!

Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

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