

Wickham Parish Council News

September 2008

New Scout Headquarters

Message from Parish Council Chairman Angela Clear

The Scout HQ was destroyed by arson on 22nd October 2006.

Regular meetings between the Parish Council and Scouts have taken place since November 2006 to help secure a new home for the Group.

The Scouts indicated in December 2006 that they would like to investigate the possibility of a shared building on the recreation ground or on another site if appropriate.

The Parish Council secured planning permission for a community building in a new position on the recreation ground in early 2008.

The Parish Council is keen to take advantage of grant opportunities to provide new tennis courts and multi use games area which can be provided if the Scout HQ / shared community building is moved to a new location on the recreation ground. It was hoped to be able to work towards a shared community building for use by sports teams and the Scouts with funding assistance from the Parish Council's Open Space Fund, which can be used for sports facilities. However the Scout leaders have indicated that they require sole use of a new building.

Unfortunately discussions and alternative ideas such as relocating a dismantled barn together with delays in the Scouts receiving their insurance settlement have not yet provided the Scouts with a new home. The Parish Council continues to work with the Scouts to achieve a satisfactory outcome for everyone.

Angela Clear Chairman



Christmas already?

Christmas light switch on 2008

Volunteers needed to help put up the Christmas lights in The Square, and to supervise the switch on event which will take place on Wednesday 3rd December this year.

Confident users of ladders particularly welcome. Full insurance provided!

Contact Nicki if you are willing to help.

A new tourism guide for Wickham

The Parish Council has been progressing a new tourism guide for Wickham, which is being funded by Winchester City Council.

It is hoped to launch the guide in September with a fun event in the village, look out for posters on the notice boards for the details.

Parish Council Meetings

Held at Wickham Community Centre, all welcome to attend.

Full Council

7.15pm Monday 22nd September

Planning Committee

7pm Monday 29th September

Finance Committee

8pm Monday 29th September

See notice boards and website for additional meetings

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