

Wickham Parish Council News

May 2008

A very big thank you!

On 22nd April Wickham was visited by the judges as part of the entry into the national Village of the Year competition. The competition is about how the village looks after its community and creates life enhancing opportunities for all its residents.

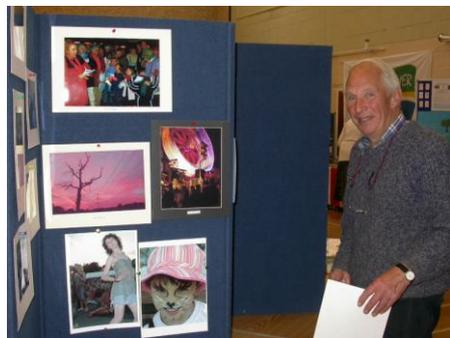
We took the judges from The Square to the primary school where they were met by Head Teacher Carol Burton and delighted by the busy pupils and inspiring surroundings.

From here we visited the Water Meadows, we explained that the village raised the funds to buy and manage the site. The judges were bowled over by the tranquillity of the Water Meadows after the bustle of The Square.

Next we toured the church where groups had set up displays promoting their work and the beauty of the church and its setting spoke for its self.

The Chesapeake Mill and historic dwellings of Bridge Street were next, followed by a quick look at the houses in Gwynn Way and the new Youth Club building. We then lead the judges into the Community Centre.

Over 40 local organisations and groups pulled out all the stops to create displays in the hall. The result was incredible and a fantastic reflection of the riches Wickham has to offer its community.



Thank you all for your hard work, it is really appreciated.

Thank you to the Men's Group and all who spent time clearing up litter and cleaning signs prior to the visit.

Thank you also to residents and businesses who displayed the 'Welcome to the judges' posters. The judges commented that they hadn't experienced such a welcome in any other village.



Thank you to the Community Centre management and staff for your forbearance and assistance as the event grew beyond all expectations.

Lastly thank you to the team that showed the judges all our village has to offer: Angie Clear, Barrie Marson, Ted Fitzgerald and Neale Fray.

GOOD LUCK WICKHAM!

Annual Parish Assembly

On 23rd April we continued the theme of celebrating our community with the Annual Parish Assembly. Over 150 people enjoyed the event which must have been the largest attendance to date.

A full report of this event will be included in the next Parish Magazine which will be delivered to all households.

Thanks are due to the staff and pupils of Wickham Primary School. Year 6 pupils gave a very confident presentation on some recent projects they had undertaken, this was followed by a demonstration of an electric car the Technology Club had made and raced. This wonderful project was lead by Parish Councillor Mike Bennett and a teacher at the school.

Many thanks also to The Youth Club who performed with Drums for Fun, the audience really enjoyed the experience too!

Congratulations to our Citizen of the Year winners who will be showcased in our Annual Report next month.

Parish Council Meetings held at Wickham Community Centre, all welcome to attend.

Water Meadows Trust AGM

7pm Monday 12th May

Recreation Committee

7.45pm Monday 12th May

Full Council AGM

7.15pm Monday 19th May

Planning Committee

6.15pm 19th May

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