



# Wickham Parish Council News

## **Why Wickham Parish?**

Knowle falls within the civic parish of Wickham which has nothing to do with the church! Wickham Parish Council is your local council representing you in local issues and looking after a number of community open spaces and facilities within Knowle.

The Parish Council owns and maintains the village hall and village green, the skatepark, multi-use games area, and the play areas at Consort Mews, Barbastelle Walk and Greater Horseshoe Way.

In addition the Council owns and manages Knowle Cemetery and Dean Copse, two areas of woodland open for residents to enjoy, more of this later.

## **Knowle Village Hall**

Are you looking for a venue for a party or a meeting room? Knowle Village hall provides excellent facilities for regular sports and social users as well as one off hire for parties and events.

For more information have a chat with caretaker Kirsty Raggett contact details on the website <https://knowlevillagehall.com>

## **Office for hire**

Knowle village hall has an office for hire, very reasonable rates, light and airy space with access to kitchen and meeting room facilities. Contact caretaker Kirsty Raggett to view.

## **Welborne**

Buckland Development has submitted an outline planning application for Welborne to Fareham Borough Council.

This is a large development of up to 6,000 houses surrounding Knowle which will take about 20 years to complete.

Plans for the proposals can be viewed on Fareham Borough Council's website Case reference P/17/0266/OA

[www.fareham.gov.uk/welborne/welborneoutlineapp.aspx](http://www.fareham.gov.uk/welborne/welborneoutlineapp.aspx)

Fareham Borough Council and Buckland Development will be holding exhibitions and meetings locally to explain the proposals as they progress. Keep an eye out for further details.

## Dean Copse

Have you visited Dean Copse? This fragment of ancient woodland is a peaceful oasis of wildflowers and bird song at this time of year. Don't miss the bluebells in the coming weeks.



To find the copse walk to the bottom of Deer Grass Walk and cross the road, or use the path from Boundary Walk or Bere Lane.

It is really important that the fragile ecology is maintained which means no garden waste please! This can introduce non native species that can quickly spread destroying the native plants. The green bags or the tip is the place for garden waste!

Dean Copse interpretation board



## Knowle Cemetery



Knowle Cemetery is a closed burial ground used by Knowle Hospital from 1856 until 1971. It is believed five and a half thousand people were buried in the cemetery.

The cemetery can be accessed on foot from Knowle Village, turn right out of the bus gate onto Mayles Lane and it is about a quarter of a mile on the left hand side.

The area is now regenerated woodland with informal paths together with an information board and memorial stone. Many people visit for family history reasons and it is a peaceful place for quiet contemplation. See the parish council's website for more information [www.wickhamparishcouncil.org](http://www.wickhamparishcouncil.org) Village History pages.

Parish Councillor Alan Ediss is overseeing a project to replace the steps at the far end.

Please take the time to visit the site, visitors help us keep the area clear of litter and well maintained.

## Brian Sharp and Wickham Parish Garden awards



Are you proud of your garden? Does your neighbour have a fantastic garden? Nominate gardens for our 2016 awards. Contact Nicki, photos welcomed.

## Annual Assembly 6.30pm Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May at Wickham Community Centre

Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Annual Assembly on. Celebrate the communities of Wickham and Knowle, share a buffet and wine. Free event.

## Free Sports for Children

### Come and try tennis

Free junior tennis coaching at Wickham tennis courts on Sunday mornings or Monday evenings, all equipment provided. Contact [secretary@wickhamtennisclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wickhamtennisclub.co.uk) for more information

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Tennis Club Open Morning** free sessions for juniors and adults during the morning see the tennis club's website for more information [www.wickhamtennisclub.co.uk](http://www.wickhamtennisclub.co.uk)



### Easter Football Coaching

Free coaching at Wickham all weather pitch 1.30-3pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April register online [www.soccerschools-uk.co./programmes](http://www.soccerschools-uk.co./programmes) (select WCC Project)

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