
WIXFORD NEWSLETTER

June 2009

Wixford Newsletter is back!

After a short hiatus and a change of editor we're pleased to be able to deliver the Wixford Newsletter to you once again.

Our intention is to deliver the Wixford Newsletter to you at least every three months but if there is more news to tell then we're happy to create additional newsletters more frequently – and this is where YOU can help.

Editing and distributing the newsletter is pretty straightforward, the challenge is in getting hold of good content. If you have a story to tell, some interesting Wixford facts, an event that you would like to promote then let us know and we'll try to make sure we fit your content into an edition of the newsletter. Obviously for events we will only accept submissions for non commercial activities – this is Wixford News not the Wixford Advertiser. ☺ Let us know – everything from a Barn Dance to a Barn Raising - and we'll help to get the message out.

How can you contact us? Well, if you're "on the internet" then send us an email to WixfordNews@googlemail.com

Alternatively you can drop your submission off with the current editor (Jon Haworth) at "Fieldside" on the 'main' road half way through the village.

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Wixford Village Hall NEEDS YOU!



Wixford Village Hall has been a part of this community for over 75 years but in recent years has been struggling to survive. The Village Hall Committee is now faced with the task of raising funds to be able to make some much needed alterations over the next few years. These funds will hopefully be raised by applications to various grant bodies and local agencies. We already have the local Parish Council on board with their support.

At present we raise day to day maintenance funds through quiz nights, yoga classes and general hire. We are hoping in future months to hold many more events such as Bring & Buy Sales, Sunday afternoon tea parties, Jazz Nights, Barn Dances, evening classes, etc.

The Village Hall Committee is quite small at present. The Committee is a fun, very friendly and lively group who are passionate about the Hall. We need to expand the Committee and are now looking for more people who feel that they could offer their ideas, help with events and most importantly their enthusiasm. If you feel you could help us to bring about the restoration and integration back into the community of this most delightful village hall then you should consider joining the Committee!

We do need you!

If you would like more information about Wixford Village Hall then please contact Lesley Butcher at Barn Meadow, Wixford on 01789 491386 or 0797 4796301

Would you like to be a Parish Councillor?

A vacancy has arisen on Wixford Parish Council.

The council holds meetings every other month and looks at all sorts of local issues such as Planning, Local Funding, Highways, Rights of Way, Crime Prevention, Lighting, Litter, Flood Defences, Traffic Calming and Maintenance.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate then please submit a brief resume about yourself and why you would like to be a Parish Councillor, including your name, address and telephone number, address this to:

Karen Parnell
109 St Mary's Road
Stratford-Upon-Avon
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The Council will appoint a new councillor at its meeting of 7th July 2009.

If you would like to find out more please contact the Clerk on 01789 292968 or by e-mail at Karen.parnell@homecall.co.uk

A load of rubbish!

There have been a lot of changes to the way our rubbish is collected so here are a few 'highlights' if you can use such a word with regards to rubbish.

Bins are collected every Wednesday so make sure you put the **correct** bins out for collection – they should be ready to be collected from 6:00 am!

Collection alternates between “rubbish” – the grey bin – and “recycling” the green and blue lidded bins. So one week you will put out your grey bin, the next week the blue lidded and green bins. For reference here are a few dates to make sure we're in sync with what is being collected.

June 3rd, June 17th, July 1st, July 15th (etc.) are RECYCLING collection days (green and blue lidded bins).

June 10th, June 24th, July 8th, July 22nd (etc.) are WASTE collection days (grey bin).

One concern that people have is that kitchen waste sitting in the grey bin during warmer weather may start to smell after two weeks. So here is a little known fact – you can put kitchen waste in the green “garden waste” bin also. So by alternating where you put kitchen waste you can have it collected on a weekly basis – one week in the grey bin, the next in your green bin.

Of course, you may just choose to recycle all of your kitchen waste using the green bin.

Dates for your Diary at the Village Hall

We mentioned the role of the Village Hall in our earlier call to action so here are some dates for your diary. Make the effort and come along, let's make our Village Hall a center for our community!

Saturday 27th June 10:00-12:00 Table top sale	Hire a table and sell your stuff
Saturday 4th July 07:30 Quiz night - American Theme	Burgers for all £5.00
Sunday 30th August Summer Fun	Music, Tea and Cakes, Wixford Trail

National Carers week

Across the UK 6 million people provide care to someone they know. During the week of June 8th the UK is celebrating and recognizing the enormous effort, dedication and contribution of all of these people with National Carers Week.

The theme this year for Carers Week is **Carers - the UK's Secret Service**. All the activities are targeted at trying to locate “hidden” carers. Hidden carers are those who may not recognise themselves as carers, those who see their caring as an extension of being a friend, relative or neighbour and who do not realise that support is available to help them.

Warwickshire is staging events across the county to raise the profile of carers and help the hidden carers who are not seeking any support in their day-to-day life. Activities range from market stalls in local communities to a landmark conference at the Ricoh Arena, Coventry, featuring the launch of a new emergency card and strategy for carers.

You may be one of those hidden carers. If so, for more information about Carers Week in Warwickshire visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/carers or phone **01926 410410**

Village of the Year Competition

Unfortunately the “Best Kept Village” competition in which Wixford has achieved considerable success over the last few years is no longer continuing.

Wixford has entered the “Calor Village of the Year” competition. Judging will be in August with the results announced in September.