



WIXFORD NEWSLETTER

December 2009

Welcome to the Christmas issue of the Wixford Newsletter

Festive Greetings to one and all from the Wixford Newsletter! In this issue we'll provide a few updates on some activities that have progressed over the last months and also some summary information about seasonal activities around the village.

We would really love to feature some 'guest' content, so if you have an interesting story about the village or its surroundings then please drop us a line to discuss how we can include it.

You can send us email at WixfordNews@googlemail.com Alternatively you can drop your submission off with the current editor at "Fieldside" on the 'main' road half way through the village.

Community Matters

The Parish Council is continuing to petition for additional speed calming measures within the village. It's a slow process- as you can imagine, pretty much every small community is doing the same, so we're all competing for very limited resources. However, there is some positive news.

We have been added to a schedule for a timeshare "Speed Visor" (one of the signs that lights up to warn if you are exceeding the speed limit). We're hopeful we will get our first 6 month timeslot mid to late 2010. Not ideal, but a step forwards. Wixford should also be able to display additional "watch your speed" type signage in the near future. And we should also see a Police camera van stopping by in the village more often.

Another area where the Parish Council believe some progress has been made is Ennister Lane – if that does not ring a bell then it's the lane that cuts the corner as we head from Wixford up to Hillers Farm shop. There has been a problem with water running across the road – and the road surface being broken up for some time. The County Councillor for Alcester has worked with us to highlight the issue and get commitment for the drains to be 'jetted' and cleaned – which should solve the problem with water running across the road. Once that is fixed then the lane will be properly patched.

Unfortunately these things take a little time to happen so right now, with the freezing weather we've experienced, it is something of an ice rink as you head up Ennister lane. Please take care!

The next **Community Forum** is in Grafton Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on February 9th. It's a great opportunity to have your say in raising community issues to the local authorities.

Christmas at St. Milburga's



As we advance into the festive season, there are a couple of special Holy Communions being held at St. Milburga's church.

On Christmas Eve there will be a midnight mass commencing at 11:30. The church has been specially decorated and will be warmed to combat the current freezing conditions.

There will also be a Holy Communion on January 3rd 2010 at 8:15.

Bidford Fire Station Update

In the last edition of the Wixford Newsletter we encouraged all residents to participate in expressing their views as part of the Fire Brigade Consultation, which ultimately could have resulted in the closure of Bidford Fire Station.

Anyone who attended the Community Forum sessions which were scheduled specifically for the discussion of the proposal will know that there has been a huge amount of push back against the consultation document. Many people have signed petitions and taken time to fill out the consultation feedback documents.

Well the good news is that the public backlashes – and some pretty convincing counter proposals – have persuaded the Council to reconsider and, for now at least, the proposals have been put on hold.



Online Wixford

A quick reminder that if you want to receive an electronic copy of the Wixford Newsletter then email us at WixfordNews@googlemail.com and we will include you on our distribution list.

Also, if you've not already done so, please do visit our village web site at <http://www.wixford-pc.gov.uk> – it's a great source for Parish Council schedules and meeting minutes, not to mention back copies of the Wixford Newsletter.

If you have any ideas for additional village related content that we should include on the web site, or any nice photographs that you'd want to include then let us know. And if you do submit photographs then we may steal copies to add to the Newsletter at some point!

Providing its Wixford related then we'll be happy to help.

Of course, the requests for email copies of the Newsletter and visiting our village website depend on us being online as a village - and that has been a bit "hit and miss" over the last few weeks.

The Newsletter is aware that a number of residents, the Newsletter included, have experienced their broadband being 'down' or unreliable over the last weeks.

The Newsletter spoke to BT again this Monday evening (21st) and was assured that the problem is in hand.

Apparently the last 'fix' was likely just a reset of some equipment, this time some equipment may be replaced. Hopefully this fix will be more permanent.

Support your local pubs!

During the Festive season, when you want to nip out and socialise, particularly when it's cold and the roads are icy, there are few better choices than your local pub. And we're pretty lucky in Wixford to have two great pubs within the borders of the village. So here are a few notes on what to expect from our two local establishments.

The **Three Horseshoes** are focusing on traditional cosy pub hospitality. With roaring fires and good food and drink there is bound to be plenty of festive spirit. The Three Horseshoes opening hours over the festive season are as follows.

Date	Open For Drinks	Food Served
Christmas Eve	12 – 11pm	12 – 8pm
Christmas Day	12 – 2pm	Fully booked
Boxing Day	12 – 4pm	12 – 3pm
New Years Eve	12 – 10pm	12 – 7:30pm
New Years Day	12 – 4pm	12 – 3pm

Outside these special days, opening hours are as usual.

The **Fish Inn** will be running a series of themed events over the festive season, we've tried to summarise them below. Please don't ask the Newsletter for further details on some of these events because we don't know - but we're equally intrigued ☺

Date	What's on
Christmas Day	Bar open 11 – 2pm

Boxing Day	Race Day! 3:00pm start.
Mon Jan 28 th	Charity Day. Spin the Wheel and Open the Box
New Years Eve	Kylie Tribute Night, doors open at 7pm. £10 including curry supper.
New Years Day	10:00am Brunch on us!! 12:00am Hair of the Dog!

We're still looking for a Parish Councillor

Right now we have four Parish Councillors but our full complement should be five. If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate then please submit a brief resume about yourself, including your name, address and telephone number, address this to:

Karen Parnell
109 St Mary's Road
Stratford-Upon-Avon
CV37 6TL

The next opportunity to co-opt a new Parish Councillor will be at the Parish Council meeting in the Village Hall on **March 9th 2010** so please submit your application by mid February at the latest.

Alternatively, if you would just like to find out more about what is involved in being a Parish Councillor then you can contact Karen on 01789 292968 or by e-mail at Karen.parnell@homecall.co.uk

Recycling and Refuse collections will change over Christmas!

Whilst we don't want to publish the collection schedules in detail within every Newsletter, it seemed like a good idea to provide a reminder for the festive period. After all, most of us will have some extra paper and packaging for recycling (and probably some bottles and cans!).

Changed schedules are in place until the week commencing Monday January 18th after which they will return to normal.

The changes to the collection schedule are as follows.

Normal Collection day	Festive period collection
Wednesday 23rd Dec	Stays the same
Thursday 24 th Dec	Stays the same
Friday 25 th Dec	Tuesday 29 th Dec
Monday 28 th Dec	Wednesday 30 th Dec
Tuesday 29 th Dec	Thursday 31 st Dec
Wednesday 30th Dec	Saturday 2nd January
Thursday 31 st Dec	Monday 4 th Jan 2010
Friday 1 st Jan 2010	Tuesday 5 th Jan 2010
Monday 4 th Jan 2010	Wednesday 6 th Jan 2010
Tuesday 5 th Jan 2010	Thursday 7 th Jan 2010
Wednesday 6th Jan 2010	Friday 8th Jan 2010
Thursday 7 th Jan 2010	Saturday 9 th January
Friday 8 th Jan 2010	Monday 11 th Jan 2010
Monday 11 th Jan 2010	Tuesday 12 th Jan 2010
Tuesday 12 th Jan 2010	Wednesday 13 th Jan 2010
Wednesday 13th Jan 2010	Thursday 14th Jan 2010
Thursday 14 th Jan 2010	Friday 15 th Jan 2010
Friday 15 th Jan 2010	Saturday 16 th January