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# Wiveliscombe Area Website needs you!

THE Wiveliscombe Website Team would like to hear from local groups, clubs, and businesses.

For the last few months a project has been underway to revamp the existing Wiveliscombe website. The catalyst for this has been work within the Wiveliscombe Area Business Group to help promote the town and surrounding area, the continued work of the Market Towns Initiative, and the parish council.

The intention is to provide a place to represent all of the Ten Parishes, the services, activities and unique character of each. The new site will appear soon.

The website provides two important functions for the area. The first is to act as an information resource for residents, informing us of current news and events, and providing information and access to the many and varied clubs, societies and businesses of the town.

The second function is wider reaching, in acting as publicity for what the area has to offer visitors, to help prospective visitors discover things to do, places to go, and where to stay. By attracting people to visit, we help improve the prosperity of the area.

The existing website has grown up over the last five years from humble beginnings, but much of the content is being reorganised and updated to properly

reflect the areas interests and activities.

We are also striving for a much more dynamic look and feel that helps to tell a story about the area.

One reason why the existing site content gets out of date is that it is not easy for individuals within the community to update the information, and so as part of the redesign, there will be a facility for people to contribute information directly to the site as needed.

This will allow clubs, societies and other local groups to keep the community informed on what's new, when events are to be held and other topical information. There will also be a comprehensive business directory.

What we need now is to hear from anybody who wants to have information appearing on the site. You might be a club member, organiser or local business, and even if you have details already listed, please contact us. For now we need to know:

1. Your name
2. Your group/business name
3. A contact email address (if available)
4. A contact telephone number
5. If you've got the text of what needs to appear, or can confirm that the information on the existing site is correct, then please let us have that too. Plain text email or Word document format preferred.

There will be no charge for adding your information to the website at this time.

Please send that information to either webmaster@wiveliscombe.com, or post it or drop it into Website c/o Wiveliscombe Community Office, The Square, Wiveliscombe, TA4 2JT.

## Brewery award

Cotleigh Brewery: new standards of excellence

The brewery has been awarded a prize - Somerset Life's Drinks Producer of the Year 2005.

## MATTERS OF INTEREST

● The building of the Supported Housing, 16 bungalows for local elderly and people with disability, is clearly under way. C.S.Williams were laying the foundations for the front of the site retaining wall in mid July. The planned completion date for this development by the Primary School, is May 2006, or earlier if possible.

● Consultations about Social Housing for the town and area, arising from the Housing Needs Survey earlier this year, will start shortly with the Magna Housing Association.

● A new County Council Structure has been in place for the last few months. Somerset has been divided into 13 "Locality Areas" in order to ensure that children's services are delivered locally. Wiveliscombe is in the Wellington and Wiveliscombe Locality Area.

Already the schools of Wellington and the Wiveliscombe catchment have formally joined together in a Community Learning Partnership to ensure, amongst other things, that the extended school concept is fully delivered across the area.i.e. Care for school age children from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00p.m.

● This concept is linked to Children's Centres providing for the needs of 0-5 year olds (8 a.m.- 6 p.m. child care, family support and outreach to parents, Child & Family health services). The debate on where to put a children's centre has been started and will be reported on in the next issue.

## Changes at The Larder . .



IN late June, Lesley Webber retired from running The Larder and Malcolm and Annette Borthwick took over as the new owners.

Moving from Shepperton in Middlesex, where Malcolm ran an air conditioning company, this is a new venture for both of them, but they assure their customers that they are not going to change the shop significantly.

They intend to keep the same friendly atmosphere and high level of service with the existing staff and suppliers. Changes will only come as the need arises or market forces dictate.

They are thoroughly enjoying their first few weeks, welcome suggestions about other items they might stock and will welcome offers from local producers who have fruit or vegetables for sale.

## . . . New faces at Wivey Hardware



AT the end of June, Tom and Fiona Heywood became the new proprietors of Wivey Hardware when the previous owners, Denis and Sharon Trull, moved on to run the Post Office and Store in Stogumber.

This is their first venture together, as Tom has worked for Gliddons in Williton for many years.

After a very successful handover, for which they thank Denis and Sharon,

their aim now is to offer the same comprehensive and friendly service that has been the feature of this shop so far.

They are aware that most people know the shop and what it has provided, but as new needs emerge they plan to meet them and will certainly be open to suggestions. As in the past, they ask that if customers cannot see what they want, "please ask us as we can probably get it for you."

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