

The X Factor proves a big hit

THE X factor was the best day ever! Everything went amazingly well, much better than I had imagined.

We had 11 live bands battling for the prizes which were:

- 1st prize, a session in a recording studio
- 2nd prize, a Marshall stacking amp
- 3rd prize, £50 voucher from Westside Music

A band from Taunton called Crimson Love came first with the vast majority of the vote by the audience and the judges (Sharon Osbourne, Louie Walsh, Simon Cowell impersonators).

Crimson Love really were the best, made up of three 14 year olds and a 13 year old who was the drummer and the lead singer. They did AC/DC songs and one Led Zeppelin number and really stole the show!

Second prize went to Chimp, a 17 year old college band from Wheddon

Cross, who rocked it up with their own songs, getting the lads up and head banging.

Third prize went to a seven-piece funk band called My Last Apple from Richard Huish music department in Taunton. This band had a lovely sound with keyboards and saxophones getting the crowds up and groovin', James Brown style!

A great day was had by all and people have been ringing me up for days thanking us for putting on such a good gig. We also had trampolines on the Rec and an organic catering trailer.

We took £965 on the door which is all profit thanks to the funding we received from the Jim Laker Fund, Taunton Deane Arts Fund and the Co-op Dividend fund.

The money will be going towards more live music events in Wivey and getting Westfest up and running again.

Wiveliscombe Live



Above, the judges deliberate; right, Crimson Love, winners of the X Factor

Music Association (WLMA) also put on an event on July 30th at Kingsmead, a band all the way from America called Hayseed Dixie who were on the main stage at Glastonbury this year and have been wowing audiences throughout the summer at festivals all over Britain.

They have been on Radio 1 and 2 several times and we were so lucky to have booked them on this sell out tour. A real treat for Wivey, and yes there will be plenty more where this lot came from!

Kate Whitfield,
Chairperson WLMA



Change of jamming venue

SADLY jamming in the Cellar Bar at The Courtyard has had to stop! It was just starting to take off and we had our first open mic night which was a great success.

Unfortunately Deb and Pete in the courtyard had a letter from Taunton Deane Borough Council saying that as they didn't have an entertainments licence it would have to stop or they could get a fine of £20,000 or even a prison sentence.

We were all under the impression that you didn't need an entertainment licence when everyone was joining in at jamming nights. It seems that as soon as anyone starts to have any fun that old red tape man comes out to tie you up!

Never mind, WLMA won't be beaten that easily. Andy and Heather at the Bear have kindly said we can hold our sessions there, so we have decided that our open mic nights were so popular we will hold them

every fortnight at the Bear. The next one is Friday 5th August, then Friday 19th and so on fortnightly.

Come along to The Bear from 8pm onwards - we have some very talented musicians in Wivey, and it's free! Any style of music goes, any age, any nationality, be there or be square!

Live in Wivey

Tom French, local graphic design student, noted for his spirited rendition of the Postman Pat theme, now has another distinction to add to his CV.

As you probably know, the bottom bar at The White Hart has recently been refurbished to a highly sophisticated standard and one recent afternoon your roving reporter was sucked in by the sounds of a guitar.

And there was Tom French, perched on a stool, going through his whole repertoire without reference to the pesky postman! First live gig in the new improved White Hart. We may just be hearing more from Tom!

Lightning never strikes twice!

THE thunder storms of late June and July certainly caused concern amongst computer owners in the Wiveliscombe area, and in fact to anyone with anything connected to their telephone line.

The old adage of lightning never striking twice wasn't quite right. Although no-one suffered more than once, there was certainly more than one who suffered!

I've now seen or heard from a dozen or more people who had modems, broadband routers, telephones and even whole computers destroyed as a result of the storms.

Most things just quietly died a death, but one person had quite an interesting firework display in their study!

Broadband proved to be a major pain with respect to proving whether people's equipment was failing or not.

It's not easy to determine where the error lies, and BT and ISPs play a rather silly game of finger pointing into the bargain. All in all this just leads to needless frustration and annoyance for the consumer.

So let this be a lesson - make sure that you've got surge protection on your mains AND telephone connections unless you want to wake up one morning to a nasty little surprise.

Wiveliscombe Bridge Club

WIVEY Bridge Club starts its new season on September 8th. The club was formed in 2002 and meets in the Community Centre every Thursday. It has a friendly and tolerant atmosphere and members of all abilities.

Many members are enjoying their first experience of a bridge club. We normally play Rubber Bridge or 'Chicago' but every few weeks there is a competition playing duplicate bridge.

Visitors are especially welcome, either alone or with a partner. Table money is only £2 and includes tea and biscuits.

Why not come along? Players should be in their seats by 7pm. Smoking is not permitted. For more information give Pete a ring on 01984 623391.

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