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Jim Laker Fund/10 Parishes Festival Dinner Draw

JIM Laker Fund committee members drew the winners of their latest fund-raising draw on 31st August at the Bear in Wiveliscombe and the lucky winners have come from right across the 10 Parishes.

There were 12 participating restaurants/cafes and the winners bought their "slots" from forms left at The Bear and The White Hart, The Globe at Appley, The Lowtrow Cross Inn at Upton, the Spar in Wiveliscombe and the Community Office.

The Jim Laker Fund and the 10 Parishes Festival organisers would like to thank the participants and the restaurants for their kind generosity and the £500 which was raised is to go towards the costs of the Festival, predominantly the events which happened on Wiveliscombe Recreational Ground on 17th/18th September.

This latest enterprise is very much appreciated by the organisers of the 10 Parishes Festival.

The Jim Laker Fund has



Jim Laker Fund members drink to the festival

raised in excess of £10,000 since 1997 and this money has all been given to community and charitable

groups in the Wiveliscombe area.

The committee is made up of hard-working local

people who give their free time to raise funds in a variety of jolly ways for the benefit of our community.

We owe them a real vote of thanks!

... And to the draw winners - bon appetit!

Civic Society's autumn programme

THE Wiveliscombe Civic Society has arranged an interesting and highly varied programme this autumn.

By the time the Messenger is published, we will already have heard from someone who worked for many years for the BBC. However, there are three other really promising events before Christmas.

On Tuesday 18 October there will be a talk by a former Clerk of the House of Commons who lives on Exmoor. This promises to be a fascinating insight into the workings of the House and is not to be missed.

As a complete contrast, on Tuesday 15 November there will be an unrivalled film show of West Somerset wildlife. Peter Sealy, from Bishops Lydeard, has a superb collection of shots of wildlife all over our area from the Quantocks to Exmoor.

Finally, on Saturday 3 December the society will be reviving its very popular series of winter supper

talks.

In conjunction with the Historical Society, this will be the last local commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War.

During the War, so many miners had been called up for military service that in 1943 Ernest Bevin, the Minister of Labour, persuaded the Government that every fourth conscript should go to the coal mines to ensure this country's continued source of energy.

Two of these "Bevin Boys" will be coming to give their account and this is probably the last time that we in Wiveliscombe will have the chance to hear this tale directly from those involved. Put the date in your diaries now!!

All these meetings will be at 7.30pm at the Community Centre. Anyone who wants more information either about the meetings or the society generally should contact Pauline Homeshaw (624564) or Peter Berman (623712).



A celebration and a farewell

ON September 4th at St Andrew's Church there was a special service followed by cake and celebratory drinks for Dixon Luxton, who is shortly to celebrate his 80th birthday, and for Ian Vokes, who is leaving to live in Plymouth near his family.

Help!

ON Sunday 21st August there was a Hog Roast and Fun Dog Show at Waterrow. The first prize in the dog show went to Marion and Rosy and the third prize went to Kathy and Morgan. Trouble was, neither dog nor person showed up to collect. Your biscuits await! Phone 01398 361315.

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If you are between the ages of 18 and 60 and would like to know more, please get in touch with me on 01984 624800

Sue Tout
Brown Owl
2nd Wiveliscombe Brownies