

An Anniversary

THE Flying Pussy is proud to have arranged for a recording of the Haydn Mass in D Minor to be played at the Bear Inn, North Street, commencing at 13.00 hours on Friday 21st October.

Steps have been taken to acquire crowd control barriers, and marshals have been appointed to quell the expected stampede within the premises, at no extra cost.

This column does not know why the music was nicknamed the 'Nelson Mass'; ignorance in respect of this matter is widespread. However, it is appropriate that a choral work named after the Admiral should be heard at least once, in our lovely little town, to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.



The Flying Pussy Column

The early afternoon coincides quite closely with the moment when Nelson's lines of battle crept within cannon range of the enemy.

We, at the FP, are aware that some folk consider a

piece of music that lasts for more than three minutes to be an incomprehensible indulgence.

Would they please accept this column's apologies? The Nelson Mass is timed in at 40 minutes and four seconds.

R (Reg) Peugeot writes

I almost bumped into the Big Shiny One in the Square the other day.

He was very muddy. It seems that his erstwhile owner was forced to sell him to pay off the extensive traffic fines she had accrued over an eight-week period.

The farmer who owns L (Land) Rover bought the BSO!

I feared that L might have been sent to the Great Scrapyard, but to my relief

the BSO told me that L is still going strong. He has been given light duties around the farm, and is helping to teach the smaller owners how to drive.

The mud spattered BSO pulled away to return to the hills. As he did so, he shouted above the traffic noise, 'I'm sorry, Reg, I lied about the little red Fiat. She didn't get mashed. She's okay...'

My shockabsorbitis suddenly felt much better!

Ferreting about (about ferrets)

'Swampy' of Wiveliscombe writes: Ferrets are much better pets for children than rabbits!

Two ferrets have grown up with our boys. They (the ferrets, not the children!) make tick-tick sounds when they are happy. They love games and lots of attention.

'Surely they make a mess in the house,' people say. No they don't! They are trained to use the litter tray and are very clean animals.

Pepsi and Ted run around our house, and in the garden. But we've had some escapes! Wivey people knock on the door and tell us that one of our ferrets is walking off down the road!

When people visit we tell them 'the animals won't run up your legs, so you can take your trousers out of your socks, or you can take off your cycle clips!'

The Flying Pussy hopes to hear from Swampy in the next issue - with more about

how Pepsi and Ted are worked in the wild and about the habits of these engaging creatures.

There is no end to the wildlife of Wiveliscombe.

Overheard in the town

Many years ago a Wiveliscombe lady of very substantial proportions had great difficulty taking her seat in a chapel pew.

'Try going in sideways!' suggested the Pastor. 'The lord bless you!' she replied, '...I don't have a sideways...'

There is no end to Wiveliscombe's quality of life.

Limericks

This column understands that there is a wealth of untapped talent in the town. Accordingly, it is happy to sponsor a Limerick fest which will be open to all age groups, of whatever persuasion. The first line of each submission MUST end with the word 'Wiveliscombe.'

The redoubtable Flying Pussy has, below, set a staggeringly good example for you all.

There was an old man of Wiveliscombe

Who bit on a radish that made his mouth numb.

He prayed that his wife

(Who'd a tongue like a knife)

Would chew the whole bunch, and strike herself dumb.

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THE Ten Parishes Family Support Group meets on a Wednesday morning in the Community Centre and provides a drop-in for families with babies and young children. Everyone is welcome.

Recently the group has been successful in obtaining funding through Somerset Global Grants from Somerset County Council and this has enabled the group to offer an extra session on Tuesday afternoons starting in September.

Parents can access free courses during this new Tuesday session and a creche is provided.

If you would like more information about the sessions and the courses then contact Sandra Patterson at SPACE on 07919165067.

WIVEY'S own cinema club continues its 2005/6 season on Sunday 16th October with a showing of "Eloge de L'Amour" (In Praise of Love) directed by Jean-Luc Godard.



It is an intelligent, visually ravishing and witty meditation on life, love and popular culture.

Kingsmead Drama Studio is the venue and the doors open at 7pm.

Full details of the season can be seen at www.wiveliscombe.com and in leaflets available from various outlets in the town.

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Local Schools

AS most visitors to the Horticultural Show who wandered on to the Kingsmead playing field will have noticed, the contractors have fenced off the area they will need for the building of the new classroom block. Work is expected to start shortly.

Unusually there was very little building work at Wiveliscombe Primary School over the summer holiday. A couple of classrooms had new carpets and planning permission is being sought to convert the old swimming pool area into a playground.

Probably the most noticeable change has been the return of Miss Ferris as Mrs Nation, the second Mrs Nation in the long history of the school!

Supported Bungalows next to the Primary School

OVER the wall the building of the 16 bungalows has continued.

A very large pit to hold the attenuation tanks, to restrict water flow off the site, was dug and the work has been completed. The foundations of the first bungalows are now in place and construction continues apace.

It is hoped that the main sign stating "16 homes for local people" will be amended to "16 homes for local elderly people".

READERS' LETTERS

Appeal pays off

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Dennis Scotter

help me with my family research.

Well I'm delighted to say that I heard back from one of your readers [can't name her just in case she objects to her name being mentioned], who was extremely helpful and was able to research back much further than I had hoped for, due to her local knowledge.

If it had not been for your co-operation, I would not have found this lady who was willing to research for me, for this, I am truly grateful to you - thank you.
David T. Jones,
B.C., Canada.
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