

SPORT MATTERS

Short Mat Triples Wiveliscombe Tournament

KINGSMEAD Short Mat Bowls Club held a Triples Tournament on Saturday 1st October at Kingsmead Community School.

The club wish to express their thanks to everyone who helped in making it such a successful day. Grateful thanks go to all the businesses who kindly contributed to our charity fund raising raffle.

Anyone interested in playing short mat bowls with the local club can contact the Captain, Martin Booth, on 01823 288900.

Wiveliscombe Tennis Club

WIVELISCOMBE Tennis Club held its finals day after a really good season. The day was blessed with dry weather, attendance was good, and cream teas were served.

Results were: Ladies' singles, Emma Quick; Men's singles, Charles Hopkins; Ladies' Doubles, Sally Bonfield and Helena Trump; Men's Doubles, David Woodland and Malcolm Day; Mixed Doubles, Gary Welch and Mary Hughes.

We are a small, friendly club, with many members playing right throughout the year! For further details please contact the secretary, Helena Trump, on 01984 624409.

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Wiveliscombe rugby - the season so far

WIVEY 1st XV started their 2005/06 Somerset One League programme in good form.

They are at present in second place (1st November) with big wins over Martock 85-5 and Broad Plain (Bristol) 57-0, followed by victories over Burnham-on-Sea, Crewkerne and Bristol Barbarians, losing only to North Petherton 20-13.

Winscombe, winning 22-12 on October 15th, knocked Wivey out of the HPI Cup.

1st XV League fixtures: December 3rd Imperial (home), December 10th Wells (away), December 17th Gordano (home), and the usual Boxing Day friendly, December 26th, Wellington (home).

Wivey 2nd XV are finding it difficult to field a settled team, but they have achieved Merit Table victories over Minehead and North Petherton, losing to Chard, Taunton 3rds, Bridgwater 3rds and Winscombe.

Wivey 3rd XV struggled for players early on but are now up and running.

Wivey Colts are very strong again this season with a good victory over Wellington, Taunton cried off, and beating Keynsham in Colts National Competition.

Wivey Ladies are up and running with the makings of a strong side.

Junior Rugby progresses at U16, U15, U13, U12 and U11 and coaches are always required!

Congratulations to local player Mark Barrington who represented English Fire Brigade against Scottish Police at Castle Croft RFC West Midlands on Wednesday 19th October. The Fire Brigade won 21-7.

Phone Numbers: 1st XV and Colts, Pete Stone 01984 624582; 2nd XV, Stuart Lloyd 01984 623640; Juniors, Robert Burston 01823 400128.

Dates for your diary: Christmas Bingo, December 21st, eyes down 7.30 pm; Boxing Day December 26th at home, starts with 2nd XV v Wellington, KO at 11 am; 1st XV v Wellington, KO at 2.30 pm, followed by a Dance and Disco to 'The Man from Funkel'. Tickets £8.50 before, £10 on the night from Wilkie, May and Tuckwood.

Roger Bellamy



Indian Delights

THE Jaipur Kawa Brass Band performed as part of a TakeArt event at Kingsmead on Friday 14th October.

They were absolutely fantastic - a really different show -

full of noise, colour and humour. Beautiful Jaipuri clothes, highly coloured and mirrored.

The dancer at the end was utterly gorgeous, swirling around in a blaze of colour and performing almost yogic like poses during the dance to pick up rings and things from the floor with her teeth and eyes! Yes!

And then there was the fakir! Juggling, heavy balls balanced on teeth was kind of okay, but strange pins in his mouth and sword swallowing!

The audience were gazing through slatted fingers groaning and yet needing to look! As the manager at the end said, don't try this at home!

A full house, packed with kids too - a great evening for Wivey!



Scout Group achievements

THE Wiveliscombe Scout Group has had a very busy 2005. During the year the number of young people attending the weekly meetings has grown, so much that the Cub section is full until some of the Cubs move onto the Scout section next year.

We have had our successes. The Scouts took part in the District Scout Archery and Air Rifle Competition - they won the archery competition and Sam Gaines came 2nd overall.

At the County Jamboree a Wivey Patrol won the District competition and gained their First Class Camping standard. As if that was not enough the Scouts won a push-car competition, using a vehicle that some of the Scouts built themselves.

They even had the opportunity of taking part in numerous activities such as climbing, archery and in the evenings there were cinema, karaoke and disco tents to provide variety.

The Scouts then had the opportunity of an activity weekend at Brompton Ralph where canoeing, raft-making, mountain biking and sweet making were just some of the activities on offer.

The Beavers were camping for their District Fun Day, and the Cubs had their weekend.

The group came together for another big camp just before the end of the summer term. At one stage there were 56 of us on camp. There were a variety of fun activities undertaken, lots of games to be played and lots of people to soak during the water fight!

The group has maintained its level of group fundraising - we deliver your Messengers, have book sales, jumble sales, helped at this year's 10 Parishes Festival and selling books and the clay pigeon shoot.

Thank you to all of you who have supported us over the year - from donating unwanted goods, buying from our sales, sponsoring the shoot or attending the shoot.

We have also tried to help others. We held two coffee mornings to raise money to help in the Tsunami Relief. We also recently held another coffee morning to help with

the Asia Earthquake Relief. Thank you to all of you who supported these events.

While all this has been going on the weekly meetings have continued to offer a variety of activities to the young people.

There have been the more traditional Scout crafts, the ever popular anything to "do" with food nights and the arts and crafts evenings. Recently the Beavers and the Cubs made "guys" for Firework Night in the Recreation Ground. The Explorers made the eight foot guy which was placed on top of the fire.

Explorers meetings are now new to Wiveliscombe. Explorers are young people between the age of 14 to 18, who meet every other Tuesday from 7.15 - 9.15pm.

Recent activities undertaken by them have been building a trebuchet, practical problem solving, as well as a variety of games. The advantage of the Explorers is that once a young person has joined then they can attend whatever meetings are being run in the District providing their parental taxi will take them!! For more information of some of the activities available, see www.tauntonexplorers.ik.com/. It would be good to see some more young people coming along and trying out some of the meetings.

The group would like some help from some of YOU. Yes, we would like some adults to help with the various sections on a full time or part-time basis either as uniformed Leaders or non-uniformed regular helpers.

Training is available and you would be joining a good team of adults keen on supporting and developing youth in the area.

Could you also help us by delivering a few Messengers in your street every two months?

We would also like some more people to help on our Executive Committee to help with the running of the Scout Group, there are usually only five meetings a year, comfy seats and tea or coffee.

If anyone would like to know about any of the above opportunities or the activities of the Group, please contact Pam Gaines on 01984 624657.

The Milverton and Fitzhead Society

WHAT on earth is the Milverton and Fitzhead Society? What does it do and who belongs to it?

These were just some of the questions that the new secretary, Mrs. Frances Vail, asked herself when she first moved to the area just over four years ago.

The society ('Milfitz', for short) was founded in January 1975 with the central objective of promoting the interests of the people of Milverton and Fitzhead by disseminating knowledge of the environment, history and traditions of the two villages.

Milfitz therefore set out to strive to preserve all that is good in the communities and to foster and support cultural activities.

To this end, Milfitz has always liaised closely with local councils, societies and other organisations with similar interests. The society arranges meetings and lectures on topics of interest. It also arranges many excursions for its members.

Milfitz regularly issues informative circulars, leaflets and booklets in order to

publicise its work to the media at large. Membership of the society is open to all residents of the two villages and others who share its values.

Since its foundation, Milfitz has held autumn to spring seasons of talks and events on an enormous range of subjects including the Natural History of the Somerset Levels, D-I-Y Antiques Roadshow, the Quantocks, The Work of the Rural Life Museum, Wiveliscombe - 50 years of change, the Historic Buildings of Taunton Deane and, more recently, a film show about Somerset life and a talk by Harriet Lamb on the work of the Fair Trade Foundation.

Following reorganisation of the committee in 2005, Milfitz will be starting a new series of talks in the early part of 2006.

These will begin in the Victoria Rooms with talks on butterflies by Dr. Michael Barry (9 February) and the work of MI9 by Mrs. Barbara Bond (9 March). Future talks and events are already in the planning stage.