

# Wiveliscombe Post Office - Christmas 2005

THIS year we will be opening for longer hours on some Saturdays in December - they are 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th (8.00 to 13.00 instead of 9.00 to 12.30).

When posting urgent items of mail, don't forget that the last collection from Wiveliscombe on weekdays is now at

16.50 and items to go by Special Delivery need to be in at least 15 minutes before that. The latest acceptance time for Parcelforce guaranteed services is 15.00.

On Saturdays the official time of the collection is 9.30 but it normally goes at about 10.30. There is a collection from the letterbox only at 10.45 on Sundays.

The Post Office has recently introduced a range of shopping and activity gift vouchers which could make good Christmas presents.

The shopping vouchers are available for a wide range of outlets, many of which have branches in Taunton such as Woolworths, Debenhams, Halfords and Comet.

Then there are experiences vouchers for such things as powerboating, karting and balloon flights.

The range of vouchers is completed by vouchers that can be used on things like days out at theme parks or health spas or indulging in fine food and drink.

To help spread the cost of the Festive Season there are the new Post Office Credit Card and Post Office Personal Loans, which were launched last year, both having very competitive interest rates and a good range of features.

For details of these and other Post Office products and services pick up a leaflet from your local office.

At Wiveliscombe Post office we stock a wide range of greetings cards including Christmas cards featuring local views, we also sell essential packaging materials such as bubble wrap, brown paper and padded envelopes.

## Opening hours

Normal opening hours except:

Saturday 3rd December	08.00 to 13.00
Saturday 10th December	08.00 to 13.00
Saturday 17th December	08.00 to 13.00
Saturday 24th December	08.00 to 13.00

Closed on December 26th and 27th and January 2nd

## Pensions/Allowances advance payments

Payments due on December 26th will be credited on December 23rd and those due on January 1st and 3rd will be credited on December 30th.

## Last Posting Dates

Airmail outside Europe	Fri 9th Dec
Airmail Eastern Europe & Canada, Japan, USA	Mon 12th Dec
Airmail Western Europe	Wed 14th Dec
Royal Mail Standard Parcels	Wed 14th Dec
2nd Class	Sat 17th Dec
1st Class	Tues 20th Dec
Special Delivery	Thurs 22nd Dec

## Postal Services

There will be no collections or deliveries on December 25th and 26th or January 1st. On December 27th and January 2nd there will be a Sunday style collection from boxes at post offices only.

## Fireworks at the Rec



WIVELISCOMBE'S firework display this year was, in the face of an ominous weather forecast, surprisingly successful.

The Mayor of Taunton Deane began the proceedings by judging the effigies of Guy Fawkes. The exhibits were duly incinerated on the huge bonfire. The fire's smoke was prodigious; it's incendiary effect most satisfactory.

Once again the Wiveliscombe Fire Brigade did great work setting off the fireworks, and everyone's thanks should go to them. Despite their professional participation, the insurance premium for the evening was £350. This is equivalent to almost 25% of the cost of the fireworks themselves, which ran to £1,500.

10Radio gave a promise that it would return. It seemed that it had on the evening, over the public address system (somewhere behind the smoke), when the familiar voices of Kate Whitfield

and Ralph Matcham kept everyone informed as to what was going on.

The War Memorial Recreation Ground Management Committee would like to express its appreciation to all the volunteers, including the St Johns Ambulance Brigade, who contributed to the safety and success of the event.

Our thanks must also go to the businesses and individuals who donated cash and raffle prizes. From figures available at the time of going to press, donations amounted to £470.

Bonfire Night, each year, generates a significant proportion of the funds needed to maintain the Recreation Ground to the high standard that local people have come to expect.

The fact that so many of them turned out to stand in the mud under lowering skies to support of the Rec's main fundraising event speaks well for the future of this fine community asset.



We are a small, friendly, fun club which anyone can join regardless of ability and we play throughout the year!

- Rusty racquets - for those getting back to the sport: Fridays 7.30 pm
- Adult improvers lesson: Wednesdays 9.30 am - 10.30 am
- Coaching sessions for children with our club coach: Fridays 4.30 pm
- Coaching for adults also available by appointment
- A chance to play in both league and friendly matches

For details of the above, and a lot more, contact the secretary, Helena Trump on 01984 624409

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## Coming direct to your door - Wivey goes on the Waggon

TIPS and telephone numbers should help 46,000 Taunton Deane households get the right medical treatment this Christmas and New Year.

Do you know whom to call if you become seriously ill when your GP surgery is closed? Do you know how to get access to emergency dental treatment? Would you know how to find a local pharmacist over Christmas and the New Year holiday?

Essential answers to these and

many more health questions are contained in a new handy route map to local NHS services which is now being distributed to over 46,000 households across Taunton Deane.

Called 'Your Guide to Local Health Services' the booklet has been produced by Taunton Deane Primary Care Trust (PCT), the NHS organisation responsible for funding local health care.

The guide will not only give you

information about the primary care trust's annual performance and future service developments, but it also advises you how to prevent ill health and identify the right medical treatment or service for you, whether you have a minor ailment or need for urgent medical care.

GPs and health managers are reminding local people to look out for the guide over the next few weeks and keep it by their home telephone.



Stubble: Late October 2005. Taken at Kingston St Mary by Seamus Coleman, Wiveliscombe Photo Forum

COINCIDING with the publication of the Wiveliscombe History, the town's industrial past has been commemorated in model form by the release of a model railway engine in the livery of one of the town's most prominent businesses, Messrs Arnold & Hancock.

The Brewery was founded in 1807 and at its peak in 1860 was the main employer in Wiveliscombe and supposedly the largest brewery in the West of England.

In 1957, following a period of rationalisation in the brewery business, Arnold & Hancock closed.

The model, which is limited to only 150 in number, has been released by Wessex Wagons who specialise in commissioning Limited Edition railway wagons.

Being based in Crowcombe, it is hardly surprising that they have focused on a local Somerset business.

The model is made in Britain and is priced at £8.50. Supplies are expected to arrive just before Christmas and can be purchased from Wiveliscombe Post Office.

But hurry, last year a run of 200 for the Bishops Lydeard firm of W.J.King went within a fortnight!