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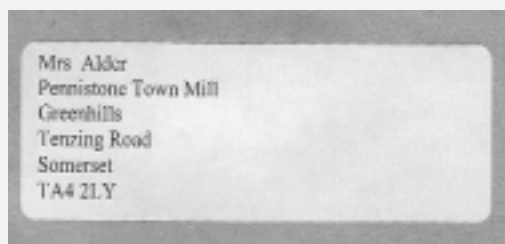




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Post codes



THE post code, that six or seven digit combination of letters and numbers that comes at the end of every UK address, has been with us since 1959 when it was introduced in the Norwich area as part of a pilot automated sorting scheme.

By 1974 the whole country had been post coded. The post code is read by automated mail sorting machines in the big mail centres so that a lot of mail arrives at the delivery office already sorted by post round.

The use of the post code as a shorthand form of address has spread far beyond simple mail sorting and has been taken up by many different companies and organisations.

They are even used by the emergency services, when dialling 999 for Police, Fire or Ambulance; the post code of the location of the emergency is one of the first things the operator will ask for.

TA4 2JP is the post code for West Street, Wiveliscombe. TA means Taunton (the TA area stretches from Somerton and Crewkerne to Porlock and Dulverton), 4 covers an area to the West of Taunton from Norton Fitzwarren to Wiveliscombe and Williton, 2 stands for Wiveliscombe and JP means West Street.

The envelope above was recently received in Wiveliscombe thanks to the post code and then the first line of the address got it correctly delivered.

Some years ago a letter addressed with just G.C.R.C., TA4 2RH arrived at Wiveliscombe delivery office, TA4 2 had got it to Wiveliscombe, RH is part of Ford and then an eagle eyed postman realised that the initials were those of Mr Clay of Ford Lodge, so the letter could be correctly delivered.

To obtain a postcode for a particular address or find out the addresses that a particular post code pertains to, call the Royal Mail helpline on 0845 740740 or visit www.royalmail.co.uk

Bungalows progress

THE Bungalows at Tucker's Meadow, by the Primary School, have progressed steadily over the past two months.

As the roofs have been completed, scaffolding has come down so allowing the installation of services and more of the ground work to be done.

Magna Housing Association has contacted the local, potential tenants nominated by Taunton Deane and will be interviewing them all shortly, before allocating specific dwellings.

Completion is still expected by May. When the site is safe for visitors the prospective tenants will be invited to view the properties and a plan of the site with house numbers will be located in Wiveliscombe House.

Government website to make life easier?

THE Cabinet Office has launched a marketing campaign to increase awareness of the wide range of information, services and transactions available on www.direct.gov.uk.

Directgov brings public services together all in one place from across 11 Whitehall departments. A huge range of information is available on the site, from finding a local childminder to what to do when buying a property.

Customers can also access services like searching for a course or taking a mock theory driving test. Transactions such as applying for car tax or planning a journey on foot, by car or by public transport are also on the site.

Since its launch in 2004, Directgov has constantly evolved to reflect the changing demands of citizens who want to efficiently manage their lives electronically.

Footsteps on the Recreation Ground

THE Rec Committee is pleased to report that the Phantom Digger has not used a spade on the playing fields since the Messenger last went to print.

The fact that the strange, and possibly dangerous, activity was publicised in our pages may have helped to warn off the perpetrator.

Bryn Wilson reports that the play area is now fully completed, with the new path laid and useable, at a cost of £69,000. The project has been fully funded, and paid for, thanks mainly to the efforts of Jenny Carey-Wood.

Work on up-grading the summerhouse will start when the weather improves.

Error: In our item on the new play equipment in Messenger 50, Nick Firth (not Forth) should have been credited with design and purchasing. We offer him our apologies.

It is anticipated that during the school's Easter holidays, the pavement will be constructed at the foot of the road wall from the site entrance to the school exit. The school/community hall car park, where the builders' huts are at present, will become available at the end of the contract.

At the March Parish Council meeting, outline plans by Stacey Construction Ltd for 35 dwellings on their Station Road site were revealed.

The development will provide starter homes and low-cost accommodation and will consist of 19 two bedroom houses, 8 three bedroom houses, 2 one bedroom flats and 6 two bedroom flats with 38 parking spaces and a secure play area.

The proposed site lies between Mill Lane and the Grampian Foods abattoir. It includes Peter Smith's agricultural works, the old station and Stacey's Head Office. It proposed that the latter is moved to the new Manor Business Park, shortly to be started on the Taunton Road, beyond Grampian Foods.

A new application to

demolish the Old Hancock Brewery and build 14 dwellings on the site was approved by the Parish Council at their March meeting.

Magna Housing Association has made another planning application in Wiveliscombe. This follows the Housing Needs Survey conducted for the Parish Council by the Somerset Community Council in February 2005.

Of the 67 survey forms received, 61 households were deemed to be in need of affordable housing. As a result the planning application proposes a mixed development of 20 dwellings on land facing Allenslade Flats.

The proposed dwellings will consist of 6 three bedroom houses, 9 two bedroom houses, 1 two bedroom disabled bungalow and 4 one bedroom flats. Four of the houses are to be shared equity; all of the rest will be available for local people to rent.

Details of who will be eligible for these and how to apply will be in the next Messenger. Plans of the site will be in Wiveliscombe House shortly.

wiveliscombe.com - town's website is as popular as ever!

OUR Wiveliscombe website is going from strength to strength!

On average 50 people visit the website each day, collectively looking at over 6,000 pages per month.

Over 140 folk visited the website recently just to look for details about the Wiveliscombe History book, and recent website statistics show local businesses receiving up to 111 visits each month (that's nearly 4 visits a day!).

People looking at the website are located across the world including the United States, Australia, New Zealand and throughout Europe.

Many find wiveliscombe.com through search engines like Google, often looking for information on schools, clubs and tourist facilities.

We have received many 'hits' from search engines, bringing economic benefit to local businesses and support for local organisations.

Examples include Hurstone House, Kingsmead School, accommodation providers and recently

someone searched on Google for a restaurant in the TA4 area, whilst others use the website search engine looking for pubs, breweries and local organisations like the First Responders.

The website has been upgraded and if you have not seen it recently it is well worth browsing over a cup of coffee.

The trade directory is particularly useful if you need a builder, plumber or any other kind of local service or tradesman.

If you are a business or local organisation then why not get your contact details on the website (there is no charge for a basic listing) and consider an expanded entry or an advert which can cost as little as £5 per month.

wiveliscombe.com is owned and managed by Wiveliscombe Parish Council, and for further details contact the webmaster, Dave Meehan, on 01984 629056 or email dave_meehan@replicated.co.uk

Raoul Hewitt, Clerk to the Parish Council

New business

EQUINE Designs is a new local business set up by William Bridger (son of, and working with, John Bridger of Bridger Properties/Garden Rustics) to offer quality equine products at affordable prices.

Will's interest in horses and equine needs has materialised from his relationship with his partner Zoe, and being a carpenter by trade, this has become a natural progression.

Equine Designs specialise in timber items such as showjumps, stables, field shelters, fencing and a bespoke range to cater for

one-off items. They also offer a full landscaping service such as outdoor arenas and cross country courses.

For contact details and further information, please see the advert on Page 6.

Get your bags at the Community Office

OWING to public demand, the Community Office will now have a supply of bio-degradable bags for food bins costing £4.00 per roll in addition to FREE dog-poo bags.