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A head teacher from long ago

A RECENT visitor to the Community Office asked whether there was a museum in Wiveliscombe. It turned out that he was trying to trace any record of his great aunt, who had apparently been head teacher of the girls school in the earlier part of the 20th century.

Although we lack a museum, Helen Butcher at the primary school kindly offered to look in the log and found the entry for the great aunt, Alice Bennett, who was headmistress of the girls' school in 1902. She had a staff of four and our visitors were delighted to get a copy of the entry in the log.

When they came back to the Community Office they had a look in the Book of Wiveliscombe, only to find

that there was no reference to Miss Bennett or indeed to any other lady head.

The reason for this is shockingly chauvinistic. Both the boys' and the girls' schools had separate head teachers but, in those days, only the head of the boys' school counted and the women did not get a mention.

Interestingly, the following entry in the log relates to a half-holiday given for the treat. This was supposed to have been held on Coronation Day but had been postponed. Historians or medical experts may recognise that it was in 1902 that Edward VII had one of the first appendix operations performed in this country which meant the postponement of his Coronation.

Footsteps on the Recreation Ground

THE Recreation Ground Committee chairman, Bryn Wilson, reports that there has been a marked improvement over the last month or two in the general behaviour of those using the ground.

This is very good news for all of us who regard the Recreation Ground as being one of the main jewels in Wiveliscombe's crown.

The sight of mindless vandalism and the careless spread of litter have, occasionally, made the place feel more like a crown of thorns.

Some more good news - the summerhouse windows are now secured from wind and weather by polycarbonate sheets.

It is hoped that visitors to this facility will appreciate the added comfort, and that they will make full use of the graffiti board that has been put in place for their convenience.

Amusing, or profound, examples from the board will be published in this newspaper's Flying Pussy column. Go for it!

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Free listing for your event

ARE you organising an event, a visit or a meeting? How can you get this information to the people who need to know about it? Use FREE space!

The Wivey Warbler is the ideal way of listing your news throughout Wiveliscombe. It is published monthly by the Civic Society and includes regular events, like folk dancing or bingo, and one-off events too.

Yvonne Loat is the Warbler Editor and would welcome your information in good time each month. She can be contacted either by leaving your piece in Wiveliscombe House for her to collect or by email on yvonne@loat.fsnet.co.uk

● If you are organising an event or meeting in one of the 10 Parishes, please do use the excellent notice board at the Waterrow Touring Park.

Ann and Tony Taylor would be only too pleased to display your poster or magazine for their residents who are a ready-made audience for local activities. The site is busy all the year round and it is worthwhile remembering the Touring Park on your rounds, when doing your listing!

Community Chest

THERE exists a pot of money known as the Somerset Community Chest.

The Community Chest provides sums of up to £750 for community groups and projects. The grants usually represent up to 50% of a total project cost, which sounds like a very small amount but often large projects can be broken down into smaller 'side-projects' to make the grant more applicable.

For example, a parish may need a new village hall, £750 could then go towards equipment for a youth club who uses this hall, or to a toy chest scheme for the hall, or chairs and tables... the possibilities seem limitless.

Full details of the scheme can be seen at: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/culturecommunity/communitychest/> where there is a list of best practice for applicants and also a 'the Community Chest Cannot Support' list.

History and writing courses for the autumn

JAN Settingington will be running two ten-week courses this autumn: The Rise and Fall of Nazi Germany and The Practice of Writing.

All abilities are welcome but the sessions are primarily aimed at people who may have been "put off" history at school or who have little, or no experience of creative writing.

Jan was a journalist, has worked for Oxfam, Red Cross and Somerset County Council. She read Contemporary History and English for an honours degree at University of Plymouth following this up with a Post

Graduate Diploma in History and Creative Writing and then a doctorate in History.

For full details of places, dates, times and fees give Jan a ring on 01984 624222.

Wiveliscombe Bridge Club (Rubber)

NEW members welcome for the autumn season.

Duplicate Bridge Club at Oake Village Hall, Wednesdays 7pm (not 3rd in the month)

Contact Paul Wickham 01823 400418

More haste, less speed

DO you want faster broadband? Well, as it happens, so do I.

I talked last time about the introduction of ADSL Max, the new broadband service that can give up to 8mb of download speed. What a boon this was going to be.

Well, I'm sure you can hear the scepticism in my voice, and rightly so. Don't get me wrong, it is better, just not that much better.

My own connection is better now that I've converted (1mb before, now 3mb), although actual throughput isn't so good (1.5mb average).

I think this is down to greater contention at the telephone exchange. The pipes may be faster, but the same number of people all want to get down them at the same time, you get a bit of a traffic jam.

The biggest problem with ADSL Max is what it's done to the UK ISPs. They've all had a melt down!

Customer service appears to have gone out the window, with people failing to answer the simplest of questions and certainly not taking ownership of the problems. This appears to be fairly universal.

Whilst it has allowed some people who were beyond reach under the old system to get connected, it's led to some frustrating times for others, who've had orders accepted and supplied, only to find that it just doesn't work at all! Never mind.

So we may all clamour for faster broadband, but that doesn't mean that we'll get any more done. Fingers crossed though, and maybe you'll have a trouble free experience. There are some that do!

Singing other praises...

And on a brighter note, I've been enjoying my new toy these last few weeks. I'd learnt about this over a year ago, but only just managed to justify it to myself, but it has finally done what I've wanted for some time - whole house audio.

For the less well informed, that means being able to listen to music right throughout the house. Now OK, this has always been possible, but in one of two ways - stringing speaker wires through the house and running back and forth to the stereo to make changes, or spending an absolute fortune on a top end A/V system. Neither of these appealed to me very much.

Well, thanks to the people at Sonos (www.sonos.com) I've now got music coming out my ears! For many years now I've been recording CDs (ripping) to my computer system for convenience. No more shuffling through CDs, losing or mixing up cases etc. It's all on the computer, nicely indexed, and I can play anything with only a couple of clicks.

Of course, the computer is only in one room of the house, so that's where the Sonos system comes in.

Plug a ZonePlayer in to your network, and another ZonePlayer in a remote room, and the music comes flooding out, perfect quality every time. Use the iPod-like Controller to select the music, make a playlist and set the volume, and away you go.

You can wander around with the Controller, changing music to your hearts content. And with support for up to 32 zones, you can have the same music everywhere, in the zones of your choice, or select a specific list for each zone. You can even control a zone that you are not in, volume and all!

You can listen to internet based radio stations, or even from your existing tuner or other external audio source.

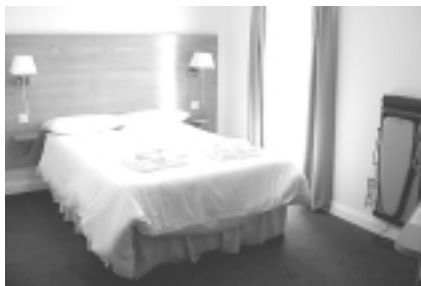
This is one of those products that just works. It really is simplicity.

So if you fancy your Madonna or Mantovani both at the tip of your fingers and all through your house at the same time, this is a system that you can be truly thankful for. I'll even show you mine if you like. 01984 629056.

Dave Meehan



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