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Cancer Research Race For Life 2006

THIS summer my friend Val and I, together with our daughters Cat (aged 13), Becky (aged 11) and Kayleigh (aged 9), will be running in the Cancer Research Race For Life.

This will be the third year we have taken part and together we have raised hundreds of pounds for the charity.

The Race for Life course is 5 km (just over 3 miles) and is open to female competitors of any age and ability, so whether you run, jog, walk or hobble it doesn't matter, you just need to raise money through sponsorship and complete the course.

Last year, Race for Life raised a staggering £33 million for Cancer Research which is a fantastic amount.

When my dad, "Horse" Conibere, died of cancer in 2002, I felt I wanted to do something to raise funds for Cancer Research and I can-

not express in words the wonderful feeling you get when you cross the finishing line, not just relief of finishing but knowing that you have raised money to help people with cancer.

We run in memory of friends and family we have lost and in celebration of the lives of those who have survived.

Many thanks to those of you who have already sponsored us this year and in previous years.

I know of several local people who will be running in a Race for Life this year and wish them all good luck with the sponsorship and the run.

If anyone feels they would like to sponsor us this year, they should please ring Judith Upham on 01984 624710 or Val Kidner on 01984 624388 (evenings are best please, but before 9 pm if possible). We would be most grateful for any amount pledged, large or small.

Wivey Link summer outings

THE sun is out and the days are longer - does lack of transport prevent you from taking advantage of the open gardens and places of interest around the area?

Wivey Link have just started their Sunday Special trips - a gentle day or afternoon out usually ending with a cream tea.

We have already done some very successful trips to Snowdrop Valley, Hestercombe and Dunster, and May's trip was a drive over Exmoor taking in view points and places of interest followed by a cream tea at Porlock.

We also took a party to the Honeshaws' Open Gar-

den on May 29th at Maundown.

Other trips planned are to the Stogumber Open Gardens Day on Sunday 11th June, a Quantock drive, Sunday Jazz at the Brew-house, and a Christmas Shopping trip to Clarkes Village at Street in November.

We would love to hear your ideas for a trip - just pop into Wiveliscombe House in the Square or give us a ring to let us know where you would like to go. The place with the most votes gets the trip. Come and join us!

Speak to Moira or Jill on The Wivey Link Line: 01984 624666 between 9.00 and 11.00am weekdays to book a place.

DIARY DATES

June

Saturday 10th: Horticultural Society Garden Party, Berry's, 3.00pm

Tuesday 13th: Historical Society trip to Peat Moors Centre, Croft Way Car Park, 1.30pm

Sunday 18th: Open Garden, Court House, East Quantoxhead, 2-5.30pm. In aid of SSAFA. £2.50 children free

Friday 23rd: Rugby Club AGM, Rugby Club, 7.30pm

Sunday 25th: NGS Garden Open, Olive Cottage, Langley Marsh, 2-6pm. £2

July

Saturday 1st & 2nd: Tolland Open Gardens. See article

Sunday 2nd: Garden Gaze. Eight gardens open in Wiveliscombe, 2-5.30pm. Teas. Tickets on sale in North Street opposite Car Park on the day.

Sunday 2nd: NGS Garden Open, Olive Cottage, Langley Marsh, 2-6pm. £2

Saturday 8th: Harp recital by Elizabeth Jane Baldry, St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm

Sunday 9th: Open Garden, Bedrock Barn, Brompton Ralph, 2-5.30pm. In aid of SSAFA. £2.50 children free

Tues 11 July: Garden Club visit to RHS Rosemoor, Croft Way Car Park, 9.00am

Sunday 16th: Open Garden, Bowsays, Kingston St Mary 2-5.30pm. In aid of SSAFA. £2.50 children free

August

Saturday 19th: Wiveliscombe Flower Show, Kingsmead

If you are organising an event please email: messenger@wiveliscombe.com. See also "What's On" www.wiveliscombe.com

Football freestyle champion to open new halls in Wivey



FOOTBALL freestyle champion Daniel Magness will be opening Wiveliscombe's newest venue, The Silver Street Centre, on the weekend of 9th and 10th September.

Daniel will perform the opening ceremony at 2pm on Saturday 9th September, when there will be a fun afternoon for all - a bouncy castle for children, various fete-type stalls and games, Wiveliscombe Town Band, cream teas, exhibitions and quizzes!

Daniel Magness is a genius with football tricks - he is the UK "Keepy Uppy" Champion after keeping a ball up for just over 13.5 hours! That's over 100,000 touches!

He has just been chosen to represent England in the World Football Freestyle Championships in Dubai in November and is a regular at dozens of football clubs up and down the country, performing his phenomenal show during half-time (Chelsea, Man City and West Ham are just a few of the teams he has performed for this season).

For a flavour of his skills, see his short show reel on www.topdogpromotions.co.uk/freestylers

The Silver Street Centre is also delighted to be hosting three artists

throughout Somerset Art Weeks from 9th to 24th September: "Take Three Artists" will feature local artists Claire Rice (paintings and prints - lively and accessible local views), Patricia Perrin (textile art and mixed media - wonderful bags, bowls and books) and Raamy Nadim (pottery and ceramics - covetable stoneware pots and bowls).

In addition, on the same site, Wiveliscombe Evangelical Congregational Church's listed chapel will be open on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th September as a venue for "Heritage Open Days", with an exhibition on the fascinating history of the chapel.

The celebrations continue into the Saturday evening with a Barn Dance in the new hall with 'Tease the Cat'.

Come along to The Silver Street Centre on 9th September to learn some freestyle tricks, join in the fun and see the great new facilities.

The Silver Street Centre is a fully accessible complex of meeting rooms and halls which is available to hire - for further information see www.silverstreet-centre.org.uk or Tel: 01984 623107.

For further information about the church and its many activities, see www.wiveliscombe-congregational.org.uk or Tel: 01984 623487

Wiveliscombe Horticultural Society garden party and show

NOW that Somerset is looking its very best and we can go out into our gardens without wearing scarves and bobble hats, it is time to think about the Garden Party which this year is on June 10th.

It will again be hosted by Mr and Mrs John Smith at Berry's, their lovely house in the High Street.

Those of you who came last year will, I am sure, be planning to come again because we had a lovely afternoon with delicious teas with homemade scones and cakes and a chance to be in the Smith's beautiful garden.

As well as cream teas, there will be plants and produce for sale, a raffle and a chance to chat to friends and perhaps make new ones - in fact, something for everybody! All we need is your company, so do keep the date free and hope for beautiful weather!

After the Garden Party comes the Wiveliscombe Horticultural Society Show, this year on Saturday 19th August.

There will be all the familiar fruit, flower and vegetable classes, and some new classes in the floral art section. Some changes have been made in the handicraft and cookery classes.

Incidentally, it is worth entering the cookery classes - one keen gentleman gardener remarked last year: "I don't know," I slave away in the garden all year whereas my wife does some cooking the day before the show and walks away with several prizes!"

There will be some new classes in the children's section, and hopefully a chance for us to see some more of those wonderful animals made out of fruit and vegetables which stole the show last year.

The Flower Show schedules will be available in June (if you would like a copy sent to you by post, please contact the Secretary on 01984 624492). Exhibition Classes of Fruit, Flowers, Vegetables, Floral Art, Cookery, Handicrafts and Children's Classes.

Further information from The Honorary Secretary, J. Donnelly, Tel 01984 624492.

Tolland open gardens

ON Saturday and Sunday 1st and 2nd July from 2pm to 5.30 there will be a selection of six gardens open including the tranquil Gauden Manor Garden.

Admission price is £3.50 for adults, under 12s free.

This is only the second time that Tolland has opened its gardens to the public in a wonderful rural setting, amidst the backdrop of rolling countryside.

A fun day for all the family stalls to include plants, cakes, books, bric a brac, preserves and cream teas with garden games and a tombola stall in aid of St John the Baptist Church, Tolland.

There will be ample parking, and a very warm welcome from this picturesque hamlet which nestles between the Brendon and Quantock Hills.

Also for fun, we are holding a Tolland Tarts competition - which is open to men only!

This takes the form of baking a pastry case tart with either a jam, fruit or savoury filling, to be kindly judged by Mrs Ruth Parkhouse on Saturday 1st July at Dobles House, Tolland. Entry forms from Mrs Nora Gammon, 50p per entry.

For further information and directions please ring 01984 667373 or 667310.