

Wivey says Thank You!



SINCE the launch of "Wiveliscombe - A History of a Somerset Market Town" in December 2005, people from far and wide have bought the book, or sent it to their friends and relatives both in the UK and abroad.

They have read it with delight and a certain degree of pride that they live in, or have a connection with, such a great place as Wiveliscombe!

The Wiveliscombe Civic Society decided that the members of the Wivey Book Group, who created this fabulous town history, should be thanked, and on Thursday 9th March a reception was held to honour and celebrate that group.

His Worship the Mayor of Taunton Deane, Cllr Richard Lees and Lady Mayoress Mrs Sue Lees joined book group and civic society members, fami-

ly and friends who had gathered in the Community Centre, where wine and nibbles were offered by the society.

The 70-strong audience heard from Susan Farrington, whose idea and drive made the book possible, from Hilary Miller and from Brian Collingridge about just how hard it is to begin to write such a history!

As Pauline Homeshaw, chairman of the civic society said: "We can only imagine the hours and hours of dedicated work this project took - the group has created not only an affectionate look at the history of our town with some fabulous photographs, but a work of true academic research."

At present there are no copies left of the book - 1500 copies sold out in six weeks! The good news is that "Wiveliscombe" is to be reprinted and the group is already in the planning stages of a second edition.

Where in the world . . .

COPIES of 'Wiveliscombe -A History of a Somerset Market Town' have been sent to London, Scotland, USA and Australia.

The Wiveliscombe Messenger and the Wiveliscombe Book Group would be delighted to know where else in the world this handsome volume is being read.

STOP PRESS

THE Wiveliscombe Book Group are pleased to announce that further copies of 'Wiveliscombe -A History of a Somerset Market Town' will be available by Easter from the same outlets as before and from P.O.Box 22, TA4 2ZH or via the www.wiveliscombe.com web site.

Proliferation of email: What do you do with yours?

ARE you an empty or an overflowing inbox kind of person? Do you slash and burn or hoard your emails?

I like to keep my emails, both sent and received, or at least those that convey information.

The spam definitely goes in the trash. Nasty spam. Who needs that anyway? Then there are the circulars and subscriptions, they get quickly scanned for anything interesting, then dumped. They don't convey lasting information for the most part, they just call for attention.

So what I keep is personal mail. Real people who've provide me with facts, or posed questions. My sent mail is personal, I wrote it. My requests or opinions.

For at least the last 10 years now I've used email as my preferred method of communications, although in some cases that's been wrong. Some people just prefer to talk and see email as impersonal. To those people, I'm sorry, and I have recently learnt from that.

Email just suited my style I suppose. Being slightly introverted, not wanting to butt in, the email is the perfect 'by the back door' way of communicating. Allowing the recipient to decide when and how to digest it. Or that was my take.

According to my yearly email archives, I now keep twice as much as five years ago, assuming my keep/trash filtering has been the same, which I think it has.

In 2001, I kept just under 1,000 emails, but by 2005, that was up to 2,200. Send-

ing was much the same story, just over 1,000 in 2000, and 2,200 in 2005. This year looks like a 20% increase so far.

As for the junk, in the first two and half months of this year, there are 2,000 messages in my deleted file. That's spam not caught by my spam filter, and the other less important things that get filtered out. So I reckon on somewhere between 12,000 to 20,000 messages coming my way in a year, spam included.

The convenience of email is perhaps one of the reasons why its so popular. I wouldn't have written that many letters.

By the time my career got going, fax was the way of business communication, and with many of my customers in the 90s being overseas, fax and the telephone was my method.

I remember I used to have a large cardboard box into which I put all of my sent and received faxes. That was my archive.

By the dotcom boom, email had replaced the fax. I now keep all of my emails for similar reasons. Every now and again, I need something from a few weeks or months ago, and occasionally, years.

We make many important business decisions via email these days, that email is our written record. Our conscientiousness. Mine at least.

I suppose the question is, is it right? Is there something better? What's yours?

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The Jim Laker Fund

ON Friday 24th February we held our Auction of Promises at the Bear Inn. It was a great evening and we raised a total of just over £1,500.

Our very grateful thanks go to all who had put promises up for sale and as usual to the punters who came and spent their money.

On Wednesday 22nd February we held our AGM. Our secretary, Marian Mann, reported that she would like to step down as she had recently started a new job which took up rather more of her time.

We were pleased to hear that she wished to stay on the committee and thanked her for her services over the years.

Sam Nash, who has been helping Marian over the past few months, was elected as the new secretary. The remaining officers and committee were returned unopposed.

Both the chairman and treasurer were happy to report another very successful year. We helped



Artist Leo Hartas holding the original artwork for the first page on the Wiveliscombe website, auctioneer Richard Oliver and the successful bidder in the background, Chris Howe

nine organisations to the tune of £2,450 and we have three further applications in the pipeline.

Our main source of income was from the Bonus Ball draw every week, which raised £980. Our thanks go to our president, Bev Greenbank,

who organises this for us each week.

We would also like to thank Donna and Russ who do such a great job of selling them for us.

The collection boxes in the three fine hostleries in the town raised over £200, so once again our thanks

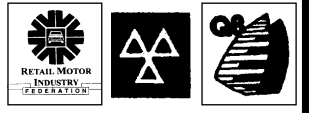
go the punters who so generously support us throughout the year.

Next year will see the 10th anniversary of the JLF and we will be looking for a suitable way of celebrating. Any ideas?

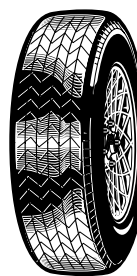
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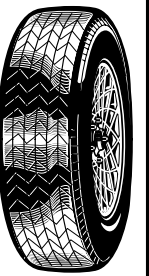
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