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**Jock Ferguson prepares to pipe in the New Year**

## History in the making

MANY thanks to Susan Farrington and the Wiveliscombe Book Group for all the hard work that went into producing such an interesting and readable history of Wiveliscombe; this quality book is truly a credit to the town.

As a read of the book will show, the Congregational Church has a long history although not quite so long as some - and we are still making history!

Our spiritual forefathers identified themselves as meeting in the "chapel" for good reason. They wanted to emphasise the fact that the church is the community of believing people and not the building that they meet in.

Significantly, the 'church' is temporarily meeting in the Community Centre during the early stages of building work on the chapel site in Silver Street.

Our spiritual forefathers rightly understood that the head of the church was neither political or eccles-

## Wiveliscombe Rotary - Christmas update

THE Wiveliscombe Rotary Club had another successful Christmas with over £1800 raised from their varied fund raising activities in Wiveliscombe and the surrounding area.

Although rain affected Santa's first visit to The Square, members and partners of the Rotary club continued their valiant efforts to make Christmas a happy one for children and adults alike, right up to Christmas Day.

The Rotary Christmas Raffle with a first prize of a £100 Christmas Hamper

donated by Mike Stacey Construction, was won by local residents Caroline and Chris Pearse. The raffle realised nearly £1100 from ticket sales and the main beneficiary, Wivey Link, has received £1000 from the Rotary Club to assist them in their vital community support work.

Residents at Pulsford Lodge also enjoyed the company of the Rotary team at their annual Christmas get together - with the singing of well known songs such as the Hokey Kokey & The Lambeth Walk - it's still a few years yet before "I can't get no Satisfaction" becomes a much requested item!

Chris Weston, President of the Rotary Club, would like to thank everyone who supported Rotary in completing its programme of Christmas Activities and gave so generously to the raffle and collections etc.

We would also like to thank all those businesses which donated over 30 odd prizes for the raffle - thank you we cannot do it

without your generous support.

The Rotary Club are still seeking donations of old mobile telephones and redundant hand tools - if you can help us please contact David Edwards on 01984 623188 (evenings) - these will assist with our current International aid support plans as well as

providing local funds for local good causes.

Members of the club miss much loved member George Heath (aka George the Elf), who sadly died just before Christmas after a long illness.

This year's Santa Deliveries were in memory of "George, a dear Elf and Friend".



**The late George Heath with Santa**



**Adrian Kellett, Jill Bond and Bill McNicholas draw the winning ticket for the hamper**



**Party time at Pulsford Lodge**

WIVELISCOMBE'S film society, Cinema Obscura, is enjoying its sixth season of films at the Kingmead Drama Studio.

For those that are new to the Wiveliscombe area, it was formed in 2000 and was awarded "Best New Film Society" by British Federation of Film Societies.

Independent in thinking the small organising committee and members are always seeking to show the best and possibly most challenging films that World Cinema can offer - and this current sixth season has already demonstrated this in abundance in the first half of the season.

Members and their guests have already viewed four films which were thought provoking, visually stunning to watch and quite often left the audience looking for another opportunity to view other films by the Director or main actors.

Many of the films screened have won the prizes at top international film festivals - but are not normally avail-

able to be viewed on the 'big screens' in the Taunton area.

The recent Cinema Obscura showing of "Gloomy Sunday" - a film recommended by a CO member, which has been shown continuously in Christchurch New Zealand and Boston USA - but sadly not readily available in the UK, was one such film which was much admired by all those attending.

With four more films to go in this season, there is still plenty to enjoy and savour

**19th February:** The Taste of Others. Directed by Agnes Jaoui. Three men, three women, opposites, possibilities, and tastes

**19th March:** Turtles Can Fly. Directed by Bahman Ghobadi. The Iraqi-Turkish border on the eve of an American invasion.

**23rd April:** The Happiness of the

Katakuri. Directed by Miike Takashi. The hills are alive with the Sound of Screaming!

**14th May:** Life Is a Miracle. Directed by Emir Kusturica. What could be better for the village than a scenic railway to bring in the tourists?

All Cinema Obscura screenings are on Sundays, doors open from 7pm, main film commences at 7.30pm.

Mark Reynolds, Cinema Obscura's current chair, told the Messenger: "Cinema Obscura is a very friendly film society which has brought to Wiveliscombe (and beyond) residents nearly 50 unique and genre defining films.

"Always an impressive list of films to see, our current season has been a bit of a challenge in sourcing some much rarer films - but that challenge has been well worth it.

"As always we are dependent on our membership strength and are always seeking new committee members to assist in running things - so come along to any of our films to find out more about running a local film society."

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