

Wiveliscombe Community Swimming Pool

AS promoted in the last edition of The Messenger, we are trying the 10 Parishes Swimathon - a new, fun competition.

We have changed the date to Sunday 16th July for the heats for each of the 10 Parishes. The winning team from the inter-Parishes final, on 9th September, will receive an artist-designed trophy to display in their Parish.

Any team of 4 people from any of the 10 Parishes wanting to enter the competition should submit their team's names to Phil Cookson 623707 by 1 July.

The annual Cup Gala (for teams of young people) will

be on 3rd September.

You could gain free First Aid training by attending our Pool Attendant training course on 24th and 25th June. In return, all we ask is 1 or 2 hours of your time each week to watch over the swimmers.

Check out Pool Attendant responsibilities on our page at www.wiveliscombe.com

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Emergency at village pre-school!

THE children from Stawley Under Fives pre-school had a great day out at Taunton fire station at the end of March.

They were learning about this emergency service as part of their theme for the half term. They have been looking at people who help them, having had visits from a doctor, the police and a dental nurse.

At the fire station they sat in the fire engines, rolled out the hoses and looked at all the other equipment that the firefighters use.

The children were all very excited and loved

learning about how the fire-fighters respond to emergency calls. They were given a talk about fire safety and matches and were even given a book each about why you shouldn't play with matches.

There are currently ten children at the pre-school for two to five year olds. They meet at Appley Pavilion on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 am to 3pm and they study a different theme each half term.

There are vacancies at this friendly, rural pre-school and if you would like further information contact Lisa Roy-Wolfe on 01823 663292.

Summery Roast Chicken

A warm roasted chicken salad with croutons

YOU will need; 1 medium chicken, 2 thickish slices of white bread, 1 tin anchovies (optional), mixed salad leaves eg Little Gem or Romaine lettuce, young spinach, lump of Parmesan cheese, garlic, 1 large egg, juice of 1 lime or lemon, 1 heaped tsp mustard powder, 150ml good olive oil, fresh-



ly ground black pepper and salt

Timing is important in this recipe because you want the chicken warm, not hot, for serving. So, first roast a chicken in your usual way.

Make the dressing. Break the egg in to the food processor, add 1 clove of garlic, lime or lemon juice, 2 anchovy fillets, mustard powder, whiz till smooth, then keep motor going and slowly pour in the stream of oil - it should end up like single cream. Taste and add salt and pepper.

Croutons. Rub slices of white bread with a cut garlic clove, cut into cubes, sprinkle with olive oil and cook in the oven for 8-10 minutes.

Salad. A mixture of some (or all) Little Gem or Romaine, rocket, young spinach, dandelion leaves. Rest of drained anchovy fillets snipped up. Parmesan Cheese (shaved with a potato peeler). Put it all together just before serving

Cut up or carve warm chicken, put the leaves in a very large bowl, add snipped anchovies, add dressing, toss in chicken and croutons and mix up, throw parmesan shavings over the top. Enjoy.

Extras: You could add some olives, capers, chopped up hard-boiled egg, cooked young broad beans or cooked peas.

I'm Sure You'll Have Noticed . . .

By our correspondent Jas

greener than ever before.

In truth, the only real blot in general view is on West Road more or less opposite the road down to the Rugby Club.

There used to be garage and petrol station there with the usual accompanying cars and vans awaiting or receiving attention. Nowadays there a couple of businesses on the site and cars and vans still abound though in lesser numbers than back then.

Memory has it that a few years ago there was a plan to put up some housing on the site and that would run along nicely to the pleasant little terrace and join the pleasure of looking over the Rec and the fields beyond.

This came to mind the other day when we set off for the delights of Knightshayes Court. Avoiding looking left on Croft Way at what appears to be Jones's Garage scrapyard and then, moments later, dodging looking to the right, there's that drive up and round the horseshoe bend on through Bampton.

But before that there's Shillingford. That's not our parish, of course, but it's pleasant until you're staring at the fearful shambles of scrap metal which may have been cars in days long gone.

That will never happen on our West Road, will it, but when will it happen that any possibility is eliminated for ever? A statement from those in charge of such matters, please?

Jas

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Wiveliscombe Rugby Club



THE club held its Dinner and Dance at the clubhouse on Friday 5th May during which trophies were presented and team captains gave their season reports.

1st XV played 27 games, winning 15, losing 10 - 6 of these were league defeats - and drawing 2. Points for 723 and against 448, league points for 586 and against 243. 46 players played for the 1st XV, 12 of whom were colts.

Vice-captain Danny Gray and John Palk played all 27 games. Donal Bingham, Nick Wickham and Mark Barrington played 25 each with James Pinney playing 24.

Danny Gray scored the most points notching up 155 with 31 tries. Simon Higgins notched up 117 points, 33 conversions and 17 penalties. Gareth Bellamy had 66 points, 6 tries and 18 conversions.

Player's Player of the Year was Danny Gray and James Escott was awarded most improved player.

Captain Eamon Bingham reached his 300th game for the 1st XV with Gareth Bellamy reaching 150 and Donal Bingham 75.

The 2nd XV played 23 games, winning 8, with 13 defeats and 2 draws. Points for 384 and against 494. 67 players played for the 2nd XV throughout the season. Player of the Year was Martin Pownall.

The 3rd XV played 19 games, scor-

ing 58 tries in all. Top points scorer was Rob Pinney. 3rd XV Player of the Year was Martin Broom.

The Colts XV played 25 games, winning 19 and losing 5, points for 507 and 219 against.

Tom Colley notched up 12 tries and Spiros Stabulos 13. Dan Hannaford and Aaron Hanson were top points scorers with 214.

Colts Player of the Year was Robby Hill. Blazer badges were also awarded to Martin Norman, Rob Dibble, Ian Colley, Spiros Stabulos, Rob Hill, Ricky Brammel, Miles Webber and Olly Burrows.

The U16s played 13 games, winning 5 and losing 7, with Tom Yandle scoring top points.

The U13s played 12 games, winning 7 and losing 5.

The Ladies XV played 13 games, winning 10 and losing 3, with Beth Smith being awarded Player of the Year.

Special presentations: Clubman of the Year Rob Stone, Supporter of the Season Ken Tucker for raising financial support for the Colts Cup campaign in the National U19's Plate Competition.

A presentation night for all the junior sides will take place during the closed season.

The club's Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 23rd June at 7.30 pm at the Clubhouse.

Roger Bellamy