

Village Recorders (Steve Henley) report 2016

A brief look at some of the events in Winesham during 2016

Parish Council

First meeting of the year 20th January. Steve Baron appointed new clerk

Meeting on the 16th March. Current account £ 24,000 plus £ 8,000 in BS.

A number of planning applications received including housing scheme at Fynn Valley Golf club.

Suggestion of fixed speed indicator devices to slow traffic was again rejected by the committee.

Flooding problems in the village especially in Coopers Close, possible blocked drains.

The village recorder's report was issued in April. The Annual general meeting took place in May with Mr. Rush being elected as Chairman.

The current bank account showed a balance of £ 27,266.11 with an additional Building society balance of £ 8,141.03 Planning applications, speeding through the village and footpaths were the main discussion points.

July meeting: The bank balance now stands at £ 18,144.18 the building society balance remains unchanged. Footpaths again were a major discussion point. Also traffic and flooding.

The September meeting took place on the 21st. The meeting dealt in the main with ongoing issues such as Highways and planning.

November 16 saw the next meeting with many of the ongoing issues being discussed. Apparently to replace the current 30mph signs through the village would cost between £10K and £18K (yes that is £10,000 - £18,000.00) !!!!!

Under planning the following were given permission by SCDC- Spinney Cottage, Fynn Valley Golf Club, Land on Mow Hill. Among those refused were The Barn Strugglers Lane and the land opposite Burwash. Thanks were given to those involved in the recent production of the Barley Players by the Chairman Chris Rush.

Community Group:

9th July Village Show date announced with 70 different categories.

10th July Garage sale.

Queens birthday celebrations set to take place at the Barley Mow

A quiz set for September

Musical evening planned for November. (see Village Voices).

The community group folded at the end of the year with funds being taken over by the village show committee!

Village Hall:

The Booking Clerk remains as Mrs. Anne Debenham

Village Hall Management Fete set for the 9th July

A charity fair took place on the 19th October

Talitha Koum March: work begins on the second building, is announced

Village Voices:

Thursday meets at the Baptist church.

14th May songs and scones entertainment. raising money for Christian aid.
The music festival took place at the village Hall on the 26th November with over 90 people attending. The evening was put together by our Witnesham musical partnership of Christine and Paul Laughlin.
The evening raised over £525 for the Woolverstone Wish Macmillan Nurse's appeal.

Barley Mow

8th January .Andrew Pratt had a waxing to raise money for St. Elizabeth Hospice.
More than £ 600 was raised.

June 11th to Celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The Firework display was again held at the pub thanks to the generosity of the Landlord Les Osborne. It was attended by approximately 200 people and it is without doubt the highest attended event of the year that the village holds, sadly not financially supported!

Carol service held at the Pub on the 13th December

The Barley Players announce another production to take place from the 28th to the 30th October at the Le Panto Theatre in Church Lane.

The production of Cripps, Cripps and Cripps is well received and the group held a Christmas party at the Barley Mow on the 22nd December. It was announced at the event that the play raised £ 750 for the Children's charity EACH. The play had centred around the writer's experiences working in the city of London in 1966.

Other news: An exhibition of the work of Leonard Squirrel was shown at Christchurch Mansion. Leonard lived most of his life in Witnesham.

Tom Henley and his wife brought their son to Witnesham church on the last day before the refurbishment work started which would continue through to the spring of next year, to be Christened. Tom was christened at the same font some 35 years earlier

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Feb 10th Talk given by Amanda Richmond on climbing Everest.

5th March litter picking. Part of the Queen's national clean campaign.

March 9th talk by Sophie Ayres from The End of the Rainbow local shop.

April 13th Birthday party and entertainment by Joyce Kimber.

11th May David Jones gives a talk on Wines.

The annual garden party took place on the 8th June

July 13th involved a talk by David Jessop on his African experiences

26 Nov. wreaths and table decorations were made following a demonstration by Helen.

Regular village Events

Dance classes on Mondays from 3:30

Post office at the Baptist church remains open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Carpet Bowls remains also on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Pilates on Friday

Tai Chi on Thursdays

Drop in Cafe Mondays

Mums and Toddlers Fridays

Boxing day walk (This year starting at the Moon and Mushroom) low attendance this year of about 60 people.

School

There was an open afternoon for prospective parents on the 10th October.

27th September pupils and staff came to school dressed in the flag colours of a country of their choice. The idea was to promote European day of languages.

The Harvest festival celebration took place on the 7th October

A sponsored walk and a firework cake sale collectively raised £ 500

An Ofsted inspector visited the school on the 11th October and concluded that the school continues to be good.

The Christmas play this year was 'Christmas with the Aliens'. Because of the ongoing work at the church this year's carol service was held in the play ground.

Church

on the 23rd March Keith Jillings passed away.

The Church Fete set for the 25th June. To include the Ipswich Community Wind Band, a gun dog demonstration and a history photographic display.

Fete set for 25th June. The fete raised £ 1,550.00

Work finally gets underway on the improvement work required for the church. It began on the second week of August and is due to finish in the spring of 2017

Harvest festival to take place on the 18th September with a barn dance on the 1st October.

Examinations passes reported and therefore recorded:

Genevieve Cook BA (Hons) Linguistics, communications and Society - Nottingham Trent Uni.

Kerry Miller BA (Hons) Early childhood studies - University college Suffolk.

Ben Townley BA (Hons) Theatre and professional Practice - Coventry Uni.

Nicole Hogger BSc Business Management - Kings college London

Press: The following appeared in the East Anglian Daily Times:

2nd August Emergency services were called to an accident yesterday afternoon when a motorbike and a bus collided on the road. the road was blocked for an hour and a half..

20th August it is announced that Christchurch Mansion is to host a retrospective of Leonard Squirrell's paintings. His paintings will hang along side those of Constable and Gainsborough. Leonard was born in Spring Road Ipswich but lived and worked for the vast majority of his life in Witnesham

26th Sept. Dog finds Les Osborne's wallet which was lost during a game of golf at Fynn Valley.

27th Sept. Witnesham Nursing Home rated inadequate by the health regulator

29th September Today marks the centenary of the birth of Ronald 'Carl' Giles who lived most of his life in Witnesham and was a frequent drinker and sometimes banned visitor to the Barley Mow. A statue celebrating his work was unveiled in Ipswich in September 1993

30th September: A mural created by Giles was discovered in the Sporting Farmer pub it measures 16 ft by 8 ft but is in danger of being lost for ever as the pub is closed and will probably be demolished sometime in the future. The future of the

mural is unclear

4th Oct. Two men raise £1,000 by hiking for the Talitha Koum project..

10th Oct. Two Giles cartoons go under the hammer at Martlesham on 13th October

10th October. The Talitha Koum project ready to welcome its first residents.

9th November 2 people were treated for carbon monoxide poisoning after an alarm was set off at flats in Witnesham. The property consists of 7 flats in Upper Street, Witnesham.

16th Nov. Witnesham primary school receive a good Ofsted report

30th Nov. Talitha Koum marking the eight years of fund raising.

28th December. A car comes off the road and ends up in a ditch between Witnesham and Ashbocking.

Wasps: Unfortunately no news reported

Fynn Valley

Christenings/Marriages/Deaths

1. Christening: Albert George Henley born 1st April 2015 christened 14th August 2016 son of

Thomas Stephen Henley and Elizabeth Henley of 2 Westerfield Road, Ipswich.

2. Deaths: Keith Patrick Jillings of Buckshorns, The Street, Witnesham died 23/3/16

Mary Elizabeth Scotchmere (Late of Witnesham) died 27/2

3. Marriages: None

Rainfall: still awaiting details.

Steve Henley April 2017

Village recorder and Historian.