



# WICKHAM

## Community Association

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### THE END OF AN ERA

It was with great sadness, that Wickham Social Club bar served its last pint on New Years Eve. For several years, there have been efforts to revive the business of The Club but takings just did not cover the expenses and the raw truth had to be realised sooner or later. Unfortunately, as with all business of this type, it is not possible to advertise that it was going to close so, following a fantastic party on New Year's Eve, it was a great shock to many Members to find the doors locked for the last time.

In the good old days there was a Club in the old Victory Hall in Bridge Street and the idea was to recreate the theme in the new Community Centre. So it was, in 1980, that the Wickham Social Club opened in the Community Centre. The first years were highly successful and the profits that were generated from the Club's activities helped fund a lot of the improvements to the raw new building. Also, the Members were very active in helping people in the community. For example, the foundations for the Theresa Talman Youth Club building was excavated and poured by Club members.

There are so many people to thank for the work that has been put into the life of The Club. It has had some wonderful evenings of good entertainment but like the 'happy hour' that was banned in 2003, all good things must come to an end. This is the fourth Centre based Social Club in this area that has had to close in the past year. Maybe it is a sign of a passing age.



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We can offer you a range of job enhancing experience in:-

Law; Accountancy; Human Resources;  
Entertainment; Building Management; Public  
Relations; Advertising; Social Care.

Talk to us at Wickham Community Centre, we have a number of volunteer slots which we can tailor to suit you. You pick the time that you can give. We also have a range of FREE training courses to fit your needs.

## Club 55

Club 55 has lifted off to a good start. More than 30 people came to the opening day in January and made it plain that they wanted activities to stretch the mind and body. It looks as though we will be holding fortnightly meetings alternately on a Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Computers and modern technology featured high in the training needs and many wanted to take advantage of the new community mini bus to go to the Theatre and explore our beautiful countryside. There will also be opportunities to try out exercises like Pilates and Tai Chi as well as lots of other activities for men and women.

To find out more, contact us at the Community Centre.

PS. Don't forget, we have rooms to hire for all sorts of social occasions and can arrange catering for you. All at very reasonable prices.

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