



# WICKHAM

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants. PO17 5AL

### Summer 2009

#### Change of name for the Community Centre

Quick reminder that the Community Association has agreed to change the name of Wickham Community Centre to **Wickham Centre**, the change reflects the way the Centre is working to provide more facilities and opportunities for **all** local people.

The website address has also changed to [www.wickhamcentre.org.uk](http://www.wickhamcentre.org.uk)

### WICKHAM SUMMER PLAYScheme



Bookings are now being taken for the Summer Playscheme which will be running from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August at Wickham Centre. Information and booking forms are available from reception.

#### July activities and events for your diary all at the Centre unless noted

**Three Bears Playgroup** every morning during term time 9.30 -11.30

**Scouts** Monday 7 - 9pm during term time

**County Youth Workers** Monday 7pm Youth Club Building during term time

**Keep Fit** Monday 6 - 7pm

**Weight Watchers** Monday 7pm

**Rifle Club** Monday 7.30 - 9pm

**Ladies Circuits** during term time Tuesday 10 - 11am

**Mobile Library** Wickham Square Tuesday 9.15am - 12.45pm

**Dance Academy** Tuesdays 7 - 9pm

**Scallywags Dog Training** Tuesday 6.30pm

**Wickham Indoor Bowling** Tuesday and Friday 7.30pm

**Brownies** Tuesday 4.45pm Church Room

**Lunch Club** Wednesday Church Room

**Cubs** Wednesdays 6.30 - 8pm

**Youth Club** Wednesday 6 - 8pm

**Slimming World** Wednesday 7pm

**Poppins Play Group** Thursday 9.30am Church Room

**CAB** Thursday 10.30 - 1.30pm

**Beavers** Thursday 6 - 7pm

**Tamar Blackbelts** Thursday 6 -7pm

**Youth Club** Thursday 6 - 8pm

**Pennywise Dog Flyball** Thursday 7 - 9pm

**Home Start Mother and Toddler** Friday 9-12noon

**Pilates** Fridays 10 - 11am

**Indoor bowls** Fridays 7-10pm

**Rifle Club** Saturdays 10 - 12 noon

**Tamar Blackbelts** Saturdays 1 - 2pm

We look forward to seeing you!





## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

*Wickham Community Association's mission statement is 'to improve the conditions of life for the people of Wickham and district'.*

### **Our objectives are to:**

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Wickham and district, without discrimination, to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, to the betterment of the people concerned.

To establish and maintain a community Centre.

To promote any other charitable scheme on furtherance of the above objects.

Wickham Community Association is committed to:

Being non discriminatory with regard to sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions.

Being sensitive to the needs of children and vulnerable people.

Working with local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in the advancement of the objects of the Association.

Providing a safe and good environment for the activities of the Association and any other users of the Community Centre and grounds.

In furtherance of our objectives, the Trustees of the Association hold an annual review of its functions at a 'Focus Day'. This year the issues reviewed our performance arising from decisions from previous focus days and whether the work we are doing is of Public Benefit as defined by the Charity Commissioners.

### **WORK OF PUBLIC BENEFIT**

A lot of time has been spent on young persons' projects. The Trustees recognise the importance of provision for young people. We have a continuing dialogue with Wickham Youth Club, who use the Centre for their work.

This year we have enabled the Youth Club to have a piece of land on which they have placed a large Portacabin, linked to our services.

We continue to work with the Meon Valley Methodist Churches in running a daily after school club called WASPs, centred on our IT suite.

We have conducted a survey of the young people in our community and have reached 2/3 of people

aged between 8 and 15 years. The report will be a useful tool for all child centred agencies on the area with whom we intend working in partnership to set up a Youth Council.

In the Autumn, we held a two day Beer Festival which helped to swell our funds and was used on improving the Centre.

Arising from the Beer Festival, we were conscious that we had not catered for families with children so we used some of the funds to hold a Children's Christmas Party, complete with bouncy castle, entertainment and a lunch.

We have improved our Web Site, to inform people of the activities and facilities on offer in the Centre. We have also linked the site to the Parish Council and Anglican Church web pages.

We are lucky to have a large Community Centre which we use as a 'tool' for the benefit of the community. We give preferential hire rates to ten groups whose work is considered to be in the advancement of education; five groups providing social care and eleven recreational groups. There are many other groups and bodies who use the centre, the fees from which enables us to help others.

We also have office accommodation for Homestart Meon Valley and enable CAB to work in the community – both these charities are important to this deprived area and we help to foster their activities.

We are lucky to have a friendly and proactive Parish Council with whom we work to improve the lives of the villagers. During the year we hosted a jamboree of all the local organisations as part of our effort to win the Calor Village of the Year competition. The entry won for Wickham the 'Southern England People Award'. Whether or not we won, we all agreed that the event was a tremendous community building day.

Much of our work is of a bread and butter nature – making sure that the organisation is solvent and that the Community Centre is run effectively so that it meets the needs of the not-for-profit organisations and individuals in the community, to have a safe and good environment for their activities. In ensuring that the whole building is accessible to the disabled, we have made improvements to the interior which benefit all users. In particular the Foyer and Woodford Suite have been upgraded and made much more presentable. With the downturn in the economy, our intention is to provide good quality, affordable accommodation for local folk to hold their celebratory functions.