



# WICKHAM

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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### **Wickham After School Drop-In Service is back on track.**

We are proud to announce that the After School club is back in operation and going really well.

Mike Lock and Liz Rowe have a band of volunteer helpers who give the young people aged 9 - 15 a different menu of activities for two hours each evening after school.

Liz is a dab hand in the kitchen and is introducing the young people to a variety of foods from all parts of the world. The food that they cook and eat links to a giant map of the world. Whilst they taste the food, there is a quiz session on relevant topics.

Mike is sports minded and is introducing everyone to fun games, giving good doses of exercise on the way. They also help with homework and counselling.

The numbers are building up. There is an average of 12 people each evening. Since this is a free drop-in service, the young people are free to come and go, but once they have signed out for the evening, they can not return that day.

Members are making plans for Christmas festivities and doing some fund raising. Discussions are taking place to finalise on a name and logo, but more of that later.

We are doing really well with the volunteer helpers. We have six young people who are giving their time to gain experience in youth work which goes on their CV for jobs or further education.

We also offer training and support which is working well for everyone.

### **SWOT for Youth**

The Association recognises that there a lot of issues for the village at the moment. Plans for housing and surgery next to the Centre; talk of new houses in the village; a new recreation ground; the Scout HQ? - all affect the young villagers and the new families that come to live here. Are their needs being heard and planned for?

If we don't ask the question now, we will be too late AND we have an ideal candidate to do the research for the village.

In association with the Parish Council, which is currently reviewing and updating the Parish Plan, and youth orientated groups, we are arranging for Katherine (Kat) Lemon to carry out a research project for the community. She will work with and amongst the young people, in their clubs and chill out groups, to find their personal aspirations and expectations for the future.



Kat Lemon

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Kat is the ideal candidate for this, her experience in working with young people and charismatic approach is irresistible to young and old. She has a gap year before university and is a committed Wickham girl.

A real gem.

Kat will spend the best part of a year looking at the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) affecting young people today, which will result in a long term plan for the future. This will be attached to the Parish Plan and guide the authorities in providing for the future of Wickham.

Funding will come from a number of grant bodies but we will also be asking local groups to chip in, to show a commitment for the future.

We will keep you up to date on progress.

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

**Three Bears Playgroup** every morning during term time 9am -12.30pm

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

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

**Keep Fit** Monday 6 - 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

**Youth Club** Thursday 6 - 8pm

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

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

**Pilates** Fridays 10 - 11am

**Indoor bowls** Fridays 7-10pm

**Rifle Club** Saturdays 10 - 12 noon

**2<sup>nd</sup> November** Tea Dance 1.30 - 4pm admission £2.50

**11<sup>th</sup> November** 2pm Women's Institute

**16<sup>th</sup> November** 7.15pm Parish Council meeting

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**23<sup>rd</sup> November** 7pm Parish Council Committee meetings

**21<sup>st</sup> November** Tea Dance 8-11pm admission £3.50

Ticket only for 19<sup>th</sup> December buffet dance 8-11pm

Ticket only for 24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve 8-1pm

We look forward to seeing you!

