MILESTONES

An ambitious project to see and record all of Norfolk’s historic roadside milestones celebrated a landmark achievement in Wicklewood. Situated in the aptly named Milestone Lane - one of only four that let travellers know they are 100 miles from London – this is the 100th milestone to be renovated in Norfolk. The picture below shows Ruby Ford, who celebrates her 100th birthday next year and the Wicklewood Brownies who painted the milestone and who celebrate their 100th Jubilee in 2014. Nigel Ford, who started the project as a hobby, says the Wicklewood achievement shows the Society is one third of the way to completion to give these important historic signs the prominence they deserve on Norfolk’s roads. If you’d like more information on the Milestone Society, please see www.milestonesociety.co.uk

PLAY AREA & OPEN GARDENS

Organisers of Wicklewood ‘Open Gardens’ Carole Sidwell and Penny Lowe presenting a cheque for £1,000 to the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mike Gamble towards the purchase of new swings in the playground at the village hall. Over £2,000 was raised by the group; £1,000 was donated to Quidenham Children’s Hospice. Small donations were also made to Wicklewood Archive, Wicklewood Father Christmas and to the local school towards their new wild life pond.

The Parish Council has now placed the order for new swings at the Play Area at the Village Hall. Together with Parish Council funds we have been very successful with grant applications, receiving donations from South Norfolk Council (£2,000), the Geoffrey Watling Trust (£750) and the very kind donation of £1000 from the Open Gardens committee. All this has enabled the parish Council to purchase the swings earlier than anticipated and it is hoped the swings will be in situ by the end of October.

JOINT CORE STRATEGY CONSULTATION

South Norfolk Council has identified land for future development across the district as part of the Joint Core Strategy. The consultation periods runs from 3rd September to 26th October. South Norfolk Council is asking for residents views on preferred options for new homes and facilities.

A schedule of events is available by contacting the council on 0808 168 3000. Alternatively the schedule is posted on the notice board outside the village hall.
WICKLEWOOD DIAMOND JUBILEE EVENT
As all those who attended already know, the Jubilee celebrations at the Village Hall were a resounding success!

With up to 200 people attending throughout the day and into the evening, fantastic weather and a wonderful atmosphere it was evident everyone had a brilliant time.

Thanks must go to all those who contributed their time and efforts to ensure it was an occasion to remember. Photographs are currently being displayed on the Notice Board.

There is a limited number of Jubilee mugs available for a donation of £5.00. For anyone who is interested please contact Mike Gamble 603468 or Richard Goodings 605864.

INCONSIDERATE PARKING
Highways have been contacted by a number of residents who are concerned about the way some cars are parked within the Village. Whilst some of the roads may be perceived as only taking light traffic, cars parked close to junctions and on bends can cause obstruction to other road users and pedestrians. It would be appreciated if everyone could consider the impact on others when parking your cars so as not to cause inconvenience or nuisance.

COUNCIL TAX BENEFITS
South Norfolk are changing the way in which Council Tax benefit will be paid as from 2013 and they would like to hear your comments on the proposed changes.

You can visit South Norfolk website at www.south-norfolk.gov.uk/counciltaxsupport or contact Paul Chapham on 01508 533892 if you’d like more information on how the changes may affect you.

HEDGES
A number of residents have raised concerns about privately owned hedges causing potential obstructions to other pedestrians and motorists.

It would be appreciated if hedge owners could ensure their hedges are trimmed and do not over grow on to the public highway.

2012/13 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES
The following dates have been set for the 2012 meetings.

All meets are held in the Village hall and commence at 7.45pm.

Members of the public are welcome, and parishioners have the first 15 minutes of the meeting to address the Parish Council.

Monday, 3rd September.
Monday, 4th October.
Monday, 5th November.
Monday, 3rd December.
Monday, 7th January 2013.
Monday, 4th February 2013.
Monday, 4th March 2013.

THEFTS FROM OIL TANKS
The police are advising residents to take care to secure their oil tanks as summer comes to an end and people are thinking of buying their first supplies for the winter. Such thefts are expected to increase in the next few weeks and months, so you are advised to seek extra precautions in order to deter the possibility of thefts.

Contact the Police on 101 for further information.

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BEFORE 6PM (NO BAR) £4.63 per hour.
AFTER 6PM (NO BAR) £7.00 per hour.
KITCHEN SUPPLEMENT £10.00
WEEKEND ANYTIME (NO BAR) £7.00 per hour.
EVENING FUNCTION with licensed (6.00pm to midnight) £92.70 plus £100.00 refundable damage deposit.
ALL DAY FUNCTION with licensed (8.00am to midnight) £184.40 plus £100.00 refundable damage deposit.

For further information and booking please contact Mrs Karen Bush (Booking Clerk) on Tel: 01953 603395 or Mob: 07887 772207

POLICE WARNING
Police are warning motorists to secure their vehicles following a number of thefts of Catalytic converters.

Police in Wymondham have teamed up with a Norwich garage to offer motorists free catalytic converter marking. Drivers of Mercedes Sprinters vans will be able to visit Orwell Truck & Van Mercedes Benz in Hurricane Way on the 26 and 27 September to get catalytic converters marked.

The cost of scrap metal makes this sort of crime quite common in rural areas and quite lucrative for the thieves. Advice includes:

• Security marking your catalytic converter.
• Park parallel to another vehicle to make access difficult.
• Ensure the vehicle is fitted with an alarm mark the cat converter.
• Contact your local crime reduction offer on 101 for more info
• Remove items of value from your vehicle whilst unattended and keep it secure at all times.

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