

**TUESDAY 23th JANUARY –
Powers behind the Throne:
The Women of the First
Millennium by Imogen
Corrigan – via Zoom**

Many think that it was only in the 20th century that women came into their own, however, the truth is that our Anglo-Saxon sisters had a surprising freedom in law; they could own land, sue, and be sued. Join us to discover the influential woman of the first millennium AD. Whilst we will meet saintly and worthy women, perhaps the more interesting ones are those who go down in history for their cruelty and monstrous behaviour. What is plain is that these women had a voice: downtrodden and marriage chattels they were not!

Meetings are held at **7.30 pm** on the **fourth Tuesday** of the month, except for December which is the second Tuesday. Annual membership is only £8pp. Visitors are most welcome at £2.50pp per meeting. For more information and programme updates, please check our website at www.wickhamhistory.org.uk

For those who wish to join, or attend any of the talks, then please get in touch with our membership secretary Vanessa Burlingham on 01329 835283. Alternatively, use the [contact](#) page on the website.

Men's Breakfast

With one month to go, we can record another successful and enjoyable year. We have been given insights into a remarkable range of topics by our members, by villagers who have yet to take up the

invitation to join our group, and by guest speakers.

Hitherto, we have been self-supporting for breakfast, cajoling nervous souls into serving a meal for some twenty gourmets and relying heavily on the generosity of wives who offered to wash up for us; now we collect a meal from Will whose Crescent Spoon mobile kitchen trailer can often be seen at events in the village.

During the year we have made donations to Combat Stress and the Children's Society, and we will be making further donations and a contribution to the church at our Christmas party in the Square Cow. We would be very pleased to welcome new members and any guest speakers.

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Wickham Residents' Association



WRA is looking for volunteers to join a neighbourhood Community Speed Watch Scheme.

We are aiming to establish a Community Speed Watch (CWS) scheme for Wickham. Speeding and associated noise in Wickham have long been a blight on residents' lives. The police, with limited

resources, can only provide sporadic enforcement.

What is Community Speed Watch?

It is a scheme that enables members of the public to volunteer alongside Hampshire Constabulary to monitor traffic passing through their area and identify vehicles which exceed the speed limit.

Each scheme is run by volunteers and managed and supported by the local Neighbourhood Policing Team. Training will be provided by Hampshire Constabulary Citizens in Policing Coordinator. In addition, the WRA will be seeking funding to purchase the necessary speed detection radar along with personal safety equipment for our volunteers. We anticipate the scheme will start in the New Year.

How does it work?

Volunteers use equipment that can monitor the speed of passing traffic. The volunteers collect details at the roadside of speeding vehicles and pass this on to Hampshire Police. Vehicle checks are undertaken by the police and entered into a database. The registered keeper of the vehicle will then be sent an **educational letter** telling them that their vehicle was seen exceeding the speed limit and the impact their actions have on the local Community. If the same registration number is logged again within 2 years, the registered vehicle keeper will receive a warning that if the vehicle is seen a third time the details will be passed to an officer who may take further action.

Community Speed Watch is not enforcement, it is education.

Community Speed Watch is used throughout Hampshire to:

- Improving the quality of life for local communities

- Reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- Increase public awareness of inappropriate speed
- Reduce death and injury on roads
- Empower local people to take action on local issues

Locally, CSW schemes are running in Boarhunt, Curdridge and Shedfield but it is sadly lacking in Wickham and needed to ensure the safety of residents and ongoing driver education.

Data from Parish Councils Speed Indication Devices in Winchester Road (A334) shows vehicles travelling up to 58mph in the 30mph limit. Unfortunately, these devices do not record vehicle details so offenders cannot be followed up.

Boarhunt Community Speed Watch volunteers have recorded numerous speeding vehicles travelling through the village (Southwick Road B2177) more than the 30mph limit with several in the range of 50-70mph!

If you can spare a few hours each month to take part in our roadside Speed Watch sessions, we would love to hear from you. To Volunteer or just get more information please email your name and contact details to our Speed Watch coordinator Darren Johnson at SpeedWatch@WickhamResidents.org.uk who will get back to you with further Information.

Drainage and Flooding Issues

25th October saw a manhole cover pop on Winchester Road with the same-coloured silt water from the Bishopsgate

site that has been passing through the gardens of the Spur and Elizabeth Road. Hampshire Highways informed us the popped manhole cover on the corner of Buddens Road was due to a blockage. Houses below this on Winchester Road were drenched and cellars flooded. WRA has a committee member, resident in that area, who is in direct link with the relevant authorities. He will maintain time and location information to develop a mapping of issues in the area below the Bewley Development to pick up and report patterns which would identify any broader issues. If you have any new water / drainage problems in or around your property, please get in touch with WRA at myvoice@wickhamresidents.org.uk

Safety - Junction of A32 School Rd and B2177 (Southwick Road)

"The WRA has been corresponding with Hampshire Highways for some months about the junction of the A32 (School Road), B2177 (Southwick Road) and Bridge Street. It is the scene of several accidents and a lot of near misses. Foot traffic has also increased with residents of the Glebe using the footway to access Bridge St and the Square plus the school and the Doctors Surgery. Highways have responded by resurfacing the junction to reduce skidding, but this is not a full answer.

The WRA has prepared a plan for a pedestrian crossing and a double mini roundabout at this junction. This is with Highways who are now also adding further signage and a "Village Gate" with prominent 30 signage on the A32 north of the Church.



The A32 will suffer from additional traffic after the creation of Welbourne and the WRA consider that these further suggested improvements are required now.

STOP PRESS

Kayleigh Rooke a resident of Knowle has raised a petition to prevent the destruction of all the trees and bushes along Knowle Drive by the Developers of the new Welborne Housing Development.

This will destroy a significant wildlife corridor and completely change the current tree-lined route into Knowle Village. Please help our friends and fellow villagers by clicking on this link <https://chnng.it/KRr9NXqKWm> and then if you wish sign the petition. If possible, please send this link to your local friends.

WRA membership - is available to anyone 18 years or older in the PO17 postcode area.

Joining is simple and FREE just e-mail your name, address, and contact number to membership@wickhamresidents.org.uk OR visit our website at wickhamresident.org.uk.

TOGETHER WE ARE ALL STRONGER – JOIN US AND HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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