



# The Wivenhoe Society

## Newsletter Winter 2011

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Colchester Morris Men entertaining Wivenhoe on Boxing Day

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Come our AGM in March, I shall have completed the customary three years as Chair, but nobody seems to be stepping forward to relieve me! Helen Evans has indicated that pressures of work and family mean she cannot continue as Secretary beyond March. Our committee is much smaller than it should be. In short, we need more of our large membership to volunteer to help run the Society or it will cease to function. Please, everyone, think about making more of a commitment, preferably before the AGM!

## PLANNING

There have been a couple of significant planning applications recently. First, a proposal to build one 3-bedroom, three 4-bedroom and four 5-bedroom houses and associated garages at Ten Acres in The Avenue. This plan also involves the demolition of the existing house, so there would be a net increase of just seven houses. Your average developer would have applied for – and probably got – permission to build a far greater number of homes on this site, but this plan is very sensitive to the site and minimises the loss of trees. Given that the site is designated for residential use and that housing development sooner or later is inevitable, we think this modest plan is the best that can be hoped for. I am pretty certain also that there is an unmet demand for larger houses in Wivenhoe. It has been said that the site would be an ideal place to introduce some adventurous modern architecture, particularly as only one of the proposed houses would be visible from The Avenue, but such designs are difficult to get past the planners and I dare say they might not be easy to sell.

Secondly: a plan to build nine houses on the patch of grass in front of the undertakers in Rectory Road displays the high density and bland design we have come to expect from developers. Again, this site is designated as residential and there would appear to be no valid grounds for objecting to the plan apart from the implications of increasing traffic on a road that already has a bad accident record. But it is a great disappointment.

Both these applications are regrettable in that they involve yet more encroachment upon what little green space there is left in Wivenhoe and, if approved, will place further burdens on our already overloaded infrastructure. It is odd that we can increase the population fourfold, with all that implies in vastly increased council tax revenue, yet when it is finally acknowledged that a new health centre is needed, the funding is not there to buy residential land for it, so it has to go on agricultural land on the edge of town! School provision has also consistently lagged behind increases in the school-age population and as for Colchester Road, our main 'artery' to the rest of the world, well it's basically the same as it was in the days of horse-drawn vehicles.

*Tom Roberts*

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## COMMENTING ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning decisions can affect the character and amenities of Wivenhoe and the committee of the Wivenhoe Society attempts to keep up to date on any planning applications and where appropriate to comment on these. Any group or member of the public can send comments or objections to any planning application. Many of the applications in the last year in Wivenhoe have been for extensions to individual houses or minor conversions and on the whole the committee has not thought it appropriate to comment on these, except where there seemed to be traffic or parking implications.

Recently there have been some more substantial applications – proposals for eight houses at Ten Acres in The Avenue and for nine houses on a site in Rectory Road. An

application is in the pipeline for a development of 170 houses across the river on the Wharf at Rowhedge. The committee criticised a previous application for 300 homes as we thought the scale of the buildings was inappropriate. This particular application was refused.

If you want to find out about planning applications much the easiest way is to do it on-line. Google "Colchester on-line planning" and the appropriate address will appear. To find out about applications in Wivenhoe press the accept conditions button and then type in "Wivenhoe" in the box which appears. The lists are not always quite up to date and it can take some time to download some of the files. If you want to object or comment then you can do this on-line. If you do not have access to a computer then life is harder. Neighbours should be informed by the Council of applications that could affect them but the Council decides who the relevant neighbours are. Notices should be displayed at the site, so do not assume that a notice attached to a telegraph pole is advertising a circus or a jumble sale.

Weekly lists of major applications are published on Fridays in the East Anglian Daily Times and details can be viewed at Angel Court or if the application is for Wivenhoe they should be available at our own Town Council Office. If you wish to comment by post then you can write to Environmental and Protective Services, Colchester Borough Council, PO Box 884, Town Hall, Colchester, CO1 1FR. The Council tries to balance delays in making decisions with giving adequate time for public consultation. The consultation period is normally 21 days but because of delays in the system the window of opportunity to comment can be quite short, so if you feel strongly about a proposal, respond quickly.

There has been a recent change in the procedure for dealing with comments/objections from the public. An objection to an application no longer means that the application will necessarily be considered by the Council Planning Committee. The decision may be taken by planning officers without reference to the Committee. Councillors can request that the application be placed before the Committee and must do this within the 21 day consultation period, so if you want to ensure that this happens you need to contact your local councillor fairly promptly. It is not clear whether this has to be the councillor of the ward in which any development is proposed or whether it can be the councillor for the ward in which you live. For applications in Wivenhoe I suggest contacting a councillor for the relevant ward. Their contact details are listed below.

The Council cannot arbitrarily refuse planning permission. On its on-line planning site there is some information about grounds on which permission can be refused and also about objections which are sometimes made which would not be legal reasons for refusal. Loss of a private view is not a valid objection, but loss of visual amenity is not (please do not ask me to explain this further!); overlooking and loss of privacy is, but the impact of construction work is not.

The Council can require modifications to schemes so, even if a development does get approval, it is worth sending in comments on those aspects of a proposal which you feel could be improved.

The Wivenhoe Society Committee really needs someone with more expertise in the field of planning/architecture to monitor applications and put forward informed comments. Please is there a member out there who would like to volunteer for this?

***Jane Black***

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## DETAILS OF COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCILLORS FOR WIVENHOE

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Note: all the Councillors except Mark Cory are on the Planning Committee.

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## RECENT WIVENHOE SOCIETY EVENTS

### ANNUAL WINE TASTING



A very good evening was had by all who attended the wine tasting in late November. I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Co-Op management for the supply of the wine and also the local cheeses.

I said at the time that the cheeses were only available in Manningtree Co-Op, but I am now told that our local Co-Op has some in stock if you want any that are not on display, please speak to Terry (Store Manager) and he will try and obtain some for you.

Several people asked for the recipe that Jan used for the biscuits which we ate with the final wine of the evening, so it is given below.

**Dave Harrison**

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#### **CHOCOLATE FINGERS**

8oz (225g) unsalted butter	7 tbsp cocoa powder
8oz (225g) vanilla sugar/plain caster sugar	10oz (285g) plain flour
2 tbsp natural yoghurt	1 tsp baking powder
2 tbsp fresh orange juice	¼ tsp salt
1 tbsp mustard powder	freshly ground black pepper

#### **Method**

1. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in remaining ingredients one by one in the order given and mix thoroughly.
3. Roll into a long sausage shape about 2in (5cm) thick on a piece of greaseproof paper or silver foil. Wrap up, flattening the foil lightly as you wrap, so that when you slice you will have rounded finger shapes.
4. Chill for at least 1 hour.
5. Slice as thinly as possible and lay pieces on greased baking sheets.
6. Bake at 190C/375F/gas mark 5 for 10-15 minutes.

Any unused dough can be stored in the freezer for later use. Recipe makes 55-60 fingers.

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#### **POST CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The sale of tickets for the annual Post Christmas Party gave some cause for concern in advance, but in the event around 70 people came.

Popular duo the Judith Charmers kept everyone on their feet and everyone, including the musicians, told us how much they enjoyed it!

**Jean Coverley**

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#### **PUBLIC MEETING ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE GATEWAY**

Last November, there was a public meeting at the William Loveless Hall organised by the University, to inform Wivenhoe residents about the University's Knowledge Gateway project and in particular to give details of the potential inconvenience when the new road junction onto Clingoe Hill is built later this year. Unfortunately the meeting was not adequately advertised and very few people attended. The University undertook to arrange another meeting in the New Year and the date has been fixed for Friday 28 January, 7.00 - 8.30 pm, at the Nottage Institute.

Work is now underway to develop the 40-acre Knowledge Gateway at the University of Essex's Colchester Campus and local residents from Wivenhoe and nearby areas are invited to attend this information session to find out more about the development.

Members of University staff will give a short presentation about the development, including roadworks, and will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

#### **ABOUT THE KNOWLEDGE GATEWAY**

The Knowledge Gateway is the new home for social and scientific research and business space in Colchester. With the University's flagship Institute for Democracy and Conflict Resolution at its heart, the Knowledge Gateway will build on the University's links with business, public and third-sector organisations.

It will provide research and development and office space for start-up businesses through to major blue-chip companies, eventually creating up to 2,000 jobs. Jackson Civil Engineering of Ipswich is the appointed contractor to design and build the site's roads and services. The project will include a new junction with traffic signals on the A133 Clingoe Hill, providing a safe crossing point for pedestrians. The University is working closely with the contractors to develop a timetable for the roadworks affecting the A133 to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum for motorists and local residents. Find more information about the project at <http://www.essexknowledgegateway.co.uk>

*Jo Davies*

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#### **WIVENHOE'S MEN OF TRAFALGAR**

When I was a lot younger, I was inspired by the thrilling tales that came out of the Battle of Trafalgar. The heroism of Admiral Lord Nelson and the fighting spirit of England's 'hearts of oak' were implanted in my youthful mind. Do our youngsters of today have a similar appreciation of that iconic conflict from two centuries ago, I ask myself?

Practical learning forms an essential element when exploring our heritage. In Wivenhoe, we have a unique opportunity to be part of that learning and understanding of our national maritime heritage.

One of Wivenhoe's men of Trafalgar was Able Seaman James Martin. James was born in Wivenhoe on 11th March 1778. He served aboard HMS Neptune during the 1805 battle. Some years after the event, he produced his personal memoirs. The manuscript is in the possession of Mr Rob Martin, one of James's descendents. Rob lives in Devon and hopes the document could be put on public display, preferably in Wivenhoe (a copy can be viewed online at [www.camulos.com/war](http://www.camulos.com/war)).

It is thought that the memoirs are the only written account of Trafalgar from 'below decks.' They are constructed in that unique and quaint manner that existed two hundred years ago and portray the feelings and apprehensions of an able seaman in battle. Recalling an engagement with the French ship Le Beusentau, he wrote: "The shot flying like a shower of haile and the ocean seamed al on a blaze and every element shaken with the afull thunder of the cannon and evrey moment added new horror the the day."

An exciting project awaits us. That is to complete Rob's wish to have his ancestors memoirs placed on public display in Wivenhoe. A small task group is being assembled and an application is being prepared for Heritage Lottery Funding. A suitable display case will need to be constructed to ensure safe keeping of this valuable historical record. An obvious location for the display is the Nottage Maritime Institute.

It is clear that Heritage Lottery Funding demands encouragement for local and wider opportunities for learning. Accordingly, our local schools and museums are expected to become active partners in the venture.

Perhaps these notes on the death of Nelson that conclude James' memoirs will leave you inspired too.

"The mighty soul that Nelson first inspired,  
In dien hower the Godlike hero feard.  
Lamented and mourned on Britain's greatfull shore,  
Peacefull he sleep and dreams of war no moor.  
What better end can best of hero's claim,  
Children yet unborn will lisp the heros name.  
And age to age record thy matchless fame."

However, James Martin was not the only Wivenhoe man at Trafalgar. Benjamin Clover Snood was born in Wivenhoe on 23 December 1777. He was the son of William Snood and Ruth Clover. He married Elizabeth Carter in 1800 and went on to serve in the Royal Navy. As Able Seaman B S Snood, he served aboard HMS Swiftsure at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The gravestone in memory of Ben and Elizabeth was located in St Mary's Churchyard by a descendent, Mr Brian Rose, during 2007. It formed part of the flagstones in Carolin Memorial Gardens at the rear of the church. The simple inscriptions show BCS 1837 accompanied by ES 1839. They record the dates that both Benjamin and Elizabeth died.

The stone has been removed by Wivenhoe Town Council staff. It will be cleaned and re-presented to St Mary's Parochial Church Council. It is hoped that it can then be placed in a more prominent and deserving location befitting one of our Wivenhoe heroes from the Battle of Trafalgar.

*Cllr Robert Needham*

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## **LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING FLOWERS**

Wivenhoe in Bloom have successfully planted over 3,000 crocuses in the greensward on either side of Rosabelle Avenue and by the bus stop on the High Street, as well as 500 scilla in the boats outside the William Loveless Hall, on the corner of De Vere Lane and other sites in the village. Well done to all the volunteers who braved the autumn wet weather to get all the bulbs planted in time, and also to re-do the tubs dotted around Wivenhoe which were successfully planted with winter flowering pansies.

The next major project to be undertaken by Wivenhoe in Bloom is the re-design and planting of the bed on the corner of the High Street / Belle Vue Road (outside the opticians). The Council have given their blessing to the plan for an enlarged planting area which the group plan to complete in the spring.

As part of their fund-raising activities, Wivenhoe in Bloom ran the raffle at the Wivenhoe Society's Christmas Craft Fair, and were delighted to raise £106 which will help to swell their coffers.



## BUSES COME A-VISITING ..... OR NOT .....

Off the Rails ([www.offtherailswivenhoe.net/](http://www.offtherailswivenhoe.net/)) sadly had to postpone the Christmas Art Bus after heavy snowfall in the railway station car park in December. However, plans are being made for an Easter Bunny Bus, so fingers crossed. To avoid disappointing the families which did trudge through the snow, an Art Bus Contingency Bin was filled with 'Station Artist Kits' to take away and be inspired. Hopefully, ideas in the kit, including a 'paint a porthole paper plate' and imaginary train tickets, will have given the children something to do and provided material for future exhibitions on Platform 2 - which is now the home of the 'Crab and Winkle Gallery', so called in memory of the old branch line to Brightlingsea, closed as a result of the Beeching cuts in 1964. There are three display boards sited on the platform for the benefit of London-bound commuters (and everyone else...).

The other bus which was due to visit in November was the wonderful cinema bus, which was, courtesy of Colchester's firstsite in conjunction with Moving Image ([www.movingimage.org](http://www.movingimage.org)) and Off The Rails, due to spend a day in Wivenhoe. The visit was postponed for technical reasons but the bus should be coming in soon.



The Vintage Mobile Cinema brings a unique slice of cinema and automotive history, combined together to give the audience an exciting film viewing experience unavailable anywhere else. It is a 22-seat movie theatre, and was one of seven units custom built for the British government in the late 1960s, used at the time to promote British industry. Sadly it looks like all other six have disappeared forever, leaving us with the only example of a quite stunning piece of British transport heritage. All efforts have been made to remain faithful to the original format in the restoration of the vehicle.

The plan will be to have a rolling programme of short films throughout the day so, even though it only seats 22, everyone should be able to get a turn to experience this unique venue.

*Moira Collett*

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## NEWS FROM WIVENHOE PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP (P3)

Many thanks to all of you who continued to support the work of the Wivenhoe P3 last year. Weather, even worse weather and sickness led to a slow-down in activity by the end of the year but hopefully everyone is feeling refreshed and looking forward to 2011. Our first activity is planned for Sunday 23 January - see Forthcoming Events (p.12).

As we are only too aware, we are in challenging economic times and local government funding is being drastically cut. I know not what this means for P3 but am going along to a meeting with Tony Rhodes on 23 February, so will hopefully learn a bit more then. P3 is very much part of the 'volunteer' culture that our current government claims to support and promote, and our work does save the County valuable money overall, so I remain hopeful! At that meeting, we will also hear how County wants us to plan our

work for this year, so I will be getting back to you as soon as possible after that and will arrange a planning 'get together' in early March.

If you are interested in getting involved with the work that we do or just want to know more, please contact me by ringing 01206 825633 (evenings and weekends) or by emailing [hellsevans@colchester.ac.uk](mailto:hellsevans@colchester.ac.uk)

*Helen Evans*

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## **INTRODUCING THE WIVENHOE FORUM**

A new interactive website for Wivenhoe locals was launched in January of this year, with the aim of embracing the whole community and allowing online dialogue. The Wivenhoe Forum (<http://www.wivenhoeforum.co.uk>) is an online message board where locals can exchange information all about Wivenhoe life.

I moved to Wivenhoe in 2010 after almost twenty years away from the town following my time at the University. My paid work now involves using the internet to help connect people. I wanted to set up something similar in Wivenhoe that will also help to promote the town.

The Wivenhoe Forum is a purely non-profit website. We don't take adverts, and our overheads are incredibly low at just under £50 a year for website hosting. We do however positively encourage the local Wivenhoe economy, and we greatly welcome any free postings made by local traders to help promote their business.

The site itself is fairly simple to use. Simply go to [www.wivenhoeforum.co.uk](http://www.wivenhoeforum.co.uk) and you will see a list of the current conversations. A number of categories have been set up, such as a What's on in Wivenhoe section, Wivenhoe Artists and a For Sale section.

Anyone can read the conversations, but you will need to register to be able to post a message or reply to a conversation. All that we get from you when registering is an email address. This will never be used for any purpose other than contacting you, should a problem arise.

The idea behind the Wivenhoe Forum is very much as an online community notice board. We currently have a great cross section of locals within the town as members, all talking about how working together we can help to improve life around Wivenhoe.

There is also a Wivenhoe Memories section. It is hoped that by using the global power of the internet, previous residents of Wivenhoe can use this part of the site to help keep in touch with the town, or perhaps share memories.

In setting up the Wivenhoe Forum I make no apologies for wanting to positively promote the town, both within Wivenhoe and further afield. The majority of the conversations are positive and as one would expect, Wivenhoe locals really do want to work together to help promote the place.

Please do have a look at the Wivenhoe Forum. If you are a local trader then we would love you to plug your services, no matter how big or small. Local sports clubs can plug their forthcoming fixtures; likewise for the pubs with any live events happening. It is a place for sharing information and dialogue, and hopefully co-operation and working together.

*Jason Cobb*

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## **THE STATION MASTER'S HOUSE**

Transition Town Wivenhoe (TTW) are leading on an exciting project to utilise the Station Master's House, which is Grade II listed and owned by Network Rail. It is currently divided into two small flats, in rather a sorry state, and has been empty for a couple of years. As reported in previous Newsletters, Off the Rails ([www.offtherailswivenhoe.net](http://www.offtherailswivenhoe.net)) have been cultivating the garden, with great success, but now TTW have put a proposal to Network Rail with the idea of using the house as a community hub.

TTW organised a meeting on at the William Loveless Hall in early January to explore ideas for taking this exciting new venture forward, and it was very well attended. The question which the meeting addressed was: how could the Station Master's House make Wivenhoe a more sustainable community?

Working in small groups the meeting generated a huge number of ideas, and one which has immediate appeal is the establishment of a charity shop in some of the space. This would both produce some much needed income while making it really easy for us all to recycle unwanted goods without having to make the trip into Colchester.

But there is far more to it than that, and TTW is not in a position to take this forward on their own. The initial idea is to set up a social enterprise which can offer skills and training courses and activities related to building local resilience, e.g. food growing, crafts skills, renewable energy, energy advice, cycling related activities and local skills exchange and share schemes. The next step is putting a comprehensive document with a fully worked out proposal to Network Rail, and that will happen soon. I hope that we will be able to give a full report on these developments in the next Newsletter.

*Moira Collett*

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## **QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE**

Wivenhoe Town Council are starting to plan celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. There will be two extra Bank Holidays giving us a long weekend from Saturday 2 to Tuesday 5 June.

WTC are now in the process of forming a Diamond Jubilee Working Party. If you have any good ideas for celebrations to mark the occasion in Wivenhoe, please pass on your thoughts to any member of the Committee.

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## **BRIGHTLINGSEA SOCIETY**

As reported in a previous Newsletter, there has been contact between our two societies and we would like to encourage members to take advantage of each other's events. The Brightlingsea Society meet on the second Tuesday in the month between September and April, and have outings over the summer. Their meetings are held at 7.20 pm in the YMCA Hall on the High Street in Brightlingsea and tickets are £1 for members and £2 for non-members, including tea and biscuits.

On 8 February there will be a talk by Jill White: "Brightlingsea, old and not so old" and then on 8 March, there is a talk by Roy Bernie intriguingly titled: "How Arnold Bennett, Lord and Lady Docker, polio and Tom Poole charted my path through life".

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## WIVENHOE SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Are you paying the correct subscription? Just a reminder that our very modest rates are:

Family/couple membership	£8	Single person (not working)	£3
Single person (working)	£5	Couple (both not working)	£6

If you think you may be paying the wrong amount (e.g. if you have stopped working since you joined) please get in touch so I can put my records straight. Of course if you pay by standing order then you will need to alter the amount by notifying your bank of the change. Also please request a standing order form if you would be happy to pay that way and aren't already doing so.

It is most gratifying to report that we have quite a number of new members recently, and membership of the Wivenhoe Society has now reached 370. While it is great to have more members, it also means we have more Newsletters to deliver!

### CAN YOU HELP WITH DELIVERIES?

One reason we can keep the subs low is that we deliver most material by hand rather than by post, but we really do need a few more helpers to share that load. If you would be willing to collect the odd sub/deliver the Newsletter to members who live in a few streets near your house, please do let us know. It can be a very enjoyable way to meet more of your neighbours.

***Moira Collett***  
***Membership Secretary***

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Any member of the Society is welcome to attend meetings of the Committee as an observer. We meet on Wednesdays in the upstairs room at the Nottage at 7.30 pm.

Scheduled dates for the rest of 2010/11 are: 19 January, 23 February and 23 March.

**The AGM will be on 30 March 2011.**

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### WIVENHOE SOCIETY COMMITTEE 2010-11

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<p><b>Sunday 23 January</b> Meet at the cul-de-sac where Henrietta Close meets fields at 10.00 am</p>	<p><b>Parish Paths Partnership</b> We will be working on clearing the stretch of Footpath 14 which runs along the back of the houses by the fields near the quarry at the top end of Wivenhoe. This is a long stretch and pretty overgrown so we need as many volunteers as possible! Please dress for the weather and bring gloves and rake, if you have them. Enquiries to Helen Evans 01206 825633 (evenings and weekends).</p>
<p><b>Sunday 10 April</b> Meet at Railway Station Car park at 10.00 am</p>	<p><b>Spring Riverbank Cleanup</b> Help to keep our riverbank free of rubbish and therefore a pleasant area to take a walk or a cycle ride. We usually finish around midday. Bags provided, but bring your own gloves and stout footwear. We look forward to seeing you!</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 30 March</b> Nottage Institute 7.30 pm</p>	<p><b>Wivenhoe Society Annual General Meeting</b> The business meeting will be followed by a speaker on a topic of local interest, and then an opportunity to talk to other members, with light refreshments. All members are encouraged to attend if they can. Further details will be sent to all members in early March.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8 May</b> 11.00 am, approx 2 hours</p>	<p><b>Wivenhoe Heritage Walk</b> A guided walk led by Doreen Brimm, a Wivenhoe resident and Colchester Blue Badge Guide. Tickets £1.00 members, £2.00 non-members available from Pat Smith 01206 825622 or Jean Coverley email <a href="mailto:jean.coverley@tesco.net">jean.coverley@tesco.net</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday 20 &amp; Sunday 21 May</b> 11.00 am – 5.00 pm</p>	<p><b>Wivenhoe Open Gardens</b> We have again joined with Friends of St Mary's in organising this event. The money raised is split between us. The local charities which are to be the recipients of our half will be announced shortly. There is still time, so please do contact Pat Smith 01206 825622 if you are interested in opening your garden for a good cause.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 10 September</b> 10.00 am – 4.00pm St Mary's Churchyard</p>	<p><b>Wivenhoe Society Fun Day</b> Bouncy castle, music, stalls, refreshments. Stalls available - contact Pat Smith on 01206 825622 or Jean Coverley email <a href="mailto:jean.coverley@tesco.net">jean.coverley@tesco.net</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday 2 October</b> 10.00 am Station Car Park</p>	<p><b>Autumn Riverbank Cleanup</b> Help to keep our riverbank free of rubbish and therefore a pleasant area to take a walk or a cycle ride. We usually finish around midday. Bags provided, but bring your own gloves and stout footwear. We look forward to seeing you!</p>
<p><b>Saturday 12 November</b> William Loveless Hall</p>	<p><b>Christmas Craft Fair</b> Stalls available - contact Pat Smith on 01206 825622 or Jean Coverley email <a href="mailto:jean.coverley@tesco.net">jean.coverley@tesco.net</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday 7 January 2012</b> William Loveless Hall</p>	<p><b>Post Christmas Party</b></p>