

# WISBECH TOWN MATTERS

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THE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER FOR WISBECH

**FREE!**

## The Fair is Coming!

*The annual Wisbech Mart Fair is coming to town.*

*Everything will be up and ready to go on Friday 4th March 2011 when it will be officially opened at 6pm by Councillor Nick Meekins, Mayor of Wisbech with Mrs Sara Meekins, Mayoress and members of Wisbech Town Council.*

*The fair will be in Chapel Road Car Park and also on the Market Place  
Friday 4 March to Saturday 12 March  
Open 6pm on weekdays, 2pm on Saturdays (closed Sunday)*

*Come along and join the fun*



*The Mayor, Mayoress and Deputy Mayor are met by Showmen's Guild Eastern Region President, John Thurston at the Statute Fair held in September before enjoying the thrills and spills of the entertainments on offer*

## Welcome to 2011

### **Message from Cllr Nick Meekins, Mayor of Wisbech**

Whatever your plans I hope you have an enjoyable and productive year. Thank you for your support and I look forward to meeting you at other events during the remainder of my Mayoral year.

### **Message from Cllr David Oliver, Leader of Wisbech Town Council**

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone in Wisbech a successful and enjoyable 2011.

### **Message from Stuart Murat, Wisbech Youth Council Chairman**

I would like to wish you all a Happy New Year, especially those who are studying for, or sitting, exams. I would also like to send best wishes to all of our friends who have left school and gone on to college, university or work. Good Luck in 2011.





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The Brink send thanks to all their fans who turned up in their hats and gloves to see them rock while drinking hot chocolate!

Correct at time of going to press: FRONTMAN WANTED for THE BRINK

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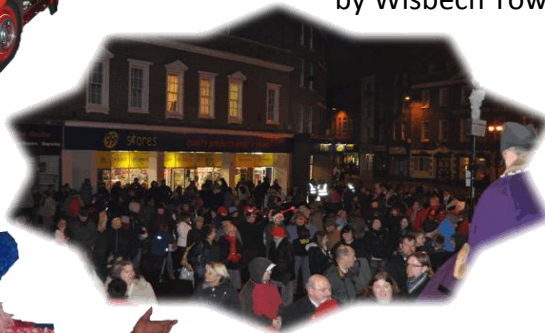
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# Wisbech Christmas Lights Switch On 2010

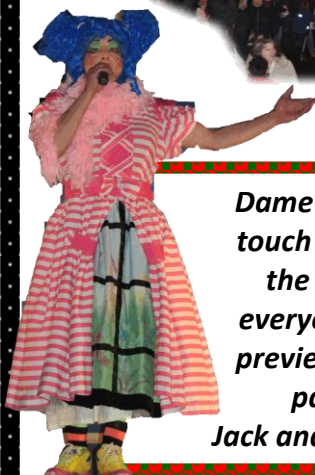
*Hundreds of people braved the freezing weather to join the celebrations for the 2010 Christmas Lights Switch On.*

The Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Nick and Mrs Sara Meekins rode into the Market Place on Vivien the vintage Fire Engine. The purchase and erection of the Christmas lights and tree, and the Switch-On are wholly sponsored and organised by Wisbech Town Council.



Were you there?

Thank you to everyone who wrapped up and turned up to enjoy the fun.



*Dame Trott added a touch of glamour to the events; and everyone enjoyed a preview of the RATz pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.*

Also in the parade was Santa on his sleigh and the Wisbech Christmas Lions who acted as Santa's helpers for the evening as he handed out gifts of sweets to children sponsored by Tesco, Asda, QD and the Market Newsagents.





2011

**St Augustine's Church  
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**7<sup>th</sup> March & 4<sup>th</sup> April**

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## **Wisbech Town Council**











Your council meets regularly at the Council Chamber, 1 North Brink. Forthcoming meetings are Planning 14 and 28 February and 14 March 6.30pm; Finance & General Purposes 14 February 7.30pm and Allotments 14 March 7.30pm; Full council meets on 24 January and 28 February at 7.30pm. Agendas are published on the website or on the notice board outside 1 North Brink.

Wisbech has many events held during the year involving the Town Council. These include: Armed Forces Day, Armistice and Remembrance, Rose Fair, the Mart and Statute Fairs, In Bloom/Allotments Presentation Evening, Civic Service and Wisbech Christmas Market.

*Watch the Press or our website for details*

**2011 Dates for your diary ... Wisbech Rock Festival – Saturday 18 June ~ Rose Fair - 29 June to 2 July ~ Wisbech Bring & Share Festival - Sunday 7 August ~ Heritage Weekend - 9-11 September ~ Christmas Lights Switch On Friday 2 December**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Ward</b>
 <p>Cllr Mrs CR (Carol) <b>Cox</b> <i>Cllr Mrs Cox is also a Fenland District Councillor for Clarkson Ward</i></p>	<p>33 Bowthorpe Road Wisbech PE13 2DX</p> <p>01945 465588</p>	<b>Clarkson</b>
<p>Cllr Mrs VM (Viv) <b>Macrae</b></p> 	<p>Haverholme 12 Bowthorpe Road Wisbech PE13 2DX</p> <p>01945 489602</p>	<b>Clarkson</b>
 <p>Cllr Ms S (Samantha) <b>Hoy</b> <i>Cllr Hoy is also a Cambridgeshire County Councillor for Wisbech North Ward</i></p>	<p>7 Sybil Road Wisbech PE13 3NG</p> <p>01945 466387</p>	<b>Hill</b>
<p>Cllr Mrs JR (Janet) <b>Jolley</b></p> 	<p>7 Keillors Close Leverington Wisbech PE13 1PG</p> <p>01945 584370</p>	<b>Hill</b>
 <p>Cllr HB (Bruce) <b>Wegg</b> <i>Cllr Wegg is also a Fenland District Councillor for Hill Ward</i></p>	<p>34 Colvile Road Wisbech PE13 2ET</p> <p>01945 585568</p>	<b>Hill</b>
<p>Cllr T (Trevor) <b>Wright</b> <i>Cllr Wright is Chairman of the Planning Committee</i></p> 	<p>28 Maldon Road Wisbech PE13 3SR</p> <p>01945 587653</p>	<b>Hill</b>
 <p>Cllr Mrs YP (Yvonne) <b>Lawrence</b></p>	<p>10 Westfield Road Wisbech PE13 2HA</p> <p>01945 480997</p>	<b>Kirkgate</b>
<p>Cllr DR (David) <b>Patrick</b> <i>Cllr Patrick is also a Fenland District Councillor for Kirkgate Ward</i></p> 	<p>12 Limes Avenue Elm PE14 OBS</p> <p>01945 861334</p>	<b>Kirkgate</b>

	<p>Cllr JR (Jonathan) <b>Farmer</b>  <i>Cllr Farmer is also a Fenland District Councillor for Medworth Ward</i></p>	<p>18 South Brink  Wisbech PE13 1JQ</p> <p>01945 580239</p>	<p><b>Medworth</b></p>
<p>Cllr M (Michael) <b>Hill</b>  <i>Cllr Hill is Chairman of the Allotments Committee</i></p>		<p>Melrose Villa  23 Alexandra Road  Wisbech PE13 1HS</p> <p>01945 584971</p>	<p><b>Medworth</b></p>
	<p>Cllr NA (Nick) <b>Meekins</b>  <i>Cllr Meekins is Wisbech Town Mayor for civic year 2010-2011</i></p>	<p>42 Pickards Way  Wisbech PE13 1SD</p> <p>01945 465960</p>	<p><b>Peckover</b></p>
<p>Cllr DC (David) <b>Oliver</b>  <i>Cllr Oliver is also a Fenland District Councillor for Peckover Ward</i>  <i>Cllr Oliver is Leader of Wisbech Town Council for civic year 2010-2011</i></p>		<p>39 West Parade  Wisbech PE13 1QB</p> <p>01945 587437</p>	<p><b>Peckover</b></p>
	<p>Cllr AR (Roger) <b>Green</b>  <i>Cllr Green is also a Fenland District Councillor for Staithe Ward</i></p>	<p>6 Ardleigh Close  Wisbech PE13 3SW</p> <p>01945 584311</p>	<p><b>Staithe</b></p>
<p>Cllr PB(Patrick) <b>O'Dell</b></p>		<p>Baytree Cottage  3 Ivesdyke Close  Leverington PE13 5EQ</p> <p>01945 588475</p>	<p><b>Staithe</b></p>
	<p>Cllr NW (Neville) <b>Frusher</b></p>	<p>3 Westfield Road  Wisbech PE13 3EU</p> <p>01945 480959</p>	<p><b>Waterlees</b></p>
<p>Cllr LRV (Richard) <b>Fulcher</b></p>		<p>Ramblewood Farm  Cliff-en-Howe Road  Pott Row  Kings Lynn PE32 1HS</p>	<p><b>Waterlees</b></p>
	<p>Cllr MA (Mark) <b>Parker</b></p>	<p>81 Colvile Road  Wisbech PE13 2EL</p>	<p><b>Waterlees</b></p>
<p>Cllr DA (David) <b>Wheeler</b>  <i>Cllr Wheeler is also a Fenland District Councillor for Waterlees Ward</i></p>		<p>86 Mount Pleasant Road  Wisbech PE13 3LH</p> <p>01945 464386</p>	<p><b>Waterlees</b></p>

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or contact Fenland District Council 01351 654321

# Wisbech Travel Survey

## Win a £60 shopping voucher



Cambridgeshire County Council and Fenland District Council have begun the process of reviewing the Wisbech Market Town Transport Strategy and would like your input.



The survey is designed to gather information that will be used to develop the strategy.

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or contact the Fenland @ your Service shop, Wisbech Library, Wisbech Town Council offices, and various other locations for paper copies. You can also request a copy by contacting us on 01223 715490.

Please return it by **February 4<sup>th</sup> 2011** to be in with a chance of winning the voucher.



## WISBECH TOWN MATTERS

*2,500 copies of this A5 magazine are produced and distributed every two months, plus a copy is posted on Wisbech Town Council's website free of charge.*

[www.wisbechtowncouncil.org.uk](http://www.wisbechtowncouncil.org.uk)

*If you have any events or items you would like us to consider publishing please let us have text and pictures (in electronic format if possible) to [wisbechtc@aol.com](mailto:wisbechtc@aol.com) The copy deadline for the next issue is the 4th March 2011.*

*Where possible we do ask for a small contribution towards the cost, which we are happy to discuss.*

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Lively and fun meetings of the branch are held each month at The Gallery Restaurant, (off Wisbech Market Place); and the whole group contributes to organising the fundraising programme for the year. During 2010 over £8000 was raised with events such as a New Years Dance; collections at Rainbow and Tesco; Wisbech Rose Fair; country shows; an evening of clairvoyance; and (a bitterly cold) Wisbech Christmas Market. We also managed to fit in a Race Night which raised a staggering £1105.64 despite the snow and ice making travelling very difficult on the night.

**Wisbech Town Council Bring & Share Multi-Cultural Festival was a new event for the town and was a great day, enjoyed by all (see photograph); with the added bonus that the branch made £260.33 on its stall.**



The people of Wisbech and the surrounding villages continue to dig deep in their pockets in times of increasing hardship and deserve real praise and our heartfelt thanks for giving so generously to Macmillan Cancer Support.

**2011 will be another challenging year but we already have a calendar of events planned starting with a Valentines Dance including live music, a disco and a full buffet at St**



**Peters Church Hall, Wisbech  
on Saturday February 12<sup>th</sup>**



If you are interested in joining our group, would just like to be a helper or need more information about forthcoming events or tickets for an event please contact Trevor or Adele on 01945 -587653

**Fenland  
arts  
Association**

## **Fenland Arts Association supporting Wisbech**

**Wisbech Christmas Market** was a huge success for Fenland Arts Association who organised and provided the entertainment at the central plinth under the branches of the Christmas tree. Entertainers played throughout the day and included the D.U.D.I Crew who played at the Bring and Share Festival in Wisbech in August.

**Rose Fair 2010** - Arts Officer, Katherine Nightingale met with the Museum Square entertainment committee in January to go over the support Fenland Arts Association were able to give the event by sourcing entertainment for the Wednesday to Friday on Museum Square. There was also the possibility of holding two evening events at the Castle on the Thursday and Friday evenings. The Rose Fair organisers are very pleased with the support provided by Fenland Arts Association and look forward to this productive working relationship continuing.

**Fenland Has Talent 2011** is a Fenland wide competition encouraging creative people of all ages living in Fenland to share their talent within their communities. Depending on the level of entries regional heats will held with public votes and the final of the competition will take place at the BRAZA club in March on Thursday 9th June. Some of the winning acts will be asked to perform at the various festivals and events around the District including March Summer Festival which takes place the weekend following the final. Their will also be monetary prizes, a concert at March Town Hall, and the overall winner will receive a fabulous cup which was donated last year by Patsy Brewin. **Wisbech entertainers should contact Katherine Nightingale , Arts Officer Fenland Arts Association, Town Hall, Market Place, March, Cambridgeshire PE15 9JF 01354 652769 or 07869 135922 [info@fenlandarts.org.uk](mailto:info@fenlandarts.org.uk) <http://www.fenlandarts.org.uk>**

# Wisbech Christmas Market



The Mayor and Mayoress of Wisbech Councillor Nick and Mrs Sara Meekins officially opened this year's Christmas Market, which is organised by Fenland District Council. The Mayoress was presented with a bouquet by children from Orchards School, kindly donated by the Floral Centre, Hill Street.

People dressed up in their winter woollies and faced the icy-cold weather. There were also plenty of warm drinks and snacks on offer to keep everyone happy during the day. Mike Chapman, Fenland District Council's Markets Manager was delighted by the turnout which, even with the weather, was as good as last year.



## Christmas Market 2011 - Mon 19 Dec keep a note in your diary!

Victorian Strollers, jesters, carol singers, clowns, a steam engine driven calliope and bands provided entertainment throughout the day to add to the festive fun.

Photographs by Alice Meekins



2010 was an excellent year.

The photograph on the right shows a very few of the thousands of people who came along and enjoyed Wisbech Rose Fair in June. As usual Wisbech was resplendent, with the churches throughout the town decked in the most wonderful floral displays.

Throughout the year we had the same story – as time after time, people flocked to support the Fairs that came to town in March and September; the Wisbech Rock Festival in June; and the extraordinary Bring & Share multi-cultural music dance and food festival in August.

It is fair, we think, to say that Wisbech is enjoying a bit of a renaissance. It always used to be a criticism of the town that nothing ever happened in Wisbech – this is certainly not the case now. And what about Wisbech In Bloom? How brilliant are they – winning everything, local, regional, national and international.

We also have the Angles Theatre putting on some phenomenal performances; the aptly-named Luxe cinema; some exceptional restaurants throughout the town; brilliant productions put on by Thomas Clarkson Community College and Wisbech Grammar School – not to mention the little ones who continue to delight us with performances such as the choral singing at the Mayor's Carol Service. We can look forward to so much more in 2011, with the new build at Thomas Clarkson and the centres of excellence we have in the Rosmini; the Oasis; Centre 4; Wisbech Library; the Boathouse; and the re-furbished Hudson. **Happy New Year.**

