

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
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**Deadline for items to go in the February
Village Voice**
Sun 20 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon 21 **Gardening Club. *Water lilies at Latour-
Martiac and Monet. Talk by Caroline
Holmes. 7. 30pm, Village Hall***
Tue 22 Black wheeled bin collection
Wed 23 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sat 26 **JUMBLE SALE. 2.00 – 4.00, Meadow
School, Balsham**
Sun 27 Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Mon 28 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.
7.30pm, Village Hall.
All are welcome to attend.**
Tue 29 Green & blue wheeled bin collection
Wed 30 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall

**Daisy Chains Pre-School meets Monday to Friday
9.30 – 12.30 in the Village Hall**

THE VILLAGE HALL

is available to hire at the rates below, it also offers the following equipment: Badminton, Short Tennis and 3 Table Tennis tables.

Village Hall rates (for Village use):

Sport Hire	day or evening £5.00 per hour.
Meeting Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £5.00 per hour. evening £7.00 per hour.
Main Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £7.00 per hour evening £10.00 per hour.
Complete Hall	day (9.00 – 19.00) £12.00 per hour evening £18.00 per hour
Children's party	£30.00 daytime £43.00 evening
Adult's party/disco	£60.00
Wedding reception	£150.00

To book the Village Hall contact Kathy Pelling
T: 01223 290505
or visit www.westwickham.org

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DO YOU WANT FAST BROADBAND IN WEST WICKHAM?

80% of residents in West Wickham said in the village survey that they thought the speed was too slow. Currently 35% of households have registered their desire for greater broadband speed, which isn't enough to stand out to any potential internet provider or the County Council.

Some villages in Cambridgeshire have achieved 80% registration rate on Connecting Cambridgeshire www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk. At the last Parish Council meeting the council agreed that we should get at least 75% of our households registered. As the West Wickham's 'Broadband Champion' I am proposing to collect the following details from all households, that give permission, their name, telephone number and if they use the internet for home or business use. This detail can either be done by e-mailing me directly with your details or by giving the info to volunteers who will be coming round the village. You can still register on the link stated. There is also the opportunity of creating an electronic village e-mail listing at the same time, which I'd appreciate your views on. Ideally, I would like some volunteers to help collect the information, clearly the more volunteers the smaller the patch of village to be covered!

Patrick Charlton. Email: Patrickbcharlton@gmail.com

ROAD GRITTING

At the last Parish Council meeting the question was raised about whether the High Street & Burton End are gritted by the County Council. The answer is yes but they will not always be done, being on a list of secondary roads that are only gritted when there are "prolonged periods of adverse weather". The road from Horseheath through Streetly End to Balsham is on the Council's Precautionary Network list and therefore has a higher priority but if salt & grit runs short or there is not enough time to grit everywhere A & T roads will be given priority. A map of the County gritting routes can be downloaded from www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/winter/grittingroutes.htm

A copy is on the Parish Council notice board.

POTHOLES

Recent freezing weather conditions has led to an increase in potholes across the county and teams of County Council maintenance staff are being sent out to deal with them. However, the County Council needs your help to identify the location of potholes in the area that. You can report a pothole by phoning 0345 045 5212 or online by going to www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/reportingafault.htm

However, highway defects will be dealt on the basis of risk and the County Council criteria for patching potholes is that it has to be 20 mm deep and 75mm across.

DIAMOND JUBILEE WEEKEND

I have made a collage of photographs taken by Katrina Bass, Sandra Bebbington and myself and hung it in the Village hall to remind us of the fun we had. This has been made possible by a generous donation from Sylvia Norton of Streetly End.

Di Licence.

FROM THE VICARAGE

A new year provokes a range of reactions. Some, reflecting on past problems say 'I hope next year will be better than the last.' Engaged couples, planning their marriages, say to me 'we can't wait.' Others, faced with a challenge ahead, ask me to pray for them.

It is a time for a fresh start, for having another go, undaunted. This spirit is reinforced when we focus on the needs of others rather than ourselves.

Over the last year, I met some people who, although they faced great trials, refused to be defined by 'the problem.' They either thought creatively to bring a new insight into a situation, or they shone with personal qualities that were far more enriching than anything else.

A close friend had to face the hard consequences of taking a particular decision. I thought she might go under, but she said, 'This is what I was made to do. This is who I am.' In the face of the challenge she faced, she trusted that she would find something new inside her to deal with it. From a Christian perspective, God gives us the resources as we need them.

If we sit back and wait for things to change for the better, we may be missing an opportunity to make a difference. There could be acts to benefit others that we can offer, either right now or by developing new insights and skills. When we do this there is more to us. It will bring God glory if we fulfil what we were created to be.

For those who seek to overcome challenges, faith can be an inspiration. There are examples of good practice to emulate, values to be taken into account and insights and wisdom to draw on. In the words of the New Year poem

*I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".
And he replied,
"Go into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand
of God.
That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a
known way."*

Peace to you this New Year.

Rev Julie Norris

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST

The Trust, which was set up in 2008 to give an award of £800 to a student attending University for the first time, is now ready to receive applications for the Academic year 2013-2014.

The degree course must be from one of the following:- Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Medicine, Science and Veterinary Medicine.

An applicant must be from one of the following parishes:- Carlton cum Willingham, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, **West Wickham**, West Wratting, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

Further information and application form may be obtained from:- peterandruthlloydtrust@yahoo.co.uk

Closing date for applications will be 31 March 2013.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

BIG VILLAGE DIG

We are not the only ones in the area to receive a Heritage Lottery All Our Stories grant to find out more about our past. The Meadow School has also received one for a similar project – only they are aiming to see if they can find evidence of the Viking massacre in Balsham, so an earlier period. Their project will take place in the autumn term (while ours will be in the summer – look out for more news next month) and will involve, I understand, the older children and we are working together to share experiences and information. As part of this and through the support of Cambridge University staff, we are pleased to host the following talk, which should give some useful background information to those simply interested in or intending to be involved in either or both of the projects.

The Origins of Balsham: Clues in the 1617 Map
Dr Sue Oosthuizen, Institute of Continuing Education

Monday 14 January
7.30pm Village Hall

ALL ARE WELCOME & ENTRANCE IS FREE

Further details from Janet Morris, 21 High Street
T: 290863. Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club held their Christmas meeting on Monday 17 December. It was very well attended, I'm sure not just for the wine and food on offer but to sit back and enjoy a series of illustrated talks on various gardens at home and abroad that 4 of our members have visited recently. These were the Patio Gardens of Cordoba in Spain, Autumn colours at Sheffield Park in East Sussex, Ninfa in Italy and Cotswolds Gardens. A raffle for £40 worth of gardening vouchers was drawn.

On Monday 21 January we are looking forward to a talk on "Water Lilies at Latour-Marliac and Monet" given by the renowned broadcaster and author Caroline Holmes. This should be a most entertaining and informative evening. The Lily Nursery, S. of Bergerac in France, supplied Monet with all his Water Lilies and is still a wonderful place to visit. Please come along if you are interested--- 7-30 at West Wickham Village Hall.

Rosemary Yallop T:01799584262

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

The 2013 Village Directory will come out with next month's Village Voice. If you have any corrections, updates, deletions or information you think should be included please send to me by 16 January.

Sue Thurston T: 290503. e-mail: mail@suethurston.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 26 November 2012.

Village Sign: Emma Thurgood who had been invited, spoke about the proposed village sign in the village. However it was agreed that a sub-committee needed to be set up to get options on design, material and siting. She suggested it is kept simple, and placed where it would make most visual impact and when options are ready to be looked at she would be happy to be involved. Cllrs. Licence, Hall, Plumb & Morris would be part of the sub-committee with representatives from all parts of the parish.

Streetly End Signage: The 30mph markings on the road are now done.

Old Filtration Plant: It was agreed Council would go forward with the transfer from SCDC and conveyance of this piece of land would be carried out by Adams Harrison.

Allotments: These are all taken up. The wildlife area was discussed, the SCDC Tree Officer having come and looked at the plot. He said not to do anything with it for 1 year to see what came up. Fruit trees such as apple and cherry could be planted. There was the question of maintenance but until definite plans have been made discussion was deferred.

Planning:

S/1616/12/L (Stabling at 38 Streetly End) & S/1684/12/FL (new dwelling at 92 High Street) have both received approval from SCDC.

S/0220/12/FL (10 Burton End) had gone to appeal, and the Inspector had granted permission and also withdrawn the S106 development contribution as West Wickham was considered to have sufficient open space. This is being looked into.

Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust: There has been no application for a grant from this Trust this year. (Ed. See separate article on page 2 for details for this year).

Playground Refurbishment: A grant of £18,600 has been awarded by SCDC towards the playground costs. Cllr. Plumb is also applying for a grant from Amey Cespa Cambridge Community Fund.

West Wrattling Crossroads & Speeding: It is hoped that

rumble strips will be placed on the 4 roads with the three parishes involved each making a contribution towards part of the cost of two strips.

Broadband: Only 35% of the parish had completed the form, 75% is the goal. It is vital to get as many applications as possible to make a good case for speedier broadband. (Ed. See article on page 1).

Maintenance:

- Cllr. Batchelor was asked if he could check whether there will be any further repaving of the pavement from the Chapel to Home Close.
- The Parish Clerk was asked to enquire of BT whether they are responsible for keeping phone lines clear of hedges and high shrubs as there is some concern about possible damage to overhead lines.
- Cllr. Batchelor will establish whether the High Street is on the CCC gritting list. If it is not the Parish Clerk will ask CGM, who cut the recreation field, to give us a quote for doing this when needed. (Ed. See article on page 1)
- The Parish Clerk will write to Karen Champion, the Footpath Officer, to suggest that Footpath No. 22 should no longer be cut as it goes nowhere, but that Nos. 4 and 7 be cut as they link into a circular route.

Daisy Chain Pre-school: Congratulations as they have been awarded a grant to create a garden area around the Village Hall patio.

West Wickham Local History Club: Also congratulations as they have received a Heritage Lottery grant to carry out a project to discover the origins of medieval settlement in the village.

Snares: The Parish Clerk will enquire from the owners of Yen Hall whether they are following the Code of Practice in their use of snares.

The draft Minutes will be posted on the Notice Board.

The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 28 January. All are welcome.

Jennifer Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223 894076

Meadow Primary School's Jumble Sale Saturday 26 January 2013

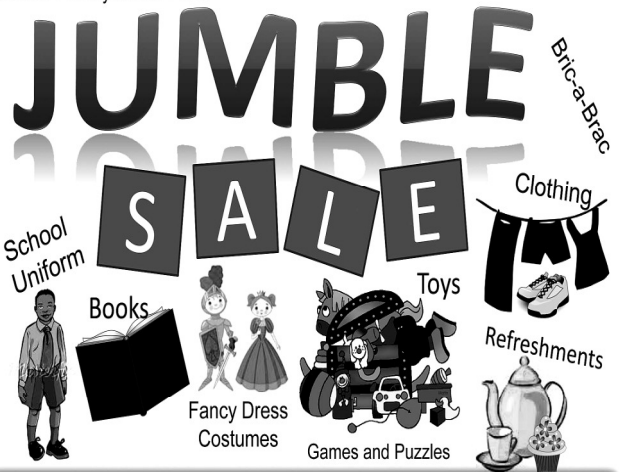
Yes, it is coming up to that time again where we, the Meadow School PTA, are on the search for any unwanted Christmas gifts, clothing (no underwear or socks please), shoes, boots, wellies, books, games, puzzles, toys, grocery items and bric-a-brac, etc, for our annual Jumble Sale.

Please hold onto your donations until Friday 25 January and then drop them off at the school office. You can also drop off jumble up until 11am on Saturday.

Hopefully we'll see you there. You never know you may find yourself a real bargain!

If you would like more information, please contact the school office on 01223 894400

Meadow Primary School PTA's



Saturday 26th January 2013
2pm - 4pm Meadow Primary School 50p Admission
Primary School Children Free

Meadow Primary School PTA is a Registered Charity: Number 1148295

PARISH COUNCIL SPENDING

At its meeting on Monday 28 January the Parish Council will be setting its budget for expenditure in 2013-14. We would very much like your views on how this quite modest budget is used, so to give you some ideas of the how much and on what we are spending the following is the budget for this year, 2012-13.

Clerks salary & PAYE £2111.39

General administration £920.00

For general expenses such as paper, ink cartridges, postage, software licences, subscription to the Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils and this year the legal fees for registering the Councils property with the Land Registry.

Insurance £366.00

For public liability & a fidelity guarantee

Audit £246.00

Seems a lot for a small budget but is mandatory!

S137 payment £588.00

This is a small sum per elector that can be spent "for the good of the community" on things we don't otherwise have the legal power to spend money on e.g. donations to the Age Concern Mobile Warden scheme, First Responder scheme & youth clubs; subscriptions to the Friends of the Roman Road & Fleam Dyke, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England and the Wildlife Trust.

Repairs & Maintenance £2180.00

We set aside £2000 towards the rebuilding of the playground, the rest was for a RoSPA safety check on the playground and other repairs to Council property, such as the Clerks computer.

Grass cutting

Playground & playing field £1500.00

Donation to the Parochial Church Council for the churchyard

£300.00

Village Voice £611.00

Contingencies £250.00

The speed limit change to Streetly End is budgeted at £3500 but will come from reserves. We haven't had the bill from the County Council for this yet! The money spent on the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and the new flagpoles (just over £900) also came out of reserves.

We have a small income of around £200 from allotments and wayleaves - electricity poles sited on Parish property. The rest comes from the Council Tax you pay each year and from reserves accumulated or put aside for special projects.

The Council's total budget for 2012-13 is £13472.39 of which £8000 came from Council Tax, approx £48 per household.

So what would you like to see money spent on in the parish? There has to be a "legal right" to spend the money but many things are possible and unlike the District or County Council Parish Councils cannot be "capped" or restricted by national government.

Please let me have your views by 16 January but remember, the money has to come from somewhere - your Council Tax!

Andrew Morris, Treasurer West Wickham Parish Council.
21 High Street, T: 290863.
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NATURE NOTES

Di's thoughts this month:

"We feed our garden birds in the winter months for two reasons, to help sustain them through the cold weather and to bring them closer to us, so we can delight in their finery and antics at close quarters. Watching half a dozen male blackbirds sparring over some rotten apples and a small flock of fieldfares squabbling in the apple trees in my neighbour's garden certainly made me smile! The cock pheasants have suddenly returned to Maypole Croft gardens, bringing their females with them, shyer than the noisy thrush family, but none the less good to see. We had nine collared doves in the silver birch tree one morning, eyeing the corn we had just put out. The tits of course are a joy to watch on the peanuts and fat balls...noisy, colourful and chattering as they feed, and of course everyone's favourite the robin, flying in and feasting on the side lines, or underneath the feeders on the ground, sharing the spoils with the dunnocks and finches - all seen from my house. Yes, feeding the birds enables me to bird watch in the warm!

Two 'new' birds in the parish this month. Denise from Home Close told us she had seen a small flock of waxwings, and Steve saw five common gulls (actually not very common!) on the fields. Waxwings are beautiful small pinkish birds, about starling sized that spend the winter in Britain feeding on our hedgerow berries. They fly from Scandinavia each year and like our parks and gardens especially for the cotoneaster berries. Common gulls apparently are easy to identify as they have green legs not pink.

December for me is all about silhouettes, especially on a blue sky bright frosty morning. The outlines of the trees against the sky are beautiful, and often they have flocks of black shapes in their branches...pigeons or crows. Our tall ash trees usually have many fieldfares silhouetted. Driving past Bottle Hall on such a morning, a flock of golden plover were highlighted on the opposite field as white blobs picked out in the morning sun. My favourite observation that morning was a skybow, a cloud-shaped patch of rainbow in the sky caused by the sun shining through the ice crystals in the cloud. A spectacular sight."

I will just add a few footnotes to Di's observations:

- A total of 11 pheasants were in Judy's garden the other day - one cock and 10 hens. Strangely we only seem to see the cock in our garden - obviously the ladies are expected to stay put while he goes out and struts his stuff
- I've never seen a waxwing, although we have had several visitations to Britain in recent years. Apparently they prefer Tesco's to Sainsbury's car park. This may be the reason
- Walking across the airfield yesterday there were well over 100 golden plover sitting in a field. I lost count after 30, so that is an estimate

I've noticed quite a lot of deer tracks recently - has anyone seen or heard them?

Peter Grieve. T: 290503. Email: mail@petergrieve.co.uk

OIL SYNDICATE

I placed an order for oil for 36 households on 11 December at the very high price of 67.88p per litre from Emo. The highest quote was 70.88p and three of the suppliers could not have guaranteed delivery before Christmas. Emo promised delivery by 21 December and, as far as I am aware, did deliver by then – although not all in one go.

The local oil market is becoming dominated by GB Oil, a subsidiary of DCC Energy an Irish company which now owns the following companies which I normally contact, unfortunately reducing the competition: Emo, Pacefuelcare, Team Flitwick & Total Butler. That explains why although the order was placed with Emo, deliveries were made in Fuelcare tankers.

I had warned that December was likely to be an expensive time of year to order but I had not appreciated just how high prices would get. For 2013 I have therefore decided to place only four orders in the year and the deadlines are as follows:

Thursday 14 February
Thursday 13 June
Thursday 3 October
Thursday 14 November

If you do want to order through the syndicate, please bear in mind that although it is certain that ordering in bulk on the day will result in a cheaper price per litre, that price may well have been lower in the previous week or even day. If you need oil it is worth checking the website boilerjuice.com to see the national trend of heating oil prices to try and assess whether an individual order placed earlier may result in a cheaper price than the bulk order placed a week or two later.

I am finding organising the syndicate and placing orders increasingly time-consuming so if you would like to order via the syndicate please note the following:

- Stick to the deadlines. Those of you whose e-mail addresses I have, I contact around a week beforehand to remind you of the deadline. Others will need to rely on reminders in the Village Voice or the village website.
- After I have placed the order I send an e-mail with details of who is to deliver, the price and contact details. **If you have any queries or problems please contact the supplier and not me.** For those not on e-mail I must ask that you now ring me to find out this information not rely on me to contact you.
- If you have had particular problems with a delivery, you are welcome to let me know after it has been sorted out so I can put a black mark if necessary against the supplier for future reference.

Sue Thurston. Email: oil@suethurston.co.uk T: 290503

LINTON & DISTRICT SAVE THE CHILDREN QUIZ

Friday 22nd February
at

Balsham Institute

£8 per person

Refreshments

Further details next month

LINTON HEALTH CENTRE

Practice training afternoons

All Cambridgeshire Practices are encouraged to close their doors on just four afternoons each year for clinical governance training. Emergency medical cover is organised for all the practices via Urgent Care Cambridgeshire (UCC), the out-of-hours service. Our phone lines are automatically diverted to UCC from 1pm.

Our last closure afternoon was on Wednesday 12 December. We had 35 staff attend for training and we split in to two groups, 18 doctors/nurses/health care assistants and 17 dispensers/receptionists/admin staff. Each group had an hour and a quarter of resuscitation training led by the Clinical Skills Unit Manager from Addenbrooke's Hospital. We then had SOVA training (Safeguarding Of Vulnerable Adults) led by the Adult Safeguarding Training and Development Manager from Cambridgeshire County Council. After this there was an opportunity for team meetings and catch-up in preparation for Christmas.

I know it must be frustrating to phone or call at the Health Centre and find us closed for an afternoon. However, it is so important to keep up to date with training in General Practice and we certainly aim to make good use of the dedicated time provided by these afternoon closures.

The afternoon closure dates for 2013 are as follows:-

21 March, 20 June, 19 September and 11 December.

(Flu vaccination: at the time of writing, we still have flu vaccine available. All over 65's and those in at risk groups are recommended to have a flu jab.)

Sheila Griffiths. Practice Manager

RAINFALL DATA

Three people from different parts of the parish have volunteered to give us monthly rainfall figures. - Sue Kiddy from the High Street, Sylvia Norton from Streetly End and Paul Norman from Streetly Hall Farm. This gives us the opportunity to see whether the same or different amounts fall over quite a small area. From the chart below you will see that our rainfall differs quite a lot. The black bar is the High Street, the grey bar Streetly End and the white bar Streetly Hall Farm.

We all know it has been a very wet year, some reports saying it has been the wettest on record.

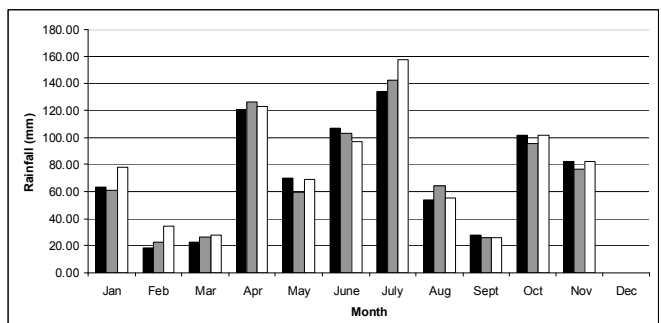
The village totals for this year (to end of November) and for the whole of last year are:

High Street (2012) 805.25 mm (2011) 470 mm

Streetly End 801.5 mm 431 mm

Streetly Hall Farm 852 mm 445 mm

Paul has been keeping records since 1993. From these we can calculate an average rainfall of 670 mm. Let's hope for "average" rainfall & more sun in 2013!



LINTON AND DISTRICT WEA GROUP

The WEA is the largest provider of adult education in the country and we pride ourselves on our inclusivity and quality of instruction.

For our Spring course we welcome back our dear friend and Linton resident **Rosemary Williams** who is going to tell us all about *the Life and Times of Bonnie Prince Charlie*. Not just the '45 but the entire life and times of the character. The 10 week course will start on Tuesday 8 January at 10am and will cost £45. As ever we will have a course visit, and we look forward to you joining us in this special year for the local WEA.

For more details contact Marian Bryant. T: 01223 290420
E-Mail: secretary@lintonwea.org.uk

CHRISTMAS QUIZ - WINNERS & ANSWERS

The main conclusion to draw from the two quizzes is that they were hard. Hence I only had three entries for the tree quiz and just one for the wordsearch. Well deserved prizes go to the Magin family - Chris and George for the tree quiz and Rob and Matt for the wordsearch.

The other entrants for the tree quiz were Juliet Beaven and Jon and Anita Debnam, both of whom scored 8, compared to the Magins 9.

Thanks to all who had a go. My New Year Resolution is to make the next quiz slightly more accessible.

To put you out of your misery, the answers to the tree quiz are:

1. Cedar of Lebanon (anagram of fed on Barcelona)
2. Alder (r for river, Alde is the Suffolk river)
3. May
4. Rowan
5. Copper Beech
6. Sweet Chestnut
7. Hazel
8. Douglas Fir
9. Field Maple
10. Silver Birch

The answers to the wordsearch are:

Angel	Bells	Frankincense
Holly	Ivy	Jesus
Joseph	Manger	Mary
Mistletoe	Myrrh	Reindeer
Robin	Shepherd	Snowman
Tinsel	Tree	

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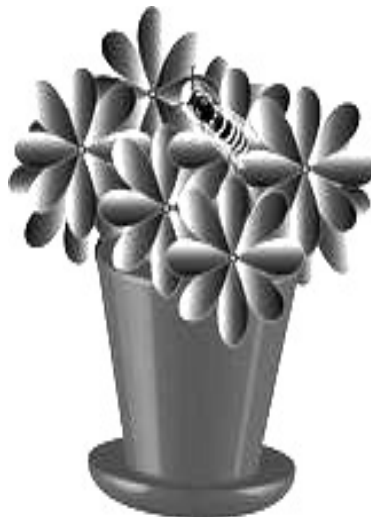
Peter Grieve

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

I found, in recent years, that the popularity of Facebook has given rise to a new gossip phenomenon: people making up news stories about schools. Sometimes these are quite funny and absurd. Often they are just misinformed, and occasionally the story can be both untrue and malicious. It is the 2012 version of Chinese whispers: a visit in school by a local bobby becomes an investigation of mass murder in a matter of minutes, once the social network sites get buzzing. A colleague of mine recently experienced a fire in his school. All children were quickly and safely removed from any danger and yet through 'Facebook' sources, news whipped around the community that two children had died in the incident. As I say, both untrue and malicious, causing huge and quite unnecessary concern. I would advise everyone to take anything they read of this kind with a very heavy pinch of salt.

How nice in this climate, therefore, that Radio Cambridgeshire is interested in true stories about schools. A week ago, Jeremy Sallis walked around the school holding his recording equipment to interview our staff, students and some of our parents too. We became 'Feature School of the Week' on his afternoon show. On Monday he talked to Ruth Keys, our Librarian, Beth McNicol who teaches the Language Futures course using iPads, and some children making soup with Jenny Pullin. On Tuesday, Angela Cassidy, Assistant Principal, took part in a live debate about young people and 'Facebook'. On Wednesday he caught up with Catering Manager Carol Perrett in the kitchen and played a request for the cooks. On Thursday I made a confession that I won't repeat here and on Friday Tina Rice on the school run, spoke about how her daughters Emma and Hannah had experienced the school. We had great fun and, I am pleased to say, every word of what was reported was true!

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal



The Meadow Primary School PTA is calling on the army of Gardeners and Allotmenters to donate any surplus healthy vegetable or flower plants along with any surplus used pots for our Plant Stand at the June Revels
16 June 2013
for more details contact Debbie 01223 291932 .

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