

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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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 Louise Salter
T: 01223 291226 or visit www.westwickham.org

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WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL AGM

All are welcome to attend the Village Hall AGM on Friday 11 October, 8pm at the Village Hall. This is a good opportunity to show your support for the Village Hall Committee, find out what's happening with the Hall and to provide feedback on the overall facility.

The Committee really needs members of the community to get involved to help us keep the venue in pristine condition, so please do spare us a little time if you can.

Nick Salter, Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

BABYSITTER SERVICE

The babysitter request service is now up and running at www.westwickham.org and there are lots of babysitters waiting for you to contact them! All you need to do is visit the village website, click on the link to babysitting, and enter your details. Any further negotiations are then between the hirer and the babysitter, and the babysitter must be satisfied that the hirer is genuine. We still need more babysitters, so please get in touch through the website if you would like to register.

Louise Salter and Alex Schuilenburg

SMALL VILLAGES COMMUNITY WARDEN

We are delighted to announce a new Community Warden for the Small Villages has started in her role. Jacqui Ager has taken over from Janet Fallaize who gave many years service to Age UK Cambridgeshire. Jacqui is very familiar with the Small Villages area which includes Balsham, West Wickham, West Wrating, Horseheath, Weston Colville, Shudy Camps and Castle Camps and you are likely to see her out and about promoting the service.

The service which is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire is an initiative of the seven Small Village Parish Councils and part funded by the Parish, South Cambs District and Cambridgeshire County Councils. It aims to support the wellbeing and independence of older people by providing daily contact (Monday to Friday) either by personal visit or telephone call to ensure a sense of security.

Examples of the help Jacqui can give you:

- Provide a listening ear
- Making drinks and light meals
- Watering plants
- Feeding pets
- Small items of shopping
- Collecting prescriptions
- Information and guidance

You can join the service on a short term basis, maybe after hospital discharge or if your family are on holiday and you require extra support, or on a long term basis. You will be entitled to a two week free trial, and after the free trial we do charge a small fee of £5 per week which is payable to the warden.

To find out more about the service please call Jacqui on 07436102865 or Age UK Cambridgeshire on 01354 696650.

FROM THE VICARAGE

Our work to raise funds to employ a Parish Nurse for 3 days a week in the 7 parishes of Great and Little Abington, Balsham, Hildersham, West Wrating, Weston Colville and West Wickham continues. Sue Evans is a Parish Nurse in Burwell. She was recently asked to give some answers to questions frequently asked about her role. Here are the questions, Sue's replies and my comments on the local plan.

Frequently asked questions about Parish Nurses

Q: Who funds a Parish Nurse (PN)?

Sue: The PN is employed by the church that she/he is attached to and so will be funded by them although the church can look for grants to support this. PNs may work in a voluntary or paid capacity.

Julie: In this case the PN will work with 7 churches and 7 parishes. We are seeking to employ the PN because this increases the pool of available state registered nurses (there may be more available to volunteer in large towns or cities). We are looking for grants to do this.

Q: Will the PN overlap with the duties of NHS nurses?

Sue: There may be some small areas of overlap but PNs do not work in competition with NHS nurses & do not undertake invasive care such as dressings or injections; the role of the PN is to enhance the care available from Health & Social services.

Julie: The PN here will have honorary contracts with local GP surgeries. This will make collaboration easier between health care providers, as well as give access to records and facilities.

Q: What qualifications does a PN need?

Sue: A PN is a registered nurse who is a Christian who may have experience of working in the community.

Q: Does this mean that a PN only looks after people who go to church?

Sue: A PN sees people of all faiths & none so NOT just those who come to that church.

Julie: Caring for people is what the church does. Seeking wholeness and well-being, of both individuals and communities, are our remit. This does not depend on whether people go to church. Employing a PN is complementary to everything else that we do.

Q: What are the views of RCN (Royal College of Nursing) etc.?

Sue: The role of PN is accepted as another branch of nursing by professional bodies such as RNC, NMC & HVA

Julie: We see it as significant that the PN will network with other health professionals to enable people to get the services that they need.

Q: How will PN role relate to voluntary groups?

Sue: A PN will refer patients to voluntary groups as appropriate, just as other members of primary health care do.

Julie: There are already some local voluntary groups who have expressed an interest in working with the PN.

Q: What about confidentiality? Who will have access to the PN records?

Sue: PN record keeping is the same as anywhere else- records kept in a locked cabinet in a locked room & stored for 7 years. The records in the patient's house belong to the patient who can show them to others or keep them private.

Julie: The PN will work with other professionals in the Church and Health Service to build people's trust through good practice.

Things to look out for this month

Children's Harvest workshop with fun and creative activities 5 October at Balsham Church Institute, 10am -12 noon. This will provide material for the Harvest Service (which will take place at St Mary's West Wickham the day after).

St Mary's, West Wickham Harvest Festival 6 October at 9.30am.

All you wanted to know about First Aid and more. As part of our Parish Nurse Project we are holding a series of health talks. On this occasion there will be a talk by a Nurse Practitioner, a chance to meet a manikin and an opportunity to ask questions about what to do when you are the one on the scene when First Aid is needed. 7.30pm, 24 October Balsham Church Institute.

A Study on Amos 7.30pm, 30 October at Cathy Myer's house, Woodside in Hildersham.

Giving Bibles to China. There is to be tea, coffee and cake and a discussion on 26 October at Balsham Church Institute at 3pm. Donations will be invited for purchasing Bibles for people to read in their own language. This will lead into the service the next day at St Mary's, West Wickham for Bible Sunday

Bible Sunday Family Service 27 October 9.30am

Rev Julie Norris

CANON FRANCIS WOOLLEY

His ashes will be buried in Balsham Churchyard on Saturday 19 October at 2.00 pm followed by refreshments in Balsham Church Institute.

RAINFALL FIGURES

Half the rainfall of 2012 but very similar to the rainfall in 2011.

2013	August	Total for year
High Street	42.75mm	315mm
Streetly End	42mm	300.5mm
Streetly Hall Farm	34mm	280.5mm
2012		
High Street	54mm	588.5mm
Streetly End	64mm	604mm
Streetly Hall Farm	55mm	642mm

SAWSTON RUGBY CLUB

Our club is now looking to recruit new players so if there is any-one out there interested in becoming part of our very friendly club and you are over the age of 17 please get in touch with either

Tom Genillard our team captain on 07792562426 tomgenillard@hotmail.com or Justin Curtis 07818023261 Justin.curtis@saffronbs.co.uk We look forward to meeting you.

WEST WICKHAM FETE

A BIG THANK YOU to all the numerous helpers and supporters who made this a successful fund raising event and an enjoyable afternoon, despite the weather. The grand total of £2040.59 was raised.

Nicky Cornish

WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club's AGM was held on Monday 16 September. All serving officers were re-elected unopposed. Our Chairman, Arthur Mawby gave an account of the activities during our last year which included our talks from October - April; 2 evening outings to nearby gardens; a Plant Sale in May and a very successful Show in August. The Treasurer, Andrew Morris presented the accounts which were approved. Our membership is healthy at 40+ members. One of the perks of the Club is up to 45% discount on seed orders from Mr. Fothergills seeds.

We begin our next series of talks with "Herbaceous Clematis" by Everett Leeds on Monday 21 October, 7-30 in West Wickham Village Hall.

If you are interested please join us either as a visitor or as a potential member.

Rosemary Yallop, Programme Secretary. T: 01799584262

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We have returned from our summer break, refreshed and with a new Promise:

I Promise that I will do my best,
To be true to myself and develop my beliefs,
To serve the Queen and my community,
To help other people
and
To keep the Brownie Guide Law.

For all of you who have been a Brownie or Guide 'back in the day' it is quite a change, the twelfth change since guiding began in 1910. Over 44,000 Member and non-Members completed the online survey to have their say. I know there have been lots written in the press because we've 'dropped' the word God from our Promise but Girlguiding has never been a religious organisation, I personally believe that the new Promise will encourage more girls to join.

At our first meeting we welcomed Helena and Daisy from Balsham Rainbows and Evie, Esther, Isabelle and Sienna who are new to guiding. We also said goodbye to Holly, who has moved up to Guides and Katie. We hope that enjoyed their time at Brownies.

In the middle of September ten Brownies enjoyed an international day with other Brownies from around the County. The activities were from the five region of guiding – Africa, Arabia, Asia Pacific, Europe and the Western Hemisphere.

We are also getting ready to celebrate our own centenary as Brownies will be 100 in 2014. We have lots of fun activities planned both in the Unit, District and County. More news on these when they happen.

If you would like to put your daughter on our waiting list you will need to register at

www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested

but if you would like more information on what we do then please drop Sophie and I an email.

PAULINE and SOPHIE. Email: brownies@horseheath.info

NATURE NOTES

Nearly all the fields are turning brown, and although the skies are not uniformly grey, there has certainly been a sudden dip in temperature. We turn on the central heating, but the natural world has to react in other ways. At the time of writing, Di comments that "*the swallows and house martins are still here, but they are gathering on the wires to leave us.*" In fact the house martins were still feeding their young at the bottom end of the High Street, while Trevor and Carol's swallows were continuing to occupy their garage, so one begins to have concerns about whether those particular families will make a successful journey to southern Africa. There was a huge swarm of swallows flying over a few days ago, presumably on the way south, so let's hope our local birds don't leave it too late. Di adds that "*already some of the autumnal birds are appearing, a small flock of lapwings on the newly ploughed field, and gulls following the plough. Walking up the Roman Road, there were flocks of yellow hammers and meadow pipits on the stubble and hedgerows. Steve was also pleased to see some English partridges recently, a rarity round here.*"

In the plant world, Di says that "*many of the wild flowers have died, but there are small patches of pale yellow toadflax and the bright yellow ragwort still on the verges and set aside.*" I would add to that, a lone, late flowering meadowsweet, growing in the ditch just on the Weston Woods side of the crossroads. "*The hedgerows are full of bright red berries, and the rowan and whitebeam trees on the Croft and at the village hall are laden with bunches.*" It is also a really productive year for the beech mast, and it seems, most of the trees that produce nuts, such as acorns, conkers etc. This happens every few years when the conditions are right and is not necessarily the harbinger of a severe winter ahead. But don't quote me.

Still with plants, Di tells us that "*We have just discovered a new plant, for us at least, growing on the Croft. Its common name is vervain (verbena officianalis) and both nationally and in Cambridgeshire, is described as being local. My last botanical observation is that there has been an explosion, over the last few years of a delightful umbellifer called burnet saxifrage. I counted around two hundred plants on the right hand verge as you walk up to the cross roads on the airfield.*"

In the insect world, wasps have been doing very well and a number of people have mentioned having wasps' nests in house and garden. We had one under the thatch outside our bedroom window, and another the other side of the house, but it now seems to have been taken over by hornets, which appear to be killing the wasps. We have been hovering up lots of dead bodies. Of course wasps do like fruit, and they have been gorging themselves on my apples as well as Steve and Di's strawberries, plus ripe figs in their garden.

I must have a final word about butterflies. This year has been a real boost for them nationally, with the common species (small tortoiseshell, peacock, the whites) increasing their numbers spectacularly, and many other more unusual species being seen. Locally, in addition to the clouded yellow which I mentioned last time, the even rarer Duke of Burgundy has been spotted by the Roman Road/Fleam Dyke butterfly counters. Since the weather became cooler, there are still a number of speckled woods to be seen as well as the lingering whites, whose caterpillars are munching their way through our nasturtiums

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

So the new term is upon us and once more the College has excellent results to celebrate: 95% A* - C (which is a new record) with a third of those grades at A /A*. The class of 2013 had worked hard and performed well in almost every subject and the community should be proud of them – particularly because, in partnership with their parents, our local schools have turned out another batch of charming, intelligent and highly employable young people.

Our only disappointment this year was the English results: we have been hit by national grade boundary changes for 2 years in a row and this year, the slightly higher number of children sitting on the C / D borderline in English were affected by the change in the way that other local schools were hit last year - only 69% achieved A* - C including English, which compares with the 70 – 80% we have enjoyed in previous years. It continues to be frustrating that grade boundaries are being used to rationalise national 'standards', but at the expense of year groups of children whose results would have qualified for higher grades in previous years. In contrast our science, humanities and arts results were spectacularly good with very many subjects achieving the 100% A* - C pass rate.

On a separate note, let me introduce our new Community Business Manager to you. Here he is in his own words.

Caroline Derbyshire. Principal

My name is Matt Bailey; I am the new Community Business Manager at Linton Village College.

As Community Business Manager my remit is a broad one that includes the management and coordination of the adult education programme, extended schools programme and management of the community sports centre.

Linton Village College is the hub of the community and as such aims to provide exciting and affordable activities to further knowledge, skills and wellbeing.

My aim is to build upon what the college currently offers by introducing more choice, more value and more for you. However I would like to know what you think and encourage you to feed back what you would like to see offered in the way of adult education, after school activities and fitness classes. I would also like to hear of any issues, suggestions or ideas you may have regarding the delivery of the provisions we offer.

All comments will be both gratefully received and seriously considered. Please feel free to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same – I want to hear what you, our community, have to say. Over the coming weeks I will be organising a user meeting where the community will be invited to come along to LVC in order to discuss ideas and suggestions.

In the meantime I would encourage you to either email me at matt.bailey@lvc.org or write to Matt Bailey, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton, Cambridge CB21 4JB.

I look forward to working more closely with you over the coming months.

Matt Bailey. Community Business Manager

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

BIG VILLAGE DIG

We are still waiting for the finds analysis reports to come in but in the meantime Rosemarie Parks has produced a DVD of the weekend. Copies can be ordered from me for the small charge of a £1 (or you can have it as a flash drive if preferred). Please let me know as soon as possible.

**Monday 14 October
7.30pm in the Village Hall**

If you have been inspired by the Big Village Dig and would like to know more about our village history why not join us for the first meeting of our autumn programme when I will be talking on:

Crime in 19th century West Wickham

Come along and find out about the man who was transported twice, the arson attack on Skippers Hall, just what sort of crime earned you 21 days hard labour in the County Gaol and more.

All are welcome.

Members free. Non-members £2 (includes refreshments).

DIARY DATE

Monday 11 November

The King Under the car park:

the search for the last known resting place of Richard III

Mathew Morris

University of Leicester Archaeological Services

Further details next month.

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LINTON AND DISTRICT WEA BRANCH

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 Autumn 2013 course Linton WEA welcome **Wendy Barnes** who is going to tell us all about

A Brave New World - In 17th Century Virginia

This is the story of the people who left England behind them to build a new life and a new country that eventually became the USA. This is seen through the experiences of two members of the same family – the **Washingtons** – who have a very strong connection with Cambridgeshire and it is from their family Coat of Arms that the stars and stripes on the American flag were derived.

The 10 week course, at Linton Village Hall, will start on Tuesday 8 October at 10am and will cost £45.30, as ever we hope we will have a course visit, and we look forward to you joining us in this special centenary year for the WEA. www.eastern.wea.org.uk/courses/county-course-brochures/cambridgeshire/

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