

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

MAY 2017

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Tue 2 Blue & green wheeled bin (day late) collection
- Wed 3 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Thur 4 Elections to Cambridgeshire County Council & Mayor of Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. 7am - 10pm, Village Hall
- Sun 7 All ages praise. 9.30, St Mary's Church
- Mon 8 Black wheeled bin collection
- Wed 10 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 13 Daisy Chain Pre-School JUMBLE SALE. 2 - 4pm, Village Hall
Balsham Community Market. 2 - 5pm, Balsham Church Institute
- Sun 14 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Mon 15 Blue & green wheeled bin collection
- Tue 16 Deadline for items for the June edition of the Village Voice
- Sat 20 Gardening Club PLANT SALE. 10.30 - 12.00, Village Hall
- Sun 21 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
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Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM). 7.30pm, Village Hall.
Annual Parish Meeting. 8.15pm, Village Hall
- Wed 24 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 27 HUB NIGHT. 7 - 11pm, Village Hall
- Sun 28 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
RAF Wrattling Common May Memorial service. 12.00 Wrattling Common memorial
- Tue 30 Blue & green wheeled bin (day late) collection

Daisy Chains Pre-School meets

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 - 12.30
Tuesday & Thursday 9.30-2.30 (includes lunch club) 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 £8.00/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

Email: bookings@westwickham.org
or visit www.westwickham.org

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WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

PLANT SALE

Something for everyone

Friendly people & expert advice

SATURDAY 20 MAY

10.30 - 12.00

at

WEST WICKHAM

VILLAGE HALL

VEGETABLES herbs FLOWERS shrubs

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

We will be holding a Garden Party for all the Friends of St Mary's at Manor Farm on Tuesday 20 June, 6pm to 8pm. Wine, soft drinks and canapés will be served. We will send you an invitation nearer the time.

Marcus Cornish

FOOTPATH MAP

The Parish Council has provided a footpath map, sited on the outside wall of the Village Hall, showing all our local footpaths. Once again we owe our grateful thanks to Perla's artistic and graphic skills. It is an informative and fun map. Do go and look at it.

Di Licence

VILLAGE DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Mobile Library day has changed to the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The times are still the same:

Streetly End 14.50 - 15.05

West Wickham Council Houses 15.15 - 15.30

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FROM THE VICARAGE

As Revd Kathy Bishop explained in last month's magazine, the advertising for our new Parish priest has now begun. The process does seem to be achingly slow, but it is a procedure of painstaking assessment of our seven churches and their assets and their plans for development which a prospective applicant needs to know. The next stage will be an interview for those who put their names forward as a result of the advertisement.

Kathy and I and our ministry team are so grateful to the local clergy who are helping us all to maintain our Sunday services.

On Thursday 25 May Granta Deanery are having an Ascension Day communion service for all the parishes in the Deanery, as they do every year. This year it will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Stapleford at 7.30 pm.

The annual Flower Festival at St. Mary's Church, Weston Colville, will be on 24 Saturday and Sunday 25 June. Thanks to the skill of our team of long-serving flower arrangers, it will be as spectacular as ever. Virtually all the flowers and foliage used in the arrangements are from local gardens and from the countryside. There will be a concert in the church during the weekend as usual.

The repairs to the roof and the interior of St. Andrew's, West Wrattling are well underway. The church roof and walls are covered with a maze of scaffolding poles and sheets of plastic. It looks very strange, but we are looking forward to its completion and finally the repainting of the interior. It is going to look splendid when it is finished. As the new roof will not be made of lead, it will no longer be a target for thieves.

In March Stephen Conway, the Bishop of Ely, came to dedicate the outstanding new extension to St. Mary's, Great Abington. Similar improvements have been made at Holy Trinity, Hildersham and St. Mary's West Wickham. The plans and the fund-raising for improvements at Holy Trinity, Balsham are continuing, with grants being applied for from local and national charities.

Our beautiful churches have been serving our villages for centuries, and it is vital that we make them all open and fully equipped for the future needs of our community.

Keith Johnson

WEST WICKHAM FETE

**Manor Farm
Saturday 24 June at 1pm**

Fun for all the family
BBQ lunch 1pm
Cakes, Tombola, Games and Races
Teas, Beer Tent,
Bric-a Brac, Lucky Dip
Raffle, Secondhand Books
Plants, Produce & Preserves
Teas, Ice Cream Parlour
And lots more

Proceeds to Church repair fund

If you have any good bric-a-brac, bottles, cakes, raffle prizes you would like to donate please leave at Manor Farm gates or ring Nicky Cornish on 290203

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CHARACTER ASSESSMENT

I have to say it was very disappointing that turnout for the meeting on the 9 April about the Neighbourhood Plan Character Assessment was virtually non-existent. Understanding the character of the village and what gives different areas their 'sense of place' is an important part of producing a Plan. The Assessment will be used to inform policies in the Plan such as housing density, style, protection of open spaces and possible provision of pedestrian and cycle paths.

The next step is now to walk around areas of the village and make a factual assessment using a set form listing 10 aspects ranging from the lie of the land to important views. The dates are below for the areas of the village identified at the meeting as possibly having a separate identity (the boundaries are not fixed and may be altered after a walk around). You are very welcome to come along to all or one of them, although the more you come to will help give greater consistency. Photographs are an easy way to record relevant features, so if you are a keen photographer please bring along a camera. For further details please contact me:

Janet Morris

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Tuesday 2 May. Meet outside the church at 7pm

Tuesday 9 May. Meet at the triangle Streetly End at 7pm

Tuesday 16 May. Meet outside the Village Hall at 7pm

Tuesday 23 May. Meet on the corner of Maypole Croft at 7pm

The walks will be re-arranged if it is wet – no one wants to stand around in the rain!

NEWSPAPERS

Some people have asked me about newspapers. The more people that ask Sweet Talk News (77 High Street, Linton O1223 893480) for daily papers, the more likely that they will deliver them house to house. At the moment there are not enough to justify that, so they are left at the church for individual collection.

Di Licence

DAISY CHAINS PRESCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to all of you who came down to the Village hall to support Daisy Chains on 25 February. We hope that you had a good time and enjoyed yourselves. We made a great profit of just over £700. Congratulations go to the winning team "Gilbert & Sullivan"; hoping that you return next year to defend your title of 2017 Daisy Chain Quiz Winners.

Sue Harrow

CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Thomas Keen for coming 10th in his cross country race at Part Talbot on 25 March. Thomas was running as part of the England team who won the gold medal. A brilliant achievement – keep on running Tom!

Sue Harrow

NATURE NOTES

Ringling

Birds travel, and sometimes we can tell where they've been. This story from Lyn shows how. *'One morning last week (11 April), I saw two starlings in the garden - one had a coloured ring on its leg. Looking through binoculars I could see a metal ring on the right leg and a green ring with three white letters (CHH) on the left. I searched the internet for 'starling coloured ring' and easily found a list of ringers that use specific colours, with names and email addresses. I emailed my sighting to the person who ringed the bird. He was very pleased and wrote back: "I can confirm it is one of my birds. It was caught in my garden on the outskirts of Boston (Lincs) on 29th November 2016." Most UK starlings are resident, but some migrate here from Scandinavia and the far north east of Europe to spend the winter.*

The ringer said he would submit the record to the British Trust for Ornithology at the end of the month. So, if you see a bird with a coloured ring and know roughly what kind of bird it is, it's easy to report your sighting. By doing so, you are helping scientists and conservationists understand and protect bird populations.'

On the same theme, there has been a certain amount of ringling in Weston Colville during the winter, principally to find out more about the marsh tits living in Lower Wood, but a number of other species will have been caught and ringed, so it's quite possible that you may see a ringed bird on your feeder. If so, you now know what to do.

Spring Arrivals

The summer visiting warblers are arriving – the first three being chiffchaffs, blackcaps and willow warblers, all of which have been seen or heard locally. Whitethroats will follow shortly. Everyone is looking out for swallows. Nicci and Theresa saw one on 9 April. We had to travel down to Hampshire to see our first swallows, but have since seen a group near Great Yeldham. You won't, however need to travel so far to see red kites. Di says that the best place is on the route between West Wratting and the woodland cemetery, where she has seen them frequently, often associating with buzzards. (Ed. I have seen one on two occasions at the Church end of the village).

Memories of spring in April were an inspiration for Robert Browning, and Di reminds us of the truth of his words, with *'tiny buds on the bare tree branches unfurling and dressing the trees and hedgerows in many shades of green, emerging wild flowers in the verges – the yellows of cowslips, dandelions and celandine, the paler primroses and oxlips and the purples of violets and ground ivy. On the verge opposite Maypole Croft I was pleased to see that last year's two lady's smock have become five. Bluebells will be out by the time you read this, so do visit Lower Wood or Leys Wood to see them. In the setaside opposite Hare Wood, Jan reports a patch of coltsfoot which has now been transformed into a mass of fluffy seed heads.'*

Bees and Butterflies

If you do go up to Leys Wood you may also see Lyn, who has started her monthly bumblebee walk there again, for the fifth year. If you are interested, you can register at www.beewalk.org.uk and explore the data. The transect is called West Wickham Leys Wood. There are ten other bumblebee transects in Cambridgeshire, but no others in the south east of the county.

Last year was not good for butterflies apparently, thanks to a cold spring, but early warmth has brought a few out this year and many have reported sightings of commas, brimstones, large whites, speckled wood and orange tips. The latter is always good to see in April. The plant where it likes to lay its eggs is Jack-by the hedge, otherwise known as garlic mustard. Don't be too heavy on the weeding and you will be rewarded.

Night Life

This month's news from the wildlife camera comes from just outside Guy and Liane's garden, where at 5.30 a.m. a female pheasant was sitting calmly. Thirty seconds later there was a flash of red fox fur. We don't know whether the pheasant escaped but there were no feathers there the next day. Over Easter the camera has been positioned in Arthur's garden. You will have to wait for results next month.

Underground

Finally, a creature that has few mentions in this column is the earthworm – he perhaps doesn't have the glamour of the otter or the red kite, but is still vital to the lives of so many living creatures, particularly us. During the recent dry weather worms have tended to go deep into the soil, but this year during the winter some of our vegetable plots were covered over and when I uncovered them and started to dig them over, I found a large supply of big worms near the surface. My theory was that not only had the covering helped to retain moisture but it had protected the worms from avian predators, allowing them to grow bigger. Maybe the moles were too deep. I believe that left undisturbed earthworms can grow to prodigious lengths.

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

Daisy Chains
Pre-School West Wickham

JUMBLE SALE

West Wickham Village Hall
Saturday 13 May
2 - 4pm

Clothes, Books, Toys, Bric-a-Brac,
Refreshments, Cake Stall,
Tombola

Please drop in any jumble you would like to donate between 9.00 -12.00 on the 14th May. To drop off sooner, or for larger items please call Daisy Chains on 07943866294 Mon-Fri

All Proceeds go to Daisy Chains Pre-School, West Wickham

Registered Charity No: 1035276

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on Monday 27 March and the following items were some of the issues discussed. The draft Minutes are available on the village Notice Board.

Neighbourhood Plan: Mark Deas of Cambs ACRE and Ulrike Maccariello (Hastoe) presented the results of the Housing Needs Survey for West Wickham, a full report of which will be posted on the website. The Working Group had delivered 187 survey forms and 137 completed forms were collected. It showed that there was a possible need for 9 houses for people living or connected to West Wickham, 66% of respondents were agreeable to some affordable housing being built.

Some respondents raised concerns on overdevelopment and lack of facilities e.g. water, sewage, traffic, lack of health centre or shops. It is now up to the Working Group to develop a proposal to meet the residents' expressed needs

Following this the "Working Group Terms of Reference" were approved by the Parish Council and signed. The appointment of Working Group members was also approved by the Parish Council and again will be posted on the village website.

Matters arising:

- a. Dean Road hedging: Cambs CC Highways Dept say that this is listed to be done before the end of the financial year. Overhanging branches on the A1307 are still a problem and the matter will be raised at the net Forum meeting.
- b. Dean Road junction re grips: Cllr. Cornish was thanked for cutting out some grips as the Highways Dept had only cut out grips at one end of Dean Road.
- c. Signage repairs – there are still many to be done.
- d. Neighbourhood Watch: Cllr. Schuilenburg will give two talks a year to keep the village up-dated on the various scams etc. as there was no interest in starting the Watch up again.
- e. Village Sign repairs: Tom Licence has agreed to deal with this.

Planning: All the new applications have been supported by the Parish Council but no decisions as yet by SCDC.

Elections: Parish Council elections would be held every 4 years, at the same time as local government elections. The next election will be 2018.

Finance: Please see noticeboard for details of authorised payments and receipts. The Chairman said the budget was on target and he expected there would be a surplus which would be unallocated reserved after the £500 was set aside for playground maintenance.

Maintenance:

- a. Gritting: The Parish Clerk will order two yellow grit bins, one to be sited next to the bungalows to the left on

the open ground in Streetly End, and one to be sited outside Ivy Todd Farm at the West Wickham T junction.

- b. Banners: Following complaints about the Daisy Chain Preschool banner being flown outside the Village Hall Cllr. Licence had spoken to Sue Harrow who told her that Ofsted required the school to be advertised. It was agreed the banner should only be up during school time.

Playground report: A quote of £650 had been received, considerably less than Wicksteed's quote and it was agreed that Tom Licence's quote be accepted.

Parish Council compliance: It was agreed that when the Minutes are agreed and signed they will be put on the website as will the accounts. The Agenda already goes on the website along with the draft Minutes.

Any other business:

- a. It was agreed that another piece would go into the Village Voice about dogs fouling not only the recreation ground, verges and pavements but also the playground area which is closed to dogs. (Ed. This will appear in next month's edition)
- b. The hedge opposite the Village Hall, belonging to Platts Farm, has been cut but the cuttings etc. are still lying in the ditch and need to be cleared away before they get blown into the road and cause an accident. The Clerk will write to the land owner.

The Chairman thanked Cllrs. Licence, Hall, Schuilenburg and Grieve for their involvement and hard work in various projects.

The Annual Parish Council meeting (AGM) will be held on Monday 22 May 2017 at 7.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15pm. ALL WELCOME

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223 665260

**D'ABO TENNIS CLUB – WEST WRATTING
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

The new tennis season starts 1 May and you are most welcome to join us. We offer children's coaching during the summer holidays as well as year round access to our court on the village Recreation Ground.

If you are interested in joining the Club, please contact the Treasurer, Mark Holme on 07768 443223 or Treasurer@WestWrattingTennis.co.uk; or visit the website www.WestWrattingTennis.co.uk for a membership form and more information.

★ HUB NIGHT! ★

NEXT
DATE: 27.05.17



RAF WRATTING COMMON

May Memorial Service Sunday 28 May

A short open air service will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 28 May at the RAF Wrattling Common Memorial, to commemorate the opening of the airfield on the very same day, Sunday 28 May, in 1943 and to remember all those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

For further information please email: rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just the two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that with the continued support of people in the locality this key community legacy will survive from generation to generation.

Dan Heath

BALSHAM COMMUNITY MARKET

13 May

2pm to 5pm, Church Institute

It is nearly that time again to stock up on tasty, fresh, seasonal food and goodies. We have a busy market planned for the 13 May with our usual food producers along with a handful of newcomers. Now summer is on the horizon it means that there will be stalls inside and outside and we will be open till 5pm.

Consequently, we are delighted to welcome back Kay from Big Sky Cakes and Deb from Spoonstruck selling her awesome ice creams and sorbets.

Please extend a warm welcome to our newcomers for May: Three Little Birds Floristry who will be selling floral arrangements; Chillli Designs from Streetly End selling jewellery, Jenny Taylor Cards and Phoenix Trading who will be selling stationery items. Denver Lloyd of Aspect Cuisine is also joining in on the fun and will possibly be serving up his paella dish.

There will also be a well-stocked plant stall selling bedding plants such as marigolds, zinnias, cornflowers, cosmos, snapdragons and a handful of perennials such as delphiniums, day lilies, Echinacea and geraniums.

Please come along and support our local farmers and food producers. A thriving market adds value to the community not only by bringing people and food together, it adds value in making Balsham and the surrounding villages a very attractive place to live.

Keep abreast of further updates by following us on our website and Facebook.

www.balshammarket.wordpress.com
www.facebook.com/balshammarket

Debbie Paton

SUPERFAST BROADBAND IS FINALLY HERE

Yes, really! With Cabinet 5 finally being activated in the middle of March, all residents of West Wickham and Streetly End now have access to Superfast broadband through either fibre-to-the-cabinet (FTTC) - Cabinets 7 and 5, or fibre to the premises (FTTP) directly from the West Wrattling Exchange.

Activations from Cabinet 5 appear to have been significantly smoother than the majority of FTTC connections off Cabinet 7 and the FTTP connections at Burton End. I have been assured that all residents upgrading to Superfast Broadband in these villages should be able to receive download speeds of 22Mbps minimum, and your connection should be more stable than ADSL.

If you have been activated and you have slower speeds than the guaranteed minimums offered by your ISP, or have regular drop-offs, I encourage you to take these up with your ISP as soon as possible. Early reports get treated as installation failure which are easier to address than "normal" failures. If they claim to be unable to improve this speed or reliability due to the network infrastructure, please contact either Connecting Cambridgeshire (Connecting.Cambridgeshire@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or myself (alex@schuilenburg) for investigation and hopefully resolution.

Many thanks again to everyone for your encouragement and support over the last two years and more, and for all the email updates - I would never have been able to get so far without all these.

Alex Schuilenburg

MOBILE PHONE AND BROADBAND SURVEY

The new mobile phone mast on the Balsham Water Tower has been activated and residents may have seen improved mobile phone reception. Unfortunately, some residents have reported not seeing any improvement in their mobile phone reception, myself included.

In order to gather a better overall picture of reception in the village, please can resident's return the completed questionnaire of Mobile Phone Reception and Superfast Broadband sent to all residents of West Wickham and Streetly End by our MP Lucy Fraser. The questionnaire can also be returned by email. If you did not receive a copy, please email me at alex@schuilenburg.org for one. If you don't have access to a scanner and would prefer not to post it, simply drop it through my letterbox at 47 High Street, West Wickham and I will forward it on.

Alex Schuilenburg

WESTON COLVILLE CINEMA CLUB

On Wednesday 3 May, our film will be Passport to Pimlico, a charmingly whimsical British classic from Ealing Studios, with the wonderful Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford 7.30pm, pre-screening talk, refreshments available, all welcome. Then we'll begin our summer break, and Cinema Club will return in the autumn.

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MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

Following on from our Ofsted inspection back in January, I am finally allowed to share the report and judgement with you all. I am thrilled to inform you that our school has been judged as a 'Good' school overall. As you will be aware, in July 2013 The Meadow was placed in 'Special Measures' and over the past few years there has been a huge amount of hard work from everyone. During this time the Ofsted Inspection Framework has changed with the threshold for 'Good' being much harder to attain. Along with having the new National Curriculum and the much harder Key Stage 2 SATs tests, we are genuinely delighted with our result.

From the very first day I became Headteacher, the staff and I declared we would not rush to take on every new initiative and we would not do things or create a mass of paperwork that we thought Ofsted would want. We would do what we thought was morally right and only for the benefit of our children. I am proud to say that we did not succumb to creating spreadsheets of data for the sake of it, we didn't continually test our children, instead we taught them, and we didn't jump on the bandwagon for each and every new initiative. Instead we took our time and reflected on things before implementing them, always thinking what the impact would be on staff and children's well-being. Our vision and ethos has remained true and strong.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our school over the past few years. Every single person has played a part in our success. If you would like to read the full report then it can be found at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/140622> I hope you enjoy reading what is a really super report and one we should all be rightly proud of!

While we were celebrating the success of our Ofsted report, normal school life continued. Year 5 enjoyed their residential trip to How Hill on the Norfolk Broads. The weather couldn't have been better and the location was incredible. The children spent three days exploring the vast grounds and setting cameras to watch wildlife at night, thatching, dissecting owl pellets, dyke dipping, playing lots of games in the sunshine and taking a boat trip onto Barton Broad. The behaviour of the children was exceptional and the centre manager personally commented to me that she was so impressed with their attitude, questioning, inquisitive nature and exemplary behaviour. We were all very proud of the children!

The caring nature of our children was once again shown with £320 being raised by the whole school for Comic Relief and the Infants then raised money for the Marine Conservation Society as part of their 'blue day' to celebrate the end of their life on the ocean wave topic.

Spring term ended with the usual traditions. The whole school attended Church for an Easter service led by some of our Year 6 children and Reverend Kathy. Mrs Sarah Bassett played the organ for our Easter songs which the children sang beautifully. To finish the last day the Easter Bunny visited each member of school staff to deliver a small treat and say thank you and not to be left out, every child joined in the annual Easter Egg hunt on the playground and field in the glorious sunshine. Thank you to the Parent Teacher Association for supplying the children's sweet treats.

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

May marks the start of the examination season. Year 11 students at Linton Village College are preparing for their GCSEs, including the new style maths and English exams, and our Year 10s sit internal exams this month in all new GCSE subjects.

The move towards 9-1 grading, the removal of controlled assessment/coursework and the increase in required curriculum subject knowledge has created additional challenges in regards to what students are required to comprehend, retain and recall.

The traditional 'jug and mug' concept of education models children as empty vessels to be filled with knowledge during their schooling. As our students engage with necessary revision and exam practice, it can feel as though the primary purpose of education is to remember and regurgitate.

It is essential to balance the demands of test preparation with retaining children's desire to acquire knowledge and skills. Teachers and parents need to support children to be ready to perform to the best of their ability, while avoiding the process becoming too much of an arduous and stressful slog.

Recent news that the number of students nationally opting to take A levels in maths and English has plummeted this year, with a drop of 20% and 35% of entries respectively, is concerning. This has been attributed to the new, tougher GCSEs and students being less inclined to risk failure with these harder subjects.

It is a shame that a by-product of an insistence on high standards in the 3Rs may be a demise in the interest in and enjoyment of these subject disciplines.

At LVC we are academically ambitious for all of our young people. Being in the top 5% of all schools nationally for progress and exceeding all other OECD countries' PISA test scores is evidence of our students' achievement. However, these measures are only one factor of educational excellence.

Being able to achieve strong results in exams is important for young people – it will help them to open doors in the future. However, it is equally important to help children to develop and sustain the keys to open these doors: motivation, self-esteem and a thirst for learning.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 – 20 MAY

I am organising the collection again for our four villages. I will put up a poster in each of your Churches and some envelopes which hopefully might get filled. Please give any filled envelopes to your Churchwarden or deliver them to me at Nine Chimney House – thank you. Joanna Sanders. T: 893063, Email: sanderschimneys@uwclub.net

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