

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Wed 2 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 6 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon 7 Blue & green wheeled bin collection
Sat 12 **Wollaston, a Man and a Mission.**
2pm, Village Hall. See right
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- Deadline for items to be included in the September issue of the Village Voice**
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★ HUB NIGHT! ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

NEXT DATE: **26.08.17** 7PM-11PM



- Sun 27 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Tue 29 Black wheeled bin (day late) collection
Wed 30 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, 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.

Why don't you while away the long hours of the summer holiday by using the hall and this great sports equipment?

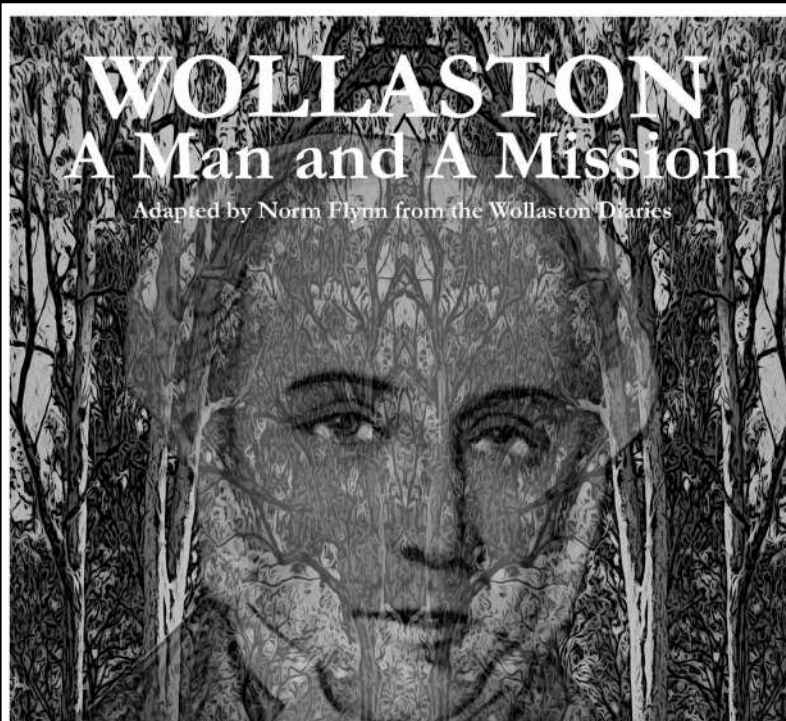
Village Hall rates (for Village use):

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| Sport Hire | day or evening £8.00/hour |
| Meeting Room | day (9.00 – 19.00) £5.00/hour. evening £7.00/hour. |
| Main Room | day (9.00 – 19.00) £7.00/hour evening £10.00/hour. |
| Complete Hall | day (9.00 – 19.00) £12.00/hour evening £18.00/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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WOLLASTON A Man and A Mission

Adapted by Norm Flynn from the Wollaston Diaries

With Tony Martin & Sigari Luckwell as John & Mary Wollaston

From perpetual curate of West Wickham to famous diarist and colonial figure in Western Australia, John Ramsden Wollaston is the central character in this acclaimed and dramatic presentation performed by members of Stark Raven Theatre Co. of Bunbury, Western Australia.

West Wickham Village Hall

2.00pm 12 August

Tickets £12.50 Concessions £10 Schoolchildren £5
Available from Janet Morris, 21 High Street, T: 290863
Proceeds to St Mary's Church Repair Fund

In association with West Wickham & District Local History Club

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

DIG 4

Many thanks to all who took part in our latest test pit excavations over the 15 & 16 July. It was another successful weekend with 22 people taking part. Thanks must also go to Mathew Morris for giving up his weekend to take a 'busman's holiday'; Paul & Penny Coulson who allowed us to dig on their land and set up our finds processing centre; the Village Hall Management Committee for loan of tables and South Cambs District Council for permission to open a test pit on their land in front of the bungalows in Streetly End. This test pit provided us with perhaps the most exciting finds. We recovered a large amount of early medieval pottery along with oyster shells and bones but no later material. The question now is why was it there? Was this the local rubbish dump or does it come from occupation in the vicinity? In contrast very little was recovered from Laura's garden next door at no 35!

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Dig 4 continued



Three other test pits were dug in Burton End. One was on the footpath by White Gables where there would have been back gardens to some cottages shown on old

maps. The material recovered from here was mostly early 18th and 19th century, so it looks like these were not part of medieval settlement. The test pit in Arthur's garden (23/25) did contain medieval pottery along with a large amount of small scrap metal items such as hinges and bolts.

Trevor's test pit revealed part of a building, possibly the house which is shown on 19th century maps but no useful dating evidence, although he is planning



on extending his test pit to find out more. Dig 4 was registered as part of the nationwide Festival of Archaeology and we had about 24 visitors over the two days.



We think we would still like to open a few more test pits next year but this will probably be the last chance for you to offer your garden or other land. We have

plenty of experienced diggers now so you don't have to dig a test pit yourself unless of course you want to. Please get in touch if you can help.

Don't forget you can find out more on our page on westwickham.org but also look at our own website

<https://westwickhambigdig.wordpress.com>

check out the 3D test pits from Dig 3, watch out for updates on Dig 4 and leave comments. Photographs of the dig have been uploaded to our facebook page. Find them at

www.facebook.com/West-Wickham-Big-Village-Dig-208527505966436/

Janet Morris

Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

ROAD CLOSURE

Streetly End is going to be closed near the bend at the West Wickham end of the street for 1 day between 21 - 25 August. This is so that a new electrical supply can be installed to a building site. More details will be delivered to houses in the area and warning signs will go up 2 weeks in advance.

DEGRADED MOBILE PHONE RECEPTION

The mobile phone equipment covering West Wickham and Streely End of the mobile phone operator Three has been affected by a major fault since 12 June. This also affects all mobile phone service providers who piggy back off Three or share their telecommunications infrastructure in our area. Three are aware of the problem and have had engineers on site at various stages, but have been unable to resolve the issue as of 20 July and engineers are still working on the problem.

If you are unlucky enough to have gone from 1-2 bars to zero bars reception, I encourage you to contact your mobile service provider to report the degraded service and ask for a refund of your monthly fees for the previous and current month. Why should you pay for a service they have stopped providing? Please also drop me an email at alex@schuilenburg.org with the name of your provider and a brief description of how badly the reception has degraded - I will pass this information onto our MP if the issue is not soon resolved.

The Three representative did offer a small consolation: a new mast is scheduled to be installed in October/November 2017 to the south-west of us which is supposed to improve our reception with Three, it's partners and the operators who piggy back off their networks.

Alex Schuilenburg

THE CHURCH FETE

This raised £2,000. A big thank you goes to everyone who helped, supported and donated towards this event.

Nicky Cornish

VILLAGE HUB NIGHT

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us with the new HUB nights; family and friends have been very supportive. We have enjoyed the monthly gatherings but as it is a community event we are hoping that someone else might like to take on the September / October meetings.

We agreed to give £100 from the profit each month to a worthy cause. So far these have been Red Nose day, the Manchester Bombing Appeal and the new Book Swap which Perla is organising in the redundant phone box.

We are arranging a Christmas themed HUB night on 23 December.

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FROM THE VICARAGE

By the time you read this the summer holidays will be well under way, with children going around the villages enjoying being outside in the fresh air, perhaps having some picnics, playing in the park and leading a simple life. This time of refreshment enables us to connect with the natural world with the harvest in full flow and appreciating the flora and fauna around us.

It is hard to believe that Julie left us a year ago, but we have managed to maintain regular services in the 7 churches due to the hard work of the clergy, churchwardens and willing helpers. Not only are we maintaining the status quo but we are also growing in our outreach in the community, with activities such as fetes, concerts and an art exhibition to come.

There has been a steady flow of requests for baptisms in some of the churches, which is really encouraging. As I was thinking about baptism I realised that in days gone by it was a rite of passage. Once the baby had arrived it was a chance to “wet” the baby’s head followed by a trip to church for the naming of the infant and then a party afterwards. This is a wonderful way to celebrate a new life. Joining the family of the church is not just for that in the village but is to be part of the whole Anglican Communion worldwide. It is amazing to think of a family on such a large scale. There is the support of the parents and godparents as well as the church community helping them to grow in faith. We celebrate that with the baptised person. It does not always have to be a baby, adults too can come forward to experience God’s love, which is not limited to the privileged few, but accessible to all, regardless of who they are. We are all made in the image of God. Cardinal Newman said ‘The day you are baptised is the greatest day of all, even above ordination ‘ If this is something you would like to know more about please get in touch.

We have so much to be thankful for in our lives on our journey of faith. On this journey there are times when we travel with certain friends, and other times when there are others who only accompany us very briefly. In a society that has many lonely people perhaps we could be one such friend, to walk alongside someone who is lonely.

Rev. Kathy Bishop

FIRE GOVERNANCE CONSULTATION

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Police and Crime Commissioner, Jason Ablewhite, has launched a consultation to gauge peoples opinion on whether to combine the Police and Fire Service under a single Commissioner . All the information regarding the consultation, including a short survey, can be found on our website:

www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/fire-governance-consultation/

Sarah Morgan, Office of the Cambridgeshire Police & Crime Commissioner

DON'T FORGET
WOLLASTON, A Man and A Mission
2pm, Saturday 12 August
West Wickham Village Hall
Tickets from Janet Morris, 21 High Street

SAWSTON ADULT EDUCATION

We are excited to offer you a completely new range of courses for the next academic year! Dichroic Glass Jewellery, Sew with Knit Fabrics, Watercolours for Beginners, Staying Safe On-line, Diabetes & Me, Fitness for Mature Movers is just a small sample of what we will be offering.

We have some taster sessions on Saturday 2 September 10.00 – 11.00 for which we charge £5 (this is refundable upon enrolment for the same course commencing September). Booking is essential to guarantee your place. The subjects currently available to try are French beginners, How to Apply Make Up, Indian Cookery, Indian Dance, Introduction to Writing Fiction (9.30 – 10.30), Spanish Beginners and Yoga.

All our new and usual courses are on our website www.sawstonadulthood.org. We are sure you will find something of interest.

If you wish to make a booking you will find a booking form on our website for completion and return. Plus we have an enrolment morning on Saturday 2 September 9.00 – 12.00, so you could pop by then to book your place. The Adult Learning team will be available Monday to Friday 9.00 – 1.00 from Thursday 24 August. Our contact details are 01223 712424 or email community@sawstonvc.org

Sue King & Amanda Hoskins , The Adult Education Department

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We have had a busy time since our last report. We had a great time singing our hearts out at the Annual District Campfire held at the Jarman Centre in Newmarket. There was a good mix of old and new songs, some with actions others more of a serenade.

At the beginning of July we celebrated Rainbows’ 30th Birthday with a joint Rainbow and Brownie Funday held at Horseheath Village Hall. Using the Girlguiding Anglia Region Rainbows’ 30th Birthday Challenge Badge for our ideas 50 girls from Balsham and Linton Rainbows, Balsham, Burrough Green and Horseheath Brownies joined together to make and the try sushi, make bracelets, flapped fish, decorated fish and sand art pictures. All the girls went home with bags filled with everything they had made during the day. Obviously they ate the sushi.

We also attended the Annual District Strawberry Evening held at Linton House. The evening was a huge success and the predicted thunderstorms never materialised.

At the end of term we said “goodbye” to Anna who is moving to Ireland with her family during the school holidays. We return to Brownies at the beginning of September so if you have a daughter who would be interested in joining us please register her at www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

If you would like more information on what we do or would like to help us with a special skill you may have then please drop us an email.

Pauline, Katie, and Laurené,
email: brownies@horseheath.info

BALSHAM SCOUT NEWS

It's been a while since we have sent an update on all things scouting in the village. Despite the hut still being 'work in progress' it has been business as usual for the sections. The Scouts have spent some time at the Jarman centre building on their outdoor skills. The Cubs have made good use of the lovely weather and have done pond dipping, wide games, nature scavenger hunts and we had a fantastic time at the Newmarket District Cub camp with around 150 other cubs. But most importantly we are really excited to have a new Beaver colony thanks to Alex Stokes who has volunteered to become a Beaver Leader. The colony opened in April and I believe there are 11 Beavers who have been invested to date.

As you will have noticed the Scout hut is up and weather proof, however we still need to do the internal fittings. We are really grateful to Jim Daniels for his work on the internal partitioning. We have a few other people who have volunteered their time and expertise to help us (there is still room for more!) but we thought it was about time people had a chance to have a look inside the hut therefore we held an open morning on 24 June. Bacon butties and hot drinks were served whilst everyone could have a look at progress so far. Whilst this was happening the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts were out and about around the village cleaning road name signs. This was our way of saying thank you to the Parish Council who are continuing to support us in many ways. The groups really enjoyed the excuse to get wet and were please with their achievements that morning. Hopefully the photos show what a difference they made to the signs.



If you have any children who would be interested in joining the Scouting movement we hold a waiting list. Please contact us on the details below. Equally if any adults are interested in becoming helpers/leaders please contact Paul Carter.

Beavers (age 6-8) Alex Stokes
alexander.stokes@hotmail.com

Cubs (age 8-10) Debbie Mower debbie.mower@gmail.com

Scouts (age 10-14) Paul Carter psc.sjk@gmail.com

Juliet Bevan, Assistant Cub Scout Leader

HERE COMES THE SUN!

We are having a fantastic summer so far - I must qualify that I am writing this on 21 June, it is bright and sunny outside and the temperature is an amazing 27 deg C. When you read this it may well be a different story, knowing the unpredictability of our weather.

The sun cream I use is a middle of the price range and one that is very water resistant as I swim outdoors a lot. I tend to use the ones for kids and very high sun protection factor (SPF). This one is 50+ which supposedly only allows a 50th of the UV radiation through, with 5 UVA stars – maximum rating.

Tanning is not a bad thing. It is the body's response to increase ultraviolet radiation, producing darker melanin and more melanin and protecting the cells from damage. A bit of sun on the skin is also good to produce vitamin D, and makes us feel better.

The problem is too much sun, too strong and too often. This causes genetic changes in the skin cells and ages the skin. Some people don't tan well, they burn. Over time or with repeated skin damage, the cells change and can become damaged, causing flaky reddish patches (Actinic keratoses) particularly on the face and other exposed areas eg. arms and legs. These can occasionally turn to skin cancer.

Melanoma can appear anywhere in the body, but the trunk is the most common place, so if you have a partner or friend, check their back from time to time. If caught early they can be easily cured by removing them, but they do spread to other organs, sometimes quickly, and sometimes they are caught late.

In the UK, melanoma is diagnosed at a mean age of around 50 years but a fifth of cases occur in young adults and as a result it has a large impact in terms of years of life lost. Over the last 30 years the incidence of melanoma has increased more than for any other common cancer in the UK. Lifetime risk of 1 in 60.

The thing to look out for is change in a mole – change in size, change in shape and change in colour. We also use the "ABC" rule when checking a mole:-

A for Asymmetry

B for irregular Border

C for Colour (the more colours the more concerned one would be).

So do seek advice from your GP early if you feel something is not right with your skin and remember the Australian health campaign. 'Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide' is probably the best slogan to remember in preventing problems.

Slip on a shirt, **Slop** on the 30+ sunscreen, **Slap** on a hat, **Seek** shade or shelter, **Slide** on some sunnies (sun glasses).

I am raising money for melanoma research in primary care via the local charity Melanoma Focus by swimming the English Channel in August. This money will go to projects designed to prevent melanoma and pick them up early in General Practice. It will fund research by Dr Fiona Walters at Strangeways laboratories in Cambridge who has already worked with local surgeries and patients over the last 10 years or so. It is really important research to avoid unnecessary suffering and deaths. If you would like to support this pleas go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/MigArbide>

Dr Arbide GP Granta Medical Practices

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

The words amazing, fantastic, outstanding, brilliant are banded around so freely these days that sometimes when you say them people don't appreciate their true meaning and the effort that has gone in to the results that you then declare to be those words. I can honestly say that every time I have written or said these words this year they have been heartfelt and the hard work behind them has been so evident.

As the academic year draws to a close we have celebrated so many successes and achievements there isn't enough room within my word limit to mention them all or to thank all of the people involved. What I am most proud of though is that through all of the tough and challenging times (and in education there are many) we haven't lost sight of what is important to us as a school. We haven't compromised on our core education and enrichment offer and we haven't let suggestions/ideas from those up high (in the Department for Education or Ofsted) change our thoughts and focus on what we believe is important. The mantra – 'We do things because they have impact on our children and not just to tick a box' may as well be tattooed on all of the staff. I am proud to say even in times when pressures mean taking a huge risk to not fully conform or to introduce something new, we have stuck to our guns and we do things for our children and not to please others.

The risk has very much paid off as yet again our end of year results place us significantly above both Cambridgeshire and the National Average for all recordable measures. 83% of our youngest children achieved their Good Level of Development compared to the national average (70.9%). Our Year 1 children achieved a remarkable 4th year in a row of 100% pass of the phonics check, while Year 2 scored between 10-20% higher in reading, writing and maths compared to the national average. Our Year 6 children also worked their socks off, achieving 10% or more compared to the national average in reading, writing and maths with an overall combined score of 71% compared to the national average of 61% (full results available on our website). Our results are exceptionally pleasing and huge congratulations should be given to every child and staff member who has worked with them.

As we bid our current Year 6 children a fond farewell, we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children in September. They will be starting their school careers in a time when funding is at its worst and the picture of education seems to be forever changing. What I can safely say is that we will continue to do what we believe is right and have impact on our learners – we won't compromise on opportunities, experiences or quality teaching just so we can tick a box!

We share photos and news of everything that happens at The Meadow on our twitter page, @Meadow_Balsham. Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

LINTON VILLAGE NEWS

A young person's education consists of all sorts of experiences beyond the regular curriculum at LVC. As well as learning important knowledge and skills that will help them to achieve success in academic study and the next steps in their lives, opportunities at school also help our young people to learn valuable life lessons about themselves and their communities.

Our PSHE (personal, social and health education) and enrichment programmes are ways in which students do this. Through a diverse range of topics and activities, our young people are enabled to mature and develop their understanding of their own personal development and of the world around them.

As with every generation that has come before them, it is a challenging and exciting time to be a young adult. With a degree of uncertainty about what the future has to hold, and the promise of the change that they have the power to enact, we aspire to help our students to play a positive and productive role in their communities and in wider society. A key element of this is to develop their confidence, independence and sense of responsibility.

One way in which we help young adults to broaden their horizons and learn from those that are different as well as similar to themselves is by providing opportunities to travel and benefit from an exposure to new experiences and contexts.

This academic year there has been a great range of local and international excursions. In the last month, students of all ages have participated in the Wind Band Tour to Croatia, playing live music in a number of town squares across the Adriatic coastline. Currently twenty of our Year 11 students are on a Camps International adventure in Cambodia. Following a great deal of personal fundraising, they are spending four weeks exploring the country and helping to contribute to community infrastructure through charity volunteer work, such as helping to build schools.

These kinds of life experiences are character-shaping and help our young people to grow, learn and mature in all kinds of ways that can't be tested or measured through a formal exam.

Helena Marsh, Principal

WESTON COLVILLE HARVEST SWAP

This will be on Saturday 12 August, 10.00 - 12.00 noon. Bring produce that's too much for your table and go home with something different in exchange. All fruit and veg welcome, plus preserves. Nothing to swap? No problem - come and see local produce you might like in exchange for a donation. Refreshments available.

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