

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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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
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

To book the Village Hall contact Louise Salter
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Email: bookings@westwickham.org
or visit www.westwickham.org

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A1307 UP-DATE

Dual Carriageway Working Group

As reported in the last Village Voice, a Dual Carriageway Working Group (the Group's preferred name) has been established to coordinate the village response to the outline proposals for a new dual carriageway between Haverhill and the A11 that have been put forward by the A1307 Strategy Board. A list of participants in the Working Group will be published on the West Wickham website.

The Working Group has so far met twice; the Group is currently focusing on gathering all available information on the road proposal and ensuring that all relevant groups are aware of the proposed routes. We are encouraging villagers who are concerned about these proposals to write to our MP Lucy Frazer, and our County Councillor Henry Batchelor (contact details below). We are also pushing for the A1307 Strategy Board to be more transparent; in particular, we are requesting the publication of the full report and data that led to the dual carriageway proposal. We hope that this will be made available shortly.

Consultation launched

Meanwhile, following public consultation in 2016 and further development of options in 2017, the Greater Cambridge Partnership's South East Transport Study has now proposed a package of measures for the A1307, including safety measures to reduce accidents and three possible options for improving public transport, with the aim of reducing car dependency (an aim that could be significantly undermined by a new dual carriageway).

Trevor Hall (on behalf of the Parish Council) attended a meeting on 7 February of the GCP's South East Local Transport Study Local Liaison Forum (a group composed of county, district and parish council representatives along with residents' associations and other interest groups such as the Friends of the Roman Road), where the package of possible measures was presented and the various options were discussed.

A public consultation on these measures has now been launched, and will run until Tuesday 3 April 2018. Leaflets will be distributed throughout the area, and information is available at www.greatercambridge.org.uk/CambridgeSouthEast, where you can also respond to the consultation online. The following local exhibitions are planned, where members of the public will be able to discuss the options with technical experts. Regrettably the exhibition at Linton was before this edition of the Village Voice was published.

Stapleford Pavilion.	Wednesday 7 March.	4.00 - 7.00pm.
Haverhill Tesco's.	Saturday 10 March.	9.30 - 12.00.
The Abington Institute.	Tuesday 13 March.	4.00 - 7.00pm.
Sawston Village College.	Wednesday 14 March.	4.00 - 7.00pm.

Some of the most relevant issues for our village are speed limits on the A1307 between Horseheath and Linton to reduce accidents, the possible closure of the central reservation at Dean Road crossroads, and a new transport "hub" at Linton, with a car park and bus stop to facilitate use of the bus service that runs on the A1307 – although we believe the proposed car park would have very limited capacity (24 cars).

We would encourage residents to participate in the consultation. This is an important initiative which is aiming to address the same issues (congestion, safety) that are highlighted by proponents of a dual carriageway.

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A1307 Up-date continued

To be kept up-to-date with issues concerning the A1307 and the proposal for a new dual carriageway, visit the village website (<http://westwickham.org/a1307/>) and sign up to either residents@westwickham.org or newroad@westwickham.org, using the form on the website.

Georgina Magin, Dual Carriageway Working Group
Trevor Hall, West Wickham Parish Council.

Contact details for letters, if you wish to write:

Lucy Frazer, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

E: lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk

Henry Batchelor, 1 Maltings Cottages, Long Lane, Linton, Cambridgeshire, CB21 4NS

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ST MARY'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM

This will be held on Monday 9 April at 7.30pm in the church. Please come along and see what's been happening in the last year and if you have any questions for the PCC as to how they look after your church. This public meeting is quite short and usually ends at 8pm when the PCC have their meeting. However, if there are lots of questions, it may go on longer. If you can't make it send your comments or questions to me and I will see that they are discussed.

Hope to see you there!

Nicky Cornish, PCC secretary.

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FROM THE VICARAGE

In six weeks' time we shall have welcomed our new Priest in Charge, the Rev Iain McColl. The Bishop of Ely, the Rt. Rev Stephen Conway, will have licensed him at Holy Trinity, Balsham and he and his family will be living in Balsham Rectory. Later Iain will be made our new Rector, as the impenetrable legal systems of the Church of England gradually grind their way through.

In April Iain will be on the inevitable 'learning curve' of getting to know us all. The McColl's will be the first family with young children in Balsham Rectory for many years. Meanwhile, both here in our group of churches and in Iain's parish, St. Peter's in Bristol, we will all be travelling through Lent, looking forward to the solemnity of Holy Week and Good Friday and the celebration of Easter Day, known as the 'Queen of Feasts'.

The next big change in our Ministry Team will be the appointment of a priest who will be living in the Vicarage at Little Abington. When that happens we, the Ministry Team, will finally be back to full strength, serving all our seven churches and our village communities.

Keith Johnson

IF YOU NEED A HAND AT ANY TIME

There are several people in the village who regularly go to Balsham, Linton and Sainsbury's and would be happy to either take people or deliver/pick up prescriptions, post letters do a bit of shopping etc. If you would be interested in this help, please contact Nicky Cornish 290203 or Di Licence 290434.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The items below were some of the issues discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on 22 January. The full draft minutes can be seen on the notice board in the village.

Matters arising: *Dean Road/A1307*: Despite an undertaking from the County Council Highways Dept that the offending trees at the Dean Road crossroads would be cut down to improve vision this has not been done and the Council have been told that no further work will be carried out.

Finance:

1. The authorised payments and income received are shown in full in the draft Minutes.
2. Precept & budget for 2018/19: It was agreed that the precept should remain the same as for 2017/18 (£11,000) as there was no major expenditure visualised this coming year. The budget would also be the same as for 2017/18. The accounts were in good shape.

A1307 proposed dualling Northern option - Action group update. The Chairman said he had spoken to Neal Burford, the contact for the A1307 Strategy Board in Haverhill, who told him that neither route had been given preference and it would require £80,000 to set up a full investigative plan so any development is unlikely for many years. Georgina Magin then updated the Council, a full report of which is on the front page. Objectives had been agreed and 20 people had put their names forward to be on the group of which 15 attended a follow-up meeting.

Neighbourhood Plan: A drop-in session had been organised for 27 January to enable residents to view and comment on the character assessment document, which would form an important part of the overall plan. Full details are on the website.

Speed Indicators: These are now being tested. Insurance will be taken on by Balsham Parish Council, which will give cover for equipment held by the 7 parishes for fire and theft at a total cost of £100 per year.

Road signs: There are 3 road signs that need repair or replacing and these have been reported by Cllr. Schuilenburg and the Parish Clerk.

Meetings attended by Councillors: Cllr Hall had attended the UK Power Network forum in London and spoke of a service provided by UK Power for those with a disablement, pensioners, dementia patients, where if you registered a need by completing a form you would be given priority if there was a power cut. (Ed. See page 4 for further details).

The reports of both County Cllr. Batchelor and Dist.Cllr Fraser: These are available in full on the village website and also in the draft Minutes.

Any other business:

1. Cllr. Cornish requested a letter be sent to William Stone about the bright light on his building on Balsham Hill as he had received two complaints about this. Mr Stone had said last year that he would be doing something about obscuring this light.
2. Complaints had also been made about the plot opposite Maypole Croft being a safety hazard with old greenhouse wood and glass remaining in the grass. It was understood this is being dealt with by SCDC Environment Dept.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be Monday
26 March at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

T: 01223 665260, E: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year there will be Parish and District Council elections on Thursday 3 May, and a new Parish Council will be elected for a 4 year term of office. If you would like to be nominated Jenny Richards, the Parish Clerk, has nomination forms (see below for contact details). These have to be completed and handed in to the Electoral Registration Officer at South Cambs. District Council by 12 noon on Friday 6 April.

If you are new to village life (or maybe if you're not!) you are probably unfamiliar with or confused about the role of the Parish Council - so, hopefully, this brief guide may make things a little clearer.

Parish Councils are the lowest tier of local government. Parish Councillors are elected every four years by those on the normal electoral roll and the number is dependent on the population - West Wickham has 7 Councillors. The Parish Council should not be confused with the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) which includes the vicar and churchwardens and is responsible for the provision of facilities for worship, along with the upkeep of the church and churchyard. The Parish Council receives most of its funding annually through the Council Tax and this has to be used to enhance village life in some way. The Parish Council owns and is responsible for the allotments, the playing field and the playground. It also owns the Village Hall but leases it to the Village Hall Trust who manages it on their and your behalf. It also provides financial support to other organisations which benefit the village. For example, the Parish Council currently contributes to the Mobile Warden Scheme for the elderly, subscribes to the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke (the Roman Road forms the southern boundary of the parish and is a well-used and well-loved amenity) and is sponsoring this newsletter.

The Parish Council is continually consulted by both the District and County Councils on a wide range of issues and, in turn, the Councillors use their local knowledge and understanding to represent your views back to them. They can, and do, effectively put pressure on these bodies on your behalf. The Parish Council is not itself a planning authority but is consulted on all planning applications and its views are taken into account. The Parish Council receives a tremendous amount of information from a wide variety of sources on many subjects. Some of this is displayed on the Parish Council notice board, some will appear in this newsletter but, because of sheer volume, much is simply circulated around Councillors, which means they should be a good first port of call for help or advice. Parish Council meetings, which are held in the Village Hall every two

months at present, are open to the public (watch out for the posters advertising date & time, the next meeting is on Monday 26 March). In theory, you are not allowed to speak but, in practice, Parish Councillors want to hear your views and address your concerns and you will almost certainly be invited to make a contribution. Alternatively, you can contact a Councillor personally or write to the Parish Council Clerk to have an item put on the agenda. The Clerk, currently Jenny Richards, is employed on a part-time basis to deal with day-to-day administration and finance, service meetings and be a point of contact. At least once a year, usually in May, the Parish Council is required to arrange a Parish Meeting to discuss parish matters. There will usually be a report on the work of the Parish Council during the year but this is really your chance to question what they do, find out how they spend your money, raise any concerns or simply give Parish Councillors your support. For those who live in a village there is no mysterious 'they' who will provide facilities, amenities and social opportunities. 'They' is all of us - you, me, us - and being a Parish Councillor is a way of making a positive contribution to the community. So, how about it? What you can do:

- take an interest in what the Parish Council does (or does not)
- think about standing for election as a Parish Councillor in May
- consider nominating someone else (you need their consent!)
- VOTE on 3 MAY (any Parish Council gains confidence from feeling it has been elected by the majority not the few) If you want to know more about the work of the Parish Council or about becoming a Parish Councillor contact any of the outgoing Councillors or the Parish Clerk:

Councillors:

Patrick Charlton (Chairman)

T: 290027. Email: patrickbcharlton@googlemail.com

Marcus Cornish (Vice-Chairman)

T: 290203. Email: wmcorn@hotmail.com

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Trevor Hall T: 290559. Email: Trevor.hall@btinternet.com

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Justin Plumb T: 291395. Email: justwickham@yahoo.co.uk

Alex Schuilenburg.

T: 290084. Email: alex@schuilenburg.org

Parish Clerk:

Jenny Richards, West Lodge, 88 High Street, Balsham,

CB21 4EP. T: 01223 665260. Email:

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UK POWER NETWORK SUPPLY ISSUE

Other than the usual power-line flickering and brief power outages during heavy weather, the church end of West Wickham has been experiencing periodic but sustained over-voltages above the legal tolerance (above 253V). While most domestic appliances are capable of handling over-voltages for brief periods, sensitive electrical items such as a LED lights commonly fail.

After performing a domestic survey over a week in February, UK Power Networks have acknowledged there is a fault with their power supply which they will investigate

and hopefully resolve over the following months. Notice will be given in advance should there be a need to interrupt your power supply.

If, like me, appliances have been damaged or several LED bulbs have blown, you can also recover your expenses by contacting UK Power Networks. They will visit to confirm you are affected, after which they will arrange for repair or replacement of the damaged equipment or reimburse you for the cost of items such as LED lights.

Alex Schuilenburg

NATURE NOTES

I have a great affection for moles, even though I rarely see one. They spend their lives almost wholly underground except when young animals are dispersing. Each mole lives in its own system of tunnels, in a seemingly solitary existence of almost permanent darkness, interrupted once a year by breeding events. Their tiny eyes can apparently open slightly, but one would need to examine them closely through a lens to observe this. They live on a diet of earthworms and invertebrates and I sometimes wonder what it must be like to be a mole, but of course can never truly know. I mention them this month because February / March seems to be a time when they are particularly active, extending their tunnels and sending the loose soil up to form molehills, the largest of which may indicate a nest. Alongside the A1307 coming down the hill towards the Dean Road crossroads there is much evidence of mole activity, as there is in our own churchyard and alongside the High Street. Their evolution goes way back to a time shortly after the dinosaurs – another reminder that we humans are relative newcomers to the earth.

Above ground things are stirring too. Di says that although we are nowhere near the dawn chorus yet, some birds have begun to sing, including a song thrush from a treetop and a blackbird from Jan's roof. Great tits have been chanting 'teacher, teacher' for a couple of weeks and in the last two days I have heard a chaffinch sing – quite a bit earlier than in 2017. Today over in Weston Colville a skylark was up singing above the rape, which was a delight. I hope plenty of you have done the Big Garden Birdwatch. Di did it, looking over Tim and Annabel's feeders and her top sightings were goldfinches and chaffinches, with long-tailed and blue tits not far behind. My hour produced a slightly disappointing result as the four bullfinches that had visited our garden the previous week did not re-appear and we had to make do with house sparrows and woodpigeons as our top two. Di also wanted to record her 'tame' fieldfare but the RSPB would not allow this as it didn't count as a garden bird. This particular bird has been helping itself to fallen crab apples while a huge flock of its erstwhile companions have been occupying the paddocks at the back of White Gables.

Other bird news include a large flock of red kites seen in West Wrattling near the junction with Chapel Road, a number of sightings of a barn owl quartering, most recently at the top crossroads, and a group of golden plover occupying their normal field alongside the gallop. Di mentions jackdaws pairing up on the rooftops and peering down unguarded chimneys for 'potential real estate'. They have also been in our garden pinching the chickens' layers pellets. She also reported seeing a greenfinch on her neighbour's feeder – great news as they have declined dramatically.

Plant life is also on the move. Don't miss the yellow aconites alongside Dean Road just past the fenced paddock. Dog's mercury, lords and ladies and cow parsley are all beginning to push up through the sodden soil and I have noticed that the leaves of bluebells are already in evidence in a number of different locations, including Leys Wood.

Di asks whether anyone has seen any hares locally as they seem to be getting scarce. One crossed the road in front of me in Mill Road near Yen Hall this morning but I've not seen any evidence of madness yet.

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

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We were delighted to welcome back Simon White, Manager at Peter Beales Roses in Attleborough, who gave us a really helpful talk on how to prune roses and the best equipment to use for each job. His illustrations were clear and instructive so that we can now tackle the annual prune with a lot more confidence. He had brought many goodies for sale and our members made good use of the hefty discount offered on roses and sundries.

Our next talk on 19 March will be given by Dr. Paula Dyason from "Strictly Daylilies Nursery" at Histon. This will be at the usual time of 7.30pm so do join us if you can.

Rosemary Yallop. T: 01799584262

LITTER

I haven't been able to organise a village clean-up this year but you may have noticed there is a fair amount of litter around. If anyone wants to organise a clean-up with South Cambs collecting the bags you should contact SCDC and they will supply gloves, grabbers and refuse bags for a weekend and collect the results on a Monday. Alternatively, anyone who would like to do some solo litter clearing is welcome to borrow my grabber. Don't leave it too late as the grass will be growing and the birds nesting.

Peter Grieve

UK POWER NETWORKS PRIORITY SERVICES REGISTER

A recent presentation for local councils given by UK Power Networks brought attention to a service which they provide at times of power cuts.

They maintain a Priority Services Register which enables them to identify people who may need additional support during a power cut.

The service enables people to register for this additional support if they meet any of the following conditions:

- If you rely on medical equipment
- If you have refrigerated medicines
- If you have serious or chronic illness
- If you have a disability
- If you or someone you care for is living with dementia
- if you are of pensionable age
- If you have children under 5 in your household
- If you need extra support for a short time period (eg if you are recovering from medical treatment.)

In the event of a power cut it enables them to know where additional support is needed.

To register for this service you can apply on-line at:

<https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/internet/en/help-and-advice/priority-services-during-a-power-cut/priority-service-register-application-form>, which is a bit long to type out, or you can contact Trevor Hall on T: 290559 for a postal application form.



LEARN ABOUT FRENCH CUISINE

This April, I am delighted to be running a course of French cuisine for adults at Sawston Village College. My name is Fanny, I am a passionate, self-taught, French cook.

Long ago, when I was studying for my Baccalaureat, I discovered the relaxing virtue of cooking. My parents still remember today the feasts I prepared for each of my passed exams. I have experimented, tried, shared and my passion has grown ever since. Nine years ago, we moved to England and I discovered novel tastes to enrich my palette of flavours. Yes, cooking has always been part of my life even when I was teaching at the Farmland Museum how people were growing, harvesting and cooking wheat.

While it feels we are always short of time, I like to take some to look after my guests and myself: from choosing my ingredients, thinking of the possible combinations of flavours to the actual preparation, boiling, sizzling, cooking to make mouth-watering perfumed dishes.

I promise there will be no raw snails or frog legs during this course but enthusiasm, classical tastes with possible twists and definitely a French accent. If you have an interest on French culture and food, some basic cookery knowledge and open to new experiences, come along to treat yourself by cooking. You may learn a few new techniques, will take home the dishes you prepared and meet people sharing passion for food! On the menu:

Week 1: Degustation and choux pastry

Week 2: Quiche Lorraine and chocolate tart

Week 3: Stuffed vegetables and tapenade

Week 4: Tatin tart and Chantilly cream

Week 5: Galettes from Brittany

Week 6: Nicoise salad and pissaladiere

Week 7: Beef Burgundy

Week 8: Floating Islands

French Cuisine runs on a Wednesday evenings here at Sawston Village College 7pm – 9pm for 8 weeks at a total cost £88. Our next course starts 25 April 2018. Come with your apron, containers and ingredients (the list of which will be given to you after your enrolment). All cooking utensils provided by the College. For further details phone 01223 712424, email community@sawstonvc.org or visit <http://sawstonadulted.org/courses/cooking>

Fanny Bara Moreau, French Cuisine – Adult Education Tutor

WHAT'S ON IN WESTON COLVILLE

Cinema Club. On Wednesday 7 March we're showing a beguiling, heart warming tale of what happens when outsiders come into a small community on the west coast of Scotland. We have no film in April as Jeremy and I are both away. Our choice for Wednesday 2 May is a wonderful film from rural France, following the warm reception that Jean de Florette received in January. For details, see posters at the Reading Room or look on the Reading Room website: www.thereadingroom.org.uk. Alternatively, email to subscribe to our mailing list. 7.30pm, donations, pre-screening talk, refreshments will be available and all are welcome. Enquiries, see below.

Circular Walk. Our next walk will be on Saturday 3 March starting at 10am. Meet at the Reading Room, BYO lunch, & maybe something to share. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome.

Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com 291475

PERSONAL ASSISTANT REQUIRED

We are looking for a genuine caring person to help our current personal assistant who gives personal care to our son with complex care and health needs. The position is in West Wrattling and is for Friday evening 7pm, Saturday morning 8am and evening 7pm, Monday morning 7.30am and evening 8pm, Tuesday morning 7.30am. We offer a good rate of pay.

Any interested person please call James or Sarah Warren on 01223 291236 or email sarah@millendcam.co.uk for more information.

Granta Deanery

supporting the churches' work for village communities in South Cambridgeshire

Spring Fair

Saturday 10th March

10 am – noon

Great Shelford Memorial Hall

Cakes * Produce * White Elephant

Toys * Jigsaws * China * Glass

Card & Craft * Gifts * Tombola * Raffle

Refreshments * wide range of Books

Entrance: Adults 50p Children Free

* Eat Well * Live Well * Celebrate Community



Balsham Community Market

Bringing Food & Friends Together

Saturday 10th March 2018

2pm to 4pm

Balsham Church Institute

Featuring:
Parkins Farm Butchers; The Lamb Charcuterie Company;
Jigsaw Bakery; Hum-Closen; Jane's Cupcakes; Chocs-Away/
CB21 Cheesecake Company; Borakis Greek Foods;
Nikki's Homemade; The Wild Flour Kitchen; Plumbs Dairy and
LVC Camps International Chocolate Fundraiser.

Café serving homemade cakes & cream teas.

2018 Dates:
12th May, 8th September, 10th November and 8th December.

** no market in July **

The perfect opportunity to pick up seasonal, local fresh produce on your door step!
Profits will be passed on to the Balsham Feast.

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LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Widespread coverage of institutionalised sexism continues in the media spotlight. Amongst the stories of sexual abuse and harassment, the coverage has also highlighted inequalities in the treatment of women and gender stereotypes that persist, despite significant societal progress to tackle them.

Everyday sexism in schools has been the focus of recent research by the government, revealing some shocking findings. A report, published last year by Parliament's Women and Equalities Select Committee, outlined evidence that nearly 60 per cent of girls and young women aged 13-21 said that they had faced some form of sexual harassment at school or college within the previous year. It is disturbing that there were so many victims of unpleasant and unwanted language and behaviour, and that this kind of conduct continues in the 21st century.

At LVC we continue to address these issues through our PSHE curriculum and seek to tackle and address casual sexism that can be perceived by students as 'a joke'. We also continue to work on perceptions of careers aspirations through our information, advice and guidance and opportunities. Our March science week programme at LVC features talks from female STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) leaders, amongst other engaging events to showcase the subject.

Delivering a curriculum that reflects women's achievements starts in our partner primary schools with the study of influential figures, such as Mary Seacole, and exploring parents' careers in non-gender-stereotyped professions, such as female surgeons.

It has been great to see children of both sexes flourishing in our inaugural dance production, 'Ignite', last month, and smashing gender stereotypes. Solo performances by males and females and an all boy dance troupe were fabulous. Meanwhile, our Under 16 girls' basketball team celebrated the title of district champions.

The introduction of an LGBT+ group at LVC for students to openly discuss issues relating to gender is an example of the safe and accepting environment that we seek to foster and support.

It is essential that all children, regardless of sex and gender, are able to thrive, flourish and achieve their potential at school and in life, without fear of harassment or limitation.

Helena Marsh, Principal



MEADOW SCHOOL
PTA
Quiz
NIGHT

FRIDAY
09.03.18

DOORS: 7:00PM
START: 7:30PM

BAR
RAFFLE
TICKETS £10

FISH & CHIPS OR
VEGGIE BURGER
OPTION AVAILABLE
Please pre order vegetarian option when booking tickets

Pre book tickets only from
Meadow School: 01223 894 400

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

School is looking bright and cheery as we move into Spring with the appearance of new displays popping up. From philosophical enquiry to history displays of playtimes of the past (which I may find a little spooky when locking up in the dark at night!), the displays make the corridors look cheerful. They also provide an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the learning that the children have completed.

Just before we broke up for half term we once again set aside our normal timetable for something as a school we are passionate about well being. We try really hard to ensure that everyone who steps foot in our school whether they are a child, staff member, parent or visitor are aware of how important well being is to us. Each day we still do peer massage or have quiet reflection time. However, we decided to take this a step further and have an entire well being week. Every child experienced a Pilates class, dance class and mindfulness sessions along with a myriad of other activities.

This half term is full of events and exciting ventures for many of our children. By the time you read this our Infants will have travelled to KidZania for a day of real life work! They will be donning uniforms, picking up tools, stacking shelves and counting money whilst taking on the role of real life jobs in a children's world of work. This will support their topic in learning about past and present jobs and starting to think about what jobs we may have in the future!

In a few weeks time our Year 5 children will soon be packing their bags and heading off for 3 days residential on the Norfolk Broads, which for many will be there first time away from home. The place they will be staying is absolutely idyllic and the children get to spend 3 days in the great outdoors running around with the most beautiful backdrop whilst undertaking activities such as owl pellet dissection, night time animal camera watch, history of Eel Cottage, bird watching on the broads along with so many more activities. One of their favourite activities is always setting the tables and clearing up after meal times. Let's hope everyone gets plenty of sleep while they are away!

We are also looking forward to the music soiree where all of the children who take music lessons in school get to perform one evening and the Year 3/4 production, 'Glint of Gold' which will keep us all entertained as the term draws to a close.

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

THE PETER & RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2018. For further information about the trust and award, please contact Jonathan Drury on 01223 2909681. For an application form please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com The application form and supporting documents must be received at the latest by 31st March.

Jonathan Drury

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