

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Sun 1 Holy Communion. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Tue 3 **Green wheeled bin, recycling & plastic bottle collection**
Sat 7 **Farmers Market. 9.30 – 12.30**
Linton Village College
Sun 8 Holy Communion. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Tue 10 **Black wheeled bin collection**
Wed 11 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sat 14 **GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW**
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Sun 22 Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
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Wed 25 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 29 4 Parishes Service. See Church Porch for details

September

- Wed 1 **Green wheeled bin, recycling & plastic bottle (day late) collection**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Friday 24 September at 8pm
Pre-School Bingo Night at the Village Hall
16 & 17 October
Craft Fair at the Meadow School, Balsham

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 £4.00 per hour.
Meeting Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £4.00 per hour. evening £6.00 per hour.
Main Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £6.00 per hour evening £9.00 per hour.
Complete Hall	day (9.00 – 19.00) £10.00 per hour evening £15.00 per hour
Children's party	£25.00 daytime £36.00 evening
Adult's party/disco	£50.00
Wedding reception	£120.00

To book the Village Hall contact Kathy Pelling
T: 01223 290505

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WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

West Wickham & District Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Show in August. We hope you can be challenged into entering some exhibits or by coming and seeing how well your friends and neighbours have done. Inserted into this month's Village Voice is the show schedule, for additional copies of this or the entry form please contact me. There is a wide variety of classes we hope will interest you – vegetables & fruit, cut flowers & pot plants, flower arrangements, classes just for children, cooking & jam making and photography. There are prize money and cups to be won. Anyone can enter from West Wickham & Streetly End. Residents from adjoining villages without a show of their own can enter so why not encourage a friend to take part too.

SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST
WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL
OPENING AT 2.30pm

Exhibits can be brought to the hall between 9.30 and 11.30. The prize giving will be at 3.45pm, followed by an auction of produce.

Andrew Morris, 21 High Street, West Wickham, T: 290863
Email: ANDREW.L.MORRIS@TALK21.COM

WEST WICKHAM FETE AND CAR BOOT SALE

SEPTEMBER 5th at 1pm

Fun for all the family
BBQ lunch 1pm
Cakes, Tombola, Games and Races
Go Karting, Teas, Beer Tent, Bric-a Brac
Raffle, Secondhand Book stall
Plants, Produce & Preserves
Teas, Ice cream Parlour
And lots more

To book your car boot space phone 01223 290203
£5.00 a car - have a clear out and make some money!

DONATIONS FOR THE FETE

Please will you help in any way you can. We need you to have a clear out of all those presents you've been given that you never use that we can sell on the Bric a Brac stall. A Raffle Prize or a bottle for the Tombola, A Cake, Jolly Jars, Books, Plants, Produce & Preserves. We can collect or please drop off at Manor Farm, (just inside the gate) or in the post box. Any queries please call Nicky Cornish T: 290203

PLANTS, PRODUCE & PRESERVES

Andrew & I are organising this and all contributions would be greatly welcomed. Produce is obviously better on the day but plants & preserves can be left with us or at Manor Farm anytime. If you need pots to plant something up in we may be able to help. Please label everything!

Janet Morris. 21 High Street. T: 290863
Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

HELP PLEASE FOR THE JOLLY JAR TOMBOLA

Lucy Cameron is doing the Jolly Jar Tombola at the Fete. She needs a jam jar with a lid and perhaps made to look attractive with a pretty lid cover, fabric or wrapping paper held in place with a rubber band.

The contents should appeal to children for example: Hair accessories, marbles, sweets, balloons, crayons, bath foam/cubes, glitter, stickers fun things that will fit in a jam jar
Thing me bobs in Haverhill have inexpensive items that would be ideal.

Please help Lucy, even one jar would be a help!
Deliver to Lucy at 34 Streetly End or Manor Farm

CAKES – AGAIN!!

It is now only weeks to the Village Fete and we are writing to remind you all about the Cake Stall. We have done so well in the past that we have a reputation to uphold! This can't be done without your generous help. Please make a cake for us, or some buns, or a tart, biscuits, anything that you like baking. If you are not into baking or just do not have the time, a bought cake will do. We know that we can rely on you.

On the day please deliver them to Vivienne at April Cottage; Shirley at 13 Maypole Croft or directly to Manor Farm if this is more convenient.

With grateful thanks to you all.
Vivienne Henderson: T 290243. Shirley Hulyer. T: 290720

DAISY CHAINS PRE SCHOOL

Our sincere apologies but unfortunately we had to postpone our Bingo evening on the 9th of July but the great news is that we have rescheduled this for **Friday 24th September at 8pm!!!**

The new ticket price will be an entrance fee of £2.00. Tickets will be available to buy from the 1st August at the Post Office in both Weston Colville and Balsham and will also be available from The Chestnut Tree Pub, as well as from Daisy Chains pre-school. We would be extremely grateful if you could please buy your tickets by the 17th September so that we know how many people are coming, however entrance will still be available on the night.

We will be having a Bar and a Raffle and we will have cash prizes plus lots of other great prizes, which have been donated from local businesses.

The Chestnut Tree, West Wrating
The White Horse, Withersfield
Linton Tandoori, Linton. Home Brands, West Wickham
Cineworld. Frankie and Benny's, Haverhill
MOP's Hairdressers, Linton
Yole Farm Butchers Shoppe, Balsham
Sainsbury's, Haverhill. And many more.

For any other details and ticket information you can contact Lynsey Hubbard on 01223 290172 or Jane Jackson 01223 290854.

Come along for a fun evening and support your local pre-school.

Lynsey Hubbard. Secretary, Daisy Chains Pre School

IF THE A1307 IS BLOCKED - WHERE DO WE GO NOW?

One of the questions taken up by the Police at the most recent Linton Neighbourhood Policing Panel held in June concerned the procedures for managing traffic in the event of the A1307 being closed between the A11 and Haverhill. (This has happened a number of times in the past due to accidents). There is no agreed diversion route at present. The problem is that police policy is to divert traffic onto similar class roads (i.e. A roads) but this would mean a 50 mile diversion. In order to stop through traffic self-diverting onto unsuitable roads, an alternative needs to be agreed between the relevant authorities so that signing can be erected straight away after closure. The County Council as highway authority has undertaken to revisit this by talking to Suffolk County Council and the police to try and come up with a solution - one which we hope need be used infrequently as people start to drive more sensibly on the A1307.

For more information about the meeting go to:
<https://www.cambs-police.co.uk/myneighbourhood/meetingSummary.asp?mid=273>
Then click on 'View Minutes'.

Future Meetings: Tuesday 21st September at Linton Heights Junior School, 7.30pm.

DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

"the moss on your roof needs removing otherwise it will cause damage..."

"you've got a loose tile on your roof..."

"I have some tarmac left over from a job..."

"we were working on your neighbours when we noticed..."

"the trees in your garden need cutting back otherwise..."

These are some of the false claims made by rogue traders who have cold called to persuade people to pay for services or goods they do not want or need. Rogue traders target the elderly and vulnerable, and deliberately overcharge for unsatisfactory, unnecessary or even no work at all. Work is often left unfinished, property damaged and sometimes intimidation is used to obtain money. People have even been taken to the bank to withdraw their savings.

The Police are working with Trading Standards and other agencies to stop and arrest these unscrupulous 'traders'. But they need your help.

Have you had cold callers knock at your door touting for business?

Have you had flyers advertising services put through your letterbox and still have them?

Are there any 'traders' that you are unsure about in your area?

Do you suspect your neighbour is being targeted and ripped off by a 'trader'?

If you have answered yes to any of these questions - we want to know details of the 'traders' and their vehicles.

Contact the police on 0345 456 456 4 or Trading Standards Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06. In an emergency always dial 999. Send any flyers to Adrian Love at Cambridgeshire Trading Standards, Cambridgeshire County Council, PO Box 450, Cambridge, CB23 6ZR.

NATURE NOTES IT'S NOT SO BAD AFTER ALL

I was premature in writing off 2010 as a poor year for butterflies. July and August are the prime months so I should have been a bit more patient to see what comes out. The first bit of good news is that shortly after publication I saw a few small tortoiseshells. There have been plenty of orange tips and other whites, and ringlets are now plentiful (Peter Pearson brought one up to me in a jam jar).

Di and Steve Licence have now utterly confounded my pessimism with this upbeat contribution:

"We have to disagree about the number of butterflies seen this year – we don't think there are any fewer. This month we have had an elephant hawk moth and a hummingbird moth in our garden – in the conservatory on the honeysuckle. We have also seen a dark green fritillary and a large skipper on the patio flowers.

Several Saturdays ago on a warm sunny evening we parked at Marks Grave and walked up the Roman Road towards Balsham. The flowers are spectacular up there – knapweeds, bedstraws, yarrow and the lovely pale lilac field scabious and many more. There were birds – linnets, young mistle thrushes and corn buntings (which are rare nationwide, but fairly common around here). Bees and butterflies were feeding on the flowers, but the best thing of all was that we counted 25 tall broomrape – strong brown spikes about 9 – 10 inches high protruding through the grass – these parasitize the knapweeds – look closely and they have tiny yellow flowers. Also, a spindle tree had been stripped down one side of foliage, and was now covered with caterpillars inside webs. (Lyn – any idea what they are please?)"

Further afield, I was walking on the Devil's Dyke at Newmarket Racecourse where the otherwise rare chalkhill blue was plentiful and a pair of marbled whites were flying – a really nice surprise as I associate these with the more southerly chalk downlands.

Keeping on the upbeat tone, I agree with Steve and Di that it has been a wonderful year for wild flowers. Currently scabious and meadowsweet are starring up this end of the village – in amongst those grasses many butterflies like so much. One plant that has featured in this column previously is the dreaded ragwort – poisonous to horses and cattle but vital to the survival of the cinnabar moth. This year I have seen a number of their stripy yellow and white caterpillars on ragwort plants in the area.

On a slightly more worrying note, Richard Toft asked me to mention the apparent shortage of hedgehogs. These seem to be rarely seen now in our area. Even the once common sight of the squashed hedgehog in the road is not something we now see. One possible reason for the decline has a link to last month's notes. The badger population is apparently rising, and not only do they compete with hedgehogs for food (worms, slugs etc.,) but also it has been suggested that badgers have started eating hedgehogs as well. Hedgehogs are certainly in the sharpest decline where badger populations are rising. This is a sad fact when you consider that these two ancient animals have co-existed for so long.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

I'd like to say a big thank you to all those who donated their Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers and Tesco's Vouchers for Schools to the Brownies. We managed to collect 2837 and 1506 respectively. The Sainsbury's vouchers have gone to Linton District, which in previous years has had circus skills and sports day equipment which units can borrow. The Tesco's vouchers have gone to the Jarman Centre, our local Guiding holiday house which will benefit Guiding as a whole.

We have also been joined by a new Assistant Leader – Stella Creet – who brings fun games and activities to the Unit. She will be known as 'Twit' to the Brownies which originates to when she first started Guiding and her fellow Guider at the time was called 'Twoo'. It all makes sense when you know!

On Saturday 3rd July we joined 1700 other Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Leaders at Rowley Mile Racecourse for a 'fun day out' – RACE 100. The weather was great and not a cloud in the sky. The Brownies enjoyed bungee trampolining, inflatables, circus skills, crafts, watching a horse display, visiting the shop and most of all the ice cream van. They also took part in the finale of RACE 100. We all had a wonderful time and think the organisers did a fantastic job.

Some of the Brownies will be visiting the Guide Centenary Summer camp in the middle of August, where they will be able to experience many of the activities the Guides will be doing as well as seeing what to expect when they move up to Guides and go to camp themselves.

Finally if you are aged between 7-10 years and are free from 5.45pm to 7.15pm on Wednesday evenings then pop along the Village Hall in Horseheath and give us a try. We are a friendly bunch.

BARNEY and TWIT (Pauline and Stella), Your Brownie Leaders
T: 01223 891086

LINTON FARMERS MARKET RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Raspberry Eton Mess

To serve six, you'll need:

1 pint double cream

1 lb raspberries

8 meringue nests (Waitrose and Marks and Spencer carry meringue nests which are ideal for this – crunchy on the outside with a soft give in the centre)

Crumble the meringues into bite-sized chunks with your hands. Whip the cream into soft peaks and fold in the raspberries and crumbled meringue. Spoon into serving bowls and decorate with a few spare raspberries (sometimes you'll find mint leaves dressing an Eton Mess) Serve immediately

THE MEADOW SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP

The children, staff and parents at the Meadow and other local schools have been looking this year at values. We will continue to work on this in years to come. Our wider community is also very important to us and we would like to share your views on the 'values' which you feel should be developed in our children and our community as a whole.

We would be grateful if you would fill in the following questionnaire by going to our school website

www.themeadowbalsham.co.uk

or filling in a paper copy at the post office in Balsham.

The Children and Adults of the Meadow thank you for your support.

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR THE MEADOW SCHOOL, BALSHAM

A vacancy has arisen for a Governor at the Meadow. We are looking for an enthusiastic person from the local community to join our friendly and busy team of Governors working for the benefit of the whole school and its community. You do not need to have previous experience, training is provided. Expenses can be claimed for babysitting or travel if needed. You do need to be available for approx 4 meetings a term, which are usually on Monday evenings 6.30-8.30 pm and for occasional visits to the school or training courses. A CRB or equivalent check is needed, which the school will organise. Being a Governor is extremely rewarding - please consider joining us.

If you are interested please call Mary Watson, Chair of Governors (Tel. 893213), to discuss the post further.

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE

Films for August

Thur	5	The Railway Children. U	10.30
Thur	5	Robin Hood. 12A	2.30
Fri	6	The Bad Lieutenant. 18	7.45
Mon	16	I am love. 15	7.45
Wed	18	Letters to Juliet. PG	7.45
Thur	19	Space Chimps 2. U	10.30
Thur	19	Prince of Persia. 12A	2.30
Mon	23	Letters to Juliet. PG	1.30
Mon	23	Lebanon. 15	7.45
Thur	26	Shrek Forever After. PG	10.30
Thur	26	La Danse. PG	7.45
Tue	31	Shrek Forever After. PG	2.30

Box Office: 01440 714140

Or book tickets online by going to the website
www.haverhillartscentre.co.uk

NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

When this newsletter is published we will be in the midst of the relative 'down time' that is the summer holiday, but right now things really could not be more busy. In the first week of July there was very little point in going home at all and the main concern that we had was whether we would retain the energy required to look alert and cheerful at all of the events we had planned. Having said that, the first week of July 2010 was the most exhilarating week I've ever had here. This was how the diary read (I've not bothered to include the lessons taught each day or the usual rounds of meetings and assemblies):

Weekend of 25 – 27 June

Duke of Edinburgh expedition to the Peak District. 70 students in Year 10 take part.

Monday

Many tired staff and students begin the 'working' week.

Tuesday

Trip to Walton on the Naze.

Two evening governor meetings. Home 9.30 pm.

Wednesday

Summer soir e: music department concert 7.30 – 9.30 pm.

Thursday

5.20 am arrive in school to go to Ypres in Belgium for pop choir trip.

Friday

Arrive back in Linton 12.20 am.

Year 11 Ball 7.00 – 11.00 pm.

Saturday

Arrive at school at 8.30 am for fete and fun run. Home at 1.30 pm.

We raise  2,300 for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Every event went surprisingly well. The Duke of Edinburgh trip was a supreme success and gave many of our young people their first experience of hill walking and setting up camp, the summer concert was delightful, as was the pop choir trip that followed the next day. The Year 11 ball was, once more, splendid: the students had a brilliant time, they looked fabulous and it was lovely to see so many people in our community come down to see the grand arrivals in the ever more witty and enterprising forms of transport that the students had arranged. For me, however, the best event was the last. It wasn't the grandest or the most well attended, but the fun run and fete was the realisation of an idea had by 9HP, a Year 9 tutor group. They wished to demonstrate their strength of feeling about teenagers fighting cancer. Students at the College have fought this disease very bravely and the money raised by the event will help other young people to cope too.

Adrenalin must have carried us through, but we are now enjoying a more restful few weeks.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

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