

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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- Sun 27 Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Village Fete meeting. 6pm, Manor Farm
- Tue 29 **Black wheeled bin collection**
- Wed 30 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall

**The Pre-School meets Monday to Friday
9.30 – 12 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 £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**

STREETLY END GARDENS OPEN

Sunday 6th June 11am-5pm

Clover Cottage (Shirley Shadford)

A 17th century cottage (not open) flanked by a high old red brick wall. Trees, borders with many varieties of hardy geraniums. Areas with rambling roses and clematis, raised fruit and veg beds, pond, sunken garden and summerhouse overlooking paddocks and open countryside.

Weaver's Cottage (Sylvia Norton)

1/2 acre garden exuberantly planted for fragrance with spring bulbs, shrubs, herbaceous climbers, old roses, scree garden. Plant Heritage National Collection of Lathyrus exhibited at Hampton Court Flower Show, planted throughout the garden.

No dogs, Tea, Plant stall.

Combined admission £3, children free.

Weaver's Cottage also open on Saturday 5th June for Plant Heritage.
11-5. Admission £2

WOULD YOU LIKE A DAY OUT? DON'T WANT TO DRIVE?

West Wickham & District Gardening Club has a few spare spaces on its annual outing on Saturday 19 June. The coach will leave the Village Hall car park at 9.30am for The Swiss Garden, Old Warden, near Biggleswade. There we will have a guided tour of this fascinating Regency garden that is an outstanding example of the Swiss picturesque. There will then be time for a look around on your own or visit the café for an early lunch. The coach will leave at 12.30pm to travel on to Coton Manor in Northamptonshire. This has a 10 acre garden with borders, terraces, café and nursery. We will leave there between 4.30 and 5pm to get back to the Village Hall at about 6pm.

The cost for this is £22 (£16 for members of the Club) and includes coach and entry to both gardens.

If you'd like to join us do contact me as soon as possible and please don't worry if you are on your own as there will be plenty of friendly people to join up with.

Janet Morris, 21 High Street

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

VILLAGE FETE

By popular demand
a Village Fete will be held at Manor Farm
on Saturday September 4th at 1pm.

Please put this date in your diary.

We are looking for volunteers to help so there is a meeting at Manor Farm on Sunday June 27th at 6pm.

The meeting will be short
with a glass of wine as an incentive to attend!

Nicky Cornish. T: 290203

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CHURCH NEWS

When the West Wickham congregation heard that the June date set for the licensing of Rev Dr Julie Norris to be our Priest-in-Charge was under threat because Bishop David (Ed. David Thomson, Suffragan Bishop of Huntingdon) was incredibly busy with the imminent appointment of a new Bishop of Ely, we unanimously said "can't anyone else do it"? "Why wait"? Result: The Archdeacon will already have licensed Julie on Monday 24 May, before this goes to press. West Wickham will be represented at the ceremony by Janet Morris (local historian) and Peter Grieve (Councillor). They will be presented on behalf of us all. Luckily Julie doesn't at all mind being licensed by an Archdeacon rather than a Bishop and the result is she will be taking the family service on Sunday 27 June, 9.30 in St Mary's Church. Do come and join her first service in West Wickham.

Jane Scheuer, Church Warden.

THE NORRIS FAMILY

Julie has been married to James for 25 years. They have three children. Rachel (18), Thomas (16) and Miriam (14). They also live with Callula, a Golden Retriever, and Saffi, their delinquent cat who deliberately slides letters and food onto the floor for Callula to eat.

Julie studied theology at Westminster College, Oxford, Fitzwilliam College Cambridge and took her PhD at Birmingham University. Her PhD was in Theology, looking at theological and ethical issues arising from the use of transgenic pig hearts in human heart transplantation (xenotransplantation). Prior to becoming an Anglican Priest, Julie was a Methodist Minister. In this capacity, as well as working in churches, she taught and tutored at the Leys School and at Wesley House and in the Federation of Theological Collages. Over the last three years she has been an Old Testament Tutor for Licensed Lay Ministers (LLM) in the Diocese and is now Sub-Warden for South Cambridgeshire LLM's.

James is a Maths Professor in Cambridge University. The children are all at schools in Cambridge. Rachel and Thomas are at Hills Road, Miriam is at St Mary's. Rachel plays the piano and violin and also sings. Miriam plays the flute in the Church Band at the Abingtons. Thomas has just taken up village cricket. Julie and James, in their spare moments, both enjoy concerts and going to the theatre.

Julie can be contacted at: The Vicarage, 35 Church Lane, Little Abington, Cambridge CB21 6BQ
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THANK YOU

I would like through 'the Village Voice' to thank all the people of West Wickham for your kindness before, during and after my recent short stay in hospital and also for all the well wishes either by card or word of mouth. All the offers of help have been overwhelming.

I do appreciate it all so very much as do all my lovely family, who have as you all know, been such a wonderful support to me.

Thanking you from the bottom of my heart.

Margaret Porter

HORSEHEATH A604 CLUB

The A604 Club was started in 1986 by Mrs Sheila Rowlands for the over 50s of Horseheath and the surrounding district. When it started, the Club had about forty members and over the years these have come from West Wickham, Castle Camps, Ashdon, Saffron Walden, Linton, Balsham, Haverhill and, of course, Horseheath. The numbers have now diminished and the Club would very much welcome some new members. Meetings are fortnightly at 2.30pm in Horseheath Village Hall. There is a programme of speakers, quizzes, outings and the year finishes with a Christmas lunch. If you would like to join please contact Mary Buckle on 01223 891025 or Christine Newman on 01223 891086 who will be pleased to give you further details

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

As the evenings are still light during Brownies we are making the most of it by completing many of the Agility badge clauses outside. We also hope to complete the Road Safety badge after half-term. We started the Summer term with a visit from some lambs that the girls were able to feed and play with. Thanks to Lisa and Harry for arranging this for us. At the end of this half-term we will be joining 2nd Linton Brownies on their annual sponsored walk from Linton to Hildersham return. This year the money is going to Air Ambulance = East England a very worthwhile cause.

We are all looking forward to our next Centenary celebration – a 'fun day out' on Saturday 3 July at Newmarket Race course. It promises to be the biggest day of our lives with over 100 activities to take part in. Lets hope that the weather is kind to us then. We will also be visiting the Centenary Camp being held in August before finishing of the years celebrations with the finale in Ely Cathedral.

I would like to thank all those who have been donating their Tesco and Sainsburys vouchers to the Brownies. The Tesco campaign has now finished but we are still collecting the Sainsburys vouchers, these can be placed in the box in Horseheath Post Office or put through our letterbox.

BARNEY (Pauline), Brownie Guider. T: 01223 891086

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club's annual Plant Sale on May 15th was an outstanding success. The tables groaned with a huge variety of plants donated by its enthusiastic members and others, and everybody seemed delighted with their purchases. We are grateful to all those who supported us and helped us raise £527. We now have our summer outings to look forward to and our Annual Show on Saturday 14th August. The season has started well in the garden and hopefully we will have plenty of superb flowers, fruit and vegetables to enter into numerous classes, some of which are especially for children who have their own cup awarded. This brings our gardening year to a close. If you would like to join us in the autumn I can assure you of a warm welcome and a full programme of interesting talks.

Rosemary Yallop, Speakers Secretary (T: 01799584262)

NATURE NOTES

If in your wanderings you noticed in the early part of May a large number of black bodied flies, legs dangling, airborne, and rather clumsy in their flight, this would have been the annual emergence of the St Marks Fly. This far from beautiful insect is supposed to emerge on 25th April (St Marks Day) but in fact comes out over a longer period – probably a bit later this year because of the below-average temperatures we have endured up until the time of writing. My perception is that there have been a lot of them this year – now I am aware of them I shall watch out for them next year and see when they emerge. Apparently they are harmless, and large numbers become food for predators (mainly spiders) while the lucky survivors are left to perpetuate the species.

Emergence is the theme for this month with the tadpoles, butterflies and the first fledgling birds appearing. The nicest story I have heard about this concerns Peter Pearson's coiled-up hosepipe in which a robin decided to nest. It successfully produced a brood of six chicks, ignoring the sound of running water coming through the hose at various intervals during incubation. Robins clearly know who they can trust.

As far as incomers are concerned, it seems to have been a good year for the warblers (chiffchaff, willow warbler, blackcap, whitethroat and lesser whitethroat). I have seen a few swallows, house martins and swifts, but no cuckoos or turtle doves up this end of the village. Let us know if you see or hear them.

As I write, I'm looking forward to our bat watch on Saturday, hoping the weather will be good and I'll let you know what happens in the next edition.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503

ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD MARGINS

The ramblers amongst you will have noticed that there are six metre wide strips and three areas of one or one and a half hectares of arable land that have been allowed to naturally regenerate and have been taken out of our arable rotation. They are actually part of an environmental scheme that Natural England now sponsors.

At Manor Farm I have just signed up to a further five years of taking part in this scheme. This includes 3.15 kilometres of four meter headland strips, 3.5 hectares (8.5 acres) of field corner management and various hedge and ditch management schemes which includes very specific timing and biannual trimming, all to help our native wildlife.

You will soon be seeing signs go up saying that you are not allowed to walk on these strips as some people have been doing, basically treating them as footpaths and dog exercise tracks. They are not public footpaths. They are there to encourage all sorts of wild life in an arable environment. Natural England insists that we adhere to the guidelines and keep off these areas, please stick to the footpaths and keep your dogs under control.

Marcus Cornish

SOUTH CAMBS DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY CHEST 2010-2011

The Community Chest is a capital fund available to community and voluntary sector groups and organisations and parish councils. The funding has been made available to further improve quality of life in South Cambridgeshire. The maximum award is £1,000 in any financial year (April-March) and can be for 100% of the project's costs. Projects must relate to one of ten priorities:

- Providing Opportunities for Disengaged Young People in Your Community
- Promoting Independence for Older People in Your Community
- Preventing Obesity in Your Community
- Promoting Community Cohesion in Your Community
- Supporting Development and Learning in Your Community
- Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour in Your Community
- Enhancing the Cleanliness of Your Community
- Promoting Low Carbon Lifestyles
- Preserving and Enhancing the Countryside
- Improving Access to Services in Your Community

All funding for the period 1st April 2009 until the 31st March 2010 has now been allocated to local projects.

A further £20,000 will be made available from April 2010. If you are interested in applying for funding from the Community Chest please take a look at the guidance notes and application form on the following website www.scambs.gov.uk/CommunityandLiving/Partnerships/LSP/communitychest.htm.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Many of you have noticed that the Village Hall is booked & busy every Sunday. What is going on is Kenyukan Iaido. This martial art originated in Japan and is the art of drawing a sword and attacking one or more opponents in one flowing, continuous motion. The object is to develop ones mind and body and the emphasis is on the developing ones ability to remain calm and in control of ones self under pressure.

The group meets here because they really like our hall. They come from near & far, some even from London. Some months ago they hosted an International competition in our hall and 2 of "our" local club represented Great Britain.

If you would like to know more please contact M Clark, Iaido Rokudan (6th Dan) on 01440 763003

Jane Scheuer

NEW DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

We welcome Pauline Jarvis as our new District Councillor. Her contact details are:

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NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

Of all the times in the school year, perhaps I love May the most. The cherry blossom on the drive is always a frothy joy to behold, the students return in happy numbers to play and picnic on the school fields and the light holds long enough to make you feel that there is still something to be squeezed out of the day even after the longest of Governor's meetings comes to an end.

This year it has been especially pleasant because the monstrous sight of the dilapidated Vic Hallam is no more and you can see the pleasing design of the Newton Building clearly from the front field. It actually glints in the sun. The demolition was wonderful. There is no other way to describe it. It took three weeks in total and became a popular spectacle at breaks and lunchtimes from the various demolition vantage points. When the first window was smashed a great cheer from the students went up. We had anticipated some kind of wrecking ball would do the job, but the machine that took the building apart was modelled on a creature from the Jurassic period and it literally swivelled its terrible head, opened its jaws and then bit into the walls, chewing up the pieces into a gravelly pulp. The ground beneath is so undisturbed that Nick the archaeologist has been hovering around with great excitement. The archaeologists will be digging for the rest of the summer.

We took advantage of the sunny weather and the blossom to take a whole school photograph last week. This involved 820 children and 80 members of staff taking up their positions on a vast rig that Van Coles, the photographers, had set up on the field. When we last took a whole school photograph (10 years ago), the College had around 250 fewer people in it, so we were a little anxious about whether they could get us all into shot. We shouldn't have worried and the final result will be an especially nice memento for those children leaving us this year.

Finally, a few words about that outgoing Class of 2010. These young people are a real tribute to our community. When I first met them, they were shiny-faced 11 year olds and they now look so incredibly grown up. I have never known a group of young people who are more polite, more considerate of others, more confident or articulate. Their parents have done a great job in bringing them up, our local primary schools gave them a terrific start to their education and we, at LVC, did our very best for them too. We will miss them. Good luck folks and keep revising!

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

HAVERHILL ARTS CENTRE

Films for June

Wed	2	The Scouting Book for Boys. 15	7.45
Thur	3	How to Train Your Dragon. PG	10.30
Thur	3	Nanny McPhee & the Big Bang. U	2.30
Fri	4	How to Train Your Dragon. PG	10.30
Fri	4	Clash of the Titans. 12A	7.45
Mon	14	The Blind Side. 12A	1.30
Mon	14	The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo. 18	7.45
Tue	15	The Blind Side. 12A	7.45
Wed	16	It Might Get Loud. PG	7.45
Thur	17	Cemetery Junction. 15	7.45
Mon	21	Cemetery Junction. 15	7.45
Mon	21	The Red Shoes. U	7.45
Mon	28	Lourdes. U	7.45

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PLAYGROUND NEWS

Sadly I have to report that the playground has suffered some damage recently, which is particularly disappointing so soon after the recent refurbishment. It has been suggested a go-kart might have hit and damaged the fence over the early May bank holiday weekend. Repairs were seemingly attempted to cover this up but subsequently some youngsters climbed over the damaged fence and it collapsed, leaving the wooden rails lying loose with exposed nails. Anyone could have trodden on these and been seriously injured. Unfortunately no positive identification has been made of those responsible and regrettably no one bothered to report what had happened. The Parish Council would always be sympathetic to a genuine accident. Common sense would seem to dictate that driving a motorised go-kart around a play area is frankly dangerous but now the Parish Council will have to consider formally prohibiting this from the playing field and car parks (motorbikes and horses are already prohibited on the playing field).

In the April issue of the Village Voice I reported that *the Parish Council has decided to not use the playbark used before but a recycled rubber mulch specially made for school & community playgrounds. This will need little or no maintenance and not attract animal waste and a 5cm (2 inch) layer has a critical fall height of 3 meters. The Parish Council has not had sufficient funds to buy this yet but will in April, at the start of the new financial year. The rubber mulch will be delivered on pallets and when it arrives WE NEED YOUR HELP to wheelbarrow it to the pits. If you are willing to spend a weekend morning or all day helping please let me know. If anyone would like to know more about the rubber mulch please contact me, I have details and a sample.*

I am dismayed that only one person has stepped forward to volunteer to help (thank you Gavin Kelsey) so the ecobark hasn't yet been ordered. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO PUT THIS IN PLACE WITHOUT YOUR HELP. With enough volunteers this could take less than an hour of your time – surely not too much to ask when the safety of our children is at stake! All ages, shapes and sizes are welcome and how about some of those youngsters who caused the damage – perhaps they would like to make amends.

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Andrew Morris, Vice-Chairman, West Wickham Parish Council

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