

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Sat 3 **Farmers Market. 9.30 – 12.30**
Linton Village College
- Sun 4 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Tue 6 Blue & green wheeled bin collection
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with films on customs & folklore.
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- Wed 14 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
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7.30pm, Balsham Church
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- Tue 20 Blue & green wheeled bin collection
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at 5.30pm at Manor Farm
- Sat 24 **Carol Service. 6pm, St Mary's Church**
- Sun 25 **HAPPY CHRISTMAS**
Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's
Church
- Thur 29 Black wheeled bin collection

January 2012

- Thur 5 Blue & green wheeled bin collection

The Pre-School meets Monday to Friday
9.30 – 12.30 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 £5.00 per hour.
Meeting Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £5.00 per hour. evening £7.00 per hour.
Main Room	day (9.00 – 19.00) £7.00 per hour evening £10.00 per hour.
Complete Hall	day (9.00 – 19.00) £12.00 per hour evening £18.00 per 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 Kathy Pelling
T: 01223 290505

or visit www.westwickham.org

A TRIBUTE TO OUR OLDEST RESIDENT



Peggy Cowan was born in West Wickham 90 years ago and has lived here for most of her life. She was the 6th of nine children and has the dubious reputation of being the first person in the village to be run over by the only motor vehicle that came to the village (a delivery man) at the age of three. This was, as you can imagine, quite an achievement. She remained in a coma for 2 weeks following an operation to remove a piece of skull pressing on her brain and she remembers that whilst in hospital her grandfather visited her and brought her

bananas, the one fruit she never could stand, but she didn't tell him.

Peggy's first job at the age of 15 was to walk to West Wrattling to look after two children and she was required to take them out until lunch time then again in the afternoon until tea time. Her next job (which she loved) was the seasonal job of pea picking for the local farmer. She also remembers in the 2nd World War her father was a fire warden for the village and one day the Germans dropped an incendiary bomb on the field which didn't go off until that night when it set the whole field alight. She said that was very exciting.

Peggy married and had 6 children, two of whom now reside in the village. Sadly she was widowed in 1976.

Not only has she survived one car accident, but breast cancer and more recently a stroke which left her paralyzed down one side. It's hard to imagine that this time last year she was unable to sit up, stand without help or do anything for herself. She was visited 4 times a day by a group of wonderful carers and we cannot thank them enough. Now she is down to one carer a day and regularly chases me down the hall with her walking frame going 'beep beep'. She is an amazing lady who is still feisty and if you see a dear grey haired old lady (with her walking frame) sitting on her bench outside her house, please stop for a little chat, you will have to shout because, despite what she says, she is a deaf as a post.

What does this little old lady do nowadays?. She drinks large glasses of port and smokes. We have all told her that

1. Smoking will stunt her growth (she's barely 5 ft)
2. Smoking will shorten her life span...um!

She ignores us all and just does what she wants to and after all, at her age, who would like to dictate on how she lives her life? We are all looking forward to her 100th birthday.

Hazel Cowan

The Village Voice is sponsored by West Wickham Parish Council and delivered free to all households in West Wickham and Streetly End. The views expressed herein are those of the contributors.

FROM THE VICARAGE

*Well, so that is that. Now we must dismantle the tree,
Putting the decorations back into their cardboard boxes--
Some have got broken--and carrying them up to the attic.
The holly and the mistletoe must be taken down and burnt,
And the children got ready for school. There are enough
Leftovers to do, warmed up, for the rest of the week--
Not that we have much appetite, having drunk such a lot,
Stayed up so late, attempted--quite unsuccessfully--
To love all of our relatives, and in general
Grossly overestimated our powers. Once again
As in previous years we have seen
the actual Vision & failed
To do more than entertain it as an agreeable
Possibility, once again we have sent Him away...*

From 'Christmas Oratio' by W H Auden

Help! As we prepare for Christmas, perhaps we also need to do something to make sure that we do not get that feeling of disappointment that Auden talked about.

When our children were small we once had a Christmas when we went to a large family gathering. Everyone bought presents for our three small children. They had so many gifts. They sat amidst the paper, forgetting who had given what, and they did not know what to play with next. How can we hold onto the good things about Christmas and not get caught up in the traps that make us feel disappointed and shallow? How can we look for deeper things in the season's festivity? How can we stay friends with our family and enjoy a sense of Goodwill for our neighbours?

There are things that happen in church which help us to see a deeper meaning in the Christmas activities. There is a Christingle at West Wratting on 4th December starting at 3.30pm with the making of the Christingle. On 21st December at 7pm, at Weston Colville, there is a retelling of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol,' to make us think about being generous to neighbours we know and those we don't. There will be opportunities at many of the Church services to give to specific charities.

There will be occasions to have good fun with others, for example, at the Christmas Tree Festival at Balsham on 10-11th December. The weekend will end with a Songs of Praise at 5pm when we will sing carols chosen by a number of local people as well as enjoying music sung by the Balsham Benefice Choir. This Choir are planning some lovely and surprising pieces for this service.

There are other enjoyable musical events taking place. There is an Advent Concert being held at Great Abington Church by the Cambridge Chord Company at 7.30pm on 3rd December. The Balsham Singers will fill Holy Trinity, Balsham with music on 17th December.

The St Mary's West Wickham Carol service is at 6pm on Christmas Eve.

There are also a whole range of other services and events which give us a chance in the midst of the frenetic activity, to focus on something mysterious and good. The baby was called Emmanuel which means, 'God is with us'. Pausing to take in what this means can make Christmas have a deeper meaning.

Have a wonderful Christmas,

Love, joy and peace

Julie Norris

DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Diamond Jubilee weekend is 2 – 4 June 2012, and we would like our village to be decorated for this Royal occasion, so we are asking you, the residents of West Wickham & Streetly End to deck your front gardens with bunting and plant a pot of red, white and blue flowers to celebrate the weekend. (We are telling you now, so you can plan ahead). The steering group are discussing several activities over the few days, so if anyone has any ideas, do let us know. You can contact either Nicky/Marcus Cornish on 290203 or Di Licence on 290434.

HOW WE WERE 60 YEARS AGO

I will be putting together an exhibition about life in the 1950s as part of the village Diamond Jubilee celebrations next year. I was going to do something similar for the Golden Jubilee but there wasn't enough time then to do the research. This time I have a bit longer but I need your help. Do you have anything I could use in the exhibition? Anything related to the village would be lovely but it doesn't necessarily have to be. I've listed some suggestions below:

- a) Coronation memorabilia – mugs, medals, books, photographs (I already have the official programme)
- b) wedding photographs (they are a good for showing fashions) or any family event and/or the actual clothes
- c) school photographs
- d) National Service – photographs and personal memories
- e) Festival of Britain memorabilia
- f) work photographs and personal memories
- g) artefacts – anything that was made or used in the 50s – from the home or anywhere else
- h) anything else you can think of!

Any photographs can be quickly scanned and returned to you. Artefacts will not be needed until the day but I do need to know what you have for planning purposes and to avoid duplications.

Janet Morris, 21 High Street

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101 - NEW SINGLE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR POLICE

You can now contact Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 101 for all non-emergency calls. The 0345 456 456 4 number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.

The change comes as part of a national programme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales, giving residents an easy-to-remember number to contact local police wherever they are.

The call system is designed to recognise where you are calling from and connect you with the local police service. If you do not want to speak to your local force, or the force area you are in, you will be given the option to be connected to a different one.

The number change does not affect the way that calls are handled and we will continue to take non-emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

Superintendent Mike Brown

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE SURVEY

You will have read in earlier copies of the Village Voice and possibly in the minutes of the Parish Council meetings that there are a number of changes in local government responsibilities and in the provision of services provided by the County and District Councils. These changes will affect rural communities like West Wickham and Streetly End.

One outcome of these changes is to encourage more responsibility to be passed on to local bodies such as Parish Councils. Another change, which may be of even more importance, is the possible reduction in funding for local services like the subsidy for local bus services.

To enable the Parish Council to know how this will affect the residents of the parish, a survey of all the households within the parish will be carried out in the next month or so.

The survey is entirely voluntary and will not require any individual or personal details to be disclosed. The survey papers will be delivered to each house and will be collected a week later to enable it to be completed at your convenience.

The survey is aimed at getting a feel for the local services used and how people use different forms of transport to get to them. We are also interested in finding out what other services you think could be offered within the parish.

The Parish Council would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete this survey. Your answers will greatly help the Parish Council to take decisions on your behalf and to make sure it accurately represents your views to local and national government.

Trevor Hall

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

What a busy term we've had. The Halloween Party was a great success. We held apple bobbing competition, ate hot-dogs, had sparklers and then at the end the Brownies bashed piñatas to get at the sweets inside.

We are continuing with the Anglia Region 40th Birthday Challenges and we have now been tutored in the art of marching by Callum from 2535 Linton Squadron of Air Training Corps. I've never seen the Brownies concentrate so hard on getting it correct.

By the time you read this we will have joined Balsham Rainbows with their *Children in Need* night and raised money for Pudsey.

We've have now enrolled Michelle and Emma into the unit and welcomed Anna from Balsham Rainbows. We also hope to welcome Sorrel, Natasha and Emily in January 2012.

We are almost ready for our Over 60's Christmas Luncheon, if you haven't replied to your invitation yet please can you do so as soon as possible. The Brownies are busy practicing their individual pieces and there may be a special surprise from the adults. We will also be joined by Jo Turvey, from Brinkley Senior Section, who will be running a raffle to help raise funds for her trip to Our Cabaña in Mexico, which is one of Guiding's World Centres.

If you have any skills you would like to pass onto the next generation please get in touch. We are always looking for new and interesting things to do.

Pauline AKA Barney. T: 01223 891086

SEWER PROBLEMS!

Raw sewage running down the streets. Sounds like a third world problem, doesn't it? Yet it's happening here. If you've walked up the High Street and noticed water flowing from a manhole in the road, it's almost certainly not the harmless rainwater or burst pipe you thought it was.

West Wickham's main sewer, serving most houses, runs a few feet under the road. Unfortunately it's becoming blocked with increasing frequency. When this happens, it really is raw sewage that runs down the street. Each passing vehicle splashes that sewage onto their paintwork, the footpath and any unfortunate pedestrians nearby. Our children and pets walk through it. It gets into our homes on clothes and shoes. We tread it into our carpets. Truly horrible, and a serious health risk.

Anglian Water have agreed to improve their preventative maintenance schedule from eighteen months to twelve, but they've warned that this isn't enough on its own. The blockages are being caused by people putting the wrong things down sinks and toilets. Until we change our habits, things aren't going to improve.

So, what can we do? Firstly, think before flushing anything away. Anglian Water will be leafletting every house with more details, but please be aware that fats and grease put down the kitchen sink are as big a problem as the more obvious things flushed down toilets.

Secondly, if you notice anything flowing out from a manhole - or just the bad smell that usually precedes it - **call Anglian Water immediately on 0845 714 5145 to report this**. The company have agreed to come out to incidents before there's sewage in the street if we can report it in time.

Please don't ignore the problem, read the leaflet when it arrives and act to help protect everyone's health

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At October meeting we were pleased to welcome Stephen Poyser who gave us a most informative and enjoyable talk on "Beekeeping and Your Garden". Stephen's knowledge of the intricacies of a bee's life and how we as gardeners can assist them was received with much enthusiasm by our members. This was the first of our monthly talks that run from October to April on the 3rd Monday of the month. November's meeting was on "Fruit trees and soft fruit" by Peter Jackson from Scotsdales; Peter has visited us before and we always enjoy his talks. For the last 2 years we have had to cancel our Christmas party and talk due to the atrocious weather but hopefully all will be well and Jim Potter will entertain us with a talk on Mazes. Jim has a complex Yew Maze in his Balsham Garden. Please come and join us for a glass of Wine and a Mince Pie on 19 December, 7.30 at West Wickham Village Hall.

Rosemary Yallop. T: 01799 584262.

BALSHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

10.00 – 5.00 on Saturday 10 December &

12.00 – 5.00 on Sunday 11 December

with Christmas Songs of Praise at 5.00 pm on Sunday

SEASONAL STALL & RAFFLE

(Home made food) Refreshments all day. Entry £1.50

NIP WAS A QUIET MAN,

not given to showing off in public. He would be at the back, or on the sidelines at a gathering. He rarely put himself to the fore, unless he felt it was his duty, or he had been encouraged

This was the case with his rustic reflections. He was always talking about the things he saw, remembered from the past and felt strongly about, to do with nature and "His" world. So, I gradually talked him into writing for the Horseheath Venture and the Wickham Village Voice. He used to go somewhere quiet to get his "whimsy" as we called it and then he would start scribbling. Once started, he was away.

He was amazed and pleased at the response he got from people who had read and guessed who "N" was. He really thought that he would be anonymous (Nonsmus) which he said N stood for. I do intend to put his reflections, or "Rustic Ramblings" as I called them, to tease him, together, if I can find the time.

He loved West Wickham and the farm and felt he was lucky to have custodianship of it. That was the way he looked at ownership and sought to share it whenever he could. His rustic reflections enabled him to do it for a wider audience. He lost his whimsy a few years ago, when the outside world caused him too much angst and he stopped writing. He will be missed for many reasons and his "Ramblings" will be one of them.

I would like to thank you all for the messages, cards and wishes from so many of you, and also to thank all the people who attended the service at the Church. It made a sad experience more bearable.

"D" (make your own mind up)

WEST WRATTING W.I.

The Over 60s Lunch is on Saturday 3 December. Please make sure that Gill Holah on 290378 knows whether you are coming or not.

We had a very good turn-out for our October open meeting where we were treated to a slide-show worthy of "Frozen Planet" as Steve Licence shared his "Adventure to Spitsbergen" with us.

At the end of October two of us joined a very enjoyable ramble through Thetford Forest looking for fungi. It was quite surprising how many the group found once we got our eye in, large and small, edible and poisonous.

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 31 January 2012. It is very important that as many members as possible come to this meeting as we are still teetering on the brink. If you have been thinking about joining (or rejoining) us please come to this meeting.

Linda Gorman (290653).

GOT ADMINISTRATION SKILLS? WE NEED YOU!!

Julie Norris needs help with the paperwork and administration of the seven churches she and her team serve. We are looking for someone to make a difference, is that you? If you would like more details about this flexible paid work with Julie and the team please contact Keith Day via :

keithdday@btinternet.com or telephone 01223 891527

OIL SYNDICATE

I will be placing an order for oil for those interested on 12th December if I have enough orders and will need to know by 10th please. Prices have risen since I last placed an order in October but the price per litre will certainly be cheaper if you order through the syndicate rather than individually. The other benefit of using the syndicate of course is that it reduces the number of delivery tanker journeys to the village – safer for the community and better for the environment.

If you would like to know more about the syndicate or place an order please contact me.

Sue Thurston. Email: oil@suethurston.co.uk; T: 290503

CONSULTATION ON THE REMOVE OF ALL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE FUNDING

This is a reminder that Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear your views on changes and reductions being proposed to bus services which are supported by financial contributions from Council funds. This will help us decide on how we implement the financial savings and where possible find local solutions.

The County Council subsidises about 20% of all bus services (ED. Including those through West Wickham) which bus operators are unable to operate on a commercial basis. In the future, this may not be possible due to reduced overall grants from Government and increased costs of services. The County Council needs to make savings of around £540 million over the next 5 years and some of these savings have to come from the transport budget.

The County Council's Cabinet has agreed that a review of last year's budget decision to cut the £2.7 million that is currently spent on subsidising bus journeys in Cambridgeshire over the next 4 years should take place. This review is being carried out as part of this years budget planning process, ensuring that the Council consults widely, seek views on not only the principle of making the cuts but also on the impact of specific route changes. The Council is also looking back at the routes that have already been cut, gathering feedback on how this has impacted on communities in those areas.

Alongside this work, the Council is working hard with operators, community transport providers, local councils and businesses to find alternative and viable ways of meeting the transport needs of communities as much as possible and looking for other alternative solutions to help reduce the impact of these changes. This could be through the expansion of community transport or developing completely new forms of demand-led transport

A questionnaire has been compiled to gather your views, which can be accessed at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview.

If you do not wish to complete this questionnaire online, paper copies are available by contacting the Council, using one of the following means.

By email: bus.tenders@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

By telephone: 0345 045 0675

By post: Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP.

The closing date for responses to the questionnaire is 16:00 on Friday 9 December 2011.

NATURE NOTES

This column in some senses filled the gap when Nip decided to stop writing his Rustic Reflections. Nip's knowledge and concern for wildlife always came across in his writing, so when Dash and I were standing at the entrance to his field the other evening and a Barn Owl flew silently towards us through the gloaming, I thought of Nip. We've been seeing this Barn Owl on and off for a few days now and he has been a welcome sight, because I believe they had a very hard time of it last winter. With snow on the ground for a prolonged period, it's hard for them to find their prey.

Birds of prey in general are the headline makers this month. I had a fabulous view of a sparrowhawk flying at ankle height in front of our house before it surged up onto Judy's roof. Di reports two sightings of a marsh harrier recently around the village, one on the field behind Nip's barn at the crossroads, and another on Fleam Dyke, and I have had a report of a Hen Harrier up this end of the village as well as a couple of red kite sightings. I have a feeling that the local kestrels must have had a successful breeding season because one evening in October I saw a small number of them in a (presumably family) group. I never realised they could be so noisy. Di also gives a mention to the many buzzards we see round here, including one particular bird who regularly sits on the dead trees up Balsham Hill, and last week a squashed rabbit brought it down onto the tarmac to feed, along with a couple of crows and a magpie. The mewing call of the buzzard is a sound to make you raise your eyes to the sky.

Last month Di mentioned the first fieldfares arriving from

the North, and now large flocks of them have been flying over, chuckling as they fly overhead. There must have been two or three hundred last weekend on the fields around the Gallop, feeding on the hedgerow berries and on the ground. Among them were smaller birds, starlings and chaffinches, flocking together for security.

Di also reports a 'first' in their garden in the old green paper recycling box which sits down by the compost heap: she found a leopard slug (*Limax maxima*), not everyone's favourite, but stunning none the less. Jan's book described it as having orange/red tentacles, which were visible, but the most spectacular thing was its colouring - creamy grey with black mottles/spots (like finger prints, the book said) all across the mantle, and stripes down its back. It supposedly produces a yellow slime trail, but this wasn't obvious. Coincidentally, I had a similar experience, only our leopard slugs had invaded the bin where we keep the wild bird food. I can confirm that they were pretty to look at, but extremely slimy.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the dead badger beside the road over the crossroads on the way to Carlton. It's always a sad sight and a reminder of how destructive is the motor car, but also a confirmation that there are badgers around, getting on with their lives as they must have been doing since long before mankind ever existed.

Finally I must tell you that I am the proud owner of a new, really good pair of binoculars. However don't expect too many stunning sightings - I only ever seem to see anything interesting when I haven't got the binos with me.

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

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Whilst it is not something I make a habit of, I was driving down the High Street (near Burton End) in West Wickham at 3 a.m. one night recently. I was surprised to find that my car activated security lights on the front of two houses. It was extremely distracting on both occasions and the first, in particular, dazzled me. In the worst case, it might have caused an accident. It's also light pollution for neighbours and a waste of electricity.

Nick Robinson. Bottle Hall

BALSHAM SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7.30pm

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER 2011

Music, mince pies, mulled wine! What more could you ask for? Join us in our beautiful 13th century Balsham Church with its wonderful acoustics for our Christmas concert.

Our programme includes carols by candlelight for all plus music by Dyson, Matthias and Whitacre. Plenty to get you into the Christmas spirit.

Tickets available from Balsham Post Office or on the door

THE DIRECTORY

The Directory is a sheet listing local emergency contact numbers, community & leisure contacts, local clubs and society contacts which I put together from information I have managed to glean from various sources. Can I ask any of you whose name and contact details appear in the 2011 edition to let me know by 16th December if the information is still correct and update me if necessary? If you don't let me know, I'm afraid the details from last year are likely to reappear in 2012. The Directory no longer contains details of recommended local services but if any individual service would like to advertise themselves in the Directory, then please contact me or editor wwvillagevoice@yahoo.co.uk

Sue Thurston. T: 290503. Email: mail@suethurston.co.uk

DONATION TO CANCER TRUST

Glynis Hanlon who makes the refreshments for the Farmers Market is going to donate £100 of her takings to the Teenage Cancer Trust through Linton Village College. Glynis and her daughter Katherine were both very touched by the death of Jess who was a pupil at LVC and who died last year from cancer.

Jan Lupton

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

We are in! We took possession of the new Linton Village College building on the 31st October and we haven't looked back since. The move was remarkably undisruptive, considering the amount of change that was occurring. We had timed it to coincide with the half-term holiday and a training day, so no school days for young people were lost during the building time or the move.

Absolutely everyone who has been inside the buildings is startled by the amount of space, the ingenuity and also the beauty of the design. As I watched the students explore on Tuesday morning I actually saw jaws drop open! The first thing that you notice is the attractive reception area with its rotating doors, balcony area and the school logo embossed in stainless steel in the floor. What a contrast to the rather unassuming side entrance we have used for years. This is a space for adults only, kept separate from the children for proper, child-protection reasons as visitors sign-in. What then follows is a two tiered corridor that houses offices and a rather spectacular Board Room for meetings. Beyond this administration area is a central space for a student café, and two huge circular spaces, walled by glass, which are the East and West student common rooms. These are now furnished with rounded cushions in complementary colours, purchased with the money that the students themselves raised on their sponsored walk.

Beyond these indoor social spaces, there is a sizeable staffroom and work station and the most amazing cylindrical library with mezzanine study area. The library is divided into zones: a soft area for comfortable reading, a computer work zone and the upstairs areas for independent study, complete with computers: a new privilege for our Year 11 students and very like the facilities available at local sixth forms. It is the best school library I have ever seen and worth the wait because we have had a mobile facility while it was being built.

What then follows has transformed the way we can move around the site: almost every area in the school is now connected by internal corridors. Teachers feel less isolated; movement around the buildings between lessons is now far more speedy and best of all we all remain dry when it rains. We are going to add these new buildings to our portfolio of lettings, so if you are interested in booking part of the college for an event, or just wish to have a look around with a view to what might be possible, contact Steve Austin (steve.austin@lvc.org), our community business manager. We want the community to enjoy these new spaces just as much as we now are doing!

Caroline Derbyshire, Principle.

**JOHN TALLENTS PLAYS CHARLES DICKENS
IN
A CHRISTMAS CAROL
BY CANDLELIGHT**

*This is a wonderful opportunity to experience
a Christmas storytelling with a difference*

Wednesday 21st December 2011

7 - 9 pm at St Mary's Church, Weston Colville
Mulled wine and festive refreshments will be served in the
interval

Tickets: £10 adults / £5 children
from Weston Colville Post Office
or Gay Redman (290807) or Jane Wheeler (290643)
Numbers limited so please apply early

COMMUNITY NEWS LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

New Fitness Suite Update

Dates are confirmed for the refurbishment of the new fitness suite at Linton Community Sports Centre. Works will begin on Friday 2nd December with the fitness suite re opening for use on Tuesday 13th.

Throughout January we will be offering new members a FREE Bodystat fitness test plus personalised programme worth £30. For further information on the refurbishment visit our website at www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk

Adult Education

Enrolments for courses in spring term will take place from Monday 5th December until Friday 16th December and then again for the first week back after Christmas from Tuesday 3rd January until Friday 6th January.

To download our course programme please visit www.lvc.org, click on Adult Education and select the course programme in the far right column. To enrol on any courses please email adulthoodeducation@lvc.org or call 01223 891233.

MOOSC

Meadow Out Of School Club, provides wrap-around childcare for children aged 4 to 11 years during term time and Holiday Clubs at selected dates throughout the year in Balsham.

A safe and fun environment MOOSC has received a Good OFSTED report and during the holidays also extends the care to children that do not usually attend the Meadow School.

Need a bit of extra time for Christmas shopping or last minute preparations? MOOSC is open from 8.45am – 5.45pm on 19th and 20th December, please contact Emma Appleby for further details: emmaappleby3@btinternet.com

The children will be making Christmas tree decorations and these will be on display at The Christmas Tree Festival at the Holy Trinity Church in Balsham during 10th & 11th December. I'm sure it will be a delight to see everyone's efforts.

As MOOSC is run by a voluntary management committee funds need to be raised to ensure that the club stays open. The MOOSC Christmas raffle draw is taking place on Tuesday 13th Dec, tickets are just 50p and can be purchased from the school, any committee or staff member. The 1st prize is a hamper but there are numerous other prizes, including bottles of wine, a homemade Christmas cake, box of chocs etc. Any fundraising ideas for future or donations to MOOSC may be given by contacting Emma. Thank you for your support.

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