

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## VILLAGE DIARY

- Tue 1 Black wheeled bin collection  
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Linton Village College  
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**Remembrance Day Service. 12.00,  
Wrattling Common Memorial**  
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archaeology of the roads and dykes of  
SE Cambridgeshire by Kasia Gdaniac.  
7.30pm, Village Hall**  
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Talk by Peter Jackson. 7.30pm, Village  
Hall**  
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**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](http://www.westwickham.org)

## NIP PEARSON 1939 - 2011

We sadly have to report the death of Cedric (Nip) Pearson on 21 October. Nip lived all his life in West Wickham and was the third generation to run the family farm. He contributed much to the village he loved and was a Parish Councillor for many years. He was a regular contributor to the Village Voice with his "Rustic Reflections", from its beginning in 2003 to November 2008. Under the pseudonym "N" his often unorthodox and nostalgic outlook on modern day life was much appreciated. Denny Pearson has asked us to publish a selection from his reflections for September 2005. This is on page 3.

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### RAF Wrattling Common, Sunday 13 November

There will be a short service at the Memorial on Sunday 13 November at 12 noon. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. A few veterans will also hopefully be in attendance. Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. All are welcome to attend. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

## THANK YOU

The church fete made an amazing £2,862.00. It was a beautiful day, made special by everyone who made this such a success and worked so hard in raising this record-breaking amount. Big thank you's go to all those who donated money and provisions, the stall holders, to Lynn who was a brilliant master of ceremonies, to John and Julia Hughes for donating the food and Manuel who started the pig roast at 6.30 in the morning! Next year we will be concentrating on the jubilee celebrations so sadly no Fete!

If any one would like to see what their stall made or a breakdown of takings please call or email me.

Nicky Cornish. T: 290203. Email: [nicky.cornish@live.com](mailto:nicky.cornish@live.com)

## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Invite you to a talk on Monday 14 November  
7.30pm West Wickham Village Hall

### Access and barriers: the archaeology of the roads & dykes of SE Cambridgeshire

By Kasia Gdaniac, Cambs County Council  
Kasia's talk will include the Roman Road, our parish boundary and a favourite walk

There is a small charge of £2 for non-members (only £1 if you belong to Friends of the Roman Road & Fleam Dyke)

For further details about this & the rest of the Club's programme contact:  
Janet Morris, 21 High Street, West Wickham, Cambridge CB21 4RY  
T: 290863 Email: [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

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## FROM THE VICARAGE

Archbishop Rowan Williams said,

*'We stand in a very vulnerable place. We stand in the middle of a human world where God's will is not the most automatic thing that people do. Where crisis faces us, where uncertainty is all around about tomorrow and where evil is powerfully at work.'*

Many people pray in moments of crisis. Prayer can be a way to help us to find dignity, freedom and purpose in the midst of daily challenges and opportunities. The Archbishop suggested that saying the Lord's Prayer can help. The first few words, 'Our Father' set out a relationship,

*'...we need to know that God is Our Father... and that that glorious God has made us members of his family in a very intimate and direct way... [And that this is] a relationship that nothing can break.'*

In a recent letter to the Church at Hildersham, Bishop David suggested, 'Pray as you can, not as you can't.' There are many ways into prayer, and some of these will suit our particular personality, experience and circumstance better than others. Sometimes, we learn the benefits of particular ways of praying even though they are not the ones that are natural to our inclination. The person who enjoys silence may find the discipline of the Anglican liturgy of Daily Prayer hard work, but also essential to bring order to the day and a sense of communion with others across the world. Those who like words may find silence uncomfortable and yet a necessary space to listen - to what is going on inside them and beyond words. However, if we are only using methods of prayer that do not suit us, we can find that we tie ourselves in knots and feel abandoned. Bishop Stephen, talking about his own education in prayer described this as 'taking on the world and falling flat.' We need to learn to pray as we can. Bishop David is coming to lead a Quiet Day on this theme on 12 November at Mill Green House, near Horseheath 10am -4pm. This is an opportunity to explore different ways of praying in order to open ways up for us. Anyone can come to this who is interested in prayer. Please ring me if you would like to join in (891350) and lifts can be arranged.

**Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.** We are coming up to the time of year when we celebrate the Saints and remember the Faithful Departed. Balsham Benefice Choir are going to sing a Requiem Mass on 2nd November at 6pm at Holy Trinity, Balsham to remember those who have died. There is still time to add names to the list at the back of the Church so that a candle can be lit for each person remembered.

**Talk by Dirk Jonkind on the King James Version** which will take place in The Chestnut Pub, West Wrattling at 8pm on 2 November.

**Confirmation.** At the last Confirmation Service I went to, the age range was impressive. There were youngsters and octogenarians and lots in between. No one is ever too old for this. We now have two groups of people in these seven churches who are looking for Confirmation in the new year. One group is for youngsters and will meet on 19 November and the other group is for older people and will meet on 24 November. There is still time for newcomers to join in.

Julie Norris

## CONSULTATION ON REVIEW OF THE DECISION TO REMOVE ALL SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE FUNDING

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](http://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](mailto: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.**

### PLEASE KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN!

Between 16:00 hours on the 4/9/2011 and 03:00 hours on 5/9/2011 an attempt was made to steal BT cabling in The Common, West Wrattling/West Wickham area. Although the cable was not taken, severe damage was caused. Cabling is stolen for the scrap metal value. 4x4 type vehicles or transit vans are usually used in these kinds of thefts. Please keep your eyes out for these types of vehicles, usually parked on the verges of roads, just outside villages, usually near concrete and steel manholes. Please report anything suspicious you might see on 0345 456 4564.

PCSOs Leanne Fisher and Chris Pulley, Linton Neighbourhood Policing Team

## PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST

The above Trust was established in 2008 in memory of Peter and Ruth Lloyd who both met and served at the wartime airfield of RAF Wrattling Common. Due to their love of the Wrattling Common area and the many friends that they made over the years, their surviving children decided to set up the Trust to aid young people going to University for the first time. Students from the parishes of Carlton cum Willingham, Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, **West Wickham**, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield are eligible to apply for consideration.

The Trust has now made its third award of £800 to Bianca Ho of Weston Colville who will be reading Bio-Medical Sciences at the University of Sussex.

Applications are now open for the 2011/2012 academic year. Full details and Application Forms may be obtained from peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net.

## BALSHAM SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

7.30pm on 17 December at Balsham Church

This year audiences in Balsham have enjoyed several musical concerts (by different organisations) which have included some lovely performances. The Balsham Singers are hoping that our planned programme and its performance at Christmas will add to the musical reputation of concerts performed in the Church

Our concert programme, carefully chosen, will combine both choral singing (reflective and joyous), harmonious carols and familiar carols for all to sing.

Mulled wine and mince pies served in the interval will add to the sociable nature of this occasion.

Tickets £7 and £6 concessions on sale from 1 December at the Post Office or on the door.

Marion Bryant

## BRINKLEY GUIDE UNIT IS 40!

Were you, or do you know someone who has been associated with the unit?

We are having a birthday get together with light refreshments on Saturday 12 November from 3-5pm at The Jarman Centre, Duchess Drive, Newmarket CB8 8AQ.

We would like as many people as possible to help us celebrate.

Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested.

RSVP by 1 November to

Grace Bristow, 53, Folly Rd. Mildenhall, Suffolk IP28 7BX. 01638 713967

grace.bristow@talktalk.net

## DAISY CHAIN'S PRE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Daisy Chain's Pre School at West Wickham, will be holding their Christmas Fair on the 26 November 2011. We are looking for anyone who may have any crafts or goods to sell and who would be interested in reserving a stall for this event. Please contact Lynsey Hubbard on 01223 290172 for further details.

## RUSTIC REFLECTIONS

(Taken from the September 2005 edition of the Village Voice)

*Since the last "reflections" I have enjoyed a week of holiday in the Black Mountains of Wales. What a beautiful place! What a gentle pace of life! Mainly sheep country, with assorted industries in the smallish towns, but what I found most refreshing was the attitude of the people. Whether they were umpteenth generation Welsh, or relative newcomers, a smile, or a greeting is always returned. In the small shops, it is the norm to exchange pleasantries. If you are fortunate (or careless) enough to engage a local sheep farmer in conversation, you could be there for hours. I have grown fond of the Welsh and, what I have seen, so far, of their country.*

*Our wonderful countryside is changing fast; both with the march of "progress" and the changing season. By the time of the next Village Voice lands on your mat, it will be so different. Get out there! Go blackberrying, go nutting, go stand and gaze at it for a minute or two, as summer blends into Autumn.*

*There is not room for me to say all I would like to say, except, take that minute or two and cherish our little parish, there is so much to enjoy.*

"N"

Nip has not gone from the farm, only physically. Those of us who spent time with him will find him in many places around the farm and the village. His quiet presence is everywhere to us. The gates we have at the front are not a barrier to friends, they open quite easily and those who loved Nip will always be welcome. The information regarding the funeral will be posted in the notice board and we welcome all those who would like to wish farewell to a special gentle-man.

Denny Pearson

Daisy Chains  
Pre School  
West Wickham

Come & meet  
**Santa** at our  
**Christmas Fair**  
West Wickham Village Hall  
**Saturday**  
**26th November**  
**2pm - 4pm**

face painting  
handmade refreshments  
Santa's grotto  
raffle  
childrens craft activities  
tombola  
cake stall  
chocolate fountain  
lucky dip

exciting gift ideas  
from our selection  
of craft stalls

All funds raised go to Daisy Chains Pre School

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The following matters were discussed at the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3 October.

*Children's Play area:* RoSPA had submitted their inspection report and the only high priority risk was the lack of safety notices. These have now been put in place.

*Pavement resurfacing:* This is now in progress.

*Land Registration:* A letter is to be written to the Land Registry pointing out that the boundaries shown in their registration of the Village Hall and surrounding land are out of date.

*Village Web site:* This is now available and it is possible that the Parish Council Minutes may be put on bi-monthly.

*Finance:* The Annual Return Statement had been satisfactorily examined by the External Auditors and the audit for the year passed.

*Planning:* An Agreement between SCDC and West Wickham Parish Council that money to be received following the development of land adjacent to 35 Streetly End is to be spent on Open Space infrastructure or towards indoor community facilities was signed by the Chairman, Marcus Cornish, witnessed by Cllr. Licence. Cllr. Morris, as Vice Chairman, will sign this on his return from holiday. The money will be spent on play equipment in the play area.

*Village Questionnaire:* Four people had offered their services as part of the Steering Group. Joining them from the Parish Council would be Cllrs. Grieve and Hall.

*Diamond Jubilee:*

1. The parish has been offered by SCDC a sapling Oak for the Jubilee to go on the recreation field.
2. Cllr. Licence would be having a meeting on 4 October to discuss further plans for the Jubilee. She asked if the village had any bunting for decoration. Cllr. Hall suggested a flag pole should be erected. Further discussions at next meeting.

*Report from Dist. Cllr. Barrett:*

1. Future development in South Cambridgeshire. 350 sites for future development have been registered but nothing in this area, any development in villages is likely to be in-fill. Brownfield sites are also likely to be used.
2. SCDC has a £250m debt relating to the Council housing stock; 50% of rental income is paid to the government.
3. Leaflets concerning Community Transport were handed out, promoting Balsham's "Helping Hands" scheme. Co-ordinators and drivers are needed to help with this service.

*Report from County Cllr. Batchelor:*

1. County Council had agreed that no libraries will close and the 48% budget cut was no longer required.
2. The decision to cut subsidised buses has been put off and consultations are being carried out.
3. An investment of 70m is being made by the government to get high speed broadband to the villages within the next 2/3 years.

The Minutes of the meeting are posted on the Noticeboard.

**The next meeting will be on Monday 5 December 2011 at 7.30pm. All welcome.**

Jennifer Richards (Parish Clerk). T: 01223 894076

## OIL SYNDICATE

In October I placed an order for over 23,000 litres of oil for the village, with 29 households having placed an order. The cheapest supplier again was Pace Fuelcare at 53.49p per litre but this time, all the suppliers I contacted were fairly competitive with the highest quote being 54.95p. Shelford Energy quoted 54.52p. Looking at the website boilerjuice.com, I see that oil prices have fairly shot up since I ordered, which is quite satisfying. I plan to place another order again on 12 December if I have enough of you interested. Please let me know if you want any and how much by 10 December. Thanks.

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

## WEST WRATTING W.I.

Our September speaker was Clare Mulley who has written a biography of the inspirational Eglantyne Jebb, whose "short life was full of humour and tragedy, passion and pain". We were told how, despite declaring a dislike of children, she went on to establish the Save the Children movement. We were shown some horrific pictures of starving children in Austria caused by the sanctions put in place after the 1st World War as well but were also treated to examples of her humorous sketches, usually poking fun at herself.

In November we have our Member's Meeting which is organized by two of our members rather than the Committee so it is usually something of a surprise but always a treat. The date for this is Tuesday 30th at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

The Over 60s Lunch will be on Saturday 3 December. Invitations will be going out shortly. Please contact Gill Holah on 290378 if you would like to be added to the list.

For further information please contact me or Gill Holah.

Linda Gorman. T: 290653

## NATIONAL WOMEN'S REGISTER

**West Wrattling and District (The local vibrant branch.)**

We meet in member's homes, every fortnight on a Wednesday, to discuss light and more serious topics and to share in a range of activities. Each programme is planned by the members for a six month period. "Feel free to air your views and widen your horizons. Find friendship and fun and join in our interesting discussions." We would welcome the fresh ideas and stimulus of additional members as this ensures the group's vibrancy.

Meetings are on Wednesdays once every two weeks, 7.45-10.00 p.m.

Full details from Jenny Roberts 01440 707613 or Marion Bryant 01223 290420

## BALSHAM CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

With lots and lots of decorated trees in our lovely church  
10.00 – 5.00 on SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER &  
12.00 – 5.00 on SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

ending with Christmas Songs of Praise at 5.00 pm on

Sunday

SEASONAL STALL & RAFFLE

(Home made food) Refreshments all day. Entry £1.50  
further details Joanna Sanders 893063

## NATURE NOTES

This month's Nature Notes comes from Di Licence:

September was a month of things we humans love to hate. moths, spiders and toads. Spectacular humming bird hawk moths on the honeysuckle, and one we can't identify on my car. We have had green shield bugs on the dahlias, and bush crickets in our house. Toads a-plenty in my compost heap, and the most beautiful garden orb spiders everywhere in the hedgerows and garden. We watched entranced for 20 minutes the other day as a tiny male spider ventured onto the web of a female and spent a long time strumming the web line and moving very stealthily towards her in the centre. He eventually spun her round, delivered the packet of sperm and made his escape but not quickly enough, she was on to him, and wrapped him up for later.

Birds have featured high on my list this month too. I saw my first kingfisher ever in the parish, down at Streetly End, near the entrance to the farm and it flashed past me along the line of the ditch, showing off its fantastic iridescent blue plumage. I was amazed as I thought they needed running water to survive.

Steve and I saw a small brown bird with a white rump flying very slowly along the field up the Roman Road one evening, obviously tired. It was low to the ground and kept stopping. We identified it as a wheatear passing through on migration.

A spectacular red kite entertained us one morning, as it was mobbed by half a dozen crows. These are becoming quite a common sight now in this area, and very easy to identify with their characteristic V – shaped tail.

In early October we noticed that the golden plovers were back on the fields around Bottle Hall, and they have hung around ever since. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> we saw our first flock of fieldfares fly over. They are the wintering thrushes that feed on our berries.

Another treat a few weeks ago, a friend rung to say that a lilac-breasted roller, a bird never recorded outside Africa was on a ploughed field in a nearby village. It was fabulous, sitting and flying low over the soil catching insects on the plough, and then flying up into an ash tree. It must have escaped from a private collection, but nonetheless was fabulous to see, the colours being truly lovely shades of green, blue and lilac, a stunning contrast to the brown earth.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503

## THANK YOU FROM DAISY CHAINS PRE SCHOOL

Many gratitude's to all those who attended our Bingo night, and to all those who donated prizes for the Bingo and the Tombola. With your very generous help and support we raised over £550.00 which will go toward the running of the pre-school. We also accepted a very kind and generous donation of £100.00 from Mildenhall Lions Club which will go towards new toys for the children. The children who attend pre-school, are as we speak, deciding what toys to update!

Once again a big thank you!

Jo Jackson. Chairperson

## COMMUNITY NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

**Saturday Workshops.** November will see the launch of several new Adult Community Learning Saturday workshops including:

- Trampolining
- Sugar craft: Xmas modelling
- Life drawing and portraiture
- Floristry designs for Xmas
- Writing for publication
- Colour, style and make up.

For more information please contact Adult Community Learning dept. on 01223891233 and select option 4 or email [adulteducation@lvc.org](mailto:adulteducation@lvc.org)

**Brand New Fitness Suite.** The LCSC fitness suite has been in need of updating for some time now and 'finally' it will be given the facelift it deserves.

Now seems like an apt time to thank all of those regular users and members who have stuck with us over the past year (and beyond), we really do appreciate your support and hope that the refit will go some way in showing our appreciation.

Works will include:

- Current resistance and CV equipment will be replaced with the latest range.
- Carpet will be replaced with hard floor.
- Fitness Suite will be re-decorated.

This does mean that the fitness suite itself will be closed for around a week in December whilst work takes place, however the result of this will be a brand new and refreshed area that we hope members can be proud of.

We are currently finalising details but will keep you informed of progress and closure dates etc. via info at the sports centre and also our website.

To access our website please visit [www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk](http://www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk)

You can also email any questions to [lcsc@lvc.org](mailto:lcsc@lvc.org) or call us on 0122389024

## HEAR BETTER THIS CHRISTMAS!

Not many people realise that hearing loss can be seriously disabling and, as the population ages, more people are finding their lives limited by not being able to hear and communicate. People may seem a lot older or more confused than they really are, because they cannot hear.

Your local hearing help charity, CAMTAD works with the audiology service and the sensory services team to help to reduce the impact of hearing loss on people's lives.

On 1 December CAMTAD volunteers will be demonstrating hearing help equipment at Scotsdales Garden Centre, Great Shelford CB22 5JT.

Telephones, TV amplifiers, alerts and more.

Drop in 10.30 am – 1.30 pm.

CAMTAD does not sell equipment.

Call 01223 416141 for more information or e-mail [admin@camtadcamb.org.uk](mailto:admin@camtadcamb.org.uk)

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

On Friday 7 October you may have seen a group of around 800 young people, many in fancy dress, in procession along the local paths and fields. They giggled as they went, accompanied by two teachers on guitars and a trio of unicyclists. This was a LVC first: the whole of the school out on a 11km sponsored walk, the three unicyclists excepted. The walk was the brainchild of our recently rebooted Friends of LVC, who have been making amazing efforts in recent months to raise more money for the school. The focus of their fundraising is the new school building which needs equipment in the indoor student common rooms which we just cannot afford from our funding allocation. It is this kind of money for 'extras' which makes strong PTAs and Friends groups so vital to schools and we are tremendously grateful for their efforts. The Student Council has already chosen the furniture they would like for these areas and I think we now have raised enough money to make their dreams come true.

By the time this edition of the LVC News is published we should have moved into the new facilities. Our reception will be towards the middle of the site and from that point we have access to new office spaces, a staff common room and work area, the upper and lower school common rooms and the amazing cylindrical library. Phase 2 will then have been completed. Our work is far from done, however.

Back in 2003, when Clive Bush was the Principal at LVC, the Local Authority struck a deal with the College Governing Body. In return for agreeing to allow Granta Special School to be sited on some of the LVC playing fields, the Local Authority agreed to a building plan for our school which would do the following: replace the Vic Hallam buildings, improve the sports facilities, create a coherent design across the site which was in keeping with the 1937 listed building and remove the need for the mobile classrooms by building new ones. When I was appointed, the LA turned this into a three phase building programme. Phase 1 and 2 are now finished, but in 2010 I was informed that there would be no funding for phase 3 as capital funding for school buildings had been cut. This leaves us stuck with an incomplete building schedule and a number of mobile classrooms. When we converted to academy status in 2011, a glimmer of hope returned: the government was inviting bids for building work from a centrally held government pot. With our own plans at an advanced stage, we felt sure of success, only to be told that our building had too many 'Art Deco' style features in it to qualify for the per metre square unit funding that was available.

So a new local campaign starts: let's get our LVC phase 3 building work completed and rid the site once and for all of its mobile classrooms. Our community deserves better and our students deserve better.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

### WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Monday 21 November  
7.30pm at West Wickham Village Hall

**Fruit trees and soft fruit**

Talk by Peter Jackson of Scotsdales Garden Centre

## MEADOW MATTERS

### News From The Meadow Primary School

Can you believe it, but it is half term again next week (at the time of writing) – I know most of you think we are always on holiday, but when they come round they are very welcome!

There seems to have been lots of fundraising events taking place over the term:

First we had Lepra Week – a lady came in to run an assembly for the children to tell them about the Lepra Charity and how they are helping to cure people of leprosy completely within 6 months – the cost of this is £21.00 per person. The children have all taken part in a sponsored Fun Workout. I don't know at this stage how much has been collected, but will let you know next month.

And then we have had Bone Cancer 'Bake It' week – the children have all baked a Gingerbread Man and made a donation for this – the school provided the ingredients. I have been very hungry as I have walked round school with the smell of baking. Again, I don't know how much has been raised, but will report this next month. This is a charity very close to our hearts, so thank you to everyone who has made a donation. If you would like to make a donation, please send into school in an envelope marked 'Bone Cancer Trust'.

Craft Fair: Thank you to everyone who came along to support the Craft Fair. It seemed to be a very busy weekend again with some lovely Craft stalls and refreshments. I believe the Craft Fair made approximately £2,000.00 profit – a fantastic weekend!

Linda Wain

### MIDDAY SUPERVISORS/PLAY LEADERS REQUIRED

The Meadow Primary School is looking to appoint Midday Supervisors/Play Leaders to look after the children in the dining hall and on the playground during the school lunch break. 10 hours are available but this can be shared between 2 or more people. We are looking for a proactive person who will organise games and spend time talking and interacting with the children.

The position is term time only for 1 hour per day  
Pay scale is 1C point 10 (£7.19 per hour)

If you would like to know more about the position or would like an application form, please contact the School Office on 01223 894400.

Closing date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011

The Meadow Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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