

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## VILLAGE DIARY

Wed 1	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sat 4	<b>Farmers Market. 9.00 – 12.00</b> <b>Linton Village College</b>
Sun 5	Holy communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon 6	Accession Day Evensong. 6pm, Balsham Church
Tue 7	Black wheeled bin collection
Wed 8	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 12	Holy communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon 13	<b>Local History Club. Dating family photographs. Talk by Andrew Morris. 7.30pm, Village Hall.</b>
Tue 14	Blue & green wheeled bin collection
Wed 15	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun 19	Holy communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon 20	<b>Gardening Club. Floral &amp; botanical art in the Fitzwilliam Museum. Talk by Andrew Morris. 7.30pm, Village Hall</b>
Tue 21	Black wheeled bin collection
Wed 22	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Fri 24	<b>Pre-School Quiz Night. 7.30pm, Village Hall. See Advert on page 3.</b>
Sun 26	Family service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Tue 28	Blue & green wheeled bin collection
Wed 29	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall

**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)

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## THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WHAT DO YOU THINK?

The Parish Council is seeking a grant to aid the redevelopment of the children's play area behind the Village Hall. We need your thoughts and feedback, so that we can make sure we create something that people really want. Even better - **ask your children what they think.**

I'd be really grateful if you could take a few moments to answer the questions below:

1. What age range should the play area cater for?
2. Should the play area be developed around imaginative play, more traditional equipment or a combination of both? For example, mounds and objects that could be interpreted by children in different ways or things like climbing frames and roundabouts?
3. What type of equipment would you like to see in the play area (swinging, sliding, crawling, spinning, jumping, balancing etc)?
4. Would you like the area to have more surfacing or be predominantly grassed?
5. Would you prefer wooden equipment, bright metal equipment or a combination of both?
6. Do you have any specific ideas that you'd like to see incorporated, or things that you feel strongly should not be there?

You can provide your answers to me by either posting a note through my door 65 High Street, or by email to [justwickham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:justwickham@yahoo.co.uk)

Your feedback and more importantly the views of our children are integral to providing a facility that can benefit them for many years to come, so please do let me know what you think. If you are interested in providing more detailed feedback or being more involved, then please do get in touch - I'd be really pleased to hear from you!

Thanks

Justin Plumb

## PARISH COUNCIL VILLAGE SURVEY

You will very shortly have a copy of the Village Survey delivered to your house. It will be collected a few days later. The Parish Council would be very grateful if you could spare a few minutes to complete it. The survey is voluntary but 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.

Thank you.

Trevor Hall

## 2012 DIRECTORY

This year's Directory is included with this issue of the Village Voice and has sections about your local representatives, who to contact in an emergency, community, leisure & some local services and clubs and societies. Please let me have any updates and we will publish them during the year.

Sue Thurston

## FROM THE VICARAGE

This year marks 350 years since the publication of the version of the Book of Common Prayer which is used in our Churches. This was not the first edition, but it is the one that has endured. The purpose of the Book of Common Prayer was to unite the Church of England in a time of conflict.

Several of the churches around the six Parishes have been enjoying use of the Book of Common Prayer Services. Hildersham has a long tradition of singing the Communion and a monthly Evensong. Balsham recently hosted a special Choral Evensong and has a monthly Communion at 8am. West Wickham has started having an occasional Evening Prayer. At Weston Colville there is going to be an Evensong to commemorate the Cambridgeshire poet, J. R. Withers (1812–92) later in the year. A monthly Evensong has been reintroduced at Great Abington.

Why have people expressed an interest in these services where the language is archaic and the thought of singing the Canticles and Psalms can be daunting to those unfamiliar with them?

The language of the Book of Common Prayer is poetic with some beautiful phrases. In the General Thanksgiving we are thankful for God's 'inestimable love' towards us. In the service of Evening Prayer we find the Collect for Peace, 'O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give;' The metre of Coverdale's Psalms and the Canticles can be calming to people in the midst of busy lives. There is beauty and prayerfulness in the singing, even when we are getting used to fitting the music and words together. And to participate in these services reconnects us with our Christian heritage, reminding us that going to church is something that has brought meaning to people's lives for centuries. Someone who started coming to Evensong commented that the words and the pace gave space to reflect and to pray.

Rev Julie Norris

## CHRISTMAS GIVING

The carol singing before Christmas made £160 thanks to all who came out. A big thank you to Kathy Pelling for providing us with refreshments. This money goes towards West Wickham's Community Warden scheme, run by Age UK to assist the elderly in our village. (see page 5)

The church carol service made £344.61 which this year is going to the Teenage Cancer Trust. In these austere times it is wonderful that this small village can give over £500 to charity.

Nicky Cornish

## BALSHAM MOTHERS' UNION

Balsham is one of 5 active branches in the Granta Deanery and was founded in 1897. We aim to meet at members homes most months on the 3rd Tuesday at 2.30 pm.

Balsham has 21 members who are part of a vast worldwide membership of over 4 million people in 83 countries and all dioceses are prayed for 5 days each year. Ely MU's slot is always 1 - 5 April. We should be very pleased to welcome anyone (male or female!) who would like to join us.

Please contact Joanna Sanders 893063 should you wish to join us.

## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

In January the Club was given a most interesting talk by Helen Riches from Saffron Walden, entitled "Breaking Boundaries". Helen had a wealth of slides demonstrating many different ways of defining your boundaries; fences of all types and colours, hedges and walls. As she pointed out, it is important to look at the surrounding area in order to choose something that will not look out of place; for example, the use of old bricks and flint for a small terraced garden in a conservation area, a painted picket fence round a cottage or perhaps clipped yew in a more formal situation. I'm sure we all went home with an idea or two to pep up our boundaries.

Our raffle held at our Christmas meeting was won by Sandra Martin who will enjoy a day out at Chelsea Flower Show.

On 20th February, Andrew Morris will give us a talk on "Floral and Botanical Art in the Fitzwilliam Museum". We welcome visitors to what promises to be an enjoyable and informative evening.

Rosemary Yallop (speaker's secretary) 01799584262.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

After a well earned Christmas break we returned to Brownies full of energy and enthusiasm. During this term we will be getting ready for our annual Pack Holiday to the Jarman Centre; celebrating our founders' birthday at the Annual District Thinking Day get together in Linton; finishing off the Hostess and Entertainers badges, started at the Over 60's Luncheon; and hopefully a trip to London too.

At the beginning of December we gave fifty Over 60's a Christmas Luncheon with some surprising entertainment, even the adults got in on the act with an abbreviated version of the Sound of Music. Pat gave a wonder performance as Mother Superior and Christine was one of only 2 children - I did say it was abbreviated! I would like to thank all the helpers for assisting me in putting the luncheon together, from the washer uppers to the soup makers, without their help we wouldn't be able to put this event on.

I would also like to thank you, on behalf of Joanna Turvey, for your generosity in buying raffle tickets. Jo managed to raise £110 towards her guiding trip to Our Cabaña in Mexico, one of guiding's World Centres. Hopefully Jo will be able to tell us about her trip at next year's party.

Does anyone have any card making skills they would like to share with the Brownies? We are hoping to make some extra special Mothering Sunday cards this year but need your help. Please contact me if you are able to help in anyway.

Pauline AKA Barney. T: 01223 891086

## PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST

Would be applicants are reminded that further information and an application form is available by contacting: peterandruthlloydtrust@fsmail.net

Applicants are also reminded that the closing date for receipt of applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012.

## NATURE NOTES

The end of 2011 and the first week of 2012 provided us with a “false spring” – and nature responded. For a couple of days a song thrush was singing from the trees in the Old Vicarage, blackbirds have been seen pairing off and there have been a number of reports of wildflowers in unseasonal bloom (including from Di, who spotted a buttercup fully out on Christmas Day). Of course the wildflowers lured into early flowering will be dying back again now that the frosts have arrived, but will no doubt return again at the appropriate time.

Last month Di was bemoaning a lack of mammals. This provoked reports of sightings of hare (dead and alive) and, despite the recent hard frosts, the appearance of a good number of molehills to reassure us that life is going on underground. A deer was seen running across the field opposite us although not by me (the hedge was in the way). Di herself reports seeing two foxes chasing each other in the field opposite Webbs Lane. She interprets their behaviour as a prelude to mating. On a late afternoon walk with Dash the other day we surprised a handsome fox in the act of trying to catch a pheasant. The pheasant exploded upwards noisily into the trees and the fox legged it across the field. Dash was rather stunned by the kerfuffle but eventually pursued the fox in half-hearted fashion, without dropping her ball.

It seems that it might be appropriate at this time of year to start dusting off those collective nouns for groups of birds as many of them are to be found in relatively large numbers. Here are some genuine and some made-up collective nouns for birds which either have been or could have been seen locally in recent weeks:

- A charm of goldfinches (about 20 seem to favour a tree outside No 95 – I have seen them twice when walking past)

- A nye of pheasants
- A building (or Parliament) of rooks (seen by Di along with other corvids perching menacingly on the fence and lurking in the fields alongside the back road between Hildersham and Linton. Di described this as a “Hitchcock moment”)
- A pestilence of wood pigeons – the fields, the sky, the trees all seem to be full of them at the moment. (Reactions to their presence are not always positive.)
- A herd of wrens (if it gets really cold)
- A chuckling of fieldfares
- A murmuration of starlings
- A treasury of golden plovers (Di was privileged to see a huge flock – estimate 1000 – up near the crossroads. She comments on how lucky we are to have them as such regular visitors.)

Can you tell the made-up collective nouns? I would welcome suggestions for any other new ones – they don’t have to be birds, but I think some of the old ones need refreshing. (Like me).

Finally on the bird front I feel I have to give the usual mention of the red kite and the barn owl, both of which have been seen by more than one person in the last month. Last word goes to Di’s unexpected mammal – a large brown rat who visited her patio to take advantage of bread put out for the birds, running back and forth, collecting large chunks. Hitchcock never made a film about rats, but they certainly have an uneasy relationship with humans, ever since the Black Death in the 1340s. Perhaps we could call this Di’s Pied Piper moment, or for those of you who have read 1984, her Winston Smith moment.

Peter Grieve. Email: [mail@petergrieve.co.uk](mailto:mail@petergrieve.co.uk)

## POTHOLES

Concerned that the County Council has not yet filled in the pothole you are worried about? It could be because they don’t know about it! They need your help to find the location of potholes in your area. There is an online form that can be used to report road defects, such as roads or pavements needing repair, damaged road signs, overhanging trees or bushes, flooding or standing water, broken roadside gulleys, mud on roads etc. This can be found at

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes/)

you can also report these problems by phone to: 0345 045 5212.

Alternatively you can report a wide range of problems through the website [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com). This allows you to pinpoint faults on a map. The fault is then reported to the relevant authority. There is also feedback about whether the fault has been rectified.

## ACCESSION DAY

Monday 6th February 6.00 pm Evensong at Holy Trinity, Balsham to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Queen’s Accession

**Daisy Chains**  
Pre-School West Wickham

# QUIZ NIGHT

in support of  
**Daisy Chains Pre-School**

**Bar Friday Prizes**  
**24th Feb**

**West Wickham Village Hall**  
Bar open 7.30pm - Quiz starts 8pm  
Entrance £3.00 per person  
Teams of up to 6  
**Raffle**

For more info please contact Jane Jackson 290854

## THE DIAMOND JUBILEE – 1897 STYLE

On the 20 June 1897, West Wickham celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The only account of the event would seem to be from the *Cambridge Chronicle* (forerunner of the *Cambridge News*) of that week. Much like today, a committee was set-up in advance to plan the day and this was led by the Chairman of the Parish Council, John de Fraine (as he made his living lecturing on temperance, alcohol was certainly not going to play a part in the official events!). Unlike today's committee, it was entirely male and mainly made up of farmers and tradesmen, although there were a couple of farm labourers as well.

After the committee had received donations and money from a house-to-house collection, it was decided to give a free public dinner and tea to all the residents. On the day, the village was decorated with flags and at 2 o'clock a procession of between 300 and 400 people marched up the High Street headed by the Salvation Army band. Half had their dinner in the school and half in the Mission Hall (now the Old Chapel). The menu was not recorded but the usual fare on similar occasions included cold beef and plum pudding. After tea there were games, races, tugs of war and other sports followed by dancing. The day ended at 10 o'clock with 'loud cheers for the Queen'.

It sounds like a lovely occasion which brought all the village together. Surely we can do just as well in 2012?

Janet Morris



The Diamond Jubilee Committee is still in the process of planning events for the weekend of 1 - 4 June. They would still welcome suggestions and offers of help. Please contact Di Licence T: 290434. email:di.licence@googlemail.com.

### I STILL NEED YOUR HELP....

if I am to put on a good exhibition about village life in the 1950s. Thank you to those people who have offered things already but I still need photographs, artefacts and memories. These don't necessarily need to be related directly to West Wickham if they are representative of the times.

Please get in touch if you can help – photographs can be scanned almost immediately and returned to you as the originals won't be needed.

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

## WOULDN'T IT BE LOVELY

If we were more good neighbourly. 'Do as you would be done by' was a maxim drummed in to me as a child and that was not that long ago either and it is a good one. So, what are my particular bugbears?

- Owners who allow their dogs to foul pavements, open spaces and footpaths and who DO NOT CLEAR UP AFTERWARDS. There has been an increase in this recently and it is particularly anti-social where the children wait for the school bus, by the post box, on the playing field and on the grass strip in front of houses. Don't the culprits use these areas themselves?
- Those who don't check to see if their hedges are overhanging the pavement. This seems to be a particular problem with those who go everywhere by car. However, there are a lot of us who walk up and down the village (even in the dark) and it is not very pleasant to have a bramble catch you across the face, to say nothing of the serious injury this may cause.
- Drivers who park their cars on the pavement. I know the roads are narrow and you are trying to let other vehicles pass but please think of vulnerable pedestrians, young & old, maybe with buggies, who are forced out into the path of the traffic. Please make sure visitors, tradesmen and those making deliveries don't park on the pavement either.

These things only take a little time and thought - they should be automatic - but they would certainly make the village a pleasanter place to live.

The sad thing is that I don't feel able to put my name to this (although I have given it to the Editor) because I'm worried about abuse and perhaps becoming someone else's bugbear!

## GOOD NEWS & NOT SO GOOD NEWS!

Cambridgeshire County Council has reviewed its previous decision to reduce subsidies to bus services, in order to save £2.7 million. This money is used to subsidise bus services that are currently not commercially viable. However, Council chiefs are now being asked to consider plans to invest £1.5 million into providing targeted community and alternative transport solutions in place of bus subsidies. Following an analysis of the survey results, members of the Council cabinet will be asked to consider bringing in phased reductions in bus subsidies over the next three years. A thorough assessment of local needs will be made first and alternative local transport measures identified wherever possible.

Some 81 per cent of respondents to the survey did not support the withdrawal of all bus subsidies as this would have an impact on elderly, women, people with disabilities and the young and this proposed approach will address these concerns. Nearly 68 per cent of respondents said they were likely or quite likely to use alternative travel links if they were available in their local area.

Councillor Steve Criswell, Cabinet member for Community Infrastructure, said: "It is clear that people value their subsidised bus services but with the large savings we, like other authorities, have to make we have to look at whether these bus services can be better provided. Operators are already talking to us about how changes can be made to make some services commercially viable and where there is no alternative we will consider keeping a subsidised bus.

## OIL SYNDICATE

I will be placing an order for oil on Monday, 13th February if anyone is interested. Oil prices have dropped since I last placed an order in December and of course ordering in bulk should work out cheaper for you than buying individually. Please let me know by 10th February if you want to join in the order.

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

## WEST WRATTING W.I.

Our first ordinary meeting for 2012 is due to take place on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. As this is dependent on the outcome of discussions at our AGM on the future of WWWI, no details are available yet. Please look out for notices giving details or contact me, Gill Holah or Diane Licence.

Linda Gorman. T: 290653.

## NEWS FROM PLATTS FARM

You will all be aware of the upheaval we have experienced, on the farm, over the past few months, but as they all say "life goes on" and living on the farm, it is even more obvious than in some other walks of life. The animals still want to be fed, milked and cared for. The fields still need to be cultivated and tended.

There will not be any significant change to any of this. There is now, a taller, younger, but equally forgetful farmer, who learnt a lot from his mentor, but has plenty of ideas of his own and will update things, GRADUALLY! It has often been said, "give it twelve months", so there is the maxim.

We have had two strange winters on the trot. The last was colder than a lot of us remember for a long time and this one is correspondingly mild; SO FAR! But while it is so mild and unmuddy, we can take advantage of getting outside as much as possible. The many footpaths in the village are being well walked by people and dogs (hopefully they are clearing up or kicking aside any deposits) and this does blow away the cobwebs. We enjoy spending a few minutes talking to the walkers on the top footpath behind the farm, where the view is one of the best in the area.

We have a wealth of footpaths of many types in and around the village, for walkers, but the horse riders among the village people are less well served, as they are not permitted to use the footpaths. There are no facilities for off road riding, except on private land within the village. I believe the nearest bridleway is the Roman Road, but that does give possibilities for quite a long ride. I can understand the reluctance to use the road, given the amount of traffic, as we have stopped driving our pony, for that reason.

Back to the farm itself; we are expecting kids, lambs, piglets and chicks in the next few months, so there will be bleating, baaing, squeaking and chirping going on. This and the other farm noises will keep us all busy and no doubt ensure we have lots of visitors calling for us to show them all the new life. The crops will, hopefully, be growing and life will continue on as it should. There will, also, be a presence among us, of someone who is indivisible from the farm.

Denny Pearson

## AGE UK

### Small Villages Community Warden Services

The Community Warden Service assists older people in the villages of Balsham, Weston Colville, Horseheath, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, West Wickham and West Wrattling by providing support to help them live independently in their own homes.

The warden makes contact with users of the service by telephone or in person to establish their well being. This can help to avert a crisis occurring. Light duties can be carried out for a short period, particularly if an individual suddenly becomes unwell. The service can be arranged on an ongoing basis or for temporary periods (e.g. following hospital discharge). The Warden Service is funded by South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Parish Councils (including West Wickham) and Cambridgeshire County Council. It is managed by Age UK Cambridgeshire and is open to local people aged 60 or over for a small charge each week payable to the warden. The warden will contact older people using the service daily (Mon-Fri), either by a personal visit or telephone. From this, it can be established what assistance is needed.

### The Warden can assist with, for example:

- Watering plants/ feeding pets.
- Small amounts of shopping/posting letters.
- Collecting prescriptions/ help with paperwork.

Above all, to be a regular source of reassurance and information to support independent living. If you are interested in finding out more about the Small Villages Warden Service please contact Janet Fallaize, the Community Warden on 07773617553 or by contacting Age UK Cambridgeshire's County Office on 01354 696650.

### Safer homes free energy assessments - available to the end of March 2012.

Age UK Cambridgeshire has received funds from both EON electricity and the Department of Health to enable our assessors to visit homes of those residents aged 60 years and over to determine if measures can be put in place to make homes warmer and reduce energy costs. The visit may recommend certain improvements to the draught proofing, lighting, hot water jackets etc. These improvements will be carried out FREE OF CHARGE by our fitters. The team are also able to provide such aids as banisters, grab rails & home safety checks to anyone who thinks it may be helpful to them. This service is also free of charge. For further information please contact Terry on 01480 700205 (answer phone available) who will make an appointment with you.

### Shopping Service

Age UK Cambridgeshire are also offering a shopping service. This service is for Cambridgeshire residents, aged 60 or over who are unable to, or may have difficulty in doing their shopping. Many supermarkets now offer online shopping but unless you have a computer you cannot take advantage of this convenient service. Phone your order to our shopping service and we will make all the arrangements, and arrange delivery to your home. There is no commitment to shop every week. Age UK Cambridgeshire makes no charge for this service but supermarket charges for delivery may vary.

Enquiries and orders can be taken from Monday-Friday between 9-12.30 on 01354 696650

## NEWS FROM LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE

We started back at College this term on 3<sup>rd</sup> January: a miserable, wet and exceptionally windy week. It was pitch black when I left the house and pitch black when I returned and I did wonder how I was going to rally the students and motivate the staff at such a time. Nationally, morale in the education sector is as low as I have seen it in 25 years. New ways to measure schools' performance are making us feel unsettled and bewildered. Then there is the threat over on-going industrial action in relation to pension cuts, increased retirement ages and the pay freezes to contend with. At the same time our students are feeling the impact that the recession is having on their own family lives.

I am, however, an eternal optimist and remain resolutely cheerful. 2012 is going to hold so many positive things for the College. To begin with, it is 2012 after all and for a school, the arrival of the Olympics in the country brings lots of interest and educational opportunity. We are already generating a list of ideas about the ways in which we can get our students inspired and involved: the first of which is that our new school buildings will be opened by gold medallist Olympian David Hemery.

2012 also heralds the College's first whole school musical production for a number of years. Oliver is to be staged at the end of March and we are all very excited about it.

Finally, we have yet to take full advantage of all of the features of our new buildings: a café for students opens in the atrium between the common rooms in just a couple of weeks' time. This will take considerable pressure off our queues for the canteen at break and lunchtime.

As for the students: attendance is at an all-time high, behaviour is excellent, and in 2012 the results look very promising indeed. Bring it on!

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

### ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE

The allotments available are:

One half allotment (approx 60ft x 36ft) including a shed. This area could be divided into 2 quarter allotments.

One quarter allotment (approx 30ft x 36ft).

The annual rent for the half allotment is currently £4.00 and for the quarter allotment is currently £2.00 for 12 months (from October 2012 £5.00 & £2.50). Water is available on site, subject to a separate fee to the Village Hall.

If anyone would like to rent one please contact either:

Jenny Richards, Clerk to the Parish Council,  
52 Fox Road, Balsham, CB21 4EZ  
T: 01223 894076. Email: jrichards007@talktalk.net

or

Parish Councillor Andrew Morris,  
21 High Street, West Wickham CB21 4RY.  
T: 290863. Email: ANDREW.L.MORRIS@TALK21.COM

## LINTON COMMUNITY SPORTS CENTRE NEWS

January was a fantastic month at Linton Community Sports Centre - feedback on the new fitness suite has been incredibly positive and attendance at our classes has doubled. That said, there is always room for more!

If you haven't checked out our new facilities yet please do pop down and have a look, a member of our team will be happy to show you around. We are really proud of what we have managed to achieve and would love to share this with our community.

If you decide you would like to take out a membership please bear in mind that we do not require you sign your life away with a contract like many other fitness centres but instead allow you to pay on a monthly basis via direct debit. Memberships are between £22 - £29 per month.

We do also have a pay as you go facility and have also just launched our £30 for 30 days membership - this is a membership for those who want to use the centre on an occasional basis.

February sees the launch of two more special offers. For those of you who have yet to try our classes please visit the centre to claim your free class pass, the pass will allow you FREE access to 'each' of our studio classes, and if that wasn't enough, sign up for one of our fitness suite memberships in February and receive a 50% discount on your first direct debit payment.

For more information please call the sports centre on 01223 890 248 or email [lcsc@lvc.org](mailto:lcsc@lvc.org)

Or visit our website at [www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk](http://www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk)

Steven Austin

### MAMMAL QUIZ

Well done to Juliet Bevan, Jon Debnam, Lynn (and Rollo) Dicks and Chris Magin who all got twelve out of twelve. Hard luck to everyone else who had a go.

The answers were Rabbit, Stoat, Badger, Fallow Deer, Fox, Bank Vole, Hedgehog, Weasel, Otter, Hare, Mole, Pygmy Shrew.

Lynn was first out of the hat so the prize will be winging its way to her.

Peter Grieve

### THANK YOU

Peggy Cowan and her family would like to thank every-one who came to her 90th Birthday party, you really did make her birthday special, she hasn't stopped talking about it and is a little worried that she didn't personally thank every-one herself. We have assured her that she did.

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