

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

Sun	1	Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Tue	3	Black wheeled bin collection
Sat	7	Farmers Market 9.00 - 12.00 Linton Village College
Sun	8	Everybody Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Wed	11	Blue & green wheeled bin (day late) Collection
Sun	15	Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
Mon	16	Gardening Club. <i>Ferns in a Suffolk Garden</i>. Talk by Barrie Stevenson. 7.30pm, Village Hall Press deadline for the Village Voice
Tue	17	Black wheeled bin collection
Wed	18	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun	22	Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
Mon	23	Local History Club. <i>Horseheath Hall revisited</i>. Talk by Janet Morris. 7.30pm, Village Hall
Tue	24	Blue & green wheeled bin collection
Wed	25	Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
Sun	29	Joint Parish service. 10.45 at Weston Colville Church

**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 the village website
www.westwickham.org**

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JUBILEE WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

It's the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen; a celebration of 60 years on the throne. We have planned several events for the weekend of 2 - 5 June and here are some to whet your appetite:

prepare to party. Live music/BBQ/Bar & Jubilee Beacon on the Monday evening .

prepare your bear to parachute off the church tower. Make him a parachute. See separate article.

prepare to walk the local footpaths and enjoy our beautiful countryside

prepare to make your house festive, either by making your own or buying bunting

prepare your garden to bloom in red, white and blue colours.

TEDDY BEAR PARACHUTE JUMP

Do you have a Teddy Bear with a sense of adventure? A brave fun loving bear? A bear who would dare to do what other bears dare not? A bear who would do a parachute jump?

If you have one, bring him along on Sunday 3 June to do a parachute jump off the Church Tower. He would go up in a basket and be carefully launched into space, to float gently down to earth. You can catch him as he comes down. For more information look at www.bears.com or Google "how to make a parachute for a Teddy Bear".

Start thinking about it - this is going to be a lot of fun. My bears are getting excited already!

Vivienne Henderson. Email: viviennehenderson@btinternet.com
T: 290243.

FLOWER FESTIVAL

We are pleased that some sites have been booked already and that we have received several suggestions for the displays. If you are struggling to think of something, perhaps you might to consider one of these.

1. Something to reflect the organisations of which the Queen is a Patron, e.g. RNLI. However, there are far too many to list here. They can be found on the internet via Google.
2. Thinking more locally, how about remembering all the things that we have had in the village in the last 60 years. For instance, we once had a school - do you have any memories of this? We had a Chapel, the Salvation Army, a shop, several pubs, the old Village Hall. All these things have been part of village life during the Queen's reign.

If you would like to go into the Church to pick a site or if you would like to see a floor plan which shows them all, there is one in the Church porch. Or contact one of us.

Vivienne Henderson. Contact details above.
Shirley Hulyer. T: 290720

FROM THE VICARAGE

At 5.30am on Easter Morning there are five people from the six parishes who will be confirmed at Ely Cathedral. They are following a pattern set by the earliest Christian catechumens who studied and prepared over months to become part of the Early Church at the dawn of Easter Day. The Cathedral service begins with the lighting of the Paschal Candle outside as the sun rises. It becomes the dawn for something new. The people who are confirmed will then come back to share in their first communion with the local parish church. Tamzin, Nathan and Victoria are all from West Wickham and the 9.15am service will be a special event for them.

Light is an important symbol. It is associated with the beginning of a new day, the triumph of good over evil, the overcoming of confusion, and it is a symbol of goodness. What better time of year than Easter, to mark the end of the darkness of winter and the beginning of something new. Easter Day can be for us a day of light to draw us out of the darkness of suffering, defeat or despair, just as it was for the disciples. Desmond Tutu wrote from the midst of his struggle during the apartheid regime:

Goodness is stronger than evil,
Love is stronger than hate
Light is stronger than darkness
Life is stronger than death;
And victory is ours through Him who loves us.

Desmond Tutu's stand was defiant. Even when it appeared that he had hit a brick wall, he insisted that good will prevail.

At long last, Rev Canon John Fellows is to join us. John is to be licensed as Assistant Parish Priest on 20th April, at 7.30pm Holy Trinity, Balsham. He will live in West Wrattling Vicarage and will be involved in delivering services and activities in all six parishes alongside me.

Have you ever wanted to ask a question about the church or faith? Here is a chance to explore. There are going to be six sessions starting on 25th April at St Mary's Church in Weston Colville. The topic for consideration will be 'Why do we still read the Old Testament?' The second session will be on 2nd May at 7.30 at St Mary's Little Abington, 'What sense can we make of the New Testament?' Please come along.

Rev Julie Norris

EVERYBODY COMMUNION

9.15am, Easter Sunday

Everyone is invited to help celebrate Victoria, Nathan & Tamsin's 1st Communion

Young & Old, Anglican or not
Join in

Children very welcome

There will be wine & real bread (requested by the new communicants) and also a grape for anyone who doesn't take the bread & wine.

Afterwards

AN EASTER EGG HUNT

For all the children

Come and make this a lovely Easter party

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On Monday 20th February the Club were delighted to have their Treasurer Andrew Morris give a talk entitled "Floral and Botanical Art in the Fitzwilliam Museum". Before his recent retirement, Andrew was Chief photographer at the "Fitz" and had access to the extensive archive of botanical prints donated by Lord Fairhaven. The talk was instructive and varied, taking us through the Dutch painters of the 17th Century with their elaborate floral arrangements and added wildlife to simple watercolours of individual species. A most enjoyable meeting!

In March the Club had a talk by Clare Kneen, an iris specialist from Little Walden who sells Irises by mail order and trials irises. It proved to be a lively meeting and our members are now aware of the many species of iris one can grow in different conditions. We were able to purchase plants and Clare invited the Club to visit her "Iris Field" in Little Walden on Monday 28 May.

On 16 April we look forward to Barrie Stevenson's talk on "Ferns in a Suffolk Garden". This is our last talk of our gardening year but future events are the Plant Sale on 19 May, at 10-30 in the Village Hall; an Outing on the evening of 11 June to Ousden House where we will enjoy the beautiful gardens and lake and a glass of wine with canapes; our annual Show on 18 August and the Coach Outing to Bressingham Gardens on 15 September. This last outing is open to non-Club members, if you are interested ring Rosemary Yallop on 01799584262

ANNUAL SHOW

The date for this year's show is Saturday 18 August. We will be distributing the schedule to all households nearer the date but a preview will shortly be available from me for anyone keen to plan ahead. The photography classes are always very popular so we are publishing these well ahead of the show. They are:

The Jubilee celebrations
The winner
Wild flowers
A night scene
Garden visiting

You may also wish to start thinking about the Children's classes. These will be:

A posy for the Queen
3 decorated biscuits
An alien from outer space made from vegetables and/or fruit.

The "novelty" vegetable class will be the heaviest onion.

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

DITCH THE WORKOUT, JOIN THE PARTY!!

Zumba classes are coming to Hildersham Village Hall
on 18 April 2012.

£5 per class 8-9pm every Wednesday.

Come and party the night away with Lucy Merritt,
instructor.

07519 306496

Lucy_merritt@hotmail.com

OFFICIAL EUROPEAN LANGUAGE!

The European Commission has just announced that an agreement has been reached whereby from 1 April 2012 English will be the official language of the European Union rather than German, which was the other possibility.

As part of the negotiations, the British Government conceded that English spelling had some room for improvement and has accepted a 5-year phase-in plan that would become known as "Euro-English".

In the first year, "s" will replace the soft "c". Certainly, this will make the sivil servants jump with joy. The hard "c" will be dropped in favour of "k". This should klear up konfusion, and keyboards can have one less letter.

There will be growing publik enthusiasm in the sekond year when the troublesome "ph" will be replaced with "f". This will make words like fotograf 20% shorter.

In the 3rd year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reach the stage where more komplikated changes are possible. Governments will enkourage the removal of double letters which have always ben a deterrent to akurate speling. Also, al wil agre that the horibl mes of the silent "e" in the languag is disgrasful and it should go away.

By the 4th yer people wil be reseptiv to steps such as replasing "th" with "z" and "w" with "v".

During ze fifz yer, ze unesesary "o" kan be dropd from vords kontaining "ou" and after ziz fifz yer, ve vil hav a reil sensi bl riten styl.

Zer vil be no mor trubl or difikultis and evrivun vil find it ezi tu understand ech oza. Ze drem of a united urop vil finali kum tru.

Und efter ze fifz yer, ve vil al be speking German like zey vunted in ze forst plas.

(Ed. This is the April edition!)

OIL SYNDICATE UPDATE

I will be placing another order in April – this time the deadline will be Sunday 15th – if enough of you are interested. At the moment I only have one firm order. Oil prices appear, unfortunately, to have risen again since I placed the last order in February. I plan to place another order in June and will remind you next month.

I see that Cambridgeshire ACRE is now promoting a countywide community oil buying scheme with the promise of lower prices because of their bulk-buying capabilities. They charge £20 p.a. membership but say the cost would be more than offset by the savings in the cost of the oil. If you would like to read more about it and have access to the internet the link is <http://www.cambsacre.org.uk/community-oil-buying-scheme.php> I am planning to investigate it further and may decide to offer myself to be the local coordinator for here; orders could be placed monthly. Cambridgeshire ACRE is part of a network of 38 Rural Community Councils across England, the Rural Community Action Network, and is a member of ACRE (the national umbrella for RCCs) and RAE (Rural Action East)

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

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Lots of thanks to everyone who turned up for the clean-up on 4th March. There were 14 people in all and together we managed to collect 27 bags of rubbish, sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable. The weather started off damp and dreary, and then got worse, but the never-say-die spirit of all concerned would not be dampened by the conditions and I think we made an improvement, if only for a short time. In the couple of weeks since then, we have picked up numerous beer cans from the ditches.

You can tell the recession is biting because there were far fewer Stella Artois cans this year and more Sainsbury's Basics. Fosters still maintained its predominance however. Other items of interest included a full set of lecture notes belonging to a student of electricity. How they ended up in the ditch is a mystery.

The photograph below was taken before we started – hence the vaguely cheerful expressions of some of the participants. The photo does not include everyone who took part.



NEWS FROM DAISY CHAIN'S PRE-SCHOOL

Quiz night - The Pre-School Staff and Committee would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Quiz Night this year. As you may be aware, we rely hugely on fundraising in order to sustain the running of the pre-school and once again this proved to be a very successful event.

A big thank you to Jane and Matt Jackson and to Jo and Paul Jackson for all their hard work and dedication to this event. We couldn't have wished for a better evening!

A date for your diaries - Our next event is the Jumble Sale on the 12th May, further information to follow.

We currently have available places at Daisy Chain's Pre-school for children aged 2-5 years. If you would like more information please contact:

Sue Harrow: 07943866294 (between 9am-1pm)

or

Tina Daniels: 01223 290545

Thank you once again for your support

Tina Daniels. Chairperson, Daisy Chain's Pre-school.

NATURE NOTES

Because of the great feedback that we get from our readers, Pete and I were discussing the Nature Notes last week, and were remembering when and why we first took an interest in wildlife. We both came up with the same answer - influenced by our parents. Pete was describing his Mother reading to him from the flower fairy books, and can still quote some rhymes, (I was very impressed!!) and I can remember the obligatory Sunday afternoon walks, come rain or shine!! (but they were fun). Does anyone else have any first memories? Over the years one picks up the clues where to watch and can put names to more and more things. Thinking about my childhood in the 1950/60s I remember that my generation of children picked wildflowers and collected birds eggs much to my shame now, but we also valued nature more than people seem to do now. I knew where the nests were in my garden and watched the birds feeding and the young fledglings. I knew where the first primroses were to be found, and would bring my mother a bunch for the kitchen table. I still get a good feeling when I see the first wild primroses.

Di comments that 2012 seems to be a year of firsts. we have had 5 female pheasants coming to feed on the seed that we put out during the snow. They are so quiet and discreet in comparison to the showy cocky male who struts around, while they are almost invisible, beautifully camouflaged, just quietly moving slowly between food sources. I would love them to nest nearby, but as there are so many cats in the Croft I would prefer them not to.

Spring seems to be in the air in our garden. The grey squirrels are a joy to watch as they scamper and chase each other in the branches, the robins are singing loudly between bouts of sparring, the blue tits look as if they have been painted, they are so brightly coloured and the usual timid dunnock is out on the lawn singing loudly and recently we have had a little owl calling his mournful cry all day calling for a mate.

Sue Thurston

It looks as though my secret is out. Yes, my Mum won the Book of the Flower Fairies as a prize at her first school in 1931 at the age of 6, and even when her memory had almost completely stopped working, she could still recall some of the rhymes. Funnily enough, the one which came most readily to mind was the song of the coltsfoot fairy, which begins "The winds of March are keen and cold. I fear them not, for I am bold." Last year at this time, I noticed a single coltsfoot flower growing in the ditch near Skippers Hall Farm, and the other day I returned to the spot to see if it had come up again. I was so pleased to see it there again, even though the wind was far from keen. The main feature of the coltsfoot is that the leaves curl round the stem and don't open out until after it has flowered - otherwise it looks a bit like a small dandelion with a slightly paler colour.

There are other snippets of news. George Magin, along with Rob and Matt had a short eared owl sighting near the crossroads as recently as 2nd March so hopefully they will stay for a bit longer (I mean the owls). Some of you may have heard that there have been an unusually large number of these birds visiting the UK this winter but I'm so glad a couple of them chose to spend some time with us.

Lynn Dicks contacted me about a bullfinch sighting, which we have come to regard as a bit special in recent years, and asked whether others had seen them regularly. I know that Di has experienced an increase in bullfinch visits to her garden in recent months, so maybe numbers are recovering. Lynn says that bullfinches used to be much more common than they are today. They like to feed off tree buds in spring and were once considered a pest in orchards, such were their numbers. Now there are only 166,000 breeding territories in the UK, compared to 3.5million for blue tits. I wonder how many breeding territories there are in West Wickham?

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

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Spring is here at the College. The daffodil circles on the verges are now in bloom and children have returned to play outside on the grass areas at break and lunchtime. It won't be long before that fabulous apple blossom, which springs from the mature row of trees, creates a frothy white fanfare for all of our visitors. It is a very beautiful time of year - the exams are not yet pinning the children to lines of tiny desks and the world feels full of possibilities.

In recent weeks I have been in the process of thinking about our next steps as a school. I have been in post 6 years now and I feel that chapter 1 of my improvement plan is over and that a new chapter is opening. We now have the right team of teachers in place, an incredible pastoral system of support and a lovely new learning environment but there are still many ways in which we can and will improve. As a consequence of this our parents, staff and our student council have been asked to share their ideas for improvement with us. This collection of ideas will be fed into those that I am putting together for the 'Great New Improvement Plan'.

One improvement that we would all like to see is a renovation of our School Hall. The Hall is used for school

dinners, assemblies and some large group teaching in the course of the College day, but it is also the best community and performance space in the area. It is used by the Music Society, Drama groups, Jazz Evenings, the recent Burn's Night, Aztec Presentation evenings and discos, and adult education classes to name but a few. It is a real hub for community activity but it needs a facelift. The school will find what money it can to renovate the facility and the Friends of LVC are already committed to a number of events which aim to raise money for this project, but that may not be enough. It will need re-plastering and decorating, a re-sanded and polished floor, work on the windows, new curtains for windows and the stage plus a re-working of the backstage area and sound system. The cost of this is likely to exceed £50K. A project of this kind requires the involvement and commitment of all of the community users so after Easter we will be inviting Hall users to a fund-raising launch event. In the meantime, if you use our Hall with your community group, you might like to start thinking about ways in which you can contribute to the project.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

BURGLARY OPERATION LAUNCHES IN SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

We have launched an operation following more than 200 burglaries in rural Huntingdonshire and South Cambs in the past four months. Operation Twist will focus on tackling burglaries in rural villages in the districts. Since November there have been 115 burglaries in Huntingdonshire and 113 in South Cambs. Detectives believe they are part of a linked series with the offenders potentially travelling in from outside the county. Operation Twist will see increase patrols in rural villages, as well as investigative and forensic work to target those responsible. Releasing these figures is not about scaring people, as in reality people living in Huntingdonshire and South Cambs are less than one per cent likely to become a victim of burglary. In fact, there has been an average of one burglary a day across Huntingdonshire and South Cambs. While that sounds a lot, it is worth bearing in mind the population in Huntingdonshire is 167,300 and there are more than 69,000 homes across the area. And in South Cambs the population is 143,600 and there are more than 59,000 homes across the area. However, it is important that we raise awareness of this series as the public play a vital part in helping us to prevent further offences as well as catching those responsible.

Although a large number of offences have taken place while people have been away detectives believe offenders are targeting homes during the day, often breaking in through the rear of the property. It is likely because of the sporadic nature of the offences that the offenders are travelling across Huntingdonshire, South Cambs and potentially other parts of Cambridgeshire targeting homes. We are working closely with crime teams across the county as well as other forces to share information about these offences. It's important people remain alert to activity in their neighbourhood, reporting anything out of the ordinary or suspicious to police.

By taking simple preventative measure people can further reduce the risk of becoming a victim. To reduce the risk of being a victim:

- It's important to make your home look lived in and ask neighbours to keep an eye on it when you are not in. Consider installing light timers. Burglars will target homes in darkness as there is less of a risk of being spotted. If the bins are due to be collected, ask your neighbours to move them on and off your drive for you.
- Report unusual activity such as people knocking at your door. If you believe someone knocking at your door could be a burglar then contact police immediately. This type of information can be used to gain a better understanding of how criminals are operating in your area.
- Keep a note of any unusual vehicles parking in your area and pass information onto the police.

Deterrents:

- Alarms: Install an alarm - even an empty box on the side of your home can be enough to put off a burglar.
- Dogs: A 'beware of the dog' sign can be enough to put off an intruder, regardless of whether a dog is present.

- Lock up your shed: Offenders do not like carrying break-in tools as they may be searched en-route to a burglary. They often raid sheds to get their hands on tools to burgle.

Strong communities are also a deterrent for burglars: Make friends with your neighbours or join your local Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

Anyone with information should contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Areas that have been targeted include: Alconbury, Brampton, Grafham, Stilton, Great Gidding, Ellington, Buckden, Hilton, Fenstanton, Hail Weston, Easton, Needingworth, Shepreth, Over, Swavesey, Coton, Whittlesford, Balsham and Granchester.

DI Ian Simmons

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY ONLINE

For the first time you can report suspicious activity online. The facility is part of Operation Twist, the crackdown on rural burglaries in Huntingdonshire and South Cambs. People can report suspicious activity in the two districts through the force website or via email. Offenders will often visit an area in the days leading up to a burglary to scope out potential targets. It's at this point that people are most likely to notice something unusual but may not think it is worth reporting. We want descriptions of these people and any vehicle details that may be linked to them. We appreciate that not everyone may want to phone through with this type of information and hope the online facility will provide an effective way of doing this. However if people suspect there is a burglary in process then they should always dial 999.

To report suspicious activity or information about burglary visit the 'Operation Twist' page of the force website www.cambs.police.uk.

Or email - burglarycrackdown@cambs.pnn.police.uk

Patrols continue to be increased in rural villages, as well as investigative and forensic work to target those responsible. Anyone with information should use the online facility or call police on 101. Or contact Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

DI Ian Simmons

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

PLANT SALE

something for everyone
FLOWERS, SHRUBS, VEGETABLES & HERBS
friendly people and expert advice
Plus sale of 2nd hand gardening books

SATURDAY 19 MAY
10.30 - 12.00

at
WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We have just returned from our Annual Pack Holiday to the Jarman Centre. 24 Brownies, plus 4 Brownie and 9 Rainbow day visitors, had a wonderful time completing challenges to do with Cupcakes. They all competed in a 'decorate your cupcake' relay which they then ate for Elevenses; went on a trail around the grounds to collect items for their lunch and also made a cupcake Mother's Day card. On Sunday the Brownies decorated a sponge cake for their Mum's as a Mother's Day gift. I hope the cakes all arrived home in one piece and the Mum's enjoyed them.

During the Easter holidays we will be joining Balsham Rainbows on a trip to London. We will be visiting the Royal Mews and Girlguiding UK ICANDO centre. We also hope to drive past the Olympic stadium as we return home. Thank you to Emma, the Rainbow Leader to organising this and for letting us join them.

During the summer term we hope to do more activities outside and will also be joining the rest of the Brownies from the District at a fun day. This is still to be organised but I hope to give you more details about this nearer the time.

Finally, the Brownies are collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco's for Schools and Clubs vouchers again this year, so if you are asked at either shop if you're collecting them say Yes please. They can either be put in the box in Horseheath Post Office or put through our door. Many thanks to all you how have already passed them on.

Pauline AKA Barney. T: 01223 891086

LINTON TENNIS ACADEMY

With the summer sport season upon us, a brand new exciting tennis academy based on the 4 floodlit courts at Linton Village College opens in April. Headed by Lawn Tennis Association Licensed Senior Performance Coach, Paul Harms, who is new to the area but with 12 years experience of coaching juniors from scratch to national level. The programme offers regular weekly coaching and a competition schedule in Linton catering for all ages and abilities. Assisted by Level 2 coach, Suzanne Pattinson, Paul will offer after-school sessions modelled on the LTA Mini Tennis programme as well as advanced coaching for older juniors. The details and times are to be found on the website but there is always a possibility of private, personalised coaching by arrangement.

The official launch will be on Saturday morning, 28 April with a free 'Come along and Play Day' from 9.30am-12.30pm on the Linton Village tennis courts, please feel free to bring your children along on the day. It will be great day packed full with games and activities for all ages and abilities.

Paul has identified a requirement for quality, committed and affordable coaching in the area and has worked to produce a comprehensive free taster programme for all local schools during April. LVC has embraced his enthusiasm to utilise the excellent tennis facilities and looks forward to a successful thriving partnership.

Even if you can't make the day, please get in touch to organise a free initial session. For more details visit www.lintontennisacademy.co.uk, phone 07970701068 or email lintontennisacademy@gmail.com.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Monday 23 April
(later than our normal meeting day because of Easter)
7.30pm in the Village Hall

HORSEHEATH HALL REVISITED

A chance to come along and find out about this 'vanished' country house in a revised and updated talk by Janet Morris.

ALL WELCOME. Non-members £2

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

JUBILEE EXHIBITION

Saturday 2 June

60 years ago – the way we were

Thank you to all those who have already lent or have promised items for the exhibition. I am still looking for more, particularly those (photos, objects, memories) relating to life in the village in the 1950s but also for anything relating to life in general in the period.

Please get in touch if you can help.

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

ARE YOU READY TO STOP SMOKING FOR GOOD?

Smoking remains the main cause of preventable disease and premature death in the United Kingdom and people are four times more likely to quit successfully if they get support from a stop smoking advisor in combination with stop smoking medication. Stop Smoking clinics are available at your GP practice and pharmacy, or CAMQUIT have some specialist services available at additional locations, including Mill Road & Chesterton, Cambridge.

You are entitled to prescription-only cost (free if you don't pay for your prescriptions) for stop-smoking support medication when you join our programme.

CAMQUIT. T: 0800 0184304, www.camquit.nhs.uk

BIG SPAWN COUNT 2012

The charity Pond Conservation is gathering information on the breeding success of frogs & toads in UK gardens. To take part in the survey, search for 'Spawn count' at www.pondconservation.org.uk

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