

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## VILLAGE DIARY

- Fri 1 **Jubilee celebrations: Ghost stories at Manor Farm. 7.30pm**
- Sat 2 Farmers Market. 9.00 - 12.00  
Linton Village College  
**Jubilee celebrations: Local Art / Craft and History Exhibition, "60 years ago- The way we were". Village Hall. 10.30am to 4.00pm**  
**Jubilee celebrations. Play table tennis on the Village Hall car park all day**  
**Jubilee celebrations: Bring your dog (real or otherwise ) with their Festive Collar to the Recreation Ground for judging at 12.00**
- Sun 3 **Family service. 9.30 at St Mary's Church. Followed by the Teddy Bear Parachute jump (around 10.30ish)**
- Mon 4 **Jubilee celebrations: Live music 7.00 – 10.00pm. BAR until 11.00pm & BBQ at the Village Hall**  
**10.15pm. Lighting of the Jubilee Beacon on the Recreation Ground**
- Thur 7 Blue & green wheeled bin (more than one day late) collection
- Sun 10 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Mon 11 Gardening Club. Visit to Ousden House, nr Kirtling. 7pm. Details from Rosemary Yallop. T: 01799 584262
- Sat 16 June Revels. 2.00 - 4.00pm, Meadow School, Balsham
- Sun 17 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Mon 18 Local History Club. Walk around Linton. Meet at Linton car park, Coles Lane at 7pm.
- Tue 19 Blue & green wheeled collection
- Sun 24 Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
- Tue 26 Black wheeled bin collection

**The Pre-School meets Monday to Friday  
9.30 – 12.30 in the Village Hall**

**The Carpet Bowls Club meets at the Village Hall  
on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Why not come  
along and try out this very enjoyable sport?**

## 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

**To book the Village Hall contact Kathy Pelling  
T: 01223 290505  
or visit [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org)**

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

**STOP PRESS. The Ghost stories at Manor farm will now be at 7.30pm.**

We have some table tennis bats, but if you come to play and have one, please bring it along.

The walk is signposted with flags attached to the footpath signs, and a map and questions are in this Village Voice. We hope you enjoy the quiz, my thanks to Steve, Dawn, Vic and Beryl for help with the questions.

You could combine the walk with a visit on Sunday 3 June to the gardens open in Streetly End; Chequer Cottage, 43, Streetly End and Clover Cottage, 50 Streetly End. See ad on page 4. Plants will be on sale at Clover Cottage and cakes, honey & preserves on sale and teas available at Chequer Cottage

The plan is to have the live music outside, so bring a rug or garden chairs to sit on. We will be indoors if the weather is inclement. PLEASE do not park up the village hall drive, as we need to keep this clear at all times.

The beacon will be lit at 10.15pm. Please make sure that you remain behind the cordoned off area at all times. Fire marshals and first aiders will be on hand throughout the evening and after lighting the beacon for your safety.

Katrina, a young, local photographer will be recording all the activities. But don't forget to take your own photographs. There is a class in the Gardening Club show in August for these.

If you have an elderly neighbour or know someone near you who lives alone and would like to attend, please offer to bring them along to the activities. Let's make this a memorable weekend, have fun and be safe.

Further information on page 3

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## 60 YEARS AGO – THE WAY WE WERE

### EXHIBITION IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**10.30am-4pm**

**Saturday 2 June**

**Displays & mementoes**

**Do come along and support us. Learn about  
the 1950s and share your memories.**

Further information from Janet Morris, 21 High Street  
Tel: 290863 Email: [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

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## BUSES RIP?

On 10 June West Wickham loses the three times a day No. 16 bus. This is a result of the County Council withdrawing subsidies for non-commercial rural bus services. The Council promised to put in place new “community” based public transport in September after a period of consultation but Stagecoach has withdrawn several bus services early. The No. 16A bus will continue to run, as will the weekly No. 46 bus to Newmarket. As an interim measure to replace the No. 16 bus the County Council is going to include West Wickham on the route of the No. 19 shuttle bus to Linton to link up with the No.13/13A buses to Cambridge or Haverhill. However, we are only being offered one bus each way per day on this shuttle bus and a “by request” return from Linton midday, whereas our neighbouring villages will have a much better service! Below is a timetable for the Monday to Friday 16A & 19 buses; there will be no buses on Saturday.

The County Council has negotiated an arrangement with Stagecoach that people making onward journeys can purchase a ticket for the same price as a Dayrider Plus, which will then be valid on the connecting journey into Cambridge.

As West Wickham is currently scheduled to have only one outward bus a day on the No. 19 shuttle bus, concessionary bus passes can be used even though this bus is before 9.30 am

### TO CAMBRIDGE

Bus Service	16A	19	13	13A		13A	19	16A	13A	19
<b>West Wickham</b>	<b>7.30</b>	<b>9.14</b>			Cambridge, Drummer Street	11.30		16.15	17.30	
Linton		9.23	9.35	10.05	Long Road 6th Form College			16.37		
Addenbrookes Hospital	8.10		9.55	10.25	Addenbrookes Hospital	11.42		16.42		
Cambridge, Drummer Street	8.30		10.10	10.40	Linton	12.04	12.24		18.09	18.24

By  
Request

**West Wickham**      **12.30/35**      **17.20**      **18.44**

### TO HAVERHILL

Bus Service	19	13		13A	19		13A	19
<b>West Wickham</b>	<b>9.14</b>			Haverhill Bus Station	11.35	11.56	17.45	17.56
Linton	9.23	9.34		Haverhill, Sainsburys	11.52		18.02	
Haverhill, Sainsburys		9.46		Linton	12.05	12.24	18.15	18.24

By  
Request

**West Wickham**      **12.30/35**      **18.44**

I have been making representations to the County Council about this appalling service, in the hope that they will provide the same number of buses each day as West Wrating, Weston Colville & Balsham; so far without success! Please help by making your views known to the County Council by contacting Daniel Clark Future Transport Programme Manager by email: [daniel.clarke@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.clarke@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or Tony Orgee, County Council Cabinet Member for Community Infrastructure by email to [Tony.Orgee@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:Tony.Orgee@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Or write to them at Cambridgeshire County Council, Shire Hall, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0AP. It would be helpful if you could copy me into any email you send (ANDREW.L.MORRIS@TALK21.COM).

I must emphasise 2 points.

Firstly that what is being put in place is an interim measure. Who knows what will be available from September, especially as the County Council does not seem willing to live up to their responsibilities to provide or support a usable public transport scheme and are only interested in the not too expensive option, to them, of "community based" transport schemes. These are fine for one off journeys BUT they are largely volunteer run, difficult to manage, are expensive to "elderly" users because the concessionary bus pass cannot be used on them and they do not provide a regular service for people who need to use buses daily.

Secondly, you might think you do not need public transport but if, like me you are beginning to feel a bit “creaky” you might soon, so please think of others - your family, friends & neighbours. Youngsters who can't drive yet, the elderly who can't drive any more, single car families etc. They are part of OUR community and need your support.

We are very pleased to be publishing an article this month about Balsham Helping Hands, see page 3.

Andrew Morris

## FROM THE VICARAGE,

I asked Rev John Fellows, our new Assistant Parish Priest, to write an article for this month's magazine. He has quickly made his mark in our parishes through his prayers, services and his study session on the New Testament. We are very pleased to have him with us.

A short series of study sessions have been planned to explore questions people have asked about why we do what we do. On 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at St Mary's Little Abington we will be looking at Holy Communion. On 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm at St Mary's West Wickham we will be looking at the question, 'Why go to church?' Please come along.

Also come and listen to Sue Evans, a Parish Nurse, and Jean Newman, an Older person's co-ordinator, talking about the work that they do. This meeting will take place at West Wrattling Village Hall at 7.30pm on 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Rev Julie Norris

### Rev John Fellows writes...

God really does mess up our lives sometimes, as I know only too well. But to begin at the beginning: I was born at Leigh on Sea in Essex in 1946. I went to the local grammar school, Westcliff and then to Oriel College Oxford, where I read Jurisprudence (law). I became a Barrister and worked as Legal Advisor to an Insurance Company. I was blissfully happy until God got hold of me. True I was a church goer and on the PCC, but one morning I woke up with a terrible sinking feeling in my stomach and a thought buzzing round my head that I had to become a priest. Fortunately the Church selection process agreed and in 1974 I went to the College of the Resurrection, at Mirfield in Yorkshire. This is an unusual college in that it is run by an Anglican religious Order, The Community of the Resurrection. Here I learned the importance of good worship, of intelligent preaching and of regular prayer.

I served as a Curate in King's Heath Birmingham where some rough edges were knocked into me. For five years I was Team Vicar in East Ham in the East End of London (I could hear the roar from Upton Park in my kitchen) and it was there that I married my wife, Lyn. There then followed five years at Wormingford with Mt Bures and Little Horkesley on the Essex/ Suffolk border. By then Lyn, having ended up as a producer on Woman's Hour, had moved to become a Features Editor on Woman and Home and a move nearer to her work found us in Compton with Shackleford & Peper Harow, near Guildford, living in a magnificent 18 room rectory. There I stayed for 21 years. Lyn died suddenly and unexpectedly in 2008. Shortly before my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, as I was wondering what to do with the rest of my life, I saw the advert for this post, which seemed ideal, and as you know I was Licensed, magnificently, as Assistant Parish Priest on 20<sup>th</sup> April

Well that's the bare bones of my story. It's all a bit dry and factual but I hope over the coming weeks and months that just as I learn more about you, so you will learn more about me. And together we can share how God does mess up our lives, but how I for one would not have it any other way.

## D'ABO TENNIS CLUB, WEST WRATTLING

We are looking for new members – our new season started on the 1<sup>st</sup> May. Only £50 for family membership, £35 individual and junior £15. Contact Mark Holme on 07768 443 223 or mark@thesafebox.co.uk for further information and joining pack.

## CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE WEEKEND IN MANOR FARM GARDEN.

We will have our garden open to the village, their friends and families. We will be selling, at cost, wines from Burgundy, the southern Rhone and McLaren Vale. Our feature beer will be Pegasus from Milton Brewery. Soft drinks will also be available.

Open from 5-8pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Car parking in front of the house. We will have contingency plans if the weather lets us down.

Marcus Cornish

## JUMPING BEARS

Don't forget the Teddy Bear Parachute Jump from the Church Tower on Sunday June 3rd. The Family Service is at 9.30 and the Great Bear Jump will take place immediately after that. The Church will be full of flowers, it is some time since we have done a Flower Festival and it will be beautiful. Do please come and enjoy it.

We have already had a trial run with two brave Teddies. It was fun and they enjoyed it. They went up in a basket and floated gently down. They enjoyed it so much they did it again, twice!!! I can give you instructions about making a parachute. It is not difficult. Call me on 290243

Vivienne Henderson.

## BALSHAM HELPING HANDS

This is a long established Voluntary Driver Scheme, partly funded by Cambridge County Council Transport Services, based in Balsham, but we also serve West Wickham and West Wrattling.

We have three Co-ordinators who share the dedicated telephone line no 291414 on a rota basis and twenty drivers who take residents to Linton Health Centre, Hospital Appointments, Optician, Dentist, to visit ill relatives and numerous other appointments where a car is the only way of getting there.

We are partly subsidised by Cambridge County Council but we do make a charge of 30p a mile for the Driver towards petrol, it is an absolute bargain! We do like several days notice to book a Driver where possible. We would also welcome new volunteer drivers. If you are interested please contact us on the phone number above.

Sara Himsworth

## OIL SYNDICATE UPDATE

I will be placing an order for oil on 11th June if enough of you are interested. I see from the boilerjuice website that their graph shows that the price has continued to drop and is the lowest since late January. Let me know by Sunday, 10th June please. I plan to place another order in August.

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

## NATURE NOTES

Just to set the record straight. Due to an editorial error, the piece I wrote in the April edition of the VV was mistakenly attributed to Sue. I wanted to rectify this, particularly as they are memories of my childhood and also because I value your feedback so much. It gives me great pleasure when you tell me about things that you have seen in and around the parish, or comment on what I have written. Nature notes are about everybody's observations, not just Pete's and my own, and it is lovely to be able to share them with everyone.

The blackbird's nest in our honeysuckle has young in now, and the parents are busy all day bringing worms for them. They are so busy, I feel tired just watching them but, none the less, they make compelling watching and it is a real pleasure to observe them so closely. The male seems more cautious, when he approaches the nest, skulking along the pots before flying into the hole, but the female is almost brazen, flying directly from the bench or pergola. They sometimes stop and have a wash in the birdbath, a little bit of 'me time', then back to feeding the kids. It is not only us who are taking an interest though. A magpie keeps sitting on the silver birch tree, and yesterday our neighbour's young cat was sitting on top of the fence watching them. On both occasions the blackbirds created such a fuss with loud alarm calls that they were able to frighten off the predators. The blue tits are also very busy feeding young, but with their nest hidden deep in the hop and being so small and agile, they are more difficult to observe. Chaffinches are nesting in one of the local gardens too, as a pair come into the garden regularly collecting food.

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## FAST BROADBAND

Connecting Cambridgeshire is aiming to bring superfast broadband access to at least 90% of homes and businesses across the county and better broadband for all other premises by 2015.

A major campaign has been launched and the new Connecting Cambridgeshire website has gone live. To stand a chance of getting fast broadband in West Wickham we need everyone living here to register their demand for broadband now!

All you have to do is go to [www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/](http://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/) and register by providing a postcode and landline phone number to show your support for the campaign.

Registering doesn't commit you to anything. People currently without internet access but thinking of going online can use Freepost reply forms available at libraries, council offices and other public places

## VILLAGE SURVEY

We have had a very good response but there are a few surveys we haven't been able to collect. We very much value your views so if you wish to fill in the survey it can be dropped in to :

Trevor Hall, 49 Burton End or  
Andrew Morris, 21 High Street

**ngs** gardens open  
for charity

# Gardens Open

## Streetly End Gardens

### West Wickham

## Sun 3 June

### 12 - 5pm

**Adm: £3.50**

**Children: free**



**Plants for Sale**

The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112664

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

## DAISY CHAIN'S PRE-SCHOOL

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to our jumble sale. It was a great success, both in terms of the weather and we even managed to make it a record year in terms of fundraising! Thank you to the staff and all the helpers of which there are too many to thank individually. To everyone who baked and donated and to everyone who bought and supported the preschool.

Tina Daniels. Chairperson

## CAMBRIDGE CAT CLINIC

The eagerly awaited Cambridge Cat Clinic opened its doors in Fulbourn, on 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is Cambridgeshire's first cat only veterinary clinic. It is unique in providing high quality care and expertise for cats and their owners without the stress of dogs and other animals and it has been designed specifically with cats in mind.

The clinic is the brainchild of West Wickham resident, Mini Wright, who is a self-proclaimed cat fanatic and all round cat medicine guru. Sam McMillan, has taken on the role of practice manager, having joined Mini as a partner in the business. The team are caring, highly skilled and have the necessary attitude to deal with everything from moggies to Maine coons.

Cambridge Cat Clinic is at Cox's Drove, Fulbourn, CB21 5HE

For further information, telephone 01223 880707, see the website – [www.cambridgecatclinic.co.uk](http://www.cambridgecatclinic.co.uk) or email [info@cambridgecatclinic.co.uk](mailto:info@cambridgecatclinic.co.uk)

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