

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## VILLAGE DIARY

- Tue 1 Black wheeled bin collection
- Wed 2 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 5 **Farmers Market. 9.00 - 12.00**  
**Linton Village College**
- Sun 6 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Wed 9 **Green & blue wheeled bin (day late)**  
**Collection**  
Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 12 **Pre-School JUMBLE SALE. 2 - 4pm,**  
**Village Hall**  
**Balsham Cub & Scout Group**  
**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER. 8.30 - 12.00,**  
**Bull PH car park, Balsham. See page 5.**  
**Evensong. 6pm, St Mary's Church**
- Sun 13 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Tue 15 Black wheeled bin collection
- Wed 16 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sat 19 **Gardening Club PLANT SALE**  
**10.30 - 12.00, Village Hall**
- Sun 20 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Mon 21 **Local History Club. Walk on public**  
**footpaths around the site of Horseheath**  
**Hall. Meet at 7pm in the layby on the**  
**A1307 between Horseheath & turn off**  
**to Cardinals Green (weather**  
**permitting)**
- Tue 22 Green & blue wheeled bin collection
- Wed 23 Carpet Bowls Club. 7pm, Village Hall
- Sun 27 Holy Communion. 9.15, St Mary's Church
- Mon 28 **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**  
**7.30pm, Village Hall**  
**ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MEETING (AGM). 8.30pm, Village**  
**Hall**
- Tue 29 Black wheeled bin collection
- Wed 30 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)

## ARTS & CRAFT EXHIBITION – REMINDER

Please don't miss out on entering a piece of art for our jubilee exhibition. Simply fill in your slip and return to Sandra at No 12 Maypole Croft or Debbie at 43 Streetly End as soon as possible. Closing date is officially the end of April but if it runs into early May that should be fine. If you need any further information please email me at [stay@chequercottage.com](mailto:stay@chequercottage.com)

Thank you, Debbie Sills

## LINTON HEALTH CENTRE NEWS

The practice is changing its clinical computer system. This is a major piece of work for the practice team, but the new system will have big advantages. It will improve our efficiency, both for clinicians and support staff, and will in time talk to the computer systems used by the district nurses, health visitors, hospice and out of hours service, allowing us to work more closely as a team.

Our current system will stop recording new data on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May, but it will be a full week before our "go-live" date for the new system on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. During this period we will still be able to access your records. We will continue to see all urgent cases as normal, but we need to reduce the number of routine appointments and prescriptions to prevent a huge backlog developing, and to allow time for staff training.

There are a couple of ways you can help:

**Bookings** - Our appointments diary will not transfer automatically, so all the booked appointments will have to be manually entered before we can make any more forward appointments. **For this reason on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May, we will not be able to book forward appointments.**

**Order prescriptions early** - We must also minimise dispensing during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> May. **If your prescription is due during the week of 14<sup>th</sup> May, please submit the request early by mid-day on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.**

Please be patient with us over this busy period. We have prepared a leaflet with a little more information which is available from reception or on our web-site [www.linton.gpsurgery.net](http://www.linton.gpsurgery.net)

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**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**  
**10.30 - 12.00 on SATURDAY 19 MAY**  
at  
**WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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Daisy Chains  
Pre-School West Wickham

# JUMBLE SALE

**West Wickham  
Village Hall  
Saturday  
12th May  
2 - 4pm**

**BBQ Clothes, Books, Tombola  
Toys, Bric-a-Brac  
Refreshments  
Cake Stall**

All proceeds to Daisy Chains Pre-School

Please drop off any Jumble at West Wickham Village Hall between 10am and 12pm on the day.  
Please contact Kelly David 291983 to arrange collection of any jumble.

## OIL SYNDICATE UPDATE

In April I placed an order for 12 of us with Team Flitwick who are part of GB Oils/Emo. For the first time I had several companies offering the same price – 58.95p per litre, but went with Team Flitwick as they were promising a quicker delivery and do not charge for debit or credit card payments. The variation in price was fairly small this time – the highest being 61.99p per litre from Shelford Energy. This was 1p cheaper than February's order.

We nearly got ourselves on television this month as I had received a call from ITV who were keen to film an oil delivery and speak to some of the recipients but although I put the Assistant Producer in touch with Team Flitwick did not hear any more. I think they were unable to tie up time of the oil delivery with the film crew's availability. What a shame!

I mentioned last month that Cambridgeshire Acre were promoting a countywide community oil buying scheme. Before I decide whether it seems a good idea to join it I would like to find out from them the prices they have been achieving when placing an order each month. If the savings are higher than we are getting currently then it probably justifies the annual £20 charge. I would welcome your views.

I plan to place another order in June if I have enough of you interested, the deadline for letting me know will be 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sue Thurston. T: 290503. Email: [oil@suethurston.co.uk](mailto:oil@suethurston.co.uk)

## FROM THE VICARAGE

I have just come back from a few days away in the South of France, where we visited the ancient Cistercian Abbey of Thoronet in Provence. I was intrigued to read about one of the Abbots called Folquet de Marseille. He came from a wealthy merchant family in Genoa, but gave up his career in trade to devote himself to poetry. He then turned to the church. In *The Divine Comedy*, Dante thought highly enough of Folquet's poetry to refer to it.

While singing it happens that I remember  
what I intend to forget by singing.  
But although I sing to forget the pain  
and suffering of love,  
the more I sing, the more I remember,  
since from my mouth nothing else comes out  
except, have mercy!  
Which is why it is true and seems good  
that in my heart, Lady, I carry your face  
that entreats me not to change my intentions.”  
Folquet de Marseille. *Manuscript G*.

Talk of God is different from everyday talk. Often people have turned to metaphor and poetry in seeking to say something about God. In the Old Testament *The Song of Songs* is a love poem which appears at first glance to be between two people, but is a metaphor for the searching person and God.

The yearning to believe and to know God might be as painful as unrequited love. We might seek distractions from thinking about God, yet find constant prompts through a beautiful encounter with the natural world, or in songs, or with another person. This draws us back to seek God again. The search for God may be as basic as the drive for love. And just as we cannot make someone else fall in love by

describing our experience, so each of us must search for God for ourselves. We must each explore the experiences behind the metaphors.

I am so pleased to be able to welcome Rev John Fellows to our 7 Churches. Thank you to everyone who helped at his licensing service.

There are to be six study sessions to look at areas of Christian faith that many take for granted but which bear further scrutiny. All interested people are welcome to these. They all take place at 7.30pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> May, St Mary's, Little Abington** - What sense can we make of the New Testament?

**9<sup>th</sup> May, Holy Trinity, Hildersham** - What we can know about God by looking at the Trinity?

**23<sup>rd</sup> May, St Andrew's, West Wrattling** - Is it hypocritical to say the creed if we are not sure what we believe?

The Bishop of Ely has given the churches a consultation document called, **'Imagining the Future.'** A copy of this available for anyone to read at the back of each church. Bishop Stephen has said that this is not a strategy document but a document to invite conversation. Please drop a line with your views to me or to one of the Church Wardens. Archdeacon John Beer is coming to engage in an open conversation about the document with the Deanery on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Hinxton Village Hall, at 7.30pm.

There is an **Evensong on 13<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's West Wickham at 6pm.**

We hope that all the children and families will come to the **Celebration of Jubilee Service on 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 9.30am.**

Rev Julie Norris

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March and the following were some of the items discussed. The draft Minutes are posted on the Notice-board outside the Post Office.

*Land Registration:* £200 had been paid to Adams Harrison for the Registration fee with a valuation of £50,000 put upon the ground.

*Village "Litter Pick Up" Day:* Despite the rain, turning later to snow, there was a good turn out to help with picking up 27 bags of litter. Thanks to all those who helped.

*Sewage Problem:* Some weeks ago there was an overflow of sewage water, which was investigated and found to have been caused by a broom handle stuck across the pipe.

*Planning:*

- a) Mr Duncan Henry who has purchased a piece of land in Burton End came to the meeting to discuss ideas for the use of this land. The Parish Council suggested a fruit orchard or wood for harvesting. The Woodland Trust is offering various types of trees for free. Mr Henry is not keen to develop the land with housing.
- b) Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012 were signed as correct. S/0220/12 planning application for a new dwelling in the garden of the Old Vicarage had been discussed and was recommended for refusal by the Council.
- c) Section 106 payments would be made to the parish should S/0220/12 planning application be approved by SCDC and this would go towards the Playground redevelopment. However, in the comments made by the Parish Council on the application they asked as a condition that pedestrian safety should be improved if planning were to be given approval.

*Allotments:* There is still a quarter allotment available (see advert on page 5). It was agreed that the area where the bee orchids grew last year be taken out of circulation. This was agreed as the ground is not fit for allotment purposes and Cllr. Licence proposed it should be a wild life area and community orchard, seconded by Cllr. Hall and agreed by the Council.

*Finances:*

- a) The re-appointment of the internal auditor was discussed and it was agreed that Running Total Bookkeeping should be asked to do it again this year.
- b) Cllr. Licence will have invoices to pay towards the cost of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and asked if this money was available now. However this is not possible, she will have to pay and submit the invoices to the

Parish Council for payment.

*Village Questionnaire:* Each household should by now have received their copy, to be completed and returned by the end of April.

*Woodland Tree Trust:* Cllr. Hall told Council that up to 105 free sapling trees could be given by Woodland Tree Trust. He suggested different areas for planting, e.g. by Bottle Hall on opposite side or on the strip of land used in the past by Nip Pearson for tree planting. These trees would be hazel, silver birch, oak, rowan, all suitable for the soil. Another 30 saplings from the Pre-school had also been donated. This will be discussed further.

*Diamond Jubilee Celebrations:* The programme of events is inserted in this edition of the Village Voice. The Parish Council has to look into guidelines for health and safety and risk assessment issues and check that the insurance policy covers things such as the Beacon.

*Emergency Plans:* Mr Lawrence Green will be speaking at the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May about emergency plans for the village should there be a serious incident, fire, flooding etc.

*Police Liaison Meeting:* Cllr. Grieve had attended this meeting and reported that the crime rate in this area has plummeted. He asked if a Neighbourhood Watch scheme should be re-instituted in the village. It was agreed that this could be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.

*Report by County.Cllr. Batchelor:*

- a) A Bus Service review had been carried out and the subsidies for bus services 16, 17, 16a and 19 will be discontinued in September. However alternative transport has to be in place before this can happen. Further details will follow.
- b) County Council has increased their part of Council Tax by 3.5% as they decided not to accept the 'freeze' money from the government as it was just for one year, meaning that next year the tax increase would be double.

*Report by Dist.Cllr. Barrett:* There has been no increase in Council Tax as SCDC have taken the one-off payment of 2.5M offered by the government.

**THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28TH MAY AT 7.30PM. FOLLOWED BY THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (AGM) AT 8.30PM.**

Jennifer Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223 894076  
Email: jrichards007@talktalk.net

## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The Club's final talk of the year 2011-2012 was entitled "Ferns in a Suffolk Garden" by Barrie Stevenson from Cowlinge. Barrie is a most entertaining speaker and the photos of his garden looked wonderful with many types of ferns growing together round his enchanting thatched cottage. Members were able to buy pots of ferns that Barrie propagates from spores. Hopefully we will be able to arrange an evening visit there next year.

We now work towards our Plant Sale on May 19<sup>th</sup> at West Wickham Village Hall, 10-30 start. This is our main fundraiser for the Gardening Club so we hope to see tables full of plants and an eager queue of purchasers, do come

along, there are bound to be one or two plants you have always wanted.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> Clare Kneen, from Little Walden has invited us to her "Iris Field" to view and order bearded Iris; June 11<sup>th</sup> we have an evening visit to Ousden House, south of Newmarket- a spectacular garden and on July 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim and Hilary Potter in Balsham will let us run round their MAZE from 7p.m. until we manage to find the EXIT. For information on any of these fixtures ring me on 01799584262.

Rosemary Yallop.

## NATURE NOTES – HOME & AWAY

In Spring we look for the old certainties, but do not take them for granted because they may surprise us, even in the garden. Here are a few recent highlights from ours. After that very cold week in February we had three frozen frogs in our pond (two attached to each other), so we feared for this season's new crop. But some must have beaten the frost, because now there are hundreds of wiggling black tadpoles, some of whom will turn into adult frogs, but many will be newt fodder or eaten by water boatmen. Pond life is tough. Insects seemed to emerge earlier than usual during the warm spell at the end of March, including three different butterflies in our garden – a Brimstone, a Peacock and an Orange Tip – just one of each. I also noticed, while weeding, a Bee Fly, with its hovering flight and long proboscis which it was inserting into a hellebore flower to extract the nectar. Still down on my knees, I moved a bag full of soil which had been close up against one of the raised beds. This revealed a pile of snails, on top of which sat the tiniest of lizards. I picked up part of the pile, including the lizard, who didn't move, and replaced them and the bag in their original positions.

Outside the confines of the back garden Sue Harrow sent me news of the first chiffchaff being heard behind Maypole Croft on 19<sup>th</sup> March. This has since been supplemented by its lookalike, the willow warbler, in the same location but far more melodious. Meanwhile the spring flowers are doing their thing up Blacklands Lane and elsewhere with the bluebells on the point of full flowering, plenty of violets, ground ivy and cowslips plus, in the wood itself and alongside the path, oxlips. Di has also commented that the wood anemones, my personal favourites, have spread quite a bit but some have had their flowers eaten off. Anyone driving back from Withersfield may have noticed a lovely patch of them in the verge, just down the road from Skipper's Hall. These have escaped the executioner.

With all the flowers blooming and birds arriving, who would want to venture beyond the boundaries of West Wickham? And yet some of us have done just that in search of wildlife. Di reports on a trip to the RSPB reserve at Fowlmere, which was alive with the sound of chiffchaffs and blackcaps and in particular a Cetti's Warbler, - out of sight in the reeds, but loudly singing. Also several pairs of bullfinches were occupying the willow trees and there were quite a few varieties of Duck. We spent a week in Suffolk near Minsmere, where there had been a visitation from a lone flamingo, an escapee from a safari park. It looked rather strange standing among a group of black-tailed godwits, but they didn't seem to mind. We saw many other interesting birds, but it wasn't until we returned to West Wickham that we heard the exhilarating sound of the song thrush, having never heard it once while we were away. It was a nice homecoming.

Di saw her first swallow on the wire opposite the telephone box in the High Street on April 10<sup>th</sup>, so summer is on the way. I'm hoping that someone will soon tell me that house martins have arrived, or that they've seen a turtle dove, or heard a cuckoo, and then we can all relax.

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

## HAPPY 30<sup>th</sup> BIRTHDAY TO HEARING DOGS FOR DEAF PEOPLE

It is now 30 years since Hearing Dogs was launched as a charity and it is 29 years since the first hearing dog was placed with a deaf recipient. Today we support over 750 working partnerships around the UK and as more and more people suffer with various degrees of hearing impairment the work of the charity has become more and more important.

In our 30th anniversary year one of my ambitions for your local Cambridge & District Branch is to try and increase the number of our local volunteers. Ideally I would love to have 30 volunteers to match our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Volunteering does not have to take up a huge amount of time, if you can spare a couple of hours a month or would be happy to attend some events and help sell merchandise, or run raffles I would love to hear from you. I would also dearly love to have a database of people who could help out occasionally but who do not want to commit to regular meetings etc. New committee members would of course be very welcome but I do appreciate that committee work does not appeal to everyone. Perhaps you would like to train as a speaker and go out into the community letting people know about our work? Would you have time to socialise a puppy before it goes on to its specialist sound work training? There are so many ways in which volunteers help the charity and all of their work is vital to us. We literally could not function without our helpers.

Later on this year there will be a 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary "Strictly Come Walkies" sponsored walk in the grounds of Wimpole Hall. In conjunction with Milton Country Park we will again be having a fun dog show and many other dog activities and games – more details of both events will be published later in the year but please mark 16 September in your diary as a day out for you and your dog.

If you would like to know more about the work of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People or would like to offer to help please give me a call or drop me an email – all offers of help will be warmly welcomed.

Jenny Parker – Speaker & Branch Organiser  
T: 01223 833562 (evenings only please). Email: jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com

### BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

My names Sophie, I am 14 years old. I'm a very experienced baby sitting and really enjoy it. I have a younger sister who I look after when my parents are out. I am able to babysit at weekends and evenings during the week. I live in Streetly End which is about ¼ of a mile from Horseheath and ¾ of a mile from West Wickham. I am a very responsible and reliable person and I enjoy bringing some of my favourite stories and games with me from when I was younger.

Sophie Condron.

T: 893476 (home); 07826628737 (mobile)

## 1<sup>ST</sup> BALSHAM CUBS AND SCOUTS

The Balsham Cub and Scout groups recently noted that we do very little to keep the community up to date with our activities. In an attempt to address this I volunteered to post an update every month or so in the village magazine.

**Starting with the Cubs** – they have been busy undertaking their Local Knowledge badge and working towards their Art badge. Thanks to the new cooker in the Scout Hut there has been much baking this last term with chocolate chip cookies, Anzac biscuits (for New Zealand Day), mini pancakes and hot frogs! The term finished with more art projects for Mothers Day and Easter. Sadly though at the end of the coming term, one of the leaders will be 'retiring', leaving only one leader which means that Cubs will be unable to continue unless another volunteer comes forward. If you are looking for something worthwhile to fill a couple of hours on a Wednesday evening (plus some planning time and the odd weekend) we would love to hear from you. Please contact Debbie who can answer your questions and give you the relevant information.

**The Scouts** have been equally busy using the term to prepare for a weekend at the Jarman centre which involved map reading, a 10 mile hike with complete kit bags including sleeping bags, food and water (no mean feat for some of the junior Scouts), and some outdoor cooking. The weather was kind to them for the weekend, only starting to rain on the last morning. They have also been making use of the new cooker (although I only have my children's word for it as the products have been consumed before arrival home!).

Next term both groups will be preparing for our annual fundraiser in Balsham – so a note in your diary Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 8.30 till 12 will see the Scouts offering to wash your car at the Bull public house car park and the Cubs will be rising to the challenge of creating a 'Mile of Coins' along the high street. Outside the butchers shop there will be a cake stall and raffle. We will be very pleased to see you. Funds raised go towards the upkeep of the Scout hut.

If you wish to find out any more information about the Cub pack or the Scout troupe please contact the respective leaders in the first instance – Debbie Mower C .894498 for Cubs and Paul Carter C.890129 for Scouts.

**Remember – Annual Fundraiser event 12<sup>th</sup> May 08.30 - 12:00**

Juliet Bevan

### ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE

One quarter allotment (approx 30ft x 36ft) is available. The annual rent currently £2.00 for 12 months (from October 2012 £2.50). Water is available on site, subject to a separate fee to the Village Hall. If anyone would like to rent it 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

## MEADOW MATTERS

### News from The Meadow School

At last, some news from The Meadow School, here are some reports from children in school:

**Institute of Astronomy.** On March 5th, Y5/6 went on a visit to the Institute of Astronomy because this term's topic was 'Galaxy Quest.' When we got there, we met Dr Crawford who gave us a fun quiz on the galaxy. After that, she told us a bit about the planets in our solar system and the sun. We then went outside to play and looked at an old fashioned observatory used ages ago. It was an amazing trip! By Lizzie Y5

**Y2 Music Festival.** The Y2 children from Dragonfly and Spider class went to a Y2 singing festival at Linton Infant school. I was extremely excited when we got there. The theme was journeys. First we warmed up our voices by singing "Last night in a dream I went to the moon." There were 6 or 7 other schools there. Other schools sang different songs from us. One of the schools sang "When I was one, I bit my thumb, the day I went to sea..." I thought it was funny because we sang that last year in class when we were learning about pirates. We were the second last to sing and our song was "Riding on a Donkey". It was about an engine they had in the old days. I felt excited and joyful at this point. Our song sounded fantastic and we sang with the piano. None of the other schools sang with the piano! By Hannah, Y2

**FS/KS1 Entry Point – Lego City.** On Monday a Mr Garside came to our school to do a lego day. First he told us how to build strong walls out of lego, if they weren't the building might collapse. Then he told us how to build pointy roofs. Next we were allowed to go and build our own. I built a church with my friends then we split up. I built a castle with Ted and Jasmine meanwhile the rest of us built a football stadium. When the football stadium was finished Hannah made windmills and Jasmine made a park while me and Ted still worked on the castle. Finally everything was ready. Mr Garside said the castle was the best one he had ever seen. Then he said he only expected a few houses with pointy roofs and nearly everybody had done them. The teachers took pictures and then we smashed it all up. By Gilbert Year 2.

**PTA film.** This term's fund raising 'experiment' proved to be extremely popular. 151 children opted to stay at school and watch the Easter film, 'Hop.' They had drinks and sweets as refreshments and all really enjoyed the film. A definite winner and I am sure such an event will become a regular fixture on the PTA calendar. Thank you to everybody who was involved in this new event.

**50/50 Club Draw.** March: 1<sup>st</sup> Alice Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Karen Baker; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sian Barker

If anybody would like to join the 50/50 Club, please contact the school office for a registration form.

**Sainsburys and Tesco vouchers.** If you shop in either Sainsburys and Tescos, can you please collect the vouchers and send in to school as soon as possible. The school is able to exchange these vouchers for either outdoor, kitchen or computer equipment - please send in to school as soon as possible. These provide us with invaluable resources.

**Date for your Diary:** 16<sup>th</sup> June – June Revels

Linda Wain

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

A very large number of the members of our community saw the College's recent production of Oliver! and I believe it was very much enjoyed. What I think was especially impressive about the production was the ambition involved in it. Laura Cassidy and Chris Charlesworth (Head of Drama and Director of Music) did not cut any corners, but presented virtually every song in the score with an excellent orchestral band. They did not supplement the drama with adults playing any of the more demanding roles, and the cast was very inclusive – children of all abilities took part. When you remember that Alex Chamberlain's Fagin, at 16, was the oldest student in the cast, it makes you realise how well the students did. It was also heart-warming to see how many of my staff were playing in the band or supporting at the front or back of house. Oliver! was performed in front of two full audiences and also to children from Granta School and local OAPs. The event epitomised everything that is special about a Village College in its community and it made us all very proud.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal.

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

### Car Boot Sales

Summer is 'officially' here which means it is car boot season again!! Our first sale will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May on the school front field and then every fortnight thereafter up until and including 25<sup>th</sup> August, With the exception of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.

Everyone is welcome; you need only turn up on the day. The cost for a pitch is £6.00 and you can arrive from 7am, the sales will finish at 2pm. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate in contacting steven.austin@lvc.org

### Additional Fitness Classes

Summer not only signifies car boot season but also summer holidays!! To help you get in shape LCSC is adding additional classes to its already popular array. Due to the popularity of both our Monday evening circuits class and the Thursday Spinfit session we are adding another of each. Another circuits class will take place on Wednesdays from 6:30pm and will be instructed by our very own Dan Penfold. The additional Spinfit class will take place on a Thursday evening from 8:15pm and will be instructed by Dan Booker - this class will be for non-members only. The members session takes place directly before.

Both classes cost £5 per session to non-members, however the circuits class is for everyone and is included in the Platinum membership.

### Linton Community Sports Centre Opening Earlier

Finally, good news for all those who prefer an early morning workout – from Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June Linton Community Sports Centre will be opening an hour earlier Monday – Friday. Instead of a 7:30am start we will be open from 6:30am.

For further information on classes and more please visit our website at [www.linton-sport-fitness](http://www.linton-sport-fitness) or give us a call on 01223890248 where we will be happy to help.

Steven Austin

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

This meeting will be held on Monday 28 May, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. It is not a Parish Council meeting - it is your chance to debate current issues in the community and also celebrate local activities. It is a meeting for YOU, the parish electors and YOU set the agenda..

On the Agenda already are whether the village wants to reintroduce a Neighborhood Watch scheme and a Parish Emergency Plan but if there is anything you would like discussed please contact either:

Marcus Cornish (T: 290203), the Chairman of the Parish Council, or

Jenny Richards (T: 894076), Clerk to the Parish Council by 18 May.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEETING**

## WEST WICKHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

At the recent AGM, the Club's Captain, Eric Ellam, said that he was happy with the previous year's play. The Club had won friendly matches against some very good sides, although we had also had a few loses which we would prefer to forget! The year long singles competition was won by Janet Morris and the knockout pairs tournament for the Founders Cup was won by Bert Watts and Brian Upton. Several members had enjoyed playing in charity tournaments in the area. The current officers were re-elected unanimously.

The Club meets all year round at 7pm in the Village Hall. We would very much like some new members so you are more than welcome to come along and have a try. You can just turn up but it might be best to check in case there's a match on (we're happy for you to watch but it's not the best sort of evening to have a go yourself). Contact:-

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## 60 YEARS AGO – THE WAY WE WERE

It's not too late if you have anything for the Jubilee weekend exhibition on the 1950s but I will need to know as soon as possible. Thank you to all those who have already given me something or offered. I will be contacting you in the next few weeks to confirm and collect details for labels etc.

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