

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## VILLAGE DIARY

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Mon 22 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.**  
**7.30pm, Village Hall. All residents of**  
**West Wickham & Streetly End are**  
**welcome to attend.**  
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**Daisy Chains Pre-School meets Monday to Friday**  
**9.30 – 12.30 in the Village Hall**

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 10 August

### Gardening Club Annual Show

Details from:

Andrew Morris, 21 High Street. T: 290863.

Email: ANDREW.L.MORRIS@TALK21.COM

## 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 Louise Salter

T: 01223 291226

or visit [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org)

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## THE EXCITEMENT HAS BEEN BUILDING AND IT'S FINALLY HERE!



### THE BIG VILLAGE DIG

Saturday July 13 & Sunday July 14



It is great to be able to report that at least a hundred of you have volunteered to help discover something about the origins of the village and its development over time and we will be excavating twenty archaeological test pits spread right across the village. Supervising and supporting us will be three archaeologists from Cambridge University's Access to Archaeology/Cambridge Community Network team – Carezza Lewis, Alex Pryor and village resident, Britt Baillie.

Balloons will mark sites and participants are being encouraged to share their progress and findings with friends and neighbours so, if you are not taking an active part, do go and see what is happening. Your interest will be appreciated.

The weekend will start at 10am on Saturday in the Village Hall with instruction on test pit digging and health & safety. It is VERY IMPORTANT that EVERYONE involved attend this and also register their participation. Work on test pits should start around 11am and continue until 4pm on Saturday. After a 10am start on Sunday work will finish at 2.45pm when everyone will return to base at the Village Hall with their finds (so they can be taken away for proper identification), any borrowed equipment and Report Booklets ready for a final summing up and all-important tea and cake.

We can still find work for volunteers so if you would like to take part please let me know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Janet Morris, 21 High Street. Tel: 290863

Email: [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

## CHURCH FETE

Please put a note in your diary

St Mary's Church Fete will be held at Manor Farm

On Saturday 14 September at 1pm

If you are having a clear out of books, toys or good bric a brac please bring down to Manor Farm and leave by the gate

Nicky Cornish

## 2523 (LINTON) SQUADRON AIR TRAINING CORPS

### Recruitment Evenings

19:30-21:00 in the Red Zone at Linton Village College  
Every Friday from 26<sup>th</sup> July until 30<sup>th</sup> August, Linton squadron will be holding recruitment evenings at the Squadron. These nights are designed to give potential new members and their parents a taster of the activities we provide for the cadets. We encourage new members to get involved and see what they think. The Air Cadets run various activities including: flying & gliding, shooting, Duke of Edinburgh's award and sports. The Cadets are open to anyone aged 13 – 16. If you are interested or would like more details please contact us on [2523@aircadets.org](mailto:2523@aircadets.org).



## FROM THE VICARAGE

There is a regular ecumenical gathering at Granta Park and they recently invited me to join them to look together at 'Faith in the workplace'. The challenges of being both Christian and Scientist in a sceptical society were talked about. Even more significant was the discussion about how to be alongside colleagues to support each other through the challenges that life and work throw at us.

We may want to be strong enough to tackle injustice, heal the sick, support the weak and mend fractured relationships in the world as well as at work. But where does the strength for this come from? The discussion at Granta Park focused on two resources. The first comes from an inner determination which is prompted by our values and faith and to which we become attentive through prayer and meditation. The second comes from those who stand alongside us. We underestimate the strength that comes from others.

Encouragement also comes from those who in the process of overcoming trials share their wisdom. In the midst of the facing up to the injustice of Apartheid, Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote these words,

Goodness is stronger than evil;  
Love is stronger than hate;  
Light is stronger than darkness;  
Life is stronger than death;  
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.  
*Desmond Tutu*

This month the family service at St Mary's West Wickham will include an activity to help us to pray. I will be needing some helpers. Come along on 28 July at 9.30am

Rev Julie Norris

## TUBS4TABLETS FOR SCHOOLS

Flora and Tesco are teaming up to give primary schools across the country the chance to get their hands on thousands of pounds of touch screen tablets by simply collecting the Tubs4Tables tokens found inside special 500g tubs of Flora Original and Flora Light available from Tesco stores from 24 June till 27 September. **100 Tokens = one ASUS MeMO Pad™ 172.**

The Meadow School have now signed up for this so please start collecting and hand all Flora Tubs4Tablets tokens into The Meadow School Office before 27 September. More information can be found at

[www.flora.com/Flora/Tubs4Tablets/](http://www.flora.com/Flora/Tubs4Tablets/)

Many thanks. The Meadow Primary School

## BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

My name is Sophie Condron and I am 16 years old. I'm a very experienced babysitter and have babysat for a range of different ages. I am able to babysit at weekends and evenings during the week. I live in Streetly End which is about 3/4 a mile from Horseheath and 1 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: 01223 893476 (home); 07826628737 (mobile)

## RAINFALL FIGURES

These are the rainfall figures for May, similar to last year but where is the warmth?

	2013	2012
High Street	56.5 mm	69.5 mm
Streetly End	56.5 mm	59.5 mm
Streetly Hall Farm	51 mm	69 mm

The total so far for the year is:

	2013	2012
High Street	216.5 mm	293 mm
Streetly End	199.5 mm	294 mm
Streetly Hall Farm	199.5 mm	332 mm

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**The Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 20 May and attended by 5 parishioners, the Parish Council and the Parish Clerk.

*Wind Farm Funding:* The application for funding to help with the cost of renewing the playground equipment had been turned down. However the Daisy Chain Preschool Group had received a £500 grant.

*Accidents on the Common Crossroads:* (Also discussed at the Parish Council meeting). There have been discussions with Cambridge County Council since this time last year and it had been agreed that two rumble strips would be put on the two minor roads. However in the light of the recent fatalities at these crossroads it is hoped that something further will be carried out.

*Reports:* The Chairman read out his report and also the Village Hall report. Cllr. Morris read out a report from the Local History Club and Carpet Bowls Club. Mrs Susan Harrow read out her report for the Daisy Chain Preschool group. Reports were also received from the Gardening Club and County Cllr. Batchelor. The Parish Clerk thanks everyone for sending these reports in and they are printed in this issue of the Village Voice.

*Any other business:* Cllr. Morris asked the Parish Clerk to contact Cambridgeshire County Council with regard to the crumbling pavements in the High Street.

### **The Annual Parish Council meeting followed.**

*Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman:* Cllr. Cornish was elected Chairman; Cllr. Charlton was elected Vice Chairman. It was agreed that Cllr. Morris would continue to support the Parish Clerk with the finances of the Parish Council.

*Old Filtration Plant:* The transfer of this land has now gone through and has been Land Registered.

*Finance:* The end of year accounts 2012/13, the Statement of Accounts and the Statement of Governance were all agreed upon and signed prior to them being audited by the internal and external auditors.

It was agreed that the £427.00 received as an extra Precept payment should be allocated to the Play Equipment project.

*Code of Conduct:* The new code was adopted.

*Bus Service Review:* There is to be a further consultation with three options to choose from.

*Maintenance:* A gritting box will be ordered to be placed at the entrance to Maypole Croft, at a cost of £95 + VAT.

The draft Minutes have been placed on the noticeboard. **The next meeting is on Monday 22 July. All are welcome to attend.**

Jennifer Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 894076

# REPORTS TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held on 20 May

## PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMANS REPORT

Six formal meetings have taken place during the year and I thank the council for their regular attendance, I don't recall any apologies from you, well done.

The Diamond Jubilee celebrations were a wonderful few days for various activities. It was just such a shame for the whole country that the weather was so very wet. Thanks go to Di Licence for coordinating the Village celebrations. The village had one of the 1800 beacons across the country and the site on the playing field is now more or less back to normal. A Jubilee Oak was planted on the playing field by Trevor Hall and may it flourish for many centuries. He has also planted on various sites throughout the Parish with the help of grants that he has been granted as our tree officer.

Justin Plumb has taken on the job of modernising the playground, this has proved to be a larger task than he had anticipated, he has done extremely well to have raised 85% of the monies required and work is hopefully to be completed by the summer holidays, thank you Justin.

The Parish Council has taken over ownership of the Old Filtration Works together with the track to it; this will become a wildlife sanctuary.

Thanks are due to Andrew Morris, our treasurer, for keeping our finances in order and he is looking to hand this job on in the not too distant future.

Our learned clerk, Jenny Richards, has run the Council very efficiently and I thank her for all the work she does.

Thanks also go to the County and District Councillors for their diligence, we must spare a thought for John Batchelor who lost his seat in the recent elections after several recounts, I believe it was one vote. Welcome to Councillor Hickford; you have a hard act to follow.

Marcus Cornish.

## VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The hall continues to be used regularly by a number of different groups from within and outside the village, and once again there has been an increase in the number of bookings from the previous year. Daisy Chains Preschool continues to be the most frequent user of the Hall and have recently extended their hours on a Wednesday. The KenYuKan Club are using the hall twice a week, the Karate club is now well established with its weekly meeting, and there have been many ad hoc sports hire bookings during the year. The Carpet Bowls, History and Gardening Clubs continue solidly and are all represented on the committee. As with previous years, a number of parties have been held at the Hall, including the very successful Diamond Jubilee celebration.

### Health and Safety

Health and Safety (H&S) continues to be a priority for the committee and regular checks have been performed, in addition to asking all regular users to report any concerns, so that they can be investigated and assessed promptly. We also make use of the fact that the Preschool is Ofsted regulated and is required to carry out a daily H&S check. Examples of reported issues are: a splintered wooden handrail leading up to the playground which has been

repaired, the strip light covers on the ceiling hanging down, which is in hand. The Preschool also raised a concern about the blind cords being a hazard for children, and this has been addressed by putting hooks high up on the walls for the cords to be stored.

### Committee

Louise Salter will be taking over from Kathy Pelling as booking secretary before the next committee meeting on 18 July. Other posts remain unchanged and I would like to thank the committee for another year of service to the village.

### Maintenance

A number of electrical maintenance tasks have been carried out recently, including replacing the outside security light, replacing the dimmer switch for the side lights in the main hall, and fixing the heating timer for the meeting room. A quote has been accepted to replace all the ceiling strip lights in the hall, to PAT test all appliances and to replace blown bulbs in the emergency exit signs. The strip light replacement is a large outgoing, but is considered essential as the fittings are obsolete, and it is not possible to purchase replacement covers for the ones that have cracked and are hanging down.

A quote has also been obtained for painting the hall and installing a picture rail to separate the lower wall from the upper wall/ceiling, allowing the lower wall to be painted more frequently at reduced cost. Richard Grenville has addressed a number of maintenance jobs during the year and Nadine Warner continues to do a great job with the cleaning.

### Finances

The Hall is expected to make a small profit this year thanks to strong usage and the increased bookings fees. We have also benefitted from substantially reduced electricity costs with npower compared to EDF, and raised over £700 from the BBQ and bar at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. However, as the Hall ages, a number of larger maintenance jobs are becoming necessary (e.g. strip lights, floor resurfacing), and some significant spending will be required in the coming year to keep the Hall in good condition. Fundraising will therefore be an important factor in order to avoid a loss next year.

### Fundraising

A ceilidh and BBQ at the Village Hall has been planned for Saturday 22nd June and the proceeds of this night will go to the Village Hall. Please support this event as I'm sure it will be a fun night!

### Website

The website (<http://westwickham.org>) content has grown steadily during the year and the village directory is now available online, along with additional information on clubs and societies. The online enquiry and booking feature is being used regularly and the plan is to extend this, by making the bookings terms and conditions downloadable from the website. We will also explore allowing online payment into the new Lloyds VH bank account as an alternative to cheques.

### Miscellaneous

There have been several reported incidents of the Hall being left unlocked, doors not being closed properly at the rear,

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Village Hall Management Committee report continued.

and the floor not being swept properly after use. Please can all users take extra care to ensure the Hall is secured and left in a clean and tidy state after use (and don't forget to turn down the thermostats in the winter!).

The AGM will be held at 8pm on 27 September at the Hall. Please come along to show your support and to offer your ideas/time for making the Hall an even better asset for the village.

Nick Salter. Chairman of the Village Hall Committee

### DAISYCHAINS PRESCHOOL

*General:* Still under half full (can have up to 24 children). Nevertheless, we have had a busy time since Christmas.

The money from the Wadlow Wind Farm was received in due course and whilst the weather prevented us from getting on with our garden project we spent time planning and preparing to get started. From Easter onwards the whole school has been busy filling flower beds with soil and plants. The grass bank has been planted with bulbs, and we have set some potatoes, radishes, onions and carrots. The children also love the addition of a bird feeding station and have fun identifying birds in the books that we have purchased on bird identification. They love being outdoors and the garden area has been a massive benefit to the children's learning and development. A massive thank you goes to Steve Licence for his assistance in making our raised beds for the garden area. Thanks go also to the Tree Warden for the donation of an apple tree for the preschool.

The themes that we have covered since Xmas have been 'shapes, 'under the ground' and 'into space'. This half term we have built a large space rocket which the children have used to go on an imaginary trip to the moon for a picnic.

*Fund raising:* In February we hosted a Quiz Night that was well supported by the village and we have recently held our annual jumble sale and although fewer people attended, we raised a record amount at this event.

*Future:* This year we lose well over half of our children to primary school, only leaving 6 children on our register for September so are desperate for more children to join us. We are currently running a promotion campaign to raise awareness.

Sue Harrow

### WEST WICKHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Carpet Bowls Club meets in the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening for 51 weeks of the year. Additionally we visit Clubs in the surrounding villages about six times to play friendly matches. The Club plays host in return. Ill health has continued to reduce numbers at our normal weekly meetings and we have recently taken steps to increase income so that the cost of hiring the hall is covered over the year. We would very much welcome new members, as this would ensure the Club stays viable.

Carpet bowls does not have a very exciting image but this is unjustified as it is great fun to play and is quite skilful. It is easy to learn, suitable for all abilities and men and women play on an equal footing. Added to that meetings are very

enjoyable social occasions, you don't have to travel far to take part and it only costs £5 a year and £2.50 an evening. So why not come along and give it a try? We'd love to see you.

Officers for the year are:

Chairman	Richard Barrett.
Secretary	Janet Morris
Treasurer	Pete Grieve.
Captain	Eric Ellam

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### WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

The main innovation in the activities of the Club during the last year has been the production of the Club's *Newsletter*. The Editor is Janet Morris and she has by now produced a number of editions which impart gardening advice based on *local* experience, circulate information about local nurseries, and generally share information which may be helpful to members. The particular novelty of the coming year will be the organisation of the *thirtieth* Annual Show in August – a milestone of some significance.

The Club's Annual Plant Sale in May 2012 was once again very popular and a considerable success, producing a greater income than the previous year and thus contributing even more to subsidising the Club's regular meetings and speaker programme. In contrast, the Annual Show saw a disappointing fall in the number of entries, especially in the children's classes – a development which seems to be due to the combination of the awful weather last summer and the need to sandwich the Show between the Olympics and the Bank Holiday weekend. It is hoped that the milestone Show in the coming year will see a return to the usual high number of entries, and especially more children's entries.

The core programme of Monday evening meetings during the colder months was built on a range of excellent speakers arranged by the Programme Secretary, Rosemary Yallop. We thus had talks on a specific garden, that of Kirtling Tower, on particular aspects of gardens such as bulbs, grasses and making a garden more attractive to butterflies, and on general self sufficiency in the garden. In addition at the Christmas meeting four of our own members gave short addresses on gardens or gardening issues in which they had recently been involved.

This programme was preceded during the summer of 2012 by a number of successful outdoor events. Two were local evening events: a visit to the fascinating maze which has been created by Jim Potter in Balsham, and a visit to the beautiful gardens which have been created at Ousden House near Newmarket. The third was the Club's Annual Trip, arranged by Janet Morris, which this year was in September, to Bressingham Gardens in Diss, where we had the good fortune to have receive a short guided tour by Adrian Bloom.

The Club's activities also include a number of very practical activities. Through the good services of its Trading Officer, Sue Thurston, the Club continues to co-ordinate the purchase of seed for members at a considerable discount from a major supplier. The Club is co-ordinating a trial of Sarpo potatoes, in which a number of members are growing

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Gardening Club report continued.

and assessing them. And through the good services of Karen Condron, the Club is also organising a children's competition to grow the tallest sunflower.

The membership numbers of the Club remain stable in the mid 40s, and the finances of the Club remain healthy (in the safe hands of the Treasurer, Andrew Morris). After three years in post, Hilary Thomas retired from the Chair of the Club at its A.G.M. in September 2012, and Arthur Mawby was elected to succeed her. The A.G.M. also elects the committee which administers the overall affairs of the Club, and which deposes the running of the Annual Show to a sub committee.

Arthur Mawby, Chairman.

### WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

It is still something of a puzzle why we do not attract more members from the village when there is seemingly such an interest in history. If all those who say they've been meaning to come along actually did it would make such a difference! Despite a small membership we have had a full programme of talks (except the one we had to cancel because of the bad weather) on such subjects as folklore and customs, the 1912 army manoeuvres and the history of roads. We were able to welcome a large number of people from Balsham to a talk on the origins of Balsham based on their 1617 map. This talk was linked to our most exciting project to date – the Big Village Dig, a community project to investigate the medieval settlement of our village through archaeological test pits that will take place in July. This is being funded by a Heritage Lottery Fund All Our Stories grant and we are being supported by expert help from Cambridge University staff.

Last June we put on an exhibition about life in the 1950s as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations and we were also recently able to put on a small display about the work of the Salvation Army in the village to coincide with the laying up of the West Wickham Corps flag in the church. There is still one 'mystery' name from the First World War on the war memorial but it is hoped to complete this project to coincide with the centennial commemorations next year. Help has continued to be given to people researching their family history and this usually gives us some useful information and background detail in return.

In the wider world, the discovery by a former Club member of a 15<sup>th</sup> century Lord of the Manor of Yen Hall under a car park in Leicester caused a great deal of excitement and we are looking forward to a talk on the discovery of Richard III by Mathew Morris on 11 November. All will be welcome to this and any other talk in our forthcoming programme.

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Regretfully former County Councillor John Batcheler's report has not been forwarded to the Editors

## NATURE NOTES

Thanks to those of you who let me know that they had heard a cuckoo. Charlie and Annabel towards the end of May, Di at the beginning of June and we heard one this morning (18 June), by which you can tell that I am late in writing Nature Notes for this month. We don't hear the cuckoo much in West Wickham these days – partly because they have been declining generally and perhaps partly because they have other locations where they prefer to find hosts for their eggs. This is good news for the local whitethroats, whose nests are sometimes used by cuckoos. There are many whitethroats in the village this year; I rarely go for a walk without hearing their scratchy song, sometimes delivered in flight above a hedge. Other birds I must mention are the skylarks, who appear to be doing well this year and the yellowhammers who are around in good numbers.

Di's bird news included a raid by a greater spotted woodpecker on her neighbour's nest box, with disastrous results for the blue tit chicks. It didn't use the normal entrance hole, but battered a new one with its powerful beak. There must be a gap in the market for reinforced nest boxes. She also has a family of recently fledged blackbirds, one of which was picked up by the dog, but rescued without harm so that the adults started feeding it again. Nice to have a dog with a soft mouth.

July is the main month for butterflies, who really need a period of warm, calm weather in order to flourish. Look out for the Whites, the Blues, the Browns, the Skippers and the Painted Ladies. With some species of butterfly it is reasonably easy to differentiate the sexes. However, male Painted Ladies look very much like the females. There may be an irony here. Butterflies depend on the presence of specific plants for feeding and laying eggs. Grasses and nettles play a significant role, as do the vetches, which are just beginning to emerge in one or two roadside verges and field boundaries. Let's hope for a warm and reasonably dry July so we can have a butterfly summer.

Di has some other interesting news of insects, bugs and spiders. These include watching two shield bugs mating on a dock leaf, back to back in the rain, seeing a dragonfly nymph hauling itself out of the pond and having a nest of yellow spiders, miniscule golden specks blown by the breeze on gossamer threads all over the patio. Di also picked up on one of David Attenborough's tweets of the day, revealing that the majority of the swift's diet consists of spiders, taken high up in the air on gossamer threads. How do so many spiders get up there? If I were a spider I think I'd stay earthbound.

Barker, our guest racing pigeon with the injured wing, has completely won us over. We let him out in the garden to practice flying each day. He usually flies a little way and then walks back to his house. However, twice he has flown away out of sight, causing distress for us. Both times he returned after many hours but before bedtime, so I guess he has decided that the accommodation is OK.

**Stop Press:** Vic tells me that a family of long tailed tits has recently fledged from his garden despite persistent interest from magpies, while at this end of the village, Rod the Great Tit now has a flat mate – no nesting materials but there were definitely two birds sleeping it off last night.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503. Email: [mail@petergrieve.co.uk](mailto:mail@petergrieve.co.uk)

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

There are one or two other outstanding secondary schools in our local area, but we are the only one with a sausage named after them. Eton College, another school that has inspired a recipe, has its unfortunately named 'Mess' which, with its combination of strawberries, cream and meringue, tastes rather better than its sounds, but LVC can boast two recipes to its name. Firstly there was the Pork Powerballs in 2012, a recipe that even achieved a special mention in our Ofsted report, much to our amusement, but now, to top that achievement, we have the LVC Sharing Sausage. It is on sale in our local Waitrose stores right now. I bought some this week on the Saffron Walden fresh meat counter and they cost a reasonable £2.49. Like the Eton Mess, the LVC Sharing Sausage is genuinely delicious and just in time for summer; it sizzles beautifully on a barbecue. The popularity of the sausage has taken Waitrose by surprise; they are selling them almost as soon as they come in.

But why do we have a sausage named after us, you may well ask? Well the answer is because we have been involved in a fantastic Business in the Community partnership with our neighbours Dalehead Foods who produce ham and sausage products for Waitrose. The project involves Year 9 teams designing and marketing a pork-based recipe in their Food and Technology lessons. The best recipes and most marketable ideas are then selected for an in-school competition during which the recipe is cooked, presented and pitched to a panel of judges from Dalehead and Waitrose. The winning entry is then manufactured by Dalehead. The 2013 winners and inventors of the Sharing Sausage were Andrew Martin, Lauren Cole, Bethany Wrenn and Francesca Robb. In the meantime Year 9 students are developing incredible skills in planning, budgeting, communicating, team work, production, pitching and sales that will give them the edge over others when they go out to compete for jobs in the future.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

## LVC COMMUNITY UPDATE.

From July Linton Active Kids summer scheme begins – we have included several new activities as well as continuing with the most popular activities from last year such as dance, drama and fencing. New activities include trampolining and tennis sessions in partnership with the Linton Tennis Academy. Sessions can be booked for the entire day, half a day or per activity.

For further information or to book a place for your child email Denise Bennett, the Linton Active Kids manager at [losc@lvc.org](mailto:losc@lvc.org).

Linton Community Sports Centre will also be introducing a new Saturday Fitness class called AeroBlast – a new all over body workout. The class will take place 9am – 10am from Saturday 6 July.

We will continue our most popular class 20,20,20 throughout the summer but have a new edition to Friday evenings – Boxercise – this runs 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

For further information or to book a place contact sports centre on 01223 890248 or visit the website [www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk](http://www.linton-sport-fitness.co.uk)

## AWARD WINNING WEBSITE HELPS FIND EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST YOU IN MAINTAINING YOUR GARDEN

With the warmer weather finally here you may be thinking about getting out in your garden. If you are, an award-winning website can provide you with help and advice about the equipment available to make day-to-day tasks in the garden easier.

### Help and support with day-to-day living

AskSARA has proved popular with local people since a Cambridgeshire version launched last year. So far it has helped nearly 4,000 people across the county access advice and information about the equipment and support available locally to help them remain independent and in their own homes. In addition to maintaining the garden and outdoors, a wide range of topics are covered from managing medication and eating healthily to equipment to aid hearing, personal care and household chores.

Whether you need advice for yourself or for a friend or relative that you care for, you can find out about the equipment available by visiting AskSARA at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/asksara) For anyone without access to, or not confident in using, the Internet the staff and volunteers in your local library can help you to find information.

## THE HILDERSHAM LECTURES 2013

### 'Better is Wisdom than Weapons of War' or 'Deeds Not Words'

#### *Votes for Women in 1913 Cambridge*

Hear more about the story with Andrew Westwood-Bate

Why not come and join us and hear what 1913 Cambridge was like if you were a law abiding 'Suffragist' and just what were the consequences, if you were a stone throwing, fire starting 'Suffragette'.

We will also touch briefly on the Votes for Women campaign nationally, and of course we will take a look at the evidence surrounding Emily Wilding Davison's brief, but fatal encounter with the King's horse Amner at the Derby in 1913.

Life in Cambridge was very different 100 years ago with the Great War just around the corner and fear of what was come on everyone's mind.

At 7.30 pm on Friday 26 July in Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham

Just £5 for an individual ticket or £10 for a family it includes a glass of wine and nibbles

To book contact Andrew on 01223 892430 or email [HildershamHistory@gmail.com](mailto:HildershamHistory@gmail.com)

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