

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

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VILLAGE CLEAN UP. Meet at the Village Hall at 11.00

- Mon 10 **Local History Club AGM. 7.30pm, Village Hall**
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Deadline for items to go in the April Village Voice

- Mon 17 **Gardening Club. *Natural control of pests & diseases.* Talk by Julian Ives of Harrod Horticultural. 7.30pm, Village Hall**

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- Sun 23 Family Service. 9.30, St Mary's Church
- Mon 24 **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING. 7.30pm, Village Hall.**

All are welcome to attend.

- Tue 25 Blue & green wheeled bin collection
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- Fri 28 **Meadow School PTA Quiz Night. 7.30pm, Meadow School, Balsham.**

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- Sun 30 **Mothering Sunday service. 9.15, St Mary's Church**

Daisy Chains 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 Louise Salter
T: 01223 291226**

or visit www.westwickham.org

VILLAGE CLEAN UP – SUNDAY 9 MARCH

Those of you suffering withdrawal symptoms (we didn't have a clean-up last year) will be pleased to know that the grabbers, gloves and bags have been ordered. I will be in the Village Hall car park at 11.00 on Sunday 9 March. Everyone who would like to do a session picking up drink cans, sandwich containers and other detritus along the roadsides and in the playing field would be welcome. Current ground conditions and water levels in the ditches suggest the need for wellies and protective clothing. Apart from that, it should be fun and rewarding.

Peter Grieve. T: 290503

WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Please don't let Daisy Chains close!

This year at Daisy Chains Preschool we knew that we would be challenged financially due to a low birth rate in 2011. We knew that our numbers would be low but didn't really appreciate how low.

We are unfortunately now in the terrible position of running the Preschool at a considerable loss for this school year, and, if we do not do something drastic in the next few months there is every possibility that the Preschool will have to consider closure. This is an action that we do not want to have to instigate so we are turning to you as a community for your support.

If you can help us in anyway, either financially, or by coming up with some fundraising ideas to help raise much needed funds then we would be really, really, really grateful.

Don't forget to enter the quiz night on 28 February!

Sue Harrow. T: 290512; Email: daisychains.westwickham@gmail.com

COMMUNITY WARDEN

I am delighted to say that Sue Buckingham is now our community warden. Many of you will know Sue as a member of the Gardening Club. Sue has been a carer for many years and is a familiar face at the Health Centre and in Shudy and Castle Camps. Hopefully, now she will be a regular face in West Wickham and Streetly End.

Sue is employed by Age UK to support people in the community who may need a little extra help. The Parish Council support this scheme and our Christmas carol singing and church collection went to help fund our warden. So please use her. If you live on your own and would like to keep your independence but find it difficult to manage some things, then Sue could be the answer.

Sue will make contact every day, with a phone call or a visit, five days a week. The first two weeks are free so give her a try, and if you want to keep Sue on then it's £5 a week. However there are circumstances when paying is difficult and this can be addressed.

I'm hoping to introduce Sue to as many of you as possible in the next few weeks. If you would like to talk to Sue about the scheme or arrange a visit then call her on 07436102865 or call me.

Nicky Cornish. T:290203

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FROM THE VICARAGE

Some years ago, I was on holiday in California. We went for a walk in the desert. It was dry, bleak and lonely, with only shards of rock breaking out from otherwise endless sand. After only a short stretch from the road, I was away from development and infrastructure, and there was a spectacular beauty in this wild and undisturbed space. A small creature which might have been a pocket gopher, popped from behind a rock. It looked surprised and quickly scurried away. It would be easy to get lost. There were no familiar landmarks.

I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in. wrote John Muir, conservationist who founded the Yosemite Valley, Sequoia National Park in California.

We are sometimes driven into a metaphorical wilderness by a crisis, such as bereavement, illness, redundancy, violence or injustice. We find ourselves in unfamiliar territory, we look for direction and find none. People we have relied upon are no longer there to help us. We are achingly alone.

The Bible describes a wilderness experience when Jesus was led by God into a bleak place. There he examined his identity, his purpose, his goals. There he encountered the dark anxieties and fearful choices and faced them. There he also became convinced that he was not alone, that he had something significant to do, and he was restored

If we dare to let the wilderness experience take us inward, it can be instructive and even healing for us too. We can re-examine why we do what we do, we can re-identify ourselves with what matters and re-align ourselves with the worthwhile goal of serving others.

This month, the Church begins the season of Lent and we invite people to look inward, to study and ask questions. To encourage this we are going to hold two Lent talks this month and two next.

20 March, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity Church in Hildersham. Rev Keith Morrison, Chaplain at Arthur Rank Hospice will talk about suffering and spirituality in the face of death.

27 March, 7.30pm at the Black Bull pub Balsham. Rev Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely Cathedral, will talk about why we have a Cathedral and why we have a Diocese.

During Lent, in St Mary's Church Weston Colville there will be a display of 40 Lent Paintings by Jane Pryor (Wheeler). There will also be a booklet of readings, poems and prayers to encourage people to take some time for personal reflection.

30 March, Mothering Sunday. There will be special activities for families in each of the churches at the Sunday Service time. (Ed. Note - 9.15am, not 9.30).

5 March, Ash Wednesday Services at 10.30am in Holy Trinity, Balsham and 7.30pm in Holy Trinity, Hildersham. Many of us in the churches and the villages want to thank Ven John Beer, Archdeacon of Cambridge, for all his help to us. John is retiring and there is a special Evensong Service on 2 March in Ely Cathedral at 4pm.

Over the years, I have received many letters and emails asking why St Mary's, West Wickham does not have a toilet. That may be about to change. There is an exciting plan underway to put water and a toilet into the church tower. This will mean that the church will be a much more comfortable place for weddings, funerals, services and even some events. We are at an early stage and more news will be forthcoming in due course.

Rev Julie Norris

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

On Monday 17 February David Mitchell, ex-tree and landscape officer for Mid-Suffolk came to speak to us about his 25 years working in the Suffolk countryside. His talk encompassed many aspects of tree management including pruning and placement, protection and how trees heal themselves after being damaged. David's extensive knowledge of different types of fungi enables him to decide whether an infected tree is at risk or not and his identification of wild flowers can lead to the protection of their habitat when all the Planning Authority can see is a spare patch of land on which to build. He demonstrated how Suffolk manages its water meadows with judicious plantings of Alder and Willow. David is an excellent speaker and we are very grateful to him for coming all the way from Diss. A most enjoyable evening! One of our members, Ann Broscomb is a galanthophile and she very kindly brought a vase of at least 20 different snowdrops for us to compare, they were simply stunning and one can see why it is easy to get hooked on collecting them.

On March 17th, Julian Ives will speak to us on "The Natural Control of Pests and Diseases". Julian is Pest Control consultant with Harrod Horticultural

Rosemary Yallop T: 01799584262

COACH TRIP TO KEW GARDENS

Saturday 7 June

This year West Wickham & District Gardening Club is going to Kew. There is so much to see whatever the weather. We will be leaving the Village Hall at 9am and Kew at 4pm.

Cost: Gardening Club members £27 (£25 conc), Non members £30 (£28 conc)

To book a place please contact Janet Morris, 21 High Street T: 290863, Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

THE BENEFITS OF BUYING OIL TOGETHER

Those of you who were in the village oil syndicate will know that I successfully managed to shirk my duties last year by recommending that you order your oil via Agricole, who offer an oil brokerage service, instead of letting me do it on behalf of the village. My argument was that I hoped that they would achieve a lower price per litre for everyone because they would be seeking quotes for larger orders. Of course it is hard to prove this to be the case unless someone has phoned round on the same day to compare as oil prices can fluctuate so much day by day.

An additional sweetener that Agricole offers is that for all of us who order more than 1000 litres from them during the year, they will make a payment of £5 to be used to benefit the village. For 2013 we earned £80 and I have suggested that it go towards creating the wildlife area near the allotments. I hope you agree that this is a good use of the money.

Anyone interested in finding out more about what Agricole do and get an idea of current oil prices can look on their website www.heating-oil-prices.co.uk or contact me. I have said that I am happy to place orders if needed on behalf of those without e-mail if they would like.

Sue Thurston C. 290503

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

On Monday 27 January the following were some of the issues discussed at the Parish Council meeting. The full draft Minutes will be posted on the Parish Council notice board outside the Post Office.

Planning: A planning meeting had been held to discuss two proposed planning applications:

S/2427/13 - Proposed stabling & gallop on Balsham Hill. The Parish council recommended approval of the application in principal but with the condition that the access should be from Dene Road and not on Balsham Hill.

S/2492/13 - Change of use to Camping & Touring Caravan site on land opposite 33 Burton End. There was considerable concern shown by the residents, with 60 people attending a meeting to discuss this. It was discussed at length and the majority expressed their opposition to the proposed application. The Parish Council has recommended rejection of this application because of its impact on the surrounding landscape and the adverse effect on the village.

Finance: The budget and Precept for 2014/15 was discussed and agreed, with the Precept set at £10,500, a 2.94% rise from last year. Included in the budget is the start of building up a reserve to cope with future expenditure passed down from the County & District Councils.

Maintenance: A 3 year grass cutting contract with our existing contractor has been signed.

The Burton End road sign – there are now 3 road signs.
Village Clean Up – the date is to be announced by Cllr. Grieve. (Ed. Sunday 9 March. See front page)

Bus Service review: The County Council is carrying out a review on the No.46 weekly bus to Newmarket. A questionnaire is available from Andrew Morris and must be returned by 28 March.

Parish or Neighbourhood Village Plan: Cllr. Hall has written something in the Village Voice about this and he is keen to get people from the village involved in setting it up. Please read his article in the February issue.

Parishioners Email list: Cllr. Charlton suggested that a list of email addresses of people in the parish be put together so information can be easily distributed, obviously with their permission. Please see his article in this issue.

The White Horse Public house: A Planning Contravention Notice is to be served on the owners and they have to apply for “change of use” to a residence.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY 24 MARCH. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 894076

THE FIELD

Quietly I lie. Sodden and downtrodden
Crossed and re-crossed
Once, I supported cattle, poultry, crops.
Now sold on, separate and alone,
My friends are brambles, sickly saplings,
Thistles, grass and scrub
And hidden creatures who eke out a life.
The occasional predator
Passes by or hovers overhead
Or speculates on monetary gain.

Peter Grieve

RESIDENTS EMAIL LIST

Many of you will have attended the hastily arranged planning meeting in December. I took away from that meeting the idea that the Parish Council should look at setting up a resident's mailing list, so that important information could be distributed in a more speedy manner, rather than being reliant on the monthly Village Voice, village notice boards, word of mouth or leafleting.

With great help from Alex Schuilenburg and using the excellent village website as host this is now in place. There are a couple of simple ways to get put on the distribution list.

By visiting the following link http://westwickham.org/?page_id=1197 or visiting the website westwickham.org, selecting the community tab and selecting residents, you then need to provide your name, your e-mail and your address.

The mailing list has been set up so that only approved communications are sent out to the distribution list. The volume of communication will be limited, there will be no spam and emails will only go to residents of West Wickham and Streetly End who want to receive them. You also have the ability to unsubscribe if you want at any time.

I would thoroughly recommend visiting the village website as its really useful village asset, once again my thanks to Alex for all his continued help.

Patrick Charlton
Vice Chairman, West Wickham Parish Council

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!

Could all dog owners clear up after your dog? It has been an offence since 1996 to allow your dog to foul public land and yet some 18 years later people are still allowing this to happen in our village. The law is very clear on the offence but to remind everyone I have added it below.

Offence.

If a dog defecates at any time on designated land and a person who is in charge of the dog at that time fails to remove the faeces from the land forthwith, that person shall be guilty of an offence unless -

- (a) he has a reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- (b) the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so.

Not only are you allowing it to happen, but the areas that appear to suffer the most are outside the children's playground and on pavements used by children to get to the school bus. It really is not acceptable and I urge anyone that sees someone not clearing up after their dog to highlight the offenders to the Parish Council so that further action can be taken. **Please let's put a stop to this horrible problem.**

Justin Plumb

JANUARY RAINFALL FIGURES

A very wet month! Met Office statistics show the January average rainfall in Cambridgeshire as 46.6mm. We had about 2½ times that amount!

	2014	2013
High Street	112mm	53mm
Streetly End	107.5mm	45mm
Streetly Hall Farm	126mm	56mm

NATURE NOTES

Last month I was looking forward to hearing the first news of frogspawn, but maybe I was a little too optimistic. I have made daily inspections of our overflowing pond, and have spotted a couple of newts in there, but no frogspawn, nor any sign of the sort of froggy activity which always precedes it. The wet, windy yet relatively warm conditions which have produced earlier than usual birdsong doesn't seem to have had the same effect on Kermit and friends.

I also asked for mammal news, and although not strictly within the parish boundary, there has been some news of a mini-revival of the water vole population in this part of the world, sightings having increased on the River Cam in Cambridge and on the Rhee near Bassingbourn. One of the factors helping this revival has been a co-ordinated mink trapping programme by many local landowners. The mink is a very efficient predator, and since establishing itself here has taken a liking to water voles as a favourite snack. Loss of habitat and river pollution were also problems for the water vole, but the release of mink into the wild was a bigger blow that led to a rapid decline over the last few decades.

Of course everyone has been talking about the rain, wind and floods that have beset the whole country since well before Christmas, with the result that everywhere you go, there is mud, but as Di says, "*mud is this year's snow.*" this is all very well for those of us who are interested in wildlife, but the idea of mudball fights or building a mudman....well, I'll leave you to decide. However, Di continues "*we've been looking at animal tracks in the mud for several weeks and the evidence is that there are good numbers of deer, with lots of large footprints, often from footpaths across ditches into woods or fields. Steve saw a small herd of fifteen fallow deer recently - we would welcome sightings of other types of deer. On a walk to Hare Wood recently we found badger prints in the mud along a well-used path, with tell-tale balls of grass usually used for bedding in the sett.*" (Note for those of you spotting tracks: badgers have five toes, foxes only four).

As things stand, (mainly in water) the coming year is promising if you are a slug or snail. This should mean plenty of food for hedgehogs, if there are any, and thrushes, but I would urge gardeners not to resort to slug pellets to protect their plants, as they get passed up the food chain with disastrous effects as, I am told, does rat poison, accounting to some extent for the decline in barn owls in recent years.

Having had virtually no frost this winter, it is not surprising that things are growing early. Di mentions that the hazel catkins have now been joined by the red stars, which are the female parts of the tree, and plants such as dog's mercury, cuckoopint and shepherd's parsley are all beginning to show in the hedgerows. One flower that doesn't seem to mind being drowned is the snowdrop, which has been early and prolific everywhere.

Birdsong, as I said at the beginning has been going strong for some time – tits, dunnoek, song thrush and even skylark have been making themselves heard. Di has spotted huge flocks of both golden plover and fieldfare, but they will both be returning to their breeding grounds soon. I was out in the back garden the other day and the oak tree in the middle of the field behind me was full of chattering fieldfares. Even 100 yards away, the noise was quite striking.

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

IT'S CURLING ON A CARPET! BE INSPIRED

Have you fancied having a go at curling after watching the Winter Olympics? Rinks are few and far between, especially in this part of the country, but why not have a go at carpet bowls? The games are very similar but with no brooms. We play in a team of four with directions from the skip, who plays the last two bowls (called woods rather than stones). Weight of shot and angles are as important as in curling but at our level, tactics and strategy are less important – we play for fun. In our game, the target is a small white ball called the jack, so of course it will move if hit which makes it interesting!

Carpet bowls can be played by anyone, it is easy to learn and all the equipment is provided. We meet every Wednesday at 7pm in the Village Hall, so why not come along and give it a try? You will be very welcome.

Contact Janet Morris, 21 High Street, West Wickham Carpet Bowls Club.

T: 290863, Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH EMAIL WARNINGS

Did you know the village has an email newsgroup, NeighbourhoodWatch@westwickham.org, which receives alerts and weekly updates from eCops regarding local crime or criminals operating in our area? This newsgroup and email list is open to all residents of West Wickham and its surrounding area and allows its subscribers to share, distribute and discuss relevant news, alerts and general information relating to crime, anti-social behaviour, crime prevention and security. You do not have to be a member of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme to receive these alerts and updates. Any suspicious activity you would like to report or discuss with other residents can also be automatically forwarded and shared to all subscribers of the newsgroup without delay by simply emailing it to NeighbourhoodWatch@westwickham.org. You must be a subscriber to the newsgroup to benefit from this service though.

To subscribe to the newsgroup simply send an email to neighbourhoodwatch-request@westwickham.org with the word **subscribe** as either the subject or the body of the message, or fill in the form at

http://www.westwickham.org/mailman/listinfo/neighbourhoodwatch_westwickham.org

You will then receive an email request to confirm your subscription, after which you will receive weekly Neighbourhood Watch updates and alerts via email – simply follow the instruction in the email to complete your subscription.

Please remember there is a police non-emergency number, 101, you can call for things such as reporting theft or damage to your property, suspicious activity or suspected crime in your area. As always, please dial 999 in an emergency.

Alex Schuilenburg. West Wickham Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

NEWS FROM DAISYCHAINS PRESCHOOL

Now Christmas has come and gone (all too quickly, it seems!) the children have got rid of some of their excitement and have settled back down into their routine at Daisy Chains.

The majority (80%) of the children at Preschool this year are currently only just two years old and this presents us with a much different task to the one we had last year when nearly all the children were four years old and ready to move up to primary school. As you can imagine, it is necessary for us to plan our sessions on a much more basic level for these youngsters and allow more time for such routine tasks such as nappy changing, hand washing, snack time etc.

However, all of the new recruits have now settled in well and are quite happy to be left by their parents to enjoy a morning of fun and learning at Daisy Chains. We are very low on numbers of children at the moment so if you know of any child 2-4 yrs old looking to go to preschool then please let their parent know that we will be only too happy to have them enrolled at Daisy Chains.

This half term we have been discovering all about 'Farming', and after half term we will be moving onto the subject of 'People who Help Us'. It would be lovely to involve some members of our community in this so if you are in a profession such as a doctor, vet, hairdresser, postman, baker, farmer etc. then we would love to have you pay us a visit at Daisy Chains to talk about what you do.

Our garden has taken a bit of a step back over the last few weeks but we can now see bulbs appearing on the grass bank and we hope to start setting some more seeds soon. We even have plans to plant a 'lollipop tree'! – Watch this space!

We continue to raise funds whilst endeavouring to involve the community. As I have said before, Daisy Chains belongs to your community, and we have to raise funds in order to continue to operate. The fees coming into the Preschool do not nearly cover our annual expenditure (essentially hall fees and staff wages) so we have to supplement our income by fundraising and to do this we still value your support and input. On behalf of Daisy Chains Committee I would like to thank anybody who has supported us in the past and would like to encourage your continued support in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the quiz night – 28 February. It has been left to me to set the questions and activities and I have tried to include a little bit of everything so come and have some fun.

One Little Clue – the half-time activity will include use of a plastic teaspoon and an elastic band so get your 'thinking hats' on !!!!!!!!

Sue Harrow.

MEADOW PTA JUMBLE SALE

Thank you to everyone who came long and supported our Jumble Sale at the end of January. It was a successful afternoon where we made £1,210 profit earmarked for our next big project, the re-development of the Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 outdoor play area.

Meadow School PTA (pta@meadow.cambs.sch.uk)

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

This first half term has flown by! I am delighted to be able to tell you that the upgrading of the ICT suite has been completed! Thanks to the PTA, the residents in West Wrattling and the grants that the school applied for last year, the school has now been able to order 34 computers and with additional money, we have been able to order ten iPads. This investment will allow "whole class" teaching to take place in the ICT Suite, with each child having their own machine to work on. The old computers will be distributed around the school for classroom use. To top it off, the Meadow's Parent Voice has pulled together a team of parents who are going to be repainting the ICT Suite prior to the arrival of all of the new equipment. A huge thank you to all that have been involved in this project – the children are absolutely delighted and this will have a huge impact on the children developing their computing skills.

Our next big project is the redevelopment of the Key Stage One play area. It's extremely important that the children get as much outdoor time as possible all year round. Currently the play area is used throughout the whole year and during the wetter times of year, the play area gets extremely muddy and limits where the children can be when they are outdoors. We are really keen to get involvement from parents and the community. We are looking for a whole range of support from advice on landscaping, help with gardening, shed building, heavy lifting and ideas for improving the outdoor experience for the children. You don't need to have children at the school to help we would love to hear from anyone in the community. If you think this is something you could help us with, please call us on 01223 894400.

As I mentioned last month, LVC and The Meadow School were holding a parent consultation about the school joining the Multi Academy Trust. There were no objections and we are on track to converting to Academy status in the next few months. We are expecting an HMI visit in the next couple of months and we look forward to reporting validation of the improvements that are happening at the school to the parents and the community.

Nichola Connor, Interim Head Teacher

MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 28 March

**7.30 start for 8pm
at the Meadow School**

**Get together a team of up to 8
Advance ticket sales only. £8.00 per ticket
available from the School Office or email
pta@meadow.cambs.sch.uk**

**Fish & chip supper included
Bar Raffle**

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

I tell any teacher who is interested in working at LVC that we have always been more than a school. As a Village College we are a hub of community activity: an 11 – 16 school, a playgroup, an out of school club, a sports centre, an adult education centre and a venue for a vast range of different activities from local fairs and markets to high quality concerts. Henry Morris' vision for the College is very much alive in our ethos.

The person who manages this on a day to day basis is our Community Business Manager, Matt Bailey, who began working with us in September. Matt has already made his mark at the College and would like to introduce himself and his ideas here:

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Since September I have been working hard on many projects to increase the functionality of the "behind the scenes" aspects of the College with some immediate successes.

I am now looking for your help to assist me in the continual improvement of the services I manage. I have put together a series of user/non-user meetings for you to come in and meet me to go through my ideas and to listen to yours.

Monday 3 March

Sports Centre user/non-user meeting

Monday 10 March

All Weather Pitch meeting to discuss purchasing a replacement surface and sponsorship opportunities/partnerships

Monday 17 March

Adult Education user/non-user meeting

Monday 24 March

Playgroup and Out of School Club user/non-user meeting

All of the above meetings will start at 6pm.

Please can you email me at matt.bailey@lvc.org or call me on 01223 891233 if you would like to come along to any or all of the meetings.



Easter Egg Hunt
Sunday 6th April
2.00 – 4.30 pm at
Daisy Chains Pre School
West Wickham

£2 per 'eggexplorer' with
chocolate egg given at the end.

Come and join us for an
afternoon of fun:

Easter Crafts
Refreshments
Bar
Raffle
Toy Tombola

GRANTA DEANERY SPRING FAIR

Saturday 15 March. 10.00–12.00 noon

Great Shelford Memorial Hall

Cakes Produce White Elephant Toys Raffle
China Glass Cards Gifts Tombola Refreshments
Wide Range of Books

Entrance: Adults 30p Children Free

ACCESS TO MEDICAL RECORDS

3 VERY DIFFERENT 'SHARING' SYSTEMS

GP Practices across England will soon be required to allow the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) to extract patients' medical data. This will include family history, diagnoses, referrals, pathology results, and details of prescriptions. This programme is called **care.data** and all households will have received a leaflet through the post entitled 'Better information means better care'. The information extracted will be collated with hospital and other secondary care data and may then be used by researchers and policy makers. Individual patients have the right to opt out and you can write to us, or pick up a form from reception.

It is very confusing as there are now three very different forms of data sharing, the **care.data** model as described above, the Summary Care Records scheme (**SCR**) and the Enhanced Data Sharing Model (**eDSM**) which applies to users of the SystmOne Clinical System only.

The **SCR** only records information on medicines, allergies and adverse reactions for each patient on the national database. This information is then available to others in the NHS, such as A&E. Only staff with the relevant NHS smartcard access rights will be able to access the record and patients will be asked for permission on each occasion when access is requested. There was a national leaflet drop several years ago about this project when patients were given the opportunity to opt-out. New patients are asked about this as they register with us. Linton Health Centre is due to go forward with the SCR upload in **March 2014**.

eDSM is again a very different sharing model. This allows other users of SystmOne clinical system, who are involved in the patient's care, to have access to their full medical record. This is a relatively new development and we are asking patients whether they are happy to share their record in this way. The out-of-hours service, 111 and Community Services all have access to SystmOne. Patient permission is sought at each organisation so control remains with the patient. Some of the doctors at Linton work for the out-of-hours service and they have found it very useful to have access to patients records in this way when they are working out-of-hours.

Dr Wheeler & Partners

(Ed. It has just been announced that care.data has been delayed till later in the year)

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