

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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VILLAGE DIARY

- Wed 1 Carpet Bowls Club. Cancelled until further notice
Sun 5 No church service. See page 2
Mon 6 **Black wheeled bin collection**
Local History Club - cancelled
Sun 12 No church service. See page 2
Wed 15 **Blue wheeled bin only (late) collection.**
Thur 16 **Deadline for items for inclusion in the May edition of the Village Voice**
Sun 19 No church service. See page 2
Mon 20 **Black wheeled bin collection**
Gardening Club - cancelled
Sat 25 Hub Night - cancelled
Sun 26 No church service. See page 2
Mon 27 **Blue wheeled bin only collection**

Daisy Chains Pre-School. Cancelled until further notice

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday 2 May
Daisy Chains Pre-School Jumble Sale
Cancelled

Saturday 16 May
West Wickham & District Gardening Club
Plant Sale
Postponed possibly until the Autumn

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.

Note. There are likely to be restrictions on use during the Coronavirus emergency.

Village Hall. Revised rates (for Village use):

- Sport Hire: day or evening £8.00/hour
Meeting Room: day (9.00 – 19.00) £6.00/hour.
evening £8.00/hour.
Main Room: day (9.00 – 19.00) £8.00/hour.
evening £12.00/hour.
Complete Hall: day (9.00 – 19.00) £14.00/hour.
evening £18.00/hour.
Children's party (under 14): £36.00 daytime.
£48.00 evening.
Adult's party/disco (14 & over): £72.00
Wedding reception: Price on application.

To book the Village Hall contact Georgina Magin
Email: bookings@westwickham.org
visit www.westwickham.org
or T: 01223 290972

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❖ CORONAVIRUS ❖

As the virus spreads, we are warned by the Government that people showing symptoms and those categorized as vulnerable (including over 70s) will be asked to 'self-isolate' for a significant period of time.

It is planned to develop a support structure to assist anyone in the village who needs support. By the time you read this both the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council will have taken action on this and it is expected that for those people who are self-isolating and vulnerable, especially those living alone, there will be a group of volunteers who can make regular contact to check on welfare and meet needs such as shopping and collection of prescriptions.

The village web site <https://westwickham.org> will contain information about how people will be supported locally and who to contact if you think you will need help or want to volunteer. It will also be helpful if as many people as possible sign up to the residents' email group which would be a very useful method of communication. We recognise that not everyone has a computer or is connected to the internet, so contact any Parish Councillor if you want to volunteer or if you need help.

Parish Councillors are Di Licence on 290434 (co-ordinating with Nicky Cornish for the PCC), Patrick Charlton (290027), Marcus Cornish (290203), Peter Grieve (897811), Alan Hazelhurst (07485 050292), Dave Sargeant (290048) and Alex Schuilenburg (290048).

❖ GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICE ❖

Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented coronavirus national emergency and following the latest government advice we are cancelling all routine face-to-face appointments. This is for the safety of both our patients and our staff. Instead we are offering an enhanced telephone service from clinicians. If you would like to receive a phone call please ring 0300 234 5555 (8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday) or alternatively you can contact us with non-urgent queries via email on capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net

We will still see patients where it is clinically essential, after we have done a remote assessment. We are working to keep all of our patients as safe as we can. This means "remote by default" including phone and email contact.

The dispensing of repeat medications will continue as usual.

Dr James Morrow, Managing Partner

VILLAGE CLEAN-UP

Choosing the Ides of March for the annual clean-up may have been tempting fate but the rain held off until most of us had finished our work and there was no repeat of last year's gale.

A very big thank-you goes to Ronnie, Andy, Patrick, Andrew, Janet, Stan, Indi, Nuala, Laura and Sue, representing a wide range both generationally and geographically.

Altogether we collected 23 bags of rubbish kindly deposited on our verges, ditches and footpaths. My personal highlight was a tin of Spam (empty), harking back to the days of wartime rationing. Otherwise, past

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Village clean-up continued

trends from last year continued, with Fosters having a near monopoly of the beer cans, while there was good sprinkling of soft drink containers and crisp packets. There were also a number of spirit bottles and empty fag packets.

Thanks go to South Cambs District Council for providing the equipment, but also to those people who regularly pick up litter through the year. Ironically there was a large fly-tip at the junction of the Roman Road and Dean Road just prior to the weekend. This was been reported to the Council and it has been cleared.

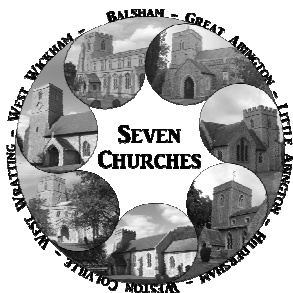
Peter Grieve

❖ BALSHAM HELPING HANDS ❖

Balsham Helping Hands, the local community transport scheme, is no longer able to provide drivers to take people to medical appointments etc. Over the past few weeks the scheme has been actively trying to recruit new volunteers. Several drivers have had to step down in recent months, either due to their own health needs or the needs of family members. Additionally, other volunteers were needed to co-ordinate the requests for transport and to take over the general administration of the scheme, in order to keep it going beyond the end of May. However, the current medical situation in the country understandably means that Helping Hands has had to stop providing transport for other people.

Jenny Gooch, T: 290662

❖ CHURCH SERVICES ❖



Our usual pattern of Sunday services are suspended for the time being, so instead we are encouraging people, from their own homes, to join together in a **Time of Prayer between 10am and 10:30am each Sunday morning**, and in this time to read a short passage of the bible, pray for our villages

and the wider world, and give thanks. You may also wish to light a candle or read a short reflection in this time. For more information about resources for prayer and reflection at home please do contact Rev Iain, 01223 890693 mccoll.iain@gmail.com or ask our Church Administrator, Cazzy Walshe, 01223 891443 7churches.seven@gmail.com to receive a newsletter from us by email.

Our churches will remain open during the week and people are welcome to come in for prayer and reflection, although if others are there as well please do, out of care for one another, maintain an appropriate distance.

❖ GRANTA VALE COMMUNITY HUBS ❖

Due to the current situation we are suspending the monthly Hubs for the time being. However we do encourage people to keep in touch with each other, and offer support through this difficult time. If you would like any further information please contact Cazzy Walshe on 01223 891443 or 7churches.seven@gmail.com

FROM THE VICAR

We live in tumultuous times. The country is experiencing its greatest crisis since the end of the Second World War and concern, worry and fear are seeping into our lives. There is, however, also a genuine upsurge of solidarity and compassion, with people stepping forward to support their local communities and those who feel vulnerable. It's often at times of greatest trial we see the best in each other and remember what's really important in life.

As we reflect on the hope of Easter during this time of crisis, we celebrate how the new life offered by Jesus overcomes despair and death. As we are reminded of our own broken humanity in the fear and betrayal which led to Jesus' crucifixion, we also remember that the risen Jesus told his followers not to be afraid, but to receive the gift of his Spirit. We encounter this good news afresh through scripture, prayer and the work of that same Spirit, and thereby see faith, hope and love become tangible. We will continue as churches, during this time, to proclaim faith, hope and love in Christ's name. You may also know that many initiatives have started throughout our local villages, where people are offering telephone support to those who are self-isolating and showing practical love for our neighbours by helping with the delivery of food, medicines or other essentials. Please consider how you may best support such initiatives as we seek to help and love one another in the time ahead.

Revd Iain McColl,

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❖ WHEELED BIN COLLECTION ❖

South Cambs District Council has suspended green bin collections due to the coronavirus. They hope to continue collections from May 4. The suspension of green bin collections will allow crews to concentrate on emptying blue and black bins during the coming weeks.

For this period only, the advice to residents who do have food waste is to put it into the black bin. Residents who are subscribed to the additional green bin collection scheme, and therefore pay for more than one green bin to be collected, will see a reduced fee for their permit upon renewal in the October.

The bulky waste collection service will also be suspended during this period.

Double bag black bin waste if suffering symptoms

If you're experiencing the main symptoms please be very careful when disposing of your personal waste (including used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths/wipes) at home. The advice for disposal of this waste is as follows:

1. It should be put in a plastic rubbish bag and tied when full
2. The plastic bag should then be placed in a second bin bag and tied
3. It should be kept separate from other waste in suitable secure place on your property for 72 hours before being placed in the black bin as normal

The principle behind this method is that after 72 hours the virus is no longer viable. This approach will help keep bin collection crews as safe as possible. Residents who experience any waste-related difficulties during this period are asked to email refuse@scambs.gov.uk or call 03450 450 063. **For updates visit westwickham.org**

NATURE NOTES

With the spectre of self-isolation looming it is a good time to remind ourselves that we are not alone but an integral part of the natural world. Spring is the best time of year to appreciate that so much is going on around us as vegetation comes back to life and the animal kingdom is at its most active.

The warmish sunny weather has encouraged the spring flowers to burst forth, the prevailing colour being yellow. Celandine is in the front rank, a lover of damp ground whose petals close up when the sun goes in; dandelions, showing intensely yellow blooms which are very valuable to bees and other insects in search of nectar (gardeners please note); and the delightful but increasingly rare coltsfoot with its fine petals but reluctant leaves that reveal themselves only after the flowers have appeared. Primroses and oxlips are also in flower in the woods, along with the wood anemone which is on the point of coming out.

The hedgerows are beginning to green up, with elder and hawthorn being the first to show their leaves. Blackthorn produces its blossom before the leaves and looks spectacularly white against the dark stems. The stretch of road going up towards Woodditton from the July Course roundabout always puts on a good show. Folklore refers to a 'blackthorn winter', implying that we usually have a cold a spell when the blackthorn is in flower. I think we did, but it was a short one.

As the flowers emerge, insects respond to take advantage of what is on offer. We have noticed that bumble bees have begun to appear and Di has seen some honey bees on the spring flowers. I saw my first brimstone butterfly of the year flying across my mother-in-law's garden, but in general the temperatures haven't quite been warm enough to tempt out our overwintering butterflies. In April, keep a look out for the first orange tips - they are one of the first butterflies of the year to emerge from a chrysalis and lay their eggs on lady's smock and jack-by-the-hedge (otherwise known as cuckoo flower and garlic mustard).

Our resident birds are beginning to ramp up the dawn chorus. During February it all seemed to be left to the song thrushes but they have been joined by robins, dunnock and blackbirds in recent days. This morning I lay in bed listening to the somewhat monotonous tones of the collared dove who incessantly repeats the letter 'r' in morse code, when a blackbird suddenly broke in with the most beautiful song, improving my mood no end. If anyone is interested, the woodpigeon's refrain translates to emi in morse code. I hope everyone is listening out for the first chiffchaff, named for its song. Please let us know if and when you hear it.

I don't think mad March hares have been sighted much this month (not by me anyway) but the antics of the 'Mighty Maypole Mouse have caused quite a stir. It appeared on Annabel's toilet window sill, some 20 feet above ground. Her son tried to rescue it with a net out of the window but the mouse ran head first down the brickwork and reached the ground. The mouse showed considerable agility and bravery as there were two cats living next door. It clearly decided that being caught in a net was even less desirable than risking the waiting feline jaws.

Please send your nature sightings to:

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Di Licence. T: 290434, E: dianarubylicence@gmail.com

GUESS WHERE AND WHEN?



Answer on page 4.

From West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW SATURDAY 22 AUGUST

All being well, the Annual Show this year will be held on Saturday 22 August in the Village Hall. A draft of the Show Schedule is available on the village website: <https://westwickham.org/> and between now and August I will be trying to encourage you to take part by highlighting some of this year's classes so that you can plan ahead with your growing, cooking and snapping. It would be great if more of you took part this year as entrants and visitors to last year's show were disappointingly low.

This year, the three Photography classes for you to start thinking about are:

- Off the beaten track.
- Portrait of a single vegetable, growing or arranged.
- Life in the garden.

Photos must have been taken since August 2019. You can enter up to two entries for each class and they need to be emailed, printed or delivered as a digital image beforehand. Full details will be given in the Schedule which will be distributed with the Village Voice before the Show.

The judge of the Photography Classes, Ronnie Temple, who lives in the village, had generously offered to lead a short walk around the village in the spring to encourage those of you interested to come along with your phones and cameras and take advantage of the opportunity to benefit from his suggestions and feedback. In view of the current health crisis we have postponed setting a date for this but hope to run it later in the year.

Sue Thurston, Coordinator, Show Committee
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❖ BALSHAM SINGERS CONCERT ❖

The concert on Saturday 16 May has sadly been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak and concerns of infection. We plan to resume in the Autumn with the 25th anniversary concert in December.

Thank you for all the support from the community.

U18S FOOTBALL



The boys have played well through a very stop and start season. With many games cancelled /postponed due to a wet winter and weekend spring gales, we now face coronavirus! Our last match on 15 March saw a 5-1 victory over Shelford. As you can see from the table below our team is in a good position with games in-hand. We do not now know when or if the season will restart.

Thanks to all the players and their parents / friends who come along and support us at each match. We have seen some good games and the boys have had a lot of fun. Again, thanks to our sponsors Hill Housing and our local furniture warehouse 'Homebrands' on the Common.

POS		P	W	D	L	PTS
1	Coton	13	10	1	2	31
2	Caldecote	14	10	1	3	31
3	Cottenham United Colts	14	9	1	4	28
4	Balsham Colts Wickham Burwell Tigers	12	8	1	3	25
5	Ely City Crusaders	11	3	4	4	13
7	Shelford & Stapleford Strikers	13	2	4	7	10
8	Milton Colts	15	2	1	12	7
9	Fenstanton Youth	14	1	4	9	7

Ben Drury

GUESS WHERE & WHEN? ANSWER

This is nos 19 and 23 High Street in the 1920s. 19 was the Salvation Army Hall from the 1890s to c1945 when it moved to a building almost opposite. 23 was built c1904 by the builder William Walter Ewin on his marriage (it replaced two cottages). His family home was no 25, out of sight behind the white house which was demolished in the 1970s and replaced by the garage extension to 23. It had at one time been the home of the Bradnam family, two of whom, brothers Albert and Bennett, were killed in the First World War. The woman in the distance looks like she is heading to one of the village pumps, just off to the right.

For further details of these buildings (or information/ memories of them) or of the Photo Archive contact Janet Morris: Tel: 290863, Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

FREE WIFI @ VILLAGE HALL

Internet access is now freely available at the Village Hall through CambWiFi. CambWiFi provides free and secure network internet access in over 150 public buildings, community centres and spaces throughout Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, providing people access to social networks, news sites and public services and allowing people to shop, pay bills online, keep in touch with family and friends, and even access work.

Its simple and safe to use - you just need a device with WiFi such as a tablet, laptop or modern mobile phone. If you have already used CambWiFi, simply connect to the 'CambWiFi_Public' wifi access point with your device as normal. If not you'll need to register first:

1. Open the WiFi setting of your device and find 'CambWiFi_Public'
2. Enter your name and email, read and accept the terms, then 'Register'
3. A new web page will open. Click the 'Login' button - it will refresh and send you to Connecting Cambridgeshire website's CambWifi page. Please Note: If you are logging in through a mobile phone or tablet (instead of a laptop), while you can click "Done" to close the screen you're still not fully logged in.
4. Check your email within 10 minutes and click on 'click here'.
5. A new login page will open up. Click 'Connect'.

You will now be connected automatically whenever you are in a CambWiFi location. You can connect up to 10 devices using the same account, and will be required to re-register every six months.

For more details on CambWifi, visit <https://www.connectingcambridgeshire.co.uk/public-access-wifi/public-wifi/>

Alex Schuilenburg

1st HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

This term we have been working on getting the unit meeting activity minutes logged so the girls can get closer to achieving their bronze and silver awards then finally their gold award. I have a couple of Brownies who have nearly reached their bronze and silver awards (two theme awards and four theme awards respectively), which is great news. We have been stargazing on a night walk and getting ready for our annual holiday away at the Jarman Centre.

The holiday was planned for the end of March but following the announcement from the Government on 16 March Girlguiding has suspended all unit meetings until further notice. This will mean that our holiday is cancelled. Brownies is where the girls have fun learning new skills and enjoy just bring themselves. If you would like to know more about Brownies please check out the Girlguiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) or drop us a message on our new email address horseheathbrownies@gmail.com.

Pauline, Katie, and Laurené

THANK YOU

Thank you to our neighbours and everyone in the village for your tolerance and understanding during our house build. Indi and Peter Liepa, 41 High Street

MEET THE NEIGHBOURS

This month, Rob and Heather Giles from Streetly End.

Tell us a bit about yourselves

We both like outdoor activities and when we can we go canoeing, hill walking and skiing. Heather works at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket and I work as a tree surgeon in the local area. We have a very friendly one eyed spaniel 'Rhum' who likes to greet anybody walking down Webb's Lane. I volunteered as the Streetly End 'Gritter' last year but have frequently been away for the few occasions we have had a frost this year, if any Streetly End residents want to help out I can show them where the gritter is stored!



How long have you lived in the village?

Heather was brought up here but moved to university in 2000. We moved to Streetly End together in the summer of 2017.

What brought you here?

A desire to be close to family and a love of the countryside.

Do you know anything of the history of your house?

We know it was built around 1660 and used to be part of the mill estate at Streetly End. At one point it was thatched but it is now tiled. The house and farm were rented and then owned by the Webb family who were well respected sheep and cattle breeders – we still have some of the prize certificates from when the Webbs were here. The farmyard was remodelled in the 1950's and the house restored in the late 80's.

How has the village changed since you've lived here?

Not noticeably, but it's not been that long

What do you like best about living in West Wickham?

It is a tranquil place to live yet close enough to Cambridge.

..... and like least?

The prospect of a dual carriageway 500m away

Is there anything missing from the village that you'd like to see?

It's a shame the pub in Streetly End closed many years ago, however we can use the footpath from ours to get to the Old Red Lion with ease

Do you have any special plans for 2020?

We are trying to slowly update the house and outbuildings. At some point we'll celebrate our fifth wedding anniversary.

Thank you.

If you would like to take part or would like to suggest someone for the Editors to ask, please get in touch.

Sue Thurston

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

In times of great uncertainty like we face at the moment, we are reminded of the need for community and selflessness. As a school, we have a great responsibility to look out for all members of our school community and the wider village around us. We have been hugely encouraged by the offers of help we have had from a few parents today who have been out to purchase food to help support our most vulnerable families in case of school closures. These moments are hugely humbling and we are enormously grateful to those parents who are pulling together to help cook meals for those in need. By the time this article gets read, we may already have been issued with instructions to close by the government, but until that moment, we will be striving to ensure that our school continues as normally as possible to help provide consistency for our pupils and their families.

Prior to the onset of the Coronavirus March was very busy. Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful visit from Dr Dugdale, a parent within our school community, as part of the Year 6 Science about the respiratory and circulation system. The children were enthralled at his talk on the heart, including some looking at some detailed pictures of the organs. They loved looking at some of the equipment he might use and asking him questions about his job. There are definitely some budding doctors in our school!

World Book Day was in early March. The children all enjoyed a day celebrating books, particularly themed around Africa, linked to a project in Malawi aimed at setting up libraries in schools. Mrs Butcher held an assembly, where she shared details about the school, and it was certainly a good reminder to many children just how fortunate we are to have free access to good quality children's books in school.

Coinciding with World Book Day was the BBC 500 word competition. We also held a small version of the competition and the quality of the stories received was outstanding and certainly made Mrs Butcher's job of choosing a winner very difficult. After much agonising Mrs Butcher awarded Alex Wilson in Heron Class the prize for Year 3/4 and Isobel Boswell in Kingfisher the prize for Year 5/6. A huge congratulations to all the children who submitted a story.

Sports Relief is always a big event in our school, held every other year. The highlight of the day was definitely the 'Pound' workshop led by Mrs Haynes. 'Pound' is a cardio workout, which combines dance and drumming. Each class had a 30 minutes slot exploring this workout session and absolutely loved it!

Cambridge United also came into school to lead a whole school assembly for us. They introduced their 'Kick It Out' campaign to the children, aimed at highlighting the importance of respecting diversity in sport and in our wider communities. The children were very excited that there was a real life, first team footballer from Cambridge United helping present the assembly and they were very engaged in hearing about what diversity is.

We hope to be able to continue publishing the Meadow School news over the next few months. If we are not able to due to school closures, we wish all our school community every blessing during this difficult and concerning time.

Nicola Connor, Head Teacher

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

March has been an eventful month. The spread of the Coronavirus has been, and continues to be, one of those 'once in a generation' events that the UK government has had to assess, mitigate against and put in place contingency plans in double quick time. Similarly for the College, balancing the rhythms of the academic year (including the approaching exam season) and the reality of student, parent and staff absences as the outbreak has developed, has been a careful balancing act.

Despite the disruption of the Coronavirus, the College still managed to stage the annual school performance in March. This year, the students put on 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle'. The Arts, and the school production in particular, takes students on a journey that grows them in quite extraordinary ways; the countless rehearsals, learning of lines and final performances develop extraordinary resilience and grit in the participants. I attended the Saturday performance and it still amazes me how students who might be usually quiet and modest in lessons blossom into confident and accomplished actors on stage. Brecht demands a lot of his cast and it was wonderful to see the students rise to the challenge, guided and led by the Drama Department.

By the time you are reading this over 100 English GCSE students may or may not have travelled, depending on the emerging Coronavirus situation, to Cambridge to watch 'An Inspector Calls' by JB Priestley. It is a play that sometimes provokes fierce discussion around social hypocrisy and the boundaries of justice and responsibility. I recently read a critique of the play in a 'right of centre' magazine that was scathing of the plot and Priestley's socialist motives. At the same time the article was keen to explain how Priestley's skilful writing was able to draw in, and dupe, the audience into sharing his world view. In other words, according to the article, Priestley's ideas are preposterous but he is a dangerously clever advocate of them and we have to be beware.

The magazine article is a clear example of how the issues Priestley raises are as divisive in 2020 as they were in 1945 when the play was first performed. The teaching profession carries a great responsibility in educating students to be independent, critical thinkers who make up their own minds around some of the big questions in politics and society. 'An Inspector Calls' is rich material for debate and I know the students enjoy discussing these big questions in lessons which undoubtedly inform their beliefs and thinking. Experiences such as 'The Caucasian Chalk Circle' and 'An Inspector Calls' are essential parts of a rich curriculum that grows passionate lifelong learners in the spirit of the Village College ethos. They also provide students, and especially Year 11 students at this time of year, with the grit to keep working for the upcoming GCSEs when the end isn't quite in sight. If you have a moment over Easter, I hope you can spare a thought for the Year 11s who will spend most of their break revising hard for the approaching exams. In the meantime, I hope you all have a restful Easter.

Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal

★ **HUB NIGHT!** ★
WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

**WILL RETURN
LATER IN THE YEAR**



USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Helping Hands: 07399 263222
Granta Medical Practice/Linton Health Centre:
0300 234 5555 option 3

SPOTTED FLYCATCHERS

Have you got this increasingly rare bird breeding in your garden? Let us know!



In recent years many Cambridgeshire community and parish newsletters, magazines and websites have helped with a County-wide survey of Spotted Flycatchers. These are attractive little migrant birds which are summer visitors to village gardens and churchyards. Although they breed with us, they spend up to nine

months of the year travelling as much as 16,000 miles a year between here and their wintering grounds in Southern Africa – Angola and Namibia. This is an increasingly dangerous journey for them, and sadly they are in deep decline. Widespread losses amounted to a 50% decline during 1995-2010, continuing a 90% decline since 1970.

Only a few hundred pairs remain breeding in Cambridgeshire, but most villages still have a pair or two; they rarely breed out in the wider countryside. We are continuing our work to find and monitor nesting pairs. It's almost certain that there are many additional pairs out there of which we are not aware.

Do you have flycatchers in your garden? Will you see one this year, or have you in recent years? The few that remain are here from mid-May to September. There is lots more to read about our project and Spotted Flycatchers in general at bit.ly/SpotFly

Please email: spofl@cambridgebirdclub.org.uk with any sightings.

Michael Holdsworth, Cambridgeshire Bird Club/BTO
(Photograph Tom Reynolds)

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