

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Tuesday 1 September	Blue & green
Monday 7 September	Black
Monday 14 September	Blue & green
Monday 21 September	Black
Monday 28 September	Blue & green

The green bin collection has been reinstated. For further information please visit www.scams.gov.uk or www.westwickham.org

Household Recycling Centres have reopened visit the South Cambs website www.scams.gov.uk

FOR UPDATES & USEFUL INFORMATION GO TO www.westwickham.org

If you aren't online the Editors are more than happy to help.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Email: 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com
Tuesday & Thursday unless otherwise stated on her mobile phone. This is NOT a 24hr monitored service.

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GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES 2020 Flu Clinics

In the wake of coronavirus, it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination. However, with Covid-19 comes the challenge as to how we vaccinate 10,000 Granta patients in a socially-distanced manner, to ensure the safety of our patients, our staff and our local community.

Duxford Imperial War Museum has very kindly agreed to help us and we will be holding "drive-through" flu clinics on **Saturday 3 October** and **Saturday 17 October**. If you cannot get to these clinics please do not worry; we will make sure that the patients who can't attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at our surgeries. If you are housebound separate arrangements will be made for you.

Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those patients who will be 65 years old before 31 March 2021, and those patients 6 months of age and up to and including 64 years of age if they fall into one or more of the "at risk" groups. Details of the "at risk" groups can be found on our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination please feel free to ring us and we can let you know.

As you will have heard on the news, the government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. However, NHS England wants us to prioritise the "at risk" patients first, and the new second cohort of patients will be vaccinated towards the end of the year. We will send out further details as soon as we have them. Children aged 2 years old and 3 years old are automatically eligible to be vaccinated by us. These will be done in our surgeries. Children from 4 years old to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an "at risk" category.

Appointment slots should be available to book from the end of August – keep an eye on our website for further details (see below).

Please note that you MUST pre-book your flu appointment. Please do not just turn up on the day - you will be sent away.

If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination please be aware that you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. **You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for accommodating us in this fantastic community collaboration.

Sandra East, Granta Medical Practice. www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk

HUB NIGHT
NEWS



We hope everyone is keeping well. Planning and hygiene training is under way for the safe return of the village Hub Nights. We are not rushing back because we feel our local pubs need our support right now and we are blessed with some fantastic local ones.

Pete and Rachel at The Chestnut Tree in West Wrattling have been firm supporters of our Hub Nights since we started in 2017 and it is such a pleasure to be able to pop over and enjoy a chilled drink there this summer. They also have great food, if you would like to eat it is advisable to book ahead. We will keep you posted; plans are underway for a couple of great Hub nights soon.

Di and Nicci

VILLAGE HALL TO RE-OPEN

The Village Hall Management Committee has been working over the past few months to make the hall available for use following the shutdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

This resulted in the initial re-opening of the hall for the use of the Daisy Chains Pre-School in July. This was achieved by a lot of effort in putting together a number of procedures that met the latest government guidelines and by using the Cambridgeshire County Council Early Years recommendations for opening the hall for pre-school use.

The Committee has now implemented the government guidelines for opening the hall for general use. This was done by using the recommendations provided by ACRE (Action for Rural Communities in England) who have been supporting Parish Councils and Village Halls during the coronavirus pandemic. The work by the Management Committee has resulted in a major revision to how the hall manages bookings and establishes procedures to maintain social distancing and hygiene standards when the hall is in use. The new documentation is being sent to all the regular hall users and will be put on the village website. It is hoped that the hall will be open for use the beginning of September following some re-decoration inside the hall.

The government has provided a number of small business grants and the Village Hall qualified for a grant of £10,000 which is being used to pay for the extra cleaning and sanitising equipment needed to meet the Covid-19 safeguarding measures.

The Government requirement says that the hall should be "Covid Secure"; this means that we are required to maintain a high level of cleanliness. The hall will be cleaned weekly but users will have to clean the parts of the hall they use before and after their sessions. Social distancing of 2 metres has to be maintained on both entering and leaving the building. The social distancing in the hall may be altered according to the nature of the activity and appropriate risk assessment. Social distancing will limit the number of people who can use the hall at any one time to thirty. Face masks will have to be worn except where there is a recognized exception.

Hirers will be required to keep details of those attending and maintain track and trace records. In the event of someone in the hall showing coronavirus symptoms they will be sent home and there is a procedure for them to be isolated in the hall if necessary and for putting the track and trace system into effect.

Trevor Hall, Chairman West Wickham Village Hall Management Committee



**GUESS
WHERE AND
WHEN?**

Answer on page 6.

From
West Wickham &
District Local

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Coronavirus update: Thankfully, there had been no cases in West Wickham to date. Updates from SCDC are received regularly regarding any changes in procedures. Cllr Di Licence and Nicky Cornish are hopeful that, if there is a second wave, the volunteers will still be able to help.

Planning:

20/2564 – Solar Farm at the Wrattling Common crossroad: This was not supported and very detailed comments were submitted to the District Council. Cllr Sargeant was thanked for his work on this

20/2565 – New dwelling adjacent to the former White Horse PH. No recommendation was made but it was not supported because of the history of this site.

Finance: Full details are shown on the draft Minutes now posted on the notice boards.

Maintenance:

1. Pavements: These are in the process of being repaired and resurfaced.
2. 30mph road markings at Streetly End: The pothole has been repaired but the red strip and 30mph marking still needs replacing.
3. Broken bench in playground: This will be replaced by the Parish Council.

Village Hall & Recreation ground:

1. Use of the Hall: Regular groups will hopefully be returning shortly and enquiries for new bookings have been made.
2. Football Net: One has been purchased, erected and is in use.

Zero Carbon funding: Trevor Hall (Chairman of the WWVHC) reported that the committee intends to apply for this and is obtaining quotes for renewing lighting, heating and waste disposal.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Sargeant reported that the first draft has been distributed to the Parish Council for comment. The section on the development framework must be carefully written so it would allow any extension of the Village Hall if necessary.

Allotments:

1. Vacancy: An allotment is available to rent. (ED. See separate item)
2. Replacing gate: A gate has been donated to the allotment holders to replace the broken one.

Report from District and County Councillors Harvey & Batchelor: A1307 update. There have been workshops over July and August looking at specific schemes on the A1307. The schemes that drew the most concern were the proposed westbound bus lane at Linton and the loss of the rural 'hub' at Linton, but there is a chance this could be looked at later down the line. For more up to date detail go to GCP website <https://www.gretercambridge.org.uk/>
Their full report is available at www.westwickham.org

The next meeting will be held on Monday 28 September.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk, T:01223 665260;
Email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

ALLOTMENT AVAILABLE 2020/2021

There is a half-allotment now available

If anyone would like to rent it at £7.50 per year, please contact the Parish Clerk, 88 High Street, Balsham.
T: 01223 665260, Email j.richards597@btinternet.com or contact one of the Parish Councillors.
(ED. See www.westwickham.org).

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk, West Wickham Parish Council

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES PHARMACY

You can now get your medicines delivered for free

and you don't have to be a Granta patient! For further information and to sign up for this great new service from your local community pharmacy simply call us on 01223 727530 or email us on capccg.grantadispensing@nhs.net

Please note that if you are ordering a repeat prescription please order 7 to 10 days before you are due to run out.

VILLAGE HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE Watch this space for details of our Autumn/Winter Social Event!

A Social Committee for the Village Hall has recently been established. Members of this are Diane Hazlehurst, Di Licence and Sue Harrow.

We would like to put on exciting events that our residents want to come along to in and around the Village Hall, once Covid restrictions have been lifted. We are keen to identify what you would like. Here are some ideas and we would very much welcome yours.

- BBQ
- Picnic
- Bar and soft drinks
- Summer Fete
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Outdoor Games – Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis
- Monthly coffee mornings
- Cake decorating competitions for children and adults

We can combine some of the suggestions together into a single event too. Please email your thoughts to dianehazlehurst45@gmail.com.

DAISY CHAINS PRE-SCHOOL

There are places available for children from their second birthday. Ofsted rated outstanding, large bright facilities and a fantastic outdoor play area including a nature reserve. The staff are very experienced, caring and nurturing and there is a high staff to child ratio. Please contact 07943866294 to arrange a visit. Short term places are available if you are on the Buttercups waiting list. The Pre-School has full covid-19 precautions in place, and is open Monday 9.30-12.30, and Tuesday to Thursday 9.30-12.30 with additional lunch club until 2.30.

Jess Ashbridge, Daisy Chains Preschool Chairman.

LETTER TO THE EDITORS DOG FOULING

This is a polite request from the owners of former White Horse pub to whoever the dog owner is that thinks it acceptable to leave their dogs mess on our driveway. We already have to put up with people allowing their dogs to mess on the old car park as they obviously think it is just waste ground even though our cars are parked there. More than once we have stepped out of our cars straight into it. Leaving it in the middle of what is obviously our driveway is totally unacceptable. Please be assured if we find out who's dog it is we will take this further. Have some respect for others.

Sarah and Phil Jordan

FROM YOUR LOCAL M P

So many people have helped others in so many ways during the pandemic. They have kept community spirit alive and provided vital practical assistance during the darkest days of this lockdown. I have been so pleased to have had several opportunities to meet with many of those who have gone beyond the call of duty.

I visited the Cambridgeshire Volunteer Hub to hear more about the fantastic work they did during lockdown – they have provided a valuable lifeline for our most vulnerable during the pandemic, getting groceries to the most vulnerable and providing advice and support. I also had a great time catching up with Cheryl Wilding who runs the Fordham timebank. Along with other volunteers, I helped deliver pen pal letters from schoolchildren to those who were shielding. The scheme has been a great success.

In one village I met with George and a number of his volunteers. They regularly make cakes for NHS key workers and shielded individuals. It was great to chat to them, deliver the delicious cakes and have an opportunity to try some of them! In another I helped deliver letters to shielding residents written by local school children as part of scheme to reduce loneliness during this period.

Lockdown has made all of us work and think differently. In my own office, we have had regular teleconferencing calls and I have kept in touch with local stakeholders including parish councillors, businesses groups and volunteers using Zoom. My surgeries have also gone virtual! Technology has been a lifeline in keeping us connected but I know that many of us are keen to replace safely meeting in person soon.

Shops and small businesses are re-opening and during visits to Ely it was reassuring to see the measures that people are taking to safely social distance, protecting their employees and customers. These include perspex screens, masks, sanitising stations and one-way systems. Customers are returning to shop in person and I encourage you to do the same to help support our businesses, both big and small.

The Government is now focussing efforts on maintaining jobs and strengthening the economy as we come out of lockdown. They have pledged a £160bn support package and are committed to helping keep people in work, ensure young people get jobs and bring back people into sectors hit hard by the virus. Some measures include cutting VAT for tourism and hospitality businesses, the Eat Out to Help Out scheme as well as a reduction in stamp duty. These measures will help to get us back on track.

By following the Government's advice of keeping hands clean, wearing a mask in public spaces and adhering to social distancing we can help to play our part in preventing a second wave.

I hope you have a good summer if I can provide any support please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

Lucy Frazer MP

(ED. We are sure we would welcome a visit from Lucy to this often forgotten part of the county.)

LOST & FOUND ANOTHER BASEBALL CAP

A baseball cap has been found on the grassy triangle at the junction of Webb's Road in Streetly End. It has the words 'West Marine' on the back. If you were the owner, contact Pete or Sue on 897881.

NATURE NOTES

My highlight of the month has been to receive several photographs, from Carrie Styles, of leafcutter bees in action.

They show a neat pattern of semi-circular chunks being bitten out of the leaves of maple and elder by the female bee; and one shot of the bee rolling a piece of leaf up like a sausage, which she will push into a crevice to use as a nest cell. Carrie tells me that the bees have been nesting in the fire pit in her garden or snuggling under the thatch. It is good that her garden is providing a habitat for this particular pollinator.



Everyone knows how important all insects, and particularly pollinators, are to life on earth and therefore it was really encouraging to see, earlier in the summer, the ox-eye daisy meadow sown by Sarah Humphrey at Yen Hall. She told Di: 'this meadow is part of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. The aim of these areas is to provide food for farmland birds and nectar feeding insects, including butterflies and bumblebees. The seed mix used contained phacelia, crimson clover, vetch, buckwheat and ox-eye daisies.' These areas give hope that the decline in wildflower meadows can be reversed to some extent. For Di they evoke childhood memories of such meadows where there were grasses, wildflowers and insects, including grasshoppers and crickets which they would try in vain to catch. In those days children picked wild flowers and searched for birds' nests, and while picking wildflowers is

now not allowed, it certainly gave people some appreciation and knowledge of the natural world

If you participated in the Big Butterfly Count this year you will have noticed a big contrast to 2019 when the painted lady topped the count. This year I haven't seen one! My four counts were initially dominated by meadow browns, then gatekeepers and at the end the whites have taken over so anyone growing brassicas beware. The recent rain may have dampened down the butterfly year somewhat but the whites seem to be more tolerant of wetter conditions. However I have seen some of the second brood of brimstones and small heaths, and a silver washed fritillary has visited Di's garden on three occasions.

Deer have certainly been out and about in recent weeks and many people have reported sightings in different parts of the village. We have had a number of encounters in the Hare Wood environs including one 'reverse Bambi' moment. Two adult fallow deer and a fawn were strolling through a field of barley when they spotted the dogs and me on the footpath. All bolted for the wood and the two adults made cover but the fawn panicked and turned back into the crop. Fortunately the dogs were on the lead on that occasion but the very pale coloured fawn kept popping its head up to check out the danger. It was quite distressed to have been abandoned by the adults. Presumably one of them was its mother. If so, her response to her fawn being in danger was rather un-Disney like.

Di said she spent ten happy minutes lying in the churchyard watching the family of spotted flycatchers feeding but by the time you read this they will probably have returned to Africa, leaving only the tell-tale white mark of their poo on the branch of the small tree which was a favourite launch pad. They were a treat to watch so let's hope a pair returns to our churchyard again next year. Of our other summer visitors, the swifts have already departed but swallows and house martins will remain well into September.

Please send your nature sightings to:

Peter Grieve. T: 01223 897811, E: mail@petergrieve.co.uk
Di Licence. T: 290434, E: dianarubylicence@gmail.com

CHURCH SERVICES

We were very pleased to have been able to start face-to-face services last month, with services inside some of our church buildings and also open air worship. Following government guidelines there will be restrictions on the amount of people who may attend these services and please note that with services inside a church building, people will be required to wear a mask. If you are attending an outdoor service, please do bring your own chairs if you wish.

The services will all be around 20 minutes. Services in St Mary's Church West Wickham will be: 6 September, 10.00 morning prayer, 13 September, 9.00 morning worship, 20 & 27 September, 9.00 morning prayer.

The 'Time of Prayer' Sunday Zoom services will still continue at 10.00am each Sunday and if you would like details of how to join in with these please contact Cazzy Walshe, our church administrator.
7churches.seven@gmail.com

Rev'd Iain McColl

(ED. Regretfully this was received too late to go in last month's Village Voice)

WESTON COLVILLE CINEMA CLUB

We are delighted to announce that the Cinema Club will return to the Reading Room in October. Of course, this is subject to any change there might be in government guidance, but on Wednesday, 7 October, you are welcome to join us to watch a comedy – The Blues Brothers. The evening starts at 7.30pm with an introduction to the film.

- We offer a safe space: There will be a one-way system.
- We will maintain social distancing.
- You will have allocated seats.

and ask you to:

- Book in advance so we have contact details for Track and Trace, and can monitor numbers.
- Wear a mask.
- Arrive in good time, entering via the back door.
- Bring the exact money for your donation (we suggest £2.00 - £3.00), and if you'd like a drink (wine and beer is £2.50 and juice £1.00).

If you'd like to book, or have any questions or concerns before you do, please contact me:

Email: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com; T: 291475

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

It has been an exceptional year for us all, but in particular our Year 11 students who have foregone their traditional school leavers' experiences and rites of passage. While examinations are typically stressful, they are an important demarcation of the end of secondary education and capture students' academic accomplishments.

This year, the awarding of GCSEs was replaced by a Centre Assessed Grade process. This involved teachers estimating the grades that students would have achieved had they sat the exams, using their best professional judgements. Subject rankings of predicted grades were then scrutinised and moderated by subject teams and senior leaders.

Now, more than ever, it is important to recognise and celebrate students' broad educational and personal achievements. I am proud of LVC students' stoicism and resilience as their time at LVC ended prematurely. There are many examples of students who have shown exceptional determination, compassion and drive during these challenging times. All have been a delight to watch grow into exceptional young people during their time at the College. We wish them every success in the next step of their education, careers and lives.

As we enter September our focus is on fully reopening the College safely to all students and staff. Extensive planning and preparation has been underway during the summer holiday to ensure that the site and systems are ready for all of our students to return to school full time.

Many changes have had to be implemented to make this possible and to adhere to government guidance. This includes zoning the school site for different year groups, creating nomadic specialist teaching and staggering break and lunch times to reduce movement and minimise close contact between students in different year groups. This is in addition to enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures.

We are all looking forward to seeing our young people back at school and benefiting from face to face teaching again. The school community's ability to adapt and care for each other has been evident during this crisis.

Helena Marsh, Principal

LINTON LALA (Linton Area Learning Alliance)

As Covid has stopped us planning our usual course at Linton Village Hall, we are planning to use Zoom. This is free to download. You need a computer with a camera and speakers/headphones or iPad - and then sit in the comfort of your own home.

Our course will be 'Glory Days and Golden Girls' (aviation history) with Ian McLachlan as announced previously. Ian has received training in Zoom presentations and has explained to me how it works from his perspective. He has recently delivered some talks to a group in Downham Market. He gives a powerpoint presentation as he would in the hall. It shows on our screens and we hear his voice talking. We would miss the social element and chatting to each other but we can still enjoy learning about something new and keeping our brains active. Other independent groups in Cambridgeshire are encouraged to try Zoom courses too as there is the added consideration that if no courses run, then the tutors' income is affected.

The course would be 7 weeks of 2 hours starting in early October, still on Tuesdays. I am not sure of the fee yet but we would save on hall costs and tutor travelling so it should be cheaper than in the hall.

I or 'a host' would set up the meetings, send out the email invitations to participants which includes a link for you to click and you are taken into the meeting. Ian said that he could include 3 breaks within the 2 hours to allow people to move around, make coffee etc. There would also be chance to ask him questions and add comments.

You could forward details of the course to friends from other areas. You don't have to be anywhere near Linton to join it. The WEA has announced on their website that there will be no face to face courses this year. They will be all by Zoom. I would like to give it a go. Could you please let me know whether you think that you would like to take part, or ask me questions if you are not sure how it can work.

Sue Mudge, Chair, Linton LALA,
T: 01223 892737, Email: mudges.linton@btinternet.com

* Eat Well * Live Well * Celebrate Community

BALSHAM AUTUMN MARKET

Bringing Friends and Food Together

Saturday 12th September

2pm to 4pm
Balsham Church Institute

- * Restricted entrance (max 20 at one time)
- * Please adhere to social distancing guidelines
- * Face Coverings to be worn at all times
- * Alcohol sanitising gel and gloves available

    

FROM THE VICARAGE

Recently we've experienced many things in life in a new way, and this will continue into the Autumn. My children return to their primary school this month and it will be unlike any other experience of school they've had to date. Many workplaces have been transformed to try and protect staff and any customers or clients from covid-19. Our church services now include regular Sunday morning zoom services and open-air worship, as well as services inside churches with face-masks and social distancing – something we could not have imagined at the beginning of the year! So many things in our lives are being experienced again as if for the first time.

Re-imagining the way we do and see things, however, can be both challenging and refreshing. It can be a blessing when we don't take for granted our family, friends, neighbours, local businesses or school. This may lead to a renewed appreciation of people and places; perhaps a reminder to renew old acquaintances, to thank those who care for us, teach our children or support community life.

The bible often speaks eloquently of the need, as St Pauls says, to "be transformed by the renewing of your minds". The prophet Isaiah invites people to see this renewal as a response to divine action: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?". In every testing time, the people of God are called to renew their vision and deepen their trust in God.

This need to refresh the way we perceive things and renew our language of gratitude and wonder is constant. In *Little Gidding*, the last poem in T S Eliot's *Four Quartets*, he puts it like this:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

If we trust in God who in Christ makes all things new, we may also renew our experience of God's grace. Again, turning to the prophet Isaiah, we remember in all these changes the source of our strength and hope: "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Revd Iain McColl

ANNUAL MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2020

Obviously this year we shall be unable to hold the usual Coffee Morning inside with a bring and buy stall and serving coffee.

We are anxious that Balsham and neighbouring villages will be able to give a donation to Macmillan in 2020, who we are sure need funds, so we are asking for donations from our regular attendees at this event. Joanna will put a basket in front of her front door at Nine Chimney House, Balsham on Friday 25 September for donations and also on the Saturday and Sunday.

Do please bring your own coffee (either in a thermos or from the Coffee Shop) which you could drink in the garden whilst you social distance. There are two summer houses and the back room of the house if the weather is not too good.

Sara Himsworth, Joanna Saunders & Gill Parry-Brown

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

Hello again, from my home to yours. I do hope and pray that you managed to keep hydrated and cool, in the hot days and remembered to drink water and use fans to keep your temperature down. If I am unbearably hot, I put my feet in cool water during the day and at night cuddle a cold pack from the freezer wrapped in a tea towel. These tips may help you feel a little more comfortable!

Reflecting over the past few months, I realise that these unprecedented times have also brought amazing blessings. We have seen communities in the seven villages I serve, rise up and support each other in wonderful ways. There have been a huge number of volunteers helping with shopping and delivery of prescriptions. People have been so grateful, so on behalf of those receiving the help I want to take this opportunity to thank them all. It continues to be a blessing to work with you all for the benefit of each community.

I continue to work from home at present. I am telephoning a large number of people every day and am able to contact people new to the service as well. Many people are finding this a very valuable service and I am grateful that these calls are bringing some light into (for some) difficult and dark times.

I will shortly be able to video call people as well, using the same system the surgery does, so if you have a smart phone I will be able to chat 'face to face', which will be lovely.

Of course, it would be great if I could visit again. As a team, we have reflected on how best to do this in the weeks ahead. We need to continue to be vigilant and protect the most vulnerable. I will be taking all the necessary precautions and will be able to visit people at home 'in Exceptional' circumstances and with a full risk assessment. As soon as the science shows I can visit more freely, I will be delighted to do so.

Please do not hesitate to call my mobile if you need any support, information, or a chat and I will endeavour to help wherever I can. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Claire Gillett

OPEN ECO HOMES – AUTUMN SEASON

Has spending more time at home got you thinking about home improvement? The upcoming government Green Homes Grant offers homeowners and landlords grants up to £5,000 covering two-thirds of the cost of many home energy improvements.

Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient with their Open Eco Homes Autumn Season. After 10 years running live events, this year they've offering their home tours and talks online. There are 8 tours and 3 talks to choose from, running between September 14 to October 20. Details and registration at www.openecohomes.org/autumnseason

GUESS WHERE AND WHEN? ANSWER

Left hand side of 25 High Street. Early 20thC. This was a post office and shop from the 1870s until about 1937. Robert Ewin was the postmaster followed by his daughter, Priscilla. Robert was also a wheelwright, builder and the Parish Clerk. His workshops and yard were to the right of the house.

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