

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday 5 October	Black
Monday 12 October	Blue & green
Monday 19 October	Black
Monday 26 October	Blue & green

Household Recycling Centres have reopened  
visit the South Cambs website  
[www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

## CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 4 October	10am.	Time of prayer.
Sunday 11 October	10am.	Harvest Holy Communion.
Sunday 18 October	10am.	Time of prayer.
Sunday 25 October	10am.	Time of prayer.

If you plan to attend any of these services, particularly the service on Sunday 11 October please contact either Marcus Cornish (290203) or Di Licence (290434).

## FOR UPDATES & USEFUL INFORMATION GO TO [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org)

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

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## COVID -19 WARNING

Some of the information in this edition might be out of date following changes to government regulations.

## VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall has been closed throughout August and the opportunity has been taken to carry out redecoration in the public spaces and some targeted painting in the main hall itself. The external windows, doors and eaves have also been re-painted.

The management committee have been regularly reviewing the changing Government guidelines in order to produce documents which will allow the hall to be used during the Covid-19 pandemic. The documents that have been produced enable the hall to be considered a Covid-19 Secure facility. They can be viewed on the village website and regular users have been provided with copies. The hall is already being used by the Daisy Chains Pre-School and the Iaido/Kendo group.

Booking the hall now requires users to sign a new hire agreement which is accompanied by the terms and conditions of hire and also a form of additional requirements for managing Covid-19 Risks. The requirements for using the hall have changed on 14 September, the guidance states that, "whether indoors or outdoors people from different households must not meet in groups of more than 6. This limit does not apply to meetings of a single household group or support bubble, which is more than 6 people. Community facilities following Covid-19 secure guidelines can host more than 6 people in total, but no one should visit or socialise in a group of greater than 6". There are certain exceptions such as Pre-schools.

Anyone wishing to use the hall should contact the Booking Secretary on 290972 or via the web on: <https://westwickham.org/hall/book/> or email: [bookings@westwickham.org](mailto:bookings@westwickham.org)

Should you need clarification on the requirements to use the hall please call the booking secretary on the above number or myself on 290559.

Trevor Hall, Chairman, Village Hall Management Committee

## HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands was a community car scheme based in Balsham which provided transport for residents of various local villages, principally to medical appointments. Unfortunately the scheme had to stop, mainly because the organisers and drivers were older people and needed to self-isolate during the Covid-19 crisis.

A new organisation of volunteers, called the Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme (BGNS), is being set up to support Balsham residents at this time and into the future. The BGNS has been invited to take over the organisation of Helping Hands. If there are any people in West Wickham who would be interested in becoming a driver the community car scheme can be extended to that village.

You could offer as much or as little time towards the scheme as you feel able, and you would be able to claim a mileage allowance of 45p per mile. You would need to inform your vehicle insurers that you are taking part in a voluntary car scheme and there should be no additional cost for you. You would also need to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and provide the names of two people for character references.

If you are interested in taking part in this scheme, which is part of Cambridgeshire Community Transport, feel free to contact me at [balshamgns@gmail.com](mailto:balshamgns@gmail.com) or text or phone me on 07508 430 057.

Steve Jordan

## GRANTA Medical Practices

**Flu Vaccinations.** If you are an “at risk” patient, please make sure you have booked your flu vaccination. If our clinics are full at the time of you ringing, we will place you on a waiting list and you will be contacted as soon a clinic becomes available. Please be assured that all “at risk” patients will receive a flu vaccination. If you are unsure whether you are “at risk” please go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/who-should-have-flu-vaccine/)

**Coronavirus.** As we are all very aware, the Covid situation is ever evolving. To keep up to date with the very latest information please go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus). Links to these websites can also be found on our website.

**Granta Pharmacy’s new free medicines delivery service.** Even if you are not a Granta patient, you can still take advantage of this new free service, which is available to anyone living in and around Sawston, Shelford, Linton, Barley and Royston. For further information and to sign up for free delivery, call us on 01223 727530 or email us on [capccg.grantadispensing@nhs.net](mailto: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.)

If you have any comments please do not hesitate to write to me at Granta Sawston or send me an email [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

Sandra East, Granta Communications.

### WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Included with this month’s edition is a colour insert (paid for by the Club) with the results of the Photography Competition. We were delighted that some of you in the village and within the Gardening Club entered for the first time and our winner - Ciaran McNally – who has only been living in West Wickham since last year, was one of our first time entrants. All the entries are available to see on the village website: [westwickham.org](http://westwickham.org). The titles for next year’s 3 classes are also given in the insert to give you plenty of time to think about what to photograph.

One of the awards presented at the Show each year is the Banksian Medal. All Clubs affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society, as we are, are able to apply each year for this Medal which is then awarded to the exhibitor who has achieved the highest number of points in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes in the Annual Show. This year, as Shows have not been taking place, the RHS suggested that *“it would be a great idea to present your medal to someone in your club who has gone the extra mile this year helping in your local community, or any other reason you think someone deserves a little bit of recognition!”* Members were invited to cast their vote and the member who received the highest number of votes was our Chairman, Arthur Mawby. One of the members who voted for him, giving her reasons, wrote *“He gives his time to the organisation of the Club and Committee and in his position rarely receives thanks or recognition. He has especially given a good deal of time since the beginning of the pandemic working towards how the club can move forward during this difficult time and maintain its role in the local community”*. Well done, Arthur.

Sue Thurston, Chair of the Show Committee

### FROM THE VICARAGE

When I was a child a favourite book of mine was called *A Time of Gifts* by Patrick Leigh Fermor. It is narrated by Leigh Fermor as an older man, looking back on his time as an eighteen-year-old journeying on foot across Europe in the 1930s, from the Hook of Holland to Constantinople. One of the themes of the book is how, as a young man, he had very little materially and carried with him all he needed on his back, yet life itself was adventurous, rich and full of wonder – a time of gifts.

In our current unsettling times, we face many challenges: uncertainties about the future for ourselves and our loved ones, concerns about health, schooling for children, difficulties in our workplaces and in the wider economy. Yet even with all these pressures, we may still hold onto a vision of gift and gratitude. Now my children have returned to their primary school, for example, I am realising all over again how much I enjoy the school run and how grateful I am towards all the staff for the way they encourage the children.

This idea of a time of gifts and daily gratitude is reflected in the harvest thanksgivings which churches across the country are celebrating this Autumn. For many, however, they will be celebrations like no other. As we try and work out what the ‘rule of six’ may mean for our lives, or consider what ‘living well’ means in these times, communal celebrations take on a new hue. In all of our churches there will be face to face services, but we will be limited in numbers. We continue to have zoom services, but we appreciate not everybody will be able to access these easily. Yet one thing we can still focus on in our harvest thanksgiving is that gratitude before God is central to our worship and shapes our lives as followers of Christ.

The Christian faith has always encouraged us to see our lives, and the time we have, as a gift, something reflected in the Lord’s Prayer as we ask for *“our daily bread”*. Perhaps the current crisis may focus our hearts and minds on what matters most and even inspire us towards greater gratitude. It was in uncertain times that St Paul reminded the church to be intentional about three things: *“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances”*. Giving thanks in all circumstances, although not *for* all circumstances! These are practices of purposeful Christian living which help us to re-discover the gifts we have, even in the hardest times, and help us to value them afresh and to value each other. When we do this, we may remember we live too in a time of gifts, and give thanks to God in all circumstances.

Revd Iain McColl

### GUESS WHERE AND WHEN?



Answer on page 4. From West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

## PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION RESULTS

Thank you to everybody who entered photographs into this year's competition and for making this sole remaining event of the 2020 West Wickham and District Gardening Club Annual Show a huge success.

Using an array of digital cameras, smartphones and tablets our versatile photographers captured some 61 stunning and intriguing images. Both the variety of equipment and the thought put into the interpretation of each class title made this a particularly inclusive event for a wide range of abilities.

Enjoy the winning entries and judge, Ronnie Temple's, comments below. The overall winner along with the titles for the 2021 classes are revealed on the next page, so read on and maybe you will be inspired to enter next year!

### Class 1: Off the beaten track

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**First: Rosemary Yallop**

*Meadow*

There's something new to see at each viewing of this image. A riot of colours and shapes, composed well by framing out the featureless sky.



**Second: Sue Boase**

*Dartmoor*

A well-balanced composition that draws the viewer into the scene. The misty atmosphere helps to add depth and mystery to the image.



**Third: Ciaran McNally**

*Flowers at sunset*

There's almost every colour of the rainbow in this landscape. By focusing on the heather it's clear where the eye should be drawn but a little more light on the foreground would have helped even more.



**Highly Commended: Sam Agnew**

*Swans on the river Lark*

The three swans on the right draw the viewer's eye through this colourful and peaceful scene. The overall composition could have been improved by re-framing or cropping out the two swans on the left.

### Class 2: Portrait of a single vegetable, growing or arranged

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**First: Clive Boase**

*Single sweetcorn on wooden slats*

Good lighting and good composition: this could be a stock image in any photo library. An excellent example of the technical quality achievable with a mobile phone.



**Second: Rosemary Yallop**

*Butternut squash*

An attractive arrangement of curvaceous shapes, reminiscent of Henry Moore sculptures. The colours pop out from the black background while the water droplets add to the obvious freshness of the subject.





**Third: Ciaran McNally**  
*Close-up of cherry tomato*

Contrasting colours and a shallow depth of field make this an arresting photograph. It would have ranked even higher if image had been a little brighter.



**Highly Commended: Sue Thurston**  
*Carrots on grey boards*

The subject has been posed in an attractive composition but the lighting is rather flat. Perhaps waiting for the light to change or reflecting some onto one side would have enhanced the colours and added more texture.



### Class 3: Life in the garden

**First: Ciaran McNally**  
*Bumblebee on verbena flower*

Lots of impact created by contrasting colours, shallow depth of field and good balance of shapes. This entry demonstrates that good photographs can be made in any weather.



**Third: John Howard**  
*Urn and alliums*

Organic structures provide a natural frame for the classic shape of the urn. Suffragette colours add a sense of refinement to the composition.

**Second: Peter Grieve**  
*Woman relaxing in lavender garden with chickens*

Epitomises the title of this category in a simple arrangement of elements. The eye is drawn to the splash of colour in the wine glass although perhaps the detail in the sky could have been increased with a little adjustment.



The winner of the *Ralph Westwood-Bate Cup* for greatest number of points awarded in the competition was **Ciaran McNally**.



Ciaran accepts his trophy from Chairman of the WW&D Gardening Club, Arthur Mawby, at a small prize-giving event in Streetly End on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

The competition is open to both **members and non-members of the WW&D Gardening club.**

*The 2021 class titles are...*

- 1 Through my window
- 2 Seeing red
- 3 Reflections

All photographs must have been taken after 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020.

Two entries can be submitted per class either by email to [sally@sallymoonpublishing.com](mailto:sally@sallymoonpublishing.com) or in person, by prior arrangement, or on a memory stick to Sally Moon at Half Moon House, 30 Streetly End or to Sue Thurston at 41 Streetly End. If you do not have a digital image, prints can be scanned.

All rules, cost of entry and delivery details will appear in the 2021 Show schedule.

**Highly Commended: Andrea Oram**  
*Chickens, cats, flowers and trees*

Leads the eye from subject to subject and from shadows through to sunlight. Composition could have been improved if the chicken in the foreground hadn't been so close to the edge.

**Sally Moon**

## NATURE NOTES

As regular readers of Nature Notes will appreciate, we are fortunate in West Wickham to have such a variety of wildlife to brighten our lives. Much of what is reported here has been seen by one or more of us recently. But so much more goes unseen or unnoticed, either because it is hidden underground or in vegetation or is active at night or is simply too small. Our garden has a substantial area of long grass which I have gradually been giving an annual cut on my hands and knees with shears. It feels a bit like cutting down the rain forest in miniature because it has revealed numerous ant colonies, moths, caterpillars and other insects. The biggest guilt trip has been the discovery of several minute toads sheltering in the long grass but hopefully they have been able to find alternative cover as my progress is slow enough for grass to grow back before I get to the end, and there is still plenty of long grass left.

October is probably the month when we are most likely to notice fungi. There were two substantial puffballs on the edge of Leys Wood, which certainly caught the eye, and Sue spotted an attractive patch of shaggy ink caps in Linton. I am currently reading a book about fungi in which all the illustrations were drawn using the ink from these fungi. Although most fungal activity escapes our notice, it is everywhere - in the soil, the water and the air, on and in our bodies. Fungi play a vital part in the balance of nature, particularly in the lives of trees and plants through a relationship in which both life forms benefit.

As with fungi, we notice plants more when they fruit and flower, and undoubtedly the hedgerows have been lit up this autumn by all the berries, haws and hips. Most wayside flowers are on the wane although there are still a few knapweed flowers hanging on and there has been plenty of patches of the primrose-coloured toadflax and the pinkish or white yarrow.

Nigel Stevens sent me a nice video of hummingbird hawkmoths on his buddleia. This lovely insect has been seen by quite a few of you this year but Nigel's video really helped me to appreciate the hawkmoth's ability not only to hover before inserting its proboscis into the nectar but also to perform remarkable aerobatics to position itself for the final thrust, including aerial somersaults and backward flight. Another moth, which had a less happy end, was a red underwing who had an encounter with a wren on the top of Di's water butt. The wren won even though the moth was almost the same size. The recent warm weather have kept the butterflies flying. Whites are still the most prolific but Di has had a few red admirals on her overripe figs and she has seen a brimstone.

Songbirds are quiet at this time of year although a chiffchaff was heard during a church service. This is ironic as the human congregation is not allowed to sing because of the pandemic. It is said that chiffchaffs sing as a farewell before they depart for Africa. Birds of prey have been somewhat noisier though as many stay in family groups and the young are still demanding. Kites have been particularly noticeable recently - Carol and Trevor saw seven together. I saw one being harried by two buzzards near Weston Colville - the cause being a dead partridge that was lying in the path. Young kestrels can also be very vocal at this time of year.

Please send your nature sightings to:  
Peter Grieve. T: 01223 897811, E: [mail@petergrieve.co.uk](mailto:mail@petergrieve.co.uk)  
Di Licence. T: 290434, E: [dianarubylicence@gmail.com](mailto:dianarubylicence@gmail.com)

## WESTON COLVILLE CINEMA CLUB

We are sorry to say that, with the recent government announcement on the rule of six, the Cinema Club will not now take place this month. Jacqueline Douglas

## 1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We have great news. Girlguiding have said we can finally meet face-to-face indoors after 24 September. It has been six months since we last met in person and the leadership team is looking into starting to meet altogether after October half term. There are forms and permission to get from our local Commissioner and obviously the parents have to be willing to send the girls back and the Village Hall has to be open and accepting bookings.

Until everything is organised we are continuing with our Zoom meetings. We don't always have the same faces at the meetings but it is good to interact with them on the different tasks. So far, we have built a compass, followed compass points to make a picture, designed a flag that represents ourselves, discussed the Countryside Code and the different customs in each country in relation to what items e.g. fruit you can take on holiday with you. I, for one, have learned something.

We still have space if you would like to send your daughter to Brownies, initially it will be online but hopefully by the end of October we will be back together in the same room but safe and socially distanced.


If you would like to know more about Brownies please check out the Girlguiding website ([www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk)) or drop us a message on [horseheathbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathbrownies@gmail.com). Brownies is where the girls have fun learning new skills and enjoy just bring themselves.

Pauline, Katie, and Laurené

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## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

In the last month we have welcomed our newest cohort of LVC students as well as enjoying the reunion with Years 8-11 who haven't attended school in person since March. Hearing the buildings alive again with the sound of students learning has been brilliant.

Our system of controls to enable a full reopening has involved lots of changes to the way the College operates. The students and staff have done an amazing job of rising to the challenge of this new way of schooling and acclimatising to different routines.

Despite all that has changed at Linton Village College, there is still plenty that is reassuringly familiar. While teachers now move around the site between lessons, the joy of observing students learning and acquiring new knowledge and skills remains. School systems may be unrecognisable with staggered timetables, year group zones and many other logistical adjustments, but the interactions between students and staff and the College's relational approach continues to make LVC a special place to learn and work.

Aspects of our community provision have also reopened this month. The youngest site users have returned to Linton Granta Playgroup and Linton Out of School Club with Covid-19 risk assessments and adjustments in place. Both facilities provide important childcare for local families. Our Community Sports Centre has also seen an increasing usage since it reopened with Covid-19 restrictions in place, with many local clubs restarting.

Unfortunately, it has not yet been possible to reinstate all community activities yet. The enhanced cleaning requirements and the need to ensure that year group zones are not compromised means that our Adult Education programme has been cancelled this term. Lettings and other extra-curricular activities have also needed to be put on hold while we focus on ensuring the safe and effective delivery of our core educational provision.

We will continue to review this position and hope to be able to recommence evening classes at some stage in the New Year, depending on the Covid-19 context.

The support and understanding of our parents and wider members of the College community at this exceptional time has been very much appreciated.

Helena Marsh, Principal

## JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Since lockdown so many more people have taken up doing jigsaw puzzles. Gill Parry Brown and I would like to set up a Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange. We would ask people to bring jigsaws that they have done and hopefully find another one that suits them. Initially the jigsaws will be available from the garage (which has no doors) at Nine Chimney House in Balsham. Do please feel free to come up the drive into the garage where hopefully there will be some jigsaws. No doubt the dog will bark!

Joanna Sanders T: 893063 E: sanderschimneys@uwclub.net



## GUESS WHERE AND WHEN? ANSWER

Nos 27, 29 & 31 (part) Burton End. Early 20thc. These were four three-roomed cottages then known as South View. They were renovated and extended in an 'award winning' project in the late 1970s when they were converted to three houses with the addition of one new one.

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

## POPPY APPEAL

The latest information is that paper poppies, poppy pins of all descriptions including VE day and 2020, reflective poppies, wrist bands and crosses will be available at static points only, from Friday 30 October until Wednesday 11 November. In the villages this will be in the shops and pubs (Balsham PO, Bell PH, Chestnuts PH). Cash or cheques (made out to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal) can be accepted in collecting tins or possibly on some occasions in envelopes in a bucket. This is all subject to government guidelines, which may change of course. Hopefully there will be an update in next month's Village Voice. Please still make your donations at Remembrancetide so that the Royal British Legion is able to continue their support of our ex-servicemen and women and their families.

Margaret Johnson.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD Shoe Box Appeal

Operation Christmas Child is a Christian charity that sends shoeboxes filled with various items that children would love to receive or use. These boxes go to many parts of the world. Last year nearly 11million were distributed. I am a year round volunteer for OCC and live in Abington.

This message is to encourage you to get involved and fill a shoebox. It is a way of showing God's love, especially this year being even more worthwhile. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive. Adding a photo or short message in the box means so much (no address or surname). It is now the time to start collecting and putting together items if you want to be part of this wonderful project. Please see the suggested list on the web [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ow](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ow)

The boxes can be shoeboxes covered with bright coloured paper or there are cardboard flat pack ones available from me. Leaflets will also be available to give guidance and a label for the box (on line as well). Most items are available in big supermarkets.

Collection week is 9 – 16 November. I can arrange collection. Obviously, this year is special and precautions will be in place to keep you safe and to avoid any extra handling of the boxes.

As there are transport, logistic and admin costs, OCC ask for a donation of £5 for each box, this can be put in the box at the top or you can pay on line. If you do this you will get an email next February to say where your box has gone.

If this all sounds too much and because of lockdown limitations it is harder to shop for items, you can pack an "on line" box.

There are various ways to get involved

1. Fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items OR
2. Donate one or two items OR
3. Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs

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