

# VILLAGES VOICES

## NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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### WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday 7 December Blue & green  
Monday 14 December Black  
Monday 21 December Blue only  
Monday 28 December Black only  
**2021**

Wednesday 6 January Blue & green

Household Recycling Centres are open on an appointment system. Visit the South Cambs website [www.scambs.gov.uk](http://www.scambs.gov.uk)

### CHURCH SERVICES

See article on page 3 and for more up to date information visit [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk)

### MOBILE POST OFFICE

A reminder that the mobile Post Office will be visiting West Wickham every Thursday, parking in the Village Hall car park from 14.00 to 15.00.

### USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

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Tuesday & Thursday unless otherwise stated on her mobile phone. This is NOT a 24hr monitored service.

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Email: [Faye.Parker@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:Faye.Parker@ageukcap.org.uk)

**Granta Medical Practice / Linton Health Centre:**

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### NEXT MONTH'S VILLAGE VOICE

Please note; to help us get the January edition printed before our printers close for the Christmas/New Year break we need to have any item you wish to include a few days earlier than usual.

**THE DEADLINE IS SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER**

Sue & Andrew

### VILLAGE HALL LOCKDOWN

The Village Hall was closed for the lockdown period from 5 November to 2 December inclusive, with the exception of the Daisy Chains pre-school, which was allowed to remain open. At present the hall will be able to re-open on 3 December under the rules for a COVID-secure venue.

If the lockdown is extended or amended, which requires the Hall opening conditions to change, a notice will be posted on the Village website [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org) with the latest information. The Governments guidance for the covid-19 pandemic can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/guidance](http://www.gov.uk/guidance)

Anyone wishing to hire the Hall can still do so by visiting the website. You can also contact the Booking Secretary on 01223 290972, email: [bookings@westwickham.org](mailto:bookings@westwickham.org) or you can contact me 01223 290559 with any other queries

Trevor Hall, Chairman

### NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

This year the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group has been steadily creating our draft plan using the feedback and evidence we have gathered from the community over the last five years. The main themes of our plan are protecting the character of the village, protecting the environment and providing affordable housing to meet the needs of parishioners.

The first draft has been approved by the Parish Council and has now been sent to South Cambridgeshire District Council for their initial comments. If they approve of the draft plan, we will hold a statutory consultation process next year when everyone will be invited to comment. Following the evaluation and incorporation of the consultation results, the plan will be examined and put to the Parish in a referendum.

Dave Sargeant

### THE BURTON END DEVELOPMENT

The four "affordable" homes are due to be handed over to South Cambs District Council on Friday 11 December. They consist of a one bedroom bungalow, a two bedroom bungalow and a two bed house. The fourth one is for 70% shared ownership and is a three bedroom house.

South Cambs Housing Department will be dealing with the letting arrangements. People from West Wickham and the parishes in the immediate locale have preference for the letting of these dwellings. I do hope that local people are able to make use of this opportunity.

Meanwhile, thank you to those at that end of the village for your forbearance of the building works whilst they have gone on. Whether it be mud, parking, traffic lights etc. It has been a difficult year weather wise. The verges will be reinstated next spring.

Marcus Cornish

**GRANTA** Medical Practices

**Coronavirus.** We continue to work hard to keep our patients as safe as possible, along with our staff and our community. Patient access continues to be by invitation only, following a prior telephone assessment. If the assessing clinician feels it is clinically necessary to see you, they will arrange for you to come in and see them. Essential care, such as NHS immunisations, blood tests, smear tests, and mother and baby checks, continues to go ahead at selected sites. We carry out temperature checks on both staff and patients to minimise risk. Patients must wear a mask if entering any of our buildings.

Coronavirus information changes rapidly. For the very latest news and guidance, please go to [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) and [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Holiday Season Opening Times & Repeat Prescription Schedule

Day and date	Opening hours	Repeat prescription schedule
Wednesday 23 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 30 December
Thursday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 31 December
Friday 25 December to Monday 28 December.	Closed	Place order today, pick up 4 January
Tuesday 29 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 4 January
Wednesday 30 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 5 January
Thursday 31 December	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 6 January
Friday 1 January to Sunday 3 January	Closed	Place order today, pick up 6 January
Monday 4 January	Open as usual	Place order today, pick up 7 January

You can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home. Make sure you keep stocked up with health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn / indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time, and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources. Your local pharmacist can also offer you advice and guidance on the best treatment for you. Pharmacists are available on every high street and in supermarkets with many open evenings and weekends.

If you need urgent medical assistance when we are closed please use the NHS 111 service. If you have an emergency that poses an immediate threat to life, please ring 999.

For further information on alternative services, please go to our website [www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk](http://www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk)

**Repeat Prescriptions.** Please make sure that you order your repeat prescriptions in a timely manner to ensure you are not without medication over the Christmas and New Year break.

We wish you all a healthy and peaceful holiday season.

Sandra East, Granta Communications. Email: [sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net)

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

These clues are more or less cryptic. The answers are all villages within 20 miles of West Wickham. They are not necessarily in Cambridgeshire.

1. Part of Berlin to Nuremberg route (6)
2. Cry about her - nothing detailed organized (6,6)
3. What remains from firing Trump, perhaps (6)
4. Mild disinfectant or poet (6)
5. By surrounding ice venue leg is shortened (8)
6. Rub back thoroughly (7)
7. Young man returns to his alma mater initially (6)
8. Doctor heals your head (6)
9. Big actor has determination for audience and support inside (5,9)
10. Woman's topless garment for Heather? (8)
11. Castle venue (for eye tests apparently) is heavyweight (11)
12. Man and cats have clash with mixed up dates (7,9)
13. How to cross rivers I hear (7)
14. Former lover from Northern Ireland - no good to begin with (6)
15. Lose hair when electrically connected (7)

16. Make love to large breasted Italian heavyweight (10)  
Answers to (socially distant) Peter Grieve at 41 Streetly  
End or mail@petergrieve.co.uk by 31 December. First out  
of the hat with the most correct answers may get a virus-  
free prize.  
Masks must be worn when trying to work out the answers.

## CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING / LOGS

ABCTree Surgery (of Streetly End) is offering free Christmas tree chipping to the residents of Streetly End and West Wickham. Please call 07919343321 or email [rob@abctree.co.uk](mailto:rob@abctree.co.uk) and speak to me to book. We will be offering this service up to the 12 January. We also have ready-to-burn logs available now if anyone requires them this winter.

Rob Giles

## FROM THE VICARAGE

As we turn our gaze towards the Christmas season, we know it will be a Christmas like no other. At the time of writing there is no certainty about what we will be able to do. We'd like to have family and friends over, to sing carols together, to share joy and laughter but we are unsure what the pandemic guidelines will be. So many things we have always taken for granted seem up in the air!

So much uncertainty at a time of year, which usually feels traditional and familiar! Yet the Christmas story is actually a mix of uncertainty, fear, hope and new life. A child, brought into a world under the rule of Rome and born in difficult circumstances, is the Christ child who is greeted, as Luke's gospel says, as "Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord". Good news conveyed by these simple words, which invite a lifetime's reflection: Jesus is "Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'". Words which speak of Jesus' identity and the work of the Spirit; which provide a testimony to the past, a witness to the present and hope for the future.

A traditional Christmas carol we often sing is 'O little town of Bethlehem', written in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century but still very popular today. The last words of this carol also declare that, in Jesus and through his Spirit, "God is with us": 'O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel'. I hope we get the chance to sing this and other carols this Christmas and, in this time of uncertainty, hear the good news they proclaim.

Revd Iain McColl

## CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

We have enjoyed many services back in our churches since the summer but sadly until the end of this second lockdown our Sunday services will need to be online via zoom. For those who prefer not to use zoom or don't have ready access to it, I hope you can continue to benefit from our orders of service and reflections. Please do contact myself on [mccoll.iain@gmail.com](mailto:mccoll.iain@gmail.com) or our parish administrator, Cazzy Walshe, on [7churches.seven@gmail.com](mailto:7churches.seven@gmail.com) or phone 01223 891443, if you would like to receive a weekly newsletter by email or by hand.

We will have an online service each Sunday in December and on Christmas day, in each case at 10am. Log in details will be available in our church newsletter. At the time of writing, we don't yet know whether we will be able to hold services inside or outside our church buildings. We hope, however, to gather outside West Wickham church either on the Sunday before Christmas or on Christmas Eve, to listen to carols and hear the story of the birth of Jesus. If we can, we will also hold a service inside the church on Christmas morning.

Please do keep an eye on our church website, [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk), and our noticeboards, or perhaps find out by word of mouth, to see if these Christmas services outside or inside may happen. Whether or not we are able to gather in this way, I hope we may continue to support and love one another this Christmas time and know the peace of God in our lives.

Revd Iain McColl

## GUESS WHERE AND WHEN?



Answer on page 6. From West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

At last the Club has something to write about. On 16 November one of our members, Clive Boase gave us an on-line presentation *wildlife in the garden*, which was watched by 24 of our members on Zoom. Clive and his wife Sue have planned their garden with wildlife in mind. They have a large pond with no fish so that pond life can thrive; a lawn that changes from a mass of cowslips to ox-eye daisies back to lawn; areas of uncut vegetation especially beneath hedges and have installed a night-time camera to check out the visitors. They were surprised and delighted to find that badgers, foxes and deer frequent the garden during the night. They hope that by making their garden so wildlife friendly they can help make a wildlife corridor across the wider area, something we all could do very easily.

We hope to have a Christmas on-line quiz and some more talks in the New Year. Please support us and perhaps by Easter we can all meet up again at the Village Hall.

Rosemary Yallop, T:01799 584262

## STAMPS AND POSTCARDS

Once again I am asking if you could save the stamps on the Christmas cards you receive (or any other post) whether Christmas or ordinary ones. I have an outlet for them through a Church in Cambridge. Any post cards you have (leaving the stamps on) would be welcome as well – these are collected and then sorted and most probably will end up at Post Card Fairs but some of the profit is given to charity. I can collect the stamps or PCs or alternatively drop them into Nine Chimney House, Balsham.

Thank you. Joanna Sanders,  
T: 893063, Email: [sanderschimneys@uwclub.net](mailto:sanderschimneys@uwclub.net)

PS I have around 80 jigsaw puzzles in stock at Nine Chimney House Garage mainly 1000 or 500 pieces. Do come and select one or more to do on these dark evenings.

## BECOME A FIREFIGHTER IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Ever thought about a career as a firefighter? Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service is recruiting full time firefighters from January 2021. If you're caring, compassionate, can use your initiative and problem solve, are a team player, and most of all someone who genuinely wants to make a difference to people's lives, this could be the perfect role for you. Interested in finding out more and taking the first step on the ladder? Visit [www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firefighter2021](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firefighter2021) and register your interest.

## NATURE NOTES

The natural world frequently reveals new wonders. For me, this month's revelation has been the discovery of slime mould in our garden. Slime mould begins life as an amoeba-like single cell organism but when food is scarce the cells congregate and start moving as a single body. Its appearance is a pale froth which gives the impression that some animal has been sick but on closer inspection the froth contains small black spots. Slime mould reproduces by releasing spores but is not a fungus. It is a member of the protista kingdom which is often found on mulch or, in our case, uncollected grass cuttings. It has no brain but can detect airborne chemicals, recognise a food source and find the most efficient way of reaching it. In laboratory experiments, scientists have demonstrated the ability of slime mould to find its way through a maze and to choose the best route network for finding food.

To more conventional wildlife sightings, and your two editors have given me a couple of reports. Andrew has seen a group of three native grey partridges from the footpath behind the allotments, which makes a change from the armies of red-legged varieties that we normally see these days. It would be good to receive news of any more sightings of these birds, which have declined in recent decades as their French cousins have thrived. Following last month's reference to starling murmurations, Sue had a trip to Lackford Lakes recently where there was an incredibly spectacular display with starlings joining from all directions forming a bigger and bigger group before plunging into the reeds to roost.

Di visited the Suffolk coast before the lockdown and one of the highlights was hearing the skeins of geese in the coastal sky. There is a small group of Canada geese resident on the Acre Pond at Horseheath Park who pass over here occasionally and their honking noise is uplifting but not to the extent of the huge numbers of geese that come to our coast in the winter whose cries really lift the heart.

The early part of November has been mild and at times sunny. This rather unseasonal weather has brought out the winter gnats and also some of our butterflies, awakened from their overwintering hiding places. Brimstones and small tortoiseshells have been seen. Bats also, flying at dusk on mild evenings. I was walking next to Hare Wood recently and saw a bat flying. It seemed quite a large one but not identifiable without a bat detector. Seeing bats flying at this time of year seems unusual. It may be yet another indication of our warming climate.

Despite this, winter is coming and with the recent winds most trees have lost their leaves, producing a beautiful multicoloured carpet on the woodland floor and the footpaths. Under most oak trees you will also find a large number of acorns. The trees have been producing prolifically in this 'mast' year, with one exception. The oak on the village green has had no acorns at all - there must be an explanation for this, so if anyone can provide one we would be grateful.

Another enigma this year has been the absence of our usual visit from large flocks of golden plover. Di saw a few birds in September but they usually come in numbers of 50 -100 and stay for some time in the autumn and then again in February / March. I have always assumed that West Wickham is their stopping off point between their breeding and wintering grounds. I hope they haven't found a better alternative.

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

## NEW AGEUK COMMUNITY WARDEN



I'm Faye Parker and have recently become the Small Villages Warden for AgeUK Cambridge and Peterborough. I live in one of the small villages myself and am looking forward to being able to support older people to the best of my ability. If you would like to speak to me about the service we offer please do get in touch by phone or text on 07436 102856, or you can email me at

Faye.Parker@ageukcap.org.uk



### **Small Villages Community Warden Scheme**

(covering Balsham, Horseheath, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps, West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wrating)

Are you aged 60 or over?

Would you like help to continue to live independently in your own home?

The Community Warden is able to offer assistance by providing a daily phone call (Mon-Fri) and support such as:

- Making drinks and a light meal
- A home visit
- Collecting prescriptions
- Small items of shopping
- A listening ear
- Help with paperwork and making appointments
- Signposting to other services where appropriate

If you are interested in this service and would like more information, please call **Faye Parker** on **07436102865**

There is a **FREE 2 week trial** and then a small weekly fee afterwards if you wish to remain on the scheme.

## MOBILE POST OFFICE



A reminder that a mobile Post Office van has begun visiting West Wickham on Thursdays. The van will be parked in the Village Hall car park from 2.00 to 3.00 pm and will offer a wide range of services. There is a step into the van, but an electronic tailgate is available. Please make use of this service if you want it to continue.

## CLAIRE GILLET – PARISH NURSE

Many of us have cause to be personally grateful to Claire for her loving care at a difficult time and therefore it is with real sadness that I have to tell you that Claire will be retiring from her post at the end of December. Some of you will know that Claire's husband, Andy, has not been well recently and therefore, since she cannot give him and her career the attention they both need and deserve, she must put family first.

Claire has been our Parish Nurse since 2016 and I want to pay tribute to all that Claire has done during her time with us. As well as being a trusted 'professional friend' to her patients, Claire has shown a commitment to Parish Nursing way beyond her contracted obligations and has developed the service to be a recognised and respected professional activity greatly appreciated by her patients and their families and much respected by all her colleagues – we shall miss her so much.

We have seen over the past five years a clear need for the services of a professional Parish Nurse and therefore I am pleased to tell you that we are now actively seeking to recruit a replacement nurse and hope to be able to make an appointment in the New Year – if you know a registered nurse who may be interested in this role so please encourage them to get in touch with Cazzy Walshe or me.

Claire has advised all her existing patients how they can access help after her retirement and with the aid of Granta Medical we will give details in the January magazines of how new patients can obtain advice until a replacement nurse is in post.

If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift for Claire please send a cheque made payable to Hildersham PCC to me at: Fourwinds, Linton Road, Hildersham Cambridge CB21 6BS. If you would prefer to make a BACS payment, these are the bank details for Hildersham PCC: Sort Code: 20 - 17 - 19, Account No: 80085901. Please use 'Claire' as your reference.

Keith Day

## PARISH NURSE VACANCY – PART TIME

**Nursing in the community  
Connecting with the health needs of local people**

We are looking to employ a Registered Nurse to work with our Ministry team in partnership both with the local NHS Medical Practice covering the area and with voluntary community groups. You will be providing a nursing service that integrates spiritual, physical, psychological, emotional and social health to the local community, regardless of their faith. 15 hours per week (job share considered). Based on NHS Band 5 pay scale. Applicants from any nursing background are welcomed but must be willing to undertake the Parish Nursing Ministries UK training, and there is a genuine occupational requirement for the applicant to be a practicing Christian.

For an application pack and full job description please contact Mrs Caroline Walshe.

Email: 7churches.seven@gmail.com, T: 01223 891443  
www.grantavale.org.uk

**Closing date for applications 31 January  
Interviews mid February  
Parish Nurse Training 26-29 April**

## 1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

As we mentioned last time, Girlguiding was allowing us to have face-to-face meetings indoors after 24 September. I duly completed all my necessary forms, risk assessments, detailed programme, etc and got approval to start from 4 November. Then the second lockdown was announced, shutting everything down from 5 November, so we managed just one face-to-face meeting.

It was an interesting and busy meeting. We completed our explore skills builder, first aid skills builder and decorated stones for Remembrance. We ended the meeting with the postponed promise celebration for Amelia, Esmé and Martha. All the girls went home with envelopes full of badges they had earned during our Zoom meetings and the summer holidays.

We are now back to our online Zoom meetings on Wednesdays from 6-7pm. This week Ella completed her Brownie Silver Award and is now just two interest badges plus an extra challenge away from completing her Brownie Gold Award, which is the highest award a Brownie can gain. Freya has also completed two theme awards and has been presented with her Brownie Bronze Award.

We welcomed Megan to Brownies during September; she has transferred up from Linton Rainbows. She has fitted in well and has already gained her baking and collecting interest badges plus she has started work on the Jarman Centre 12 days of Christmas challenge.

We still have space if you would like to send your daughter to Brownies.

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

## LINTON DISTRICT GIRLGUIDING

What a term we have had. Our Guiding county of Cambs East has produced its annual review showcasing some of the amazing things our leaders have done with our girls. Keep a look out for a copy near you. We have dealt with lockdown again and have had many virtual meetings. Girls were encouraged to do an age related activity for Children in Need and Remembrance was shared at home.

Our Guiding light is shining brightly as we near Christmas and although we will not have the usual parties and Christmas fayres there will still be much fun to be had. Inspiration can come from many sources and it is wonderful to see our girls wave hello as they are passing.

There have been night time stargazing challenges from Anglia, our Girlguiding region and as usual our website is full of exciting activities, challenges and awards to do for every age from 5-18 and beyond! Take a look at our website on [www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/adventures-at-home) which is packed full of new ideas and activities. As always we are offering our full programme of adventures, with adaptations to make it accessible at home. Building skills, earning badges and awards and having time with friends. There is also a special Pantomime Happening in December for everyone in Guiding to see at home. Oh no there isn't!!! Oh yes there is!!!

Louisa Powell-Owens, Linton DC.  
Email: [lintondistrict@gmail.com](mailto:lintondistrict@gmail.com)

## END OF YEAR UPDATE FROM LUCY FRAZER MP

As we look to the end of 2020, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some of the work I have been doing over the course of this year.

2020 has been a challenging year for all of us and I want to pay tribute to everyone who has helped and supported their local communities and vulnerable individuals during the pandemic. The response to the public health challenge of Coronavirus saw us pulling together, ensuring that our communities across Cambridgeshire kept connected. I know that our villages are continuing their great support to others. I was pleased to safely meet with local volunteers in person across the constituency during the summer months – and to take part in regular Zoom updates with local leaders and stakeholders.

Whilst the government is focused on dealing with the pandemic, other projects are still progressing and I continue to work to improve our area. I welcome the announcement that the Department of Health has awarded Cambridge University hospitals £1.9 million to expedite the complete redevelopment of Addenbrooke's Hospital, which will include a new children's hospital. At the beginning of October, the Prime Minister also announced the building of a new cancer hospital. Residents across Cambridgeshire rely upon Addenbrooke's Hospital for their medical care, and population growth makes its complete replacement with a brand new hospital in the years ahead a necessity. I have campaigned hard for continued investment in NHS services in our local area, and the construction of a new hospital has my complete support.

The Greenways scheme is one of the local efforts to improve cycleways by constructing routes between central Cambridge and nearby villages. The routes will help to reduce pressure on public transport and offer more environmentally friendly ways to commute and get around. I have supported this scheme since 2017, working with the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other local stakeholders to ensure that local residents were involved in determining the routes. This currently includes 6 routes in our area. I am really pleased that the routes to Fulbourn, Waterbeach and Linton have been approved. Having recently met with the GCP and written to the Board to press for further routes I am delighted that the three further routes in Horningsea, Bottisham and Swaffhams have also been approved. I'm looking forward to using the routes and hope you will do the same!

Education has also been a key campaign pledge since I was first elected. As a result of much campaigning with teachers and others the 2021-2022 academic year will see per pupil funding increase by an average of 4%. The National Funding Formula allocations reflect a 60% increase in the total additional funding for small and remote schools. This is good news for small schools in our area, which can attract further funding due to their status.

I continue to hold regular surgeries and am here to help with any issues you may have. Constituents who would like help with a problem or want to arrange a telephone call or a virtual meeting should contact me on 02072195082 or email [lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk). To keep up with my work follow me on Facebook and Twitter or visit my website – [www.lucyfrazer.org.uk](http://www.lucyfrazer.org.uk).

Best wishes for the rest of 2020 and I hope that 2021 will prove to be a better year for us all.

Lucy Frazer MP, South East Cambridgeshire

## GUESS WHERE AND WHEN? ANSWER

This is Vine Cottage, 33 High Street (next to the Old Chapel) 1987 - before it was extended upward.

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

## MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

The month of October for our community always signifies two things, the well known craft fair that sees the whole school transformed for a weekend and raises lots of money for the PTA; and Meadow Mile, our sponsored walk around the village. Sadly, Covid put a stop to the craft fair and meant we had to be creative with our sponsored walk. Meadow Mile, instead became the Meadow March!

The whole school took turns to march around the grounds in their bubbles, dressed in amazing rainbow colours. Through the day, we updated the children on how much money was being donated, with our reception classes deciding to complete an extra lap due to the amount raised! We managed to raise over £2000 with the money being used to update the non fiction books in the school library which sits at the heart of our school.



November, too, set challenges for us as we had to be inventive in the way we marked Remembrance Day. Instead of standing on the school playground, laying pennies on our giant poppy and using the church bells to mark the time, we held a virtual zoom assembly, followed by a 2 minute silence in the classrooms and had to rely upon the school bell. The children did really well at respecting the silence and we were especially proud of our youngest children who were quiet as mice.

As we move towards December, the month which usually brings so much sparkle and cheer we again are having to think in different ways. We are determined to put on a Christmas show of some sorts and the teachers in the Infants are working hard to plan how to do this following all of our Covid rules. Sadly, there will be no real life donkey this year, but there will be sparkle, costumes, singing and dancing. It will just be a little bit different!

With the New Year on the horizon, we all hope that life at some point can return to a little more normal. The things we used to do without even thinking about are perhaps the things we all miss the most now. I know for one, I can't wait to give my wider family a hug again and to go and sit in a class and read with the children or play a game with children in different classes. Sometimes in life the little things that cost nothing are the things that are most precious.

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

## POPPY APPEAL 2020

Thank you everyone for your donations for the Poppy Appeal this year. I will let you know the total as soon as I can collect and pay in everything and add to donations via the just giving page. Margaret Johnson, Honorary PAO