

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday	1 March	Blue & green
Monday	8 March	Black
Monday	15 March	Blue & green
Monday	22 March	Black
Monday	29 March	Blue & green

Household Recycling Centres are open on an appointment system. For details visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres

CHURCH SERVICES

St Mary's Church. Sunday at 10.00

Sunday zoom services will also continue. For details contact Cazzie Walsh on 7churches.seven@gmail.com to sign up for the weekly newsletter or find details at www.grantavale.org.uk

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

If you aren't online the Editor is more than happy to help.

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Nurse: See article on page 2.

AgeUK Community Warden: Faye Parker.
T: 07436102865,
Email: Faye.Parker@ageukcap.org.uk

Granta Medical Practice / Linton Health Centre:

T: 0300 234 5555 option 3, followed by option 1 for appointments, option 2 for the Pharmacy.

Electricity & powercut helpline: 105

British Telecom helpline: 0800 800150

Water - Cambridge Water Company:
01223 706050

Sewerage - Anglian Water: 0800 771881

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GRANTA Medical Practices

It's amazing to think that the UK has been in an emergency state for a year. We are now in our third national lockdown, and everyday life has changed beyond all recognition. There is, however, a tiny light at the end of this long, dark tunnel and it is shining just a little brighter day by day with the introduction of the COVID-19 vaccination programme.

As I write this (08/02/2021), we have vaccinated around 7,000 of our patients in cohorts 1 to 4. We continue to work our way through the priority groups, as instructed by NHS England. You may be invited by us, or you may receive an NHS England letter inviting you to attend a mass vaccination centre. It is entirely your choice where you would like to go. All vaccinations are recorded on a national database so please be assured that you will not be missed.

Information about the virus and the vaccine changes daily, sometimes even hourly. To keep completely up to date with the latest guidance it is advisable to look at the Government website www.gov.uk and the NHS UK website www.nhs.uk If you know of someone who does not have access to a computer and you do, please help them access the latest information.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me direct on 01223 627743 or sandra.east@nhs.net

Sandra East

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Re-opening. The Hall is still unavailable for general hire and its use is presently limited to the Daisy Chains Pre-school. The Hall will be open for use by the regular clubs and other users as soon as the Government guidelines allow.

Maintenance. The Hall is cleaned by a contractor every Saturday morning and is regularly visited during the week to ensure that everything is safe and secure.

We are having some problems with the heating system which results in the main heating tripping out. We have replaced the timers controlling the heating system but without success. There are no spares available for the heaters themselves and the Management Committee is investigating the possible replacement with a more efficient system. This will be an expensive project and grant funding for the new system is being investigated.

Parking. The Hall's insurance company has indicated that in the event of the Hall being closed for an extended period of time no vehicles should be parked adjacent to the building. Whilst the Hall is presently "in use" we would ask residents who live adjacent to the Hall if they could please park in the front carpark but away from the Hall itself.

Closed Circuit Television. A CCTV system has been recently installed on the Hall. This installation has been under consideration by the Management Committee for some time and the need for it was prompted by some recent damage caused by bricks being thrown onto the roof and breaking some tiles. This resulted in water damage to the ceiling in the bar, which had been recently redecorated.

The system comprises four cameras, which will be continuously recording to a base station. The cameras or recordings will not be actively monitored or accessed via the internet, but recordings will be viewed if needed for identifying any vandalism or anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the Hall.

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Village Hall news continued

The Hall has received the necessary licence from the Information Commissioner's Office to hold the electronic data which is recorded. Notices are displayed on the Hall about the installation and provide contact details should they be needed.

Hall Extension. The Parish Council has asked the Village Hall Management Committee to look into the feasibility of extending the Village Hall to provide some extra needed amenity space as identified in the Neighbourhood Planning consultation with parishioners. The Parish Council has allocated some funds so that plans can be drawn up.

Trevor Hall, Chair, West Wickham Village Hall Management Committee

FROM THE VICARAGE

Spring is often associated with a sense of renewal, in plants and animal life, maybe even in our outlook, emerging from what may feel like a long dark winter. This Spring that feeling is intensified; looking for renewal after a difficult winter with the coronavirus pandemic. We are looking for green shoots of hope and recovery: through the vaccine programme; maybe schools returning and workplaces becoming safer; through longed for opportunities to meet with friends and family again and greater human contact.

March is also a time when we journey through Lent, the traditional forty-day period when we reflect on our lives, perhaps give something up or take something on, and prepare ourselves spiritually for Easter. There can be a penitential feel about Lent, yet many this year may feel the weary months of lockdown have been penitence enough! At the heart of Lent, however, is a journey from the ashes of sorrow to shouts of gladness, from slavery to freedom. A journey of gratitude which recognises the true hope we have in Jesus Christ through his death and resurrection, and through the gift of his Holy Spirit.

As part of the Lenten journey, more or less in the middle of it, we also celebrate Mothering Sunday. This dates back at least to early medieval times when people would seek to return to their 'mother church' - the place where they were baptised - on that day. Whilst we may not be able to celebrate it in the ways we are used to, there will be bunches of flowers placed in all of our churches on Mothering Sunday which I invite you to come and take. You may then offer them to a caring person in your life, whether a mother or someone else, as a sign of gratitude and renewal; an affirmation of that person and a reminder of the importance of human care and compassion in our lives.

Whilst we have walked a hard road over the last few months, an underlying sense of gratitude, care and hope is essential to our humanity and allows us to re-discover renewal in our own lives and in the lives of others. Let us pray for this renewal in ourselves and the places where we live and work, and act with faith, hope and love.

Revd Iain McColl

PARISH NURSE APPOINTMENT

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Kim Cox. She has a wide experience in a variety of nursing posts both in hospital and the community. Kim and her family live locally and she is looking forward to getting to know as many of us as possible - her aim is to make a difference to her patient's lives! Kim will start her induction in March and will introduce herself in the April magazines. I am sure you will join me in offering Kim a warm welcome.

Keith Day, Parish Nurse Management Group

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Parish Council (zoom) meeting held on 25 January the following items were discussed. The draft minutes are on the Parish noticeboards.

Affordable housing: Two of the new houses are now occupied by families with links to West Wickham.

Finance: The budget and precept for 2021/2022 will remain at £12,000. It was agreed that donations to Age UK for the Community Warden Scheme should be increased from £250 to £300 and the Royal British Legion wreath for Remembrance Day from £20 to £30.

Speed Indicator & Speed Watch Reports:

1. Trevor Hall reported on the results from the speed indicators at Burton End and Streetly End. The figures showed some improvement, probably due to people not travelling to work at present.
2. County Cllr. Batchelor had enquired about the work not carried out on the speed limit signage entering West Wickham from Streetly End but had been told that the cost of completing the work would have to be borne by the Parish Council. The Chairman questioned whether this was legally correct, as there was a contract in place.

Maintenance:

1. Flooding at Streetly End: There is now another area in Streetly End where water spreads across the road. County Cllr. Batchelor has been asked to look into this. All the drains and gulleys in the village need attention. Problems should be brought to the notice of the new Highways Officer. (Ed. Please report these through the Parish Council).
2. A dead beech tree on the triangle at Streetly End needs removing. Enquiries will be made about who is responsible for this.

Village Hall & Play Ground:

1. Village Hall. (Ed. See separate report).
2. Playground. It was agreed to have a further look at the climbing mound, using treated wooden sleepers set into concrete, but it was noted that this would have to pass a RoSPA safety inspection. A local contractor will be asked to look at this possibility.

Neighbourhood Plan: The revised draft had been circulated and the Chairman congratulated Cllr Sargeant and his team on the huge undertaking putting it together in such a well ordered way. The Regulation 14 village wide consultation will start as soon as covid-19 restrictions allow.

Village Voice: The Chairman announced that Sue Thurston joint editor of the Village Voice has stepped down. He thanked her on behalf of the Parish Council for all she had contributed towards the success of the magazine.

Litter Pick Up: Cllr Grieve is finding out whether SCDC will be sending out the necessary equipment for doing this annual job. The Chairman said that if not the Parish Council would buy the necessary equipment for villagers to do their own "pick up".

The next meeting (probably via zoom) will be on Monday 22 March at 7.30pm. A link to a zoom meeting will be published on the agenda, which will be posted on the noticeboards and on the village website: westwickham.org

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.
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DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

A1307 Update. The process of upgrading the road continues. The proposed bus lane past Linton, which would have served very few buses for a £1m+ investment, has now been recommended for removal from the scheme. The much needed signalised pedestrian crossing at the Hildersham junction is now being re-designed to be more acceptable to the landowner.

Some negative news is that the travel hub (a mini park and ride) at the end of Bartlow Road, Linton has been removed from consideration; it might not receive planning permission!

There are not currently any plans to build pedestrian foot/cycle/equestrian paths to the east of Linton, meaning some villages, which are not located close to the A1307, would not be able to feed into this corridor and use the new upgrades, despite the main thrust of the GCP funding being to get people out of cars and onto public transport/greener modes of transport. Pressure will be maintained for this and the more that Parish Councils and members of the public can put onto the GCP, the greater the demonstration is that this is wanted.

Parliamentary Boundary Review. There will be a review of the parliamentary boundaries this year. These are the areas our MPs represent. Given the increase in numbers, the East of England will need to have more MPs, so it will be interesting to see where they will be allocated. There will be a public consultation later in the year and we will keep you up to date on this.

Census. There will be a Census on 21 March.

Doubling Nature Strategy. A high-level strategy for 'Doubling Nature' in South Cambridgeshire, setting out an approach to increasing wildlife-rich habitats and the tree canopy and improving access to green spaces, has been given the go-ahead by the SCDC Cabinet. As part of the strategy, SCDC will aim for 20% biodiversity net gain from new developments.

Climate and Environment fortnight. Organised by the District Council, this series of free online webinars feature guest speakers, activities and information on the following topics:

Tuesday 2 March - Greening your older home, tips and inspiration; Wednesday 3 March - Shrinking your carbon footprint; Thursday 4 March - Food for our Future workshop. For more details see <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/climate-change/climate-and-environment-fortnight-2021-events/>

Geoff Harvey & Henry Batchelor

GRANTA Pharmacy

Our new **Automated Prescriptions Collection Point** in Sawston is now open! You can collect your medicines 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year, including weekends and bank holidays. You will need a valid mobile telephone number, to which a unique pin number will be sent when your prescription is ready for collection. It's a simple as that. To sign up to this great new service pick up a leaflet from the Sawston dispensing hatch, ring 01223 727530 or email us on capccg.grantadisensing@nhs.net

If you can't get out to collect your medicines, why not take advantage of our **free home delivery service**. Please ring 01223 727530 for further information and to sign up.

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW, 21 AUGUST 2021

Members of the Show Committee are brimming with enthusiasm and determined that this year's Show will go ahead, if at all possible. The date has been set for **Saturday 21 August**, the Village Hall has been booked and the judges primed.

To keep things simple, the Vegetables and Fruit, Cut Flowers, Domestic and Children's Classes will remain the same as the Committee had agreed upon last year and over the coming months I will highlight all of these in the Village Voice. The full schedule is available to read on the village website (<https://westwickham.org>) or if anyone would like a paper copy, please contact me directly.

Last year we were still able to go ahead with the Photography Classes and were delighted with the participation from members of the Club and residents. Recipients of the Village Voice in October last year were treated to an insert of the winning photographs together with a photo of our winner, Ciaran McNally, being presented with the Ralph Westwood-Bate Cup.

Sally Moon, our member on the Show Committee in charge of this Class, has written some inspirational words for us:

Are you looking for a diversion from the chores you can no longer put off? Do the kids need a break from the home schooling? Then this could be the time to have a shot at this year's photography competition. There are three categories to inspire you:



1 Through my Window.

2. Seeing red.

3. Reflections.

All classes give plenty of scope for you to capture images that excite your imagination. If you don't fancy venturing out, why not look through the

Photograph: Sally Moon

window for colours and structure in your winter garden or take a phone or camera on your next walk and see what inspires you?

Sue Thurston, Chair of the Show Committee.

T: 01223 897811

WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ZOOM TALKS

The next free Zoom talks, featuring some eminent speakers, are as follows: Monday 15 March: Andrew Ward from Norwell Nurseries in Nottinghamshire will talk on "Ringing the Changes with Bell Flowers" which will include plants such as foxgloves and campanula. Monday 19 April: Gail & John Summerfield from Westshore Nurseries, Lincolnshire will talk on 'Plot to pot; growing vegetables and fruit for fun and flavour', all starting at 7:30.

The Club welcomes non-members who wish to join us for these. If you would like to take us up on the offer send your e-mail address to Sue Boase our Zoom co-ordinator at sueboase@hotmail.co.uk, who will invite you in from 7:15 on the evening of the talk.

Rosemary Yallop. (01799584262)

NATURE NOTES

A week of sub-zero temperatures gave us some respite from the mud but was probably quite challenging for non-hibernating members of the animal kingdom. They must have been relieved when milder conditions arrived but I'm sure their feelings were as nothing compared to the nematodes who have been brought back to life after spending 42,000 years in the Siberian permafrost, the melting of which is yet another clear sign that the earth is heating up.

For us humans the hard ground provided easier walking conditions, and with a reasonable covering of snow at the beginning of the week, the chance to do some tracking. Di and Jan on a recent walk found some footprints of something jumping into a deep drift - probably a fox after a small mammal. Rabbit prints criss-crossing the paths gave the impression that a party was going on. I wonder if rabbits have fun in the snow? I would like to think so.

I am always impressed that when the ground is rock hard, we still see piles of earth appearing in the fields and lawns to remind us that moles continue their underground existence as they have done for more than 20 million years on a diet of earthworms and other invertebrates, oblivious to all the problems above ground. Two molehills recently appeared in our lawn. If you spot a particularly large molehill it could mean that there is a nest directly under it. Other mammals who are still active in cold conditions include our resident deer populations. Ronnie Temple recently posted a video of Isla contemplating a group of fallow deer, including a rather impressive stag. Her curiosity seemed to be short-lived, given the distance and numbers involved.

During the winter insects seem to be in short supply but some make their own arrangements for survival. Ladybirds commonly hibernate in large masses and Lucy Cameron sent me a picture of a group sheltering in a curled-up leaf while Di found several tucked away in the rim of a yellow salt box. She also found a queen wasp in her sock drawer and moved sock and wasp into the conservatory. Of the social wasps, only the queens survive the winter, already having been mated, and establish nests in the spring - not, we hope, in Di's sock. On the day after the cold snap ended I noticed clouds of small flies as I walked beside Hare Wood, revitalised by the warmer weather. And all along there seem to have been flies and spiders available for the likes of blue tits and wrens searching under gutters and in other nooks and crannies.

It will soon be time for the fieldfares and redwings to return to their breeding grounds in northern Europe but in the meantime they are feeding up on berries and rotting fruit. Di's lone fieldfare continues to guard the crab apple tree aggressively while I heard from Sally Moon that a fieldfare in her garden was displaying exactly the same behaviour. They are still often to be seen on the field next to us and two came into our garden recently. I thought their colours and speckles were particularly vibrant - so their breeding season can't be far away.

I finally managed to see a barn owl at Streetly Hall farm and have had many more reports of sightings flying low over the verges, ditches and uncultivated fields in the evenings and early mornings. The barn owl's lazy, silent flight is contrasted with the sudden zig zag and beating wings of the snipe - a bird also spotted in various locations in recent weeks.

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

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH

We have been taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch for over 30 years but, rather stupidly, did not record our results when sending them to the RSPB until 1998. Nevertheless, this does mean we have over 20 years of data, so what conclusions can be drawn?

The Birdwatch takes place in late January and you have to record the largest number of birds you see in each species at any one time over a period of one hour - we've usually done this between 9/9.30am and 10/10.30am. This means this is not a complete record of birds we see in the garden only what we see at that time. We have rarely recorded the shy wren during a Birdwatch, for example, although we regularly see it and it almost certainly nests in the garden every year. As regards feeding, we have a bird table on which we put what the RSPB classes as 'kitchen scraps' - things like brown breadcrumbs, cooked pastry, oatmeal and, added this year, dried mealworms - and this also has a holder for peanut fat blocks. We have both a general seed feeder and a nyger seed feeder along with a bird bath for water.

The number of species we've recorded has stayed roughly the same, varying between 10 and 13 with weather conditions probably making the difference here (plus we are convinced the birds know the Birdwatch is coming and disappear for the weekend!). 6 species - house sparrow, blackbird, robin, great tit, blue tit and dunnock - have appeared every single year and the chaffinch in all but one. Some birds are seen in most years - coal tit, collared dove, woodpigeon and starling - and some have only started appearing in the last few years - magpie, goldfinch (coinciding with us starting to put out nyger seed regularly) and long-tailed tit. We used to see greenfinches every year until 2012 but, although we didn't see any during this year's Birdwatch either, they have appeared on our seed feeder since so we are hopeful the numbers are recovering. Marsh tit, pied wagtail and great spotted woodpecker have only ever appeared once with the song thrush only a few times and not at all since 2007.

Has anyone else kept records? It would be interesting to know what others see, particularly in different parts of the village.

Janet Morris

DO YOU HAVE ANY PACKETS OF SEED YOU NO LONGER WANT?

Perhaps you ordered too many or have decided not to grow something this year or have unwanted packets that come free with gardening magazines that you are wondering what to do with. I'm very happy to pass these on to the Lemon Tree Trust, a registered charity which has been supporting refugees and communities of forced migrants to create home and community gardens, run garden competitions and education projects mainly in refugee camps in the Kurdistan region of Iraq but also in this country too.

The Trust is particularly looking for vegetables such as courgettes, broad beans, salads, tomatoes, chard, carrot and sweetcorn; leafy herbs like coriander, basil and mint and perennial, annual or biennial flower seeds, particularly those which are good pollinators (several camps keep bees). It doesn't matter if the packets are part used, just make sure they are sealed, and if possible with the original packet information. **Just drop them in to me or contact me if you need them collected.**

Janet Morris, 21 High Street
Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

PICTURES FROM THE PAST



Arthur Davey outside what is now 36 Streetly End c1936. Arthur was born in Bartlow in 1876 and moved to the village sometime between 1901 and 1911. The tin bath on the ground behind him was for catching rain water. Although the pump was not far away - just the other side of the triangle - it was heavy work carrying water in buckets, so every opportunity was taken to supplement this. Piped water did not reach the village until the water tower

in Linton was built in 1936 and even then this was to standpipes only and not to each house.

Photograph from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive.

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LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

At the time of writing, we are open for collection of pre-preserved books, Select and Collect requests, and for pre-booked PC use to access essential services. Browsing is not currently possible, in line with current government guidelines. You can reserve specific titles via the website or by telephone (see below), or we can select some books for you, based on your preferences. A wide range of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and e-newspapers are available for download free of charge. Please check our website and social media for service updates.

We have a number of new books in the Reading Well for Children collection, including some covid-related children's books, to help children and families during the pandemic; these titles may help promote feeling calm and safe, and in coping with anxiety. We also hold a good collection of Reading Well for Adults titles.

Businesses and local residents are being asked to donate spare laptops for use by children in Cambridgeshire who are without a computer or internet at home, giving access to online learning, resources and support. Cambridgeshire Libraries are collection points. For further information visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/laptops-for-children or email

LaptopsForChildren@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

There will be a vacancy at Linton Library shortly. If you are interested, please check for this being listed on the Public Sector Jobs East website www.publicsectorjobseast.co.uk

Linton Library opening hours: Tuesday 10am-2pm
Thursday 2-6pm

Lindsay Healy, Community Library Assistant, Linton Library,
Email: lindsay.healy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
T: Customer Services 0345 045 5225
W: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

HEARING CLINICS

Due to covid pressures, the local NHS has made the decision to postpone all non-essential outpatient appointments. This includes walk-in repair services for hearing aids, although they will still operate a postal repair service and battery exchange. If you require this service, please send your hearing aid(s) in appropriate packaging, with your brown record book and a stamped self-addressed envelope (with a large letter stamp) for return to you. If you need replacement batteries, don't send the hearing aids - just send the old batteries with your brown record book and SAE to: Audiology Clinic 10, Box 94, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 0QQ

Alternatively, Cambridgeshire Hearing Help have five maintenance centres open, including one at Fulbourn, where you can get your NHS hearing aids cleaned and re-tubed. This is a drop-off and wait outside 20-minute service, by **appointment only**. Fulbourn HAM Centre, every Thursday at the Swifts Meeting Room & Library, Haggis Gap, Fulbourn CB21 5HD. To book an appointment please contact the office 01223 416141 or email enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk.

AGEUK COMMUNITY WARDEN

I've been enjoying the rare sunny morning, being able to sit in the garden with one of my service users and see signs of spring - snowdrops and other shoots. It brings a sense of anticipation of good things to come, and I think we all need a little bit of that at the moment.

Many of my service users have been having their covid jabs, as have I, and that also feels like a positive step forward - I hope many of you feel the same. The Granta and Addenbrookes teams have been absolutely amazing. This past month, I have been using some of the other Age UK Services available to everyone, not just those on my scheme, and they have been absolutely fantastic. The Handy Man Team have been busy building shelves and putting up the dreaded flat pack furniture, and I've been learning about the Telephone Befriending Team which is ideal for those wanting an extra pal to speak to.

I've had a couple of new people join our Small Villages Scheme, and there are still a few spaces left if anyone else would like to join. If you would like to find out more about the scheme and what it can provide you or your family, please get in touch and I would be delighted to both meet you and explain what Wardens do.

Faye Parker, 07436 102865,
Faye.Parker@AgeUKCAP.org.uk



FREE

A small re-caned chair needs a home. A donation to a small charity that I support in Zimbabwe would be gratefully received.

Apply to Joanna Sanders, Nine Chimney House, Balsham. T: 01223 893063, Email: sanderschimneys@uwclub.net

THANK YOU

I would like to thank Anna Fairhead for the help she has given me with this months Village Voice



I would like to share the achievements of the girls and leaders in Linton District. During the year from January 2020 to December 2020 our District has earned well over 1,000 badges. Quite an achievement considering we are not allowed to meet face to face. This covers every age and section from Rainbows 5-7, Brownies 7-10, Guides 10-14 and Rangers 14-18. One of our Rangers, Morgan, gained her Commonwealth Award, presented to her by our County Commissioner, Claire, at one of their virtual meetings and Brownie, Ella, from Horseheath Brownies gained her Brownie Gold Award, the highest achievement that can be gained in each section. Megan who is one of our Guide leaders has been presented with her Leadership Qualification. All this has been achieved whilst we have had covid-19 and not been allowed to meet face to face.

If you are interested to find out more about us or would like to join us as a girl or help one of our units look up www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/

If you are over 18 and would like to join an adult only group, have you ever thought of joining the Trefoil Guild? There is one in Linton and they are having all sorts of fantastic fun, currently virtually due to restrictions. Look them up at www.cambseastguides.org.uk/about-us/trefoil-guild

Whatever age you are and however much time you have to spare there is something for you. You can even get involved and never leave the house, even when we can meet face to face.

Louisa, Linton District Commissioner. T: 07711 614328, Email: Lintondistrict@gmail.com

1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

This term we are hoping to complete some unit meeting activities as well as joining the county in a virtual Thinking Day event. We might also try having a virtual sleepover as I doubt we will be able to go to the Jarman Centre for our annual holiday this year.

As the country is in another lockdown we won't be able to have any more face to face meetings for a while so we will be busy Zooming on Wednesdays. If you notice a dip in your internet service around 6pm you'll know why, the Brownies are taking over.

We still have space if you would like to send your daughter to Brownies, as mentioned we are meeting online until we can meeting face-to-face again. If you would like to know more about Brownies or the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards please check out the Girlguiding website (www.girlguiding.org.uk) or drop us a message on horseheathbrownies@gmail.com. Brownies is where the girls have fun learning new skills and enjoy just bring themselves.

Pauline, Katie, and Laurené.
horseheathbrownies@gmail.com

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Young people are fabulous. At a time in their lives when they would customarily be enjoying additional freedoms and independence, they have needed to adhere to restrictions to support the health of their communities. They have done so with stoicism and maturity.

While there is much in the press catastrophising students' educational progress, this does not reflect the amazing engagement levels that have typified LVC students during lockdown. Attendance at live lessons that mirror the regular curriculum have been exceptionally high and the quality of students' learning outcomes have been impressive. Students have also been appreciative of the excellent remote pastoral care on offer at this time.

Amongst the narrative of the need for children to 'catch up' in terms of their academic progress, it's actually the relational aspect of their formative years that will be most fundamental: catching up with friends and engaging with others face to face.

Teenage school years are often fondly remembered for the friendships and extra-curricular events such as trips and clubs. It has been a shame that so many enrichment opportunities have been cancelled and postponed due to the current context.

While it is not possible to run our regular enrichment offer, we have launched the 'Connections' Arts project, encouraging students to create compositions and creations that reflect on this theme. LVC students are also participating in a Trust-wide writing competition which will be judged by award-winning published authors.

I am proud of what the LVC community continues to achieve remotely and the support and appreciation of our families.

Helena Marsh, Principal.



YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS NHS AND CARE TEAMS SUPPORT US ALL

Have you seen your GP lately? Had a hospital or dental appointment? Perhaps you have care services at home or visit a loved one in a care home. If you, a family member or friend have used a local health or care service, Healthwatch Cambridgeshire wants to hear about your experience – good or bad.

We are the local health and care champions and by sharing your feedback with us, local NHS and care services can find out what's working well or needs improving. Please support our new campaign 'Because We All Care' by giving your feedback about the services you are using. It is being run with the Care Quality Commission and follows on from our big covid-19 survey across Cambridgeshire earlier this year.

It only takes a few minutes to share your views with us. Your feedback helps services to continue providing the right support to local people. Share your views online at www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views

You can also call Healthwatch on 0330 355 1285 text your views on 0752 0635 17 or email enquiries@healthwatchcambspboro.co.uk