

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

MARCH 2022

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday	7 March	Black
Monday	14 March	Blue & green
Monday	21 March	Black
Monday	28 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

6 March	10.30. Joint service of Holy Communion. Balsham Church
13 March	9.00. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
20 March	9.00. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
27 March	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

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USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Nurse: Kim Cox. T: 07498994205
Email: 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com
This is NOT a 24hr monitored service.

AgeUK Community Warden:
Lucy Cameron. T: 07436102865
email Lucy.cameron@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

Cambridge Water Company: 01223 706050

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE Wednesday 16 March

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QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

This year is Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee - 70 years on the throne. The Parish Council is planning celebrations at the Village Hall. They would also like to mark this auspicious occasion by planting a small area of woodland in the village. A local landowner is taking on this task, on a piece of land which has a public footpath around two of the edges, so we will all benefit from the trees. It will be called the Queen's Wood. 'The Queen's Green Canopy' is a nationwide tree planting initiative, and West Wickham Parish Council would like to be part of this. The Queen has made it clear that she would like each of us to plant a tree. If you would like to donate a tree towards this project, please contact Peter Grieve (T: 897811, Email: mail@petergrieve.co.uk) or Di Licence (T: 290434, Email: dianarubylicence@gmail.com). We have a list of native trees from which you can choose.

Di Licence, Parish Council

HAVE YOUR SAY

West Wickham Neighbourhood Plan

South Cambridgeshire District Council is seeking your views on the Neighbourhood Plan before it is considered by an examiner, and can proceed towards a referendum. Comments must be submitted to SCDC by 5pm on Tuesday 15 March.

There are a number of ways that you can comment:

- ♦ using the online consultation system:
<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/>
- ♦ by emailing to:
neighbourhood.planning@greatercambridgeplanning.org
- ♦ writing to the Planning Policy Team, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6EA

It is possible to view the documents within West Wickham. Copies are in both community telephone boxes.

If you wish to obtain a hard copy of the Neighbourhood Plan please contact SCDC on 01954 713000.

To find out more information, and to make comments, visit: <https://www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/west-wickham>

NEW AgeUK COMMUNITY WARDEN

My name is Lucy Cameron and would like to introduce myself as the new AgeUK Community Warden for Cambridge and Peterborough covering our small villages. I live locally and look forward to being able to support some of our older local residents. 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 lucy.cameron@ageukcap.org.uk

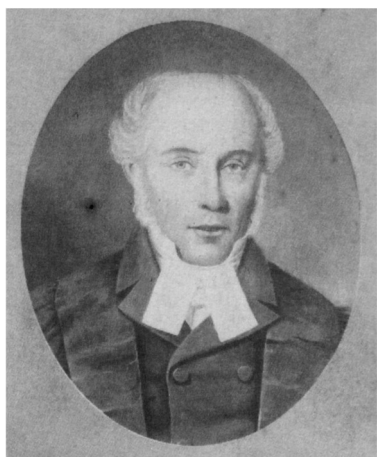
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 14 March. West Wickham & District Local History Club
Annual General Meeting

Monday 21 March: West Wickham & District Gardening Club
Growing for showing. Talk by show judge Nigel Start

Both 7.30pm, Village Hall

PEOPLE FROM THE PAST



Reverend John Ramsden Wollaston (1791-1856). JRW became the Anglican minister in 1825. There had not been a resident minister for a long time and when he moved to the village there was no house (vicarage) attached to the living. He leased two cottages in Burton End which he extended with financial help from his father, the Rector of Balsham. This is the house known today as

the 'Old Vicarage' although it never actually belonged to the church. In 1840 John, his wife, Mary, and their seven children (the youngest aged just 7) emigrated to the newly established colony of Western Australia. They led a pioneering life with John playing an instrumental part in establishing the Anglican church there and where he has since been recognised as a 'local saint and hero'.

Photo from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

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

THE PETER & RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD

During 2021, with changing restrictions and incidences of Covid-19, we were unfortunately unable to hold interviews prior to students taking up university places last September. We are sorry for the delay due to such unprecedented circumstances. Recently, we have contacted those who applied explaining our wish to make an award to one of them as soon as we can, as we are well aware how beneficial the award may be to the successful student!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2022. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000, and is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following: Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield - Great Thurlow, Little Thurlow, **West Wickham**, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville and Withersfield.

The final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level/Baccalaureate results and university offers are known.

We would like applications in by Good Friday, 15 April and hopefully the process will be easier for all this year!

For further information about the Trust and award please contact: Jonathan Drury 01223 290968

For an application form please apply via email to:
peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB 2022 Annual Show Photography Competition

With the mild weather that has been with us since October, we have been treated to some spectacular displays in the natural world. From iridescent autumn colours to the bright carpets of snowdrops and winter aconites we are now enjoying, it seems impossible not to record some of these moments with our ubiquitous camera phones. Of course, if you have been using a camera to explore nature, you will no doubt have captured some truly memorable images.



Given most of us admire our images one or twice and then never go back to them, might we suggest that now is a good time to consider whether you may have the perfect image for the Annual Show? The category *My Favourite Season* could give you the opportunity to share something special from your 'autumn/winter collection' which you feel captures the essence of the season.

A dramatic scene; the light making an otherwise standard image particularly interesting or maybe a plant which represents your impression of the time of year might be your winning photograph. The categories are deliberately open-ended so that everybody can have a go. And if you don't have anything quite suitable yet – why not keep this title in mind the next time you head out for a walk or drive?

The rules state that entries must have been taken in the year between one Show and the next. This year's other titles are *Patterns in Nature* and *Born to be Wild*. Classes are open to members and non-members, children and adults. You can enter two photographs in each class.

If you would like details on how to enter please contact either Sally Moon sally@sallymoonpublishing.com or Sue Thurston mail@suethurston.co.uk T: 897811. Full details on how to submit your entries and fees will be included in the July edition of the Village Voice.

The best of luck from all of us!

Sally Moon

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PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

This year there will be Parish and District Council elections on Thursday 5 May, and a new Parish Council will be elected for a 4 year term of office. Jenny Richards, the Parish Clerk, has nomination forms (see below for contact details). These have to be completed and handed in to the Electoral Registration Officer at South Cambs. District Council by 4pm on Tuesday 5 April.

If you are new to village life (or maybe if you're not!) you might be unfamiliar with the role of the Parish Council - so, hopefully, this brief guide may make things a little clearer. Parish Councils are the lowest tier of local government. Parish Councillors are elected every four years by those on the electoral roll and the number is dependent on the population - West Wickham has 7 Councillors. The Parish Council should not be confused with the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) which includes the vicar and churchwardens and is responsible for the provision of facilities for worship, along with the upkeep of the church and churchyard.

The Parish Council receives most of its funding annually through the Council Tax and this has to be used to enhance village life in some way. This 'precept' forms a very small part of your Council Tax (average £65 for a band D property). The Parish Council owns and is responsible for the allotments, the playing field and the playground. It also owns the Village Hall but leases it on a peppercorn rent to the Village Hall Trust who manages it on their, and your, behalf. It also provides financial support to other organisations which benefit the village. For example, the Parish Council currently contributes to the AgeUK Mobile Warden Scheme for the elderly, the Parish Nurse, subscribes to the Friends of the Roman Road and Fleam Dyke (the Roman Road forms the southern boundary of the parish and is a well-used and well-loved amenity) and is sponsors this newsletter.

The Parish Council is continually consulted by both the District and County Councils on a wide range of issues and, in turn, the Councillors use their local knowledge and understanding to represent your views back to them. They can, and do, effectively put pressure on these bodies on your behalf. The Parish Council is not itself a planning authority but is consulted on all planning applications and its views are taken into account. It has been instrumental in developing a Neighbourhood Plan which, once adopted, will guide future planning decisions in the Parish.

The Parish Council receives a tremendous amount of information from a wide variety of sources on many subjects. Some of this is displayed on the Parish Council notice board, on the village website (www.westwickham.org), some will appear in this newsletter but, because of sheer volume, much is simply circulated around Councillors, which means they should be a good first port of call for help or advice.

Parish Council meetings, which are held in the Village Hall every two months at present, are open to the public. Watch out for the posters advertising date & time; the next meeting is on Monday 28 March. In theory, you are not allowed to speak but, in practice, Parish Councillors want to hear your views and address your concerns and you will almost certainly be invited to make a contribution. Alternatively, you can contact a Councillor personally or write to the Parish Council Clerk to have an item put on the agenda. The Clerk, is employed on a part-time basis to deal with day-to-day administration and finance, service meetings and be a point of contact. Once a year, usually in May, the Parish Council is required to arrange a Parish Meeting to discuss parish matters. There will usually be a report on the work of

the Parish Council during the year but this is really your chance to question what it does, find out how it spends your money, raise any concerns or simply give Parish Councillors your support. For those who live in a village there is no mysterious 'they' who will provide facilities, amenities and social opportunities. 'They' is all of us - you, me, us - and being a Parish Councillor is a way of making a positive contribution to the community. So, how about it? What you can do -

- take an interest in what the Parish Council does (or does not)
- think about standing for election as a Parish Councillor in May
- consider nominating someone else (you need their consent!)
- VOTE on 5 MAY (any Parish Council gains confidence from feeling it has been elected by the majority not the few)

If you want to know more about the work of the Parish Council or about becoming a Parish Councillor contact any of the outgoing Councillors or the Parish Clerk:

Parish Councillors:

Patrick Charlton (Chairman)

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Peter Grieve T: 897811. Email: mail@petergrieve.co.uk

Allen Hazlehurst.

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Di Licence

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David Sargeant.

T: 07976 973929. Email: davidjsargeant@gmail.com

Alex Schuilenburg.

T: 290084. Email: alex@schuilenburg.org

Parish Clerk:

Jenny Richards, West Lodge, 88 High Street, Balsham, CB21 4EP.

T: 01223 665260. Email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

***Come and meet your neighbours
in
West Wickham Village Hall
at the 4th of our monthly***

**COFFEE
MORNINGS**

***Thursday
17th March
from 10.30***



***Variety of teas and coffee
(real & instant)***

Cake & biscuits

***More information
from Di Licence (290434) &
Sue Thurston (897811)***

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council met on Monday 24 January and the following were some of the matters discussed. The full draft minutes are available on the noticeboards.

Planning:

1. 21/05456/S73. The Meadows, Streetly End. It is proposed to put two bedrooms in the roof space of the new bungalow, with the two skylights already there to be raised to normal window height. This was discussed and it was agreed "no recommendation" should be the Councils' response.
2. S/3626/19/LR. Streetly End Farm House, a reapplication for replacement double glazed windows in a Listed Building, previously turned down.

Finance: A full list of authorised payments is given in the Minutes.

Budget for 2022/2023: The coming years extra expenses were looked at and it was agreed to allow for £2000 to cover costs of the Jubilee celebrations. A request for an extra contribution to help with the internal decoration of the Church was also agreed. It was agreed that the budget should remain the same for the coming year.

Precept: The Chairman did not wish to increase the precept as he believed there would be considerable increases in family costs this year. It was agreed to request a precept of £12,000.

Council Election: This will take place in May and it is possible that 3 or possibly 4 councillors will not be standing for re-election. (Ed. Please see separate item on page 2 about how the Parish Council works.)

Speed Check Report: Trevor Hall reported that 70 cars monitored outside White Gables were doing 30mph and 20 were doing 35mph. Streetly End's monitoring of 2068 cars in a week showed 285 doing 35mph.

Maintenance:

1. *Defibrillator:* Cllr Schuilenburg has received an invoice for £1499 but needed to know what wording should be put on the plaque. It was agreed to put "donated by the Parish Council" and to show the logo of the Village Sign.
2. *6 free trees* – These have now been planted in the Church yard.

Village Hall: The new heating system installation began on 25 January. New lights will also be installed in the main hall.

Neighbourhood Plan: The consultation is administered by SCDC and responses should be submitted to them by 15 March.

Jubilee 2022 – Queen's Green Canopy: Cllr Licence told Council that a strip of land has been offered to the village to plant possibly up to 40 trees and the owner intends to plant up the rest of the land with trees.

Meetings attended: Cllr Hazelhurst will attend the County Council highways meeting and will report on missing and broken signs reported over 2 years ago, a broken manhole cover still not dealt with and a broken bridge.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Monday 28 March at 7.30pm.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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

NATURE NOTES

Some people were concerned about how few fieldfares and redwings there were in the pre-Christmas period but quite a number of flocks have been seen in the fields and hedgerows since then, including a large group that were happily intermingling with the cattle at the Mill House, exploring the field for worms and other invertebrates. The hedgerows have been largely stripped of berries, justifying a description of these winter migrants as 'an army of raucous Vikings rampaging across the English countryside.' I noticed a group on one of the Hill Farm fields, which included one bird with a completely white head. I checked my bird book for a possible rarity, but it must simply have been a fieldfare with albinistic tendencies. Blackbirds also sometimes exhibit this tendency and one with a white back has been inhabiting and singing in the garden of April Cottage recently. A bird with a bit more star quality, the waxwing, has been seen in Cardinal's Green eating its favourite cotoneaster berries. Waxwings are starling-sized birds and, like the winter thrushes, breed in northern Europe but they come to Britain less regularly. They are very handsome birds with a long crest and lovely cocoa-brown colouring.

I hope plenty of you took part in the Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of January. Di's top bird was the house sparrow, said to be in decline elsewhere, and she also counted 12 goldfinches on her neighbour's niger seed feeder. My top bird would also have been the house sparrow, were it not for the 48 woodpigeons sitting in the cherry tree overlooking the adjoining rape field. Once they had resumed their 'rapefest' they were replaced in the cherry tree by a buzzard but unfortunately, buzzards do not count as a garden bird. Otherwise, my count was a little disappointing. Other recent bird sightings include a little egret between Hildersham and Linton, several cormorants at West Town Park (opposite Sainsburys) and several sightings of barn owls, for whom a mild winter is ideal.

The trend for spring to arrive earlier each year seems to be continuing with snowdrops and aconites making a good early show both in the village and outside. Places like Anglesey Abbey, Chippenham Park and Wandlebury had spectacular displays but also Clover Cottage in Streetly End. The catkins have been dangling from hazel trees for some time but if you look closer, you may see the female red stars, which are awaiting pollination from catkins on a different tree. Di has already spotted a couple of early purple orchids pushing up in the wood. And as we write, it is still only mid-February.

The animal kingdom has to react to the changing seasons but the warming climate affects their normal rhythms because food chains can become disrupted. The concern often repeated is that caterpillars emerge too early and become chrysalises before they can be the essential foodstuffs for birds such as blue and great tits. Everyone needs to adapt but I am unsure about the mammals who seem to pursue their regular life patterns. I noticed a line of badger latrines on the edge of Leys Wood, which proves that they are active now. One of the most noticeable signs of mammal activity are molehills. The reason for so many of them appearing at this time of year is that the moles are now into their breeding season, with males seeking out females by tunnelling into new areas and emitting high pitched squeals, throwing up molehills as they do so. A large molehill can be an indication that there is a nest underneath.

Please send your nature sightings to:

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

HEALTHWATCH CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is supporting a new volunteer project to help shape future urgent and emergency care services at Addenbrooke's. We are looking for people to take part in a survey run by local Health Champions. Please can you share this opportunity with your organisation and members?

Join a new survey about Addenbrooke's Hospital. The hospital wants to hear how urgent and emergency care can be a better experience for local people. Your feedback will help the hospital provide the best care through the design of future buildings and services.

Who can take part? Anyone who has visited Addenbrooke's urgent and emergency care services (including A&E and same day emergency care clinics) in the last 12 months.

What is involved? Answering survey questions online or over the phone with a trained, volunteer Health Champion. It should take 45-60 minutes. The survey will close at the end of March 2022.

A thank you. There is a £10 Love to Shop voucher as a thank you for taking part. We will also send you a copy of our survey report.

Your safety and privacy. The Health Champions running the survey are trained volunteers with Healthwatch Cambridgeshire, your local health and care champion. Healthwatch is independent and has the power to make sure NHS leaders and other decision makers listen to local feedback and improve standards of care.

The information you give us is confidential and anonymised before we share it. Your personal information is never included in our survey reports.

Get involved! If you are eligible and interested in taking part, register your interest by emailing Jacqueline Douglas: jacquelinehealthwatch@gmail.com. You can also contact Healthwatch by calling 0330 355 1285 or text on 0752 0625 176. We will be in touch to arrange a time and date for the survey.



LINTON ARTISTS & MAKERS

Saturday
26th March
10am - 5pm

**SPRING
GIFT FAIR
2022**

**LINTON
VILLAGE HALL**
Coles Lane
Linton CB21 4JS

Find us on 
Linton Artists & Makers

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

Are you up to date with all of your vaccinations? There are a number of vaccines available on the NHS, the more common of which are listed below. If you are unsure whether you are eligible or would like further information please do not hesitate to call us on 0300 234 5555 or visit www.NHS.UK

Shingles vaccine – who is eligible?

- Adults 70 to 79 years old

You only need to have the shingles vaccine once and you can have it at any time of year. Whilst it is a very effective vaccine, some people can develop shingles at a later stage, but the illness will be milder. It is also fine to have the shingles vaccine if you have already had shingles. It works well in people who have had shingles before, and it will boost your immunity against further shingles attacks. There is a new vaccine available for people who are immunosuppressed called Shingrix and this is available at all of our surgeries as a 2-dose course.

Pneumonia vaccine – who is eligible?

- Babies, as part of the national immunisation programme
- Adults aged 65 and over
- Children and adults with certain long-term health conditions, such as a serious heart or kidney condition.

The pneumonia vaccine protects against serious pneumococcal infections and encourages your body to produce antibodies against pneumococcal bacteria. If you have a long-term health condition you may only need a single one-off vaccination or a vaccination every 5 years, depending on your underlying problem.

Flu vaccine – who is eligible?

- Adults 50 years and over
- Have certain health conditions
- Are pregnant
- Are in a long-stay residential care
- Receive a carer's allowance, or are the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be at risk if you get sick
- Live with someone who is more likely to get infections (such as someone who has HIV, has had a transplant or is having certain treatments for cancer, lupus or rheumatoid arthritis).

- Frontline health or social care workers

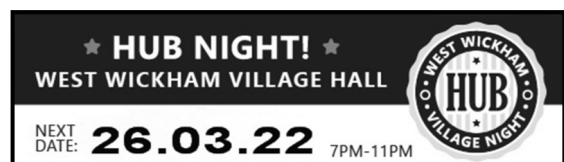
If you are not eligible for a free NHS vaccine you can buy one from your local pharmacist. Granta Pharmacy in Sawston have stocks of flu vaccine – to book an appointment call 01223 727530.

Covid vaccine – who is eligible?

- People aged 16 and over
- Children aged 12 to 15
- Some children aged 5 to 11

Adults have 2 vaccinations plus a booster dose. People with a severely weakened immune system are offered 3 doses plus a booster. Please note that it is never too late to start your covid vaccine course. Visit www.nhs.uk to find out where get covid vaccinations.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services, Granta Medical



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FROM THE VICARAGE

When the going gets tough - well I guess there is always chocolate.

Perhaps that is what has inspired the supermarkets to stock their shelves with Easter eggs from before the end of January, but I doubt it. Regardless, like the increasingly early arrival of spring bulbs, the effect was curiously disconcerting as much as it might have been welcome. Was Easter really going to be that early this year? No.

Because the date of Easter is a calculation based on the lunar cycle, confusingly (and something the commercial world does not like) it is different every year. So, just in case you're still disorientated by early Easter eggs, Easter Sunday is not until 17 April this year. Phew!

However, Lent starts, some six weeks or so before Easter, on Ash Wednesday, 2 March. In ages past, encouraging Christians to embrace the traditional disciplines of Lent – penance, prayer and self-denial – was probably never an easy 'sell'. Certainly, over the past two years of lockdown, and Covid fears and deaths, it seemed rather out of place to look for the value of placing more burdens on oneself. This year too, but with a different set of unprecedented stresses piling on – soaring energy bills and inflation, and tax increases – many may feel that any whole-hearted embrace of whatever is the point of Lent is compromised. After all, why add extra self-imposed austerity?

Yet, is there a way to recast the extra disciplines of Lent as something genuinely helpful for us now? For Christians, I think there is. That is, when we recognise that the real effort of Lent is about daring to focus the mind, and heart, on the scandal (*1 Corinthians 18-21*), the absurdity of our nonsensical claim about God. For as Lent proceeds, we are heading towards the events of the trial and crucifixion of this particular innocent man whose death most reveals God, in His glory.

It's this impossible paradox that Christians especially revisit in Lent, year after year, after year. Slowly, very slowly, we learn to see how Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead reassures, and releases new life and steadfast love ... and confidence in whatever the future holds.

Then we tuck into our stockpile of Easter Eggs!

Alistair Collen, Granta Vale Ministry Team

GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

Our girls have had an incredible couple of months. Before Christmas, two Linton Guides had a really interesting evening at a drumming workshop, with some excellent results and lots of skills learned.

Guides were also lucky enough to take a coach to the Wembley Spectacular for the women's FA cup final, a day they will never forget. It is quite an extraordinary place with an amazing atmosphere.

Linton Guides went to see Wind in the Willows at Saffron Walden which was enjoyed by all. Our units also had Christmas parties complete with disco lights and music and, of course, no celebration in Guiding is complete without badges.

If you would like to join in the fun, please look at www.girlguiding.uk.org/interested. We take girls from 5 years old upwards, as well as celebrating octogenarians in January. What a couple of months we have had!

Louisa Powell-Owens, T: 07711614328
Email: Lintondistrict@gmail.com

OPEN GARDEN

Clover Cottage, 50 Streetly End

Shirley Shadford will again be opening her garden for the National Garden Scheme (NGS) snowdrop festival on Sunday 6 March 2pm-4pm. The garden is well worth a visit and has been featured in several magazine articles and at least one book. Snowdrops, hellebores, iris reticulata and daffodils will be on sale and Shirley would be delighted to see you all

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

LVC students have been enjoying enriching learning opportunities in recent weeks. Years 7 and 8 have benefited from the new carousel structure in Technology lessons this academic year, which has reduced class sizes and enabled students to engage with term-long projects in food and nutrition and design technology.

After last year's limited access to practical lessons, Key Stage Three students have been producing some amazing culinary creations including ratatouille, scones and quesadillas.

With a focus on food culture, Year 8 will be producing spanakopita (feta and spinach pie), Caribbean curry and stir-fry this term.

Year 9 students have focused on food science, developing their knowledge of key processes such as aeration, emulsification and coagulation. They have applied their learning to their own practical skills including making honeycomb, pastries and gateaux.

GCSE classes have been mastering advanced core skills and food presentation, achieving some delicious and highly ornate dishes such as mille-feuille and salmon en croustade.

Offering an enriching learning experience is a key priority at Linton Village College. As a community-focused school, we are really keen to develop further connections with local independent catering and hospitality providers. Please get in touch with Ali Harris, Head of Food and Nutrition, if you would like to establish work-related learning links with the College: ali.harris@lvc.org.

Helena Marsh, Principal

GREEN BIN COLLECTIONS

As I'm sure you know, South Cambs DC were unable to collect waste from our green bins on 14 February. We understand this was because of a shortage of drivers due to Covid issues which affected very many villages that week.

Should this happen again we recommend looking at the District Council website (www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins) where you will find up-to-date information.

The District Council did make alternative arrangements to collect green waste over the following two Saturdays, although it didn't happen on the first of these. This information was sent to the Parish Council and posted on the village website (<https://westwickham.org>) always a good source of information. It was also sent out to residents via the village email circulation list. If you haven't subscribed to this I recommend that you do. I'm sure it will be used more frequently in future. For information on this go to (<https://westwickham.org/community/residents>)

Andrew Morris