

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday	1 August	Blue & green
Monday	8 August	Black
Monday	15 August	Blue & green
Monday	22 August	Black
Tuesday	30 August	Blue & green

It is no longer necessary to book to attend any of Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres.

For details of locations & opening hours visit: www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres

CHURCH SERVICES

7 August	10.30. Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
14 August	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
21 August	10.30. Joint service of morning Worship at Balsham Church
28 August	9.00. Holy communion at St Mary's Church

★ HUB NIGHT! ★

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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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE Tuesday 16 August

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WEST WICKHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

A referendum on the 'making' (adoption) of the West Wickham Neighbourhood Plan will be held on Thursday 11 August at West Wickham Village Hall
You can vote between 7am – 10pm

The West Wickham Neighbourhood Plan has been independently examined and following minor revisions has been approved by South Cambridgeshire District Council to proceed to referendum. The referendum is organised by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Information about the referendum can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/planning/local-plan-and-neighbourhood-planning/west-wickham-neighbourhood-plan/

Copies of the referendum plan will be in the two telephone boxes or you can read it at www.scambs.gov.uk/media/19286/1-west-wickham-neighbourhood-plan.pdf

Other documents relating to the development of the Plan can be found at www.westwickham.org under the Parish/Neighbourhood Plan

If you have any questions please contact Cllr. David Sargeant at plan@westwickham.org.

West Wickham & District Gardening Club

ANNUAL

SHOW

SAT 13th AUGUST 2:30PM

West Wickham Village Hall

Raffle

Tea

Cake

PRIZE-GIVING 3:30PM

Followed by auction of produce

**WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT
GARDENING CLUB
ANNUAL SHOW
SATURDAY 13 AUGUST
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

This month you will find the brightly coloured Schedule for this year's Show together with a separate sheet which is the template and instructions for the children's Class 2 – designing a poster for next year's show – inside your Village Voice.

The Show is for everyone in the village, not just members of the Gardening Club, so I hope you will come along to the Hall either in the morning to submit your entries, or in the afternoon to see what everyone has entered, meet friends and neighbours, enjoy the refreshments and take part in the raffle, guess the weight of the cake and the auction of produce or ideally both!

Over the past few months, I have written articles for the Village Voice trying to find the right choice of words to encourage, rather than bully or plead with you to take part in the Show and you will be relieved to read that this will be my final piece for some months on that theme. I would imagine that most fruit and vegetable growers are in despair at the moment due to the lack of rain and our flowers are wilting with the heat but please have a look round your garden a day or two before the Show and see if there is anything you could pick and enter and "have a go". We are all in the same boat. Similarly, it is not too late to think about the domestic entries – preserving and baking might be a cooler option than being in the garden at the moment! Fortunately, there are no baked entries requiring finishing with chocolate or cream in the classes this year as they might well have melted by the time the judge gets to see them! And of course, there is still time to take some photos to enter the Photography Classes, though these have to be submitted (& paid for) the week before – 5 August. Full details on how to do that are in the Schedule. For the first time this year it will be possible to pay for your entries by card so not having the cash or cheque book is no excuse!

We so want the Show to be a success and to continue as an annual event for the village; it is one of those traditions that is sadly in decline all over the country and it would be sad to lose our one. So please come along and support us.

Thank you.

Sue Thurston, Show Co-Ordinator
Email: mail@suethurston.co.uk, T: 897811

**COFFEE MORNING – 11 AUGUST
from 10.30 am**

Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 11 August, which is the same day that the Referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan is taking place in the Village Hall.

We shall be holding the coffee morning in our usual area in the Hall and the partition will be in place allowing the Referendum to take place in the larger area. Hopefully, this will result in some voters stopping off for a cup of coffee and piece of cake before or after placing their vote and trying out the coffee morning for the first time whilst also allowing regulars to conveniently pop next door to vote too.

There will be a selection of teas & coffee (real & instant and a variety of homemade cakes. Come along and enjoy!

Sue Thurston, T: 897811

FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The following article is about on the recent activities of the KenYuKan group which meets twice a week in the Village Hall. The martial arts group is run by Martin Clark and it has been using the Hall for many years. You may have seen the demonstration given by the group at the post-covid social event in September 2021.

Trevor Hall

MEDALS ALL ROUND FOR KENYUKAN

Recently KenYuKan Dojo took a trip to Doncaster for what would be the first Iaido and Jodo competitions for just over two years. Dojo leader Martin Clark and three of his students made the trip for the British Iaido and Jodo Championships.

Martin was originally there to compete in the sixth Dan category but with the withdrawal of a senior Referee, as the next senior grade at the event, he was asked to stand in. It was a long but productive day for both Referees and competitors with Martins students returning with Gold in the Mudan (Ungraded) the Nidan (2nd Dan) and Godan (5th Dan) Divisions. Two of these students went on to represent KenYuKan in the Jodo (Staff and Sword) championship and returned with the silver and a fighting spirit award.

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**COME AND JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING
OF ENTERTAINMENT
AND WINE TASTING**



1 October, the Village Hall 7 PM

Participate in a wine quiz followed by a tasting of a variety of locally produced wines. Tickets are £25.00 each and must be purchased by 15 September. If you are interested please contact us on hall.events@westwickham.org

We look forward to seeing you there.

West Wickham Village Hall Committee



West Wickham Village Hall

Open for hire by Residents, Local Clubs and Organisations

Suitable for family functions, children's parties, meetings, social events, fund raising.

Hiring provides the use of all the facilities of the hall which includes the bar area, table tennis and badminton equipment and the kitchen which includes crockery, cutlery etc.

The hall is licensed for music and performing arts

Bookings can be made to:

bookings@westwickham.org or

by using the Booking/Query at www.westwickham.org

Alternatively by leaving a Voice Message on 01223 789719

NATURE NOTES

At the time of writing we are preparing for an extreme heat emergency for which people are being advised to close the curtains, open the windows and drink plenty of water. The heat, coming on top of such a long dry period, is also stressful for wildlife, who don't have the same options without human help. Water is essential to life and at times like this, birds, insects and mammals can place a great deal of reliance on our ponds and birdbaths. Bees, wasps and flies can sometimes be seen sitting on the edge gingerly taking a drink and trying to avoid getting in too deep as they can get into difficulties or become waterlogged. Birds use them for drinking and bathing. So we need to keep the birdbaths and ponds topped up if possible. Di recently found a very dehydrated hedgehog in the middle of a recreation ground in full sun and gave it some respite by moving it under the hedge in the shade.



Life in and around our pond continues. Dragonflies, unlike some other insects, emerge directly from the larval stage without becoming pupae. They shed several skins but before the final moult many climb out of the pond and then emerge as adults, leaving the skin (known as exuviae) behind them. We found two of these exuviae still seemingly clinging to pondside reeds and some days later were treated to the spectacle of male

and female broad-bodied chasers zooming around the pond.

In attempting to ascend the mountain of knowledge required to make me a moth expert, I am still in the foothills, but the learning process is being helped by my moth trap. This has attracted numerous varieties including the enormous eyed and poplar hawkmoths and the delightful elephant and small elephant hawkmoths with their iridescent pink and khaki colours. Di is fortunate to be able to attract the elephants into her conservatory with the help of a hoyia flower, which gives off an alluring (for moths) smell in the evenings. It's wonderful how plants and insects have evolved to suit each other's needs for nectar and pollination during the hours of darkness. During the day a number of people have had the pleasure of watching a hummingbird hawk moth with its long proboscis extracting nectar.

Although spiders are not technically insects they too seem to be particularly active and noticeable at this time of year. The tunnel web spider builds an impressive web, then sits at the tunnel entrance, ready to rush out in response to any movement on the web to entrap the unfortunate prey. Another variety is the nursery spider, who carries her egg sac around, then makes a nursery web in the grass when they are ready to hatch. It appears as a mass of web with a cherry sized dark patch in the centre, occupied by spiderlings, who, when disturbed, will run about inside or sometimes run along the grass stems. When they are ready, the young spiders climb a stem and produce a dragline from their spinnerets and balloon away on the breeze.

We have good news from Horseheath that spotted flycatchers have bred opposite the church and it seems that the youngsters successfully fledged. Another family I noticed recently were reed buntings, who obligingly perch on top of the rape, the males displaying their striking black heads.

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

BE DRONE WISE

Recently there has been drone activity at the rear of properties in Streetly End during which the flyer remained out of sight, raising concerns as to security and personal privacy. The Police have recorded the incident as "suspicious". (Ed. There have been other similar 'suspicious' activities recorded recently in the County!)

The Drone and Model Aircraft Code regulates the use of drones, particularly those fitted with a camera and/or listening device, to protect people's privacy and bears brief outlining as pertinent to this incident:

You must register before flying a drone with a camera outdoors and pass the CAA's official test every 5 years to obtain a flyer ID. You must also hold an operator ID, details of which must appear on the drone, and the flyer must divulge this information if requested.

The flyer should remain in clear sight when flying the drone so people know who is responsible and should let people know before recording or taking images.

If a drone is used where people can expect privacy, such as in their house or garden, it is likely to be in breach of data protection laws for which there are penalties.

It is against the law to take photos or record video or sound in breach of the General Data Protection Regulation.

If you record images for commercial use, the flyer must meet further specific requirements as a data controller.

Please be aware of the above activity and report any sightings to the Police on 101.

Name & address supplied

PEOPLE FROM THE PAST



c1936. Charlotte (Lottie) Shaw in the garden of what is now 96 High Street (note the cabbages and chickens). Lottie moved to the village from Kent in about 1908 when her husband, Samuel, became the publican of the White Horse. Samuel died in 1920 and Lottie eventually moved into this house, one of the first of six houses built by Linton Rural District Council in 1926. Apparently, she then helped out in the White Hart which was virtually next door. Lottie died in 1941.

Photo from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

Janet Morris, 21 High Street,
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FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

West Wickham Parochial Church Council will be holding a Wine and Canapé Reception in your church on Friday 19 August at 6pm.

Will our Friends please bring a new Friend; they will be very welcome. We will be celebrating the completion of the works and redecoration that you have contributed to so generously. This will be our main fund raising event for 2022.

Marcus Cornish

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GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

FLU & COVID VACCINES

We are now finalising the 2022 flu clinics! Additionally, we are planning the Covid autumn vaccination campaign. There are still unanswered questions, such as:

- Who will be eligible for the flu vaccine this year?
- When will the Covid vaccines be delivered to us?
- Will we be able to vaccinate patients with the flu vaccine at the same time as Covid vaccine?
- Will we be able to hold Covid vaccine clinics at each Granta site, as opposed to Sawston only?

As soon as our questions are answered by NHS England and our local Integrated Care System (formerly the Clinical Commissioning Group) we will let you know, and will publicise the vaccine clinic dates and contact our patients directly to arrange appointments.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me direct on sandra.east@nhs.net or 0300 234 5555, option 2.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

During the school holidays, Cambridgeshire Libraries are running a Summer Reading Challenge for children. This year the theme is Gadgets, a celebration of science and innovation, in partnership with the Science Museum Group. Come along to find out more or join in the fun online. Everyone can enter our Guess the Gadget competition. Will you win a prize?

We have a Children's Craft event on Tuesday 2 August, 12 - 2pm. Pop along to get creative with old CDs! Please book a place at the Library.

Monday 8 August at 2pm is our Engage session (with refreshments), Karen Sanderson will help us discover what Yarn Bombing is all about. All welcome.

Our popular Knit and Natter group will meet on Tuesday, 9 and 23 August at 2pm, just bring your latest craft project (knitting or otherwise).

Family Lego fun is back on Monday 22 August, 2 to 3.30pm. Please call in at the Library to book your place.

All libraries in Cambridgeshire offer a warm welcome to refugees. We have a welcome leaflet in various languages. Please ask if you need a copy for yourself or to give to a new arrival.

Lindsay Healy and Ann King
Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours:

Tuesday 10am - 5pm;	Wednesday 4 - 7pm;
Thursday 2 - 5pm;	Friday 10am - 5pm;
Saturday 10am - 1pm	

General library enquiries:

your.library@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 522

FROM THE VICARAGE

This summer has been a time of farewells in our churches! We've had leaving services in June for both Jeanine Kennedy, who was then ordained on 3 July at Ely Cathedral and is now the curate at St Andrew's, Cherry Hinton, and Kathy Bishop. Kathy and many others were there to support Jeanine as a new chapter of life and ministry opened up for her. All of these services acknowledged that there is a time and season for everything and gave thanks for the privilege of using one's gifts to proclaim faith, hope and love.

Following her last service at the end of June, Kathy is now on sabbatical for six months, so we won't be seeing her lead services in that time, though she may still be around as part of the congregation. We will miss her prayerful leadership and are very grateful for all she has given in her ministry in our parishes. This sabbatical, however, does provide a time and space in which Kathy may reflect upon how to continue to use her many gifts to minister and serve in a different time and season in her life.

During this summer we also have a special confirmation service which Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon, will lead at Balsham Church at 10.30am on Sunday 14 August. At this service, those being confirmed make a profession of their Christian faith and the Bishop prays for them to be strengthened in the gifts of the Spirit. There will be two children and three adults being confirmed and all are welcome to attend and support them at this exciting time.

Perhaps summer time, and for some the holiday season, is a good time in general to pause and reflect on how we are using our gifts in love and service and whether a new time or season approaches for us. For whatever time and season we are in, there is always the opportunity, as the Bible puts it, to "encourage one another and build each other up". What an amazing privilege it is then, to share faith, hope and love, as we journey together through life.

Rev'd Iain McColl

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

It was fantastic to welcome our Year 11 students back to celebrate their prom on 1 July, and to invite the community on site to observe their arrivals. There was a splendid array of outfits and modes of transport. Students and supervising staff enjoyed an evening of dancing in the marquee and disco pod.

Year 11 students also did the College really proud in their involvement in our Summer Soiree at the end of June, managing to squeeze in rehearsals and instrumental practice amongst their revision. It was a wonderful evening showcasing an array of talent and musical styles across the school. Our music department, including peripatetic teachers, have done a brilliant job of fostering students' capabilities and confidence to achieve such impressive performances.

We wish all Year 11 students the best for their exam results day on 25 August. After two years of centre/teacher assessed grades, we are really proud of how our students have conducted themselves during this year's exam season.

We have a number of site refurbishments taking place over the summer holidays, including road works affecting the top of the school drive to support the development of the Cambridge Greenway. Our Sports Centre facilities remain open for community use during the holidays.

Helena Marsh, Principal