

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

September 2022

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

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

4 September	10.30. Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
11 September	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
18 September	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
25 September	9.00. Holy communion for Harvest at St Mary's Church

★ **HUB NIGHT!** ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

NEXT DATE: **24.09.22** 7PM-11PM



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.

**PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER THAN
NORMAL DEADLINE FOR THE
NEXT ISSUE**

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REFERENDUM

The referendum held on 11 August asked the question ‘Do you want South Cambridgeshire District Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for West Wickham to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?’ There was a total of 107 votes.

98 votes in favour; 9 votes not in favour.

Therefore 91.59% of people voting were in favour of the plan and it will become part of the guidance South Cambs DC has to take note of when deciding on a planning application.



**MORE VILLAGE EVENTS FOR YOU TO JOIN IN
& ENJOY**

THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER, COFFEE MORNING
See page 4

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

Monday 19 September. Annual General Meeting
Monday 17 October. *Scented Plants*. Talk by Peter Jackson.
Monday 21 November. *The Forward Looking Gardener*.
 Talk by Sharka Baxter
Monday 19 December. *Brussel Sprouts to Tangerines*.
 Talk by Jacqueline Aviolet

**Evening meetings are held in West Wickham Village Hall
starting at 7.30pm**

Further details from: Arthur Mawby
Tel: 01223 290474. Email: arthur.mawby@mypostoffice.co.uk

WEST WICKHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Have you enjoyed the wonderful summer of sport? Ready to try something different? The Carpet Bowls Club would very much welcome new members, so why not give it a go (there's no obligation to join if you find it's not for you)? It's easy to learn, suitable for all abilities and is fun to play. We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Village Hall – 6.45 for a 7pm start. Just come along or contact the Secretary, Janet Morris
Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the meeting held on Monday 25 July the following are some of the matters discussed. The draft minutes can be found on the noticeboards.

Co-option of 2 new Parish Councillors: The Parish Council is now up to full strength following the co-option of Graham McNeillie and Richard Ling. (Ed. See separate item)

Planning: two applications were discussed at the meeting. 22/2301/2302. 32 Streetly End. To raise an existing chimney stack etc. This was supported. 22/1039/FUL. Platts Farm. Minor changes so were supported.

Finance:

The internal audit had been carried out satisfactorily and the external auditors have granted exemption from an external audit.

The list of authorised payments etc. are shown on the draft minutes.

Parish Nurse contribution: This is under discussion and Cllr. Mulley is making enquiries on the use of this service.

Traffic & Parking issues:

Speed Indicator Equipment: Trevor Hall was asked to do a full costing for a SID (Ed. Speed indicator device?) and poles before any decision is made. The speed data is kept by him and it was suggested this should be published on the website or in the Village Voice.

Maintenance:

Footpath Officer: Cllr Temple offered to do this.

Tree officer: Di Licence is happy to continue looking at the planning applications for tree work but asked for a councillor to take on the Jubilee Forest project with her. Cllr Sargeant offered to do this.

Village Hall & Recreation ground:

Solar panels: A satisfactory survey of the roof to check if it is suitable for solar panels has been carried out.

RoSPA Report: It was agreed that the play area needs to be checked by Councillors to see what needs doing. Cllrs Sargeant and Ling will do this.

Neighbourhood Plan: Following the Referendum on 11 August, the dissolution of the Plan Working group will be effective immediately as their role is completed. The Chairman thanked the team for their hard work.

Meetings attended by Cllrs: Cllrs Sargeant and Mulley-Richards attended the Combined Parish Council meeting on 23 June. Jane Rodens will be the new District Council Planning Officer.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 26 September at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

T: 01223665260; Email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

MEET YOUR NEW PARISH COUNCILLORS

RICHARD LING (High Street)



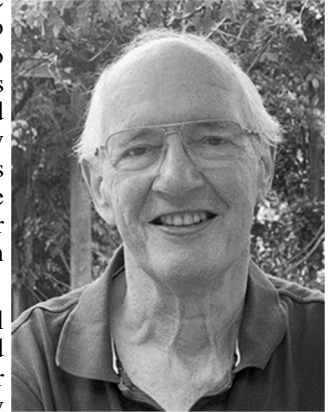
I have lived and worked in Cambridgeshire since 2009, having moved from Suffolk, initially based in Swavesey and St Ives before moving to West Wickham a few years ago to be with my partner and two children. I am a qualified accountant and have worked in the profession for close to fourteen years.

I have always wanted to live

in a small friendly countryside village and couldn't have asked for a more welcoming place to live. I feel strongly that the nature of the village with its buildings, views and surrounding countryside should be preserved and protected. This is my first experience with local government so will have a lot to learn. However I look forward to working with the other Councillors to maintain and improve the village.

GRAHAM MCNEILLIE (Streetly End)

My wife, Amelia, and I are relatively new comers to Cambridgeshire, moving to Streetly End just four years ago. We had previously lived just outside Oxford for thirty years. The reason for this significant move was to be closer to our daughter and her family who live in Weston Colville.



I am a Chartered Civil Engineer by profession and have spent most of my career working in the energy industry; this has taken me all over the world from the spectacular mountains of Alaska to the deserts of Qatar and beyond.

I have a particular interest in project management and infrastructure planning.

For most of my working life I was based in London, but we have always lived in the country. It is a privilege to be able to walk out of the back garden into open fields and woods. I am sure we all treasure this special part of the country, and agree it must be protected.

The renovation and maintenance of old buildings is a particular interest of mine. Throughout our lives, we have lived in a succession of old character houses, three of which are listed, so I am reasonably familiar with the need to conserve our heritage albeit recognising the sometimes conflicting demands of energy conservation and modern living standards.

I confess to being a complete newcomer to the world of local government so will be very much finding my feet, but looking forward to helping our community and in particular helping and representing all of our interests from the outpost of Streetly End.

DO YOU REMEMBER THE DAVIES FAMILY?

The Davies family lived at 18 High Street (next to the School House) from 1978 to 1983 when they emigrated to Melbourne, Australia. Recently, Tony Davies visited the village on a 'nostalgia trip' to the UK and was directed to me. We had a long chat about people he had known, former neighbours and families with children similar in ages to his own (all three went to the Meadow School). If you remember the family and would like to catch up, Tony left me his contact details which I will happily pass on. Incidentally, in his retirement, Tony, who had a Welsh father, has become President of the Victoria Welsh Male Choir – 'Australia's world class Welsh Choir'. The Choir is hoping to be able to resume its annual tour of Wales next year. It's an interesting world!

Janet Morris

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WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB ANNUAL SHOW

My piece this month has a different flavour from its usual urgings in that it is to report on how the Annual Show went and to say a big thank you to everyone (32 of us) who entered exhibits in such challenging circumstances and those who came along in the afternoon to enjoy the Show, raffle, guess the weight of the cake and refreshments.

The winners of the cups this year are as follows:

The Children's Trophy: Isobel Dowie

The West Wrattling Cup, Vegetable and fruit classes: Jean Martin

The White Horse Trophy, Cut flowers & pot plant classes: Jean Martin

The Stan & Hilda Cox Cup, Domestic classes: (joint winners) Janet Morris & Linda Upton

The Ralph Westwood-Bate Cup, Photography classes: John Howard

The Bill Pearson Cup, Overall winner: Jean Martin

The RHS Banksian Medal, which is awarded to the person scoring the most points in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes, was also won by Jean Martin.

The People's Choice Fragrant Flower was won by Nicky Cornish with her *Gabriel Oak* rose.

Well done Jean! It was an immense achievement on her part to have been able to enter as many as 20 classes in the vegetable, fruit and flower classes of such high quality during such scorching heat and drought. I thought I was doing really well to find just 9 to enter! The judges were surprised and impressed by just how many entries we did have, considering the temperature throughout the day and in the days leading up to the event were in the early 30's.



Our Chair, Arthur Mawby put it perfectly when he wrote "Perhaps more than ever, the show was a triumph of determination and enthusiasm over an unhelpful environment".

We will be posting the photos entered into the photography classes on the village website (westwickham.org) for you to all enjoy together with some taken during the day, including Linda Upton's wonderful cake baked and decorated for the Guess the Weight of the cake competition (which came in at an impressive 2693 grams/5 pounds 15 ounces). This was won by Lizzy from Streetly End.

Sue Thurston, Show Co-Ordinator.

PEOPLE FROM THE PAST



The road gang with tar boiler outside Manor Farm (note barns now demolished). The photo is undated but probably late 1930s although I've always been led to believe that the roads were not surfaced until the 2nd World War when better vehicle access was needed to RAF Wrattling Common. Alfred Moss, second from right, died in 1946 aged 73. He and his wife, Sarah, lived in one of the cottages at Bottle Hall. If anyone can enlighten me about the roads or can identify any of the other men please do get in touch.

There was a local road gang based at the Council depot in Balsham until about 40 years ago when the land was sold for housing. Nowadays, it's hard to believe that the gullies in the verges draining the roads of surface water were cleared regularly each winter, pavements were swept every six weeks and even gritted in icy weather!

Photo from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

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

BALSHAM SINGERS Rehearsals restart 15 September

Rehearsals will restart after the summer holidays on the 15 September. We rehearse once a week on a Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9.30pm in the Pavilion near the Balsham Church.

We are a friendly bunch and have a lot of fun. New members are always very welcome to join us: no audition is required, and the ability to read music is not essential, although useful. We sing a wide range of music from sacred works and classical anthems, to more contemporary works and musical theatre medleys. Please contact balsham_singers@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

A Christmas concert is planned for 17 December.



NATURE NOTES

Farmers are complaining that the ground is too hard for them to drill, so what must it be like for the moles? There have been a number of reports of moles found dead or wandering in a distressed state, presumably unable to access the worms on which they depend. If still alive, it feels right to move them to a safer and cooler place but their problem with the iron-hard earth would remain. The hot dry weather has been responsible for the death of thousands of moles, who have starved to death because the worms, centipedes and beetles on which they feed are deep in the earth beyond their reach.

Other mammals may not be quite so distressed, but nevertheless will be desperately seeking water as the ditches, ponds and rivers dry up. Deer have been particularly active and Trevor and Carol have been visited by both fallow and roe deer (pictured) who have been



browsing on their apple trees, in some cases standing on their hind legs to reach the fruit. They have also had foxes in the garden producing some great action shots of cubs at play and attempts at pigeon catching. I placed a container with water in the copse at the top of our garden and this has increased the numbers of muntjac and badgers caught on my trailcam. While the Granta (or Cam) which rises in Castle Camps continues to keep flowing, the Stour which rises in West Wickham is bone dry in its course through Weston Colville. These conditions are putting otters under stress so it wouldn't surprise me if one travelled over to seek out some of the West Wickham ponds.

Butterflies and moths are more appreciative of the hot dry conditions and I hope people were able to do the Big Butterfly Count. Mine produced nothing remarkable although a couple of weeks before the count was due to start I was lucky to see a beautiful silver-washed fritillary feeding on bramble flowers, and I also accompanied someone doing a count on the Fleam Dyke, where we saw an extraordinary number of chalkhill blues. Many were mating so this should augur well for next year. We mentioned the spindle ermine moths a couple of months ago. Their caterpillars develop in a protective web and in the process they wreak havoc on the spindle tree. Di was lucky enough to discover the pupae that they became, and thence to see the lovely white moths (with black spots) emerge so it is easy to see how they got their name.

Resident birds are still having to care for their recently fledged young, noticeably the buzzards up at Burton End, whose noisy youngsters have been regularly heard beseeching their parents for food. Di spotted a buzzard 'deliveroo' moment as an adult flew in with something

hanging from its talons and dropped it for one of the chicks, perched on a telegraph pole. Meanwhile a spectacular gathering of migrants occurred at Vicarage Cottage as a large group of house martins chose to perch in the birch tree while a similarly large group of swallows took up their places on the telegraph wire above. One rarely sees these type of birds perched in trees so this was quite remarkable. Both swallows and house martins have been scarce this summer, although I know there has been a fair amount of activity around the barns at Yen Hall. It's also quite surprising that they are massing, seemingly in preparation for their departure, so early in the year. Perhaps they are hoping it will be cooler when they fly over the Sahara.

Please send your nature sightings to:

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

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

The Countryside Code, the official government advice for those living in and visiting the countryside, was updated earlier this year. As there are many of you who may have recently moved to the village and who may be living in a rural area for the first time, the relevant extracts are below.

Respect everyone

- be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside
- leave gates and property as you find them
- do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking
- be nice, say hello, share the space
- follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available

Protect the environment

- take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit
- do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can
- always keep dogs under control and in sight
- dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance

The full Code can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code

**Come & meet up with your friends & neighbours
(& discover some new ones)**

**in West Wickham Village Hall
at our monthly**

**COFFEE
MORNING**

Thursday, 8th September from 10.30



**Selection of teas & coffee
(real & instant)**

Variety of homemade cakes

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

GRANTA Medical Practices

FLU CLINICS

Now that we are all socialising again and there are questions about lower levels of immunity since lockdown, it is really important to get your flu vaccine. We now have the dates of our clinics, which are as follows:-

- Saturday 24 September – Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Saturday 1 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 2 October – Market Hill Surgery, Royston, SG8 9JN
- Saturday 8 October – Shelford Health Centre CB22 5FY
- Sunday 16 October – Linton Health Centre, CB21 4JS
- Sunday 16 October – Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
- Friday 21 October – Sawston Medical Practice CB22 3HU
- Saturday 22 October – Shelford Health Centre CB22 5FY

All clinics will run from 8:30am to 4pm.

We will be vaccinating:-

- all children aged 2 to 3 years on 31 August 2022.
- people aged 65 years and over (including those becoming 65 by 31 March 2023)
- those patients aged from 6 months to less than 65 years of age in a clinical risk group such as asthma, COPD, chronic heart problems, and diabetes. If you are unsure if you fit into an "at risk" group don't hesitate to ask
- pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season)
- household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, especially those for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable
- those in long stay residential care homes
- those who are carers
- those with a learning disability

The government are also extending the cohort to include those patients 50 years old and over with no underlying health conditions. However, these patients will be vaccinated later in the programme, most likely November time.

The vaccines we are using this year are:

For the 2 to 3 year olds – *Fluenz nasal spray*. This should arrive in time for us to vaccinate in our planned clinics.

For 18 to 64 year olds – *Flucelvax* and *Supemtek*. These are both egg-free and provide a better immune response than the traditional egg-based vaccines used in previous years.

For 65 years old and over – *Fluad* (adjuvanted quadrivalent). This vaccine contains an immunity boost.

We are hopeful that we will be able to give the Covid autumn boosters at the same time as the flu vaccines. We will keep you updated with any developments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

Sandra East, Email: sandra.east@nhs.net, T. 0300 234 5555

FROM THE VICARAGE

September often seems to me like a time of fresh starts and new challenges. My children, along with many others, return to school and new classes are greeted with a mixture of eagerness and trepidation! Local clubs, groups and events may get going again after perhaps a short break or a sleepy August. This seems especially so this year as a remarkably hot and dry summer gives way to the plans and pre-occupations of autumn.

One of the groups planning ahead is the youth group which I am leading, called *Explorers*. It's been going for just over a year now and the monthly meetings are a mixture of games and exploring the Christian faith, together with some snacks and drinks! We have also enjoyed a couple of outings so far: a 'hike and hot dog' and a summer barbeque. When we meet in September, however, we will be looking to plan the year ahead and reflecting on a theme of boldness and courage. This is partly connected with the new challenges at school but also recognises that courage and boldness may be needed at many different times in life. It's always a joy to see how the children in the group explore some big questions with interest, humour and enthusiasm. How inspiring!

This theme was highlighted as well at the special confirmation service we held in August, where Dagmar Winter, Bishop of Huntingdon, spoke of the challenges those being confirmed would face in living out their faith in Jesus and how each would need the support and prayers of others. Bishop Dagmar also gave the example of the Bishop of the Amazon whom she met at the recent Lambeth conference, who took a boat along the Amazon River to visit congregations and faced many perils along the way. What courage and boldness she needed as she proclaimed faith, hope and love in her part of the world.

This confirmation service indeed reflects the encouragement St Paul gave to the church in Corinth when he wrote: "stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong" He also immediately added: "Do everything in love". How important it is to hold all of these things together! Whatever new challenges we may face in the different times and seasons of our lives, we too may draw upon this encouragement in living out faith, hope and love in our place and time.

PS. If you'd like to learn more about the youth group, please feel free to contact me.

Rev'd Iain McColl, mccoll.iain@gmail.com

PARISH NURSE – KIM COX


It is with much regret that I have to advise that Kim has been obliged to resign from her post because of health issues. She will be much missed. The Parish Nurse Management Group are committed to the continuation of the service and are currently seeking to recruit a new nurse (see advertisement elsewhere). Kim has very kindly offered to stay on with us during the interim period. Although she will not normally be able to undertake home visits, she will continue to provide telephone support and advice wherever possible. Kim will of course talk to all existing patients regarding arrangements for their continuing care but has asked that the following message be included with this notice.

Keith Day

ED. See page 6 for a message from Kim Cox and an advert for the job of Parish Nurse.

★ **HUB NIGHT!** ★
WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

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FROM KIM COX

It is with much sadness that I will be leaving my Parish Nurse Role due to a long-term health problem. In the time I have been working in the community I have met so many of you and your families and I hope that this service gave you help when you needed it the most.

This, my final nursing role after 40 years, has been the most rewarding and I thank you all for your support. The Parish Nurse role is vital and creates a much-needed link to Granta Medical Services. One GP described it as 'the eyes of the community'. Blessings, Health and Happiness to you all.

Kim x

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. 2 days (15 hours) per week plus 7 hours per month used flexibly (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.

Closing date for applications 30 September

Interviews mid October

Parish Nurse Training 15 – 17 November
plus 3 further sessions online.

For an application pack and full job description please contact Mrs Caroline Walshe.
Tel: 01223 891443, Email: 7churches.seven@gmail.com
www.grantavale.org.uk

GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

What an amazing group of volunteers and girls we have here in our District. Our Horseheath Brownies had fun fitting eleven Brownies into a ridge tent they'd put up, whilst our Linton Brownies visited the Sedgewick Museum, having fun with all things rock. Every year during the summer holidays we run camping trips, and this year was very special. It was our first East meets West Camp. All the Guides and Rangers of both Cambridgeshire east and west joined together in a giant camp at our Girlguiding Anglia activity centre at Hautbois in Norfolk, and were joined by Rainbows and Trefoil Guild members from both counties for a day. The camp was held for a week with our girls sleeping in shepherd huts and getting involved in lots of activities including campfires, scrapbooking, blindfold activity trails, paddle boarding and rock climbing high. The sun shone and a lot of fun was had with many challenges undertaken, not least the organising, setting up, cooking and running and event like this. Our leaders are incredible and go above and beyond to give our girls the adventure of a lifetime, meeting friends and people from all around the globe and locally at the same time. Go girls and go Girlguiding - come and join in the fun with us here in Linton District.

Louisa T: 07711614328, @lintondistrict,
www.girlguiding.org.uk/getinvolved



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

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on Saturday 3 September, though you can still complete the challenge up until Saturday 10 September. Well done and thank you to everyone who has taken part!

The presentation ceremony takes place on Saturday 24 September at 11am for those who have completed the Challenge.

Events at the Library in September:

Knit and Natter will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 6 and Tuesday 20 September. Bring along your latest craft project. All are welcome.

On Monday 12 September at 2pm we have our Engage session - Chris from Wylde Sky will be here talking about the local Brewery. All are welcome, refreshments provided.

If you love stories with a dark twist, it may have been Roald Dahl who first inspired you. Roald Dahl Day is on 13 September, so you'll find plenty of his works in the library plus books by other children's authors with a gruesome sense of humour...

If you need help with a Bus Pass renewal our digital buddy is happy to help - appointments are available on Thursday afternoons from 2pm, please book at the library.

Please ask in the library for the latest news on the return of Story and Rhyme times.

We look forward to seeing you at Linton Library this September.

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



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