

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

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

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

6 November	11.00.	Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
13 November	10.45.	Remembrance Day service at Balsham Church
20 November	9.30.	Morning worship at St Mary's Church
27 November	9.30.	Holy communion for Harvest at St Mary's Church

FOR UPDATES & USEFUL INFORMATION GO TO <https://westwickham.org>

If you aren't online the Editors are more than happy to help.

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 Wednesday 16 November

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CELEBRATION

FOLLOWED BY HUB NIGHT QUIZ (Fund raiser for the Village Hall)

**Saturday 26 November
at West Wickham Village Hall**

- 7.00 pm – 7.30 pm Canapes and wine reception to celebrate the Neighbourhood Plan (sponsored by the Parish Council)
- Hub Night bar all evening
- 7.30 pm onwards Quiz Night! 8 rounds with a break in the middle
- Up to 6 people per quiz team with prizes for the winning team
- Buffet food
- Raffle

Quiz Entry - £5.00 per person

If you are coming please contact us to help define numbers for food at hall.events@westwickham.org or telephone number 01223 789 719 (leave a message and we will get back to you).

VANDALISM OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Parents, do you know what your children are doing outside the home?

Unfortunately there have been a number of instances of vandalism at the playground and around the Village Hall over the last 5 months. The cradle swing seat was irreparably broken in early August, a number of pickets of the fence surrounding the playground have been broken at various times since May and at the end of September a picket fence panel was destroyed. Naturally, this has meant that some playground equipment could not be used over the summer months, leaving some young children saddened and disappointed, and resulting in families having to travel to other facilities in nearby villages. In addition, the repair and replacement costs to the Parish Council are now reaching several hundred pounds.

These incidents have been reported to the police and logged as a crime. One vandal, a young teen, was captured on CCTV damaging the fence and one of the goal posts.

If you have any information regarding these incidents, in particular the damaged fence panel and the cradle seat, please contact PCSO Chris Wiseman at Sawston Police Station on 101. If you witness any crime or vandalism in progress, please dial 999 as soon as possible.

Please also report any vandalism or damage to the playground equipment and surrounds to the Parish Council by emailing parish.council@westwickham.org. Damage or vandalism to the Village Hall can be reported via email to hall_committee@westwickham.org. While we do perform inspections of these facilities, these are done on a volunteer basis so we would greatly appreciate reports by residents to allow for timely responses and repairs.

Alex Schuilenburg, West Wickham Parish Council

R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON

Remembrance Sunday 13 November

There will be a short Service at the Memorial at 12 noon. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR. We hope to be joined by some of the veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. In addition, Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. Attendees are invited to lay wreaths or crosses for those they wish to remember, and everyone is welcome to attend.

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations.

Dan Heath for Friends of Wrattling Common
Email rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com
T: Mob: 07736 737 174, Home: 01440 730192

FROM THE VICARAGE

This month we are delighted to welcome a new curate to our parishes, Ben Brady, who will be living in the vicarage in Little Abington. Ben was ordained a priest in the Manchester Diocese and was previously living and working in Bolton but will join us from mid-November. He will be a wonderful addition to our ministry team and I look forward to working with him! If you do see Ben around over the coming weeks and months, please do say hello and introduce yourself.

This month will also be one of remembrance, as we hold All Souls services at the beginning of the month and Remembrance Sunday services on 13 November. All Souls is a special service where we may remember before God those who have died and renew our trust and confidence in Christ. Everybody is welcome to attend, and each All Souls service will include space to reflect quietly in prayer and an act of remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday is always a moving and poignant service but perhaps even more so this year in view of the tragic conflict in Ukraine. Reflection on the loss and tragedy of war, and the deep desire for peace, is woven into the Remembrance Sunday liturgy. It reminds us that in Jesus we find our 'Prince of Peace', the Lord who offers us a peace which 'surpasses all understanding' in our daily lives. Seeking peace and reconciliation are not optional extras in the Christian faith but central to following Christ and remain as important today as ever.

Then, on the last Sunday in November, we enter Advent season, four weeks of prayerful preparation for Christmas. In a world where waiting may be associated with frustration and Christmas seems to start earlier and earlier, Advent could seem out of touch! Yet learning how to pause and wait prayerfully actually helps us enjoy life more deeply, focus upon what really matters, and may be a wellspring of peace and gratitude before God. So much then, this month, which may give us pause for reflection and prayer, and so much to be grateful for.

Revd Iain McColl

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The traditional paper poppies, wooden crosses and poppy pins, will be available for your donations between 29 October and 13 November at Balsham Post Office, the Coffee Shop, the Bell Inn, the Black Bull Inn plus the Chestnut Tree at West Wrattling. Gift Aid forms (for those paying income tax) will be available at the PO for any donation which increases it by a further 25% at no cost to you. An envelope containing your donation of cash, or a cheque made payable to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, plus the filled in Gift Aid form, should be handed to Helen at the Post Office.

Thank you

Margaret Johnson, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

THE LAST POST

Each Remembrance Sunday West Wickham Salvation Army Band played at two Remembrance parades and church services. The morning one was held in Horseheath but on one occasion, it was held at West Wickham. I started going to the parades and services in my late teens.

In Horseheath we would form up on the A604 (the main road from Cambridge to Haverhill now the A1307)). In those days, not many people had cars, so the road was very quiet (ED even though this was before the bypass). The parade marched through the village to the church. Inside, the Band sat in the choir stalls and accompanied the singing. I played the Last Post and Reveille along with the SA Bandmaster, Aubrey Dockerill. The Horseheath war memorial was in the church opposite the main door, so we had to make our way down the church to it. After the service, the parade reformed and marched back to the starting point.

On the one occasion we did the West Wickham Remembrance parade and service. We formed up outside the Salvation Army Hall (ED now 12 High Street) and marched to St. Mary's. As the West Wickham war memorial is outside the service was held there and then the parade marched back to the Hall.

On the Sunday afternoon, we went to Linton where we joined with the Linton Salvation Army Band. The parade marched to the Linton Methodist Church. The Last Post and Reveille was played by Peter Byatt from Linton Salvation Army Band. Peter and I both attended the Grammar School for Boys in Cambridge. Peter later married Dorothy Dockerill (ED daughter of the Bandmaster) of the West Wickham Salvation Army Band and moved to London.

In the summer of 1961 I joined the RAF to train as a musician at the RAF School of Music. Bandmaster Dockerill wanted me to play the Last Post and Reveille with him that year so he wrote to the Director of Music at the School to ask permission to play these with him. I was learning the French Horn so the DoM wasn't happy about it but did grant permission. The parade and service were held at Horseheath and I wore my RAF uniform.

Graham Hopwood

If anyone has photographs of these Remembrance parades, we would love to copy them for West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive.

Contact Janet Morris
Tel: 01223290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

VILLAGE EVENTS FOR YOU TO JOIN IN & ENJOY

COFFEE MORNING

THURSDAY 10 November, See below

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Monday 14 November. *The Herveys of Ickworth*. Talk by Allen Burbridge
7.30pm, Village Hall
Further details from Janet Morris. T: 290863, Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Monday 21 November. *The Forward Looking Gardener*. Talk by Sharka Baxter
7.30pm, Village Hall
Further details from: Sue Boase, T: 01440 762911
Email: sueboase@hotmail.co.uk

HUB / QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 26 November. See page 1

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

*Come & meet up with your friends & neighbours
(& discover some new ones)
in West Wickham Village Hall at our monthly*

COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday, 10th November
from 10.30**

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

Variety of homemade cakes

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



STREETLY END ROADWORKS

The roadworks scheduled to commence on 10 October in Streetly End, as published in October's Village Voice, have now been deferred until 31 October.

The proposed works, opposite The Meadows are a collaboration between UK Power Networks, Cambridge Water and Drainage in order to minimise the duration that Streetly End would need to be closed. Access to properties on either side of the roadworks will be maintained and pedestrians will be able to pass.

Works have to be completed by 11 November, although it is hoped that the works could be completed earlier, within the first week.

Alex Schuilenburg, West Wickham Parish Council

BERYL TERRY 1938 - 2022

It is Good Friday 1954. A handsome young man was standing on the steps of Holy Trinity Church, Coventry, where he was a member of the choir. He was looking at a procession of choir members from St Margaret's Church choir. There he saw an absolute 'vision'. Turning to his friend and colleague, Enid Miller, he asked who this vision was. Enid said her name was Beryl and she worked at Morris Motors as a typist in the Correspondence department.

Enid arranged for Vic to meet Beryl and they later married at All Saints' Church on 17 July 1959. Beryl came from a strong and united family. She was the last of seven siblings: her father Percy was a baker and her mother Gladys a clerk in the Inland Revenue.

When Vic moved to be the secretary of the Coventry and Sunday Football League, Beryl did all the typing and copying, an arduous and time-consuming job in the days before computers and photocopiers. In the end the strain of the job was too much for both of them and they moved to Harlow in 1982 where Vic became a publican and Beryl worked at AC Cossor, the electronics company as a secretary to the management.

She was highly rated and valued at Cossor, so, when Vic took on the White Horse pub at West Wickham in 1984, Beryl continued to travel to Harlow. It was around this time that she began to feel ill with the first symptoms of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), the stress of travel and work didn't help matters. In 1992, when sadly the White Horse pub was no longer viable, they moved to Streetly End and Beryl retired. In 2018 they moved to Nichols Court in Linton but by 2022 Beryl was very ill and was admitted to Royston hospital. She died on 19 August 2022.

Revd Michael Wilcockson, Associate Priest, Church of St Mary the Virgin, Linton

BALSHAM SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Balsham Singers are very pleased to confirm that our traditional Christmas concert will be held on Saturday 17 December, 7:30pm Holy Trinity Church, Balsham.

Tickets £10 (under 16's free) will be available from choir members, Balsham or Great Abington Post Offices or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

A Parish Council meeting was held on Monday 26 September. The following were some of the items discussed. The draft minutes can be found on the noticeboards.

Planning: Two outstanding applications were discussed. 22/03534/LBC. 19 High St. Replacement of single glazed units with double-glazed units. This was supported. 22/03551/S72. Streetly End Farm. Variation re cart lodge. Also supported.

Finance:

All authorised payments and receipts are shown in the Minutes. The external auditors have confirmed acceptance of an exemption letter.

Cllr Mulley-Richards had distributed a report on the Parish Nurse scheme and it was agreed to continue supporting this scheme.

Traffic & Parking issues:

Speed Indicator Equipment: Trevor Hall was unable to attend but had sent costings of the speed signs, approx £2700. He also proposed the additional purchase of a tripod. District Cllr Harvey said that an LHI bid proposal (Ed. I think this means Local Highways Initiative) could be used to part fund these costs with the Parish funding 10%. The decision was deferred to the next meeting.

Maintenance:

Footpath maintenance: Cllr Temple reported that he had spoken with Peter Gaskin, the Footpath Officer to discuss the state of the paths. Shortly afterwards all the footpaths were cut. He had reported a broken post.

Winter gritting: There are 2 bins in Streetly End and 3 in West Wickham with Rob Giles dealing with roads in Streetly End and the Chairman in West Wickham. It is hoped they will continue to do this and Cllr Temple volunteered to help.

Village Hall & Recreation ground:

RoSPA Report: Cllrs Sargeant and Ling carried out a survey of the play equipment and Cllr Sargeant is drawing up a list of the work needed to be done, much of which can be carried out by the Council. Where necessary quotes from Wicksteeds and other sources will be requested.

Cradle seat: A quote of £136.50 had been received from Wicksteeds to replace this seat and it was agreed to accept this.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Sargeant had attended a full South Cambs District Council meeting where the Plan was approved and congratulations were given. It was agreed to continue the subscription to Parish OnLine mapping so the various maps used in the Plan could be kept up to date.

Meetings attended by Cllrs: Cllr Mulley-Richards had attended the Parish Nurse Evening. Cllr Hazelhurst attended the Highways Combined Parish Councils meeting.

Reports by County & District Cllrs Batchelor & Harvey: These are on the website.

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Monday 28 November at 7.30pm.
All are welcome.**

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk. T: 01223665260; Email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

Writing this on a sunny October morning it seems difficult to think that by the time you read this it will be getting dark around 5 pm as the clocks will have gone back an hour. Just to remind you that there are over 100 puzzles available to borrow from the garage of Nine Chimney House, Balsham. Most are either 1000 or 500 pieces. Do come and have a look.
Joanna Sanders

NATURE NOTES

The heatwaves and drought we experienced this summer have led some trees into producing a 'false autumn' with leaves changing colour and dropping earlier than normal. It may also have contributed to the rich harvest of fruit and nuts as trees and shrubs go into survival mode by producing quantities of seeds to maximising chances of reproduction. A more surprising effect known as a 'second spring' can occur when trees put on an extra spurt of growth when the rain returns. One night of very heavy rain in August perhaps triggered the strange phenomenon of horse chestnut trees with brown leaves and conkers on the upper branches while at the same time producing candle-shaped flowers and new leaf growth lower down.

A happier result of our hotter than usual summer has been the appearance of clouded yellow butterflies. Ann Denley and others have seen them on the clover field near Yen Hall while they have also been seen at West Town Park opposite Sainsburys, in Balsham, near Shudy Camps and on the Fleam Dyke and Roman Road. These striking butterfly butterflies with brown wing tips are migrants who begin their journey in North Africa and breed on the way so it is likely that those we see here are second generation 2022 individuals. I feel they are mis-named as 'clouded' as they are much brighter than the brimstone, which is our other native yellow butterfly.

Most butterflies will already be over wintering either as eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis or adult but many birds migrate so we are now looking out for the last swallows and the first golden plovers, fieldfares and redwings. The golden plovers and fieldfares have been spotted flying over so we await their familiar piping and chattering respectively. Resident birds are relatively silent at this time of year but there are exceptions. Robins continue to produce their melancholy music all the year round, a mistle thrush was heard noisily defending his berry tree, and the other day I had the uplifting experience of a skylark rising from the field and singing on one sunny day.

It is also the time of year for starling murmurations, which are more of a visual experience than an aural one. They can be spectacular on a grand scale but in West Wickham we have our own mini murmurations, one of which Di witnessed recently behind the Old Vicarage, swirling around then diving into the redwood and bramble thicket. Once arriving in their roosting place, starlings do chatter away for some time before settling down for the night, so there is some audible murmuring.

On the fields, ploughed and harrowed, people have noticed gulls seeking out worms and grubs. The majority have been lesser black-backed gulls, with their yellow legs and beaks. Quite often we see a buzzard or a kite also coming down to land alongside the gulls and corvids.

Godfrey, our neighbour had an interesting encounter with a fox in his garden the other morning. The disturbing thing about it was that the meeting occurred just the other side of the fence from our chicken enclosure.

An unusual incident occurred when Di discovered a magpie lying on its front in the road with wings outstretched. The bird had managed to get its legs trapped in a metal drain grid and was unable to take off. She rescued the bird and placed it on a nearby wall. Speculation about how it might have got into this predicament includes the idea that it may have been trying to retrieve a ring stolen from a local cardinal but there is probably a more mundane explanation.

Please send your nature sightings to:

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

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB Christmas cards for sale

Following on from last month's exciting news, I can report that the Christmas cards, to be sold to support the Gardening Club, are now available to buy. They are A6 size, in vibrant colours with a gloss finish and being sold in packs of 10, 5 cards of each design for £7.00. They are not being mass produced like others you may be contemplating buying so, who knows, may become collectors' items! You can order some by phoning or emailing me. There will also be some for sale at the Coffee Morning on 10 November



Sue Thurston, Show Co-Ordinator
West Wickham & District Gardening Club
T: 897811, Email: mail@suethurston.co.uk

NEWS FROM YOUR DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

A1307 Update. You may have seen that the long-awaited, safer crossing point at the Hildersham junction is now complete. The next step to be implemented will be the finishing of the improved foot/cycle path between Abington and Linton. The majority is already done but the link between Hildersham and Linton needs to be joined up, as well as the stretch between Hildersham and Linton Road, Abington.

The other schemes that are confirmed to be completed in the spring of 2023 are the new roundabout on the A1307 at the end of Bartlow Road, Linton, and the remodelling of the highly dangerous Dean Road junction, again on the A1307.

Stagecoach Service Withdrawal. Last month Stagecoach announced several cuts and scaling back of bus services in Cambridgeshire. We were hoping not to be affected in our area, as the 13 bus service is one of the most profitable for Stagecoach in the county. However, some changes have been announced to this service with a new one introduced that will solely serve Haverhill and remove the need for the 13 to do multiple laps of the town. In doing this it will speed up the journey times between Haverhill and Cambridge.

A positive for the people of Balsham and surrounding villages, is that the 16a service will stay as it is and remain unchanged. Full detail of the service changes can be seen here - <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/east/east-bus-network>

The issue here is that ever since buses were rebranded several decades ago, the bus companies operate on a commercial basis so can remove/alter services as they wish. The local authority that has responsibility for public transport is the Combined Authority, so our suggestion is that everyone affected by the changes needs to write to the Mayor, Nik Johnson, as he has the ultimate remit for providing public transport in Cambridgeshire

<https://transport.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/contact-us/>

Geoff Harvey & Henry Batchelor

PEOPLE FROM THE PAST



Lucy Ann Mynott (1851 -1933) late 1920s/early 1930s. Lucy is standing outside what is now 49 High Street but was then one of 6 cottages (along with no 51) known as Old Farm Cottages or The Barracks. Lucy was born in Withersfield and just before she married Thomas Mynott in West Wickham in 1872 she was working as cook in the household of surgeon, John Crosby, in Carlton. She had 10 children, 8 boys and 2 girls. For most of her married life and some of

her widowhood (Thomas died in 1892) she lived in a house (long demolished) which was approximately where no 39 now stands and moved to the smaller cottage as her children grew up and left home. The youngest child, George, was killed in the First World War aged just twenty four and is listed on the War Memorial. According to a family member, Lucy subsequently asked to be buried as near to the Memorial as possible and her grave, unfortunately now with a broken headstone, is indeed situated just behind.

Photo from West Wickham & District Local History Club Photo Archive

Janet Morris, 21 High Street,
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WELCOME TO MAGGIE'S CAMBRIDGE

What is Maggie's? Maggie's provides practical and emotional support to those with cancer, their family, friends and carers. The centre is a warm and welcoming place, with qualified cancer support specialists offering an evidence-based free programme of support which complements medical treatment.

Practical support includes information about eating well, coping with hair loss, or empowering visitors with information about their cancer treatment and benefits entitlements. Or visitors can talk to our psychologists and counsellors, explore their creative side through Art Therapy or get help to manage stress.

Then there is our kitchen table which is at the heart of our centre; a place where visitors can sit and chat with others in a similar situation, or maybe just take some quiet time with a cup of tea.

Examples of support can be anything from Art Therapy to Yoga, Men's Support Group to Menopause workshop, Living with Prostate Cancer to Brain Tumour Support Group. In addition, a cancer support specialist is always available for a chat and to listen. They will always meet a new visitor, help them decide what support best suits their needs and make the appropriate referrals. Read more about our offering on www.maggiescentres.org

Primarily we are a 'drop in' centre, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm. Drop in anytime, but we are also happy to answer any questions prior to a visit on 01223 249220.

Maggie's, 21 Milton House, Puddicombe Way, Cambridge, CB2 0AD.

Email: Cambridge@maggiescentres.org

END OF YEAR UPDATE FROM LUCY FRAZER MP

As we near the end of the year, I wanted to reflect on 2022 and let you know a few of the matters I have been working on, on your behalf.

This year has not, so far, been without its challenges - whether that is the spiralling energy costs or the war in Ukraine. We have also recently sadly mourned the death of our late Queen Elizabeth, who served us with grace and dignity throughout her reign. I was pleased to attend the proclamation both in Westminster and in Cambridgeshire to welcome King Charles III as our new monarch.

I know constituents across Cambridgeshire are concerned about the war in Ukraine. I have been humbled by the response of so many families who have supported Ukrainian refugees. Many families across our area have opened their homes to those fleeing conflict, and I was pleased to hold an event in the summer to bring together some of the volunteers, organisations and families who have been involved in supporting those who have come to the UK.

I continue to campaign for better infrastructure and connectivity in our area - I have pressed the case for: dualling the A10 where up to £6 million worth of funding has now been made available for a feasibility study to examine significant upgrades to this major road (including dualling), improvements to Junctions 37 and 38 on the A14 and better rail links and bus services, including reinstating the Newmarket Curve and supporting a feasibility study looking at establishing a railway line between Cambridge and Haverhill.

Over the next decade, five new hospitals are set to be built across the East of England, including two new hospitals at Addenbrooke's which will specialise in children's care and cancer research. Alongside my neighbouring MP, Anthony Browne, I have recently written to the Government to reiterate my support for these two new specialist hospitals, and I look forward to these projects being given the green light to proceed to Full Business Case as soon as possible so that patients from across our region will be able to benefit from the life changing treatment and care these new facilities will be able to offer. I have also supported the £45m funding bid to the Department for Health to enable the rebuilding of the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely, on which a decision is awaited.

I know that cost of living is a real concern, and I am committed to helping constituents across South East Cambridgeshire find the support and advice they need. In my previous role as Financial Secretary to the Treasury, I was proud to work with ministerial colleagues to introduce a package of measures to help tackle the cost of living crisis. These included a £400 discount off energy bills. You may also have heard the recent announcement of a new Energy Price Guarantee which means that from 1st October, a typical household will pay no more than £2,500 for their energy bill for the next 2 years.

I wish you all the best for the rest of the year. As always, if I can be of help or assistance please email me on lucy.frazer.mp@parliament.uk.

**DON'T FORGET
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CELEBRATION
FOLLOWED BY HUB NIGHT QUIZ
(Fund raiser for the Village Hall)**

**7pm - 11pm
Saturday 26 November
at West Wickham Village Hall**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

It is this time of the year again. Thank you for all the support especially with the difficulties due to Covid. Last year 10.5 million boxes were sent around the world. This year two thirds of the boxes packed in the UK are going to Ukraine and the countries who are supporting those who have fled the war.

This message is to encourage you to get involved again (or as a first timer) and fill a shoebox. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive. So often items are treasured for years after and even into adulthood. Adding a photo or short message in the box means so much (no address)

There are various ways to get involved

- Fill a whole shoebox with the suggested items (see link below)
- Donate one or more items
- Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs
- Pack an "on line box"- £20 you can chose the gifts via the website
<https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Suggested items are stationary, toiletries (not toothpaste or liquids), toys, jewellery, hats, gloves, scarves, paper, balls, socks (there is a long list on the website - see below along with items to avoid)

AGE GROUPS- 2-4 yrs, 5-8 yrs, 9-14 yrs Boys or Girls

Covered shoeboxes can be used, or you can pick up a preprinted flat pack box from me along with an information leaflet. Collection week is 14 to 21 November when you can drop off filled boxes or items (bring along items if you have them).

There will be a SHOEBOX FILLING PARTY on Saturday 19 November at Shelford Free church along with a CAKE SALE

Please do get in touch if you need help or further information, Email: jane.furlow@gmail.com
Phone me on T: 01223 893232/07745046921 or visit www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

We have the following social events in Linton Library this month:

- Our new monthly Read a Little Aloud sessions start on Friday 4 November 10.45am – 11.30am, relax and listen as library volunteers and staff read from a variety of stories, poetry and literature for adults. Join in if you like!
- Knit and Natter will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 1, 15 and 29 November. Bring along your latest craft project, all are welcome.
- Story and Rhyme times on Tuesday 8 and 22 November at 10.30am, half an hour for under fives, free and just come along.
- Engage is on Monday 14 November at 2pm with a speaker from Arthur Rank Hospice.

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