

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Monday	3 April	Black
Wednesday	12 April	Blue & green
Tuesday	18 April	Black
Monday	24 April	Blue & green

## CHURCH SERVICES

2 April	11.00. Joint service of Holy Communion. Balsham Church
Tuesday 4 April.	7.30pm. Compline service at St Mary's Church
Good Friday.	11.00. Stations of the cross. Balsham Church
9 April	9.30. Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church
16 April	9.30. Morning worship at St. Mary's Church
23 April	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
30 April	Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

## ★ HUB NIGHT! ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

NEXT DATE: **22.04.2023** 7PM-11PM



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<https://westwickham.org>

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

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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 Sunday 16 April

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Join the nation in celebration

**CORONATION**  
**big lunch**

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May, West Wickham Village Hall

**BBQ** Bring sandwiches  
Cakes, pastries, tarts,  
etc to Share **BAR**

**JOIN IN!**

**CoronationBigLunch.com**

## THE CORONATION BIG LUNCH SUNDAY 7 MAY

Communities and neighbours across the United Kingdom will be sharing food and fun together at Coronation Big Lunches on Sunday 7 May, in a nationwide act of friendship and celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

We need volunteers to help with our own Big Lunch, from planning the event to organising games and activities. If you can help, please email me at alex@schuilenburg.org, or call/WhatsApp/SMS me on 07811 364531.

Alex Schuilenburg

## VOLUNTEERS FOR LITTER PICK SATURDAY 22 APRIL

Saturday 22 April is Earth Day, so what better way to help celebrate the day than by volunteering to pick up litter in our community? West Wickham Parish Council is appealing for volunteers to litter pick in and around West Wickham and Streetly End. The event starts at 10am from both the West Wickham Village Hall and the Parish Notice Board in Streetly End. Litter Grabbers and gloves will be made available if you don't have your own, as well as black bags for the collection of litter. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing, including hi-viz jackets if you have them.

Alex Schuilenburg

## COFFEE MORNING

The bakers excelled themselves at our coffee morning in March; there was a choice of five different baked treats to accompany your tea and coffee. Very hard to choose, so some of us had to try more than one! Thank you to all the bakers and to everyone who came along to enjoy the refreshments and good company. Our next coffee morning is on Thursday, 13 April, from 10.30 so please make a note on your calendar. If you haven't been before, please don't be put off – you can be assured of a warm welcome and lifts can be arranged if needed.

The charity that benefited from the donations towards the refreshments at the coffee morning this month was Comic Relief which supports a wide range of projects and organisations across the UK and around the world. Suggestions for charities to support in the future are always welcome.

Sue Thurston. mail@suethurston.co.uk

## QUEENS GREEN CANOPY



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the new plantation north of Burton End. It has now been officially registered as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy' in memoriam to Her Majesty. Please note that the exact location on the map at <https://queensgreencanopy.org> is randomised by up to 1km.

Dave Sargeant

## THANK YOU FROM HILL FARM

We would like to thank everyone for putting up with our pigeon control antics. Hanging rope bangers in the hedges, sounding horns and shooting over the birds' heads all helps to scare them away. We'd rather not be doing this but it's completely necessary for now. Hopefully the crops will start to flourish soon with the spring warmth, growing beyond the reach of the pigeons, and we can restore peace to our fields.

Many thanks, Ted and Anna

## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Andrew Morris was very generous in his praise of me and the many other people who have been involved over the past 20 years in the production and delivery of the Village Voice. Of course, the greatest accolade must go to Andrew himself who has worked tirelessly during that time to produce the Voice each month. There are so many roles that he undertook himself whilst I was joint editor – from chasing contributors, checking copy, compiling, and setting out the magazine, collecting it from the printers, uploading onto the website – that I think I am being generous to myself when I say that I did 10% of the work during that time; he did all the rest! Thank you, Andrew.

Sue Thurston

## VILLAGE EVENTS FOR YOU TO JOIN IN & ENJOY

### COFFEE MORNING

Thursday 13 April

### WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB &

### LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

**Monday 17 April.** *Fact or fiction; a brief history of cottage gardens*

Talk by Janet Morris

7.30pm, Village Hall

Further details from Janet Morris. T: 290863

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Or from: Sue Boase, T: 01440 762911

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### VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Saturday 22 April. 10.00 from the Village Hall or Streetly  
End notice board (See article on page 1)

### HUB NIGHT

Saturday 22 April. 7-11pm, Village Hall

## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

# PLANT SALE

*Something for everyone*

*Friendly people & expert advice*

**SATURDAY 20 MAY**

**10.30 - 12.00**

*at*

**WEST WICKHAM  
VILLAGE HALL**

*Payment by cash or cheque only*

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## Gardening with climate change - what we can do!



### GARDENING WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

#### What we can do!

Saturday 12 August, West Wickham Village Hall

**SAVE THE DATE!**

This is a unique opportunity to find out how climate change is impacting our gardening, and how we can adapt.

Speakers \* Plant sales \* Discussions \* Exhibits  
Wildlife demonstrations \* Book sales  
Children's activities \* Refreshments \* Lots more

The day is being jointly organised by local gardening clubs in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex. Everyone is invited, admission is free, so save the date and we look forward to seeing you in August!

*More details to be announced shortly.*

Gardening and Climate Change – Planning Group contact email: [sueboase@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sueboase@hotmail.co.uk)

### WEST WICKHAM AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB

#### Annual Show Photography Competition

Having experienced the driest February for 30 years and memories of last summer's drought still fresh in gardeners' minds, the importance of rainfall to the survival and growth of our plants is something we are all keenly aware about.

To celebrate this most precious of commodities, we are celebrating the element of water in this year's photography competition with one of the three titles: After the Rain.

We are hoping that this title will stimulate your imagination and encourage entrants to examine how rain invigorates the natural world. A mobile phone is a terrific tool for capturing surprising images when you least expect them; maybe a plant spotted on a walk glistening with raindrops, an animal after being caught in a shower, or even pet shaking off water from their coat after a walk. Close-ups of individual raindrops sliding off plants or patterned on webs and leaves can create stunning images too, particularly if you spot an interesting angle or lighting. If it captures your imagination, there is a good chance it will capture ours too.

The rules state that entries must have been taken in the year between one Show and the next. This year's other titles are Fruits of my Labour and Contrast. 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](mailto:sally@sallymoonpublishing.com) or Sue Thurston [mail@suethurston.co.uk](mailto:mail@suethurston.co.uk), T: 01223 897811. Full details on how to submit your entries and fees will be included in a later edition of the Village Voice.

We look forward to seeing a deluge of your images in the weeks to come!

Sally Moon

## FROM THE VICARAGE

At the time of writing (mid March), we are still beset by wintry storms and the new life and promise of spring seems far off! Snowdrops have appeared and yellow daffodils line the roads, yet cold winds and sleet seem to hold the celebration of spring at bay. It's almost like a scene from C S Lewis' *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, where Narnia labours under a long and baleful winter!

Yet in C S Lewis's Narnia, the tide turns when the main characters, Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy discover that Aslan, a Christ figure in these stories, is on the move. His presence gives them courage; which turns into a contagious kind of hope. Spring eventually returns to the land; creatures who have been turned into stone by the witch are reanimated, as Aslan breathes life into them; and evil is defeated.

Easter time in our contemporary lives may seem a world away from such fictional drama and part of our enjoyment of it may derive from holidays, Easter chocolate and family get togethers. All good things! Yet the profound Christian message of Easter points to a far greater depth. It acknowledges that sometimes new life may seem far away and the storms of pain and loss are all too real. Yet it also shows grief and glory are intertwined. Good Friday reminds us that Jesus' trial and crucifixion are actually part of the pattern of God's work of salvation.

Easter also proclaims God's saving love is shown in the resurrection of Jesus. The celebration of Easter, which can never be held at bay, reminds us that the resurrection of the Lord is a beginning, not an end. It's an event which changes everything. The resurrection sets free the Holy Spirit who empowers us to forgive, to build communities of trust, service and hope, and to enter into a deeper relationship with God.

Whilst we will struggle with trials and turbulence in our lives, we may also hold a startling vision of both suffering and hope, death and risen life. We may see a deeper level of reality, where love and reconciliation spring forth and are ceaselessly at work. We may therefore act with courage and a contagious kind of hope. For in Christ, all things are made new.

Rev'd Iain McColl

**BALSHAM SINGERS**

**Spring Concert**

Musical Director: John Clenaghan

Music by Vaughan-Williams, Haydn and Whitacre, plus opera choruses, songs from "Matilda", "Jekyll & Hyde", and songs made famous by Eva Cassidy and Frank Sinatra.

**Saturday 13th May 2023**  
**Holy Trinity Church,**  
**Balsham**  
**7.30pm**

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

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## NEWS FROM THE PAST

*The Cambridge Chronicle* 15 April 1871

### OPENING OF MR DE FRAINE'S MISSION HALL AND LABOURERS' INSTITUTE AT WEST WICKHAM

A handsome and interesting building was opened at West Wickham, on Easter Monday. For some time past Mr John De Fraine has worked very hard in delivering lectures and collecting funds towards the building of a Hall, to be used for classes, night schools, lectures, music, a Sunday evening service, and various other instrumentalities for the benefit of the agricultural poor in the village where he resides. The new hall was opened to the public on Monday, and altogether it is a very unique and pretty building. It is 45 feet long, 21 feet wide, and 30 feet high. The windows are Gothic; and it has a fine open roof, stained and varnished. It is furnished with seats of more than ordinary comfort – has a striking platform – a pianoforte, and a harmonium of great compass and power, manufactured by Sprague. To render the opening a joyous one, a free “tea” was given to all the poor people of the village, and ample justice they did to the good things set before them. Several members of the Haverhill Choral Society gave their services, and sang most sweetly, Mr and Mrs Gurteen presiding at the piano and harmonium. The opening meetings occupied two days; half the village being admitted on Monday, and half on Tuesday....

John de Fraine, who made his living as a lecturer on temperance and other social subjects, gave an address at the opening in which he explained that he had long been worried that the poor of the village, particularly the young men, had no alternative to the public house and he hoped that the Mission Hall would be a ‘light to the whole neighbourhood’. His wish that the Hall (to which he added a Reading Room in 1875) would be continued by his children for the ‘moral, and social, and religious elevation’ of future generations was not entirely realised. After his death in 1910, the building was sold for use as a Methodist chapel, which it continued to be until the 1970s. It is now the private house called The Old Chapel in the High Street.

The Mr and Mrs Gurteen mentioned above were from the nonconformist, textile factory owning family in Haverhill. Daniel Gurteen, along with John's wife, Ursula, and William Lovell had laid the foundation stones (still visible) of the Hall in 1870.

If you want to know about West Wickham in the past please do get in touch:

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## SAFE SHOPPING ONLINE

When you're buying online, how confident are you that you are dealing with a genuine seller and not a criminal? Or, do you even think about it? Many people believe that online shopping scams are easy to spot, with poor spelling or grammar, dodgy logos or unusual website or email addresses or phone numbers. However, this is now rarely the case, with scammers going to great lengths to earn your trust before cheating you out of your money. It's upsetting at the best of times but even worse when money's tight! Whether you are buying a car, clothes or gifts online, help to safeguard your money by visiting [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org) and discover top tips.

## NATURE NOTES

Those of you who have been watching the latest David Attenborough documentary, *Wild Isles*, will have noted that Britain is one of the most nature depleted countries in the world. I often feel that, despite the fact that we live in a part of the country dominated by agriculture, we are relatively fortunate here in West Wickham, in that wildlife maintains a foothold. For example, two species – hares and skylarks – which have been in serious decline in other parts of the country, are fairly plentiful here, and especially noticeable at this time of year. What a joy it is to see and hear them.

To find out just what nature means to us all, The Wildlife Trusts have launched The Great Big Nature Survey. This will help them hold governments to account over environmental policies and priorities. I hope that as many people as possible take part in the survey on [wildlifetrusts.org/great-big-nature-survey](http://wildlifetrusts.org/great-big-nature-survey).

Nature and wildlife means a lot to us in West Wickham, and March and April are two of the months that provide the most excitement with trees coming into leaf, spring flowers blooming and much coupling and reproduction in the animal kingdom. In our copse the rabbits have got ahead of the game judging by the number of cuddly bunnies appearing on my trailcam photos. Rabbits were introduced to this country in the 11<sup>th</sup> Century by the Normans to provide meat and fur. Their fortunes have since gone up and down and in the last couple of years they have declined but they continue to breed...like rabbits. In the ecosystem rabbits are prey so it is no surprise that my camera picked up a fox and a domestic cat prowling through the frame in search of a tasty meal.

March is said to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb. We have had snow, wind and hail (more precipitation in the first two weeks than for the whole of January and February) but signs are good for an improving picture as the month comes to an end. Wordsworth's poem *To My Sister* begins:

‘It is the first mild day of March.

Each minute sweeter than before

The redbreast sings from the tall larch

That stands beside our door’

Other birds have been joining in with the robins, notably blackbirds and thrushes, but also the occasional chaffinch and greenfinch and the ever present great tit chanting ‘teacher, teacher.’ Green and great spotted woodpeckers have been yaffling and drumming respectively and the jackdaws and rooks have been noisily claiming territory and roosting sites.

In the hedgerows, the dying hazel catkins are being replaced by the soft ‘pussy willow’, some white and some yellow as they produce pollen. The dark, prickly blackthorn hedges are producing their white flowers which emerge before their leaves and are associated in folklore with a blackthorn winter. I am hoping that we have already endured this year's blackthorn winter. On the ground, in sheltered spots the white or purple violets are in bloom and yellow primroses flowering in the grass.

Last month we mentioned the cuckoo pint (lords and ladies) so it was interesting to see their pollination strategy explained in the *Wild Isles* documentary. It involves the entrapment of insects, lured by a putrid smell, until they have gorged themselves on a nutritious stigmatic secretion produced by the female flowers. The male flowers, situated higher up then release a rain of pollen on the insects, who are then released to visit another cuckoo pint and pass on the genes.

**Stop Press: Di has heard her first chiffchaff!**

Please send your nature sightings to:

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## GIRLGUIDING LINTON DISTRICT

This year we celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of The Trefoil Guild, an organisation that runs Guiding for anyone over 18 and one that anyone can join. It is usually held once a month, with Linton Trefoil Guild running theirs on the second Thursday of the month from 7.30 until 9pm. It is amazing to think it has been going for eighty years and Guiding for 113 years. It is said that Sir Winston Churchill said to Queen Elizabeth II that "*the further back you look the further forward you can see*". I wonder if those first Scouts on Brownsea Island in 1909 ever thought that girls would join, let alone be represented in 152 countries around the world.

On the 22 February, the birthday of both Lord and Lady Baden Powell, Girlguiding remembers all our girls and young women around the world, holding celebrations in units, Districts, Divisions and Counties as well as at our five world centres. Our local guild members received messages from all corners of the globe.

It's amazing to think how many friends we make and how many adventures we have in Guiding, from our youngest Rainbow to our oldest Trefoil member. We have adventures that can take us around the world, we sing, we laugh, we have tasted whisky and we have visited fire stations, but sadly no pole to slide down! This is the family of Guiding. Come and see us and join in the fun. There is something for everyone at every age. Imagine what we could be doing in the next 80 -113 years!

Today Tomorrow Together

Louisa Powell-Owens

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## 1ST HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

By the time you read this we will have been to the Jarman Centre for our annual holiday and will have had a great time. Our theme was detectives and the thief (I think Katie did it) was apprehended using newly learnt detective skills - who knew that the ink they take finger prints with is only removable by hand sanitiser! One of the many uses for hand sanitiser (also great for removing permanent marker pen from surfaces) other than sanitising your hands. The Brownies also followed a trail around the grounds to find their lunch, made a Mothering Sunday card and gift as well as having a go at archery. It is amazing what you can do in 48 hours

This term we have concentrated on our unit meeting activities, completing trash fashion (Katie and I joined in and had the best time with newspaper), doggy language, triple boxer, let it snow, sleighty-ly confused, Brownie beads, night sky observers plus a few others. Martha and Emilia have both gained their Silver awards, plus Tiffany and Molly their Bronze awards. Congratulations to you all. During the summer term, we hope to be outside more so if you see us walking around the village do give us a wave.

If you have been intrigued by what you have read about the Brownies and you have a 7-year old girl, or older, living in your home and think she might like to join us, then please email me on [horseheathbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:horseheathbrownies@gmail.com) or register here on [www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/) and I'll get in touch. Also if you have a daughter who is 5 years old she could join Rainbows, or if she is over 10 years old the Guides, and we have spaces in our Linton units. Email me for more details.

Pauline and Katie

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## CALL FOR DRIED AND CANNED FOOD, TOILETRIES AND HEALTH SUPPLIES FOR UKRAINE

A collection of dried and tinned food, hygiene and medical items for the people of Ukraine will be held on Saturday 22 April from 9.00am until 1.00pm at the Abington Primary School car park. It is being supported by Guy Underwood, headmaster and Revd. Ian McColl of the Granta Churches. This follows the hugely successful collection of winter clothing and bedding in January that was included in the 28 ton, four day UK-Aid day convoy of lorries and vans that left on the twenty-fifth of February for Chernihiv, 120 kilometres north of Kyiv.

The on-going conflict in Ukraine creates continuing hardship for those displaced and affected by the war. The current need is for dry food such as pasta, rice, tomato paste, oats, dried and canned meat, fish, vegetables and fruit. Hygiene and medical items are needed too: such as toiletries for adults, children and babies, cleaning materials, washing powders, gels and wipes, shampoo, soap and sanitary towels, nappies, pads, scissors and antibacterial gel as well as medical items such as paracetamol, aspirin and bandages.

Cash donations to assist in transportation costs are also accepted and these can also be made at the Rotary collection point in cash or by credit card on the 22 April.

Tony Collett, Saffron Walden Rotary.T: 01223 893447

**West Wickham Village Hall**

**COFFEE  
MORNING**

**From 10.30 on Thursday**

**13<sup>th</sup> April**



Selection of teas & coffee  
(ground & instant)  
Variety of homemade cakes

**LIFTS AVAILABLE**

Call Di Licenza (290434) or  
Sue Thurston (897811)

## MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

Shortly after returning from the winter break, we received a visit from Ofsted. Following this inspection, I am thrilled to share that we have maintained the 'Good' rating that we were awarded in 2017. The report showcases many areas in which our school continues to succeed, including our ambitious curriculum and high standards of behaviour. The full Ofsted report is on our website but I wanted to share some of my personal highlights with you:

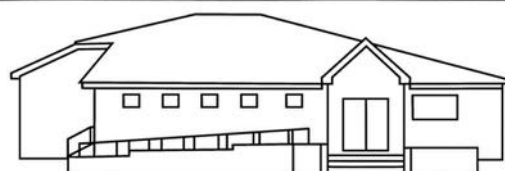
- "Pupils at Meadow Primary School are happy, polite and eager to learn. They enjoy reading and benefit from learning the content of a well-designed curriculum. Pupils are confident to talk about their knowledge and readily give their opinions".
- "Pupils say that it is a friendly school where everyone looks out for each other. Pupils are safe. If they have any worries, they know whom to talk to. When there are any incidents of unkindness or bullying, pupils are confident that adults will sort it out".
- "Pupils show a wider sense of responsibility by planning events to raise money for local and national charities. They understand that some people are less fortunate than themselves".
- "Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum that enthuses pupils from early years to Year 6. Leaders have made sure that the curriculum helps pupils to build on the knowledge they have learned without repeating content in the mixed age classes".
- "Staff support pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) effectively. Pupils with SEND fully access the same curriculum as their peers. Pupils focus on specific social, emotional or academic targets. Well-trained staff support pupils sensitively to achieve well".
- "Reading is at the heart of the curriculum. Children learn the sounds that letters represent when they start in early years. Pupils then quickly apply this learning to spelling and writing words. The phonics programme complements the regular spelling and handwriting sessions. This further equips pupils with the knowledge and skills they need in order to be confident readers and writers".



The report is a reflection of all the support and dedication you have shown towards Meadow Primary School, and I'd like to take this opportunity to offer my appreciation.

Our school motto (We respect, We care, We learn) is embedded in everything we do, which is clear throughout the report. I am delighted to see that it has captured the happy and caring school we strive to be, and I look forward to building on this further to ensure our pupils continue to reach their full potential.

Nichola Pickford, Head Teacher



## West Wickham Village Hall

**Open for hire by Residents, Local Clubs and Organisations**

Suitable for family functions, childrens parties, meetings  
social events and fund raising

Hiring provides the use of all facilities including the bar area, table tennis and badminton equipment and tables & chairs. The kitchen includes crockery, cutlery, a dish washer, cooker, microwave, fridge & freezer.

The Hall is licenced for music and performing arts.

**Bookings can be made to:**

[bookings@westwickham.org](mailto:bookings@westwickham.org) or

by using the online booking/query at [www.westwickham.org](http://www.westwickham.org)  
Alternatively by leaving a voice message on 01223 789719

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

On secondary school offer day, it was great to find out that we are over-subscribed at LVC for Year 7 places in September. We have a waiting list, despite low numbers of 11-year olds in our catchment area. We look forward to meeting our newest recruits on Year 6 move up days in the summer term.

Current LVC students have engaged brilliantly with sustainable environmental initiatives over the last month.



Our Eco Council has planted a mini orchard with fruit trees gifted from the Young Tree Champions Programme and World Book Day was celebrated with a successful book swap in the library. Meanwhile students have made use of refillable bottles with our new 'Generation Juice' machine in the canteen to cut down on

single use plastic and waste.

Other enrichment highlights have included a dissection and a range of explosive experiments during Science Week and a Comic Relief lunchtime concert, involving a range of comedy performances plus live poetry readings and music, which raised over £700 for charity. Our first ever Heritage Festival enabled students to learn about the different cultures that make up LVC, sharing music, activities and food from a range of cultural traditions. Our annual dance show showcased a fabulous range of talent with songs from the movies.

We've also celebrated a number of extra-curricular student successes including students' involvement in dance competitions and Crufts 2023. LVC students' achievements have also been recognised through certificates at the Roy Burrell Sports Awards and Haverhill Rotary Club Young Citizens Awards.

Helena Marsh, Principal