

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Wednesday	1 May	Black
Wednesday	8 May	Blue & green
Wednesday	15 May	Black
Wednesday	22 May	Blue & green
Wednesday	29 May	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

5 May	11.00. Joint service of Holy Communion. Balsham Church
12 May	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
19 May	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
26 May	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

For more details visit www.grantavale.org.uk

FOR UPDATES & USEFUL INFORMATION GO TO

<https://westwickham.org>

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

USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

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

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WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

PLANT SALE

Something for everyone

Friendly people & expert advice

SATURDAY 18 MAY

10.30 - 12.00

at

**WEST WICKHAM
VILLAGE HALL**

Payment by cash or cheque preferred

VEGETABLES herbs FLOWERS shrubs

ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT AT STREETLY HALL FARM - HAVE YOUR SAY

As Cambridgeshire County Council are waiting for additional information regarding the proposed plant, the public consultation period will remain open until this has been made publicly available for at least 3 weeks. While comments are still being accepted on the Cambridgeshire County Council's planning portal, to remain relevant people wishing to comment are advised to take into consideration all updated and additional information regarding the proposal. As the 3 week window is likely to fall between the dates of publication of the Village Voice, both the residents@westwickham.org mailing list and the West Wickham WhatsApp Community Announcements will be notified when new and updated information has been published, as well as when the public consultation period will close. The Parish Council's response to any updates will also be posted on the Village Website (<https://westwickham.org/>). For the Parish Council's previous objection to the

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proposal please go to (<https://westwickham.org/2023/12/west-wickham-parish-council-objects-to-anaerobic-digester-planning-application-at-streetly-hall-farm/>). This also gives you with a link to where you can submit your own comments.

To join the mailing list, please fill out the form at (<https://westwickham.org/community/residents/>). To join the West Wickham WhatsApp Community Group go to (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/████████████████████>) or scan the updated QR code. By joining the community you join the *Announcements* group where only members of the Parish Council can post important announcements - you do not need to join any of the discussion, club or other groups. If you leave *Announcements*, you will also leave all the other community groups.

Alex Schuilenburg

YOU CAN STILL SAY NO TO AN ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT AT STREETLY HALL FARM



While the public consultation period for the first application regarding the proposed plant is still open, you can also **add your name to the online petition** using this link (<https://tinyurl.com/NoStreetlyHallAD>) or the QR code: The petition period has been extended to the end of June.

R.A.F. WRATTING COMMON May Memorial Service

A short open-air service will be held at **12 noon on Sunday 26 May** at the R.A.F. Wrattling Common Memorial. The last Sunday in May was chosen for this annual service. This is when, in 1943, the airfield was commissioned. The Memorial is dedicated to those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some relatives of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

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, Email: rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Jean & Kit Martin, who have delivered the Village Voice in Streetly End since 2018, have decided to call it a day. We must THANK them for all they have done for our community. We must also thank Laura Hawksley who has agreed to take on this important job.

Andrew & Anna

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council held its meeting on 25 March and the following is a report of the meeting. The full draft minutes are available on the notice boards.

Planning: 24/00875 – 95 High Street. There was discussion as to whether the development would qualify as an extension, annex or a new dwelling. The Planning Officers would determine this but it would also be partly outside the village Development Framework and goes against several policies in the village Neighbourhood Plan. A vote was taken 4/1 against supporting it, with two abstentions.

Finance: The full details of financial movements are shown in the draft Minutes available on the noticeboards.

Nomination of internal auditor for 2024: It was agreed to ask Running Total (Jackie Dockerill) to carry out the internal audit for 2023/24.

Traffic & Parking issues:

Signage for Webbs Road: The County Council Highways Dept. said they were unable to do this but the Parish Council could, at a cost of approx £3500. Cheaper quotes will be sought.

Complaint re narrowing at corner going into Webbs Road from Streetly End: The hedging needs cutting back and a letter has been sent to the owners. The County Council Highways Dept. will be contacted to remove excess soil.

Maintenance:

Cut back of hedge behind wildflower area: English Rural Housing Association who own the hedge have been contacted and they have asked Rob Giles to do the work for them, to which he has agreed.

Dog Fouling Signs: The County Council is no longer providing sealed dog poo bins. The open bins could give off odours but could be replaced with Topsy bins (open at the sides), these would have to be paid for with a monthly charge for emptying. At present the open bins are emptied through an existing agreement.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground:

Play area: It was agreed that the lower fencing needed to be re-placed and quotes will be sought. The zip wire has now been tightened. RoSPA will be carrying out their safety inspection in April.

“Big Lunch” 1 June: (Ed. See page 3).

Meetings attended by Councillors:

The Chairman and Cllrs Hazelhurst, Temple, Mulley-Richards and McNeillie had a meeting with the Estate Manager for Horseheath Lodge regarding their plans for a possible Leisure Park with a campsite, garden areas, a ground train, vineyard and possible conference centre. No Business Plan has yet been drawn up and it would take 5 years to put together. There were concerns raised by the Councillors about flooding and the poor state of Dean Road.

Reports by County Cllr Batchelor & District Cllr Harvey: These reports are available on the website but Cllr Batchelor added that he had attended an informal presentation in Balsham concerning a possible 900 hectare solar park between West Wrattling and the A11.

Any other business: A complaint had been received about loud bangs from bird scarers. It was noted that these were in compliance with current regulations.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

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

**The next Parish Council meeting will be held on
Wednesday 29 May
4.00 - 6.00pm.
Followed by the Annual Parish Meeting
6.00 - 6.30pm**

THE BIG GARDEN PARTY: SATURDAY 1 JUNE

Following the success of last year's Coronation Big Lunch, the West Wickham Parish Council will be hosting The Big Garden Party on Saturday 1 June, from 12pm to 4pm at the Village Hall.

You are invited to bring a picnic to share but there will also be a food truck selling delicious food and drinks made to order. The Hub Night bar team will be serving beers, wines and Pimm's, while volunteers from St Mary's church will be selling tickets for the raffle, tombola and dog show, with lots of opportunities to win prizes. Representatives from Clubs which use the Village Hall regularly will be there to attract new members. And there will be plenty of activities for children to get involved in. So please dress up or dress down as you wish! Everyone is welcome.

If you are interested in helping our team organise the games and activities, please email me at ronnie.temple@gmail.com or call/text/WhatsApp me on 07710000153.

Ronnie Temple

BIG GARDEN PARTY TOMBOLA APPEAL

We are collecting for the tombola stall at the Village Big Garden Party on 1 June. Please could you donate a bottle or bottles and either drop them off with Liz at Bay Tree House, Streetly End or with Nicky at Burton Grange, 5 Burton End. Please put your name on the donation so we don't bother you again! Thank you.

Liz Gold & Nicky Cornish

West Wickham Village Hall

**COFFEE
MORNING**

9th May

from 10.30 a.m.

*Selection of teas & coffee
Variety of homemade cakes*

LIFTS AVAILABLE

**Call Di Licence (290434) or
Sue Thurston (897811)**



A JOYFUL EVENT!

For months I have wanted to get along for the Coffee Morning but usually have another commitment. This month I arrived to find so many 'village people' enjoying coffee and cake, many people I knew and some were new to me. It was a very welcoming event. I enjoyed some of the best rich and rounded coffee I have tasted for a long time. The cakes had nearly disappeared, not surprising as what was left looked irresistible. Compliments to the village cooks! A big thank you Sue for letting me into the secret of where you get that amazing coffee!

Jan Lupton

BIG GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE

It has been decided that instead of raffling one big Hamper, it would be better to offer a selection of "themed" prize boxes to appeal to different tastes. For instance, a cheese and wine box for cheese lovers, animal products for pet owners, a shower box with special toiletries, a confectionary box for those of you with a sweet tooth, a fresh fruit / veg one (especially home grown) for practically everybody. So this is an appeal to all of you generous people out there. Would you be willing to donate just one item to one of these boxes?

- Cheese and Wine eg cheese, crackers, olives, wine, etc.
- Animals eg food, treats, toys, accessories
- Shower Box eg shower/body lotion, soap, hand cream, misc, bath products
- General Confectionary
- Fresh fruit and veg, anything in season

Donations can be left at any time convenient to you (but as early as possible so that we can be making up the boxes) at:

- April Cottage, 111 High Street, West Wickham
- No.1 High Street, West Wickham
- No.39, Streetly End

or contact viviennehenderson17@gmail.com. T: 290243, Mobile 07563 204364 and I will arrange for collection. Please give us your support if you can, every little helps

Vivienne Henderson

COFFEE MORNING RECIPIES

Carrot Cake Cookies

You will need

100g grated carrots.	125g soft butter
200g soft brown sugar	1 egg
1/2tsp baking powder	1tsp mixed spice
175g plain flour	50g desiccated coconut
100g sultanas	100g chopped walnuts
zest of an orange	

Method

Heat the oven to 160C

Mix the butter and sugar until smooth. Mix in the egg. Add everything else and stir until combined. Put dessert spoonfuls of mix onto lined baking trays (do not flatten, and make sure there is plenty of room between for spread) and bake for 12-14 minutes. Leave to cool.

BALSHAM SINGERS SPRING CONCERT

Saturday 18 May 7.30pm

Balsham Parish Church

Tickets are £12.00

Under 16's £1.00

Including a glass of wine /juice

There will be a charity raffle.

Tickets on sale at Balsham and Abington Post Offices or online at Balsham singers event tickets from www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers

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

NEXT
DATE:

**May Hub Night
cancelled**



CUSTOMS AND FOLKLORE FROM THE PAST

Celebrations to mark May Day (1 May) and the start of summer are an ancient tradition (completely different from the 1 May as International Workers' Day or Labour Day, which had its origins in the labour troubles of the 19th century). In Cambridgeshire villages these seem to have taken various forms, as recorded by Enid Porter in her *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*, but recurrent themes include dancing, garlands of flowers and greenery (predominantly hawthorn which was and is known as 'may'), Jack in the Green and chimney sweeps (apparently May Day was a traditional holiday for sweeps). Children would often dress up a doll which was then enclosed in a sort of cage of greenery and flowers, cover it with a cloth and then show it off around the village in return for money or sweets.

There is no record of how May Day was marked in West Wickham but the Horseheath historian, Catherine Parsons, wrote that children there constructed 'peep shows' which they carried from house to house, charging a penny a peep. Unfortunately she does not say any more about these 'peep shows', but the writer, Flora Thompson, in her fictionalised autobiography of her childhood in an Oxfordshire village, *Lark Rise to Candleford*, does describe something similar which consisted of flower petals attractively arranged and pressed between a couple of pieces of glass. Catherine also recorded that unpopular maid servants would find a stinging nettle or elder bough on their doorstep while popular ones would find a May Bush (not a custom to be revived!).

Perhaps the maypole is the most synonymous symbol associated with May Day celebrations, so was there dancing round the maypole on Maypole Croft? It would be nice to think so. Maypole Croft was undoubtedly once part of a much larger village green and with an inn at one end it would seem the ideal place. The name Maypole Croft appears on the first map of West Wickham – the Enclosure Map from 1822 – but I have seen it in earlier documents as Maple Croft, an equally plausible name given the prevalence of field maple trees in the area. Spelling was 'wobbly' (as Winnie-the-Pooh memorably says) and words were written as heard before mass education led to standardisation, so in the absence of additional evidence, either interpretation would seem possible.

If you would like to know more about the village and its history please get in touch or why not come along to a meeting of West Wickham & District Local History Club. We are now on our summer break but will be re-starting on 14 October when Richard Adams will be talking on

RAF Wrattling Common: Then & Now.

For further details contact: Janet Morris, 21 High Street
Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

STOP PRESS WEST WICKHAM MOBILE POST OFFICE TO CLOSE

After a review of the mobile van schedule, which includes West Wickham, it has been decided that unfortunately the mobile service will be closing. This is due to low customer usage.

The last day the van will be at West Wickham will be Thursday 2 May.

Zoe Hall, Franchise Partnering Team, the Post Office

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

April was a busy month in the sheds and greenhouses of many Club members who were sowing seeds, potting on and dividing ready for the May Plant Sale. However, respite came in the form of an informative and entertaining meeting on 15 April when Helen Chen from Japonica Plant Nursery came to talk about *Asian Woodland Plants*. Helen presented a slideshow of some stunning and little-known plants from China and Japan ideally suited for shade in European gardens. Her nursery website lists many of these specimens and events where they are for sale: www.japonicaplants.co.uk

After the plant sale on Saturday 18 May, our summer events are...

Saturday 1 June *The Big Garden Party*
Monday 10 June *Private evening visit to the walled garden at Grove Lodge, Saffron Walden*

Tuesday 16 July *Private afternoon visit to Porter's Lodge Garden and Tearooms, Cavenham*

Saturday 31 August *2024 Gardening Fair.*
Details to follow.

If you would like to join either of the garden visits, please contact the Club, see details below.

Once you've stocked up with plants at the sale, why not come and have a chat with us at the *Big Garden Party* at the Village Hall to find out more about us, our upcoming events and the annual **Photo competition**.

This year's titles are....

- **My World and Me (children's class)**
- **It's a Small World**
- **The Changing Landscape**
- **My Garden Palette**

You have plenty of time to enter as we will be announcing winners at the Club's **Gardening Fair** on 31 August.

Meetings are held at West Wickham Village Hall at 7:30pm on the third Monday of every month. Annual subscriptions for 2023–24 £8.00 per person or £2:00 for non-members per visit. Tea and coffee provided.

For more information about the Club and membership go to westwickham.org/community/clubs/west-wickham-district-gardening-club, email us on wwdgc@westwickham.org or call Sue Boase (Chairperson) on 07716 401646.

Sally Collins

BALSHAM WI

At our April meeting we had a social session which included discussing plans for future months and fundraising as well as a Beetle Drive, an old favourite which was enjoyed by all and involved a lot of chatting and laughter. And of course, tea and cake! We also started planning for our Centenary celebrations in 2025.

New members are always welcome – why not come and try us out? We are a friendly bunch and welcome anyone over 18 who identifies as female. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Balsham. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us – balshamwi@gmail.com or send a message on Facebook, @Balsham WI.

Our next meeting, on May 14 will be a talk on Dementia – What is it, how to avoid it and what to do if it happens! Our speaker will be Maggie Woodhouse who works at West Suffolk Hospital.
Debbie Mower

NATURE NOTES

Last month I was asking for news of the first chiffchaff to be heard in West Wickham but within a day or two of the article going to press I had had many reports from all parts of the village and had heard them myself, so there must have been a landing around 17 March. They continue 'chiffchaffing' and if you catch sight of this small bird you will notice the effort required for it to produce this chant as its whole body reverberates. It has been joined by its more musical cousins the blackcaps which have also been heard singing in many parts. My personal favourite warbler is the willow warbler, which should be arriving any day, but it is a species that is declining.

We also await the arrival of swallows. Gavin Kelsey emailed to say he had seen his first one on 7 April over the allotments. It will be good to hear of all other sightings. Gavin also let me know that not only had there been a pair of greenfinches visiting his feeder but there had also been siskins (noticeably smaller than greenfinches with streaks on their greenish plumage, the male having a dark head and black chin patch). There have also been greenfinches singing in the vicinity of Streetly End so I feel a little more optimistic about a revival. But please keep cleaning out the bird feeders to prevent the spread of the disease that has hit greenfinches so hard.

Those of you with tit boxes are seeing nest building activity. Ann Denley and Sally Collins have both reported blue tits going in and out of their nest boxes. Sally also reported a great spotted woodpecker in the garden, which can be a danger for nesting tits, as those of us who watched Springwatch a few years ago will testify. As Ann told me, once the fledglings are ready to leave the nest, they have to do so quite quickly to avoid the many dangers, although parent birds do continue to feed young even after fledging. Trevor Hall's blue tits have proved that they can do without a nest box by building inside the soffits under the eaves, using oak blossom to line the nest, so watch out for some particularly fragrant fledglings.



Drawing by Maureen Williams

Spring is a dangerous time of year in nature with young needing to be fed and predators on the lookout for an easy meal. We have been having fox trouble recently – one has been making regular visits to our chickens – so I have erected a camera to check on its movements, which are usually around 4.00 a.m. (although two near-fatal visits came in broad daylight), but between fox visits the camera captured a hedgehog which I was delighted to see as they are becoming all too rare. We have a badger set at the top of the garden, and that is not good news for hedgehogs, so hopefully this one will stay well clear.

Early one morning we were surprised again by a heron – not as previously in the middle of our lawn but instead on the roof of the house opposite. The roof is thatched, so initially it looked like a wonderful piece of thatching artwork. After a few minutes, however, the artwork came alive and flew gracefully away.

Please send your nature sightings to:

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

FROM THE VICARAGE

It has been a privilege to serve you as a curate for the 18 months I have been here. There have been moments of joy which I have been able to share with people and when life has felt that little bit cruel, to be there with people as they shed tears. Ministry is a privilege, and it has been all mine for the taking which I give thanks to God for.

Throughout the fullness of time, I have come to understand that these villages are more than just villages, they are communities. In the difficult times especially, they come together, pull together to help people out; what an amazing thing.

The time has come for me to move on and be a Vicar of a church in Hertfordshire which I look forward too. All that I have learnt here in my ministry will come with me and be built upon in the years to come. Some may say that rural ministry is far from the 'high life' but I disagree and I am thankful that this has been my life; and with a note of hope and a strong amen I thank God that I am able to begin again in the next step of my ministry.

This isn't about closing a book on my time here as curate but to end a chapter, not to say a final goodbye but rather farewell just for now. So, on that note, I say a heartfelt thank you, and with all my heart God bless you. "For all that has been, thank you, for all that will be, yes!"

Revd Ben Brady

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

Come and visit Linton library for...

- Our Monthly talk on Wednesday 8 May, 2 – 3.30pm is entitled "We need to talk about Climate Change", come along and find out what we can all do to help. It's free but please book your place by contacting the library or email: cambourne.referral@cambridgeshire.gov.uk
- May is Local and Community History Month. Are you curious about the history of your community – people, places and events? The library service has extensive local history collections for you to explore. Drop in to find out what we have on the shelves, or search online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/local-studies for information about our major collections in bigger library branches.
- During Half Term we'll have Lego Club on Tuesday 28 May, 10-12 and some craft activities available.
- Storytime. Rhyme-time. Duplo-time, our friendly group for 0-4-year olds, 10am – 11am, every Tuesday (in term time) for stories, songs and Duplo play.
- Knit and Natter, is now on EVERY Tuesday, 2pm – 3pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on. It doesn't have to be knitting and table space is available.
- Daylight Readers. Our Book Groups meet on Friday 17 May, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm and always welcome new members!

Ann King and Melanie Symonds, Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm.

Customer Services (regular office hours): 0345 045 5225
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

As we embrace the warmth of the summer season, we're excited to share the stimulating topics awaiting our students across different year groups. Our younger children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 will be diving into the world of agriculture with their theme, 'Down on the Farm,' exploring the wonders of rural life and the importance of farming. Meanwhile, Year 3 and 4 students will embark on a fascinating journey back in time to uncover the mysteries of the Egyptians and other Ancient Civilizations. Our older students in Years 4, 5, and 6, get ready to venture into the heart of the rainforest as we explore the captivating world of Mayan civilizations, unravelling the secrets of this ancient society's remarkable achievements. With such diverse and engaging topics ahead, we're eager to continue to ignite curiosity, foster creativity and inspire a love of learning throughout this term!

Exploring Nature's Classroom: Year 5's Unforgettable Adventure at How Hill. In a whirlwind of discovery and delight, our Year 5 students recently embarked on an unforgettable residential trip to How Hill. From the moment they arrived, excitement filled the air as they prepared to immerse themselves in a world of exploration and learning. One of the highlights of their adventure was the interesting boat trip along Barton Broad. Drifting serenely through these lush wetlands, our young explorers encountered an array of wildlife among the reeds while learning about pollution and peat. Armed with nets and buckets, the students also embraced the exhilarating experience of dyke dipping. They delved into the cool waters, discovering an astonishing diversity of aquatic creatures, from water scorpions to water snails and water boatmen. But it wasn't just the watery wonders that captivated our students; they also had the opportunity to discover about traditional crafts like thatching. Under the guidance of skilled instructors, they learned the age-old techniques of weaving together Norfolk reeds to create waterproof, sturdy roofs. With each straw carefully placed, they not only honed their practical skills but also gained a newfound appreciation for the craftsmanship of generations past. As the sun set on their time at How Hill, our Year 5 students returned home with not only deepened understanding of the natural world but also having fostered bonds of friendship and camaraderie that will endure for years to come.

Spot Mini G on the Cambridge Giraffe Trail! We are thrilled to announce that our very own Mini G is now proudly on display as part of the Giraffe Trail around Cambridge! You can find Mini G upstairs in the Grand Arcade, standing tall and ready to greet visitors. We encourage all our students, parents, staff and local community to pop by to say hello to Mini G. The Giraffe Trail is a fantastic opportunity to explore our beautiful city and discover the vibrant community spirit that Cambridge has to offer. From now until the 2nd of June, you can join in the fun and see how many giraffes you can spot dotted around Cambridge's streets and landmarks. We can't wait to welcome Mini G back to school after the trail ends. Mini G will return to take up residency in our school, bringing with it memories of the exciting journey it embarked on around our city.

Faye Facer. Assistant Headteacher

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

I have 12 books of MUSIC FOR FLUTE PLAYERS if anyone is interested. Please call me on 290434.

Di Licence

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

In March, audiences were treated to an evening of exceptional talent at our annual dance show. With the theme of 'Iconic Singers', over one hundred pupils from years 7 to 11 performed in an array of genres to the tunes of Frank Sinatra, Amy Winehouse and Elvis Presley. The audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

"I really felt the emotion and enjoyed the purity the show gifted. A very special evening with a genuinely positive vibe"

"That dance show last night was something else. I thought last year was good but...."



The show also demonstrated the wonderful skills of our student technical and backstage team who artistically delivered the lighting and sound for the show with the support of professional lighting/sound company 'Blushed'. Our Dance department is also continuing our partnership with DanceEast, who are currently delivering a series of workshops to our Lower School Dance Company, developing students' performance skills and industry knowledge.

DanceEast have invited us to contribute to a highly prestigious sixth form project this summer involving performance and choreography expertise from professional dancers from the internationally acclaimed Hofesh Shechter Dance Company.

We look forward to seeing the amazing outcomes of our students' work, which will culminate with the opportunity to perform their piece at DanceEast in the autumn.

We are also excited about our involvement in 'Stage 24', Anglian Learning's first ever dance festival which will be hosted at Bottisham Village College in July and will enable primary and schools to showcase dance skills across the Trust.

Helen Frost, Head of Dance

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

If you are waiting for surgery, treatment, or a clinical opinion from your local hospital there is a useful website called "**My Planned Care**" www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/. This gives you advice and support and helps you to prepare for your hospital consultation, treatment or surgery, including information about waiting times at your hospital. The website is updated weekly and can be viewed by you, your family or carer for the latest information. Your hospital team will be in touch with you as soon as they can but if you are looking for an update please check "My Planned Care" before contacting your hospital or GP.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services