

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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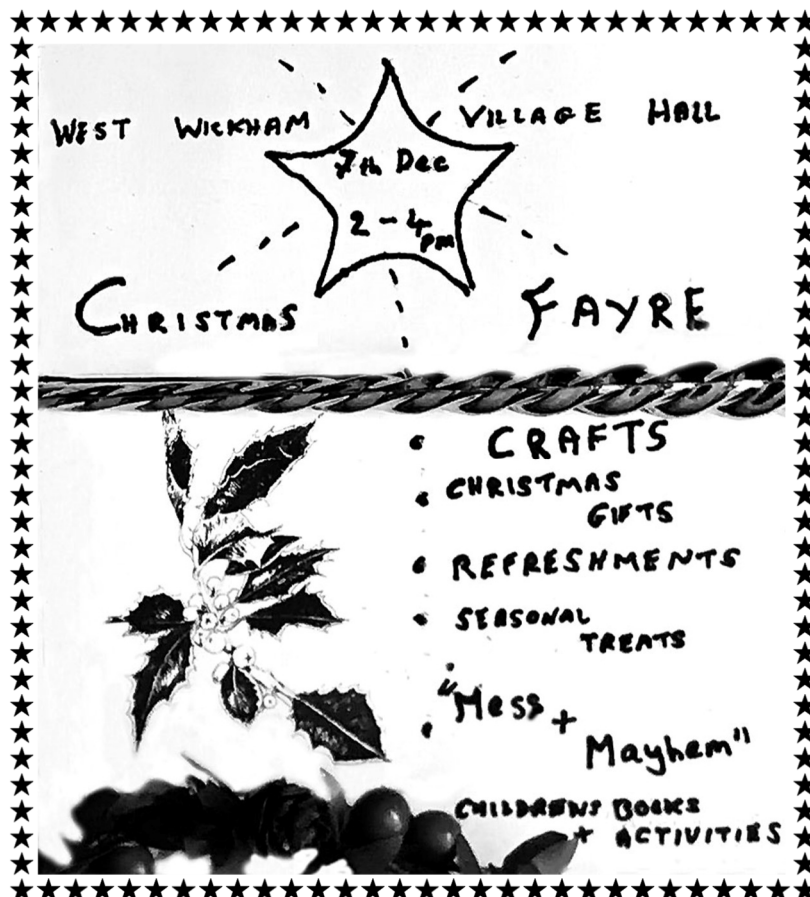
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WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

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R.A.F. Wratting Common continued

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 Wratting Common

Email: rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com.

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WARM HUBS

The Village Hall will be running a series of Community Warm Hubs over the next couple of months with a range of themes. The Community Warm Hubs are warm, welcoming and friendly spaces, open to everyone where you can drop in and spend time, chat to friends & family and meet other locals. Some Hubs include activities that you can observe or participate in, and others provide information, support and advice.

To kick things off, initially a Community Warm Hub hosted by the Art Club will be held every 1st and 3rd Monday of every month, in the late afternoon through to early evening. You can simply come in for a gossip and drink the free tea and coffee or bring your own creative projects to work on, show, or talk about or be inspired by watching others do their own art and crafts. Feel free to pop in or scan the QR code below to join the group in the West Wickham Village Community on WhatsApp, or watch the village website at <https://westwickham.org/> and Village Voice for times



If you have a theme or would be interested in any particular topic, such as Internet Security, Defibrillator or CPR Training, or games such as dominoes, jigsaws, or after school clubs, and even dog-socialising, and/or would be willing to help or provide sessions, please contact Martin Kerslake at martink@westwickham.org or Alex Schuilenburg at alex@westwickham.org.

BUS FRANCHISING CONSULTATION

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority launched a consultation on the concept of bus franchising in the County and how the Authority can help reform bus travel. It's a very big step forward, as the original idea of introducing a road charge in Cambridge to pay for more buses in Cambridgeshire has been binned. This is a more realistic alternative to improving public transport, but will involve more public funding to get it off the ground and possibly an increase in the Mayor's precept to help fund it, so please do contribute to the consultation if possible. The consultation closes in mid-November so you might be interested in putting your point of view or ideas before then. The link is given below.

<https://cpca-yourvoice.co.uk/bus-franchising-consultation/>

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS.

The following items of interest have been taken from the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23 September. The draft Minutes can be seen on the website and on the noticeboards.

Planning:

24/02819/HFUL: 29 Burton End. Internal alterations. Permission granted.

24/03336/HFUL: 95 High Street. Demolish existing outbuilding & erection of annex. Parish Council supports.

24/03435/FUL: 33 Burton End. Change of use from agricultural land to garden. Parish Council supports.

Devana Project - A presentation, which was well attended, was made prior to this meeting by Chris Bawtry who is managing the site.

Finances: These are shown in the draft Minutes.

Traffic & Parking issues:

Potholes & flooding - There were four complaints made in early May and despite confirmation that the work would be done within 21 days, so far only 1 pothole has been repaired. The other holes need special equipment to repair them as they are so big. County Cllr. Batchelor was asked to look into this.

Local Highways Improvement/Mobile Vehicle Activation Signs Grants: Cllr McNeillie had received news that in principle there had been a level of approval of the application for a mobile speed activated sign. Final decisions will be made later this year.

The 2025 application forms are now available and Council is considering applying for 2 signposts saying "single track road" to be put at either end of Webbs Road

Maintenance:

Hedging & wildflower areas: The hedge along the south side of the lower end of the High Street and the wildflower areas have been cut. Pleasure was expressed at the look of the High Street where the hedges have been cut back and the road looks clean and tidy. Thanks were given to Edward and Anna Fairhead for maintaining that hedge and cutting the wildflower area in preparation for next year. Rob Giles will be cutting hedges around the Hall, Home Close and along the High Street.

Defibrillator at Streetly End: An grant application will be going to the British Heart Foundation in October.

Abandoned vehicle: This has now been removed. There is still considerable debris and mess to be cleared and District Cllr. Harvey was asked to find out whose responsibility this was.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground:

Fencing round Play Area - The section of fencing nearest the Village Hall has been replaced. The remainder of the upper area of fencing is serviceable but it will require replacing soon.

Goal-posts & 5-aside proposal: It was thought possible to have a 5-aside pitch, the goal posts costing approx. £1000, plus the cost of marking the pitch. The Parish Clerk will ask Balsham P.C. if the Parish Council could have the use of their marker painter prior to purchasing one themselves.

Raised flower beds: If the Parish Council provides sleepers the Gardening Club would plant up the area outside the front of the entrance to the left of the hall. The Village Hall Committee would be happy to provide the sleepers.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 25 November at 7.30pm.

All are welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

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

West Wickham Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING

From 10.30 on Thursday

14th November



Selection of teas & coffee
Variety of homemade cakes

LIFTS AVAILABLE

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

POPPY APPEAL 2024

Please give generously in exchange for a poppy once again this year. Your donations are so needed by the Royal British Legion, in order to continue to provide much needed support for our forces community of veterans past and present. A fine example of that support are the courses at the Battle Back Centre, a lifeline when ex-servicemen and women are overwhelmed confronting physical and mental challenges and issues such as homelessness and unemployment.

Poppies and a few sundries, such as wooden crosses and reflective poppies, are available at the three village pubs, The Chestnut Tree in West Wrattling and The Bell and The Black Bull in Balsham, as well as at Balsham's Post Office and Coffee Shop and at church services at St Mary's. Once again the QR code on the collecting tins can be used for convenience to just 'click and donate'. Gift Aid can also be added if wished, even on small donations.

Thank you. Margaret Johnson, voluntary Poppy Appeal organiser.

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD

We are pleased to report that the Trust presented the 2024 award of £1000 to Benjamin Clarke, from Brinkley. Ben is now at Oxford University undertaking a master's degree in Biochemistry. Well done Ben! As always it was a pleasure for the Trustees to meet such enthusiastic and interesting young people from our locality during the selection process.

If you or one of your children are going to University in September 2025 watch out next month for how to apply to the Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust or email the Secretary for more detail at peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

CUSTOMS AND FOLKLORE FROM THE PAST

*Remember, remember the fifth of November,
The gunpowder treason and plot;
There is no reason why gunpowder treason
Should ever be forgot.*

This is just part of quite a long set of verses that Enid Porter, in her book *Cambridgeshire Customs and Folklore*, noted had been chanted at the end of the 19th century by youths in the Fens as they went round the houses asking for money for the Guy they had made. The Horseheath historian, Catherine Parsons, also recorded that boys went round the village, often with a Guy, collecting money for fireworks. Boys could still be seen with their Guy, often in an old pram or a wooden box on wheels, on street corners asking for 'a penny for the Guy' in the 1950s and 60s when I was growing up. Fireworks could then be bought at the local shop for a few pennies each. They were very small compared to today's ones but the excitement was in the choosing and then letting them off in the back garden – rockets were sent up from milk bottles, Catherine wheels (which never worked properly) were pinned to the garden fence and Roman candles placed on the ground. All carried the instruction 'Light the blue touch paper and stand well back'. My particular favourites were the sparklers to wave around. Surprisingly, neither Enid Porter nor Catherine Parsons mentioned bonfires which, as children, we considered an essential part of what we called Bonfire Night (a much more important day than Halloween which we barely acknowledged). June Brazier from Streetly End, now in her eighties, remembers the wonderful bonfire nights which farmer, Billy Pearson, organised when she was young. The children were allowed to help with collecting rubbish to burn, riding in a trailer towed behind the tractor. Undoubtedly, the big organised displays today are more spectacular and a lot safer but perhaps not nearly so much fun!

If you have any memories of Bonfire Night in the village or of any other occasion do please get in touch.

West Wickham & District Local History Club

The Club's next meeting will be on:

Monday 11 November

7.30pm in the Village Hall

George Brewster – the last climbing boy

A talk by Joanne Hudson

New members and non-members are very welcome

For further details contact: Janet Morris.

Tel: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com

SAVE THE DATE

Balsham Singers Christmas Concert

4pm, Saturday 14 December

Tickets are available online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers. Also locally from 1 November in Balsham and Abington Post Offices. Last year the concert sold out, so be sure to secure your seat.

Jo Stinton

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

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NATURE NOTES

In medieval times, some woodland was categorised as wood pasture, where owners would allow people to graze their animals. In particular, there was a practice of grazing 'tame swine' in woods with oak trees to allow them to feed on the **acorns**. The value of the wood was calculated on the acorn crop. However in Britain this was problematic as the number of acorns produced by oak trees varies from year to year. Di has noticed that this year is definitely not a 'mast year' as there have been few acorns from the oak trees in Maypole Croft and elsewhere, so the squirrels, who normally eat or bury them and help to perpetuate the oak population have had to look for alternatives. They also have a habit of burying conkers (I have many horse chestnut seedlings springing up in my vegetable plot) but I am unsure of the value or safety of conkers as a food source. Quite often I find a conker with the skin having been peeled off. Conkers, we understand, have also been in short supply so acorns are not alone.



We have had a jay visiting our garden recently. Jays are the most glamorous of the corvid family with the electric blue patch on the pied wings and a body colour of warm greyish pink but normally a woodland inhabitant rather than a garden visitor. What brought the bird to our garden was possibly the

chance of finding a few acorns, which are not available in the wood in sufficient quantities. Jays, even more than squirrels, are renowned for storing thousands of acorns either in crevices or under leaves which obviously helps oak trees to spread.

In contrast to the paucity of the acorn and conker harvest, trees and shrubs in the hedgerows are producing a prolific crop of berries, hops and hips which should be a good source of food for the winter-visiting thrushes when they come. Di has already heard and seen a group of redwings flying over, so they should be here soon. Mind you, resident birds are not holding back. Di saw a pair of linnets feasting on the mountain ash berries in the churchyard and our cotoneaster bush has been more or less stripped – probably by blackbirds.

Other bird news concerns herons, one or more of which have been appearing in various parts of the village. Trevor spotted one in his garden catching and consuming a mouse before moving over to the pond and catching a goldfish. Possibly the same bird then visited Maypole Croft, including Di's garden, and a heron also appeared in our pond looking very much like an oversized teenager in a child's paddling pool before flying off when he realised he was being watched.

Last month we mentioned the willow warbler seen in the churchyard and this time Di has spotted its look-alike cousin the chiffchaff feeding among blue and great tits in the garden. Could this one, like many blackcaps, be going to overwinter? Most warblers migrate to warmer climes in the winter as they are insectivorous and being small and light, are vulnerable to cold weather. But with the changing climate can we look forward to a time when birds choose to stay here for the winter rather than embark on a hazardous journey overseas?

Please send your nature sightings to:

Peter Grieve. T: 01223 897811, E: mail@petergrieve.co.uk

Di Licence. T: 290434, E: dianarubylicence@gmail.com

Drawing by Maureen Walker

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Celebrating the seasons

As summer turned to autumn the Club met for their AGM. Many members were kind enough to come and contribute to the meeting with the election of new officers and to say 'thank you' to the outgoing Treasurer, Andrew Morris, who formally stepped down from the committee he was instrumental in founding over 40 years ago. In the drinks party that followed, Andrew was awarded the RHS Recognition Award for his unfailing dedication to the Club over these four decades. A well-deserved retirement beckons although we are happy to say that Andrew will continue to support the Club in a less formal capacity as we move forward.

With a packed programme for the end of the year, the new committee won't be resting on their laurels. Here is a run-down of the remaining events for 2024 which we hope members and non-members who'd just like to find out more about us can come along to.

Monday 18 November: Jim Paine *Botanical gardens: A grand tour.*

Jim is a well-known speaker with a background in international conservation as well as rich experience as a former garden nursery owner. Jim will whisk us off on a tour of wonderful botanical gardens close to home and far away.

Saturday 7 December: *West Wickham Christmas Fayre*

The Club will have a presence at the Village Fayre with ideas for sustainable decorations and Christmas Cards for sale produced by village photographers.

Monday 16 December: *Christmas social evening*

This year we will be taxing our brains with a light-hearted gardening quiz as well as the traditional wine and nibbles for our end-of-year celebration.

Monday meetings are held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Membership for 2024-2025 begins in October and if you fancy joining us to learn about gardening, share your successes, make some new friends or simply enjoy discounts with local suppliers and a 50% discount on entry to RHS gardens, we'd love to hear from you. Annual membership is £8 per person. Please contact Sue Boase on 07716 401646 or wwdgc@westwickham.org

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

Photography Competition 2024-25

Following the success of this year's competition, we hope you might be tempted to share your photos with us in next year's competition. Here are the titles to get you thinking...

- **Frozen**
- **Light and Dark**
- **Terrific Trees**

Greetings and Christmas cards are often created from some of the most inspired entries so why not have a go? The closing date will be at the end of August so plenty of time to take out those phones and cameras!

For more information, contact Sally Collins
photo@westwickham.org

FROM THE VICARAGE

I have been very fortunate this summer to have visited Scotland with its lochs and glens, which was in contrast to the green rolling hills of Gloucestershire where I grew up. My last trip, however, pulled me up short when climate change became a reality. Excess rainfall had caused flooding and affected roads which had to be shut. As I travelled, changes had to be made on the route, I needed patience to navigate unknown roads, and trust and hope that eventually I would end up at my destination! It is a bit like our changing season from summer to autumn as the clocks went back at the end of last month. Shorter days and more darkness; yet there are signs of hope in the traditional services we attend every year.

On All Saints Day, 1 November, we remember those who have given their lives to God and followed him by living a holy life. We all know people who have lived their lives in this way but would not necessarily recognise themselves as saints. All Souls' Day, 2 November, calls to mind those we have loved and lost over the years. Our services of light and hope take place at Little Abington (4.00pm) and Balsham (6.00pm). If you would like to light a candle to remember a special person do come and share with others who offer thanks for that person's life. We also join together for our Remembrance Day services to remember the sacrifice of those who gave their lives for us so that we have the freedom we do today.

In this time of change to the season we are reminded in St. John's Gospel that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. I remember watching the film *The Box of Delights*; when the film reaches the close, the choir of the cathedral enter in darkness, except for a few candles. The choir sing 'O come all ye faithful' as the electric light comes on, which I find incredibly moving. May you experience your own moving moment in the dark days ahead. Go with hope and you shall see the light.

Revd Kathy Bishop

BALSHAM WI

At our October meeting, Dr Gwenda Kyd delivered her talk on 'Incredible edible and drinkable plants'. We learnt about some of the chemical compounds in various fruits and vegetables we eat, and how they are good for us, often better in conjunction with others. We also heard how some of the popular old wives' tales about some common vegetables came into being, as well as some historical facts about them. The talk was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Our next meeting will take place on 12 November. Our speaker will be Susan Widlake of Millhouse Millinery who will be giving a talk and demonstration.

Visitors are always welcome – why not come and try us out? Hopefully we can convince you to join us. We are a friendly bunch and welcome anyone over 18 who is 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.

Debbie Mower

DON'T FORGET
COFFEE MORNING
10.30 on Thursday 14 November
In the Village Hall
A selection of teas & coffee and a variety of
cakes available

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

During winter, services such as GP surgeries and hospitals experience increased patient demand, mainly due to cold weather and peaks of common infections and ailments. Between us all, we can help alleviate some of the demand by using alternative health services for those more minor conditions.

A number of pharmacies offer an extended service called **Community Pharmacy Consultation Service (CPCS)**, where they can review and treat a number of minor illnesses and ailments. You can contact your local pharmacy directly or our reception teams can arrange a referral for you. If you are calling us with a minor illness or ailment, our reception teams may also signpost you to CPCS in the first instance.

There are many conditions covered by CPCS, including (but not limited to) generalised pain and swelling, sore throats, bites and stings, headaches, constipation and diarrhoea, colds and flu, mouth ulcers, tiredness, and vomiting. Additionally, Pharmacists are able to offer treatment and prescribe medication for some conditions without you needing to see your GP. This is called **Pharmacy First**. Conditions that can be treated and prescribed for include:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections or UTI's (women aged 16 to 64 years)

If you contact us with an eye problem, our reception teams may signpost you to the **Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS)**. MECS is made up of a team of eye specialists who treat non-emergency eye conditions that do not need hospital attention. Conditions covered include acute red eyes, acute irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or acute watery eyes, in-growing eyelashes, foreign bodies in the eye and recently occurring flashes or floaters.

If you require any further information about any of the above services please do not hesitate to speak to your local pharmacy, our reception teams or email us on cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net We wish you all a healthy and safe November.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services

SOUTH CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL ROADSHOW

The District Council's Communities team are holding this event in Linton Village Hall on Coles Lane on 12 November between 7pm and 8pm. The roadshow aims at spreading the word about what the Council can do to support communities, community groups and individuals that are in need. It is open to anyone. Below is a weblink invitation for local groups, in case there is any interest in attending.

Henry Batchelor

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/linton-community-roadshow-tickets-1030034590187?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3WVJSomwd9OCTwNfBcMeneZhLVNsb-w3Wz6TIZ1VJHV91xoMe1bPMtr1Y_aem_vUDViaGasVgubsvjJiGNgw

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

Come in for cosy reads on dark days. You'll always find a warm and friendly welcome here. Relax with a jigsaw puzzle, use our free WiFi, a library computer or have a look at our Local Studies display, part of the Cambridgeshire Collection, regarding the history of Cambridgeshire, its people, places and organisations.

Duplo Clubs, weekly in term time, Tuesday 10-11am and Friday 11-12pm. Come along and entertain your 0-4 year old whilst chatting to others at this free session in the children's section of the library.

Knit and Natter, every Tuesday, 2pm – 3pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

Daylight Readers, our Book Groups meet on Friday 15th, one at 10.30am and the other at 2.30pm. New members always welcome.

Craft Club – Saturday 30th, 10.30am – 11.30am, aimed at 4-10 year olds. Come along and make some Christmas crafts!

Do you like reading stories aloud? We have a volunteer vacancy for story time for 0-4 years. Tuesday mornings, weekly in term time. Pop in if you're interested.

Do you know someone who uses a walking aid? As the paths become slippery, please spread the word that the library can supply **free ferrules** (rubber feet) for walking aids to keep them in safe condition. Just ask library staff.

Ann King, Community Library Assistant, Linton Library
Opening hours: Tuesday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 4-7pm; Thursday 2-5pm; Friday 10am-5pm; Saturday 10am-1pm.
Customer Services: 0345 045 5225.
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library



BUTTERCUPS PRE-SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE

SAT. 23rd NOVEMBER, 11am - 3pm

AT THE BALSHAM CHURCH INSTITUTE & CRICKET PAVILION



ENTRANCE:
ADULTS: £1
CHILDREN: 50p

CRAFT STALLS & LOCAL BUSINESSES INCLUDING:
Handmade Jewellery | Pottery | Resin Christmas Decorations | Wood Turning (Pens, Decorations & Others) | Engraved Items & MORE!

PLUS: Cakes | Preloved Toys | Chocolate Tombola | Bottle Tombola | Guess The Name Of The Elf | RAFFLE With Prizes Including:
2x Panto Tickets, Audley End Miniature Railway Voucher, The Old Butchers Voucher, Dog & Duck Voucher, 5 Class Yoga Pass at The Balanced Space, You Beauty Voucher & MORE!

A BAROQUE CELEBRATION

with the AZUR ENSEMBLE

On Monday 9 November at 7.30pm

This is the second concert in the series of events in support of the Friends of Holy Trinity Church Hildersham. The performers are graduates from the Royal College of Music Historic Performance Faculty under the guidance of Professor Ashley Solomon.



Their programme will include music by JS Bach, Telemann, Vivaldi, Scarlatti and Handel and will have harpsichord accompaniment.

Tickets at £15 are available from
(www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-baroque-celebration-tickets-1045008517607?aff=oddtcreator)
see QR code or at the door.



For more details contact
Athene Hunt
Email: huntcam2015@gmail.com



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 or

by using the online booking/query at www.westwickham.org
Alternatively by leaving a voice message on 01223 789719

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Our Open Evening at the end of September was a huge success, despite the torrential rain. It was a great opportunity to showcase the school to prospective Year 6 families. I was impressed by how many LVC students volunteered to be helpers and tour guides on the evening and by the passion and personal insights shared by our student leaders during the presentations.

Our Head Student, Kuba, also demonstrated great independence and initiative through his successful application to the Henry Morris Memorial Trust Fund. Kuba was fortunate to receive funding to embark on a trip to the Isle of Man. Having always been interested in the Celtic history of the Isle, Kuba used the trip as an opportunity to find out more about the island's politics, history and geography. As part of this project, Kuba met with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer at Government House and discussed with him various topics, including the role of the Lieutenant Governor, Crown Dependencies and Manx Culture. Kuba also met virtually with the Chief Minister and spoke with him about education on the island. Kuba, who has future aspirations in International Diplomacy, was awarded the "Lieutenant's Governor's Award for Outstanding Effort and Dedication to Duty" for his project and interview.



Other successes include our MFL trips to Spain and France this month. These trips are a great opportunity for our GCSE language students to experience both speaking and the culture of the language they have chosen to study. The students in Spain were also lucky enough to experience some glorious autumn sunshine.



Students near the entrance to the Louvre, Paris

Helena Marsh, Principal

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

We have had an incredibly exciting and eventful month here at the Meadow Primary School, and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you. From legendary visits to fundraising activities and the launch of our new website, it's been a busy time!

A Visit from Legendary Drummer Jeff Rich. We were beyond excited to welcome Jeff Rich, the drummer from Status Quo, to the School! Jeff spent the afternoon with our pupils, sharing his passion for music and giving them a hands-on experience with percussion instruments. Jeff commented, "I have thoroughly enjoyed my visit to The Meadow Primary School this afternoon. The pupils' high energy and brilliant participation are what make these visits special. If one child is now inspired to learn an instrument, then my work here is done!"

During this unique session, over 200 percussion instruments were provided for our pupils, allowing every child to play alongside Jeff as he performed on the drums. It was a truly unforgettable experience that has inspired many of our students to explore music further. We're incredibly grateful to Jeff for sharing his talent and enthusiasm with us!

The Meadow Primary School Website Has Launched!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our brand-new website! The new site provides dedicated pages for newsletters and news updates, ensuring you stay informed of everything happening at The Meadow. You can now easily access important documents and policies, contact details and an overview of our curriculum. Additionally, our interactive calendar will keep you updated on upcoming events, so you'll never miss a thing! We invite everyone to explore the website and make the most of these new features.

Meadow Mile Fundraiser – A Huge Success! On Friday 11 October, our pupils took part in the Meadow Mile to raise money for our school, and we have raised over £1,261.50 so far! The children had a fantastic time dressing up in costumes inspired by the letter "M" – from magicians to minions, there was no shortage of creativity and fun! We



would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has supported this fundraiser, from family members to the wider community. Your generosity makes a big difference, and we are incredibly proud of the effort our students put into both their costumes and their commitment to completing the Meadow Mile.

Faye Facer, Assistant Headteacher

This Is My Theatre presents...

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

"Ramped up the festive feel-good with melodic carols and outstanding performances!" - Sussex Local Magazine

This Christmas, audiences are invited to celebrate the festive season as critically acclaimed theatre company This Is My Theatre brings Charles Dickens' classic tale A Christmas Carol to life in a stunning one-act adaptation.

Packed with charm, cheer and, of course, plenty of carols, our production is sure to spread joy and warm hearts this Christmas!

More info can be found at:
www.thisismytheatre.com
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07732 253311

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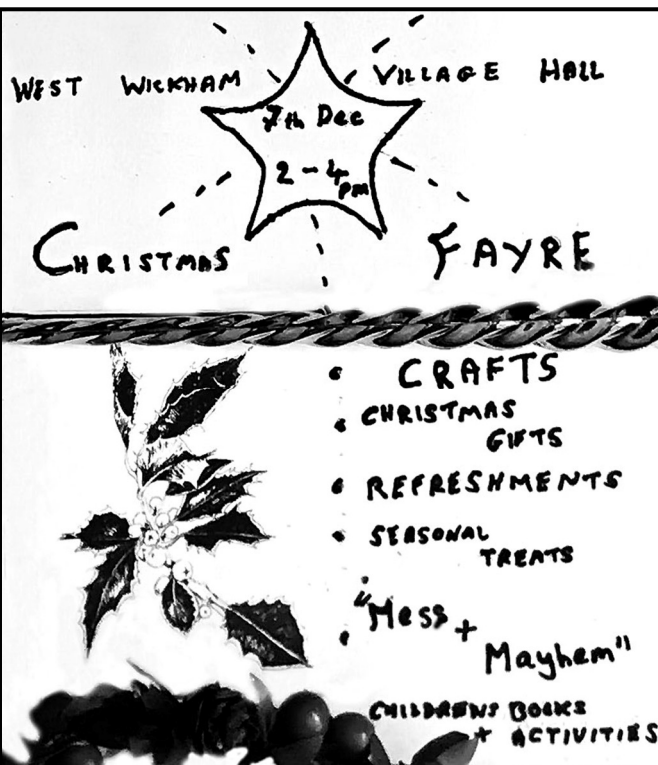
**THIS MY
THEATRE**

Coming to St Mary's Church, Weston Colville
Thursday 12 December at 7pm. Booking now open!
Details on the website.

★ HUB NIGHT! ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

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REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER BUT CELEBRATE SAFELY!

Bonfire Night is a very popular fixture in the calendar where people come together to enjoy fireworks. While it can be fun for all of the family to enjoy, there are lots of potential hazards so it's really important to keep you and your family safe. Help support your local community this year and go to an organised firework display instead of holding one at home.

While most people enjoy fireworks responsibly, in the wrong hands they can cause injury and damage to property. Fireworks are explosives and as such should be treated with respect and only used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the firework safety code.

Also lighting bonfires in back gardens presents significant risks to residents, so would encourage people across the county to think twice before having their own displays and lighting bonfires.

Firework safety tips

- Only buy fireworks with a CE mark.
- Light fireworks at arm's length using a taper, stand well back and never go back to a lit firework.
- Never throw fireworks or put them in your pockets or clothing.
- Light sparklers one at a time wearing gloves, and place used sparklers in a bucket of water.
- Never give sparklers to children under five.
- Keep your pets indoors throughout the evening.
- It is illegal to sell fireworks to someone under the age of 18 or to light fireworks in a public place.
- Respect your neighbours – don't let off fireworks late at night and remember there are laws to follow.

Visit (www.cambsfire.gov.uk/community-safety/outdoor-safety/firework-safety) to see what organised fireworks displays are happening around the county.

Bonfire safety

We would urge people to think before having a bonfire. Lighting a bonfire in a garden presents significant risks to residents if they get out of hand. Not only this, but the smoke can also aggravate neighbours with respiratory problems.

If you do decide to have a bonfire, please follow our top five tips:

- Build your bonfire well clear of buildings, garden sheds, fences and hedges.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a bonfire, and never burn dangerous items such as aerosol cans, paint tins, foam furniture, or batteries.
- Don't leave bonfires unattended. An adult should supervise it until it has burnt out. If it has to be left, damp it down with plenty of water.
- Always keep a bucket of water or a hosepipe nearby in case of fire.
- Check the weather - avoid lighting bonfires in high winds.

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