

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Wednesday	4 June	Blue & green
Wednesday	11 June	Black
Wednesday	18 June	Blue & green
Wednesday	25 June	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](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres)

## CHURCH SERVICES

1 June	11.00. Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
8 June	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
15 June	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
22 June	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
29 June	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church

For more details visit [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk)

## ★ HUB NIGHT! ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

NEXT DATE: **28.6.2025** 7PM-11PM



## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

West Wickham website: for news, what's on, directory of information & useful contacts.  
<https://westwickham.org>

AgeUK Community Warden:  
Sheree Geoghegan. T: 07436 102865  
Email: [wardens@ageukcap.org.uk](mailto:wardens@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 Monday 16 June

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PUNCH  
& JUDY

BOUNCY  
CASTLE

ICE  
CREAM

RACES

RAFFLE

GAMES

BBQ

DOG  
SHOW

TEA

BAR

& CAKE

AND

TOMBOLA

MORE!



**Saturday 5 July**

**12pm - 5pm**

**West Wickham Village Hall**

**ALL WELCOME!**

## THE BIG GARDEN PARTY SATURDAY 5 JULY

As well as two Punch & Judy shows, a bouncy castle, dog show, children's races, tombola, raffle and BBQ at this summer's event, representatives of the clubs who regularly book the Village Hall will be there to tell you more about their clubs and to invite you to come along to their next event.

I still need someone to help out with the children's races so please get in touch if you would like to get involved.

Also, I'd like to put together a coconut shy but need the various components to do that. So, for example, if you have any old cricket balls that you would like to donate, please email me at [ronniet@westwickham.org](mailto:ronniet@westwickham.org) or call/text/WhatsApp me on 07710 000153.

Ronnie Temple

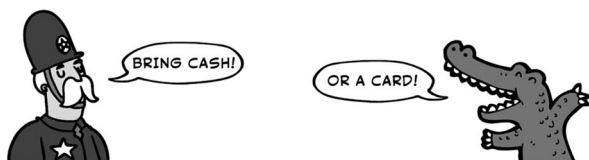
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## TIMETABLE

**1:30pm PUNCH & JUDY SHOW**  
**2:00pm CHILDREN'S RACES**  
**Egg & Spoon Race**  
**Sack Race**  
**Three-legged Race**  
**Wheelbarrow Race**  
**Sprint Race**  
**2:30pm PUNCH & JUDY SHOW**  
**3:00pm DOG SHOW**  
**4:30pm RAFFLE DRAW**

## DOG SHOW CLASSES

- 1. Best Puppy (under 2 years)**
- 2. Waggiest Tail**
- 3. Best Rescue Dog**
- 4. Best 6 Legs - Dog & Owner**
- 5. Best Junior Handler**
- 6. Dog the Judge would most like to take home**



## THE BIG GARDEN PARTY II

I am collecting bottles for the Bottle Stall and Raffle Prizes. If you have any donations please leave in in my post box at 5 Burton End with your name, so I don't hassle you again, or contact me 07778053680 and I will collect.

All proceeds from these stalls will go to the maintenance and care of the church building and the churchyard

Thank you. Nicky Cornish

## CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES WEST WICKHAM DIRECTORY

It has been noted that there are almost no local small traders or businesses in the West Wickham Directory.

If you would like to be included to let everyone know you exist we need the following information:

Name and Business Name if different  
 Business type  
 Address  
 Phone number  
 Email address  
 Professional registration, license or qualification  
 (if applicable)

Entries will be made available on the West Wickham website as well as in a printed copy of the Directory to be distributed with the Village Voice.

Please send your details to Anna Fairhead at  
 aludlowreflex1@aol.com



## West Wickham & District Gardening Club Out and About!

First of all, we would like to send a huge 'thank you' to everybody who contributed, purchased, chatted to us all, drank tea and ate cake to make the May Plant Sale such a great success! It was a real pleasure to see so many familiar faces as well as several new ones. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did.



**The sales team with aprons and mugs**

Now summer is well and truly here, the Gardening Club are heading outside for this year's two **summer garden visits**. Open to members, these are relaxed affairs and a good opportunity to get together, at the same time as gaining inspiration from the gardens we visit.

**Buster's Cottage, Duxford on 16 June** at 18.30 (£10 including refreshments). Proceeds go to the NGS garden scheme charities and the owner will also have plants for sale the day. <https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/bustlers-cottage-cb22/>  
 Contact *Rio Glyn-Davies* for further information.  
[rioglyndavies@gmail.com](mailto:rioglyndavies@gmail.com)

**Farm Lodge, Hildersham on 21 July** at 18:0 (£7.50 including refreshments). Proceeds go to the NGS garden scheme charities. Places are limited, so please book early. <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/47248/farm-lodge>  
 Contact *Indi Liepa* for further information.  
[ifliepa@gmail.com](mailto:ifliepa@gmail.com)

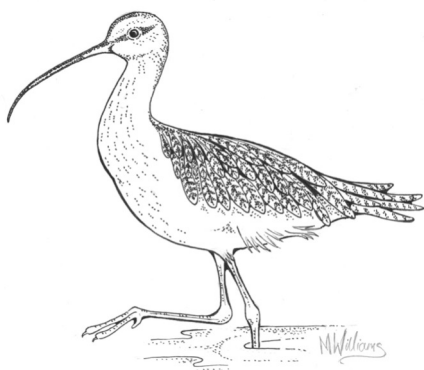
... and while you're there, why not see if you can capture a winning shot for this year's **Photography Competition**? Open to members and non-members, young and old (a special prize for the best under 16's entry), novices and those who have had a bit more practice! Winners announced and all entries displayed at the *West Wickham Gardening Fair on Saturday 6th September*. Titles this year are... **Frozen, Light and Dark, Terrific Trees**. Contact us on [photo@westwickham.org](mailto:photo@westwickham.org) for more details.

The team will also have a stall at the **West Wickham Big Garden Party on 5 July** with helpful advice, quizzes and cakes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Club information or if you'd like to join one of our teams, contact Sally Collins at [wwdgc@westwickham.org](mailto:wwdgc@westwickham.org)

## NATURE NOTES

One would not expect to see or hear a **curlew** in these parts at the best of times, let alone in the driest spring for over 70 years. And yet both Di and I have had recent curlew experiences – Di on one of her early morning dog walks and me over at Haverhill near the Puddlebrook playing fields. Curlews are associated mainly with northern moorlands, marshes or muddy estuaries but they do migrate and many come to Britain from Europe for the winter to add to the breeding population, which has declined markedly in recent years. However, any time you hear the curlew's cry it may suggest '**peace, rest, healing, joy and an assurance of happiness past, present and to come**' according to Sir Edward Grey in his book *The Charm of Birds*. Other recommended reading featuring the curlew includes *Native* by Patrick Laurie and *Curlew Moon* by Mary Colwell.



The power of the curlew's calls to evoke such positive emotions may not be rivalled by many other birds but nevertheless they have been trying. Over on the allotments the **chiffchaff, willow warbler, blackcap and whitethroat** have all been heard, the last of which is the easiest to see because it often sings from a prominent position and flies upwards while delivering a rather scratchy song but it is a bird with attitude. It is also a good place to see swallows, swifts and martins who feed on insects in the air. It's great to hear that swifts have been seen already. Abington church is one of their habitual haunts so I will have a trip over there sometime during the summer. It was also good to hear that a large number of greenfinches have been seen in the garden and on the feeders at the Mill House in Streetly End. I have frequently lamented the decline of this bird so this is splendid news. They have a habit of nesting semi-colonially and I guess this is what they are doing at the Mill House.

Not everyone will associate moths with the joy of hearing birdsong but whoever was responsible for naming them must have had a lot of imagination and enjoyment in the process. I have set up my moth trap a few times this year and with limited results probably because the nights have been rather chilly but I have been rewarded by a **Hebrew character** (named for the black mark that resembles the Hebrew letter *nun*), **brimstone moth, brindled beauty, muslin moth, spindle ermine and poplar hawkmoth**. The prettiest however was the **green carpet** which is a small moth with green forewings in light and dark shades with black blotches. It is too early in the year to catch a **box tree moth** but I believe people with box trees and hedges have been picking off the caterpillars which have hatched out from the eggs that would have been laid last year. Some species of moth never feed as adults, leaving them to concentrate on their sole purpose which is to breed and produce the next generation. However those that do feed will need the energy from the nectar of blossom and there has been plenty of that around.

**Drawing by Maureen Williams**

Please send your nature sightings to:  
Peter Grieve. T: 01223 897811, E: mail@petergrieve.co.uk  
Di Licence. T: 290434, E: dianarubylicence@gmail.com

## KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Following our AGM in April 2025, we're pleased to report a rise in membership—reflecting the growing concern within our community. To keep everyone informed and connected, we've launched a members' WhatsApp Announcements Channel to complement our regular updates on Facebook which allows us to share important information quickly and directly.

**Recent developments in Weston Colville.** Several residents in Weston Colville have contacted us after receiving letters from agents acting on behalf of the Kingsway Solar project. Where appropriate, we have encouraged landowners to consider granting access, especially when it supports informed decision-making for ecological surveys.


However, we are also aware that certain residents have been issued with a Notice under Section 172, compelling access to their land. This has understandably caused concern. These issues have been raised with the local planning department and with Pippa Heylings, and we are awaiting further clarification and guidance.


We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates as more information becomes available. If you've received similar correspondence or have concerns, please get in touch—we're currently gathering all related information.


### Step into Nature: June's Call to Action – Butterflies!


Thank you to everyone who's taken part in our Step into Nature campaign so far. For June, we're asking you to look out for butterflies, which are important indicators of a healthy environment. Please keep recording your sightings, especially anything unusual, rare, or protected. You can log them via iRecord to help us gather vital data within a 2km radius of the proposed Kingsway Solar site. Let's keep showing how much our local wildlife matters!

**Join the National Community Walk – Say No to Kingsway Solar.** KSCA is joining a nationwide walk on to raise awareness of the impact of large-scale solar farms like Kingsway Solar. Our local walk on Sunday 8 June, 10.00 – 12.00, in **West Wrattling** features a 2.25-mile route (or 1-mile option), passing through areas directly threatened by the proposed development.

 **After the walk**, enjoy tea, cake, and a short talk about the solar farm at the Village Hall.

 **Why it matters:** Over **1,500 hectares** of farmland and countryside could be lost.

 **BBC coverage expected** – let's make our voices heard!

 **Volunteers needed** for marshalling and refreshments. Please contact us if you can help.

**Stay connected with KSCA.** If you've signed up as a KSCA member, thank you! You can also keep up with the latest news and developments by visiting our website: [kingswayaction.org](https://kingswayaction.org) And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for real-time updates, event info, and ways to get involved.

**Support KSCA.** Donations are gratefully received via GoFundMe (<https://gofund.me/479e0bd8>) to support our ongoing work in opposing the Kingsway Solar development.

Ellen Collier

★ **HUB NIGHT!** ★

**WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

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## WEST WICKHAM IN THE PAST: A MISCELLANY

June has been seen as the traditional month for weddings but just how traditional is 'traditional'? Following some online discussion among local historians during Covid, I decided to analyse records for West Wickham. I looked at the marriage registers for a 110 year period from 1800 to 1909 as this is my particular period of interest. The village population was 332 in 1801 and rose to a high of 572 in the middle of the century before dropping down to 378 by 1901. The village was entirely dependent on agriculture – predominantly a mixed farming economy.

The total number of marriages between 1800 and 1909 was 324, an average of about three a year. Over the whole period, weddings took place in every month but the highest number – 130 (40%) – were in the last quarter of the year. October had the highest number with 48; December had 43 and November 39. The first quarter was next with 74 weddings and the middle two quarters had 60 each. The least favoured month was May with 13 followed by July (18). This was fairly consistent over the 110 years as there were only two decades – 1820-1829 and 1880-1889 – when the number of weddings in the last quarter was lower than any other quarter.

This preference for the latter part of the year when the weather is colder and the daylight hours shorter seems a little odd to us today but it made perfect sense if you were an agricultural worker and the overwhelming majority of grooms in West Wickham were certainly in that category. Wages were low, work was seasonal and weather dependent and for most it was on a no work/no pay basis, so taking a day off to get married during a time of maximum employment and earning possibilities would not have been a consideration. Here this would be at haymaking time – mid June to early July - and again at harvest time. May was probably least popular because finances were at their lowest after the spasmodic nature of winter work. After haymaking there was a slight lull until corn harvest began in August which lasted well into September, so it was not until the latter part of the year that thoughts could perhaps turn to marriage.

Harvest was contract work involving long hours which meant that more money than usual could be earned. This would not have been spent on the luxury of an elaborate wedding but more practically on the yearly rent for a cottage or maybe the purchase of domestic necessities for the future home. In West Wickham, as far as it is possible to tell, both farm and cottage tenancies all began at Michaelmas (29 September) and the availability of somewhere to live would seem to have been an important factor in determining the timing of marriage.

Given the relative poverty of the majority of the villagers, it would follow that weddings were probably quite simple affairs, certainly up until the end of the period when wages and earning opportunities began to increase for both brides and grooms. Couples would likely dress in their 'Sunday best' and walk to church only accompanied by their witnesses, who may or may not have been related, although it is hard not to hope that there must have been some sort of celebratory meal afterwards, perhaps at the bride's home.

For further or any information on village history please contact:

Janet Morris, West Wickham & District Local History Club  
Tel: 290863, Email: [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

## COFFEE MORNINGS

These are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month in the Village Hall, are free to come to and the refreshments are free too. The cost of the hire of the hall is paid for these days by Cambridgeshire ACRE whose aim is to support and strengthen rural communities. We have a number of generous villagers who support us by providing cakes, biscuits and other treats (though we always welcome more donations). If you would like to pay something towards the refreshments though, we do invite you to contribute to a charity of our choice each month. So far we have raised over £1800 which has been gratefully received by all of the charities we have chosen.

It seemed appropriate, as May's Coffee Morning was held on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, to donate the £60 raised to SSAFA, the Armed Forces charity, (also known as the Soldiers', Sailors', and Airmen's Families Association) which is a UK charity that provides support to serving men, women and veterans from the British Armed Forces and their families or dependents.

June's Coffee Morning will be on **Thursday, 12 June**, from 10.30. If anyone would like to suggest a charity, please let me know. As always, lifts can be arranged to and from the Hall if needed.

Sue Thurston T: 897811, Email: [mail@suethurston.co.uk](mailto:mail@suethurston.co.uk)

## FROM THE VICARAGE

"Whatever next?!" I seem to hear myself increasingly asking this question as I watch the news, read the newspaper or follow the multiple online sources of information which constantly bombard us. Certainly, so far this year we seem to have been subjected to a torrent of bad news, depressing forecasts, inhuman behaviour and horrific events that, were I to possess any, would make my hair stand on end! However, before concluding that the world is going to hell in a handcart and abandoning all hope, I have to encourage myself and thereby, I hope, you to pause and, for just a moment, take stock. I sometimes remind myself that when I was a boy the news was a ten-minute bulletin on the wireless and salacious stories were the province of a certain kind of newspaper, so is everything now much worse or, if we can shut out the noise and distraction for a moment, is there something else we need to hear?

In the life of the Church we go through something of a rollercoaster ride of events during the first part of the year, starting with God sending his only Son as a baby into this world to save us from ourselves. We then hear of his amazing life and ministry, plumb the depths of his suffering and death on the cross and are then given the sure promise of eternal life in his Easter resurrection; but, just when we think it is safe, on Ascension Day, Jesus disappears back into heaven perhaps leaving us wondering "whatever next". Jesus however never leaves us without hope and on the first Pentecost Sunday the promised comforter in the form of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and set their hearts and lives on fire transforming them from an anxious band of believers into an ever-growing, confident church ready to take the good news of Jesus to the farthest corners of the then known world. As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, the task was not easy or without significant cost but in the love of God and power of the Holy Spirit all things are possible and the results beyond our wildest dreams. Are we ready for that – whatever next?

Keith Day



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME  
Garden Open For Charity

# Clover Cottage

50 Streetly End, West Wickham,  
CB21 4RP

**Sunday 1 June**  
**Sunday 8 June**  
**12 - 4.30pm**

Adults £4 Children free

Tea, coffee & cake



More information at [ngs.org.uk](http://ngs.org.uk)



Registered charity No. 111364

## YOU'RE INVITED TO...

### Calming Yoga & Aromatherapy Evening

Friday 27 June, 6.30pm - 8.15pm at  
West Wickham Village Hall

Local wellbeing experts, Laura Nicholson & Nicci Trudgeon, invite you to join them for a magical evening of relaxation. This special evening is designed to guide you into a deeper state of rest, using yoga postures to free the body and reiki-infused aromatherapy to calm the mind.

You can expect the restorative benefits of both yoga and aroma, learn new well-being practices incorporating aromatherapy into your daily routine, and experience a deeply restful guided relaxation, with the gentle touch of reiki to help deepen your sense of peace.

Each guest will take home an Innerlather Top to Toe Wash, made by Nicci, with the custom essential oil blend used during the evening—so you can continue your aromatherapy journey at home.

#### Booking essential

This event is open to both men and women, no yoga experience or fitness level is required. £25 per person, book online at <https://www.innerlather.co.uk/events/yogaevening> or email [restriseyoga@gmail.com](mailto:restriseyoga@gmail.com) with any questions.

## BALSHAM SINGERS

The choir are holding singing for fun sessions in the Sports Pavilion, Balsham, 7.30pm start. These are open to anyone who would like to come along, choir members or anyone curious about singing in a large group and would like to give us a go. £5 a session, pay as you go, no commitment, just turn up. Dates are 5, 19 and 26 June. We look forward to seeing you there. Music will be taken from musical theatre.

Jo Stinton

## ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY DEMENTIA SUPPORT IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

We have a team of fully trained Dementia Advisers who are here to support everyone affected by dementia or worried about memory, their family members and carers.

As well as providing you with information, we can help you to understand dementia better, for example, helping with communication, eating and drinking, washing and dressing, etc. We will work with you to find strategies to cope with the difficulties that you face. Our staff will offer you a listening ear and a safe space to discuss the emotional impact of this. Our service is free and confidential, and can be accessed at any point and as often as needed.

We can help you to access benefits and any other services that may support you. We can also help you to plan for the future. We have a range of services including one-to-one support, groups, information sessions and are available in over 60 GP surgeries around the county. If there is any way we can help you, please give us a call on 01223 620962 or email at [cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:cambridgeshiredementia@alzheimers.org.uk).

## LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

In June we'll be joining other Linton groups to celebrate **Great Big Green Week**, which is a national celebration of actions to live more sustainably and protect the environment. Pop into the library to make a green heart and pledge your support to our future.

We are excited to announce that our **Summer Reading Challenge** kicks off on Saturday 5 July. The theme this year is "Story Garden", and we are thrilled that Scotsdales have arranged for every child who signs up to receive a special gift (which will get everyone planting!). All children under 11 years can sign up to take part.

Vicky Anandraj and Ann King, Community Library Assistants, Linton Library

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

Customer Services: 0345 045 5225

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

## IN THE NAME OF BACH

*JS Bach and his Sons*

*Ashley Solomon - Baroque Flute*

*Steven Devine - Harpsichord*



### A Baroque Concert in

**Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham CB21 6BZ**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Ashley is Head of Historical Performance at London's Royal College of Music and director of Florilegium.

Steven regularly directs the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment.

**Tickets at £20 available from**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1322767305619?aff=oddtcreator>  
or at the door

**Contact Athene Hunt: [huntcam2015@gmail.com](mailto:huntcam2015@gmail.com)**  
**In Support of the Friends of Holy Trinity Hildersham**



## NOTICE OF VACANCY ON WEST WICKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for the above parish arising from the resignation of Allen Hazelhurst.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held if notice in writing of a request for such an election is made by ten Local Government electors for the electoral area and received by the *the Returning Officer, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Cambourne Business Park, Cambourne, CB3 6EA*, by not later than **5pm on Tuesday 10 June**.

If an election is not requested by ten Local Government electors as aforesaid the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council by co-option as soon as practicable after the expiry of the date referred to above. Dated, 20th May 2025

Parish Clerk: Jennifer Richards, 88 High St. Balsham, Cambs. CB1 6EP. Telephone: 01223 665260, Email: parish.clerk@westwickham.org

## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

In celebration of World Book Day on 6 March this year, Heads of English from Anglian Learning Trust schools launched a competition designed to promote reading for pleasure. As part of the Trust, Linton Village College students were invited to submit a creative entry based on a piece of literature that they had read and enjoyed.

LVC's English department was inundated with beautiful paintings, creative collages, extended writing and animations. We were delighted by the quality and originality of the submissions received and it was difficult to whittle the entries down to a final six. After some deliberation, we selected winners from year 7, 8 and 9 and awarded highly commended entries in celebration assemblies with Easter chocolate!

We were delighted to receive news that Linton pupil Tony in Year 9 had been selected as overall winner of the Trust competition. Judges praised Tony's 'vivid storytelling that is perfectly evocative of the rich, complex, international and intellectual world of Holmes and Watson.'

We also say congratulations to seven of our students who have successfully been awarded funding from the Henry Morris Award. The award enables students to apply for funding to support independent learning projects. Our students have been successful in gaining funding for a wide variety of projects including a Latin course, filming in Vietnam, research into Polish politics, photography projects and seeing a London show.

Enrichment is a core value at LVC. It is great to celebrate and recognise independent learning achievements that demonstrate students' holistic education beyond the classroom.

Helena Marsh, Principal

**DON'T FORGET  
COFFEE MORNING  
THURSDAY 12 JUNE  
FROM 10.30  
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

## MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a truly enriching and exciting time for the children at The Meadow Primary School, with a wide range of activities that have supported their learning, development, and enjoyment across the curriculum.

**A Journey Through Faith.** As part of Year 3 and 4's RE learning, pupils recently took part in a fantastic trip to both **Cambridge Mosque** and **C3 Church**. This experience gave them a unique opportunity to explore and compare two very different places of worship. From the breathtaking wooden latticework and serene atmosphere of Cambridge Mosque to the modern, welcoming design of C3 Church, the children were exposed to incredible examples of religious architecture.

Drawing on their previous knowledge of **Holy Trinity Church in Balsham**, the pupils were able to make thoughtful comparisons between all three buildings. Guided tours at each venue allowed the children to learn about the deep symbolism present in the spaces and how people of faith use these buildings in their worship. We are extremely grateful to both venues for being so welcoming and generous with their time – their hospitality made the visits truly memorable.

**Remembering the Past.** In school, we also came together to mark a significant historical event – the **80th anniversary of VE Day**. Mrs Butcher launched our celebrations with a special assembly that reminded the children why this day is so important. It was a heartwarming sight to see the hall filled with a sea of red, white, and blue as the children gathered together. One of the highlights was hearing the beautiful VE Day songs they had learned – their voices filled the room with pride and joy.

**Jumping into Skipping Week.** Adding to the spirit of fun and energy this term, we also celebrated Skipping Week. Children were encouraged to practise skipping as much as possible, using both individual ropes and the big rope. It has been a delight to see so many pupils learning new skills, developing rhythm and coordination, and trying out creative skipping patterns. Their enthusiasm and progress have been truly inspiring.



At The Meadow, we are proud to offer our pupils such a rich and diverse set of experiences that support their academic learning, personal growth, and physical wellbeing. We warmly welcome anyone who may be able to offer something similar to further enrich the children's experiences—please don't hesitate to contact the school office at [office@meadowprimary.org](mailto:office@meadowprimary.org).

Faye Facer, Assistant Headteacher