

# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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## WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Wednesday	3 September	Black
Wednesday	10 September	Blue & green
Wednesday	17 September	Black
Wednesday	24 September	Blue & Green

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

7 September	11.00. Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
14 September	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
21 September	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church
28 September	9.30. Harvest 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 QUIZ NIGHT

DATE: 26.9.2025 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 WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

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# GARDENING FAIR

Saturday 6 September

10:30–12:30

West Wickham Village Hall



ALL WELCOME!



## SPEEDWATCH

We need more volunteers for our SpeedWatch team to help identify and report those mindless and dangerous drivers speeding through our village. Our new equipment is due to arrive soon and all members of the team will receive training, so we hope to get up and running as soon as possible.

If you are interested in joining, please email  
[speedwatch.team@westwickham.org](mailto:speedwatch.team@westwickham.org)  
or call Graham McNeillie on 07770 832510

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

# COFFEE MORNING

**Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> September**  
**from 10.30**



*Selection of teas & coffee*  
*Variety of homemade cakes*  
*Books to swap*  
*More information from*  
*Sue Thurston (897811)*

## WEST WICKHAM QUIZ & HUB NIGHT Saturday 26 September (RAISING FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE HALL)

BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS  
TEAMS OF 6. £5 A HEAD

COME AND TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE AT A FUN  
EVENING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

BAR OPENS AT 7.00 PM

EYES DOWN AND THINKING CAPS ON AT 7.30PM

### SAVE THE DATE!!

The Hub Night on 22 November will include an Auction of Promises to raise money for the village five-a-side football pitch and equipment. Please put the date in your diaries. Contact Nicci Trudgeon on 07527 879135 or Louise Salter on 07901 855275 for more information, or if you would like to pledge a service, item or skill.

## STITCH, BITCH & CRAFTY THINGS New Community Hub

We're adding a new monthly hub to the Village Hall's community programme. Join us for the launch on **Friday 5 September, 18:30 - 20:30**, then every **first Friday of the month**. Bring your sewing, artwork, crafts, projects, ideas - or just yourself. Swap tips, show what you're making or you're equally welcome to drop in and watch, have a chat, and pick up inspiration - no experience needed.

Tea and coffee provided. Everyone welcome

## BALSHAM SINGERS

The new season commences on Thursday 11 September. Rehearsals are held in The Sports Pavilion, Church Lane, Balsham and start promptly at 7.30 until 9.30pm. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE: our Christmas Concert is on 13 December, 4 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. If you are interested in joining our choir we always welcome new members. If you have any questions please contact our Musical Director, John Clenaghan on [john.clenaghan@sky.com](mailto:john.clenaghan@sky.com)



## WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB Sensational September

We are looking forward to welcoming everybody to our main event of the summer: The **Gardening Fair** on Saturday 6 September, 10:30—12:30 in West Wickham Village Hall.

There is still time to contribute if anyone is kind enough to have donations of surplus plants, garden fruit, vegetables, preserves or old tools and ceramic garden pots which you have to spare.

We will be at the Hall from 9:30am if you have anything to drop off, or alternatively you can contact us on the email below for where to deliver prior to the day.

Stalls this year are:

- Plants, produce and preserves,
- Gardening and children's quizzes
- Raffle
- Guess the weight of the cake
- Old tools and pots
- Climate Change Gardening

...as well as the *Photography Competition* results and prize-giving for you to enjoy as you tuck into some *homemade cakes*. If you would like to renew your membership or join us for the first time, we will have plenty of information for you about the year ahead.

Our first talk of the autumn season is on **Monday 15 September** with *In the garden with William Morris*. A talk by Fiona Rose – an accredited lecturer with The Arts Society and member of the Museum Collections committee for The William Morris Society. We are anticipating a large attendance so please turn up early to get a good spot.

For information on the Club or if you'd like to help at one of our events, please contact Sally Collins at [wwdgc@westwickham.org](mailto:wwdgc@westwickham.org)

## HARP CHAMBER MUSIC with TRIO OURANIO

Holy Trinity Church  
Hildersham CB21 6BZ  
Monday 29th September  
at 7.30pm

Haydn – Bach – Faure  
Debussy - Rachmaninov

Lisa Nelsen – Flute  
*Artist for Yamaha Music International,  
Professor of Flute, Junior Guildhall  
School of Music and Drama*  
Sue Blair – Harp  
Julian Metzger – Cello

Tickets £15 available from  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1542169844519?aff=oddtcreator>  
or at the door  
Email [huntcam2015@gmail.com](mailto:huntcam2015@gmail.com)



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The draft minutes of July meeting are on the village website [westwickham.org](http://westwickham.org) and village notice boards. Below are some of the main items discussed.

**Parish Council vacancy:** The Chairman proposed that Julie Copas be co-opted to the vacant position. This was agreed.

**Correspondence:** Hill Farm provided notification they will be planting rape seed on their fields between the farm buildings and the High Street and have a derogation to cut the hedges adjoining the fields out of season. The hedge cutting will commence on 1 August.

### Planning:

- *Streetly Hall Biodigester:* Christopher Covey reported that it is hoped building would start sometime next spring, although this is subject to the results of the archaeology survey. Mr Covey was asked whether the access road would be built before the construction work begins. He thought this unlikely as the procedure to start construction of the new junction with the A1307 was likely to be lengthy and out of his control.
- *Kingsway Solar Farm:* There will be public meetings in affected villages in August, organised by the Kingsway Action Group but regretfully not one in West Wickham. These meetings are aimed at explaining the technical information. Cllr Sargeant asked if the Council could indicate very clearly that the Parish Council is against this project. It was agreed, a special planning meeting to discuss this should be held.

**Finance:** Internal audit: This has been carried out successfully and no external audit was required.

### Traffic & Parking issues:

- *Potholes & flooding – progress:* Church Corner - no progress; Webbs Road – new large pot hole reported; Streetly End - edge of road badly damaged opposite speed sign before bend reported.
- *Tuesday evening parking at Village Hall:* The Parish Clerk was asked to write a formal letter to the Village Hall Committee requesting a solution to the problem of parking in Home Close parking spaces on Tuesday evenings, Karate Club night.

### Maintenance:

- *Footpaths:* footpath 18 has now been cleared.
- *Village Hall & Recreation ground:* Repairs to play equipment following RoSPA report: There are minor repairs to be carried out subject to a suitable quote.
- *Five aside-project:* A cricket club has asked if they could hire the field, which they would also prepare and maintain. The Chairman and Cllr Temple would determine whether the 5-a-side could co-exist with the cricket, or if the cricket team were just looking for a “nets practice area”.
- *PA system for Village Hall:* A request from the Village Hall Management Committee, various clubs and residents for a PA system to be installed in the Hall was discussed. This is a matter for the VHMC but the Parish Council would certainly support it.
- *Speeding. Grant for new equipment:* Cllr McNeillie reported that delivery of one of the units was imminent.

County Cllr Batchelor said he could speed up the grant application.

**Big Garden Party:** Cllr Temple reported that as the weather was good, more people attended. £700 was raised for the Church and £500 for the Village Hall, less expenses. It was agreed that the primary purposes of the event is to raise community awareness of what goes on in the village, raise the profiles of the village clubs and organisations, energise volunteers, and that this was a fun way to do it. Fundraising also plays an important role for many of the clubs and organisations at these events, allowing them to survive.

### Any Other Business:

- Mrs Hill (daughter of the late Cyril Strowger) has asked if the bench given in his memory could be moved onto the Recreation Ground where it might have better use. The Chairman acknowledged this but the area in front of the bench had recently been cleared to restore the views, making it a prominent feature and encouraging its use as originally envisaged. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
- The Parish Council was shocked and deeply saddened by reports of the apparent poisoning and tragic death of a dog, and by repeated acts of vandalism to vehicles belonging to residents of The Old Chapel. These distressing incidents appear to be targeted attacks on members of our community. Such behaviour is to be condemned. The Parish Council urges anyone who may have seen or heard anything, no matter how small, to come forward and help ensure those responsible are brought to justice.

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 22 September at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.**

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk.

T: 01223 665260; Email: [parish.clerk@westwickham.org](mailto:parish.clerk@westwickham.org)

## YOUR VIEWS ON NATURE RECOVERY WANTED

Cambridgeshire is developing its own Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) and is asking everybody to provide their views.

There are 48 Local Nature Recovery Strategies in England, covering the whole country. These strategies are a key part of the government's plan to restore, create, and connect habitats, by providing a framework for targeted local action to support nature recovery everywhere, not just in a handful of ‘nature reserves’ scattered around the country. It is really important that as many people as possible complete the consultation survey (whether answering one question or all) to show that we all care about nature, and want to see local action happening to help it recover.

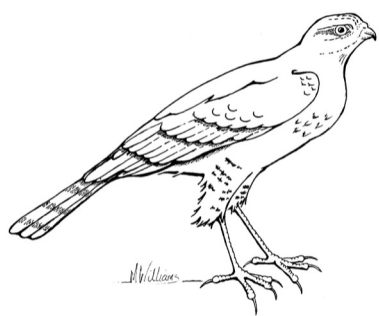
The documents have been produced in a way that is really easy to engage with, either online, as a paper copy by email or at libraries. Do please have a look and provide your feedback! You have until 11 September.

You can access the survey online at

<https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lnrs/consultation> or if you have any questions about the consultation please feel free to contact

[localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:localnaturerecoverystrategy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

## NATURE NOTES



In recent days it has been a hazardous time in Streetly End if you are a **woodpigeon** because our local **sparrowhawk** has been on manoeuvres with deadly effect. I have had three reports of kills being made in full view of residents and our own garden is decorated with the

feathers of plucked pigeons and a corpse, probably indicating that on one occasion the hawk was disturbed. Many people – gardeners and farmers especially – will not shed any tears for the woodpigeons.

More disturbing for bird lovers was Di's recent spotting of a **bullfinch** in her garden eating honeysuckle berries. Unfortunately the bird was showing symptoms of trichomoniasis – a parasite affecting birds, particularly finches. It had a deformed beak and was having difficulty eating. Most finches have declined over recent decades but my personal perception is that greenfinches, who were the most severely affected at one time, seem to have made a comeback, so perhaps there is hope.

I hope that many of you took part in the Big Butterfly Count. I have a feeling that this year the results may be rather skewed as everything in nature has been brought forward a few weeks. However, Butterfly Conservation, who organise the count, asked people to record sightings of the **Jersey Tiger moth**, which has spread northwards and eastwards from its traditional homeland. Many have been seen in West Wickham and I have received lots of images from people as well as having one in my moth trap. At rest they are a striking black and cream striped insect but in flight they display a brilliant orange and red underwing. They have been featured in the Cambridge News and on Radio 4, when a number of people from villages in South Cambs phoned in to say the moth had been seen in their village (but no-one from West Wickham).

Further afield, Di joined a group of butterfly enthusiasts on the Devil's Dyke, near the July racecourse at Newmarket, to look for the **chalkhill blue**, which is well established on this stretch of unspoilt chalk grassland. The males are pale blue, while the females are a dull brown with a cream lace edging to their wings and not so frequently seen, as they are more secretive. She saw many of these insects, flitting about like real life (mainly pale blue) confetti, while she sat amongst the chalk-loving plants such as **harebells**, **stemless thistles** and **yellow wort**. Like many butterflies chalkhill blues often feed on **knapweed** and **scabious** which also grow on the dyke, along with **horseshoe vetch**, which is exclusively the food plant for their caterpillars.

Di saw a family of five **weasels** running across the road in front of her car the other day, always a pleasant sight. Weasels' traditional prey includes **rabbits**, but many people have commented to me about how much rabbit numbers seem to have declined, so the weasels will have to look elsewhere. Does anyone have an idea of the cause of this decline? The rabbits often seen in the paddocks at White Gables have a soporific look. Whatever the problem is, it doesn't seem to be affecting **hares**. I saw three on my early morning walk yesterday.

### Drawing by Maureen Williams

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

## WEST WICKHAM IN THE PAST: A MISCELLANY

Most people will probably be aware of the role of the women who volunteered for or were conscripted into the Land Army to work in agriculture during both World Wars, but very little has been said or written about the use of prisoners of war to fill the gaps left by men away in the armed services. Surviving records seem to be few but we do know something about what happened here in West Wickham.

There was an obvious conflict between having enough men to fight and the necessity of being self-sufficient in food. In the First World War, German soldiers were transported by lorry to work on local farms from the POW camp set up in part of the workhouse in Linton (now Symonds House). According to a member of the Webb family from Streetly Hall, the POWs were well distributed among the farms and left unguarded during their 8 hour working day. They apparently worked well with some of them being 'good Saxon farmers'.

It was the Italian POWs who seem to have left the biggest impression during the Second World War. From July 1941, Italian prisoners captured in the Middle East and North Africa were brought to Britain – the first major influx of POWs into the country. The Italian POW camp was in Trumpington and although some were apparently brought in daily, others were accommodated where they worked. There were 6 POWs in two cottages at Yen Hall, two at Streetly End Farm (opposite the Mill House) and two housed in a hut at White House Farm (later Platts Farm; the farmhouse is now 24 High Street) right next to the school. A little more is known about the latter and there are even photographs of them in our collection. One was named Carlo and the other was Ettore Pochini who was 22, had black hair and grey eyes and could not speak any English.

Despite the language barrier some sort of communication seems to have been established. The Italians were particularly popular with the children (as well as the young women of the village) mainly perhaps because of their willingness to make toys and other items from salvaged materials. This undoubtedly allowed them to earn a little extra 'pocket money' for cigarettes and extra food to add to the 1s a week allowance they received for working (POW pay was supposed to be paid by their own military authorities).

When Italy surrendered in 1943, the POWs were presumably repatriated as they were replaced by Austrian prisoners. These were housed in a camp in Balsham and were given bicycles to get to work in the surrounding villages. This did not go down well with locals which, added to their more reserved nature, meant they were not as well received as the Italians had been.

Both these Italian and Austrian POWs were considered low risk which is why they had such a degree of freedom. Those who might escape or who expressed Nazi ideology were kept confined. Given that before the Second World War reservations were made about the wisdom of housing any POWs at all in East Anglia because of the number of airfields, it does seem surprising that so many were allowed to move around without any supervision. However, there appear to have been no adverse consequences.

To find out more about your village in the past why not join West Wickham & District Local History Club or contact:

Janet Morris, 21 High Street  
T: 290863 Email: [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

## LOCAL WELLBEING HELP

Hello, I'm Nicci Trudgeon. As a familiar face on the High Street and at Hub Night, you may also know me as the creator of Innerlather, where I offer handmade aromatherapy products and beauty treatments. Wellbeing isn't just my business; it's my absolute passion. It's a joy to be part of such a vibrant community, we have so much talent right here in our village. Over the coming months, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to some of these wonderful locals, who are dedicated to helping us all look and feel our best. I'm so excited to share their stories and insights with you. You can find out more about my own work at [www.Innerlather.co.uk](http://www.Innerlather.co.uk) but for now, I can't wait to begin introducing you to these special people.

Let's start on my doorstep with Mabel Salter.

I'm Mabel and I provide a sports massage service. I can help with any general, chronic or sports related pain, tailored to your specific needs. I have a mobile massage table, so I can travel to you! Message or call me on 07889 235897

I also want to introduce you to Ben & Ashley May – local wellness duo.

Over 50 and feeling a bit more “creak” than “chic”? Together, they help you to move better, feel younger, and think sharper (without running marathons or giving up red wine).

Ben's a former GB bobsleigh athlete turned strength coach, specialising in safe, effective training to build strength, balance, and mobility. Ashley's a mind coach qualified in hypnotherapy, NLP (Neuro-Linguistic Programming) and timeline therapy - helping you break habits, reduce stress, boost confidence, and actually enjoy looking after yourself. Their DRME system - Diet, Rest, Mindset, Exercise - covers the four pillars of healthy ageing. They offer coaching from their private gym in Cardinal's Green, online, or even in your own home.

Visit [www.drme.online](http://www.drme.online) to book a chat or say hi when you see them out walking their black lab Hamish.

(Ed. We very much welcome this information and future articles from Nicci but neither the Editors or our sponsors, the Parish Council, can make recommendations or endorsements. Please research what you feel is best for you.)

## FROM THE VICARAGE The Generous Heart

Many of us are facing difficult times at the moment, with the rising cost of living, and our general concern for the well-being of family and those close to us within our community. We all know what it is like to face challenging times, and we know how important it is to keep ‘mind, body and spirit’ together. When times are tough, we can find it helpful to exercise the body by getting out for brisk walk, some fresh air, a jog perhaps. Well maybe not a jog, but any amount of movement can certainly help us manage our daily stresses, concerns and worries. Looking after the body can also mean enjoying good healthy food – and the odd bit of chocolate. With mental health concerns on the rise, I'm the first to admit that I spend far too much time distracted by social media; better to feed the mind with good things.

Mindfulness has become a term to describe our awareness of the present moment while calmly accepting our feelings, thoughts and what may be going on around us. This is all very well, but in our secular world the workings of the mind have tended to take centre stage - as if all of our troubles can be solved in the room upstairs.

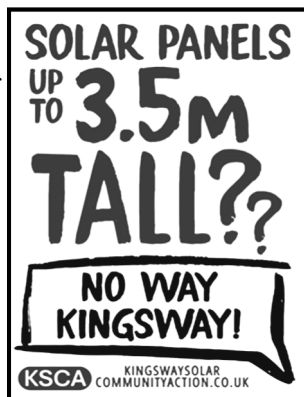
Cultures that value and practice the healing ways of prayer and meditation understand that prayerfulness is the journey from the head to the heart. We may think with the head, but it is from the heart that we respond, without thinking, through actions of love and concern for others. Prayerfulness, I suggest, is more than asking or wishing for stuff; it can be our sitting still and being quietly thankful for what we have. Prayer can be in the work we do, the people we meet, and the ways we respond from the heart. When we speak of keeping mind, body and spirit together, we start to see how the active body, the thinking mind and spirit long to thrive as one from within.

I'm beginning to wonder if the actions needed to rescue, to manage and sustain us all may have a lot to do with prayerful engagement; our living as one, in mind, body and spirit. Perhaps we are only just beginning to realise that our personal wellbeing is secured through the generous actions of the heart.

Steven Wheeler, Lay Minister

## KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION Taking part in the Statutory Consultation

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent events to learn more about the impact of the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm and to prepare for the Statutory Consultation expected this September. If you missed the events, you can find further information on our website or Facebook page, and the presentation is available to download.



**Community action.** We are stepping up efforts to protect our villages. Current activities include printing campaign signs, posters and banners for gardens, hedges, and other privately owned prominent locations, as well as building a life-size mock-up to show the true scale of the proposed solar panels. If you would like to display a sign or to

support any of these initiatives, please complete the **Sign Request Form** or donate via our **GoFundMe page** (links below).

We also need to raise significant funds for the legal process, which could cost over £200,000. This will be ring-fenced from other campaign funds. If you can make a substantial contribution (£500+), please email

[hello@kingswayaction.org](mailto:hello@kingswayaction.org) to arrange a private discussion.

### Useful links

- Become a KSCA member to stay involved <https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/>
- Request a No Way Kingsway sign <https://forms.gle/mZH5aGseUVm3yRuq9>
- Donate via GoFundMe to support our work [www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm](https://www.gofundme.com/f/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm)
- Follow KSCA on Facebook for real-time updates.

Kathy Day

★ **HUB NIGHT!** ★

**WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL**

NEXT  
DATE: **26.9.2025**

7PM-11PM



## LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to all those who completed the **Summer Reading Challenge**, our Presentation Ceremony will be at 11am on Saturday 20 September. If you're not around, don't worry, pop in sometime after to pick up your medal and certificate. The official end is on 6 September, so if you haven't quite finished: get reading!!

- We will have a Nearly New Adults **Booksale** running in the library, come and discover your new favourite author.
- **Rhyme then Duplo**: Tuesday mornings 10-11am for 0-4 years. We would love to see you and your little ones there!
- **Lego/Duplo**: Friday 10-11am, weekly (every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday). Come along and entertain your 0-4 year old.
- **Games Afternoon**: weekly, Thursday 2-4pm. Come and meet new people, board/card games provided or bring your favourite to share.
- **IT Drop In**: every Wednesday 5-7pm, knowledgeable volunteers are here to offer help with Information Technology, including how to use the Addenbrookes MyChart patient management software.
- **Knit and Natter**: every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

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)

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Just come along or contact Janet Morris for details  
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## LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

Sport at LVC is central to our curriculum and extra-curricular offer. Physical education plays a vital role in students experiencing a well-rounded experience of school and is integral to their adoption of a healthy lifestyle and competition.

Throughout the school year, we participate in a wide range of local sports fixtures and activities. This summer, over fifty of our talented athletes represented LVC at the annual district sports competition, competing in both track and field events against schools across Cambridgeshire. Many students achieved personal bests, and several won their respective events. We are incredibly proud to have placed first overall, earning the prestigious 'Olympic Cup' a remarkable achievement for our school.



*LVC's proud 'Olympic Cup' winners.*

The LVC Sports Department offers programmes that foster leadership, confidence, and community engagement. Our 'Sports Leaders' initiative gives Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to organise and lead events, such as the primary school sports festival in the summer term. Over 100 Year 3 and 4 pupils from our cluster schools including Linton Heights, Castle Camps, Burrough Green, and Great Abington attended. Feedback praised our students for their outstanding communication and empathy.

This autumn, we're also excited to be appointing Sports Prefects - a new leadership opportunity for younger students. These prefects will support clubs, fixtures, and events, gaining valuable experience in organisation and teamwork.

At LVC, sport is more than just physical activity, it's a platform for achievement, leadership, and community spirit. Our school values of ambition, inclusion and enrichment are at the heart of our PE provision.

Helena Marsh, Principal

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Get ready. Filling & donating shoeboxes for charity will be going ahead this year. Organised by the Samaritans, last year nearly 12 million boxes were filled and sent to many countries.

This is just a little bit of a nudge, if you wanted to take part this year, to start collecting items such as stationary, soap, small toys, knitted items, balls, games, small clothing items, knitted toys or to get knitting or sewing pencil cases, tote bags. No sweets or toothpaste please.

More details next month. Thank you.

Jane Furlow, T: 07745046921