

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Wednesday	1 October	Black
Wednesday	8 October	Blue & green
Wednesday	15 October	Black
Wednesday	22 October	Blue & Green
Wednesday	29 October	Black

It is no longer necessary to book to attend any of Cambridgeshire's Household Recycling Centres.

For details of locations & opening hours visit:
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/waste-and-recycling/household-recycling-centres

CHURCH SERVICES

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

For more details visit www.grantavale.org.uk

★ HUB NIGHT! ★

WEST WICKHAM VILLAGE HALL

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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

Granta Medical Practice / Linton Health Centre:
T: 0300 234 5555 option 3, followed by option 1 for appointments, option 2 for the Pharmacy.

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PROGRESS AT STREETLY HALL FARM ANAEROBIC DIGESTER

Although it looks as if little has been happening, over the last few months many plans have been prepared and submitted, reviewed and revised. This work is necessary to satisfy the conditions which have been set by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) and must be met, many of them before construction can start. These documents are available to be seen on the CCC planning register. <https://planning.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/online-applications>. The reference number is CCC/23/110/FUL

A Construction Traffic Management Plan is an important condition and aims to address residents' concerns about traffic damage and disruption. A plan was approved by the CCC Waste Planning Authority in July 2025. It meets the specific requirements of Condition 5 and had to be devised and approved before any work could begin. It covers both the construction of the plant and the new access road.

The plan sets out details which will control vehicle movements, restrict parking to within the site and prevent the spread of mud, dust and debris. Wheel-washing and road-sweeping will be in place and road conditions will be monitored by CCC Highways. Reinstatement will be undertaken when construction has been completed.

There is an approved route for HGV traffic coming to and departing from the site which avoids local villages. Vehicles approaching the farm on the A1307 eastbound will turn left onto Dean Road at the Dean Road crossroads and then turn right onto Webb's Road. If vehicles approach on the A1307 westbound, they will turn around at the new Linton/Bartlow roundabout. Leaving the site, vehicles will turn left onto Webb's Road, then left onto Dean Road to rejoin the A1307 eastbound, using the Haverhill roundabout if they need to travel westbound.

The plan shows the position of direction signs. In order to improve on this and reduce the risk of drivers mistakenly leaving the A1307 at Horseheath or leaving the site and turning towards Balsham, No Construction Traffic signs will also be added. Drivers who breach the approved route will be logged and monitored by CCC.

Chris Covey is fully committed to the construction of the new access road as early as possible in the construction phase and this will be built prior to the plant coming into operation, as set out in Condition 12. Chris has provided a revised provisional timeline.

2025	November	site-wide investigative archeology (trenches).
2026	February	application to CCC Highways to connect access road.
	March	targeted archeology (pits).
	May	possible start of construction phase.
	September to December	schedule for work to begin on access road.
2027	Spring	possible connection of new access road.

Julie Copas

BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT BACK IN ACTION

We're pleased to share that the basketball equipment is now back in operation! The backboard, net, bracket, and hoop have all been repaired, replaced, and repainted. A big thank you goes to Helions Forge in West Watting for their expert welding, and to Ronnie and Pete for helping me put everything back up. To help protect the facilities, we'll also be applying anti-climb paint in certain areas. This is to discourage climbing on the equipment and to reduce the senseless vandalism that unfortunately happens too often. **Continued on page 2**





Please remember that the multi-use games area, playground equipment, picnic tables, and fencing are here for **everyone to enjoy**. If you see anyone misusing the facilities, please report it—or, if safe to do so, kindly discourage them from causing further damage.

Together, we can keep these community spaces safe, fun, and welcoming for all.

Alex Schuilenburg. West Wickham Parish Council

WEST WICKHAM HUB NIGHT
"AUCTION OF PROMISES"
SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 7PM
AN EVENING OF FUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR
THE VILLAGE FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL PITCH
AND EQUIPMENT.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU CAN OFFER
TO OTHERS IN THE VILLAGE? IT CAN BE BIG
OR SMALL, FUN OR PRACTICAL

EXAMPLES COULD BE:
 -BABYSITTING
 -TO BAKE A CAKE FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION
 -A TAXI SERVICE
 -A SINGING LESSON
 -MOWING THE LAWN
 -A BASKET OF PRESERVES OR
 A WEEK IN YOUR VILLA ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA!!

WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU BY
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10TH.
PLEASE CONTACT:
NICCI-07527 879135 | LOUISE- 07901 855275 | MARY-
07973 960815.

Don't forget to send us your promises for this event. Deadline for pledging is 10 October. Further information about how to view the catalogue of promises and how to bid will be in the November issue of the Village Voice. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you on the night!

Louise Salter

PET SERVICE IN THE CHURCH
Sunday 26th October 9.30 am
Bring your pet and enjoy the fun!

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Have your say at the Statutory Consultation

Kingsway Solar has indicated that the statutory consultation will run from **Wednesday 17 September to Wednesday 29 October**. At the time of writing, we have not received formal notification, but we understand that Kingsway Solar will be holding events to present the updated design and further information about the proposed solar farm. We strongly encourage you to attend these events, ask questions and raise your concerns.

In addition, KSCA will be hosting our own events to help residents prepare responses to the consultation. Submitting a letter is vital: this stage is your opportunity to comment on the specific design and details of the proposal, not just to state opposition. The more responses received, the stronger the community's voice will be. See the **Get Involved** page at kingswayaction.org

Workshop dates and locations:

Sat 4 Oct	Balsham, 10.30am–12pm
Sun 5 Oct	West Wickham, 2–4pm
Sun 5 Oct (tbc)	West Wrattling
Sat 11 Oct	Weston Colville, 10.30am–12pm
Sun 12 Oct	Brinkley Memorial Hall

Display a sign and say No Way Kingsway!

Signs, banners and posters are now appearing across our villages. If you'd like one, please complete the **online Sign Request Form**. We are not charging for these, but donations via our **GoFundMe** are greatly appreciated (links below).

You can also download and print your own poster, and soon we'll have A3 stickers available for wheelie bins and windows.

In addition, we must raise significant funds for the legal process, expected to exceed £200,000. These funds will be kept separate from other campaign costs. If you are able to make a larger contribution (£500+), please email hello@kingswayaction.org for a private discussion. Details of our **CrowdJustice** page will follow shortly.

Keep recording your wildlife sightings

As part of our *Step Into Nature* campaign, we encourage everyone to continue logging wildlife sightings on **iRecord**, especially now, as migratory birds begin to arrive. These records are vital in showing the diversity of wildlife that could be affected by the solar farm's glass panels, fencing, lighting, and noise. Every sighting counts.

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
- Follow KSCA on **Facebook** and **Instagram** #kingswaysolaraction for real-time updates.

Kathy Day, KSCA

DON'T
INDUSTRIALISE
OUR
COUNTRYSIDE

NO WAY
KINGSWAY!

KSCA VISIT: KINGSWAYACTION.ORG

West Wickham Village Hall

COFFEE MORNING

From 10.30 on Thursday

9th October



*Selection of teas & coffee
Variety of homemade cakes*
LIFTS AVAILABLE
*Contact
Sue Thurston 01223897811*

SEASONAL WELLBEING

As we move through Autumn what things can you do to help your wellbeing? Embracing the beauty of the outdoors combined with some nurturing treats is the perfect way to embrace Autumn. Walking in the fields, enjoying the new scents & sounds of the season, crunchy leaves and soft light. I love treating myself to a massage (ahead of the Christmas market madness!). Adding some essential oils to your bath or shower can turn it into a truly therapeutic experience. It is also a great time to nourish your body, I have a great recipe for Golden Glow Butternut Squash Soup packed with ingredients that are fantastic for your skin and gut health. If you would like a copy let me know nicci@innerlather.co.uk, Mobile: 07527879135.

I would love to introduce another great local therapist, Laura from Streetly End. Laura Hawksley, LifeMarks

I specialise in supporting recovery from surgery, accidents and old injuries as well as aches and pains that are unexplained or put down to old age.

Trained in Sharon Wheeler's BoneWork and ScarWork as well as massage and facial unwinding, I use light touch to work deeply to reduce pain, increase mobility and function in sessions that are deeply relaxing and restoring. Scars, adhesions and fibrosis respond well to these techniques regardless of age.

I am also experienced in working with cancer, Motor Neurone Disease, Parkinson's and other life limiting conditions and can do home visits when required.

I can be contacted on 07594754332 text or WhatsApp or Email: Laura.biodynamic@gmail.com. Visit my website www.LifeMarks.co.uk

Nicci Trudgeon

HILL FARM OILSEED RAPE CROP

We would like to apologise in advance for any disturbance we may cause when trying to deter pigeons from destroying the oilseed rape crop which this year is growing on the fields adjacent to the village

Ted and Anna

VILLAGE HALL NOW HAS A PA SYSTEM THANKS TO THE HUB

It came to our attention a few weeks ago that there was a very real need for a sound system in the Village Hall. We listened to everyone's feedback and suggestions. Di and I have been on the lookout for a community project to benefit everyone in which we could invest some Hub money. The new system has speakers, microphones, radio mics - great for clubs, meetings and is perfect for background music. We would like to thank everyone for supporting the Hub Nights. Without your support we would not have been able to fund this project and support so many charities. We also want to thank everyone who gave feedback and suggestions for the system and to Alex and Ronnie who have done an amazing job installing it.

Nicci Trudgeon

FROM THE VICARAGE

As the last of our Harvest Festivals are celebrated and the final tables of bread, fruit, and flowers are cleared away, October feels like something of a pause. It is the month when fields are gathered in, evenings draw closer, and the colours of autumn deepen all around us. There is a gentle slowing to life, a moment to catch our breath, and to notice the subtle beauty in the changing landscape. The golden light on the trees, the rustle of fallen leaves underfoot, and the crisp, cool air all invite us to reflection and gratitude.

Harvest is always a reminder of how much we depend on one another and on God's provision. Thank you to everyone across our villages who helped make this season so special - from decorating our churches, to providing food for suppers, singing in our choirs, welcoming visitors, and supporting local charities. These acts of generosity and community are as much a part of harvest as sheaves of corn and baskets of apples. In them, we see God's love made tangible, reaching into the lives of those around us.

October is also a month of change. Leaves fall, temperatures drop, and routines settle after the busyness of summer. Change can be challenging, unsettling even, but it can also be a gift. The beauty of autumn reminds us that God is with us through every season - in the flourishing of summer, the fruitfulness of harvest, and the quieter, reflective days of autumn. There is encouragement here to embrace the transitions in our own lives, trusting that God's presence brings meaning and peace, even when the rhythm shifts.

Also, just over the horizon, Advent waits. In only a few weeks we will turn our eyes to hope and light, preparing for the coming of Christ. October offers us the gift of in-between time - a season to pause, give thanks, and be ready for what lies ahead.

May this autumn season bring you peace, gratitude, and the quiet joy of knowing God's presence in the changing rhythms of life, in every leaf, every gathering, and every moment of stillness.

Blessings always. Revd Hannah Threlfall

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WEST WICKHAM IN THE PAST: A MISCELLANY

October would seem to be an appropriate time to write about witches. In 1915, the Horseheath historian, Catherine Parsons, gave a talk to Cambridge Antiquarian Society called 'Notes on Cambridgeshire Witchcraft' which was subsequently published in what has become a much-quoted article in the Society's *Proceedings*. She included stories which she had collected some four years earlier from Horseheath residents in order to explain 'witchcraft as it unfortunately exists today...in this county'.

In her talk and article Catherine did not use names 'to avoid any personality' as she put it but perhaps she was also mindful of the fact that, although 'no self-respecting person in Horseheath now cares to admit any knowledge of witchcraft' (she had considerable difficulty in collecting their stories), they dreaded offending the parish witch 'to whom everyone must be extremely courteous'. However, her extensive notes on a whole range of subjects have been preserved in Cambridge Archives in Ely where they can be freely consulted and these do contain names including some from West Wickham.

It was this aspect of everyone feeling they had to be particularly pleasant and respectful to a reputed witch to avoid any nasty consequences that led Catherine to conclude that 'witches are extortioners, and their craft is remunerative'. She gave the example of Sophie Webb of Streetly End. John Webb (no relation), the tenant farmer at Church Farm in Horseheath and a member of the Webb family of Streetly Hall, attributed anything that went wrong on his farm to Sophie and promptly sent her a shilling each time in the hope she would stop getting 'up to her pranks again'. Her reputation was such that it seems she was on to a very good money earner. Everyone, no doubt, was equally nice to Mary Woollard from West Wickham (who had the decidedly odd nickname of Poll Job) who only had look at something to seemingly cause trouble, as when she peered into Mrs Scotcher's shop door and a pig carcass in its rack promptly fell to the floor!

Witches were thought to be in league with the devil, she having sold her soul to him in return for the power to do evil. The devil supposedly took the form of an animal such as a rat, mouse or toad known as a familiar or imp to help its witch owner in evil practices. The problem was how to dispose of the imps when the witch died and so we come to the strangest story relating to West Wickham - that of reputed witch, Sarah Chinery, who lived in a cottage near the White Hart (now White Gables). When Sarah was dying the woman nursing her seemingly took the imps and tried to burn them in the bread oven. However, they screamed to such an extent that she had to take them out and give them back to Sarah who appeared to be covered in burns while the imps were uninjured. The imps were eventually put in the old lady's coffin and buried with her in the churchyard. Sarah Chinery was buried on 19 May 1879, aged 85 and it has to be said that there is no indication in the burial register that her funeral was in any way unusual.

To find out more about your village in the past why not join West Wickham & District Local History Club, come along to a meeting or contact:

Janet Morris, 21 High Street
T: 290863 Email: jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com



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Sunday 26th October 9.30 am
Bring your pet and enjoy the fun!



WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Monday 13 October
7.30pm in the Village Hall

A virtual walk around Balsham

Jan Ellam

An illustrated talk based on Elsie May Plumb's
'A Schoolgirl Book of Verse' from 1931

All welcome (a small charge for non-members)

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S

Dear Friends, The PCC wish to thank the "Friends of St Mary's" for their very generous continued donations to help keep our local church going. Your gifts represent a substantial part of our annual requirements to continue remaining an important part of our village life. God bless all of you.

Marcus Cornish, Church Warden & PCC Treasurer



WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB *The Seeds of Success!*

Thank you to everyone who came, contributed and helped out at our **Gardening Fair** last month. We very much appreciated everybody's support and enjoyed sharing an entertaining morning with you.

The winner of the 2025 Ralph Westwood-Bate Photography trophy was *Lucy Cameron*, with this winning photograph in the *Frozen* category capturing the fleeting frost from last



winter. Other category winners were Ciarán McNally in *Terrific Trees*, Linda Upton in *Light and Dark* and Clive Boase whose photograph of a tree was voted the *People's Choice*.

Building on the remarkable success of the Club over the past year we are hoping members will enjoy the **new look AGM on Monday 20 October at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall

We are looking forward to sharing ideas about how we can enhance the monthly talks, visits and the experience for members over the next 12 months. This conversation will be continued after the formal meeting as wine and refreshments will be provided to make the evening a primarily social event.

Of course, if you are not a member and would like to join on the day you are very welcome!

For Club information please contact Sally Collins at
wwdgc@westwickham.org

NATURE NOTES

There has been an extraordinary abundance of fruit on the trees this year, and that includes the berries in the hedgerows. **The hawthorn bush** in our garden is already smothered with red berries which are a good food source for various bird species, particularly blackbirds and thrushes. However the RSPB have sounded a note of caution because, as we said last month, many aspects of nature have been brought forward this year, meaning that by the time our regular winter visitors arrive the best of the berry crop may be over. We will see how they adjust, but I'm sure there will still be quite a few decomposing fallen apples by the time they arrive.

Mirroring the fruit and berry harvest, it seems to have been an enormously productive year (**a mast year**) for oak trees because there are **acorns** everywhere. Good news for squirrels, and for jays, who only last year were seen in many gardens locally in search of their favourite food. This year we may not see them so much as they will have plenty of acorns in their woodland home. In contrast the beech trees in the village have produced very few nuts which may seem surprising given that this has been a year of plenty for so many fruit and nut bearing trees. Mast years occur sporadically with particular species of tree all producing a vast number of nuts at the same time. By producing seeds *en masse* in this way, thereby overwhelming the animals that feed on them, trees ensure that although many will be eaten, plenty will escape predation and germinate. In non-mast years, the tree's energy is preserved and this also prevents seed predators being too reliant on an annual harvest and thus helps to maintain balance in the ecosystem.



During our long dry summer, trees have shed leaves earlier than usual in order to minimise water loss, but the 'fall' of autumn will soon begin in earnest with horse chestnut trees always among the first to shed their leaves. If you are standing under a tree, hold your hands out, because, according to folklore '**to catch a falling leaf ensures happiness for a year**' and we could all do with some of that.

As the leaves fall the swallows begin to gather on the wires prior to their annual journey back to southern Africa. Di counted 30 on the wire at the church recently, twittering away. I understand that the continuing dry weather has encouraged some swallows to produce an extra brood, although it is always touch and go for late fledging swallows as to whether or not they will be able to become strong enough in time to undertake the trip. If there are plenty of insects to eat, they will have a better chance.

The results of the Big Butterfly Count have just been released, and they show an improvement on the disastrous numbers of 2024, but not enough to arrest the long term decline in butterflies. Looking at winners and losers, both large and small white butterflies recorded record numbers as did the Jersey Tiger moth (featured in this column last month) which was recorded more widely and in higher numbers than ever before. In contrast, holly blue, common blue and meadow brown all showed worrying declines.

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

GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES UPDATE

Are you booked in for your flu jab yet? If you are eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination, it's not too late to book into one of our flu clinics running throughout October. While you are here we can also check if there are any other vaccines you may be eligible for. Ring now on 0300 234 5555 and choose the Granta site of your choice or wait to receive your SMS link via your mobile' phone to book your appointment.

And finally, it's time for me to say goodbye. After 17 years, I am hanging up my NHS hat! It has truly been both a privilege and a pleasure to work in primary care. While we are all aware of the many challenges facing GP practices and the wider NHS, I feel very proud to have played my small part in it all. I will greatly miss my colleagues and, of course, all of you.

With kindest regards, Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
Email: cpicb.grantapatientsservices@nhs.net

(Ed. We would like to thank Sandra for all her contributions over many years and wish her a very enjoyable retirement)

VACCINATION EVENT – WALK-INS WELCOME

NHS Hertfordshire, East Anglia and BLMK Community and School-Aged Immunisation Service are hosting a **vaccination session on Thursday 13 November** at the **Village Hall** during the **Coffee Morning**.

If you think you may be eligible for one of their vaccines, please come along to the next session. Walk-ins are welcomed. Vaccines available include:

- COVID
- Flu
- Pneumococcal
- Shingles
- RSV

Protect yourself this season. The session may start earlier and run later, so keep an eye out for the full session details in the November edition.

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to school for the start of another exciting year. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces return as well as to meet some new members of our school community, all of whom we warmly welcome.

Staff Training and Preparation. To begin the year, all staff took part in essential training to ensure they are fully prepared to support our pupils. This included safeguarding and "Keeping Children Safe in Education" training, alongside a full day of paediatric first aid. This means our team is equipped with the knowledge and skills needed to keep every child safe and supported throughout the year.

Reception Settling In. Our new Reception children have made a fantastic start, settling quickly into their new routines with enthusiasm and confidence. A big thank you goes to our Year 6 pupils, who have been excellent buddies—particularly at lunchtimes—helping the youngest members of our school feel comfortable and cared for.

Playtimes and OPAL Journey. Playtimes have also been a real highlight, as our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey continues to grow. The addition of a brand new sandpit has been a big hit, with children thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to play, dig, and create during break times. We are also excited to continue expanding the opportunities available on the playground, with a new mud kitchen currently being created for the children to enjoy.

Faye Facer, Assistant Headteacher

THE STORY OF THE MAN ON THE M11

It's 1pm on a Saturday; Cambridgeshire Police receive a report that someone's husband is missing. He was last seen when he left his house two hours ago. When his mobile is called the line is muffled and he is heard to say 'I'm on the motorway' before the phone cuts out. People have been out searching for him, but with no luck, and the tracker set up on his phone as an added safety measure isn't working!

This was the reality for one woman in a small South Cambs village recently, who told the police call handler that her husband is in his 80s and suffers from dementia. Usually when he leaves home he returns safely – but not today. Less than 10 minutes later, the police get a second call from a motorist saying he'd spotted a man who looked very disorientated and confused walking on the hard shoulder of the M11, near junction 10 at Duxford. Police officers visited the area and found the man safe and well, 22 minutes after the initial call. They then took him home and reunited him with his worried wife. They also took the time to fix the tracking app on the man's phone, and told his wife all about two new ways to help keep people living with dementia in Cambridgeshire safe.

This included the new Herbert Protocol form which can be filled out online - and encourages family and friends to collate key info such as a physical description, familiar places, health details and a recent photo of a loved one with dementia that will help officers if they go missing. More than 135 people have already done the same.

The police have also handed out hundreds of new yellow wristbands, like a watch in appearance, to the most vulnerable members of our community living with dementia. The wristbands contain the person's next of kin's contact details and number.



If you see someone looking confused or disorientated but wearing one of these wristbands, you can use your phone to easily bring up the information and reunite the person with their family –possibly without the need to call police.

There are more than 10,000 people living in Cambridgeshire with dementia. To register your interest for one of the new wristbands, watch a quick video on how to scan one, or fill out our new Herbert Protocol form for a loved one, visit

www.cambs.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/missing-person/missing-persons/vulnerable-people-at-risk-of-going-missing/dementia-missing-risk-herbert-protocol

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BALSHAM WI

2025 is the centenary year of Balsham Women's Institute and to commemorate this important occasion we held a celebration afternoon tea in August. Past and present members were all invited, as were the Clerk and Chairman of Balsham Parish Council, Councillor Geoff Harvey of South Cambs District Council and Reverend Kathy Bishop and Reverend Hannah Threlfall from Holy Trinity Church. Helen Williams and Elaine Bailey from CFWI also attended.

Following welcome remarks from the current president, the attendees joined together in a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, which is a song adopted by the WI in 1924. We then made a toast to the continuing success of Balsham WI. While enjoying home cooked goodies and tea there was a slide show highlighting some of what Balsham WI had been doing in the past 100 years. We also had on display some memorabilia from a member of 50 years standing, and also some other notable items including a list of all the founding members, a tablecloth made for the 60th anniversary in 1985 featuring embroidered names of all the members at the time, and, of course, our 100 year certificate. The meeting ended with a short speech from our vice president. All participants appeared to have enjoyed the afternoon and the memories it bought for some of them.

Our September meeting featured the 1990s which was a decade which saw much conflict in the world – Gulf War, breakup of Yugoslavia, Waco siege amongst others. Also the reunification of Germany and dissolution of the Soviet Union. We also saw the launch of the Hubble Space Telescope and the cloning of Dolly the Sheep. The Euro was launched during this decade and the World Wide Web came into existence, changing many things. Sadly, Princess Diana was killed in a car crash in 1997 and there was an outpouring of grief.

Our next meeting will take place on 14 October in the Pavilion at 7.30pm and will feature the 2000s. We are a friendly group, and new members are always welcome. 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](https://www.facebook.com/BalshamWI)

Debbie Mower

WEST WICKHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB WELCOMES YOU TO

An interesting, skilful, fun & inexpensive sport which is accessible to all

**+
A sociable evening with the opportunity to meet people and make new friends (with a chance to win a chocolate at the end!)**



**Wednesday evenings
7 - 9.30pm
Village Hall**

Just come along or contact Janet Morris for details

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