

VILLAGE VOICE

NEWS FROM WEST WICKHAM & STREETLY END

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WHEELED BIN COLLECTIONS

Wednesday	4 February	Black
Wednesday	11 February	Blue & Green
Wednesday	18 February	Black
Wednesday	25 February	Blue only

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

1 February	11.00. Joint service of Holy Communion at Balsham Church
8 February	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
15 February	9.30. Holy Communion at St Mary's Church
18 February	9.30. Ash Wednesday Communion Service at Balsham Church
22 February	9.30. Morning worship at St Mary's Church

For more details visit www.grantavale.org.uk



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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THE VILLAGE VOICE NEEDS YOU!

Laura Hawksley, who has been delivering the Village Voice in Streetly End since May 2024, has decided to call it a day. A huge THANK YOU for all her help in keeping our community in touch.

The Village Voice needs your help, someone to deliver it each month in Streetly End. If you think you could take on this important role please contact me: Email: wwvillagevoice@gmail.com, T: 290863. It would also be very useful to know if there are people willing to take on the delivery for a month when any of the regular delivery team are on holiday or unavailable. The village is split into four areas – High Street from the Church to Home Close, Village Hall to Maypole Croft, Maypole Croft & Burton End and Streetly End. I look forward to hearing from you.

Andrew Morris

KINGSWAY SOLAR COMMUNITY ACTION

Just when we thought we could have a break, many of you will have received a leaflet from Kingsway Solar about a Targeted Consultation on six changes and one clarification to its solar farm proposal. This is not a full re-consultation and is not primarily about incorporating feedback from the statutory consultation. It runs from 7 January to 4 February 2026.

Most of the changes result from larger battery storage and substations being required, after these were under-provided in the original design. This has forced changes to solar panel layouts across Areas A, B and C. While no extra land is proposed, the impacts on farmland, wildlife, public rights of way and open space are being shifted into new areas, not removed.

Please make your voices heard. If you haven't yet responded to the Targeted Consultation, you have until **4 February** to contact Kingsway Solar by email at enquiries@kingswaysolar.co.uk or by post to **FREEPOST DOWNING KINGSWAY** (no stamp required). If emailing, please copy **KSCA** at hello@kingswayaction.org.

Important update. This update follows an important decision by the National Energy System Operator for Great Britain (NESO). There is intense competition for grid capacity, with far more solar and battery projects proposed than the network can accommodate. In its December 2025 review of projects seeking 2030 connections, NESO confirmed that while Kingsway Solar has passed Gate 1, it has not secured a confirmed grid connection at Gate 2. As a result, access to the national grid is not guaranteed and battery storage now appears less likely.

Despite this uncertainty, Kingsway Solar has said it still intends to submit a Development Consent Order (DCO) application in spring 2026. Without a confirmed grid connection, this raises reasonable questions about whether continuing through the NSIP process is a good use of resources, given that the potential local and environmental impacts remain unchanged.

AGM and next steps. We will be holding our **AGM on 11 February**, from **7 - 8pm** at the **Reading Room in Weston Colville**. Please come along to hear the latest updates on our community and legal campaigns. We have some committee vacancies, so do consider putting yourself forward if you would like to get involved.

We are also planning a further **walk-and-talk in March**, timed to coincide with the lead-up to the DCO application. We will again be asking for donations to the KSCA community fund. We have a new target of £55,000 by the end of March for the Parish Council Alliance legal fund

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which will allow us to continue our work and ensure expert support is available to provide evidence for our concerns.

Useful links

- Become a KSCA member: kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us
- Request a sticker: hello@kingswayaction.org
- Support our community campaign fund: gofund.me/no-to-kingsway-solar-farm
- Contribute to legal funds: crowdjustice.com/case/kingswaysolarcommunitylegalaction
- Follow us on Facebook & Instagram: #kingswaysolaraction

Kathy Day, KSCA

PETER AND RUTH LLOYD TRUST AWARD 2026

The 2025 Award was presented to Alice Griffiths from Lt Thurlow. Alice is studying Human Sciences at Oxford University. Well done Alice!

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2026. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1000. Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:- Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine but all will be considered.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield, including West Wickham. The Award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. The final decision and Award will be made immediately after 'A' Level results & university offers are confirmed.

For further information about the Trust and the Award please contact: Jonathan Drury, T: 01223290087. For an application form please apply via email to: peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com. The application form & supporting documents must be received at the latest by 5 April.

West Wickham Village Hall

COFFEE

MORNING

10.30 - 12.00, Thursday

12th February

**Selection of teas & coffee
Variety of homemade cakes**

LIFTS AVAILABLE

Contact: Sue Thurston (897811)



HUB NIGHT

Happy New Year from Di and Nicci. Thank you for all your continued support. Hub Night is back on 21 March with a much-requested Fish and Chips Night.

Fish, Scampi, Chicken, Veg Burger and Chips
£9 per portion

Jumbo Sausage and Chips £6.00

Please order by 14 March from Nicci 07527879135 nicci@innerlather.co.uk or drop a note to 6 High Street. Gluten free can be catered for so please advise of any dietary requirements when you book.

FROM THE VICARAGE

February: Light, Dust, and the Journey Ahead

February often feels like a turning point. Winter still clings on, yet the days are unmistakably lengthening. Snowdrops push through the cold ground, if they haven't already! Lambing season begins, and there is a sense - however fragile - that spring is on its way. In the Church, February holds that same sense of transition and invitation.

Early in the month we celebrate **Candlemas**, marking the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple. It is a festival of light. Candles are lit to remind us that light has come into the world - quietly, vulnerably, and with hope. Candlemas asks us where we see light today: in kindness offered, in community strengthened, in perseverance through difficult times. Holding on to the fact and knowing that even the smallest flame can make a difference in dark places.

Later in the month comes **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of **Lent**. It is a very different kind of moment - quieter, more reflective. Palm Leaf ashes are used to mark the sign of the cross on foreheads, accompanied by words that remind us of our humanity and our need for God. It may sound stark, but it is deeply honest. With Lent, as always inviting us to pause, to reflect, and to ask what really matters within our lives.

Lent can often be misunderstood, seen as a season of gloomy self-denial. In fact, it is about making space, letting go of what distracts or drains us so that something new can grow. Some people give something up; others take something on: more rest time, more prayer, more generosity, more care for neighbours and the environment. At its heart, Lent is a journey towards renewal.

Across our villages, February is a month of quiet faithfulness: schools, shops, cafes, farms, community groups, volunteers, and neighbours simply getting on with caring for one another. The Church's seasons mirror this rhythm of everyday life - light offered, honesty faced and hope nurtured.

As we move through February and into Lent, may we each find moments of light, courage for reflection, and signs of new life already stirring among us.

Revd Hannah Threlfall

BUTTERCUPS COMMUNITY PRE-SCHOOL

We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Christmas Fayre – from the yummy cake contributions through to the stall holders with their variety of wares, to the community who came out in the awful weather and not forgetting the generous contributions of local businesses for our raffle. A special thank you goes to Balsham Post Office who yet again promote our magical Santa's Grotto. We managed to raise approximately £1000 towards much needed funds for the running of Buttercups Pre-School.

The Buttercups Team and Parent Committee

WEST WICKHAM IN THE PAST

THERE USED TO BE.... A tannery in Streetly End

There was a tannery, or a tan yard as it was known, in Streetly End from at least 1700. There is no trace of it now (at least above ground) but it was in what is now the garden of the Mill House. Tanning was a means of preserving the hides of cattle, horse and deer (the skins of sheep, lambs, goats, calves and pigs were usually subject to a different process) - waste products of the meat industry - by turning them into leather. This was then supplied to the likes of shoe and boot makers, harness makers and saddlers and glovers (for work gloves) – all important local rural trades.

Streetly End has always seemed an odd place for a tan yard. Typically, these are situated close to sources of butchered meat like livestock markets. Plus the tanning process used copious amounts of water and produced much liquid waste, so tan yards were usually sited next to running water on the outskirts (it was also a very smelly process) and down river of any habitation – both Linton and Sawston had tan yards along the river Granta for example. Streetly End did not fulfil either of these conditions. Nevertheless, the tan yard there would seem to have been a thriving business.

From the middle of the 18th century, the tan yard was owned by the Taylor family – first John and then his son, Daniel (who added the tower windmill at the beginning of the 19th century). The family had an extensive network of tan yards, maltings and mills, along with properties such as shops, pubs and cottages, in places like Linton, Hadstock and Burwell. Just before Daniel died in 1827, the Streetly End property was advertised for sale. The sale fell through and it was advertised again by Daniel's heirs (his nephews) in 1829. It is from these adverts and sales particulars that we know something about the tan yard operation.

Tanning consisted of several processes which could take as long as eighteen months to complete. Hides were washed, soaked in a lime solution to loosen hair and flesh and then scraped to remove this. They were then soaked in a solution containing tannin made from ground oak bark (a by-product of timber felling - oak trees were plentiful locally) before being washed again and dried. For this the tan yard had 73 vats in 1827, rising to 81 in 1829, each one usually being lined and about 6ft by 4ft in size. Additionally, there were 3 lime pits and a large pit for storing water. There were 3 drying sheds, 4 barns for storing the bark and a building housing a horse-powered bark grinding mill. Apart from the usual corn milling machinery, the tower windmill also powered a hydraulic engine for raising water for the tanning operation.

The business was offered as a going concern with long-established customers for both the tanned hides and bark but it still does not appear to have sold. It remained with family members but had ceased operation by 1843 when an advert for the sale of the lease of the windmill made no mention of the tan yard at all. The family's tan yard in Linton also closed in the 1830s with the last tan yard in Linton gone by 1851.

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

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY CLUB

Monday 9 February
7.30pm Village Hall

The Private Life of Oliver Cromwell

Talk by Stuart Orme
Curator of the Cromwell Museum, Huntingdon

All welcome (non-members £2)

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

BALSHAM SINGERS

We enjoyed a highly successful & packed out concert on 13 December, with not a seat to spare. The raffle was well supported and resulted in £400 being sent to Royal Papworth Charities

Our members have started tuning up for their next concert on 16 May. Rehearsals are held at Balsham Sports Pavilion on Thursday evenings at 7.30 until 9.30. and started on 8 January. We are always happy to welcome new voices. We do not audition and it is not necessary to read music but just to be keen to sing and to learn. We are particularly hoping to encourage some new members in the lower voices, tenors and basses so please don't be shy. Any questions can be addressed to our MD John Clenaghan, email: john.clenaghan@sky.com

Jo Stinton



NATIONAL GARDEN SCHEME
Garden Open For Charity

Clover Cottage

50 Streetly End, West Wickham, CB21 4RP

**Snowdrop Opening
Sunday 15 & 22 February
Sunday 1 March
2 - 4pm**

Adults £4 Children free



PLANTS FOR SALE



TEAS



More information at ngs.org.uk

Registered charity no. 111264

NATURE NOTES

The mildness of early December was quickly replaced by a cold snap and this had the effect of silencing the **song thrushes** that had been singing in those early winter days. On the first of January every year I begin a list of birds seen in the garden, so for bird nerds like me it is a time of interest and excitement, with the feeders regularly filled and binoculars at the ready. Neither were needed for the first uplifting sighting, when as we were calmly sipping our tea at 4.30 on the 2nd, a **barn owl** flew in front of our window and cruised up to the top of the garden. Another cheering sight was the now silent song thrush standing in the snow in front of my camera in the copse.



The cold snap coincided with a **Wolf Moon**, the first full super moon of the year. Di had the pleasure of walking the dog in the moonlit early morning with a soundtrack of **tawny owls** calling to each other, which must have been magical. Owls are early nesters, as are the **corvid** family and they are very active at the moment. **Jackdaws** are investigating chimneys, and **rooks** using their old nests high in the trees. These two species are quite sociable with each other, feeding in the fields and creating a fair old din when they roost. However rooks rarely come into the garden, whereas jackdaws, **magpies** and even the occasional **carrion crow** seem happier to come closer to humans. Of the other members of the family, we sometimes see the colourful **jay** and some people are convinced they have heard a **raven**.

On the mammal front, many of you will have noticed molehills appearing above the frosty ground. This happens in these conditions because their main source of food, earthworms go deeper into the soil and **moles** are forced to make new tunnels and push more earth to the surface. Moles are the most perfectly adapted creatures for the life they lead underground, having spent millions of years evolving to make them suitable for digging tunnels, finding food and living in an environment with no light and little oxygen. So if you are feeling annoyed by the disturbances to your beautifully manicured lawns, spare a thought for the long evolutionary journey which got the mole to where it is today.

Fallow deer is another species that seem to be doing particularly well. On the other side of Ashdon we saw a very large herd in the middle of the field and there have been several instances of deer emerging from Hare Wood just as I walk the dogs alongside it. The consequences can be somewhat alarming but neither dog nor deer have come to any harm.

It may be winter here but Sally, our South Asia correspondent, sends me pictures of exotic creatures from warmer climes, including a bee-eater, grey hornbills, a darter and a crocodile. There are many wonders in the natural world but I think we have our own wonders here in West Wickham as long as we keep our eyes open.

Drawing of song thrush 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

WEST WICKHAM WELLBEING: The "Marty Supreme" Effect

Table Tennis is one of the trendiest ways to keep healthy this season. With the release of the film *Marty Supreme*, table tennis is having a 'cool' moment. Could ping pong actually be one of the best tools for your wellbeing?

Whilst googling the benefits of table tennis I learned it is often called 'physical chess' because the game requires quick reflexes, sharp focus and a tactics. So, it sounds like a great mental and physical workout! It is also good for balance and coordination. I remember seeing Forest Gump play on his own, but I think it's probably more of a giggle to play with a friend or a group. Whatever your age or ability it could be a great social way to have fun and improve fitness and wellbeing.

We are very lucky to have three full size table tennis tables available for you to use at West Wickham Village Hall. To book the hall for table tennis please go to the website www.westwickham.org/hall/. If you decide to give it a go I would love to hear what you think.

Nicci Trudgeon. nicci@innerlather.co.uk 07527879135

LINTON LIBRARY NEWS

It may be cold, dark or raining outside but here in the library you'll always find a warm and friendly welcome. Relax with a jigsaw puzzle, find a new author or use our free Wi-Fi.

2026 is the **National Year of Reading** (visit www.goallin.org.uk). We want to encourage everyone to get into reading! Book groups are a great way to make new friends, discover new different authors and titles and get more enjoyment from reading. Two groups meet at Linton Library every third Friday, and the morning group would love to welcome new members.

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

HORSEHEATH BROWNIES

We are a lively band of 6 Brownies, who like to make things and have lots of fun. For Christmas, we made a felt Christmas pudding tree decoration with the help of Katharine Fisher, to whom I am very grateful. The girls have requested we make something else next year, and possibly learn to crochet too, and some baking. We also have a district residential at Eaton Vale near Norwich to look forward to at the beginning of February, as well as Easter, Mothering Sunday and the Chinese New Year.

If you have been intrigued by what you have read about the Brownies and you have a 7-year old girl, or older, living in your home and think she might like to join us then please email me on horseheathbrownies@gmail.com or register her on www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/ and I'll get in touch. Also, if you have a daughter who is 5 years old, she could be a Rainbow or if she is over 10 years old then she could be a Guide, we have units in Linton that have spaces. Please email me for more details.

Pauline Newman

DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Weekly Food Waste Collection.

The changes to how our food waste will be collected will be implemented this year. Every household will get a separate food caddy for all of their food waste, this will still be collected by the District Council in the same way as bins are currently.

This change is in response to DEFRA changing the law around how food waste can be disposed, so locally we need to collect it separately from the waste in other bins, specifically the green bin.

Full detail at - <https://www.scamps.gov.uk/news/greater-cambridge-councils-set-out-arrangements-for-new-weekly-food-waste-collections>

District Council. Geoff Harvey,
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County Council. Henry Batchelor
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NEWS FROM YOUR MP

2026 promises to be a big year for our area with changes to the way our NHS services are organised and local government reorganisation is on the horizon. The local elections in May this year will be the last ever set of elections for South Cambridgeshire District Council and are important as they will decide the political makeup of the new unitary authority. Eight years ago, South Cambridgeshire District Council was on the brink of being declared a failing authority – now it is one of the best run councils in the country. The council is investing in the things that people often tell me matter most to them - like tackling the cost of living, supporting our healthcare services, building affordable homes for local people, and protecting our green spaces & environment.

I continue to stand up for residents who are concerned about the large Kingsway Solar project. I met with the Minister for Energy and told him how disappointed I was with both the design of the proposal and the standard of answers being given to constituents at the consultation drop-ins. I pressed the minister on timings for the publication of rules that need to be in place, demonstrating with Kingsway that there is a Wild West environment with developers racing ahead with poor standard plans that undermine local voices.

Specifically, I asked the Minister what action is being taken to ensure a clear Land Use Framework identifies suitable locations; that the Spatial Energy System Plan is used to plan infrastructure efficiently; and that there is a mandatory requirement for community benefits. I also pressed the minister on the need for safety regulations for battery energy storage systems infrastructure.

I am working with local councillors Geoff Harvey and Henry Batchelor to ensure that the developer addresses residents' concerns. As the Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Energy Security and Net Zero, I will continue to push the Government to ensure the transition to clean energy is safe, efficient and fair for our communities.

These are just a few of the things I've been working on over the last few months that I wanted to share with you. If you would like to keep up to date with my work, you can register for my e-newsletter, available at www.pippaheylings.org.uk/newsletter.

Pippa Heylings MP

WEST WICKHAM & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB



Pleasures of the Plot

One of the pleasures of February is planning what to plant through late winter and spring then flicking through tasty recipes in anticipation of future harvests! Those keen enough to be outside already will no doubt be already planting onions, parsnips and early potatoes.

To whet our appetites for the months ahead, February's talk is about growing your own fruit and veg, whether that's in a container or on an allotment – the satisfaction is just the same. Expert and enthusiast, Nigel Start is telling us how to achieve **Self-sufficiency from your garden** A much-anticipated event by Club members, Nigel has been growing most of his fruit and veg in his garden in South Cambs for over 15 years and will share his knowledge of how to get the best from our harvest.

Members (free entry) and non-members (£2) are equally welcome. The talk is at 7.30pm on Monday 16 February at West Wickham Village Hall with tea and coffee served afterwards.

For those of you who might be considering joining, we have an exciting programme leading up to **our Plant Sale on Saturday 16 May**.

Monday 16 March. Talk by Tim Fuller **New, rare and unusual perennials.** Tim has been running his Norfolk nursery, The Plantsman's Preference, since 1996 which specialises in hardy geraniums, ornamental grasses and many interesting plants.

Monday 20 April. Talk by Hawk Honey **Wasps and their role in our gardens.** Hawk spoke to us about bees in January 2025, and by popular demand, he is back to tell us about the important role wasps play in gardens.

This month's notable news is that we are now members of **Plant Heritage.**

The benefits of group membership include:

- Two members can attend talks free of charge (on production of the Club's membership cards), generally with discounts for additional visitors
- The seasonal journals and National Plant Collection Directories are available for members to borrow
- Members can attend open days to see National Plant Collections as well as visits and workshops.

Our Club contact, Janet Morris, will be sharing further information about this new benefit in the coming months.

Follow this link to find out more: <https://www.plantheritage.org.uk/groups/cambridgeshire/>.

Membership for 2025–2026 runs from October to October and remains at £8 with new members welcome to join throughout the year. Membership also brings with it discounts at local suppliers, discounts at Plant Heritage events and half-price entry to RHS gardens. Non-members are welcome at all talks with a fee of £2 per visit.

Please contact...

Sally Collins on wwdgc@westwickham.org for further information about the Club.

Alice and Andy Mitchell on photo@westwickham.org for information and queries about our annual photo competition.

THINKING OF WELLBEING & SPORT!

The Carpet Bowls Club would welcome new players
Every Wednesday 7.00 - 9.30 in the Village Hall

MEADOW SCHOOL NEWS

Over the next few months, we are excited about the many opportunities that lie before us and the ways we can continue to grow, learn and work together.

Working Together as a Community. Being an active part of our local community is incredibly important to us. We are always keen to build meaningful connections and to welcome new ideas, skills and experiences into school life. If there is anything you feel you could offer our school – whether that's your time, knowledge, experiences or expertise – we would love to hear from you.

We are continually looking for ways to enhance our links with the community and to broaden our children's experiences and outlooks, helping them to better understand the world around them.

Celebrating Diversity and Beliefs. As a non-denominational school, we aim to give our children knowledge and understanding of a wide range of faiths, religions and beliefs. We believe these experiences are vital in promoting curiosity, respect and open-mindedness.

This month, we are pleased to be welcoming a Humanist to facilitate discussion with our children, followed a few weeks later by a member of the Sikh community who will be sharing their religion and experiences. These visits offer invaluable opportunities for learning and dialogue, and we would love to continue providing more throughout the year. If you are, or know someone who might be, interested in supporting us by sharing their faith, beliefs or life experiences with our children, please do get in touch. You can contact our RE Leader, Mrs Anderson, via the school office on 01223 894400 or by email at kanderson@meadowprimary.org.

A Creative Start to the Year. The start of the year certainly brought with it some unexpected challenges, as cold weather and frozen pipes caused problems during the first few days of children returning to school. As a result, our teachers, children - and parents! - were forced to embrace the creativity we have been practising by moving learning online from home.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone for how well they coped with this unpredictable situation. With practically full classes joining us where possible and nearly all children taking part in learning from home, it was a real testament to our strong school community. It was also a wonderful opportunity for children to explore, play and enjoy the snow!

Looking Ahead. We look forward to strengthening our community links, enriching our curriculum and continuing to provide exciting and meaningful experiences for our children. Thank you, as always, for your continued support - we can't wait to see what this year brings.

Faye Facer, Assistant Headteacher

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WESTON COLVILLE, ITS CHURCH AND PEOPLE by Tim Cockerill

6.30 - 7.30 pm, Saturday, February 28th 2026
St Mary's Church, Weston Colville

This talk by Tim Cockerill (a longstanding resident of Weston Colville and a keen researcher into its history over many years) will be interspersed with clips from a recently-recorded film of an interview with him in the church. There will also be an illustrated booklet (in return for small donations) to take away and read at your leisure if you wish. The event will otherwise be free. There will be refreshments and time for informal questions afterwards.

LINTON VILLAGE COLLEGE NEWS

The College is proud to be recognised as a Trinity Champion Centre for 2025/26, celebrating our successful delivery of Arts Award qualifications.

Trinity College, London is an international exam board and education charity specialising in music, drama, combined arts and English language. At LVC, the Arts Award is embedded in our curriculum, with all Year 7 students completing the Bronze Award. This achievement was recently highlighted in an Arts Award case study. Beyond Bronze, students can progress to Silver and Gold through extra-curricular opportunities led by trained staff. The Gold Award, usually offered by post-16 providers, carries 16 UCAS points, a fantastic way for us to stretch and challenge learners.

Arts Award encourages students to explore their creativity in areas such as dance, music and art. They also develop leadership skills by planning and running an arts-based activity for a chosen audience, building confidence in communication, organisation and problem-solving.



Continuing the celebration of the arts, we are thrilled to share the success of Mia in Year 11. On 18 December, Mia conducted O Come All Ye Faithful at Anna Lapwood's Christmas Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Performing in front of 6,000 people with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, Mia rose to the challenge and was even gifted the conductor's baton, an unforgettable experience.

At the College, we are always committed to nurturing creativity and ambition, ensuring every student has the opportunity to explore the arts and develop leadership skills that open doors to exciting future pathways.

Helena Marsh, Principal

A CONCERT OF BAROQUE MUSIC Handel and the Italian Connection

With
Professor Ashley Solomon and Students from
The Royal College of Music Historical
Performance Faculty
Handel, Scarlatti, Corelli, Castello, Vivaldi
At
Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham, CB21 6BZ
on
Tuesday 24 February at 7.30pm

This will be a very special evening where Ashley Solomon performs together with a group of his graduate students in a selection of baroque concertos and sonatas. Ashley is a baroque flautist and is a Fellow of both the Royal Academy of Music and the Royal College of Music where he also has a Personal Chair.

Tickets £15 from Eventbrite or at the door - refreshments included

Contact Athene Hunt
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In support of the
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