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EDITORIAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed content for this edition. We are always looking for new contributors, whether regular or one off so please do send in any articles or photographs you would like included.

Hopefully spring is not far away, our front cover, taken in Wrestlingworth, shows some local sheep. Lambs will no doubt be arriving soon.

If your event or group has not been mentioned please do get in touch, we can only include the information we are given.

Look out for our Village wordsearch, no prizes but we hope you will enjoy finding all the hidden words.

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David Fryatt

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Dates for Your Diary

Feb.

- 4th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 17th Youth Club Children's Disco at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 6pm until 7-30pm
- 18th PWWG Walk, meet at The Chequers 10am
- 18th Music Night at The Chequers from 6-30pm
- 20th WI Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall at 7-30pm

Mar.

- 4th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 9th Copy Deadline for the April/May edition of the Village Link
- 15th History Society Meeting Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall at 7-30pm
- 18th PWWG Walk, Car share from The Chequers at 9-30am
- 18th Music Night at The Chequers from 6-30pm
- 19th Parish Council Meeting at Wrestlingworth Village Hall 7-30pm
- 20th WI AGM at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall at 7-30pm

Please email your diary dates to villagelink@zoho.com. We want to include all relevant events but do rely on your input; if you don't tell us, we might not know about your event. We would also like your articles and suggestions for future content. Why not tell us about your interesting pets or animals? We would love to hear about any other events, clubs or organisations we are not already featuring.

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Sunday Services for February & March 2018 and other news.

February

4th 11am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Wrestlingworth

11th 9.30am Parish Eucharist

ASH WEDNESDAY – Feb 14th

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist at St Peter's, Wrestlingworth

18th 11am Benefice Eucharist at Dunton (Lent 1)

25th 3pm Sunday Praise (Lent 2)

March

4th 11am Parish Eucharist at St Peter's Wrestlingworth (Lent 3)

11th 9.30am Parish Eucharist (Mothering Sunday)

18th 11am Benefice Eucharist at Eyeworth (Passion Sunday)

PALM SUNDAY – March 25th

The Benefice Pilgrimage leaves Wrestlingworth at 9.30am walking to Eyeworth Village Hall and then to Dunton. Hymns, prayers and readings will be used along the way, Palm Crosses given out, and at Dunton the Eucharist continues from The Peace. There will be a bring your own picnic lunch after the service at Dunton.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 29th

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist at Wrestlingworth

GOOD FRIDAY – March 30th

2pm Benefice Holy Hour at Dunton

EASTER DAY- April 1st 9.30am Parish Eucharist

Church Roof & fund raising

The funding for the work is now in place and we are looking forward to the Contractors to begin the work.

You are more than welcome to visit us and join in the services as above. Please check the church notice board for details or changes or ring the Church Warden Mrs Wendy Robinson on 01767 631283.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE WRESTLINGWORTH GOODWILL FUND

The Annual General Meeting of the Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund will be held on Monday 29th January 2018, 8.00pm, at the Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall.

Janet Smith, who now lives in Drifffield, East Yorkshire, would like to send belated Best Wishes for the New Year to all her friends in Wrestlingworth. Janet has been in hospital for several weeks and is now at home recovering from a heart operation.

Unwanted Christmas Presents. If you received any presents that didn't suit, well intentioned as they were, The Shetland Pony Welfare Trust (a registered charity) would be delighted to use them to help raise funds for their work. Call Armande on 631123 and she can collect if that is easier for you. Thank you.

Thanks to the Good Samaritans! Following a fall in her drive on the High Street in early January, Mrs. Rosemary Cooper would like to thank all the people who stopped to help and call the emergency services. She is very touched by everyone's kindness as they kept her comfortable and warm waiting for the ambulance. Rosemary is now feeling better. Many thanks again.

In Memory of

Les Stevenson who sadly passed away on 9th January aged 71 years.

He leaves behind his much-loved wife Carolyn, children Paul, Sarah and Nicola.

Also his grand-children

Molly Tyler Mae, Brody, Mia and Poppy.

Mrs. Joan Darts (nee Hutchinson) who sadly passed away in early January aged 96 years.

Joan was married for 77 years to Ernie Darts who died exactly 9 weeks earlier.

They will both be sorely missed by family and friends.

WRESTLINGWORTH YOUTH CLUB

All refreshed after the Christmas and new year, we look forward to a busy 2018. In January we celebrated National Hobby month, where we gave the children the opportunity to try out a few new hobbies, origami, sewing, wool spinning, kite making, making slime and so much more.

February's plans are still under construction as I write this, but we will be holding a Children's Disco on 17th February 6pm until 7.30, this is not just for the children of the youth club it is open to all children in Wrestlingworth. It is a ticket event at £1 per head which will include refreshments.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone that has supported us; the Parish council for funding, Dave and Carin at The Chequers for raising a massive £184.52 for the youth club and for all the input that has been put in throughout 2017, there are so many people. Thank you, without your help and support we would not be where we are today.

Debbie

Eyeworth in less than 100 words

Eyeworth is a small village by any standards but notwithstanding its small size Eyeworth is mentioned in the Domesday Book.

The majority of the houses are Victorian, though the seventeenth century Church Farm still remains.

The widow of Francis Bacon, née Alice Barnham, lived in Eyeworth following his death, and she died there in 1650.

There were a number of minor skirmishes in the parish during the Civil War and it is reputed that Oliver Cromwell visited the village and damaged some of the church's icons.

Village Link Wordsearch

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

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EYEWORTH
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HISTORY SOCIETY
BEDFORDSHIRE
LOWER SCHOOL
PWWG
ST JOHNS
ST PETERS

THE CHEQUERS
WRESTLINGWORTH
VILLAGE LINK
WOMENS INSTITUTE
COCKAYNE HATLEY
YOUTH CLUB

We hope you enjoy this wordsearch, if you do let us know and we will try and include one in future editions.



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Services

- 4 February:* 11.00am Parish Eucharist
11 February: 11.00am Sunday Praise
14 February: **Ash Wednesday**
07.30pm Benefice Eucharist
at St Peter's Wrestlingworth
- 18 February:* 9.30am Benefice Eucharist
at St Mary Magdalene Dunton
- 25 February:* 11.00 Parish Eucharist
- 4 March:* 11.00am Parish Eucharist
11 March: 11.00 Sunday Praise
18 March: 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at All Saints Eyeworth
- 25 March:* **Palm Sunday Pilgrimage to Dunton**
9.30am St Peter's Wrestlingworth
10.15am Village Hall Eyeworth
10.45 St Mary Magdalene Dunton

All are welcome to join us on this walk from Wrestlingworth to Dunton. There will be hymns and readings at Wrestlingworth and Eyeworth culminating with a short Eucharist at Dunton.

Please check the notice board or the weekly notices sheet for any changes or additions.

St Peter's News

Coffee Mornings

Santa made a surprise visit at the December coffee morning, distributing presents for all. We are very grateful to Olive for hosting it.

Our popular coffee morning is held on the first Tuesday of the month and will resume in February. Look out for the posters with dates and venues or call Karen.

On Advent Sunday, 3rd December we remembered loved ones who are no longer with us. Candles were lit and placed on the altar. It was heartening to welcome so many to church.

The funeral for Ernie Darts was held on 6th December. He had lived in Wrestlingworth all his life and was held with great affection by the village. We send our condolences to his family. Very sadly his wife Joan passed away this January.



Our annual Christmas Cracker on 13th December was not so well attended as in previous years but we still enjoyed singing carols and sharing some Christmas refreshments. It was lovely to welcome so many villagers and their extended families to our Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols. The church looked beautiful by candlelight and the flowers by the altar were very festive. We continued our candlelit worship on Christmas morning.

By the time this issue is delivered Lindsay will be retired. We are so sorry that he will no longer be leading our worship but we wish him a very happy retirement.

We are now in a period of interregnum during which we will be preparing for the appointment of Lindsay's replacement, which could take some time. If you would like to speak to a member of clergy, the Revd. Carole Johnson will be supporting us and her details are below.

St Peter's will never be the same without Lindsay but we are pleased to welcome back Revd. Ian Friars who will be regularly leading our Eucharist services. We encourage you to support your church during 2018. There is always a warm welcome at St Peter's.

If you would like to know more about our regular services, or to discuss a wedding, baptism or funeral, or would like a visit, please contact Revd. Carole Johnson on 01767 699934
email: carolejohnston58@btinternet.com

You can also contact Karen Nurse (Church Warden) on 01767 631487
or email: karen.nurse@btinternet.com

COCKAYNE HATLEY CORNER

Rev. Robert Porteus

Rector of Cockayne Hatley Church and Ancestor of the Queen

There are a number of interesting monuments in the churchyard of St. John the Baptist Church, but one, the grave of Rev. Robert Porteus, is not so easy to find but tells an intriguing story. The grave is at the rear of the west end of the church with a memorial tablet high on the wall of the church nearby. (*pictured right*).

Robert Porteus was Rector of the church from 1735 to his death in 1754. He was born in Virginia, USA in 1705, the son of Robert Porteus and his first wife, Mildred.

The family moved to England in 1720 as the living conditions in Virginia were poor and he wished for a better education for his children. Their first home was in York. They later moved to Ripon where Robert Porteus senior became an important member of the community. A "House" in Ripon Grammer School is named for him. Robert Senior was married twice. They had 19 children. The 18th child, Bielby, became Bishop of London and was famous for his opposition to the slave trade.

Robert Junior was educated at a private school in London, and took his degree in 1730 at Peterhouse College, Cambridge. A year afterwards he took Holy Orders, and in 1735 he was appointed Rector of Cockayne Hatley church. In 1736 he married Judith Cockayne of Soham in Cambridgeshire. Judith was the cousin of Richard, the penultimate Cockayne at Hatley, who bequeathed the whole Hatley estate to Judith, ignoring his brother Sam. However the situation was resolved when Judith sold the estate to Sam.



Mildred, one of the three children of Robert and Judith, was born in 1744 at Cockayne Hatley. Her great granddaughter, Frances Dora, married the 13th Earl of Strathmore - hence the Bowes-Lyon connection. The daughter of the 14th Earl was Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Thus Robert and Judith were the great, great, great, great, great grandparents of the present Queen. The link of the Cockaynes with the Royal Family is fascinating. Even stranger, perhaps, is that Robert Porteus's great aunt Mildred was the grandmother of George Washington.

Antony Crossley. January 2018

The Mystery of the Priory of St. Neot



St. Neots – Jewel of the Ouse Valley is the subject of the next Wrestlingworth History Society meeting. This fascinating look at one of Bedfordshire's most historic towns will be given by local history expert Peter Ibbett.

So come along and join us on the evening of Thursday 15th March - 7.30 for 8pm at the Memorial Hall, Wrestlingworth

Everyone welcome and light refreshments are available.

MARCH MADNESS

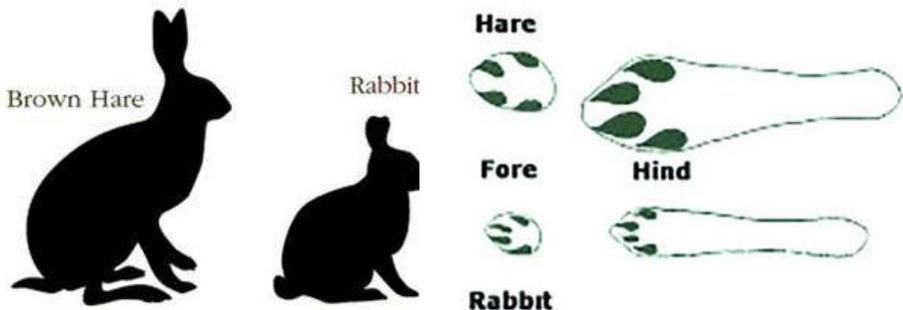
At this time of year, seeing a hare making quick work of the length of a ploughed field is a welcome enough sight. To see two ‘boxing’ is a bonus. Robin Barratt examines hares in Bedfordshire.



Having had reason to speak to the local police about suspected Hare Coursing for the third time in 18 months, it got me curious about this resident mammal that we see little of.

The European or Brown Hare is an introduced species, widespread on low ground throughout England, Wales and Scotland and it seems that Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire have some of the highest population levels in the country.

Hares are longer-limbed and swifter than rabbits and use their powerful hind legs to escape predation by outrunning their hunter. In fact, Hares are the fastest land mammal in the UK and have been known to reach speeds of up to 45mph.



Hares were introduced by the Romans and unlike rabbits, they do not use burrows, but make a small depression in the ground among long grass - this is known as a form. They spend most of the day on or near the form, moving out to feed in the open at night. Though generally solitary, they are most often seen during courtship, which involves boxing, and this well-known 'mad March hare' behaviour is actually unreceptive females fending off passionate males.

Breeding takes place between February and September and a female can rear three or four litters a year, each of two to four young. The young, known as leverets, are born fully furred with their eyes open and are left by the female in forms a few metres from their birth place.



Once a day for the first four weeks of their lives, the leverets gather at sunset to be fed by the female, but otherwise they receive no parental care. This avoids attracting predators to the young at a stage when they are most vulnerable.

The Brown Hare has seen a dramatic decline in parts of the UK due to changing agricultural practices affecting its favoured grassland habitats. Shooting and hare coursing using "longdogs" have also had an impact on numbers. Coursing hares with dogs is now banned under the 2004 Hunting Act and instances should be immediately reported to the police on 101.

Robin Barratt, PWWG

(with thanks to Glenn Mulleady, Estate Manager, Cambridge PPF)

The Parish Walking and Wildlife Group's programme of monthly walks (now numbering 14 in all, including special walks, and usually between 6-8 miles long) continues on the third Sunday of every month to which all are welcome including dogs (although we may ask that they be put on a lead at certain points).

On Sunday February 18th we will revisit the Tadlow Loop, a local walk starting from The Chequers at 10am.

On Sunday March 18th we go further afield to explore the countryside around Tempsford and Roxton. Car sharing will be available from The Chequers from 9.30am. For details of this and any queries regarding walk arrangements contact Robin Barratt on 07768 340599 or visit our website www.pwwg.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.



WELCOME TO 2018

Hello Everyone. This is my first chance to wish you all a Happy New Year (indeed also Happy Christmas because I completely missed the copy date of the last edition).

We've had some good times recently. Deborah Brady came to give us the low down on life as a 'Female in Fleet Street'. The photograph shows member Rosemary Chapman demonstrating some of the necessary clobber Ms Brady has to carry in pursuit of her profession – though the step ladder is missing!

Members joined together for a tasty Christmas lunch at 'The Pig and Abbott' in Abington Piggotts and surprise, surprise, no-one got lost on the way. It is situated in a Hertfordshire "Bermuda Triangle" and people have been known to give up trying to find it and gone home.



Our December party was very low in numbers because of the weather and though we had an excellent buffet, and entertainment from musician Peter Stringer who played the clarinet and alto sax with his wife Carol adding the backing tracks, the music was more "Strictly" than Christmassy. I expected Anton du Beke to dance out of the kitchen at any moment.

In February, the unusually named 'Biff' Raven-Hill is going to talk about "The Wartime Housewife" – with recipes for Spam, no doubt. March is our Annual Meeting and by the next edition I should be able to tell you of our future programme, including our Centenary in September. If you want to know more about our activities, get in touch with our Secretary, Lesley May (631259).

Carolyn Driver

SUCCESS FOR SANTA



You may have seen Santa in his sleigh, with his Chief Elf in charge of Quad Rudolph, and all his willing helpers, during the weekend of 16th/17th December.

There he was, travelling around Cockayne Hatley, Eyeworth, and Tadlow, on the Saturday and Wrestlingworth on the Sunday, delivering presents

of Goodwill and giving sweets and sleigh rides to the children and some very happy parents.

It seems he was a great success, judging by the hospitality received in the form of “Winter Warmers” on the way round, by the responses from the recipients of our Goodwill parcels, and by the excitement expressed on the faces of all the children who came out to see Santa and take a ride in his sleigh.



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Trial and Error Cooking by Gordon Blue

SPICY CHORIZO DUMPLINGS. (Serves two people)

Ingredients:-

6 medium or small carrots.
Half a pint of vegetable stock.
8 small or medium potatoes, new ones if possible
Handful of peas
1 medium onion, sliced
A few mushrooms (optional)
Big scoop of self raising flour
A couple of knobs of butter or margarine
Big dash of milk.
Chorizo (Half a packet will probably be enough)

Method

A meal in a saucepan! Put the six washed but not peeled carrots into a large saucepan and then pour the stock over them so that they are just about covered.

Put the potatoes on next, followed by the peas. Then add the onions followed by the mushrooms. Bring to the boil, but once this has happened, turn down to a low heat, so that it just simmers.

Next make the dumplings.

Rub the margarine or butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Add the milk and knead the dough until it's capable of being rolled with a rolling pin. Roll out the mixture, making it as thin and large as possible.

Then on half of what looks like pasty at this stage, add the Chorizo. This is spicy Spanish sausage meat and comes in thin wafers. Put as many as you can get over half of the pasty. Then cover it with the other half. Roll it flat again and then repeat the process until you reach a stage when it cannot be folded anymore.

Continued over

Then cut what you now have in half and roll the result into two balls and put into the saucepan.

Then simmer and wait, probably for around 20 or 25 minutes until the meal is ready.

Egon Ronnie comments:-

You need a large saucepan for this recipe as the dumplings will expand as they cook. No need to use suet. The use of self raising flour and margarine/butter combined will make this happen. You can tell when they are done because the dumplings will open up as they expand. In effect they and the potatoes are being steamed. Also it is important to simmer the contents in the saucepan after they initially come to a boil, as otherwise the stock would quickly boil away and probably burn the saucepan. Also they taste better if cooked slowly. Finally if there is any liquid over once the contents of the saucepan are cooked then either pour it over the meal or make some gravy with it!



Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor Adam Zerny's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes the latest on Central Beds Local Plan for housing which was released in early January. There is also news on a big local planning appeal and on a wave of development in between Oxford and Cambridge. As always the newsletter will include a round-up of up-and-coming local events.

To get it directly, join the mailing list by emailing him at adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk or visit www.adamzerny.co.uk. For the latest news, follow him on twitter [@adamzerny](https://twitter.com/adamzerny) or facebook - cllr adam zerny .

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Parish Council News

Our thanks go to members of the Speed Watch group who, during 2017, conducted twenty seven sessions, two of which had to be abandoned due to poor weather. Details of 286 cars, vans etc. were passed to the police to be processed. This represents about 8% of traffic travelling in excess of 35mph.

The proportion of speeding traffic in Potton Road is greater than in the High Street. This could be because the Speed Watch group is more conspicuous in the High Street. The fastest speed recorded was 51mph; this was on the last session of the year at Mill End at 3.00pm. The greatest number of vehicles passing in one direction in one hour during a session was 264 between 4.45pm and 5.45pm.

Cllr Nigel Dodgson is responsible for co-ordinating the Speed Watch group. If you are interested in finding out how you could help, he can be contacted on nigeldodgson@btinternet.com tel: 01767 631643.

The Co-Op is now ready to transfer to the Parish Council the freehold of two parcels of land in Cockayne Hatley identified in the Neighbourhood Plan as Community Green Space. It will take a while to complete the legal process but it is hoped that residents will be able to take advantage of the recreational space later this year. Once the freehold has been transferred, clearing the undergrowth on the land to the south of Village Road and installing low-level wooden posts to the front and side will be a priority.

Also in Cockayne Hatley, a sign-writer has been found to prepare a new village sign to replace the one adjacent to the bus shelter which is in a poor state of repair. It is hoped that the work will be carried out shortly.

The Parish Council meeting dates for the rest of 2018 are:

March 19th, May 21st, June 18th, August 18th (at Cockayne Hatley Church), October 8th, November 19th. All at 7.30 pm and at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall except August.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Result

286 electors voted in the referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan (the Plan) on 30th November. This was 44% of those entitled to vote, by far the highest turnout so far for neighbourhood plan referenda in Central Bedfordshire.

89% of those who voted were in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, 11% were against. This means that the Neighbourhood Plan will now be used by Central Bedfordshire Council to help them decide on planning applications in our parish.

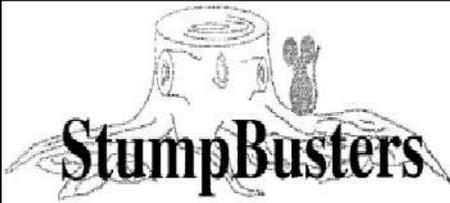
The Plan can be viewed on Central Bedfordshire Council's website: <http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/planning/policy/neighbourhood-planning/areas.aspx> and on the Parish Council website: <http://www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk>

On behalf of the Parish Council I should like to thank the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group who volunteered their time and expertise over three years to prepare the Plan. We were helped by staff from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity who led the development of the Green Infrastructure Plan, officers from CBC and Rachel Hogger of Modicum Planning who acted as a critical friend to the Steering Group. However, most importantly, our thanks go to you, the residents, who took part in open meetings, questionnaires, drop-in sessions and workshops and made our Neighbourhood Plan a true reflection of the Parish's concerns and priorities for the future.

*Cllr Sandra Williams
Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group*

We like to keep the Village Link fresh, vibrant and full of interest to all members of our community in Cockayne Hatley, Eyeworth and Wrestlingworth. We need your help to do this by contributing articles and information, whether it is information about an event in the villages, articles about village people, history, photographs or even a funny joke.

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