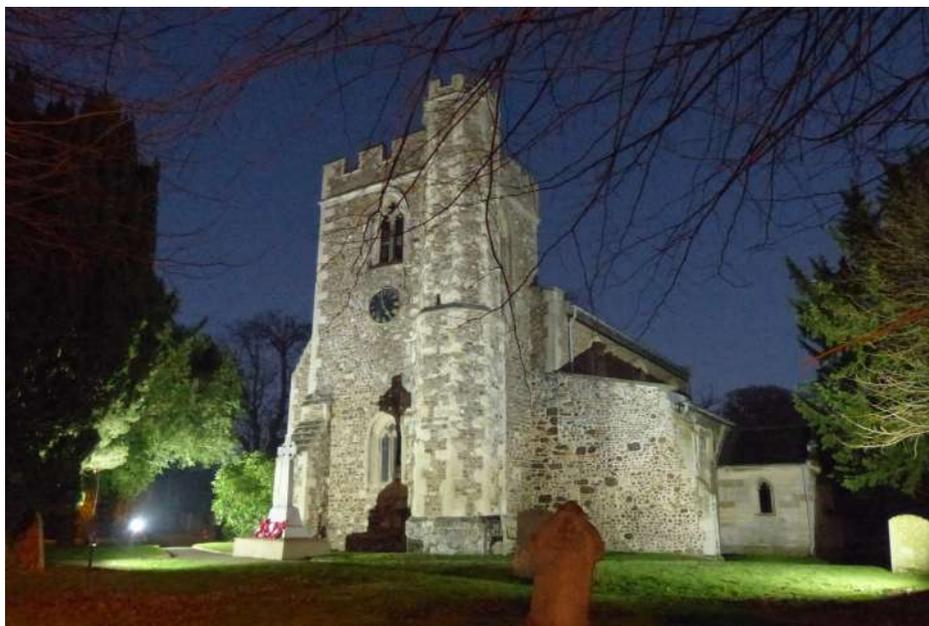


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EDITORIAL

Welcome to this larger 150th edition of the Village Link. By my calculation that is 25 years and still going strong.

If anyone has memories of the Village Link from the past that you would like to share I would be delighted to hear from you, if anyone has a copy of the first issue then that would be fantastic.

The cover picture is of St Peter's Church, floodlit for Christmas. Derek Walker has kindly done this for many years and despite ill health provided all of the equipment and oversaw the installation. Thank you Derek.

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Dates for Your Diary

February

- 5th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 6th Goodwill Fund AGM at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 8pm
- 7th Coffee Morning at Liz Teague's 10-30am to 12 noon
- 14th WI Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7-45pm
- 19th PWWG Walk from Deepdale 10am.
- 19th Music Night at The Chequers from 6.30pm

March

- 5th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm
- 6th Your copy for April/May Village Link please
- 7th Coffee Morning at Liz Teague's 10-30am to 12 noon
- 7th Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall Committee meeting 7-30pm
- 16th History Society Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7-30pm
- 19th PWWG Walk from Tadlow 10am
- 19th Music Night at The Chequers from 6.30pm
- 20th Parish Council Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7-30pm
- 21st WI Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7-45pm
- 26th Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's 11am
- 26th Mothers Day Lunch at The Chequers 12 noon until 3-30pm

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. Do you have a family favourite recipe you could share, or 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The views contained in the articles within this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the publisher or the members of the editorial committee.



St Peter's Church, Wrestlingworth
www.dewbenefice.com

Services

5 Feb: 11.00am Parish Eucharist

12 Feb: 11.00am Sunday Praise

19 Feb: 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St Mary Magdalene, Dunton

26 Feb: 11.00am Parish Eucharist

1 Mar: 7.30pm **Ash Wednesday** Benefice Eucharist at St Mary
Magdalene, Dunton

5 Mar: 11.00am Parish Eucharist

12 Mar: 11.00am Sunday Praise

19 Mar: 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at All Saints, Eyeworth

26 Mar: 11.00am **Mothering Sunday**, Parish Eucharist

Please check the weekly notices sheet or web site for any changes or additions.

St Peter's News

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the shoebox appeal for Operation Christmas Child. Over forty boxes were dedicated during the service on Sunday 6 November before their onward journey to less fortunate children.

13 November The Service of Remembrance was led by Tony and Christine Elcombe with readings by Gerald Eva and Rosemary Chapman. The collection raised £75 for the Royal British Legion.

20 November We were delighted to welcome to our service Rachel Brockie of the Children's Society who talked to us about its origins, mission and work. A donation of £75 was made to the Society.

27 November Our Advent service 'Candles in the Dark' was a moving service, and 70 candles were carried up by members of the congregation and placed on the altar in remembrance of loved ones.

Christmastide was a joyous occasion in the church. On 13 December more children than ever attended the 'Christmas Cracker' with no shortage of volunteers making musical and vocal contributions. A big thank you to Ben Mardle for the lighting effects inside the church.

It was almost standing room only for the Christmas Eve Candlelit Service of Lessons and Carols with the singing enhanced by descants and harmonies from the congregation. Megan Carlile and Annabelle Deards sang the opening verse of 'Once in Royal David's City' and the lessons were read by representatives of village organisations:-

Simon Williams (Friends of the School);

Kate Briggs (Kasiisi Project);

Robin Barratt (Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group);

Kelly Jordan (Buggy Praise);

Henry Levesley (Youth Club) and;

Liz Jarvis (History Society).

At the end of the service Lindsay thanked all those who had taken part and expressed his gratitude on behalf the church congregation in particular to Heather Williams for her musicianship throughout the year and to Derek Walker for his installation of the tower floodlighting. Finally, Christmas Day was celebrated with a well-attended and joyful Parish Eucharist.

Little Fishes

The new name for Buggy Praise is 'Little Fishes'; with St Peter being a fisherman what better name could there be?

'Little Fishes' is a time of soft play, story and song for babies, toddlers and pre-school children. A safe area in the church is carpeted for this activity. We will end in time to enable older children to be collected from school.

Our first meeting of 'Little Fishes' will be on Wednesday 25 January at 2.30pm in the church. We will then meet every 4th Wednesday. 22 February, 22 March, 26 April for an Easter picnic (bring along a little something to nibble) and 24 May.

Coffee Mornings

'Coffee Mornings' will be held on Tuesday 7 February and Tuesday 7 March at Liz Teague's, 5 The Slade, from 10.30 to 12.00am. All welcome.

Mick Bister

Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall needs your help.

The hall was officially opened on 25th March 1940 and since then has been managed and run on behalf of the village by a committee formed of representatives of clubs and societies that use the hall, together with volunteers from the village community.

Under the recent Neighbourhood Plan proposals, the Hall is identified as a valued community asset and the committee manage the maintenance and improvements to the hall so that it continues to offer the facilities that users expect.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following roles:-

Treasurer

This involves issuing invoices and collecting rents from regular and occasional users, paying bills for cleaning, oil, electricity, insurance etc. They must also be able to keep clear accounts to present to the committee at the bi-monthly committee meetings.

Booking Secretary

This involves keeping a diary of regular bookings from clubs and societies, liaising with occasional users as to availability for parties, sending out booking forms and issuing key codes for access.

General caretaker

Like any 75 year old building, it needs caring for to keep everything working and we are looking for someone who can help with these tasks, changing bulbs when they blow, setting the heating controls and door access codes, oiling a squeaky hinge, fixing the Hoover etc.

Hopefully we will be able to ease people into the jobs and get them up to speed with the tasks involved. If you can help with anything please contact Kevin/Irene 631511 or come along to the committee meeting on the 7th March at 7-30pm.



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'The Church in the Fields'

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Sunday Services for February and March 2017 and other news.

February 2017

Sunday 5 th	3pm Sunday Praise
Sunday 12 th	9.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 19 th	11am Benefice Eucharist at Dunton
Sunday 26 th	3pm Sunday Praise

March 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY 1 st	7.30pm Benefice Eucharist at Dunton
Sunday 5 th	3pm Sunday Praise
Sunday 12 th	9.30am Parish Eucharist
Sunday 19 th	9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Eyeworth
MOTHERING SUNDAY 26 th	11am at Wrestlingworth
Sunday 29 th	11am Benefice Eucharist at Wrestlingworth

You are more than welcome to visit us and join in the services as above. Check out our page on the Benefice web site www.dewbenefice.com or read the church notice board for any changes to these dates and new ones which may be planned.

Plans for the replacement roof are taking shape although we don't know of the date for the work to start.

If you would like me to visit please do contact me either on 01462 743617 or lindsay.dew@btinternet.com or 07545878082. I am always happy to respond to pastoral need in the parish.

Canon Lindsay Drew

Doing the Double Brutal Triathlon.

Wrestlingworth resident Rob Morgan has written an incredible article on his competing in a Double Brutal Triathlon. Although we only have space to give a flavour of his story you can find out more by visiting http://www.brutalevents.co.uk/rob_morgan_double.html

The Brutal Triathlon is an extreme, Ironman Distance triathlon held around (and on!) Snowdon. 'The Brutal' was specifically created to be as tough as possible and as such has been ranked by **220 Triathlon Magazine** as the World's Toughest Triathlon. So what's the Double then...? It's the same as the Brutal – but you do each distance **twice!**

4.8 mile open water lake swim

231.9 mile cycle around Snowdon

51.4 mile run – starting with an ascent/descent of Snowdon

I regularly compete in ultra-marathons and have also completed a couple of Ironman triathlons but this.....

After spending Friday night shivering, coughing and sneezing my way through a fever I didn't exactly feel great when the alarm went off at 5:30am. The gale force winds meant that the marquee couldn't be set up in time and the start was delayed until 8am. A Max Strength Lemsip followed by an even stronger cup of coffee got me ready for the long day(s) ahead. My support crew were my older brother Ian, my younger brother Gareth and best mate Mike.

Swim: 4.8 miles over 8 laps in Lake Padarn

The first 2 laps flew by, the next 2 laps were a little slower but there were still a good number of people in the water. I'd made it halfway and I was feeling good. The numbers were thinning out in the water as those doing the half or full (normal) distance left and soon only the idiotic people attempting the double remained. The 7th lap took forever, so much so that when I got to the end of it I wasn't sure if I was actually on lap 8, I pushed on and eventually stepped out of the water and across the timing mat in an exhausted 3 hours, 18 minutes.

Bike: 231.9 miles over 8 laps, Total ascent - 19,868 ft

Halfway through lap 5 the shivering had got worse and even though I had my full winter cycling kit on I just couldn't keep warm. I was seriously thinking about pulling out of the race and decided I needed to stop and have a few minutes to get my head back on track. I jumped into the support car in a lay-by and set the alarm clock for 30 minutes later. I had a good talking to myself and even managed to sleep for 20 minutes. I set off again into the night feeling weak but more alert from having some sleep and determined to just keep going and finish the lap. The next few laps followed the same pattern – cycle half the loop, jump in the car, sort my head out and then get back on the bike.

I raced down the Llanberis pass for the last time and made it into transition with just 5 minutes to spare in 22 hours, 7 minutes. I was a wreck.

Snowdon: 9.5 miles, Total ascent 3,049 ft

I had a few cups of sugary tea and tried to eat some noodles but I still felt ill, luckily I managed to force down some Jaffa cakes. Mike spoke to one of the organisers and explained about me having a fever throughout the night but that it seemed to have passed and that I wished to continue. She advised that I try and complete the



Snowdon section with the 3 support crew but that she would need to assess my situation when we got back. We all changed into our mountain gear and went off in search of the medic for a mandatory health/sanity check (he needed to make sure I was fit enough to carry on). With Mike and Gareth propping me up I went through my kit list with the medic and miraculously he allowed me to continue!

Above:- Rob and his support crew who helped him around the Snowdon section. Snowdon had taken 4 hours, 52 minutes and by the time we approached transition we had a plan. I was in last place, I had no hope of finishing in time but I'd keep going until they withdrew me from the race. I would sleep for ½ an hour, have some food and then set out on a lap of the lake with Mike. I might not finish, but I wasn't going to quit.

Lake Section: 41.9 miles over 8 laps of Lake Padarn, Total ascent 4,071 ft

I couldn't believe it, with tears in my eyes I sprinted across the timing mat...only to be told I'd crossed the wrong one and needed to double back and cross the other one instead. I'd done it, and in 41 hours, 2 minutes and 4 seconds - with almost an hour to spare. I later found out that I was the 3rd fastest for the 41.9 miles of the lake run. To say I couldn't have done this without the support crew is a massive understatement – they literally carried me when I was at my lowest point and at no time gave me the option to quit. The Double Brutal was an incredible head game and in this case, four heads were definitely better than one.

Rob celebrating his achievement with his brothers Ian and Gareth and best friend Mike.





**Parish
Walking &
Wildlife
Group**

It's Official!

The Lousy Bush Nature Reserve now has its own information board and its official adoption as a Local Nature Reserve is underway.

On the annual walk around Manor Farm, Wrestlingworth, last December, members of the Parish Walking and Wildlife Group (*pictured right*) unveiled the newly-installed Lousy Bush Nature Reserve information board. All the photographs on the board were taken of wildlife within the reserve and show a selection of the different species that have been recorded there so far.



The project was initiated by the Parish Walking and Wildlife Group in 2010 at the former Wrestlingworth gravel pits, land now owned by the Parish Council. It can be accessed via the bridle path which leads off the bend at Water End. The Nature Reserve is constantly changing, evolving and improving.

Ian Woiwod cuts the ribbon!

The level of water in the reserve changes with the seasons attracting different wildlife throughout the year. A hide was donated to the reserve meaning birds can be viewed and recorded. Members of the walking group have helped with undergrowth clearance, to let more light into the reserve, and with all aspects of its adoption and maintenance, but special recognition and thanks are due to Pat Humphrey, Ian Woiwod, Hugh Williams and Mark Falconer, after whom the hide has been named. Funding was generously provided by Wrestlingworth and Cockayne Hatley Parish Council with support from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and Central Bedfordshire Council.



Members of the PWWG admire the new information board.

Steve Halton, Senior Countryside Officer at Central Beds. Council, is currently helping the group through the process of having Lousy Bush officially adopted as a Local Nature Reserve. Incidentally, research by Hugh Williams uncovered the original name of Lousy Bush which originally meant Spurge Laurel Bush!

The Manor Farm walk is one of 12 walks the group organises each year on the third Sunday of the month starting at 10am, and a particularly popular one since it always ends with bacon rolls at The Chequers!

Forthcoming walks are on February 19th starting and ending at Deepdale, and March 19th taking in Top Farm, Tadlow. Walks are open to everyone. For further information contact Robin Barratt on 07768 340599 or join our Facebook page or visit our website www.pwwg.co.uk

The Information Board at the Nature Reserve

Lousy Bush Nature Reserve

Welcome to Lousy Bush Nature Reserve
(Westlingsworth Grove Pits)

History

The Westlingsworth Enclosure Act of 1863, encloses 2 acres, the lousy bush field to be used as a public stone, gravel and mortar pit for necessary repairs of public and private roads in the parish.



A map for the Enclosure Act shows the area and extent of water in the reserve area very much as it is today suggesting that its origins lie in the 18th century when

parishes were responsible for the maintenance of local roads and every able bodied parishioner was required to help.

By the 20th century the gravel pit had fallen into disuse and reverted to a sedge growth wet woodland dominated by willows. In 1969 it was registered as common land owned by the parish of Westlingsworth and since 2012 has been managed as a wildlife reserve.

Wildlife

The reserve is now an important refuge for wildlife, surrounded as it is by large open areas of intensively farmed arable fields. It contains an active Badger set, with Fox and Muntjac deer also regularly seen. Over 40 bird species have been recorded in and around the reserve, including Buzzard, Tawny Owl, Great spotted Woodpecker, Goldcrest, Redpoll and Moorhen. Among invertebrates so far identified are 5 species of dragonflies, 15 species of butterflies and over 140 species of moths (including several that are locally uncommon).

Management

The reserve is now actively managed to enhance its value for wildlife. Bird nest boxes have been erected and a few large willows removed to increase the reserve's value as a wetland site. The extent and depth of water varies considerably in the reserve, which can dry out completely on occasion.



Common Iris (Iris sibirica)



Common Dragonfly (Zygoptera)



Common Blue Butterfly (Polyommatus icarus)



Common Dragonfly (Zygoptera)



Common Nettle (Urtica dioica)



Common Blue Butterfly (Polyommatus icarus)



Common Rabbit (Lepus capreolus)



Common Spider (Araneidae)

Bird Hide

There is a small public hide on the southern edge of the reserve which can be accessed by a path near the south-west corner of the site.



Common Woodpecker (Picus sibilatrix)



Common Blue Butterfly (Polyommatus icarus)



Common Dragonfly (Zygoptera)

For further information visit: www.pwwg.org.uk/naturereserve.php
Notice Board provided on behalf of the Parish Council by the Parish Walking and Wildlife Group, with funding from Westlingsworth and Cockayne Hatley Parish Council and Central Bedfordshire Council.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE

In November WI members were somewhat surprised when our guest speaker, Trevor Gunton, launched into his talk on the ‘Vikings’ when we had expected a presentation on ‘Paxton Pits Nature Reserve’. Truth to be told the Vikings were probably more interesting and he exploded a few myths about them.

We celebrated Christmas in style with a delicious meal at the “Pig and Abbot” at Abington Pigotts. I’m glad I had a navigator because the village is in the middle of a ‘Bermuda Triangle’ and not easy to find!

At our party we had a group of young Irish dancers “Herlihy Burgoine” entertain us. They were aged between 5 and 18, based in Bletchley, and the tapping and high kicking reminded me of ‘Riverdance’ – very energetic. Then, those of us who were able were persuaded to join in a simple ceilidh dance, after which we were all in a state of near collapse. I’m not as fit as I thought. A buffet followed so we were all able to get our breath back.

One of the organisers brought along a traditional competition dress, encrusted with coloured stones and embroidery which weighed a ton. No wonder they dance with their arms straight by their sides, it must be difficult dancing with such a weight on your back.

Pictured right a traditional competition dress, apologies for the less than perfect photo but it gives a good idea of the style and complexity.



At our February meeting genealogy expert Robert Parker will be ‘Looking for William’ (his relative) and in March we have our Annual Meeting. In the next issue I shall be able to tell you details of our programme for the rest of 2017. Ladies come and join us, 7.45 pm, each third Tuesday of the month in the Memorial Hall.

Carolyn Driver

Gilbert of Sempringham and Thomas a Becket are the only English saints depicted in the medieval Flemish woodwork in the chancel of Cockayne Hatley church. Their lives became entwined in a dramatic fashion.



Saint Gilbert was born in 1085, the son of the Lord of the Manor of Sempringham in Lincolnshire. He became a priest and founded a convent for nuns in Sempringham, and later added a house of monks beside it. He built a total of 25 religious houses, mostly with nuns and monks on the same site, and devoted to the care of hospitals, orphanages and almshouses. Locally there were houses in Hitchin and Chicksands, Bedfordshire.

Saint Thomas was born in London in 1118 of prosperous Norman stock. He was well educated in Canon Law and became archdeacon of Canterbury. He soon became a great friend of King Henry II, sharing all his worldly pleasures. The king made him his Chancellor, and then Archbishop of Canterbury. Thomas then changed completely, leading an austere life and devoting himself to his religious duties. He soon came into conflict with the king, particularly over the respective jurisdiction of church and state over clergy accused of crimes. In 1164, after an exceptionally bitter quarrel, Thomas fled to Sempringham, where Gilbert took him into his monastery and dressed him as a simple monk.



When the King's men came close he was moved from one religious house to another and finally found refuge in France. In 1170, he returned and the quarrel broke out again. The king was said to have uttered the famous words "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?" which led to four Norman knights murdering Thomas in his own cathedral.

In 1165, Gilbert was arrested and accused of helping Thomas to escape, although the charge was eventually dropped. Gilbert lived to be over 100 years old and established 25 religious houses, which were all destroyed by Henry VIII. Saint Thomas's magnificent shrine in Canterbury cathedral was one of the greatest places of pilgrimage in Europe for over 300 years. It was later destroyed by Henry VIII together with all churches dedicated to Saint Thomas.

Gloria Crossley

The Hidden Treasures of St. Peter's Church

Mick Bister, who has been researching and documenting facts about our remarkable old Wrestlingworth church, gave a fascinating presentation to the November meeting of the History Society.

He commenced by talking about the original build, starting in about 1150 with the nave, chancel and sanctuary of St. Peter's being erected on the probable site of an old Saxon church. During the following century the south and north arcades were added and each of the columns on the south side bears the unique decorative carving of each individual mason. Around 1330 the gothic chancel arch was added, followed some 120 years later by the erection of the tower and turret. The highly-skilled masons also sculpted grotesque masks at the base of the gothic windows. In addition impish carvings feature on the credence in the sanctuary, although these are difficult to date.

Some 150 years later, in the reign of Henry VII, the wooden ceiling (*right*) that you still see today was added and is possibly one of the few remaining wooden ceilings from this date still remaining. Interestingly, during the restoration of the late 20th century the Tudor ceiling was completely dismantled while the roof repairs were made; then replaced exactly as before.



Mick mentioned how fascinating it is to imagine all the different generations, in their changing styles of their times who have visited and worshipped at the church – if only walls could talk!

St Peters was never a really wealthy church, but it does have a solid silver chalice inscribed “Wrestlingworth Communion Cup in Bedfordshire”, which was presented to the church in 1633. This remained in regular use at services until 2010 when a modern chalice and ciborium were donated.



Out in the churchyard the oldest headstone is dated 1655 with the initials LT (*pictured*). These probably represent Lewis Tomazin, alias Clark, an old bachelor who was buried on 26 February 1655.

After the 1666 Great Fire of London, local masons started to add ornate symbols such as skulls, hour glasses and coffins (*as seen on the headstone pictured right*) which they discovered while rebuilding the capital.



1984 Restoration Project



Towards the end of the last century, wear and tear necessitated extensive restoration. A programme of works was launched in 1984 and during the next ten years craftsmen employed their traditional skills to restore the tower and turret, the clerestory

windows, the south porch, the aisle roofs and, the biggest project of all, the nave roof in 1996. Then followed a series of reordering projects which included improved electric heating, the installation of a toilet and kitchen, redecoration of the interior and the replacement of pews with chairs. During the 'de-pewing', damage to the nave columns caused by the Victorians was uncovered and resulted in an emergency restoration project.

There has long since been graffiti in the church but during the restoration more became apparent. The oldest is believed to date from the last Crusade (1271/2) when the north aisle of the church was being built – so nothing is new is it!

So there are many real treasures in our little village church, so if you have the opportunity please take a tour and see for yourself.

The History Society meets on the third Thursday bi-monthly at Wrestlingworth Village Hall. The next meeting on March 16th will continue our commemoration of the Great War with a presentation on 'The Last Naval Hero'. This will mark the centenary of major events in the North Sea specifically concerning the Royal Navy and will be presented by visiting guest speaker Roy Smart.

Article by Val Cooper



DOES HE SPEAK GERMAN?

Could this be Wrestlingworth's laziest cat? Every morning when I draw the bedroom curtains throughout the summer, autumn and even on bright wintery days, there he is, sunbathing on the roof of next door's shed.

He's not a stray – he is well looked after and wears a smart collar.

Because, like our German cousins who have a propensity to put out their towels on the sunbeds early, we have given him the name of *Fritz*. One day when I'm up in the garden, he may stop to pass the time of day with me and not run away. Does he speak German do you suppose?

Carolyn Driver

Do you have any pet or animal stories to share? If so, Village Link would love to hear from you! Please email:- villagelink@zoho.com



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Goodwill Fund AGM

The Goodwill Fund AGM will be held on Monday 6th Feb. at 8pm in the Memorial hall. 2016 has been a busy year for us; we have had some very successful fundraising events this year, including the International Bistro evening in April, the Show and sale in September, and the quiz in October.

Many thanks to everyone who has helped make these events go so well, from our helpers who seem to spring up to lend a hand, just when we need you, to all of you from the village and around, who turn out to make these events so successful.

The fund has been supporting worthy causes in Wrestlingworth, Eyeworth Cockayne Hatley and Tadlow for over 50 years and the transport service is in demand more than ever, providing transport to Doctors and Hospital for those who are unable to get around by themselves. We are much indebted to our team of drivers who make this possible, and we would especially like to thank Don Faulkner from Tadlow who was especially giving of his time over many years. Don sadly passed away in November so we are again asking for more volunteer drivers so that we can keep this essential service running.

We are very grateful to Margaret Pantry who co-ordinates the transport service (see handy phone numbers Page 26). People needing lifts should contact Margaret who will liaise with one of the drivers. Fuel expenses are paid for all trips made.

We also need more committee members to help organise the events, which have become such a part of village life, so if you can help in any way please come along to the AGM or contact Mick Andrews or Kevin Millard.

Kevin Millard



The Chequers Public House 01767 631818

Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Christmas Raffle and for the New Years Eve party. We raised a total of £423 for the Wrestlingworth Youth Club!

The Chequers is delighted to announce their new Pensioners Lunch offer on Thursdays and Fridays between 12 noon and 2-30pm. A main course and desert is just £8-50 and there is an excellent choice of menu:-

Mains- Scampi, Chips & Peas, Chilli con Carne with rice, Cod, Spinach & Cheddar Fishcake with chips & salad, Cottage Pie & peas or Jacket Potato with cheese, beans & Salad.

Deserts- Tiramisu & Cream, Madagascan vanilla & caramel fudge ice cream & sauce or Cherry Bakewell sponge pudding with custard.

On Mothering Sunday 26th March we have a traditional lunch between 12noon and 3-30pm with a FREE DESSERT for all mothers. Booking is definitely recommended.

Note:- Following a vote at the December Quiz Night the rules on teams have remained unchanged.

Community Notices

Thank You

We've finally made it & after 30 fantastic years in Wrestlingworth we've retired to our much loved Shropshire hills to get fit!

We'd like to send heartfelt best wishes & thanks to all our friends who have contributed to so many happy memories.

With very best wishes to all for 2017

Carol & Dave Lyons

Home Help Required

A busy Wrestlingworth family require some help four days a week.

Duties would involve light household duties including laundry, ironing, vacuuming, dish washing etc.

Hours required are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.00-10.00 (negotiable).

£10.00 p/hour (Term-time only)

Please contact Sara on 07890484159 or 01767631653 if interested.



Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillor Adam Zerny's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes the latest on potential development in Wrestlingworth and Potton, news of cuts to bus services and news of Central Beds sacking a Highways contractor after verges weren't cut.

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 the website www.adamzerny.co.uk .

For the latest news, follow him on twitter @adamzerny or facebook - cllr adam zerny

Wrestlingworth Youth Clubs

We have now been running for 6 months, and it has been a fantastic time for reviving the youth clubs, after not having a youth club for the past 7 years, We thought it was time to give the children of Wrestlingworth a place to come together and socialise, all whilst having fun.

In our first 6 months, we have done so much: trips to the park, team games, a water fight, pizza evenings, lots of arts and crafts, an art exhibition, 'where's wally?' treasure hunt evening, a big car boot sale, a trip to 'Xtreme 360', picnic in the park. We have started a hobby hour which is held on Monday evenings for the children to try different hobbies. We have been quite busy! We are looking forward to our next 6 months. We are decorating t-shirts, holding a fashion show, celebrating National weeks, and so much more.

We run 2 groups: an earlier session for children aged 5-9 years old between 3.45-5.30pm; this tends to be structured with arts and crafts, games and themes. The older group for 10-16 year olds at 5.45-7.30pm is a more relaxed session where the children can socialise. Each session is only £1 and we hold a tuck shop each session.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a BIG thank you to: all our volunteers who give their time to make this happen, the Parish council and the Goodwill fund for providing us with the funds to get up and running, Dave and Carin from The Chequers who hold a charity box for us and held a raffle and the new year's entrance money came to the youth club, (an amazing £450 to set us up for this years activities)and not forgetting Kevin Millard for all his help and support. Thank you all *Debbie*

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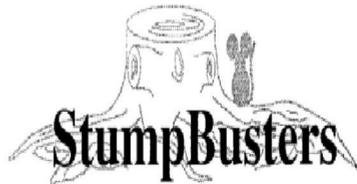
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Wrestlingworth Church of England VC Lower School

Happy New Year from everyone at school.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Cloke as our new Office Manager.

We had a lovely few weeks before Christmas with children enjoying the Christmas Shop provided by the Friends of Wrestlingworth School (PTA). They are having a school disco this half term. If you are interested in joining the Friends please contact the school office for details.

Our Christmas Carol and Nativity service took place in the church with the children telling the Christmas story through carols and readings. It was very well attended.

Looking forward to this term, the School Council have organised an after school torch walk for Years 2, 3, and 4 as well as a pyjama party for Reception and Year 1. We have a hockey club running for all year groups, this is free for all children. Year 4 children from Wrestlingworth and Dunton are going to Saxon pool in Biggleswade for their swimming lessons. We are planning an Arts day in February including dance, music and drama.

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