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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.

Our cover picture is of The Mad Hatley Tea Party which raised almost £2,800. See page 18 for details.

There is important information in this edition about the future of the Village Link so please do read and get in touch if you can help.

If your event or group has not been mentioned please do get in touch.

The Village Link is distributed to every household in Wrestlingworth, Cockayne Hatley & Eyeworth which is the perfect way to ensure that your event or group, whether large or small, gets the publicity it needs.

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David Fryatt

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September

29th Village Breakfast Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall
9am-12 noon

October

5th Goodwill Quiz Night at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall

6th Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm

8th Coffee Morning at St. Peter's 10:30am-12 noon

12th Live Music at The Chequers from 7:30pm

13th Concert at St. Peter's 3pm

15th WI Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7:30pm

20th PWWG Fungi Walk in Waresley Wood 10am

November

2nd Pub Quiz at The Chequers 8pm

5th Coffee Morning at 8 High Street 10:30am-12 noon

9th Live Music at The Chequers from 7:30pm

15th Copy Deadline for the August/September edition of the
Village Link

18th Parish Council Meeting at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall
7:30pm

19th WI at Wrestlingworth Memorial Hall 7:30pm

21st History Society. Please check for details

30th Bids close for St. Peters sealed bid auction

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. **Please do check dates and times with organisers, as they may be subject to change.**

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.



BUSY – BUSY!

The WI has had a busy summer. In July we held a successful ‘Summer Supper’ in the Memorial Hall and in August Roy Smart enthralled with his excellent presentation on Amy Johnson at our ‘Open Meeting’ when even one man braved a visit, (he was a pilot).

As usual, we were wielding the teapots at the Goodwill Fete in September when we were kept busy at the Tea and Cakes Marquee, while occasionally downing tools to hold it up while the wind tried to blow it down! I will report on our September meeting next time.

In October we will be holding our usual Chilli Evening at the same time as participating in a pumpkin carving competition – and Sutton WI have invited us to their Group Meeting at the end of the month.

‘Interactive Brass Rubbing’ is the topic in November and members are invited to bring Christmassy items for a Bring and Buy table. Oh dear – I have mentioned the C-word – when there are plenty of plans afoot to enjoy over the festive period. Keep reading in the next issue to find out what else we get up to and the programme for next year.

My ‘Bedfordshire Beauty’ rose is just about to flower, bought to celebrate the Bedfordshire Federation’s Centenary, but unfortunately the dahlia we were each given has been a dismal failure.

Ladies, if you are new to the village, come along and meet us at 7.45pm on the third Tuesday of the month at the Memorial Hall. We are a friendly bunch.
Carolyn Driver

Local Independent Central Bedfordshire Councillors Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye's latest email newsletter is now available; it includes the latest updates on the Local Plan for development and concerns about Council pensions to senior staff. 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:-

adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk or traceywye@icloud.com.

The Future of The Village Link

We very much hope you enjoy reading the Village Link and find the articles and information of use and interest. We rely entirely on volunteers to publish The Village Link as well as to distribute it to every home in Wrestlingworth, Eyeworth & Cockayne Hatley.

This edition marks the fourth anniversary of my taking over as editor and my fellow committee members Val Cooper and Martin Campbell have been involved for much longer than that. We now need to find other volunteers within the villages to take over the role of treasurer by April 2020 and probably a new editor a year from now.

This will enable a smooth handover and enable the existing post holders to ease new committee members into the roles and that is why I am raising the matter now in order to ensure the future of the Village Link. Without your help there can be no guarantee that there will be an October/ November 2020 edition so please, if you think you can help, email me at villagelink@zoho.com or call 631123. Thank you.

P.S. We also need some more volunteers to distribute copies once every two months, whether you can do a few houses or a street we would love to hear from you as well.

David Fryatt



*All Saints' Eyeworth
'The Church in the
Fields'*

Please check the church notice board for details of services or ring the Church Warden Mrs Wendy Robinson on 01767 631283. You can also call the Revd. Carole Johnson on 01767 699934.

13th October: Holy Communion at 9:30am

27th October: Family Praise at 3:00pm

3rd November: Benefice Eucharist at 9:30am

24th November: Candles in the dark at 3:00pm



St Peter's Church, Wrestlingworth

Services

- 6 October:** 11:00am Harvest Festival & 'Bring & Share Lunch'
13 October: 11:00am Sunday Praise
20 October: 9:30am Benefice Eucharist, St Mary Magdalene,
Dunton
27 October: 11:00am Parish Eucharist
3 November: 9:30am Benefice Eucharist, All Saints, Eyeworth
10 November: 10:45am Remembrance Sunday
17 November: 11:00am Benefice Eucharist
24 November: 11:00am Parish Eucharist
1 December: 18:00 Advent Sunday & Candles in the Dark

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

St Peter's News

Roof Fund Update

We have two grant applications outstanding which we hope will be successful and bring us closer to reaching our target.

In July the combination of a heatwave and torrential rain resulted in the temporary roof covering failing, causing considerable water damage internally. A new temporary cover is now in place. The repairs and redecorating will be carried out when our new roof is completed. It looks like 2020 will be another major fundraising year for St Peter's.

Bottle Stall

Thanks to all who supported the Bottle Stall at the Goodwill Summer Fete. It raised £218 for the Roof Fund.

Coffee Mornings

Our popular Coffee Morning is held on the first Tuesday of the month, 10:30-12:00. In October it will be held in church and at 8 High Street in November. Everyone is welcome to join us.

For further details contact Karen.

Fundraising Concert

Sunday 13th October at 3pm

The Ensemble of Friends conducted by Douglas Coombes

Followed by refreshments Tickets £8 Proceeds to the Roof Fund

Look out for the posters for further details.



SEALED BIDS AUCTION IN AID OF THE ROOF FUND

Two pictures by local artist Isla Woiwod of St Peter's Church and a view of the High Street. Bids in no less than 3 figures, please. Cost of each bid £5. Auction Ending November 30th.

The pictures can be viewed after the service each Sunday and also by arrangement with Karen on 631487. Proceeds to the Roof Fund.



Open Church

St Peter's is currently open between 9am and 3pm each day. We have had many visitors over the Summer and villagers have appreciated the church being open. You are welcome to visit the church and enjoy some time of quiet reflection or to enjoy the beautiful historic building.

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

We encourage you to come and worship at your church during 2019. There is always a warm welcome at St Peter's.

The Joy of Composting

Simon Dear demonstrates that saving the planet can start at home.

There are many things we all can do to help the environment, but one that is close to home in our village environment is composting. Composting is an inexpensive, natural process that transforms kitchen and garden waste into free nutrient-rich food for your garden. Around a third of UK waste is easily compostable. The percentage increases by another third when cardboard and paper are included. An incredible 29 in every 30 UK homes don't compost at all. We should all strive to reduce our consumption and waste. Home composting avoids pre-packaged compost which comes wrapped in plastic, requires a car trip to buy and costs money. Composting is both rewarding and good for the environment. The benefits to wildlife in your garden alone make it worthwhile.

Bedfordshire household waste is either incinerated or ends up in landfill. Biodegradable waste in our rubbish will decompose in a landfill, though very slowly and the bacterial decomposition that takes place in the buried oxygen-free environment produces methane gas. This gas is not only highly flammable and dangerous if allowed to collect underground, it is also a potent greenhouse gas which contributes to global warming.

Composting is thus encouraged by many local councils, including our own, who provide garden waste collection specifically for this purpose. But home composting may be an option for you. Compact and lidded compost bins made from recyclable plastics can be purchased from Central Bedfordshire Council. If you have more space in your garden (and thus more garden waste) you can make compost bins out of old pallets. (pictured right). Or just pile your compostables into a heap in an unused corner.



The secret of compost making is to create the ideal environment for bacteria, fungi and other invertebrates that do the job of decomposition. They thrive in moist but not waterlogged conditions with plenty of air.

Place your compost bin directly on the ground so that the helpful microbes and creatures can get easy access. It is important to add roughly equal proportions of 'green' and 'brown' waste. Green waste are things like uncooked fruit and vegetable peelings from your kitchen, and grass clippings and green leaves from your garden which all add nitrogen. Brown waste includes dried leaves, pruned branches, cardboard, and scrunched-up paper that add carbon and create air-pockets in your compost. Avoid adding cooked food or meat (this may attract rats), perennial weeds (thus spread their seeds through your compost) and diseased plants (these may spread disease).

Decomposition starts immediately. In the right conditions, colonies of bacteria can double every hour. They keep doubling quickly reaching astronomical numbers, all consuming, respiring and reproducing, converting the energy stored in the materials in the heap, giving rise to lots of heat. If you can, occasionally turn over your compost with a garden fork to add air to the mix, making the decomposition happen faster.



As the heap cools there is plenty of food for everyone and it becomes a magnet for all kinds of creatures - mites, spiders, springtails, ants, beetles, centipedes, millipedes, slugs and snails. Predatory beetles then move in and frogs and toads too, even grass snakes which love the warmth of the heap to lay their eggs. Birds - wrens, dunnock, robins, blackbirds - and small mammals visit to pick off insects and larvae. You may even have bats visit at night.

Below:- Barred grass snake hatchling, 7 inches long, emerging after 2 months.



After 6-12 months, you will have the satisfaction of plenty of rich brown compost full of nutrients to revitalise your garden.



The **Parish Walking and Wildlife** group organises monthly local walks, on the third Sunday, to which all are welcome, including dogs, but these may have to be kept on the lead.

Forthcoming walk details:

October 20th 2019 – Autumn Fungi Trail in Waresley Wood. Come and discover local mushrooms and fungi with us. Meet at Entrance to Waresley Wood at 10am.

There is no PWWG walk in November.

Please car-share to get to our walks. Contact Robin Barratt for further details on this and for further information on the walks and the PWWG on 07768 340599.

www.pwwg.org.uk

Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund Village Fete

We didn't have quite as sunny a day as we had last year, however that didn't deter anyone, and we had a steady flow of people throughout the afternoon.



The fun dog show was very well supported, and all the dogs were impeccably behaved. Well most of the time, anyway!!



We welcomed the Herlihy-Burgoine Irish Dancers who performed two sets and went down a storm with the audience. We look forward to seeing them again next year.



Once again, we had an impressive display of tractors and big thank you to all the exhibitors. This year we also had Tractor Rides which proved a huge hit with the children.



We also had the usual Tea and Cake stall and a big thank you to the local WI who baked some truly scrumptious cakes as well as serving Tea, Coffee and Squash to go with the cakes.

We couldn't put on such a good show without the contribution of our many sponsors, who donated some fabulous raffle prizes.

Your support is much appreciated.

A big "Thank You" to all the helpers who worked very hard on the day to make the fete a success and, finally, an even bigger "Thank You" to all the people who came along and supported a very worthy cause. Roll on 2020!!

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THE MAD HATLEY TEA PARTY

On the 29th June 2019 the Village Farmhouse opened its doors again to the annual Mad Hatley Tea Party for this year's charity 'Spectrum Cambridge' along with St. John the Baptist Church Cockayne Hatley. Spectrum Cambridge is a Charity helping children with autism, special needs and disabilities enabling them to have trips abroad, family days out and much more.



The Party yet again was a great success raising almost £2,800 of which £2,019 was awarded to Spectrum and the rest to the Church. The day included an amazing selection of sandwiches and cakes and all served with tea and coffee presented in a huge range of highly decorated and featured teapots and tea cups.

Barbara and Trix who are pictured (*front cover*) handing over the cheque to Alex Knowles from Spectrum Cambridge would like to thank everyone involved with organising and helping on the day and also for the fabulous and generous donations received. We couldn't do without your help! Hope to see you at next year's event.

Eyeworth Harvest Coffee

Morning

What a lovely sunny day we had on the 14th September and thank you to all who came along and supported this event.

There was a selection of delicious homemade cakes and also a variety

of fresh vegetables on sale. Sideshows included a raffle with numerous prizes, a novel tombola involving choosing a box number to reveal the prize inside as well as ball rolling won by Katie Spearing (*pictured left with the tombola*) and £1 in the bucket won by Phil Lowe. The children enjoyed the craft table and in total £350 was raised so thank you once again,



Wendy Robinson

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BOOK REVIEW

I am on the high seas again but not in a whaling ship this time.

May I recommend –

“EREBUS” The story of a ship By MICHAEL PALIN

In 2014 the wreck of a sailing vessel was found at the bottom of the sea in the frozen wastes of the Canadian Arctic. It had been missing for 170 years. It was the bomb ship **“HMS Erebus”**. Completed too late to take part in the Napoleonic War, it languished in Wales for 1½ years before it was kitted out and sailed down to patrol the Mediterranean Sea but never fired a shot in anger.

After two years she returned to England to languish once again with no particular purpose. Exploration and mapping was the name of the game in the 19th Century and so strengthened for sailing through ice, her adventures began. Under various captains she took part in rescue missions in the Arctic, expeditions to chart the Great Southern Barrier, locating both magnetic poles, until her final disastrous voyage under the command of Captain John Franklin while trying to find the way through the North West Passage.

Former ‘Monty Python’ regular and much loved TV globetrotter Michael Palin brings the ship back to life with his evocative account of the “Erebus” adventures, re-imagined with the help of thorough research of the contemporary accounts of those who sailed on her.

Carolyn Driver

Trial and error cooking by Gordon Blue (assisted by Egon Ronnie)

NEAR BAKEWELL TART. (Serves four to six people)

When I was a wee lad, I ate most things put in front of me, but something I struggled with was semolina pudding. In fact the only part of it I liked was the dollop of strawberry jam plonked in the middle of it! Therefore, in my adult life I have tended to avoid semolina, but not strawberry jam! However, in recent years I have discovered other uses for semolina and therefore I'm pleased to reunite both semolina and strawberry jam in this recipe.

Ingredients:-

- Enough plain flour to make a pastry base for a 21cm diameter baking dish
- 4 oz of butter or margarine and a separate couple of generous knife-fuls
- Small amount of milk, probably about 50mls max
- Two or three tablespoons of strawberry jam
- A generous handful of raisins
- 4 oz of sugar
- 4 oz of semolina
- A generous sprinkling of ground almonds
- 1 medium or large egg
- 200g of Greek style yogurt or any plain yogurt (optional)

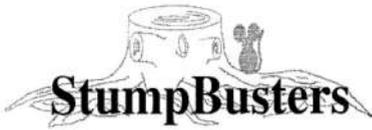
Method:-

Make the pastry:- Rub the margarine or butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Slowly add most of the milk and knead the dough until it becomes pastry and is capable of being rolled with a rolling pin. Place in the base of the baking dish, but don't trim off any excess pastry yet as the ingredients to be added will help fill out the base. Cover the base evenly with strawberry jam and sprinkle the raisins over the top.

Make the filling:- Add the butter or margarine to the sugar and put it into a mixing bowl and either beat until the mixture becomes creamy looking, or microwave it until the sugar is melted. Then add the semolina and the ground almonds and mix in both. At this stage it won't look that pretty, a bit like cement really! Then add the egg and remainder of the milk and also mix in. Suddenly your mixture should be transformed into something which looks more like a pourable cake mix. If it doesn't then either add a bit more milk or another egg. When you have completed this pour the mixture over the jam and raisins. As a slight alternative you could dispense with the ground almonds and instead sprinkle some almond flakes over the top of your tart before you cook it.

Cooking:- Trim off the excess pastry and cook for about 25 minutes or until the top has gone brown and has risen slightly. If the centre is still 'watery' after you have done this then either cook for a bit longer, or microwave it for about three minutes. You will also probably find that the exposed pastry has a burnt look to it. Either trim this off or eat it! Serve hot or cold, perhaps with some yogurt.

Egon Ronnie comments:- This is quite tasty, whether served hot or cold and it can be a pudding, or eaten in slices with your afternoon tea! You can vary the filling as well. I've used apples, gooseberries, damsons and also various forms of jam. I suspect that it would taste quite nice with pineapple rings, but I haven't tried this. Don't throw away the unused pastry as it can be frozen and used later. You have done very well here Gordon, bearing in mind you pinched and adapted this recipe off the packet of semolina you bought!



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