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## **EDITORIAL**

Our warmest season's greetings to all our wonderful readers!

Thank-you to everyone who contributed to this bumper issue - it's a cracker! I would also like to extend a special thank-you to our volunteers without whom the Village Link would not reach your doormat. And finally, a tremendous debt of gratitude goes to our kind sponsors and our local businesses who have supported us financially - both presently and in the past when the current economic reality means they can no longer do so.

Our apologies if this edition has reached you later than usual - unfortunately, due to the current lockdown, distribution has been more difficult. If you can help deliver future editions - even if only 20 copies - please email [villagelink@zoho.com](mailto:villagelink@zoho.com). We would particularly like to hear from you if you could deliver copies in Potton Road, Eyeworth Road or at the Eyeworth Road end of the High Street.

We always welcome fresh ideas and faces on the Village Link Committee - so if you would like to join us, or feel you could help some other way, or are just curious to know more, please get in touch.

Keep safe and well!

*Simon Dear, Editor*

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# ST PETER'S CHURCH, WRESTLINGWORTH

## St Peter's News

I am delighted to be able to share with you the news that we have a new priest. Revd. Matt Phillips will be Priest in Charge of the three churches in the Benefice, commencing in January. He will live in the new Rectory in Dunton with his young family and Labrador. We look forward to welcoming him to the village.



## St Peter's is open again

St Peter's is currently open every Sunday from 10.00am until 15.30pm for private prayer and reflection. Please observe the social distancing rules and follow the guidance in church.

## Services

At the time of writing we are once again in lockdown and the church is closed for services.

## Zoom Services

Revd. Ian Friars streams a service from his home in Ashwell through Zoom on alternate Sundays at 11.00am lasting about 40 minutes. Give Karen a call if you would like to join our Zoom services over the Advent / Christmas period.

## Zoom Advent & Christmas Services

**13 December:** 11.00am Parish Eucharist

**24 December** 06:00pm Lessons and Carols

**25 December** 09:00 Christmas Day Parish Eucharist

**3 January:** 11:00am Parish Eucharist for Epiphany

## **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 Outreach

St Peter's has an outreach group, sending reflections and links to services by email. We are delighted that there are now almost 50 in this group and hope that we have and will continue to provide support and spiritual comfort during this difficult time.

Please contact Karen by phone or email if you would like to join our outreach group.



**Everyone  
is  
welcome**



If you would like to discuss a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact Karen Nurse (Church Warden) on 01767 631487 or email: karen.nurse@btinternet.com

### **Ways to keep in touch with St Peter's**

- Our notice board outside church
- Our web page on 'A Church Near You'
- Our Outreach Group (details above)
- Facebook- on the Wrestlingworth page
- Call Karen

### **New to W&CH and want to keep in touch?**

Check out the Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley P.C. website ([www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk)), where you can subscribe to the bulletin email list and the Facebook page.



## **ST PETER'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

2020 has been an exceptional year and no one could have imagined the impact COVID-19 would have on individuals, families, and the whole community.

Although it has not been possible to hold services in church for some time, St Peter's has remained the centre of the community, opening each Sunday for private prayer and reflection, streaming services and establishing a well-supported Outreach Group through email.

The PCC of St Peter's would like to thank everyone who has continued to support us financially with regular donations throughout the year. Although it would appear that the church is closed, we still have outgoings, such as electricity, large insurance premiums, annual maintenance contracts and a responsibility to preserve and take care of the fabric of the building for future generations.

There has been no income from fundraising this year and no physical services since before Easter. The weekly collections during services have ceased and these, generously given at our Christmas services, are a tremendous boost to helping us pay our way.

This Christmas we are asking if you would care to make a donation, however small, to help us keep the church of St Peter's there for you and the whole village.

Our annual Christmas card will be delivered during December along with a Gift Aid envelope. Your donations can be given to Karen Nurse, Church Warden at 32 High Street or to any member of the PCC.



## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR WARD COUNCILLORS**

### **LUTON AIRPORT ANNOUNCES PROPOSALS FOR NEW FLIGHT PATHS RIGHT ACROSS OUR AREA**

- Airport proposes new holding stack over St Neots with flights descending over Wrestlingworth, Potton and Gamlingay.
- We have sent a letter sent to 5 local MPs asking them to support local residents fighting Luton flight path proposals.
- New local campaign group formed and they need your help.
- Motion opposing flight paths to be debated by Central Beds Council.

In October, Luton Airport announced proposed new flight paths which would head directly over a number of local communities including Potton, Gamlingay and Wrestlingworth.

Local councils were not consulted before or after these plans were announced. The new flight paths would see up to 300 flights per day. The noise and pollution impact on our area will be significant. At present flights heading overhead above 20,000 feet are clearly audible. These proposals would see flights descending over us at well under 8,000 feet.

We have written to all local MPs - including Richard Fuller - urged them to take action to stop Luton Airport's proposals. If you feel the same way, please write to him.

The letter pointed out that there are significant concerns that the Luton proposals are part of a last ditch expansion attempt by airports fearful that if Heathrow Airport loses its appeal against a third runway, this may prevent their own future plans.

In February 2020, the UK Court of Appeal declared the planned third runway at Heathrow Airport illegal as it breached the UK's climate mitigation commitments and the Paris Accord. In October 2020 Heathrow Airport commenced an appeal to the Supreme Court.

In spite of a huge COVID-19 fall in passenger numbers - London Luton Airport passenger numbers for the first nine months of 2020

were half those of the same period in 2019 - and despite the UK having the world's third largest CO<sub>2</sub> emission from aviation after China and the US, it appears "every major commercial UK airport has plans to expand, with many hoping to double passenger numbers by 2030."

The letter highlights how this free-for-all, uncoordinated approach is a clear breach of the UK Government's Aviation 2050 Strategy, which mentions "developing a partnership for sustainable growth which meets rising passenger demand, balanced with action to reduce environmental and community impacts."

A local pressure group - Community Alternatives to Luton's Flight Path (CALF) - has been formed to fight our corner and demonstrate viable alternatives to the current proposals; the group will need your support. If you have airline or transport knowledge, lobbying experience or just a bit of time to spare, please get in touch with CALF at [calfcampaign@gmail.com](mailto:calfcampaign@gmail.com) or by their Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/777362789710256>

On Thursday 12th November Adam will be proposing a motion at Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) for the Council to oppose the Luton Airport flight paths proposal. While such a motion does not stop the proposals in their tracks, neither should the opposition of an entire local authority of 300,000 people be ignored.

The consultation details can be found here:

<https://consultations.airspacechange.co.uk>

You can respond saying you don't agree with any of the options that fly over us.

More maps and details can be seen on Adam's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/adamzerny/posts/3388008537983267>

Or drop us a line at [adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk) or [traceywye@icloud.com](mailto:traceywye@icloud.com), and we can send you the details.

*Adam Zerny and Tracey Wye  
Independent ward councillors for Wrestlingworth and Potton*



*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.

Currently services are suspended until further notice.

## **WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

So – here we are, at the time of writing, in another national lockdown and a kind of limbo. Where do we go from here? No autumn Chilli Evening, no Christmas Party, no New Year meal. We plan to restart meetings in February and we will let members know if that changes.

Our plea for someone to stand as President and Treasurer has met with a deafening silence. Without a President, Wrestlingworth WI will cease to exist. Sheila Brown has volunteered to act as ‘Caretaker’ until March but no longer. Unless we sort things out in time for our Annual Meeting in April, that’s it – we close!

Meanwhile, are you prepared to let all that fun and friendship go? If we can get on with our lives again in 2021, think hard about what we will be losing.

That said – the committee wishes you all best wishes for Christmas and, though it will prove to be unusual to say the least, try to be positive. This current situation cannot go on forever.



*Carolyn Driver*

# GREETINGS FROM THE MEMORIAL HALL

We hope everyone is staying safe and well. Whilst our hall has been quite quiet, we've taken the opportunity to make improvements and to make it COVID-19 secure. We're closely following guidance from Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity and with the second lockdown in place our hall can stay open for specific exempt activities like childcare and support groups.

In August we had the floor re-finished. It's now very shiny and was enjoyed by the Badminton group during September and October. During lockdown we had the hall thoroughly deep cleaned and our cleaner attends regularly. We have a hand sanitising station as you enter and separate hand washing facilities in the kitchen. Our hall is registered with the NHS COVID-19 App and we have scannable QR codes in several parts of the hall.

**If you're able to hold an event, then please consider us. Our rates are extremely reasonable!**

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- Parking is available for approximately 20 cars.
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**Contact:** June Cutchie, Secretary on 01767 631795  
or [wrestlingworthmemorialhall@gmail.com](mailto:wrestlingworthmemorialhall@gmail.com)



## **THE GOODWILL FUND**

As this edition of the Village Link is published we will, hopefully, be emerging from the second lockdown of the year, and wondering what sort of Christmas we will all be having. The Goodwill Fund is also waiting to see what restrictions will be imposed during the Festive Season. It may be that the Christmas Parcel delivery will have to be socially distanced this year but we are steadfastly aiming towards delivery for the weekend of the 12th and 13th December. On Saturday the 12th we will be handing parcels to pensioners and a small gift to children in Cockayne Hatley, Eyeworth and Tadlow. This will be repeated in Wrestlingworth on Sunday the 13th. We do hope we will be able to instil some festive cheer throughout the villages that weekend so listen out for our Christmas music from 1pm on both days.

Everyone over the age of 65, living in our area, is eligible to receive a parcel so please let us know if you have reached that golden age, or if you know someone who has, by calling Christine Knight on 01767 631398.

This is a very precarious time for all of us at the moment, especially for those who have lost jobs or had to close a business. If you find yourself, or someone you know, in financial difficulty, the Goodwill Fund may be able to help with the funds we have available to us. Please contact us at [wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com](mailto:wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com) or telephone the above number. All enquiries will be treated in strictest confidence.

We are pleased to be able to tell you that Sarah Burgoine has now taken over the position of the Goodwill's Welfare Secretary. Sarah will be taking gifts to people who have been in hospital and gift vouchers to the proud parents of newborn babies in the villages. You can contact Sarah by email on [sarahjburgoine@gmail.com](mailto:sarahjburgoine@gmail.com) if someone you know would like a gift or voucher.

Lastly, the Goodwill is still able to offer the shopping and prescription delivery service which has been in operation since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are shielding, or unable to leave the village, please contact us on [wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com](mailto:wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com) or telephone Christine on the number above.

One more thing - HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL - from the  
Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund

*Christine Knight - Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund*



In October, Mrs. Nancy Sheehan (right of photo), Headmistress and Kelly Whitfield, Governor (left) of Wrestlingworth Lower School were presented with 8 Chromebooks by the Wrestlingworth Goodwill Fund.

In thanking the Goodwill Fund, Mrs Sheehan stated that the Chromebooks would enable the School to better provide remote learning for pupils during the pandemic. They would help to support identified children with technology in the event of a local or national lockdown and where children were having to self-isolate due to a positive test within the family. Kelvyn Higgins, Trustee and Treasurer of the Goodwill Fund, explained that the gift to the School had been part of the Fund's ongoing effort to support the local community during the current pandemic. This has been aided by a grant to the Goodwill Fund from the Martin Lewis Coronavirus Emergency Fund (#martinlewiscoronafund) which had also been used to support people within the community suffering hardship due to COVID-19.

As well as financial assistance Goodwill Fund volunteers continue to help within the community with shopping and prescription delivery services.

# **FRIENDS OF WRESTLINGWORTH LOWER SCHOOL**



We are half way through the Autumn half term and the children have settled back well into school life. With a 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown upon us, we are vividly aware of the challenges this year has presented to everyone. Normally monies raised would go towards buses for school trips and extra-curricular activities for the children. Unfortunately, that won't be happening for a while but it hasn't stopped us! Our committee are still working hard and money that we raise this year we will be giving to the school so that the children can have extra fun activities and more school supplies in their bubbles. We miss our parties with the children but we're looking ahead to Christmas and making the most of it!

Last year we gave the school £1000 for new interactive white boards. We also helped them with new books for the Squirrel Class, paid for coaches and the school also had a visit from Widdershins, a Potton-based theatre company.

We'd like to send special thanks the following:

- The Goodwill Fund
- Edwina Parker
- The Pub Quiz
- Avanti Hair Salon
- The Parish Council

We're so lucky to live in a such a kind, friendly and supportive village.

We can't fundraise as we normally would at the moment which includes our much-loved village breakfast but there are ways you can still support our lovely little village school.

## **Ink Cartridge Recycling**

We are very excited to announce that we are now working with The Ink Bin - a specialist teacher-led business which supports pupils to collect empty inkjet printer cartridges. The Ink Bin pledge to recycle as much of the single-use plastic as possible and also send away some cartridges for refilling in order to reduce their carbon miles. For refillable cartridges, the company will give the school money which we can spend on exciting new equipment. Please do check at home and at work to see if you have any old cartridges which can be

brought into school - every cartridge makes a difference! There is a box in the school porch.

### **Join our School Lottery**

Tickets cost just £1 per week and there is a guaranteed local winner each week. The more supporters we have, the bigger the cash prize. There is also the chance to win £25000! To start supporting, go to [yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://yourschoollottery.co.uk) and search for 'Wrestlingworth Lower School'.

If you join before 19<sup>th</sup> December, you also have the chance to win a **NINTENDO SWITCH MEGA BUNDLE!**

### **Donations**

We have donation buckets in the school porch and Avanti Hair Salon. We accept all kinds of pennies including foreign currency and discontinued British coins.

### **Clothing Bin**

The clothing bin accepts old clothes, linen, shoes and bags. If you would like someone to collect your donations (socially distanced of course!) then please ring one of the numbers below.

### **Online Shopping**

With the 2<sup>nd</sup> lockdown upon us and with non-essential shops shutting, a lot of us will be doing our Christmas shopping on line.

**Easyfundraising:** Search on either your PC or mobile and every time you shop, Easyfundraising donate a proportion to charity. They work with over 3000 partners including John Lewis, Sainsbury's, eBay, and Marks & Spencer. It has a handy browser widget or mobile App. Register with Easyfundraising and search for 'Wrestlingworth Lower School'.

**Amazon:** Don't shop with Amazon, shop with Amazon Smile! Amazon also donate money to charity every time you shop with them. Register with Smile and search for 'Friends of Wrestlingworth School'.

***The best thing about Easyfundraising and Smile is that it costs you no extra money!*** Thank you to everyone for your support - we really do appreciate it. Stay safe!

**Contacts:** Kelly Whitfield 07834614613 Cheryl Roberts 07734751079

## EYEWORTH REMEMBERS

Every year the residents of Eyeworth come together for our “Candles in the Dark” service where we remember those we love who have sadly passed. As a close community it is an opportunity to support one another and share memories of love ones, friends and neighbours from years gone by. This year our Candles in the Dark service on 8th November needed to be adapted to ensure the spirit of the service and the support for one another was felt without physically coming together within the church. The PCC therefore encouraged people to visit the churchyard throughout the day and place candles on the graves. In addition, as the sun set across the fields, over 100 candles were lit by residents and placed on the churchyard walls and graves to burn into the evening as a mark of respect and comfort to others. The warm glow of the candles could be seen from the High Street, with a calm and peaceful space being created in the churchyard itself. More than 30 people visited over the course of the day to enjoy the atmosphere and take time to reflect. This may well be an adaptation that we repeat again in future years.



- Toni Meyer, Eyeworth PCC





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Walking &  
Wildlife  
Group**



## **SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE PWWG !**

We wish you a safe and warm time over the festive period.

The Parish Walking and Wildlife Group organise regular monthly walks, on the third Sunday of the month. Walks have been suspended due to COVID-19. Once it is safe to resume them, we will let you know here, via Facebook and on our web site - [www.pwwg.org.uk](http://www.pwwg.org.uk).

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## **“CHRISTMAS CRACKERS”**

### **THE HISTORY OF TOM SMITH**

It was on a trip to Paris in 1840 that an adventurous and forward thinking Tom Smith discovered the ‘*bon bon*’ sugared almond, wrapped in a twist of tissue paper. Seven years later this simple idea evolved into the Christmas Cracker.

By placing a small love motto in the tissue paper he created enormous interest in this product, especially at Christmas, and it was during a search for inspiration to achieve even greater sales that he casually threw a log on the fire. The crackle sound, made by the burning log, gave him the idea that would eventually lead to the crackers we know and love today. After a great deal of hard work and experimentation he came up with a cracking mechanism that created a ‘*pop*’ as the ‘*bon bon*’ wrapping was broken. This eventually became the snap - and the cracker was born.

Over the next few years his idea evolved and grew and he moved from his original premises in Clerkenwell, East London, to Finsbury Square, in the City. His sons Walter and Henry took over the business when he died and later a drinking fountain was erected in Finsbury Square, by Walter, in memory of his mother and to commemorate the life of the man who invented Christmas Crackers.



It was Walter who introduced the paper hats and he toured the world to find new and unusual ideas for gifts.

The company was very aware of current affairs and crackers were created for the Suffragettes, War Heroes, Charlie Chaplin, The Coronation and many other great occasions. Exclusive crackers were also made for the Royal Family and still are to this day.

*(Found in a Christmas cracker by Carolyn Driver)*

## DO YOU BELIEVE IN FAIRIES?

As a child I was weaned on fairy stories by the Brothers Grimm and Hans Christian Andersen and I vividly remember seeing *Tinkerbell* flying across the stage at a performance of *Peter Pan*, and the *Fairy Godmother* waving her wand so *Cinderella* could go to the Ball.

Children today are perhaps too sophisticated to believe in such magical creatures but they might like to think again because it appears fairies have moved into Wrestlingworth. You can see their front door in a tree near the High Street notice board.

Thank you whoever was responsible for bringing us a smile during this difficult year. Or have fairies really moved into Wrestlingworth?

*Carolyn Driver*



## Are there Fairies at the bottom of your Garden?

Like others, I was thrilled about the appearance of a Fairy Door in Wrestlingworth, since it coincides with work I've been doing myself on the art history of Fairy Stories.

Fairies have been with us from the earliest times, but it's generally accepted that the 'Golden Age' of Fairy Tales was from around 1820 to the early 1900s or, to put it another way, from the Brothers Grimm to J.M. Barrie's 'Peter Pan.'

What made this period particularly engaging was the parallel development of colour printing for bookplates, allowing artists a wider range for their imaginations to flourish.

In fact, many stories that are listed under Fairy Tales don't feature Fairies at all, but deal with 'other worlds' that we only rarely glimpse. Even the word 'Fairy' has been widely interpreted to include Elves, Imps and even Goblins.

Modern depictions of Fairies, as seen in animations by Disney and others, are for the most part distressing. Apart from the obligatory - and now usually minimal wings - modern Fairies look more like they're dressed for going clubbing than tripping lightly round a Fairy Circle.

My taste leans heavily to some of the pictures featured on this page. Like the wonderful 'Fairy Queen with Butterflies' or the 'Elf & Owls,' created

circa 1870 by British artist Richard Doyle.



For many, Fairies mean the 'Flower Fairies' created by Cicely Mary Barker. Her first book 'Flower Fairies of the Spring' was published in 1923. Unfortunately, we can't reproduce these here since they are heavily copyrighted. To do so, would result in our Editor being shot full of Elf bolts by a Fairy Firing Squad.



*'The Fairy Queen takes an airy drive in a light carriage, a twelve-in-hand, drawn by thoroughbred butterflies.'*

The pictures I enjoy most are those of Arthur Rackham (1867-1939). I love their darkness and intricacy and the way he captures that other world existing so close to our own.

The original caption for the picture at right here from ‘Peter Pan in Kensington Gardens’ reads ‘*Fairies are all more or less in hiding until dusk.*’

Chiefly famous for his illustrations for ‘Peter Pan’ using pen and ink overlaid with watercolour, Rackham was the most sought-after artist of his day for any tales with an element of fantasy.

His earlier contemporary, Walter Crane (1845-1915), was a popular illustrator of Fairy Tales and fables, and I particularly like his richly contemporary, meticulously detailed illustration for *Beauty &*



*The Beast*, where the original caption reads: *At last he turned to her and said, ‘Am I so very ugly?’*

A clear warning never to trust the pictures you see on Online dating sites.

Finally, we have something very Pre-Raphaelite in this



beautiful painting from 1869 by Sophie Gengembre Anderson titled ‘Portrait of a Fairy,’ based on the lines of a poem, author unknown:

‘Take the Fair Face of Woman and gently suspending,  
With Butterflies, Flowers and Jewels Attending  
Thus your Fairy is Made of Most Beautiful Things.’

- Nick da Costa



## A WALK AROUND WRESTLINGWORTH, A PERSONAL VIEW – PART 2 BY BRIAN BUCK

Continuing up the High Street, you see what was once a Methodist Chapel on your right. I think that when I first arrived in the village, in 1992, it may still have been in use. On Good Friday 1887 the new Methodist Chapel was opened to replace the old barn chapel, which had collapsed. The total cost of the re-building, £525, was a tremendous fund-raising achievement (led by Mr G.A. Heath of Biggleswade) particularly as it was “quite a new movement in Wrestlingworth” and there was “no congregation at the time of the erection of this structure.” It became derelict by the late 1990s and was completely renovated as a private house with a second floor added, at the turn of the millennium. A friend tells me:- *“I remember the chapel being open. I used to go to the chapel as a child. My dad’s funeral was held there in December 1993 so it was definitely open then.”*

But immediately before you reach ‘The Chapel’ you will see some newish looking houses on your left. They replaced Brookside Garage, which apart from the shops and the local farms of course, was the only sign of ‘industrial’ works, in my time in the village.

Moving on, opposite Chapel Close, you come to the Millennium Gardens, opened in 2000, by John Pilgrim, who at the time was a popular and regular broadcaster on Three Counties Radio. I managed to have a chat with him and found him a very easy person to get on with and he seemed to actually enjoy being present. Also, at the opening of these gardens and I hope that I have got my dates right, a presentation was made to our former Rector, Dori Dawes and she was given a rose called ‘the Rambling Rector’. Never let it be said that the people of Wrestlingworth don’t have a sense of humour!

Behind and next to the gardens was the former site of the Queen Victoria pub, which was closed in 1992. I know this because in May of that year I had a drink in it whilst waiting to move into my house. But by the time I actually did, in October, it was closed! But years later I did revisit this pub when it was a converted private dwelling. One of my cats had gone missing and chose to hole out in the back garden of its new owners. *“I used to drink in here,”* I told the new owner, when I went to collect him. She replied, *“We still do!”*

Very soon the road passes Braggs Lane on your right and at this junction you can see a lovely oak tree, which at one point I considered to be not only to be the best looking tree in the village, but also for miles around. It still looks good today, but for me it's lost a little of its beauty since some branches were removed a few years ago.

As I continue my walk the road narrows after it passes Alexander Road on your left and I marvel at the fact that school buses and those noisy grain lorries, especially when empty, can pass through here without hitting anything. Also, for a few years the 'Link' bus used to come along this section from Potton, via Cockayne Hatley, before rejoining the regular route at The Slade. But eventually this was stopped and despite a short lived campaign to get the buses passing through the heart of the village a few years back, nothing came of it.

Carry on, but just before you turn sharply left here you can see the site of the former 'First and Last' public house on your right. This public house was at the end of a row of cottages, hence its name. The cottages were built in the 18th century. This part of the village has been known as Hatley End in the past and perhaps is still today in the eyes of residents who have lived here for many years. Here it is worth breaking off from my walk here to tell you about Cockayne Hatley, which from here is about a mile away to the north of the village, and due to its so close to its proximity, it forms part of Wrestlingworth & Cockayne Hatley Parish Council.

If you don't want to go on to Cockayne Hatley by road then you can walk to it across the fields by taking a public footpath, which is between 2 Hatley Road and the long driveway, which leads up to Amber Lodge. This footpath will take you to Cockayne Hatley, alongside the brook, which remerges into view at this point. Initially this footpath is a shared accessway to the rear gardens of properties in Hatley Road, but as it bears left keep to the right and keeping the brook on your right, follow the narrow footpath, which can become rather damp after inclement weather. Eventually it becomes easier to navigate and once it has passed the rear of some large gardens, it opens up and you find yourself in a field.

Soon you come to a track and here you should turn right and then almost immediately turn left. By now what's left of the brook has

almost disappeared and continuing your walk the houses of Cockayne Hatley come into view. Follow the footpath around the edges of the fields until you reach Village Road, taking the opportunity to shorten your walk to it marginally by veering left just before you reach this road.

Join me next time as I have a look at beautiful St John the Baptist Church in Cockayne Hatley and its churchyard.

*If you have any comments, additions or corrections to make then please contact me at brianbuck66@yahoo.co.uk and I will add them to a 'round-up' once the last of this series of articles has been published. Also, if you give me permission then I will acknowledge your contribution by name.*

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# TRIAL AND ERROR COOKING BY GORDON BLUE (ASSISTED BY EGON RONNIE)

## CARAMEL WALNUT & RAISIN TART WITH ICE CREAM TOPPING (Serves four to six people)

### Ingredients:-

Enough plain flour to make a pastry base for a 21 cm diameter baking dish.  
Couple of generous knifefuls of butter or margarine  
Small amount of milk, probably about 50ml max  
A very generous handful of raisins  
225g of walnuts  
120g of sugar  
85g of butter  
3 tablespoons of cold water  
200g condensed milk  
Sprinkling of grated chocolate  
450g of double cream

### Method

#### *To make the pastry:*

Rub the margarine or butter into the flour until it looks like breadcrumbs. Slowly add 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, crimping around the edges so that the pastry rises up to the top of the dish.

#### *To make the filling:*

Put the sugar into a frying pan with the cold water. Heat gently, stirring to dissolve the sugar. When the sugar is completely dissolved, increase heat and bubble until the syrup has turned a rich brown caramel colour. Remove from the heat and stir in the butter until it has dissolved, then stir in 150g of the double cream. Return to the heat and boil hard, stirring until the sauce is thick enough to leave a gap on the base of the pan when you draw your spoon across it. Stir in the walnuts, which should be crushed a little and then the raisins. Then fill the pastry case with the walnut and raisin mixture, levelling it with a fork. Return to

the oven for eight to ten minutes until the filling is bubbling. Cool for thirty minutes, or until it is cold enough to add the ice cream on top.

*To make the ice cream:*

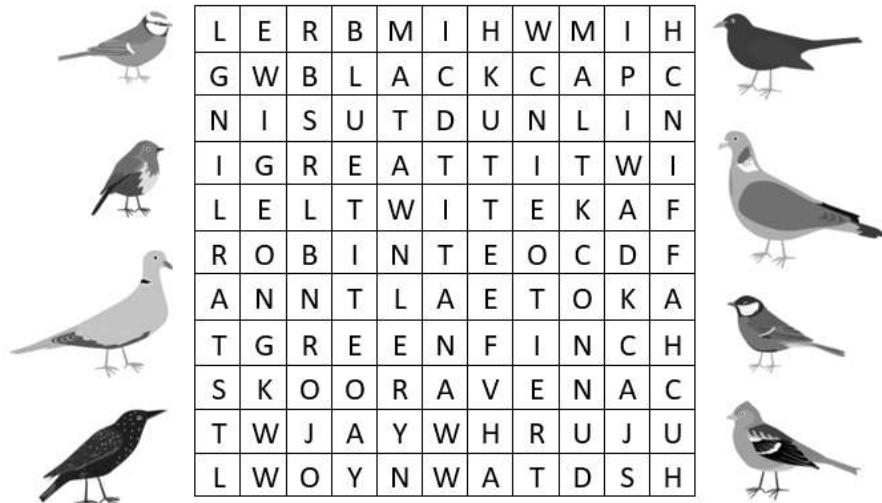
Whisk up the remaining 300g of double cream until it is as thick as you can get it. Then stir in the tin of condensed milk until you have an even mixture. Pour this over the tart you have already made and freeze this until the ice cream is firm but still soft. If you have any left over, then put it into a separate bowl, freeze it so it can be used on another day. Finally sprinkle some grated chocolate on top.

Then cut into slices and serve.

**Egon Ronnie comments:-**

You have made a really rich dessert here Gordon. So those of you who are on a low fat diet should close their eyes before tucking in, just as you would if you are intending to eat anything with high fat levels over the Christmas period. Go on, spoil yourselves!

## BIRD WORD SEARCH



Search the grid for the names of 21 birds which are hidden in straight lines vertically, horizontally or diagonally. The 12 remaining unused letters spell out another bird species, one that is sometimes seen in gardens around Wreslingworth.

Happy Bird Watching!

*(Answer on page 28)*



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- Steph Kent on behalf of W&H Peacock

**BIRD WORD SEARCH** - The 21 birds are - Blackcap, Blue Tit, Chaffinch, Coot, Dunnock, Great Tit, Green Finch, Jackdaw, Jay, Little Owl, Raven, Robin, Starling, Tawny Owl, Teal, Twide, Whimbrel, Wigeon, Wren. The bonus bird is Mistle Thrush.

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