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EDITORIAL

The first day of spring coincided with the news that a half of U.K. adults have now received their first Covid vaccine dose. There is still a long way to go yet, but we have every reason to be optimistic.

We have a treat in store for you in this colourful issue. The cover is the winning entry in a nationwide photography competition, taken by the grandson of village residents (page 13). And we have more local art and photography talent on show as well (p14 and p15). Enjoy!

For the first time in a year, there are enough events (albeit some held by Zoom) to warrant the diary page! Keep a close ear on Government broadcasts for further news of the lifting of lockdown, and if you feel your event can go ahead safely, please let the Village Link know. The copy deadline for the next edition is 12th May, 2021.

Keep safe and well everyone,

- Simon Dear, Editor

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April

- 2nd Stations of the Cross, All Saints, Eyeworth at 10am
'Hour at the Cross', St Peter's, Wrestlingworth at 2pm
- 4th Holy Communion, St Peter's, Wrestlingworth and Zoom at 11am
Outdoor Holy Communion & Scavenger Hunt, Eyeworth at 3pm

May

- 2nd National Dawn Chorus Day
- 20th Wrestlingworth History Society talk on 'Wallis Simpson & the Year of the Three Kings' by Zoom at 7.30pm
- 25th Women's Institute AGM, 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. **Please do check dates and times with organisers, as they may be subject to change.**

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where you can subscribe to the bulletin email list
and our Facebook page.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR WARD COUNCILLORS

WILL THE BEDFORD-CAMBRIDGE RAIL LINK EVER HAPPEN?

- Final route still unknown.
- Original 2027 date now looking very unlikely.
- Western section receives more public money.

A rail route dogged by controversy is in trouble again after the latest press release seemed to downplay the likeliness of a link between Bedford and Cambridge happening any time soon.

The restoration of an East West Rail (EWR) link between Oxford and Cambridge has been on the cards for nearly 20 years and the current project has been under way since 2015 with the commencement of a route selection process still not confirmed some six years on.

In 2017 we revealed a Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) report suggested the rail line could see Sandy lose the current rail station in the town with residents forced to travel to a new interchange station near Tempsford some miles away.

A year ago, East West Rail announced the completion of the latest stage of the process with the selection of a final 'corridor' of routes from which a further consultation would need to take place later in 2020 for final options. This still hasn't taken place more than a year on and no date has been given for it.

However, in June last year we revealed how in just six months EWR had spent:

- £2.7million on employees or consultants
- £123,000 billed for Chairman and non-executives fees
- £3.3million on consultants under 'non staff fees'
- £293,000 on Office and accommodation fees

EWR has now issued a statement proclaiming “£760m commitment to support next phase of East West Rail,” adding of this public money that “the investment means further vital construction work can begin and represents an important milestone in the East West Rail project.

The funding is for part of the line between Oxford and Bletchley/ Milton Keynes and means this section of East West Rail is expected to be up and running by 2025.”

But what of the section between Bedford and Cambridge which EWR had originally hoped to have up and running by 2027? This is merely referred to much later on as ‘Connection Stage Three: Oxford to Cambridge’ with no information on likely funding or dates.

It’s probable Bedford to Cambridge will happen eventually - but it’s a major embarrassment to the those involved with the project that so little has been achieved in recent years.

To get updates on this story or to get the monthly email newsletter, please email adamzerny@hotmail.co.uk

*- Cllr Adam Zerny and Cllr Tracey Wye
Central Bedfordshire Councillors for
Wrestlingworth, Cockayne Hatley and
Potton*



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SERVICES

**1st Sunday of the month at 9am–
Holy Communion.**

**2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month
6pm Evensong (3pm in the winter time
from 29th October)**

**In the event of a 5th Sunday in the
month, there is no service.**

COMING OUT OF LOCKDOWN

It has been a difficult year for all of us but now with our 'jabs' and slow resurgence to life as we know it, the light at the end of the tunnel is getting brighter. However, we mustn't rush at it and take things slowly.



The WI Committee recently held a 'Zoom' meeting and has made plans for us to move forward. As no-one else has offered to stand for either posts, I am pleased to announce that Sheila Brown has kindly agreed to act as President for one year and Mary Watkin has also agreed to act as Treasurer for one year. So, with a provisional date of 25th May at 7.30 pm (depending on lockdown rules at that date) we propose to hold our AGM. Secretary, Lesley May will notify members two weeks beforehand to confirm.

As to our programme for the year we hope to restart our regular meetings in the Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm on the third Tuesday of the month with speakers covering a variety of topics as well as our ever popular Garden Party (15th June) and Chilli Evening (19th October). I will give more details in my next report when things are finalised.

Our WI fees are due on 1st April and it was agreed to charge our members only £34 and no charge for refreshments which will come out of our funds. Notice will be sent out requesting a cheque for £34 to be given to any committee member and at the latest by the AGM.

So, we are on a roll: **AGM 25th May, Garden Party 15th June** – I look forward to it!

Members will be sad to hear that Freda Walker, a long serving member of our WI, passed away peacefully on 10th March in her rest home. Her daughters hope to hold a Memorial Service in Wrestlingworth Church sometime in the summer.



Amazing what turns up when people tidy up their drawers during lockdown. Though strictly not a photograph from the WI Archives the ladies in the picture were all Wrestlingworth WI members as well as members of the now disbanded Wrestlingworth Quilters & Stitchers. We had made a wall hanging to present to Jean Hutton when she moved to Colyton in Devon. Standing outside 'The Chequers' (Back Row) Mary Trayner, Catherine Clarke, June Ames, (Front row) Mae Holder, Jean Hutton and myself (the only one still in the village).

- Carolyn Driver

THANK YOU FROM REVD. MATT!

Dear everybody in Wrestlingworth and Eyeworth,

It has been very strange taking up a new post during a national lockdown but we have been overwhelmed by how welcome we have been made to feel across the Benefice! As we take the first few cautious steps towards easing the restrictions, I'm looking forward to meeting some of you in person in the next few months and settling in further to village life.

In the meantime, do feel free to contact me if you have any questions about life at St Peter's or All Saint's or a pastoral need.

All the best,
Matt



ST PETER'S NEWS

Open Church

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

Good News!

St Peter's is open once again for services. During April and May some of our services will be in church and we will also be live streaming so that everyone has the opportunity to worship at St Peter's in person, or online. Numbers will be limited to ensure that the current Covid-19 guidelines are strictly followed.

If you would like further details please contact Revd. Matt or Karen.



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
Facebook - on the Wrestlingworth page
Call Revd. Matt or Karen



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If you would like to discuss a wedding, baptism or funeral, please contact:

Revd. Matt Phillips on 01767 512122 or by email:
matt@dwe.org.uk

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

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HOLY WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 28TH 2021

PALM SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene, Dunton, 9:30am
Holy Communion at St Peter's, Wrestlingworth, 11am (and Streamed via Zoom)
Private Prayer at All Saints, Eyeworth, 3-4pm

THURSDAY APRIL 1ST 2021

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene, Dunton, 7:30pm

FRIDAY APRIL 2ND 2021

GOOD FRIDAY

All-Age Stations of the Cross at All Saints, Eyeworth, 10am
'Hour at the Cross' at St Peter's, Wrestlingworth, 2pm

SUNDAY APRIL 4TH 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Communion at St Mary Magdalene, Dunton, 9:30am
Holy Communion at St Peter's, Wrestlingworth, 11am (and Streamed via Zoom)
Outdoor All-Age Holy Communion and Scavenger Hunt, Eyeworth, 3pm



All services are COVID-secure and organised to ensure compliance with the latest government guidelines.
For more information email vicar@dwe.org.uk or call 01767 512122.

ALL SAINTS NEWS

Whoever you are, you are welcome here!

All Saints exists to serve the village of Eyeworth and the wider local community. Our regular congregation is made up of people of all stages of life and we hope to provide something for everybody. You are very welcome to join us at a service, reach

out to us if you have a pastoral need or make contact if you would like to discuss holding a christening, wedding or another special service at the church.



Celebrate Holy Week with Us!

As the lockdown begins to ease, we are resuming services at All Saints in Eyeworth. Our plans for Holy Week are:

Sunday March 28th 2021, 3-4pm: Palm Sunday Prayer

All Saints will be open for private prayer and to collect palm crosses.

Friday April 2nd 2021, 10am: Stations of the Cross

An interactive telling of the Easter story in the church gardens – suitable for all ages. Individually wrapped hot cross buns available to take home after the service. Donations welcome.

Sunday April 4th 2021, 3pm: All-Age Easter Communion

A short outdoor celebrations service for people of all ages and stages of life. If the weather is fine, we will gather outside the church gardens – bring a deckchair or a picnic blanket. Followed by an Easter Scavenger hunt.

Regular Services in April and May

Holy Communion: Sunday May 2nd at 3pm.

All-Age Outdoor Services: April 25th at 3pm and May 23rd at 3pm.

Please check the church noticeboard for the most up to date notices of visit our 'A Church Near You' page:

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7688/

All services are COVID-secure and organised to ensure compliance with the latest government guidelines.

Contact Us

Matt Phillips, Priest-in-Charge

01767 512122 matt@dwe.org.uk

Wendy Robinson, Church Warden

01767 631283

PROUD GRANDPARENTS

Last Autumn Rhys Spearing aged 14, grandson of Wendy and Melvyn Robinson of Eyeworth, submitted an entry to the Methodist 3-Gen Get Creative nation-wide competition and was awarded 1st prize in his age group. 3-Gen is an initiative of the Youth Division of the Methodist Church.

The photograph, shown on the cover, entitled "Lapping Waves" accompanied his entry "His mercy flows in, wave after wave" (Luke ch 1 v 50). The entry was in answer to the competition question "What is God saying to us through the world around us?"

Many of you will know Rhys who often accompanied his parents and grandparents to services at All Saints Eyeworth and regularly attended and helped at coffee mornings. He and his sister Katie attend Upper Caldecote Methodist Youth Club.

Well done Rhys! We are all proud of you.

- Wendy and Melvyn Robinson

THE FOUR VILLAGES ARTS COMPETITION RESULTS



From January to April Wendy Baker has been kindly organising a fun arts competition on the Facebook ‘The Four Villages Arts Competition’ group to keep our spirits up through lockdown. There is a different theme each month. January was Art, February was photography and March is Short Story. There is still time to enter April’s Poetry competition.

The standard of the entries has been incredibly high. The winning entries of the individual categories are on the facing page. Well done everyone & congratulations to the winners! And thank you to Wendy for your inspiration.

JANUARY - ART COMPETITION RESULTS

Judge - Isla Woiwod

1st Jill Towner - Southwold Huts

FEBRUARY - PHOTOGRAPHY COMP. RESULTS

Judge - Sarah Burgoine

Ages 0-18

1st Bobby Stone - Signpost

2nd Teddy Dewey - Moody skies

Ages 19-59

1st Marsha Ivleve - Stormy Sky

2nd Edwina Parker - Peaks of Europe

3rd Cheryl Roberts - Grey cat

4th Mary Oliver Barratt - Driftwood

Ages 60+

1st Robin Barratt - Bees on Flowers

2nd Lizbet Chapman - Tadlow

3rd Jill Towner - Wimpole Lake

Southwold Huts		Signpost	
Stormy Sky	Peaks of Europe	Bee on Flowers	
Grey Cat	Driftwood	Moody Skies	
Tadlow	Wimpole Lake		



WRESTLINGWORTH GOODWILL FUND

Hello to all from the Goodwill Fund,

As spring is upon us, we hope that all residents are well. Almost a year has passed since the Prime Minister asked us all to 'Stay Home'.

During the last twelve months, The Goodwill has tried to adapt to working in a different way. We continue to offer support with shopping and prescriptions to those who are vulnerable and we've been pleased to offer help to other villagers who've been affected by Covid-19. Our fundraising has been limited to a handful of online events, but we are hopeful, if restrictions allow, to resume more normal operations and social events in the summer. Fingers crossed!

Many of you will know our lovely Christine Knight who has recently retired from the committee. I couldn't say exactly how many years Christine has supported the Goodwill, but it has certainly been over thirty. It would be hard to find a resident who doesn't know Christine. She has served the villages tirelessly whether it be organising transport or medicines, checking on bereaved or unwell residents, helping with countless Show & Sales, auctions, cream teas etc. Like myself, I am sure Christine is part of many people's childhood memories of the village. Her kindness, compassion and community spirit is inspiring. We will miss her a lot and I am sure you will join us in thanking her for her dedication to the Goodwill Fund.

Stepping into Christine's shoes is our new Chairperson, Sarah Burgoine who I'm sure many of you know. Our committee has grown a little over the past 12 months with some lovely new helpers, but we always need new members to help support our work. We are a friendly bunch and the commitment is small. We currently have no committee members from Cockayne Hatley or Tadlow. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us.

- Anna Hines

wrestlingworthgoodwillfund@gmail.com

WRESTLINGWORTH MEMORIAL HALL

Further to the Prime Ministers announcement, we have been advised by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) that we can re-open on Monday 17th May.

The trustees are looking forward to having our hall re-opened to the public and we hope that if you can hold an event, you will choose us. As advised in previous Village Link articles, we are COVID-19 secure. We have handwashing facilities and sanitiser. The hall is big enough to operate one way systems and has plenty of space for social distancing!

ACRE have advised the following:

Step 3: 17 May

- Controlled indoors events up to 50% capacity.
- Hospitality settings will be in accordance with the rule of 6 so community cafes, coffee mornings and social clubs can take place.
- Film shows, plays, concerts and sports matches can take place subject to social distancing.
- Indoor sports activities, including exercise classes, table tennis and badminton can take place.
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions, funerals and wakes. Christenings and Bar Mitzvahs are allowed.
- Organised outdoor entertainment can take place.
- The rule of six will be abolished for outdoor gatherings, replaced with a limit of 30 people.

Step 4: 21 June

- All legal limits on social contact are removed. Outdoor events with more than 30 people can take place.
- Dancing is permitted.
- Restrictions on numbers at weddings and funerals are abolished.

As always, we will continue to monitor guidance. If you want further information then please ring our secretary June Cutchie on 01767 631795 or email wrestlingworthmemorialhall@gmail.com.

www.wrestlingworthandcockaynehatley-pc.gov.uk/memorial-hall

WRESTLINGWORTH HISTORY SOCIETY

As you will probably know, we had to cancel our programme of talks for last year. Since the end of social distancing remains unpredictable, we are trialling holding our talks via Zoom. (Thanks to our Parish Council for making us a grant to do so.)

It's not intended as a replacement for getting together in the Memorial Hall, but as an interim solution, which many other societies like ours are using.

Our first Zoom talk - 'Empire of the Air' was in March, given by Dr. Rudi Newman.

Our next Zoom talk will be 'Wallis Simpson & The Year of Three Kings,' speaker Roy Smart. Date: Thursday, 20th May at 7.30 p.m.

If you're new to Zoom, it's easy to download and use on a desktop or laptop computer, and on an iPad or other tablet. Once you have the software, all you will need is a link from us which we will email to you a couple of days before the meeting.

We hope that the use of Zoom may attract new members who may have previously stayed away. So we will be publicising future talks as widely as we can - starting here!

Look for flyers for future talks on our website and village noticeboards and tree-stumps.

- Nick da Costa



WALLIS SIMPSON



& THE YEAR OF THREE KINGS

Were we justified in making a hate figure of Wallis Simpson for ensnaring our king?
Or was she perhaps a well-meaning woman, caught up in a situation over which she had no
control, who - in fact - saved us from an unwise and feckless monarch?

An illustrated talk by Roy Smart

WRESTLINGWORTH HISTORY SOCIETY



ZOOM TALK

WRESTLINGWORTH HISTORY SOCIETY
THUR. MAY 20TH AT 7.30 PM

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The school and children are all looking forward to returning to school on Monday 8th March. They've all worked incredibly hard over this last lockdown so we have organised welcome back gifts for the staff and children. We are all optimistic that things are starting to return to normal but as always remain cautious.

If you don't have access to Facebook then you can contact

cherylisnow@live.co.uk

We held our AGM (School Year Aug 2019- July 2020) on Monday 1st March 2021. Three of our officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) were voted back in for another year. Our Co-Chair Abigail Chipperfield is standing down at the end of the school year. We thank her for her commitment and wish her well. Despite Covid, we had a very successful year of fundraising for 2019-20 and this continues.

As always, you can continue to support the PTA by joining up to the school lottery, using the clothing bin, donating empty printer cartridges and pennies to the school office and if you want, join our committee. We're 'Friends of' so you don't have to be parent/caregiver or teacher.

Stay safe!

A colorful poster for the 'Your School Lottery' featuring silhouettes of people riding bicycles against a background of colorful circles. The poster includes the text 'WIN A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!' and 'WIN A £500 BIKE VOUCHER'. It also lists terms and conditions: 'Please help give our fundraising a boost this term', 'Tickets cost just £1 a week', 'Cash prize winner EVERY week', and 'You could even win the £25k jackpot!'. At the bottom, it says 'Buy A Ticket' and 'THE BIKE FACTORY'. Small text at the bottom right states: 'Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 17th Apr 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).'

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BRUSH UP YOUR BIRD SONG AS THE SECOND OF MAY IS NATIONAL DAWN CHORUS DAY

Karen Greenway and Bill Dennis, of the Parish Walking & Wildlife Group, turn an ear to the song birds that brighten up each morning.

On a frosty February morning I open the door to the patio and step out, there is a flurry of feathers and a boisterous burst of birdsong. Perched high in an ash tree the robin, which often assists with tasks around the garden, is warming up for the most important time of his year. On the strength of his song he will attract a mate and begin a new cycle of life. To me this small moment of mindfulness holds the promise of spring, longer days and warmer weather.



Soon his song will be joined by the melodious tones of the blackbird, the more reticent and reedy notes of the dunnock and the exuberant trills of the wren. Later add the chatter of the sociable sparrows, the strident ‘teacher, teacher’ of the great tit and the pipes and whistles of starlings, who are excellent mimics. All of these combined with the undertones of ‘united, united’ from the collared dove and the ‘I know I’m boring’ from the wood pigeon will eventually combine to form the garden dawn chorus.

Out in the fields on sunny days a similar process is taking place. Already skylarks soar allowing their silvery song to spiral back to earth, more often heard than seen. Gradually the jingling keys of the corn buntings and the ‘little bit of bread and no cheese’ of the yellowhammers will join the ensemble. Whilst in the distance you may hear the taunting ‘yaffle’ of the green woodpecker.

As March turns to April summer migrants will add their voices to the choir. Chiffchaffs will call their names, blackcaps burble, whitethroats

PWWG NEWS

At our February PWWG Committee meeting, we welcomed Gerry Ewans, Karen Greenway and Bill Dennis who have all stepped up to join the committee, and bring considerable new expertise and enthusiasm.

Pat Humphrey recently stepped down from the committee after being part of the PWWG since its inception 11 years ago. We thank to Pat hugely for his years of service, and his dedication to the Nature Reserve and Nest Box projects.

The regular walks organised by the PWWG remain on-hold due to Covid-19 restrictions, and will resume once it is safe to do so. Keep an eye out for their resumption in the Village Link, or on our web site and Facebook pages.

The current lockdown and restrictions have meant a suspension of many of our activities, yet people have voiced a desire to contribute somehow in these challenging times. To this end, we have created a JustGiving page to raise money to help fund the bird feeding station at our Lousy Bush Nature Reserve. All donations are gratefully received and help support our feathered friends!

- Robin Barratt



A WALK AROUND WRESTLINGWORTH, A PERSONAL VIEW – PART 4

By Brian Buck

After breaking off from my walk to drop in at Cockayne Hatley, I am now back in Wrestlingworth and at the double bend junction of where High Street and Hatley Road meet, if you came back on the same footpath which took you there. It was around here that I got talking to one of the locals, who pointed out to me that during the Lockdown the air had become much cleaner, due largely to the absence of cars. Furthermore, this meant that a lot of birds had returned to the locality. I had to agree with him. I had also noted that many of the trees were looking healthier than they had done for a while as well, which I put down to the lack of carbon dioxide generated by there being less cars on the road in the early stages of Lockdown.

My walk continued along Hatley Road, stopping at the second double bend. Here I had chance to speak to two other long-serving local residents. Both gave me valuable information which I have used in these articles, one of whom recalled that most of the housing on the north side of Hatley Road once consisted of a farm, owned by his father!

Before walking further it's worth mentioning James Bonfield's excellent article about rights of way in the previous issue (Issue 174) of the 'Village Link', before you start walking through fields. We should try and stick to the public footpaths and bridleways and follow the way markers, an example of what they look like are shown on the front cover of the aforementioned magazine. Some routes have maps on site showing you where and when you can't go, particularly those along the 'Permissive Paths'. Landranger Map 153 helps and Wrestlingworth features on an old Pathfinder 1026 map I have. You will also find us on Explorer Map 208. However, I think that I should add here that because it is not always clear where and where we can or should not go, then the routes I take on my walks through the local fields are not always evidence of a public right of way, even though I try hard to abide by the signs and information I have to hand.

So, on the bend and between 15 Hatley Road and to the left of a fairly recently refurbished thatched cottage, take the narrow, signed footpath, keeping a newish fence to your right and bushes to your left, before the path soon opens up. You have an option to take one route, which, if you take it, will eventually find you heading towards the Potton Road, but don't go this

way. Instead keep left and enter a large field via a swing gate. There is a sign on the gate saying 'Bull in Field'. However, all I saw on my walks were two horses and eventually some sheep!

This is a grassy field and as you walk through it, keeping close to the hedge on your right and following a partially worn track, you find yourself following a gentle incline. If you look to your left you can see the backs of the gardens of properties in Hatley Road, High Street and Alexander Road, with St Peters Church tower becoming visible. Indeed, while you continue this anti clockwise walk through the fields, it's always worth continually looking to the left, as there are plenty of good views of the village to behold.

Eventually you come to two swing gates, close to each other. The one to the right will take you through the farmyard of Church Farm into Potton Road, but I preferred to take the other one, which took me under a weeping willow tree and very soon to another swing gate. Once through it you immediately see a chicken pen and see some chickens minus some of their feathers on their backs. There are also some 'cocky' looking cockerels in this pen and you can guess what has happened here!

You then pass a bungalow on your left, which was initially in the process of being renovated, but now seems to be in the process of being expanded. Suddenly you find yourself in Potton Road. If you want to terminate your walk here, then turn left at this point and the road takes you back to the centre of the village and to the Chequers Public House. Recently I had a chat with the friendly landlord of the pub and he kindly pointed out to me that the pub car park is not a public car park and that cars should only park there if they are either intending to use the facilities offered by the pub, have business with the pub, or to use the recycling facilities within the car park. If you wish to park there for any other reason, then permission of the landlord should be sought first of all.

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. Thank you.

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

QUARK & SWEET PITTED CHERRIES DESSERT (Serves four people)

Ingredients:-

12 dark chocolate digestive biscuits
2 x 100g tubs of Quark
480g bag of frozen pitted sweet cherries
Sprinkling of sugar (optional)
2 x 150ml tubs of single cream (optional)

Method

With your fingers, break up the chocolate digestive biscuits, lining the base of each of four breakfast bowls. Put three of them in each bowl. They can be broken up roughly into bite sized pieces with your hands. Next add the Quark, on top. One tub will be sufficient for two bowls. Try and spread it over the broken-up biscuits, either with the back of a spoon or a knife. Quark is fat-free and like a yoghurt, except that it is thicker. It has a creamy taste but is not excessively sweet. In shops you can find it close to the cheese section. Then divide up the pitted cherries and add equally to each bowl. In supermarkets you can buy them frozen, so make sure they are defrosted before using them. The dessert is now ready to eat, but you may wish to enhance it by spreading a little sugar on top and or some single cream. If so, then one tub will be enough for two portions.

Egon Ronnie comments:-

Until I read this Gordon, I always thought that Quark was how posh ducks spoke! When I made this dessert, I found that if you don't want to use cherries then pretty much any fruit will do. But it does work better if the fruit you decide to use generates some juice, so that it interacts with the digestive biscuits. Furthermore, if this is done this way and if you don't eat your dessert straightaway, then it takes on a slightly different taste if you leave it in the fridge overnight. Then when you eat it the juice will have had time to soften the digestive biscuit, but interestingly, not the chocolate aspect of it, which will remain slightly crunchy when you eat it. Enjoy!



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