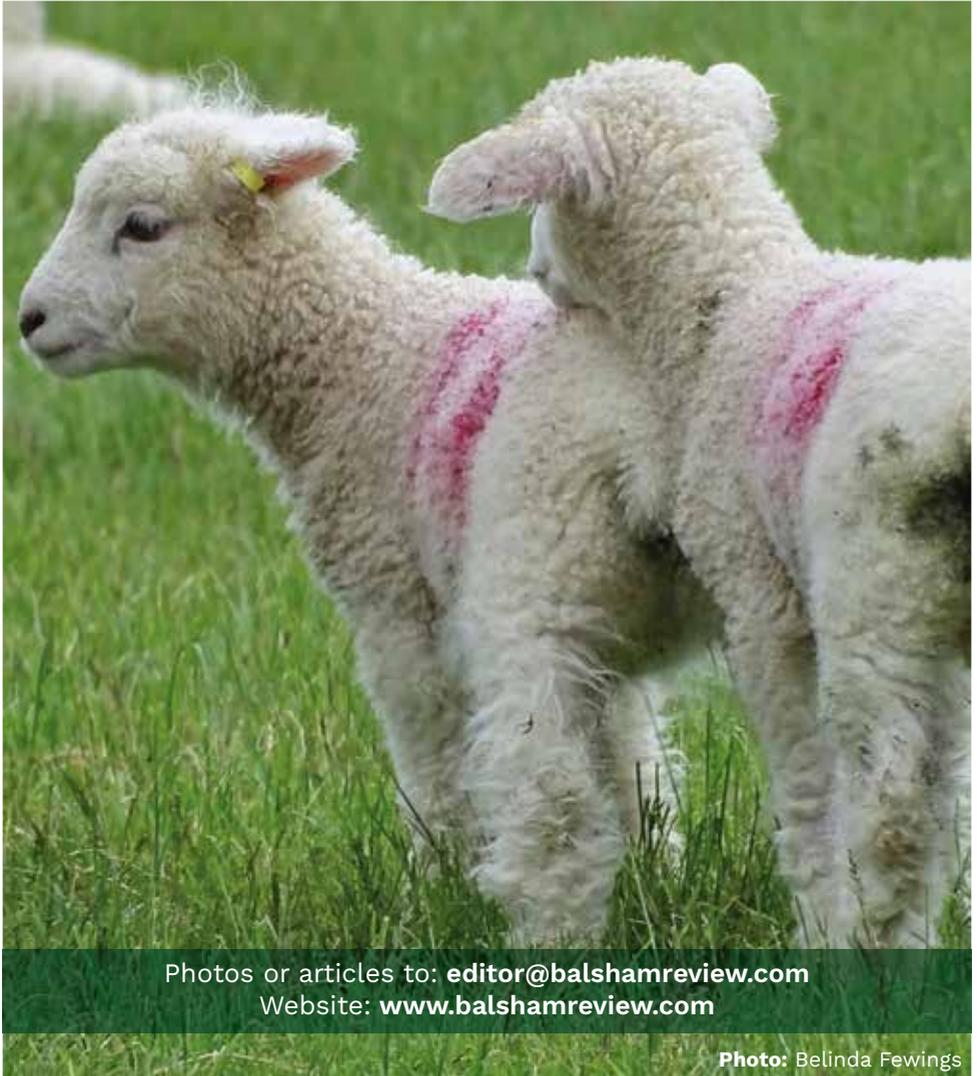




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# Editorial

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Well, we've said goodbye to winter and some days we are even heading towards summer, but I've still got the green-house's winter coat on, and it's needed for a couple of very early tomato plants. The good weather has brought out the spring flowers, and I don't remember them being so good.

While we were having our dry and sunny fortnight Devon was suffering a particularly wet spring. My sister came here to find dry weather with her husband and dogs. As they live on a farm, her dogs don't have other dogs and people passing by and they thought they were in heaven. Unfortunately this meant rushing along the fence and barking loudly with happiness. I apologise to everyone who disliked the noise, but they are home now and peace has returned to Church Lane.

Do you drive, and do you have some time on your hands? If the answer is yes, even if the time is fairly limited, the Good Neighbour Scheme will welcome you if you can help with their needs. It may be getting

someone to the Health Centre, or picking up prescriptions, taking someone to visit a friend or relative or even a trip to Tesco or Sainsbury. Please contact **bgns@gmail.com** or phone or text **07508 430057** for details of what is needed.

Have you been along Fox Road, and taken at the top of the hill the footpath that leads to Fleam Dyke? A little way along that footpath there is a view across the hill and fen to Ely Cathedral, one of the few places it can be seen from our parish. If the Solar farm goes ahead the field will be full of panels and the view of Ely will disappear. Sad after nearly 1,000 years.

Some of us are planning a **Big Balsham Lunch on Saturday July 5th**. We hope that it will be a great community occasion, and if you think you, or someone you know, could help us with the plans and organisation please contact me, either as editor of the Review or by phone, **01223 893012**.

For those who have followed the ducks in my garden over the years, I have one nesting in my herb bed, so no parsley for a while in case I disturb her. She's been sitting for two and a half weeks, so not long now before I find whether she has hatched the nine eggs she is sitting on.

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**Gill Parry Brown**

EDITOR, BALSHAM REVIEW

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# Letters



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## DEAR EDITOR



### JOYCE MATHEWS

I would like to thank all for the nice comments and wishes, commiserations of my mother JOYCE MATHEWS who died on January 4th 2025, in Addenbrooks.



She had fond memories of Balsham as we moved here 7th September 1969. Her highlight of her working days

was with the children at the Meadow School. She, as requested, is now buried in her homelands of Buckinghamshire, with her first son who passed aged 9 years. This is the same village where myself, my sister Frances, and brother Mervyn were born. Thank you to all good friends, mum's wonderful carers, and mum's friends who came to visit me, to see if I needed anything or if there was anything they could do. I am forever grateful. Now she is the Lady with the Smile that will stay with us forever. She can be remembered and no longer suffer this cruel place. Mum would be 95 years old now, she was the best.

Sincere thanks

**Derek Mathews**

## Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme

Each month there is a **Coffee Morning**, usually on the second Tuesday of the month, held in the Church Institute. Dates for the next Coffee Mornings are: **Tuesdays, May 13th, June 10th, July 15th.**



# Church Services

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## Services will be shown on the benefice website and the Church Notice Board.

Information about services in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham can be found on the Church Notice Board and on the website [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk) under the calendar section, or by signing up to our weekly newsletter, details of which can also be found on the website.

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**ROMAN CATHOLIC** Masses at:

**Cherry Hinton:** St Philip Howard Church

Saturday: 5.30pm (Vigil Mass) & Sunday: 10.00am & 12 noon

**Haverhill:** St Felix, Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 10am

**Sawston:** Our Lady of Lourdes, Sunday: 8.45am & 11.15am

**FREE CHURCH:** Horn Lane, Linton. Sundays: 10.30am

**CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH**, meeting as a house group, for further information please contact. [www.facebook.com/LintonCornerstone](http://www.facebook.com/LintonCornerstone)

**METHODIST:** Haverhill Methodist Church, Camps Road

# From the Church

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When the promise of Spring seems only to unfurl ever more abundantly, who can deny that May is the most glorious of months! We are so lucky living in the countryside - well more or less - and stepping out each morning this month into the exuberance of nature.



reconciling presence. Yet, notwithstanding our joyful Christian celebrations, most of us at times must wonder if the hard evidence for all our extravagant hopes and claims really looks that good!

However, writing this column a month in advance - and trying to make it relevant - is always a bit of a risk. For we notice too, the creeping uncertainty about our weather patterns. Will May 'deliver' this year ... and perpetually? And also, there's more uncertainty in a world of such fast-moving political events, and ongoing, heartbreaking, bloody conflict. So where will it end?

Last month in church, at the annual climax of our story of God's self-sacrificing love, we celebrated the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus: this seeding of joy and hope in the future, whatever the worst we throw at God, and at the created world, and at each other. And early in June, on Pentecost Sunday, we will celebrate with thanks that the Spirit of Jesus has broken out into the whole world as a living,

Perhaps it's too easy, especially if this May does come up trumps with the weather, to have our optimism buoyed-up, to make our plans for the future, and count our blessings in this pleasant corner of England. And to stop watching the news.

I guess, though, that we would then also be turning our backs on all that can stand as a resistance to an increasingly self-serving and violent world. Merely trying to defend our good life here in Granta Vale will always threaten to draw us into, and in small ways help perpetuate, the conflicts of the world. Instead, our hope for the future is made real and living as we meet the challenge of being a people of honesty, justice and compassion, whatever the cost to ourselves... our lives kept safe within the life of the One who calls us into our full humanity.

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**Alistair Collen**

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<b>May Services</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>
<b>4th</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>		<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> Balsham <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	
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<b>18th</b> <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> West Wrattling <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alastair France</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> West Wickham <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	<b>Morning Worship</b> Balsham <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> Little Abington <i>Revd Iain McColl/ Alastair France</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Hildersham <i>Keith Day</i>
<b>25th</b> <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> West Wickham <i>Alistair Collen</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> Weston Colville <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>10.00am</b> <b>Creative Church</b> Abington Hub <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall/ Rosemary Mead</i>	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b> Hildersham <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>11.15am</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> Balsham <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> Great Abington <i>Alistair Collen</i>

**Ascension Day Service**  
Thursday 29th May, 7.00pm Balsham



# The Meadow Primary School

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As the spring term drew to a close, The Meadow Primary School enjoyed a packed and joyful month filled with creativity, community spirit, and a touch of theatrical mystery!

One of the highlights of the term was without a doubt the spectacular production of **Mystery at Magpie Manor** performed by our talented Year 3 and 4 pupils. Audiences were treated to a lively, whodunnit-style performance filled with fantastic acting, toe-tapping songs, and plenty of suspense. The children truly rose to the occasion, delivering confident performances that left everyone in the audience thoroughly entertained.

A huge thank you goes to the dedicated team of teachers and support staff who went above and beyond to make the production such a success. From sourcing props and creating dazzling costumes, to supporting rehearsals and stage management—your hard work made it all possible, and the results were truly impressive.

On the final day of term, we gathered as a school community for a beautiful **Easter Service** at Balsham Church. Year 6 pupils took on speaking parts with confidence and clarity, helping to lead the service in a reflective and respectful way. All classes came together to sing a selection of Easter songs, filling the church with warmth and joy. It was a lovely way to mark the end of term and celebrate the meaning of

Easter together.

Meanwhile, our KS1 children had the opportunity to enjoy an outdoor adventure day as part of a joint trip with Wimbish Primary School. This collaborative experience was packed full of forest school-inspired learning, including orienteering challenges, den building, and nature-themed art. The children loved exploring the outdoors, learning new skills, and working alongside their peers from another school. It was a day of fresh air, creativity, and discovery!

Back at school, the PTA hosted another hugely popular fundraising event - **Chocolate Bingo!** Families filled the hall, and the excitement was palpable as chocolate prizes were won in abundance. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces and enthusiastic bingo players, both young and old! A big thank you to everyone who helped organise and run the event, with a special shoutout to our headteacher, Nichola Pickford, who proved to be a superb and spirited bingo caller!

As always, it's the energy and support of our whole school community—children, staff, families and friends—that makes The Meadow such a special place to be. We look forward to an equally exciting summer term ahead!

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**Faye Facer**

ASSISTANT HEADTEACHER

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# Kingsway Solar Community Action

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## Community in action

On 7 April 2025, KSCA held its very first **AGM** in Balsham. The meeting saw a good turnout from the local community, with a real sense of shared purpose and determination to protect our villages. During the meeting, our committee was officially appointed, with just one role – fundraising – still open. If you have experience or enthusiasm in this area, we'd love to hear from you!

During the AGM, we shared a presentation highlighting everything KSCA has achieved so far, our plans for the coming months, and – most importantly – how you can help. Our message was clear: we can only stand up to the proposed Kingsway development if we stand together.

If you haven't yet signed up to become a KSCA member, now is the perfect time. To become a member, please complete our quick membership application form online - just click the "Get Involved" button on our homepage.

We're also looking for enthusiastic people to join our subgroups: Research; Local Communications; Fundraising; Lobbying. If any of these areas interest you, please get in touch.

## Step into Nature:

A huge thank you to everyone who has taken part in our **Step into Nature** campaign so far. In March, we asked you to keep an eye out for hares, and in April, we tuned in

to skylarks.

We'd love for you to continue recording hares and skylarks, but this month, we're turning our attention to wildflowers. As you walk through our local field margins and hedgerows, keep an eye out for interesting flowers to help build a bigger picture of the biodiversity we're working to protect.

You can log your sightings on **iRecord**, which helps us collect important data from within a 2km radius of the proposed solar farm site. Not sure what you've found? The **PlantNet** app can help you identify wildflowers - just snap a photo and upload it with your record on iRecord.

## Save the Date!

On **Sunday 8 June at 10:00am**, KSCA plans to take part in the **National Community Walk**. We'll walk the local footpaths threatened by the Kingsway Solar development followed by a community event to raise awareness of the potential impact on our landscapes, communities, wildlife, heritage and public rights of way. More details to follow.

## Stay connected with KSCA

If you've signed up as a KSCA member – thank you! As part of our community, you'll receive key updates about our work and campaign progress through our **WhatsApp announcements chat**. It's the quickest way to stay in the loop. You can also keep up with the latest news and developments by visiting our website: [kingswayaction.org](http://kingswayaction.org) And don't forget to follow us on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for real-time updates, event info, and ways to get involved.

# Linton & District Historical Society

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## April meeting 2025

**A poor start in life – The Tale of Two Brothers** encapsulated the Rules, Regulations and conditions of the Workhouse, also the generosity of wealthy families who were determined to help those most in need. **Charmian Thompson** from the **Haverhill History Group** gave us a well-researched talk surrounding two brothers (born out of wedlock) to Sarah Willis a resident in the Kedington Workhouse. Christopher born 1857 and Frank (Francis) born 1859. The 1861 census shows both boys were orphans as Sarah had died that same year. The 1871 census shows they were pauper scholars.

The Gurteen family, wealthy factory owners appalled by such poverty provided food, gifts and entertainment for residents during the festive season. Their family run factory provided 'jobs for life' for many residents in the Haverhill area, including our two brothers. Charmian had a fine example of a 'drabbet' a smock type garment, over 100 years old, from the Chantry Mills, owned by the Gurteen family, just one of their numerous fibre based products. A 'drabbet' was a simple pattern cut out in squares and put together, front and back alike, so it could be

worn either way! We were also shown workhouse food (modern day equivalent) this enabled us to gauge the portions of bread and cheese + the recipe for gruel, a mainstay in all workhouses.

Obviously, the Linton Workhouse was discussed, along with a visit to Linton by Constance Andrews in her Votes for Woman campaign. So much was packed into the evening, whilst keeping track of the Christopher and Frank Willis. After marriage both 'boys' and their families turned out to be good citizens. A truly fascinating story coupled with excellent documents, photos and newspaper extracts made for an excellent evening out

Join us next time - **Tuesday 20th May 2025** - on another local theme.

Our final meeting for this season we welcome **Bill Wilsden** on **Tuesday 20th May 2025: History of Ashdon Windmill**, starting **7.30pm** Linton Village Hall Coles Lane, (*easy parking in the Health Centre car park opposite*).

For further details of the LDHS please email:

**ldhscamb@gmail.com**  
or 'phone **01223 893915** or **01223 678835**

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**Margaret Creek**

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# AFC Balsham Youth Football

With the football season drawing to an end both AFC Balsham Youth teams are concluding their league campaigns with a series of positive results.

The under 9s and 12s have improved their individual and team abilities significantly and maintained a positive and respectful attitude towards their game. This has been evident throughout their matches. Both teams are in a very encouraging situation and looking forward to the 2025/26 season with a new under 7 team also hoping to join the league!

The teams have enjoyed loyal parental and community support throughout the season and thanks to the generosity of **The Balsham Ploughman** and two local businesses, have represented the village in matching kits.

The coaching teams would like to thank two local businesses for their amazing support: **Stuart Gillibrand** of **Price Right Roofing** and the **CB1 Group**. Their sponsorship, alongside the kind donation from the **The Balsham Ploughman** has enabled continuation of both teams into what we hope will be a successful fourth season!

Both teams play their home games on our recreation ground on Saturday mornings with the ethos of positivity, respect and development. Please come along and cheer the teams on.



If you're interested in playing, refereeing or helping out  
(*linesmen, refreshments etc.*) please get in touch:

**Pete Askham** or **Andy Vaughan** - under 12 team (*u13 in September '25*)

**Jamie Adkin** or **Matt Hedges** - under 9 team (*u10 in September '25*)

**Ed Bailey** or **Andrew Kidger** - under 7 team.

# Granta Medical Practices

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As you will be aware, GP surgeries and hospitals continue to experience increased patient demand. Between us all, we can help alleviate some of that demand by using alternative health services where appropriate.

Your local pharmacy can also offer treatments and prescribe medication for some conditions without you needing to see your GP. This service is called **Pharmacy First** and conditions that can be treated and prescribed for include:

- Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (aged 18 and over)
- Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (aged 5 years and over)
- Urinary tract infections or UTI's (women aged 16 to 64 years)

Don't forget, your local pharmacy can also help you with generalised pain and swelling, sore throats, bites and stings, headaches, constipation and diarrhoea, colds and flu, mouth ulcers, tiredness, and vomiting.

If you contact us with an eye problem, our reception teams may signpost you to the Minor Eye Conditions Service (MECS). MECS is made up of a team of eye specialists who treat non-emergency eye conditions that do not need hospital attention. Conditions covered include acute

red eyes, acute irritated or inflamed eyes, sticky discharge or acute watery eyes, in-growing eyelashes, foreign bodies in the eye and recently occurring flashes or floaters.

Finally, you can treat many minor illnesses such as colds and coughs, sore throats, and upset stomachs easily at home. Make sure you keep stocked up with health care essentials such as pain relief (paracetamol), cough and sore throat remedies, a first aid kit, upset stomach treatment, rehydration treatment and heartburn/indigestion treatment. Having these essentials at home will not only save you time, and help you feel better quicker, but will also help save the NHS much needed resources.

If you require any further information about any of the above services please do not hesitate to speak to your local pharmacy, our reception teams or email us on **[cpicb.contact.gmp@nhs.net](mailto:cpicb.contact.gmp@nhs.net)**

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# Linton Village College

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The arts are fundamental to our curriculum offer at Linton Village College. We are fortunate to have a thriving Dance department led by Helen Frost. During the spring term, LVC students benefited from a range of dance enrichment opportunities.

We welcomed **Oddey**, a professional dancer from **Flawless**, a British street dance troupe, to lead our boys' day of dance. Twenty-five Year 8 boys participated. Oddey choreographed highly energetic Hip Hop pieces and gave an inspirational careers talk. The boys recently performed one of their dances in the Year 8 Celebration assembly.

We also hosted a twilight event for local education leaders to celebrate **International Women's Day**. LVC students choreographed an insightful and thought-provoking dance based on this year's IWD theme: **Accelerate Action**.



International Women's Day routine

Our **Annual Dance Show** took place in March with the theme 'Through the decades'. It was a vibrant

exploration of how dance has been shaped by the changing tides of music, fashion, and societal changes. Over a hundred students from all year groups performed in the show. Our technical team of students worked alongside **Blushed Technical Company** to programme and operate the lighting and sound. GCSE and BTEC Dance pupils from across Anglian Learning came together recently to participate in a highly innovative workshop with the renowned dance company '**James Cousins Company**'. The pupils worked collaboratively on a variety of choreography and performance techniques.



'Through the Ages' dance

LVC has recently been named as an Arts Award Champion Centre by Trinity College in recognition of our commitment to delivering the nationally recognised Arts Award qualifications.

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## Laura Heard

PR & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

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# London to Brighton Ultra Challenge



Just 4 weeks until I take on my next challenge, walking **100km (62.5 miles)** from capital to coast.

I will start on **Saturday 24th May** from Richmond-upon-Thames towards the North Downs, through the wonderful Surrey and Sussex countryside walking continuously through the night up and over the South Downs finishing on **Sunday 25th May** at Brighton Racecourse.

I am doing this walk in memory of my late father-in-law Colin who supported many charities over his lifetime but especially animal charities, so I have decided to fundraise for 2 charities:- Cancer Research UK and RSPCA.

I know times are tough at the



moment but if you would like to help me raise money for 2 good charities it would be greatly appreciated. Please visit my page [www.justgiving.com/page/gail-collis-5](http://www.justgiving.com/page/gail-collis-5)

If you don't like online donating you can drop off at 35 The Rookery or at my mums, Jeanne Clements, at 77 High Street, Balsham.

Thank you

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**Gail Collis** (*nee Clements*)

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Photo: John Hodge

Springtime wash day

# The Big Balsham Lunch

**SAVE THE DATE:** Saturday 5th July 2025



After enquiries in the village and with clubs and groups, plans are going ahead for a **Big Balsham Lunch** to commemorate the 80-year anniversaries of the end of the wars in Europe and the Far East marked by VE day May 8th 1945 and VJ day August 15th 1945.

**July 5th** is about midway between the dates. Balsham people served in those conflicts and many suffered and/or died in Europe or the Far East and their families were left to build new lives. European prisoners of war were also held in Balsham, some stayed and married local girls and others returned to their homelands but kept friendships over the years.

An important and never to be repeated anniversary for Balsham.

This community event supported by the PC and PCC is planned to run from late morning through the afternoon using the Church Institute, Church, Pavilion and Rec. Ideally the Rec will be for picnicking, and some entertainment with the use of the Institute and Pavilion for exhibitions but if the weather is

poor and rainy we can all be inside! We plan that families will bring their picnics, and perhaps have some 'bring and share', and food supplemented by burgers, hot dogs, ices, etc and also drinks, hot and cold.



We very much hope that **ALL** the village will support this unique day – it is not to raise money but just to bring all the village together to enjoy themselves. If you have ideas that will help the day become memorable, do please let us know, and we welcome some extra people to help with planning and getting everything together. The day should not be a chore for anyone, so the more helpers in the weeks before, and on the day, the merrier to make this a joyous and special celebration for 2025.

## **CONTACT**

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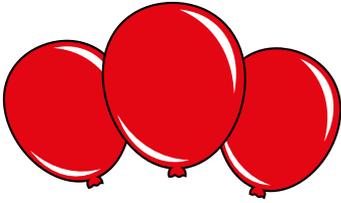
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# Big Balsham Sale

Sunday 18th May 2025, 9am – 2pm



***Do you want to have a good clear out and sell all those unwanted items?***

Then sign up to the **Big Balsham Sale** which is our annual community sale where householders can sell from their own garages /driveways etc.

It only costs **£5** which includes advertising (poster, banner and Facebook) and a village map showing the location of all participants so visitors and traders will know where to spend!!! You will also receive red

balloons to fly so pinpointing your pitch to the buyers.

In order to guarantee your position is displayed on the published map please complete the tear-off slip below and drop it in at **11 High Street, Balsham** with the **£5** fee by **Wednesday 14th May**.

Your seller's pack (balloons & map) will be available for collection from **11 High Street** on **Saturday 17th** after 2pm.

For more information please contact:

**Glynis Hanlon**

**Tel:** 01223 890 219

**Email:** bigbalshamsale@gmail.com

**Facebook:** bigbalshamsale

*I apply for an entry to the Big Balsham Sale 18th May 2023 and enclose the £5 fee.*

**NAME:**

**ADDRESS:**

**POSTCODE:**

**SIGNED:**

**TELEPHONE:**

**EMAIL:**

*If we need to get in touch with you please provide the following contact details:*

# PLANT SALE

Saturday 17 May  
10:30-12:00

West Wickham  
Village Hall

flowers shrubs vegetables herbs

FRIENDLY EXPERT ADVICE



ALL WELCOME



## BALSHAM SINGERS

30<sup>th</sup>

### Anniversary Year Spring Concert

Holy Trinity Church Balsham

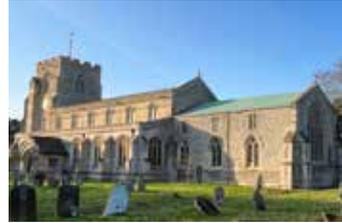
on

Saturday MAY 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm

Musical Director John Clenaghan

Accompanied by Ralph Woodward

Featuring music from choral masters Mozart, Haydn & Rutter  
Alongside modern musical compositions



TICKETS £12 - UNDER 16s £1 - Including drinks to be served in the interval  
AVAILABLE FROM Balsham and Gt Abington Post Offices  
ONLINE AT [Ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers](http://Ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers)

## LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025



### HISTORY OF ASHDON WINDMILL Presented by Bill Wilsden

LINTON VILLAGE HALL  
COLES LANE - 7.30 p.m.

Refreshments and Raffle

Visitors and new members always welcome

# Ashdon Open Gardens

SUN | 15 | JUNE

11.00am to 5.00pm.

After a year's break Ashdon Open Gardens  
are back and ready to go!

Do join us for what is always an enjoyable day out.

**Tickets: £10** per adult **CHILDREN FREE**

Available from 'The Cart' in the centre of the  
village on the bridge (CB10 2ET) & All Saints  
Church Rooms in Church Lane (CB10 2HG)

Refreshments and lunches available  
Proceeds to All Saints Church, Ashdon  
(All Payments Cash or Cheques only)

# R.A.F. Wrattling Common

May Memorial Service Sunday 25 May 2025

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A short open-air service will be held at **12 noon on Sunday 25 May 2025** at the **R.A.F. Wrattling Common Memorial**, to commemorate the anniversary of the commissioning of the airfield. The last Sunday in May was chosen for this annual service as it was the same day in 1943 that the airfield was commissioned. The Memorial is dedicated to those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some relatives of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. The Memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm,

Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

For further information please email:

**rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com**

*We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations.*

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**Dick Paden**

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## Julian Group

This Group continues to meet monthly at Nine Chimney House, Balsham at 7:15 for approximately an hour. We have a reading from Mother Julian's booklet *'Enfolded in Love'* and then have half an hour of quiet time finishing with a re-reading of the extract and the Grace.

If anyone would like to join us they would be very welcome.

Please contact Joanna:

**Tel:** 01223 893063

**Email:** sanderschimneys@uwclub.net



**COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME**

**VOLUNTEER**

Could You Be  
A Volunteer Driver For Local  
Community Car Scheme?

Helping local people  
get to  
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Contact  
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For more information please  
contact **Steve Jordan** at:  
**Email:** balshamgns@gmail.com  
**Tel:** 07508 430057

# The Bell

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## *Hi Everybody,*

It has been great seeing many of you enjoying the early summer sunshine, in The Bell Inn Beer Garden, let's hope the good weather continues throughout the summer.

On Wednesday evenings, have a drink with us. Buy any adult main course meal and get a **FREE drink**. Please book in advance if possible.

## **May Diary:**

### **Tuesday 27th: Charity**

**Quiz Night 8pm.** New quizzers are always welcome.

### **Wednesday 28th: Lunch Club.**

Bookings and pre orders only.

**Live Sport** continues to be shown on Sky and TNT sports. This month will see the climax of The Premier League, the FA Cup Final, and the finals of the Europa League, and Champions League. For other

sporting events on tv, just ask at the bar.

## **Advanced Notice:**

We are holding our **Annual Charity Football match** on **Saturday 14th June**, Landlord's X1 v AFC Balsham, followed by disco/karaoke, and barbecue at The Bell Inn.

Please come to watch the game, and join us at the pub after, to make this as successful as previous years. We will announce the chosen charity on Facebook, and in the June edition of the Review.

*We would like to thank you all for your continued support,*

For menus, events etc please see The Bell Inn Balsham Facebook page, call **01223 892999**, or call in the pub to see us.

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## **Phil & Mary**

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## **Tennis in West Wrattling:**

New Season 1st May

Great value local tennis club membership for all the family. New members always welcome!

The **West Wrattling d'Abo Tennis Club** is open to existing, returning and new members from across the local area. Our full-size, all-weather macadam court is located in a peaceful corner of the village recreation ground.

For more information, to sign up and to make court bookings, visit:

**[www.westwrattlingtennis.co.uk](http://www.westwrattlingtennis.co.uk)** or contact **[secretary@westwrattlingtennis.co.uk](mailto:secretary@westwrattlingtennis.co.uk)**

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## **Fitsteps**

NEW Class

Our new Fitsteps class was supposed to start in April, but owing to a mix up with the hall booking, we had to put our start date back to **May 8th, 7.30pm.**

We had a great response, so the interest is definitely there for Balsham to **Dance itself Fit!!**



# David Parr House



Behind the ordinary front door of 186 Gwydir Street lies an extraordinary hand-painted interior. From 1886, this was the home of Victorian working-class decorative artist David Parr and his family. The house is a remarkable example of Arts and Crafts workmanship, layered with 20th-century social history.

After being taken on as an apprentice, David Parr worked for F. R. Leach & Sons, a firm of artworkmen based on City Road in Cambridge. The firm was renowned across the country, working with many notable designers of the day, including George Frederick Bodley, William Morris, and Charles Eamer Kempe. F. R. Leach & Sons specialised in all aspects of church decoration, from wall painting to altar hangings, stained glass to candlesticks. Their work can be found across the UK, from Scotland to the Isle of Wight, and locally in Cambridge at Jesus College, St Botolph's Church, Queens' College, and All Saints' Church.

In 1886, Parr bought 186 Gwydir St and, over the next 40 years, decorated his terraced home by lamp and candlelight with his own designs, echoing the style of the grand interiors he worked on by day. Following his death in 1927, his granddaughter, Elsie Palmer, came to live in the house and preserved it for over 85 years. In 2014, the David Parr House charity was established, opening the house to the public.

Today, the house welcomes visitors and hosts events, exhibitions, and creative workshops. The charity continues to research Parr's life and the work of F. R. Leach & Sons, uncovering stories from Cambridge's rich artistic heritage.

***Want to know more?*** Get involved by visiting, donating, volunteering, attending events, or spreading the word.

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## Holly O'Brien

**Web:** [davidparrhouse.org](http://davidparrhouse.org)

**Email:** [info@davidparrhouse.org](mailto:info@davidparrhouse.org)

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# Allotment News

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By the time you read this, the first inspection of allotments will have been completed. A second inspection will take place in July. The **Allotment Cup** will be awarded for the most improved allotment, in the judgement of the Allotment Working Group.

The cup will be awarded at a **'Bring**

**and Share' Picnic** at the allotments on **7th September**, please put a note in your diary. The Scout Hut will be booked to allow hot drinks/toilet facilities and a bad weather location, in case it is needed.

***Wishing you all a good growing season!***

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## Balsham Gardening Club

The remaining funds from the Gardening Club were disbursed as follows: Cheques for **£200.22** each were sent to **Perennial**, a charity for gardeners; **Cambridge Botanic**

**Gardens** for their education programme and **Arthur Rank Hospice**.

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**Jenny Tipler**

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## Balsham May/June Diary

DATE	EVENT & TIME	VENUE
1st Thursday	Local County Council Elections	Institute
3rd Saturday	Bowls Club Open Day	Pavilion
3rd Saturday	Picture House: <b>A Complete Unknown</b> 7,30pm	Institute
11th – 17th	Christian Aid Week	Village
13th Tuesday	BGNS Coffee Morning, 10am-12pm	Institute
13th Tuesday	Balsham WI 7.30pm	Pavilion
17th Saturday	Balsham Singers Concert, 7,30pm	Church
18th Sunday	<b>Big Balsham Sale</b> , 9am-2pm	Village
20th Tuesday	Linton & District Historical Society, 7.30pm	Linton Village Hall
22nd Thursday	Singing For Fun, 7,30pm	Pavilion
25th Sunday	RAF Wrattling Common Memorial Service	WW Common
June 8th Sunday	KSCA (Solar Group) National Community Walk	Local Footpaths

# Balsham Parish Council

The Parish Council Meeting took place on 17th March, 2025 in Balsham Pavilion

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## Highways issues -

### West Wickham Road:

The road works are going to take place on 5th May – 9th May.



### VE Day:

A celebration is being planned in the village on 5th July which will include an exhibition in the Church Institute and a picnic on the Recreation Ground. Please contact Gill Parry Brown or Dick Paden for more information and offers of help. The PC agreed to support with some funding.

### Solar Farm:

The Kingsway Action Group has held their AGM. The Chair of the Group is Vicky Moss and Vice-Chair is Tony Day and Secretary is Ellen Collier. The 'Step into Nature Campaign' has been well received.

### Solar panels for Pavilion:

The PC has received three quotes for the solar panels and the PC will put a grant application together for the Zero Carbon Grant from SCDC.

### Allotments:

One full plot and 3 half plots available. Please email [balshamallotments@balsham.net](mailto:balshamallotments@balsham.net)

### Community Orchard:

The 'Allotment Committee' met at the Community Orchard to look at the condition of the trees. Some work will be organised for the trees.

### Highway survey:

Thank you for the 140 replies. Please keep sending your responses in to the PC: <https://www.balsham.net/highway-improvements/>

### TAC Cricket Club:

The PC are looking forward to TAC Cricket Club playing cricket at Balsham from April.

### Missing Fingerpost:

The PC will report the missing fingerpost at the junction of Cambridge Rd and Hildersham Rd to CCC Highways.

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### Tracy Coston

PARISH CLERK

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**Website:** [www.balsham.net](http://www.balsham.net)

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The  
**Annual Parish Council Meeting**  
will be held on **19th May, 2025** at  
**7.30 pm** to be followed by the  
**Parish Council meeting** at **8pm** in  
**Balsham Pavilion**  
**ALL WELCOME TO ATTEND**

# District & County Councillor's Report

April 2025

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## **Council Tax Fraud**

Fraud officers have clawed back **£360,000** in false claims for council tax discounts, with the money set to be invested back into public services across South Cambs. The money has been returned to District Council budgets after staff uncovered hundreds of false claims by comparing data records. Called the Cambridgeshire County Council Fraud Initiative, the project continues to identify single person discount fraud and error, since launching in July 2023. It works by comparing data held by the local authority with other information such as the electoral register or credit reference data.

Where there is a debt identified, it is recovered through the normal Council Tax billing process, with the income used to fund public services. Data gathered as part of the initiative indicates that around two in 10 claims reviewed by the authority, were being claimed incorrectly.

## **Local Government Reorganisation**

An Extraordinary meeting of South Cambridgeshire District Council agreed to send a letter to the Local Government minister Jim McMahon clarifying that we are working productively with the other councils in Cambridgeshire to design new Unitary Councils. This will mean that the County Council is broken up and its responsibilities will go to

either 2 or 3 new councils which will be amalgamations of the current district councils. They have until the autumn to submit the detail of the boundaries of these new authorities.

## **Warmer Council Homes**

More than £8 million in Government funding has been awarded to South Cambridgeshire District Council to improve the energy efficiency of Council homes. The idea is to upgrade thousands of social homes across the country which are currently below the standard of Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) C. Improvements to South Cambridgeshire's Council homes could include insulation, ventilation, heating controls, double glazing, solar panels, and heat pumps - cutting bills and tackling fuel poverty. South Cambridgeshire District Council will now work to allocate funding to properties with priority given to those most in need of energy efficiency improvements. Council tenants will be contacted direct if their home is able to benefit - with the aim for the Council to have as many of its 5,500 properties above an EPC rating of C in the next four years. The funding from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero is part of the national Warm Homes Plan. A total of £8,280,376 is being provided for South Cambs. South Cambs District Council will

contribute £10 million from its Housing Revenue Account – consisting of Council house rents – to the improvements too.

### **Empty Properties**

During 2023/24 – 28 South Cambs properties that were unused and vacant were bought back into use by the District Council. A similar number of turnarounds is expected by the end of the current financial year. Anyone who is looking to turn an old, neglected property into a home may be able to save thousands of pounds in VAT on renovation costs – just by contacting South Cambridgeshire District Council's Empty Homes Officer. Home maintenance and improvements are usually charged at the standard rate of 20% VAT. However, the Government offers a 5% VAT rate on renovations for properties that have been unoccupied for more than two years – but were lived in beforehand. Anyone who has recently purchased, or is about to buy, an empty property which meets these criteria simply needs to contact the Council. The Empty Homes Officer can then provide paperwork needed to confirm the house was unoccupied – triggering a substantial saving. To see if you qualify, email:

**env.health@scambs.gov.uk** and provide as much information as possible on the property you have recently purchased or are looking to purchase.

### **Council Tax on Empty Homes**

As part of other efforts to bring local

empty homes back into use – Council Tax will be doubled on long-term vacant and second homes in the District. The aim is to encourage people to sell or rent their properties to tackle the national housing shortfall – which is particularly acute in South Cambridgeshire. Council estimates suggest there are around 2,640 empty homes in the district, and a further 360 second properties.

### **Healthy Start Vouchers**

Parents of children under the age of four years old are being encouraged to check if they are eligible for **FREE** Healthy Start vouchers to help buy food and milk. The Healthy Start vouchers are offered by the NHS to parents receiving certain benefits but are estimated to go unclaimed by more than a third (38%) of eligible parents in South Cambs. This results in almost **£88,000 of unclaimed funds** each year in the district, largely due to a lack of awareness of the scheme. In our latest campaign to support residents with the cost of living, we have used our new and innovative IT package, called the Low-Income Family Tracker (LIFT), to identify 377 households who are likely to be eligible for Healthy Start vouchers. All these households have been contacted by letter and text where possible to encourage them to apply for Healthy Start vouchers if they have not done so already. Parents are eligible for Healthy Start vouchers if they have a child under the age

of four and are on certain benefits. If eligible, parents will receive a Healthy Start card that can be used in most UK supermarkets, similar to a debit card. The card will be pre-loaded with £8.50 a week for children aged under one, and £4.25 a week for children aged between one and four years old.

### **New South Cambs website**

Please take a look at the new SCDC website – [www.scams.gov.uk](http://www.scams.gov.uk) – which has lots of new features including localisation: people can put their postcode in and find information purely relevant to the area they live, such as their local councillors and the bin schedule, planning applications close by and the local events happening in their area.

### **Local Plan Update**

Development of the emerging Local Plan for the 2030s has been on hold for over a year due to uncertainties over water supply and transport provision. However, Greater Cambridge

Shared Planning has announced that sufficient progress has been made to allow a draft Local Plan to be produced this year, for review by the council and for public consultation. There is a huge lead-up time in plan making and these are only steps in a very long process.

### **Local Elections**

There are local elections this year on **May 1st** for the County Council and the Mayor of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority. Please do research the candidates for both of these positions, as they will affect how your views are represented at these two local authorities.

### **Contact Information:**

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#### **Geoff Harvey**

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#### **Henry Batchelor**

COUNTY COUNCILLOR  
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## **Balsham Singers**

The 1st concert in Balsham Singers 30th Anniversary year takes place on **17th May at 7.30pm** in **Holy Trinity Church Balsham**. The programme is varied and revisits concerts gone by with music ancient and modern.

Tickets are available at Balsham and Gt Abington Post Offices and online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers>

Tickets **£12 under 16's £1**

### **Like to join us?**

We are holding 5 **Singing for Fun** sessions starting on **22nd May**.

Just turn up and try us out, no booking, no commitment, cost £5 a session or all 5 for £20. In **Balsham Sports Pavilion** at **7.30pm** from **Thursday 22nd May**.

### **Jo Stinton**

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# The Black Bull

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*April Greetings to all Balsham Villagers from all at The Black Bull*

## **Happy May!**

Thank you to those who joined us last month – whether for the Folk Night or just general fayre.

Our **Spring Menu** is going down very well. Best sellers so far:

Roast Lamb Rump – smoked aubergine, lamb boulangère potatoes, sugar snap peas, brioche herb crumb, jus.

Crispy Balsham Messiah Mushroom – fondant potato, coconut creamed spinach, crispy garlic, chilli topping, herb oil.

Blackberry & Apple Souffle – caramelised apple, Proper Twelve Apple Whiskey, salted caramel ice-creaminger spiced shortbread biscuit.

## **Next Events coming up:**

Next **Pint of Music – Folk Night** (+Specials Board) **Thursday 8th May**  
Our Irish/Folk friends are back again. *"It's hard to find the real thing like this, even in Ireland"*

A regular monthly fixture now. Tony Day brings along a varying melody of musicians for an evening of acoustic music and song. Local folk/Irish/acoustic roots - whistle, bodhran

(Possible) **Nick Antoniou Jazz Quartet – Friday 23rd May** (TBC).

Our new local find from Ickleton – amazing quartet who are keen to come on tour to Balsham. Just finalising the date.

*Best wishes from all of us*

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**Alex, Rob, Liz, Luke & the teams**

info@blackbull-balsham.co.uk

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## **Christian Aid Week**



Christian Aid Week is an awareness and fundraising week that happens every May. Look out for collection envelopes being posted through letter boxes from **11th -17th May**.

This year the campaign is focusing on the livelihoods of farmers in the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala

where Christian Aid are working with their partners to support people's rights and provide training in sustainable farming methods.

Christian Aid also provides humanitarian aid when disasters strike.

More info: [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

The collection envelopes can be dropped at the Balsham Post Office or at the Christian Aid stall at the Big Balsham Sale

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**Anna McColl**

Tel: 01223 890 693

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# Linton Library News

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The first week of May is **National Hedgerow Week**, so pop in to find out more and join in the fun.

Would you, or someone you know, like the **Library at Home Service**? This is free, designed for customers who can't visit a library due to illness, disability, or caregiving duties. There are no reservation charges or overdue fees. A vetted volunteer visits about once a month, delivering library items selected to suit the customer's reading preferences. Most volunteers can also stay for a brief chat.

Are you aged between 12-18? Would you like to take part in our **Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering Programme** this summer? Call in for a chat and register online: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/get-involved/volunteering-with-libraries](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/get-involved/volunteering-with-libraries)

**Rhyme then Duplo: Tuesday mornings 10-11am** for 0-4 years. We would love to see you and your little ones there!

Do you like reading stories aloud? We have a **volunteer vacancy** for story and rhyme time. Pop in if you're interested.

**Lego/Duplo: Friday 10-11am**, weekly (every 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday). Come along and entertain your 0-4 year old.

**Games Afternoon: weekly, Thursday 2-4pm**. Come and meet new people, board/card games provided or bring your favourite to share.

**IT Drop In: every Wednesday 5-7pm**, knowledgeable volunteers are here to offer help with Information Technology, including how to use the Addenbrookes MyChart patient management software.

**Knit and Natter: every Tuesday, 2pm – 4pm**. Bring along any craft project you're working on.

**Daylight Readers: our Book Groups meet at 10.30am and 2.30pm on Friday 25th.**

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**Vicky Anandraj & Ann King**

COMMUNITY LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

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## Opening hours

<b>Mon</b> CLOSED	<b>Thurs</b> 2-5pm
<b>Tues</b> 10am-5pm	<b>Fri</b> 10am-5pm
<b>Weds</b> 4-7pm	<b>Sat</b> 10am-1pm

## Customer Services

(regular office hours): **0345 045 5225**

[www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library)

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# Balsham Football Club

## FIXTURES

DATE	HOME	AWAY	VENUE	COMP
3 May	Cambourne Town	Balsham	Cambourne Fitness Centre	L

# Balsham WI

Our April meeting looked at the **1950s**, looking at changes in the village since then, some of the WI members, and their legacy. Some of our older members could remember some of the members featured, and we all benefit from their campaigning for a footpath along West Wickham Road which did not exist at the time. We had a raffle with prizes that would have featured during a 1950s meeting, as well as competitions that took place at that time, although not the one to count the number of prickles on a hedgehog!

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 13 May, 7.30pm** at the Pavilion in Balsham. The theme for this meeting will be the **1960s**.

We are a friendly bunch, and new members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the **second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm** in the **Pavilion, Balsham**. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us – **balshamwi@gmail.com** or send a message on Facebook, **@Balsham WI**

**Debbie Mower**

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!: Saturday 16 August**

when we are holding an **Afternoon Tea** for past and present members at the Church Institute in celebration of our centenary this year.

## Can You Help?

**Balsham Scout Group** are looking for new committee members in particular for the role of Treasurer. The role involves overseeing the general financial management; planning and keeping track of budgets within the group; collect, deposit and keep track of funds and provide financial

reports to fellow committee members.

Without a treasurer, the group will be in danger of closing, so if you feel you can help us please contact our Chair, David Weir (**chair@balshamscouts.org.uk**) for more information.

## Bin Collections May/June

DATE	BLACK	BLUE	GREEN
Wednesday May 7 <sup>TH</sup>		✓	✓
Wednesday May 14 <sup>TH</sup>	✓		
Wednesday May 21 <sup>ST</sup>		✓	✓
Wednesday May 28 <sup>TH</sup>	✓		
Wednesday June 4 <sup>TH</sup>		✓	✓

# West Wickham & District Garden Club

Here comes the Sun!

Now the Sun has finally decided to brighten our spring gardens, all thoughts in the **West Wickham & District Garden Club** are turning to the Garden Club's summer outings and meetings.

Members and non-members are all welcome to our most popular event of the year: the **Plant Sale** on **17th May** at **10:30 to 12:00** at **West Wickham Village Hall**. Anyone generous enough to bring seedlings and plants for sale (or cakes for the tea stall), please bring your (labelled) pots between 9:00 and 10:00 or deliver plants to **Janet Morris**

at 21 High Street from Monday 12th. If anyone would like plant labels or pots, again, Janet can help you!

As always, there will be tea and cakes available for visitors to enjoy and this year we are accepting card payments.

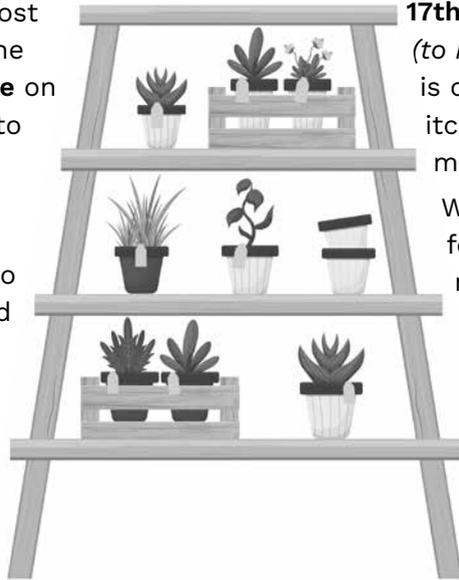
This year's summer garden visits are to **Buster's Cottage, Duxford** on **16th June** at **18:30** (£10) and to **Farm Lodge, Hildersham** on **21st**

**July** at **18:30** (£7.50): both fees include refreshments. We are collecting members' names for these events now.

**PLUS** we will be attending a number of summer fetes in the area so look out for us there. From

**17th May** membership (to renew in September) is only **£5** so if you're itching to join us now might be the time!

We are looking forward to seeing new and familiar faces at the Plant Fair and thank everybody in advance for your fantastic support.



## For further information please contact:

**Plant sale:** Janet Morris on

**Tel:** 01223 290863

**Email:** [jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com](mailto:jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)

**Summer visits:** Indi Liepa on

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**Email:** [ifliepa@gmail.com](mailto:ifliepa@gmail.com)

**Club information:** Sue Boase on

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# Balsham Weather March 2025

Photo: Gillian Watters Gifford

## Air Temperatures: Maximum & Minimum

### MARCH:

Daytime temperatures (*in the shade*)

**Highest:** 18° C on 20th March

**Lowest:** 6° C on 13th March

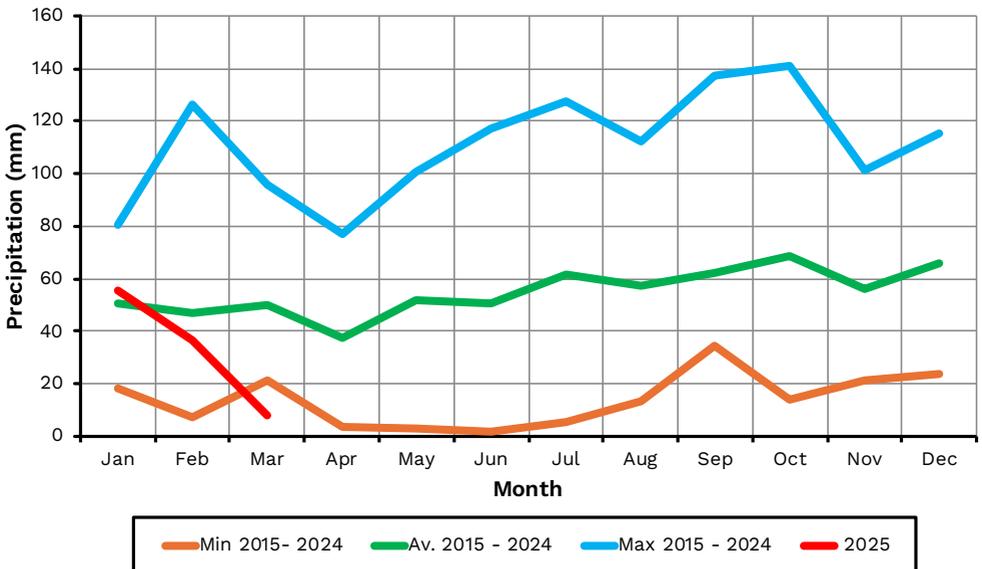
Night time temperatures

**Highest:** 10° C on 20th March

**Lowest:** -3° C on 14th March

## March Rainfall at 11 Nine Chimneys Lane, Balsham

Total March 2025 rainfall: 8.00mm/0.315" which fell on 5 Days.





**Saturday May 3rd**

**Doors open 7.00pm & film at 7.30pm in Balsham Church Institute**

# **A Complete Unknown (15)**



The story of Bob Dylan's arrival on the music scene in the early 60s

Set in the influential New York City music scene of the early 1960s,

**A Complete Unknown** follows 19-year-old Minnesota musician Bob Dylan's meteoric rise as a folk singer to concert halls and the top of the charts as his songs and his mystique become a worldwide sensation that culminates in his groundbreaking electric rock-and-roll performance at the Newport Folk Festival in 1965.

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***Dave's bar open as usual before the film for refreshments.***

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***Join the Picture House with annual membership of just £12  
or come as a guest member at £3/film show***