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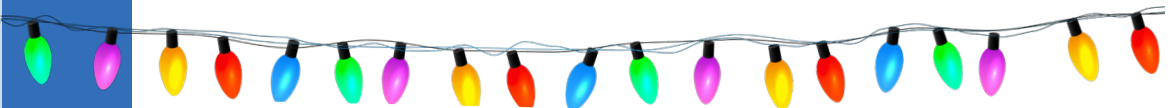
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Every last Tuesday of the month Amwell Fundraisers Bingo at the Mead Hall, 7.30pm. Contact Colin on 07790 639735.

Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month Dementia Coffee Club for both those living with dementia and their carers, at the Mead Hall from 10.30 to 12 noon. All are welcome.

Every Thursday Citizens Advice Outreach Service (CAB), Memorial Hall, 10am-12pm. Drop in or make an appointment on 01727 811118. The Adviceline is 03444 111444.

October 26, 27 and 28 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

Wheathampstead Dramatic Society performance of 'My Mother Said I Never Should' by Charlotte Keatley. Tickets can be purchased from Manor Pharmacy.

November 10 and 11 (Saturday and Sunday) Exhibition:

Wheathampstead during the Great War 1914-1920. Memorial Hall, 10am-6pm both days.

November 10, 11, 12 and 13 (Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) Churches Together Armistice Centenary Commemoration, St Helen's Church, 10am-6pm each day.

November 11 (Sunday) Remembrance Parade, 9.45am outside St Helen's Church.

November 29 (Thursday) Christmas Lights Up, along the High Street from 5.45pm.

December 3 (Monday) Vehicle Crime Prevention Day with PCSO Joshua Walton, Memorial Hall, 12pm-3pm.

December 5 (Wednesday) Wheathampstead Playgroup Christmas Mini Market and Social, from 7.30pm, £5 per ticket (includes drink and raffle ticket). For tickets, call 01582 833126 or visit the Post Office.

December 6 (Thursday) Wheathampstead Community Group Christmas Singalong (see back cover for more information).

December 8 (Saturday) Amwell Fundraisers Christmas Party, Memorial Hall, 6.30pm-9.30pm. Contact Colin on 07790 639735. Transport is available if required.

Station Fun Day

On Sunday 23 September, the Station Fun Day event was cancelled due to the heavy rain. The event organisers are keen to host the event sometime in the spring, so keep an eye out for updates!

Leila's Run -19 August 2018

Leila's Run 2018 was a great success and raised £1,500, which has been donated to Leila's Hospice. This annual run was created in memory of Leila Taylor, an active member of the Garden City Runners. Leila completed over two hundred marathons across the world before losing her battle with cancer in 2013.

The run, which takes place in August, starts and finishes at Butterfield Road Playing Fields. One runner this year said, "The course was stunning, the marshals were fab and all for a great cause. I lost my own Mum to cancer last year so I did it for her too".

Wheathampstead Community Library's future home

Building work has started at Wheathampstead fire station to create a space for Wheathampstead Community Library, with a view to opening to the public in the spring. The fire station will operate throughout the works, with minimal disruption expected. Fire engines will be available to cover the villages at all times. The fire station will also be refurbished as part of the development and will operate alongside the library once it opens.

For up to date information, you can follow both Wheathampstead Community Library and Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service on Facebook. Alternatively you can visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk

UK Power Networks - planned electricity cable works

Verges along Marford Road, Necton Road, Conquerors Hill, Offa's Way and Caesar's Road may be affected by works carried out between 16 October and 18 November. Minimal disruption is expected.

NHS 111

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Scout Christmas Post

Would you like to save some money and time this Christmas?

For less than half the price of a second class stamp, Wheathampstead Scout Group will deliver your local Christmas cards throughout the village.

Last year almost 2000 cards were delivered, raising almost £400 for the local scouts. The Scouts deliver to homes within Wheathampstead, including Gustard Wood, Blackmore End, Folly Fields and the Manor Road area.

The Scout post boxes will be located at both Manor Pharmacy and St Helen's Church from Friday 30 November.

The deadline for getting your cards to the Scout post boxes:

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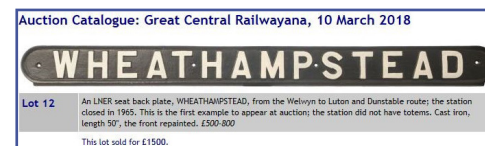
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Where did all that money go?

In the spring of this year, a Wheathampstead station seatback sign came up for auction.

Through a crowd-funding exercise using the “Just Giving” website, the railway platform team raised enough money to place a bid of up to £1,200. Unfortunately, the sign sold for £1,500.

tell these from the original but the date of “2018” has been cast in small letters to show that they are copies. Two will be displayed at the platform and the third held in reserve.



As part of the crowd-funding campaign, we promised that if the bid failed, any money collected would be used on the platform.

We had money left over so, again using Terry's carpentry skills, we made a station sign which we have installed at the west end of the platform close to the roundabout. We have also acquired and restored some more luggage to replace the luggage that was vandalised on the platform.

First, Terry Pankhurst made an exact replica of the original sign in wood, to be used as a casting pattern. We sent this to a foundry and had three identical replicas cast in iron. It is almost impossible to

The rest of the money will be put towards maintenance costs.

We would like to thank all those who contributed and hope you feel the money is being well spent.



Above: The original template made from wood and the 1.27m (50") cast, weighing 12.7 kg (28 pounds).

Right: Eddie Cornell, Patrick McNeill and Terry Pankhurst installing the sign.





JAMES MARSHALL FOUNDATION

Nearly 300 years ago a local man, James Marshall, left his estate of houses and land to create a Charity that would support young people living in the Parish of Wheathampstead, which at that time included Harpenden. The aim was to help young people of limited financial means to enter into apprenticeships.

Today the Foundation provides financial assistance for young people with educational and career-related opportunities at school, college, university or in an apprenticeship that would otherwise be too costly.

Grants totalling about £200,000 are awarded each year to about 200 young people in Wheathampstead and Harpenden to help with the cost of such areas as travel, course fees, accommodation at University, books and equipment, school trips and school uniform. Most applicants are aged between 16 and 24 but the Foundation can support younger children.

Testimonials



“Thank you for helping me reach goals that a few years ago I thought were unattainable.”

“Your support has really helped to reduce stress for a single parent, empowered my children to go for what they thought was unachievable and helped to improve our outlook on life in general. I cannot thank James Marshall Foundation enough for all you do.”

TRUSTEE VACANCY

The Foundation has a Board of Trustees who live or work in the local community. Meetings are held once a month. A Charity Manager runs the day-to-day operations.

We will shortly be looking for new trustees - people with the enthusiasm and commitment to carry on this legacy for the benefit of our local young people. To find out more, please contact our Charity Manager by phone on 01582 760735 or by email jmfoundation@btconnect.com

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Do you know which council you need?

See pages 11 and 12 for details of what each council is responsible for and how to contact them.

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- Allotments and grazing
- Benches and noticeboards
- Bus shelters (shared with county)
- Community events
- Community gardens - Bury Green, Diamond Jubilee and Crinkle Crankle
- Community grants
- Community safety (with partners)
- East Lane car park
- Restored station platform
- Heritage trails
- Litter/dog fouling bins (shared with district)
- Litter picking (shared with district)
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Open spaces, local nature reserves and commons - including Butterfield, Melissa, Bower Heath, The Meads, Gustard Wood, Marshalls Heath, Nomansland
- Planning — statutory consultee
- Play areas (shared with district)
- Sports facilities — all-weather turf pitch, tennis courts, football pitches and cricket pitch
- Venue hire — Memorial Hall and sports facilities

Want to know what is going on in the village?

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- Keep an eye on the 'News' section of our website.
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advance view of the new labyrinth being constructed in Christchurch Cathedral, Cork (also unusual because it has 16 bells - one of only three such towers in the world) and a close-up view of stained-glass windows in another Dublin church. It wasn't all ringing - we managed some sightseeing in Dublin too, including a trip round the Guinness exhibition.

Unfortunately, ringing is a dying art, so in this 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, there is a move to recruit 1400 new ringers countrywide, the same number as died in the war.

If you're interested in becoming bell-ringer, or just finding out a bit more, please contact Ben Quinn on 07802 800014 or quinnb@internet.com, or come along to practise between 7.30 and 9.15 any Monday evening (entrance by West door at St Helen's - opposite side from the High Street). You don't have to be a churchgoer.

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Developmental Language Disorder

A little-known disability

Friday 19 October was “World DLD Day”. DLD stands for “Developmental Language Disorder” – a communication disability that affects approximately two children in every classroom but that few people have heard of.

Developmental Language Disorder means having significant difficulties with talking and/or understanding language but with no known cause such as hearing impairment or autism. DLD often runs in families and may occur alongside ADHD or dyslexia.

For a child or adult with DLD, there are challenges every day. Imagine being a sociable, intelligent child who struggles to join in conversations with peers, has the capacity to learn but finds it difficult to understand instructions in the classroom, express their thoughts and ideas or demonstrate their knowledge to the teacher. Unsurprisingly, these children may often present problems in the classroom with poor attention and listening or difficult behaviour. Or they may be the quiet, apparently shy ones at the back of the classroom whose struggles are missed. Recent research is showing significant links between DLD and poor educational and employment outcomes, mental health difficulties and youth offending.

“World DLD Day” aimed to build

awareness of this condition. A generation ago, few people knew anything about autism; the same could be said today of Developmental Language Disorder.

Let’s get people talking about this hidden disability and build understanding of what it means so we can help those with DLD who struggle with talking and understanding and who really need a voice.

If you have concerns about a child who may have DLD, search the internet for “Children’s Speech and Language Therapy Hertfordshire” for information about local Speech and Language Therapy Services.

Useful links

- Follow the DLD Raising Awareness campaign on Twitter @RADLDcam
- Learn about about DLD at www.afasic.org.uk @afasic
- www.youtube.com/user/RALLIcampaign

Life is full of drama

...so why not join the club?

Wheathampstead Dramatic Society

Wheathampstead’s local drama society has been performing highly acclaimed plays since 1946, and now produces three plays each year. We were particularly pleased to be presented with awards at the recent annual meeting of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association. We achieved top positions for the best Ensemble and for the Leading Male Actor in last year’s productions and were runners-up in several other categories

Over the next few years, we are hoping to perform plays such as ‘Shirley Valentine’ by Willy Russell, ‘Ghosts’ by Henrik Ibsen, ‘Woman in Mind’ by Sir Alan Ayckbourn, ‘Witness for the Prosecution’ by Agatha Christie, ‘Ladies in Lavender’ by Shaun McKenna, Frederick Knott’s ‘Wait until Dark’ and ‘Duets’ by Peter Quilter.

The next play to be performed is ‘That Good Night’ by N.J.Crisp on 21-23 February 2019, followed by open auditions on 26-27 February for the May production of The Herd by Rory Kinnear, a domestic family drama set on the disabled son’s 21st birthday.

Have you ever thought about being on stage?

In addition to our fantastic existing members, we would love some new, younger members to take on key roles in our future plays. You don’t need any experience, just enthusiasm!

To find out more about getting involved, call Len on 01727 861958 or email len.skilton@ntlworld.com.

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The Memorial Hall's "greatest show"!



On Sunday 7 October 2018, the Memorial Hall on Marford Road played host to a screening of *The Greatest Showman*, with over 120 tickets sold.

This was the first event created by the newly formed 'Community Cinema' group and the feedback was very positive. One local parent, who attended with her two children, said, "we loved the atmosphere and it was great to have it so close to home".

The group, which currently consists of five local residents with a shared love of cinema, was created to be non-profit making. The group is keen to donate any additional monies raised at each event to other community based

organisations wherever possible.

The focus is on making each showing an interactive event, with films you can sing along to, opportunities for fancy dress, associated discos and so much more. Suggestion boxes will be available at each event, so the sharing of ideas is highly encouraged.


The Community Cinema group aims to have 3-4 events a year to begin with, so keep an eye out for details of the next one.



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OUR BEAUTIFUL RIVER

There are about 200 chalk streams in the world and some 160 of these are in England, including up to 16 in Hertfordshire. One of these, the Lea, flows through Wheathampstead and The Meads.

Like all chalk streams, the Lea faces threats: low flows due to drought and abstraction (where water is pumped from the ground to supply the local population), pollution from urban and agricultural sources, invasive species such as Himalayan Balsam, and man-made negative impacts such as weirs and dredging.

In February this year, volunteers completed a major project in The Meads to tackle the erosion of the river bank caused by children and dogs climbing in and out. This project was sponsored by the Wild Trout Trust and supported by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust (HMWT), the Environment Agency and the Parish Council. We want people to enjoy the river but we have to balance this with protecting the river as a

resource and wildlife habitat.

We have installed willow spiling along 80 metres of the river bank and created five preferred access points for children and dogs. Over the summer, these have proved very successful and are much admired.

So successful, in fact, that HMWT chose this as an example of the Trust's work to show to our local MP, Bim Afolami. On a Friday morning in October, he and senior staff from the Trust visited The Meads where Lesley Davies, Chief Executive of the Trust, described what the Trust is doing to protect the county's chalk streams and Patrick McNeill, who managed the Meads project on behalf of the Parish Council, explained the work and described how local volunteers had achieved these great results.



Before

After



Before



After



Patrick with Bim Afolami



The visiting group

(Above two images: © Frieda Rummenhohl)

Community DriveSafe

Worried about speeding through your village, street or neighbourhood? Now you can get actively involved by volunteering to run a Community DriveSafe scheme.

DriveSafe works differently from previous neighbourhood speed initiatives – communities will be empowered to ensure the safety of their local area by coming together and being given the means to take action themselves.

Volunteers are given speed display equipment and stand at the roadside monitoring passing vehicles. Speeding motorists are sent an advisory letter and those who speed frequently could receive a visit from a police officer.

To initiate a new DriveSafe group, you need to complete a petition form. You will need at least 10 names of which three would be willing to volunteer. You can find the petition form, along with further information at:

www.hertscommissioner.org/community-drivesafe-scheme-hertfordshire



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