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VILLAGE WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

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Dates for your diary

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

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

September 22 (Saturday) John Bunyan Charity Family Fun Day at the John Bunyan pub, 12pm-5pm.

September 23 (Sunday) Wheathampstead Station Fun Day on Station Road, 12pm-4pm.

October 11 (Thursday) 'In the Footsteps of Shackleton' - a talk by Martin Thomas FRCS. See page 15 for more information.

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 29 (Thursday) Christmas Lights Up, along the High Street.

November 10 and 11 (Saturday and Sunday) Exhibition: Wheathampstead during the Great War 1914-1920. Memorial Hall, 10am-6pm both days. See page 15 for more information.

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

School Achievement Awards 2018

Four Year 6 children were given a £25 gift voucher by the Parish Council for their exemplary behaviour and work ethic at school. Congratulations to Rachel Goldspink, Callum Musgrave, Lee Whish and Calum Kilkenny from St Helen's School and Beech Hyde School.

Front cover: Judith Parry Photography

Village Weekend: Saturday 7 July and Sunday 8 July

Wheathampstead saw yet another successful weekend of community events in July. See pages 11-12 for more information.

Check before you travel

From 20 May, entirely new timetables were introduced at Great Northern, Thameslink, Southern & Gatwick Express. Many passengers who use these services to get to work, school, or anywhere else may be affected as their usual journey time or pattern is likely to have changed. It is part of the biggest train timetable change in decades and is necessary to help increase capacity and improve reliability on the busiest part of the UK rail network. Check your new timetable at <u>www.railplan2020.com/timetables</u>

New bus shelters

Two bus shelters were recently replaced, one on the High Street opposite St Helen's Church and one on Lower Luton Road opposite Rose Lane.

Amwell Day

Amwell Local Fundraisers hosted their annual family-friendly event on Saturday 30 June at the Elephant & Castle pub. The event was a great success and raised £1,900.

Recycling must improve

In the past month, the St Albans district has reached its target rate of over 60% for recycling. Despite this success, recycling in Wheathampstead needs to improve dramatically as the village was recently ranked 19th out of 20 for recycling within the district.



Please familiarise yourself with what goes in each bin and reduce the amount of waste put in your brown bin. Throwing waste into landfill not only costs around £100 per tonne, but it also releases harmful gases and chemicals into the environment.

Recognising volunteers

WPC Volunteer Awards: Gold badges

Since the Parish Council launched the WPC Volunteer Awards in May 2017, 17 gold badges have been awarded and more than 90 green badges. Green badges are presented to regular volunteers, while gold badges are reserved for who those have shown outstanding commitment to volunteering.

The majority of those who received a gold badge regularly help out at village events such as Village Weekend in addition to their other voluntary activities.

Andy Ellis Wheathampstead Wanderers FC

David Law Thursday Club, Patient Participation Group

Julie Bell Wheathampstead and District Preservation Society

Marion Oxley Patient Participation Group, U3A, Wheathampstead Community Group

Nonwe Maw Weekly luncheon club for the elderly

Norman Whitwood Farmers' Market, Christmas Lights-Up, Heritage Trail, WEB (our business group)

Annie Brewster All-round champion of Wheathampstead at

District and County levels. Heritage Trail

Colin Bower Amwell Fundraisers

Eddie Cornell Litterblitz, health walks, Footpaths representative, Station Platform project

Isobel Poole Dementia Friendly Group

John Burgess Village maintenance, particularly in the conservation area

Maggie Fleetwood Thursday Club

Nigel Oxley Conservation of buildings and open spaces, WDPS

Patrick McNeill Meads Ranger, River Warden, Station Platform project

Peter Ryan Wheathampstead Open Spaces Volunteers (WOSV) organiser

Richard Brett Heritage Trail, Wheathampstead Community Library, Neighbourhood Plan

Terry Pankhurst First World War research, Station Platform project

This list of the achievements of these extraordinary volunteers is not complete; we know that they do even more and we apologise for any omissions.

Gabriel's Cup 7-a-side Football Tournament

Saturday 18 August 2018 11am kick off

Artifical turf pitch, Marford Playing Fields

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All proceeds go to Sands Players must be 16 or over Refreshments available To book your spot, contact Anthony on 07985 517510

If you would like to donate to this special charity please visit our Just Giving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/born-asleep

Stillbirth & neonatal death charity www.sands.org.uk

Wheathampstead Parish Council



Wheathampstead Dramatic Society

Join us—There is something for everyone!

We are a small, friendly society with a big heart, a good reputation, and a strong team approach where everyone is valued for what they do. Everyone makes a difference. We put on two or three plays each year and are always keen to welcome new members.

Actors are of course central to what we do and we are looking for more, especially from the younger age groups, so that we can offer a wider variety of plays. Whether you have acted before or would just like to give it a go, we would be glad to have you join us.

But there is much more ...

- Directors, stage managers and assistants
- Backstage support props, wardrobe
- Set construction and painting
- Sound and lighting training given



Front of house – manager, bar duty, coffee duty, selling tickets and programmes – all on performance nights only.

These are all vital and varied roles that members help with as and when they can.

To find out more, please contact Len Skilton at len.skilton@ntlworld.com

Or come to our Welcome BBQ on Saturday 1 September from 12.30pm at the Elephant & Castle in Amwell.

Give us a try. We look forward to meeting you.

For more information, visit www.wheathampsteaddramaticsociety.co.uk



Pilates classes on Thursday at 8 p.m. Friday at 9:05a.m, 12:30pm & 1:30pm Mead Hall, East Lane, Wheathampstead Wednesday at 9:30a.m. & 10.30a.m. Southdown Methodist Church Hall, Southdown Road, Harpenden

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Crinkle-Crankle Garden

Proposed plans for the garden

Wheathampstead is fortunate to have a rare example of Victorian crinklecrankle walls – the only publicly accessible ones in Hertfordshire. When the Moat House flats were built in part of what had been the garden of the Old Rectory in King Edward Place, the Parish Council was given the rest of the space that is enclosed by these walls to use as a community asset.

The Council plans to develop the garden as an attractive space in which to relax and enjoy the beautiful view of St Helen's Church (see proposed layout below).

- to restore the garden to its delightful nineteenth -century glory and provide a beautiful space for the people of Wheathampstead to enjoy
- to create a garden that will appeal to visitors from further afield and inspire the next generation of gardeners to create a space that is tranquil, accessible, educational, and a wildlife-friendly habitat.

New features will include:

- a petanque/boules court, which will be free to use
- seating
- sensory gardens.



Our vision for the Garden:

For updates, see our website www.wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk

Join a leisure course at Harpenden WEA

Interested in the wider world? Keen to keep your brain active in company with like-minded people? Then why not try a WEA leisure course?

The Harpenden branch of the WEA (Workers' Educational Association) runs courses on a wide range of topics. Each course comprises 8 to 11 weekly daytime sessions, each lasting 1½ or 2 hours. No qualifications required; no homework; no exams. Fees are payable, but are waived for those on means-tested benefits or a low income.

Courses meet at the Harpenden Trust Centre, 90 Southdown Road, with ample parking at the Co-op car park nearby. Courses run in the Autumn and Spring terms. This Autumn's courses start in week beginning 17 September.

Mon 10-12	The British Raj in India (Part 1)	11 weeks
Mon 2-4	Art History: The Tudor Spin Machine and The High Renaissance	8 weeks (starting 1/10)
Tues 11-1	The English Musical Renaissance 1899-1934	11 weeks
Tues 2-3.30	Current Affairs / Talking Politics (Part 1)	10 weeks (starting 24/9)
Wed 2-4	The English Parish Church from the Reformation to the 20th Century	11 weeks
Thurs 2-4	Contemporary Literature (Part 1) covering a diverse range of novels, poetry and non-fiction	11 weeks

There are also one-day courses:

Sat 20 October	Russia from The Cherry Orchard to Putin: An exploration of leadership in Russian politics and culture
Sat 17 November	A Historical Guide to the Reading of Music: Tracing the development of the language of music with some audience participation

To find out more please visit our website <u>www.weaharpenden.org.uk</u> or contact Bob Spence on 01442 254375 Email: <u>robertspence@ntlworld.com</u>

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Find out what goes on at WEB

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Village Weekend 2018 Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 July

Our village was, once again, a hive of activity and entertainment in the second weekend of July. Saturday brought us Wheathampstead's Got Talent (see page 19), followed by Picnic on the Meads with live music from The Fleetville Swing Band, plus performances and a dance class from Jive Swing. The No.7 Band joined us once again and kept the dance floor buzzing. A beautiful firework display, sponsored by local businesses, brought the evening to an end.

Village Day on Sunday started with the Rampage Mas Band leading the parade with their crazy, colourful costumes and loud music, in keeping with our theme of 'Carnival'.

The arena saw performances from a variety of dancers, plus magic shows and a martial arts demo. As well as our usual community and charity stalls, we had a circus skills workshop, a story corner, games for the children, a running track and much more.

The day ended with the announcement of the winner of the 2by2 Holidays/WEB holiday competition for nine nights in South Africa - worth £2,000-among other competitions that had been running throughout the day.

As ever, success depended on volunteers, including first-time volunteers, who worked tirelessly throughout the weekend in one or two hour slots during all three events. If you were a volunteer, thank you again for your help. If you could be a volunteer at future events, email us at:

info@wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk.





"What a fabulous weekend. It was lovely to see the community enjoy themselves in the sunshine!" Julia Warren, Clerk to the Council

























Wheathampstead Fire Station

Part-time heroes needed in Wheathampstead!

Do you spend your days working in a shop or office, commuting to London, or at home? Are you looking for a new challenge?

Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service is currently recruiting On-call firefighters from all walks of life.

On-call firefighters combine their day jobs and commitments at home with being a fully qualified firefighter. Half the county's fire engines are staffed 24 hours a day by On-call firefighters who, if available, respond to operational calls when alerted by the control room.

On-call firefighters attend incidents and emergencies, including fires, road traffic accidents and animal rescues and are trained in the necessary specialist skills. On average you might expect to be called must be at least 18, reasonably fit and healthy, and live or work within four minutes of their local On-call fire station. Successful applicants will be paid a monthly retainer plus additional fees for training hours and call-outs.

Adrian Biddulph, an On-call firefighter in Wheathampstead, said:

"When realised that the T commitment was flexible, and I could fit it around my family and full-time job, becoming an On-call firefighter suddenly became a possibility. I use my mobile phone to flexibly sign on off throughout the week and depending on other commitments.

Over the past two years I've learnt some amazing skills, helped people in my community, and done something that I am really proud of."

out two or three times a week depending on how many hours you can be available.

Applicants



'In the Footsteps of Shackleton' - A talk by Martin Thomas FRCS

St Helen's Church, Thursday 11 Oct 2018 at 8pm

Just over 100 years ago, Ernest Shackleton led what has become a near-legendary journey. At the start of an expedition to cross Antarctica, his ship Endurance became crushed in pack ice and sank. After drifting on the ice for 15 months, he and his 27



men reached the uninhabited Elephant Island. To summon help, Shackleton and five companions then sailed 800 miles in a 20-foot lifeboat in winter to South Georgia. He and two men then crossed the unmapped mountains to Stromness.

Martin Thomas FRCS will give an illustrated account of this remarkable story. He will also describe his own experience of sailing Shackleton's route to South Georgia and making the Shackleton Traverse across the mountains.

Price: Members £10/Non-members £12. Tickets can be obtained from Margaret Pearce 01582 833581.

WW1 Exhibition

Wheathampstead during the Great War 1914-1920

The History Society is researching the experiences of village people and how they adapted to both war and peace for an exhibition in the Memorial Hall on the 10th and 11th of November, 10am to 6pm. Come along and see what we have discovered.

If you have any family stories to share please contact us on wheathampstead.atwar@gmail.com



Allotments

How can an allotment benefit you?



According to The National Allotment Society, there are many benefits to having an allotment.

Health and cost-saving:

Growing your own fruit and veg is considerably cheaper and often healthier, as you can choose not to use chemicals. Fresh produce often tastes much better too!

Vitamin D:

Just 15 minutes a day can help to boost your vitamin D levels.

Exercise:

30 minutes of gardening can burn 150 calories, which is the same as doing low impact aerobics.

Socialising:

Many people visit their plots regularly to socialise with fellow plot holders and share ideas and advice.

Improving the eco-system:

Allotments are essential for wildlife. Just one square metre of land can support hundreds of different species.

Wheathampstead Parish Council currently owns four allotment fields:

- Baxendale (accessed via The Slype, Gustard Wood)
- Folly Fields, off Lower Luton Road
- Glebe and Hitchens, both on Marford Road, near Necton Road.

The plots are 2.5 poles (63sqm), 5 poles (126sqm) and 10 poles (253sqm). Rents are currently £4.10 per pole per year, increasing to £4.20 for 2019/2020.



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Youth News

Nomansland Nature Quest

Letter from Beech Hyde Primary School

All our Key Stage two children and staff would like to thank everyone involved in organising, funding and running our "Nature Quest" days at Nomansland Common. Our five classes all had such lovely days out and it was great to see our children engaged and interested in their local history and local environment. You will be interested to see these quotes from some of our year five children.

"I would like to say thank you for such a fun, amazing time. I really enjoyed building dens and eating our lunch inside them. I loved how everyone worked as a team. Performing in the "history of the common" plays made me smile because everyone was changing their voices and they acted their parts really well. I learnt about stories that I didn"t know about before."

"Thank you for taking me on such a wonderful school trip through Nomansland. I loved it! I can't pick a favourite part because everything was so fun and interesting. I now know how to identify trees and I know a lot of history about the common. All of the games were brilliant and it was one of the best school trips I have ever had.."

Thank you for helping the children to appreciate their local area. I am quite sure you have motivated them to visit Nomansland again with their families. Hopefully, they will share their newfound knowledge about the local history and the local habitats. What an amazing space to have right on our doorstep!



Youth News

Wheathampstead's Got Talent 2018 winners

This year's talent show saw 40 performers demonstrating their musical, comedy, dance and singing skills. Despite high temperatures, all contestants worked extremely hard to impress the judges and put on a fantastic show.

Best entertainment act: Sophia's Super Circus (Mia Farr, Martha Bainbridge, Sophie King and Isobel Reeve).

Best dance act: Explosion (Sophie Cowan and Arabella Douglas)—a dance to Ed Sheeran's 'Galway Girl'.

Best singing act: Erin Holohan–'Never Enough' from The Greatest Showman soundtrack.

The **overall winner** was Lara Curtis who wowed the judges by singing 'A Million Dreams' from The Greatest Showman soundtrack.



Congratulations to all of our winners!

Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery

By Kate Harvey, Headteacher

The school has had a successful year, especially at the end of the summer term.

The Year 5 and 6 end-of-year production 'What a Knight' was fantastic. Year 1 had a trip to Stockwood Park and the Reception class visited St. Albans Cathedral. Pupils had excellent results at the District Sports Event. The school was awarded 'Healthy School' status and received the Silver Award for Primary School Sports. Sports Day ended with ice lollies for all the children and Ice Cream Fridays, run by the PTA, are very popular!

Beech Hyde School sends good wishes to Year 6 as they move on to their secondary schools and looks forward to September.



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Police surgeries at the Memorial Hall			
Tuesday 7 August	3pm to 5pm		
Friday 10 August	6pm to 8pm		
Friday 24 August	2pm to 4pm		
Saturday 1 September	5pm to 7pm		
Friday 7 September	1pm to 3pm		
Thursday 13 September	1pm to 3pm		
Saturday 22 September	12pm to 2pm		
Friday 5 October	5pm to 7pm		
Friday 12 October	1pm to 3pm		
Wednesday 24 October	4pm to 6pm		
Monday 29 October	2pm to 4pm		

Call 101 for non-emergency and information, or 999 for an emergency.



All dates and times are subject to operational requirements.







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