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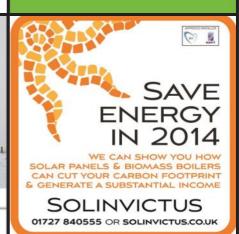
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#### **News in Brief:**

New Play Equipment and All Weather Pitch on Marford Fields—the new play equipment is now installed and ATP finished. For ATP booking enquiries please contact the Parish Council Office at info@wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk.

**Heritage Trail second series map** - following the popularity of the new walking routes, maps are available in the Parish Council Office.

**The Mill**—over the summer period The Environment Agency have completed further work to address altering flood water flow on the weir and the installation of a fish ladder.

**Crinkle Crankle Walled Garden**—the Parish Council has taken ownership of the public garden between the two Crinkle Crankle walls. We have a working party which will develop plans to enhance the garden.

**Food Bank in Wheathampstead**— plans are being put in place to organise a food bank in the Memorial Hall from September. Please contact Lydia Gladwin on 834233 for further information.

Railway Platform update— the new shelter is now partly installed

and this remains an ongoing project.

Devill's Dyke board walk repairs and extension work which was planned to take place the autumn is delayed owing to a fallen tree



hit by lightening in August.

Please remember to clear your litter and dog mess from all Parish Council land.

#### What's On—Dates for your Diary:

**Sunday 5 October**—Car Boot Sale at East Lane Car Park, last one 2 November . **Saturday 13 September**—Wheathampstead Open Space Volunteers, Marshalls Heath 10am (see page 5).

Saturday 13 September—Horticultural Society Show, the Memorial Hall.

**Saturday 20 September**— Litterblitz volunteers (please contact Eddie on 629494 or Derek on 760626 for more info).

**Saturday 11 October**—Wheathampstead Open Space Volunteers 10am (see page 5).

**Saturday 11 October**— Three Valleys Club fundraiser event "Gameopoly" at the Main Hall, 7.30pm.

Wednesday 15 October—Wheathampstead Patient Participation Group talk.

**Thursday 16 October** through to Saturday 18 October—Wheathampstead Drama Society Play Night present "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe", the Memorial Hall.

Wednesday 22 October—History Society talk "Seeing beneath the Park:results of recent geographical surveys at Verulamium and other sites in Hertfoprdshire", Mead Hall 8pm.

Friday 31 October—a village group collaboration presents "1914-1918 Wheathampstead's War", the Memorial Hall 7.30pm (see front page).

Wednesday 5 November—Scouts fireworks, Marford Playing Fields from 5pm.

Saturday 8 November — Wheathampstead Open Space Volunteers 10am.

**Sunday 9 November**—Remembrance Day Parade and Service 1 from 1030 am at St Helens Church.

**Tuesday 11 November**—Remembrance two minute silence 11am at The War Memorial.

Saturday 22 November - Litterblitz (see above).

Thursday 27 November—Lights Up in the High Street.

Saturday 29 November—St Helens Church Fair, the Memorial Hall.

Saturday December 13—Wheathampstead Open Space Volunteers 10am.

**Thursday 18 December**—Wheathampstead Community Group Christmas Carol Singalong, the Memorial Hall from 7pm.

### Wheathampstead Open Spaces Volunteers

Wheathampstead Open Spaces Volunteers (WOSV) is a small, developing group of people who meet on the second Saturday of every month to carry out tasks associated with Wheathampstead Parish Council's management plans for its open spaces. Tasks are predominately manual and include, for instance, clearing invasive shrub at Marshalls Heath nature reserve, raking away dead grass from the chalk bank at Butterfield Road nature reserve



and holly removal from the ancient ditch at Gustard Wood.

Meads Lane

9 August

We meet between 10:00 and 13:00. Details of our next tasks are available from the Parish Council Offices at <a href="mailto:info@wheathamsptead-pc.gov.uk">info@wheathamsptead-pc.gov.uk</a>.

Our next scheduled task is on the 13 September at Marshalls Heath Nature Reserve which is a mile or so out of the village on Marshalls Heath Lane. We shall be removing bramble from the edge of the grassland, clearing the verge of saplings and removing holly from some open glades. If you have spare time and are interested please join us. If you are able to, please bring gloves, wear sturdy shoes and bring bow saws and loppers if you

#### More Than Just a Name

War Memorial Project. by Terry Pankhurst.

It's been four years now since my wife and I embarked on what we though was going to be a few months' work listing and researching the soldiers remembered on the Wheathampstead War Memorial for both World Wars. It has proved to be a long,

complex, but interesting project. Our research revealed many errors on the war memorial and other names missing. From the 96 names we started with we ended up with 106 names, one of which turned out to be a woman. The names were collected from the Roll of Honour, St. Peters Church at Gustard Wood and the now demolished Folly Methodist Chapel. We had the names, now we wanted "more than just a name." This became the name of our project and the title of our book. We wanted pictures, details of their lives, and we needed to understand the impact that their deaths would have had on the wife or family



left behind. For the First World War we were amazed at just how many families were related to each other. Many different families would have mourned the loss of just one soldier.

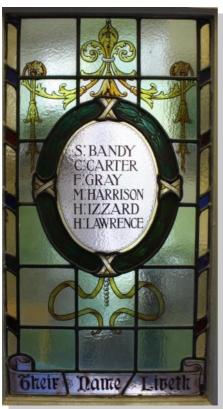
At the start we had no thoughts of our research being part of the First World War commemorations. As time progressed we were caught up in the Hertfordshire University Heritage Hub and their efforts to get history groups thinking about the coming centenary. As we were years ahead of these new groups our project was displayed to show how it could be done.

In order to do justice to any book we wrote, we felt we needed a more professional writer. We enlisted the help from a friend, Roy Markland, a retired journalist to help write the text. We already have a reference book published, "Details of the Fallen 1914-1918", giving all the details we

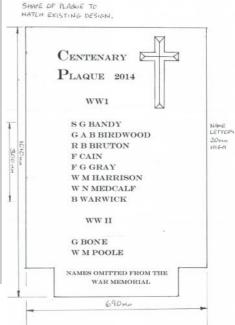
found for the soldiers of World War One. The story book "More Than Just a Name" is now printed and is a permanent record of how our village heroes of both wars helped to preserve the freedoms that we now take for granted and includes 243 pages with colour pictures, price £15 and available on 832817 or email at <a href="terence.pankhurst@btopenworld.com">terence.pankhurst@btopenworld.com</a>.

#### **Terry Pankhurst**

erry is working with the church and Parish Council to have the missing names added to the memorial in time for Remembrance Day.



he stained glass window was rediscovered recently. It was originally from The Folly Chapel and depicts names of casualties from the First World War. It is now in St Albans Museum.



# Introducing our new Fire Station Watch Commander at Wheathamsptead, Tracey Folds.

Born and raised in Wheathampstead, it's my pleasure to live and work in such a great village where the community spirit is so high.



I have two main goals for the Fire Station over the coming year. Firstly I aim to raise the number of staff we have at the station. If you are interested in becoming a retained firefighter and are around the village (especially during the day) please register your interest at "www.hertsdirect.org/rds".

Secondly I aim to reduce the amount of property fires we have in the village. Although this figure is already very low, to raise fire safety awareness we can offer a free home fire safety visit. This will identify any potential fire risks in your home and we will fit a free smoke alarm with a 10 year battery life if required. Please register for your visit on 0300 1234046 or www.hertsdirect.org/fire - it could save your life! **Tracey Folds** Watch Commander

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## COMMUNITY FINANCE: ST ALBANS CREDIT UNION OPENS IN WHEATHAMPSTEAD



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Previously, it has been necessary to travel to St Albans or Harpenden in order to visit a branch of the Credit Union. Now, it will be possible to access all Credit Union services from Wheathampstead itself, as a branch opens in St Helen's Church, every Tuesday morning from 9th September, 10am until 12noon. Why not pop in, have a coffee and pick up a leaflet?

The St Albans District Credit Union is authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority (FRN 213794).

#### Village Weekend

Saturday 12 July and Sunday 13th July saw another fantastic Village Weekend! The weather held fair (yet again) and a fabulous time

was had by all!

Events commenced on Saturday afternoon with 19 entries for the Wheathampstead's Got Talent show. The winners were Leah Cooke and Abigail Logan (singing), Grace Hill and Morgan Whiting (dance), and the L'Estrange Brothers Toby and Harry (and Dad!) who won the entertainment category and overall winners.

Music on the Meads followed with a packed crowd of families and friends enjoying a picnic and entertainment including the talent show winners, Tappalacian dancers, BSV jazz band, and finally a fantastic performance by Number 7.



Sunday saw Village Day begin with the "In an English Country Garden" parade in the High Street. Please can we see more floats next year! The Marford Field was packed with an array of stalls, games and catering.

Arena activities included a dog agility demonstration, dancing from English Miscellany, Beech Hyde Dancers, and games organised by Apex Sports. Further entertainment was provided by the Ware





Many thanks to the volunteers from the Parish Council and the community who worked so hard to make it all possible.

Earmark July 11and 12 2015!

Please send your suggestions for the 2015 theme or any other ideas to <a href="mailto:info@wheathamsptead-pc.gov.uk">info@wheathamsptead-pc.gov.uk</a>.



Brass Band and St Alban's Morris Men.

Peter Woodhams, Chairman Village Weekend Working Group.

#### Did you enjoy Village Weekend?

Have you got a skill or relevant experience that would benefit the community for next year's Village Weekend? Or would you consider giving up one hour of your time for our next Village Weekend and volunteer with us?

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We have 218 members and so far there are 15 Interest Groups in operation. An Events Committee has been formed to organise outings to various venues including theatres, concerts, and stately homes. There have been three Speaker Meetings, and the next is on Thursday 25 September (see below).

The 15 Interest Groups cover a wide range: antiques/collectables, books, bridge, crafts, current affairs, digital photography, french, german, IT/computing, music, painting, philosophy, pub lunches, spanish, and walking. Other groups are planned and will evolve over the next few months. If you would like to come and join in, please look at our website: <a href="www.wheathampsteadu3a.co.uk">www.wheathampsteadu3a.co.uk</a> and read more about the U3A, a self-help learning organisation for the retired and semi-retired. Why not come along to the next Speaker Meeting and meet with so many of your friends and neighbours who are all enjoying the benefits of belonging to Wheathampstead U3A?

#### **Monthly Speaker Programme**

Thursday 25 September Brian Legg – Send a Cow Thursday 30 October Herts Air Ambulance Thursday 20 November AGM and meet the groups Thurstay 11 December Fun Event for Christmas

Jan Woodhams, Chair Wheathampstead U3A

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#### **Claire Farley**

WEB chairman

chair@wheathampstead.org

#### Clerk to the Governors, St. Helen's School

St Helen's School Wheathampstead is looking to recruit a Clerk to the Governors from October 2014.

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St. Helen's School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and this post is subject to an enhanced DBS check.

Peter Barnes, Chair of Governors.

## **Top Hats Stage School News**



To celebrate Top Hats 20 year anniversary "Top Hat at the Drury Lane" saw children from Wheathamsptead taking part in a charity variety show on 20 July raising money for Noah's Ark and the Royal Marsden charities.

#### You can now register to vote on line

Registering to vote is simpler than ever following the launch of a

new national online voter registration system. You can now register to vote online in just a few minutes at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote. You will be asked to provide a name, address, date of birth and National Insurance number.



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#### News from the riverbed



On a lovely sunny day in July, scores of children spent several happy hours in the river in The Meads collecting and identifying a variety of "river monsters".

The event was organised by the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust and managed by their Living Rivers Officer, Charlie Bell.

The children were shown how to collect a sample of the mini-beasts that live under the silt and gravel in the riverbed and then how to identify what they had found. Using the same equipment as is used by the experts from the Trust and the Environment Agency, the children found the larvae of mayfly, olives, blue-winged olives and caddis flies (both cased and caseless), together with freshwater shrimps.



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Patrick McNeil, Meads Ranger

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#### New employee joins the Parish Council

Welcome to Louise Harrison, our new Deputy Clerk.



Louise joined us in April having moved recently into the Parish. Having negotiated her way through Village Weekend Louise is now undertaking a review of the Parish Councils website with a view to improving public access and information.

If you have any queries please contact her at info@wheathamsptead-pc.gov.uk.

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Tuesday 9 Sept 2014	14:00—16:00	
Friday 12 Sept 2014	14:00—16:00	
Tuesday 16 Sept 2014	17:00—19:00	
Sunday 21 Sept 2014	10:00—12:00	
Tuesday 23 Sept 2014	10:00—12:00	
Sunday 28 Sept 2014	16:00—18:00	

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