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## A-Z

### ► BALSHAM

**Football:** After a successful first year competing as a new team in the Cambs FA Saturday League, the club is looking to expand the squad. There is training at 6pm-8pm on Wednesday (May 25) at the recreation ground. Any players interested in joining a positive and friendly club can attend or contact team manager Ali Collins. The team also needs an assistant manager.

**Junior football:** The last session for 4-15-year-olds (with parent/s) will take place on the recreation ground on Saturday (May 28) from 10am until noon. Contact is Ali Collins.

**Church:** The Granta Deanery Ascension Day service will be held on Thursday (May 26) at 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Linton, led by Rev Michael Wilcocks. On Sunday (May 29), there will be a 9am holy communion at Hildersham with Rev Kathy Bishop, 9am morning worship at West Wickham with Alistair Collen, 10.30am united service with holy communion at Balsham led by Rev Kathy Bishop and 6pm evening prayer at Great Abington with Alistair Collen. At noon on Sunday (May 29), the open-air memorial service will take place alongside the RAF Wrattling Common Memorial Stone at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville. For further information contact [raftwrattlingcommon@gmail.com](mailto:raftwrattlingcommon@gmail.com).

**Cricket:** On Saturday (May 28) Balsham have a home match against Barley II. Contact is club captain [adrian.j.reedman@pfizer.com](mailto:adrian.j.reedman@pfizer.com).

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**Quiz:** The Bell's charity quiz is on Tuesday (May 31).

**Platinum Jubilee:** There is to be a celebration of the reign of Queen Elizabeth II through flowers at Holy Trinity Church from Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4. The six village churches will mark the occasion with a service and will then enjoy parties in each village that afternoon. *Margaret Johnson*

Amber Christou with the mugs and goody bags for nurses, and inset, the cake made by the care home chefs



## Care home celebrates the contribution of nurses to our world

### ► CHERRY HINTON

International Nurses Day celebrates the contribution they make to society and Cherry Hinton Care Home joined in paying tribute.

Amber Christou, business

development manager at the home, presented nurses at Addenbrooke's and Royal Papworth hospitals and local GP surgeries with commemorative watches and goody bags.

The watches were uniquely designed with nurses in mind

and were very well received. Amber also made mugs for the occasion and these were delivered along with sweet treats and a 'thank you' card.

The care home chefs made a special cake for its nurses to enjoy.

### ► CHERRY HINTON

**Concert:** The Friends of Cherry Hinton St Andrew will present the Cottenham Brass Band in concert to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee on Saturday, June 4 at 7pm in St Andrew's church. Tickets are £7, under-16s £3 and include light refreshment. They can be bought on the door or reserved on 01223 210724 or 01223 245949. Flags will be provided, singing along will be encouraged and there will be a raffle.

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### ► DUXFORD

**Duxfest:** The organisers of the Duxfest Jubilee event expressed thanks for the support of local organisations, including Duxford Community Centre, Duxford Parish Council, Hexcel, Huntsman, Imperial War Museum, SMT GB (Volvo), Welch's Transport and the Wellcome Institute.

**Stall:** As part of the Duxfest celebrations on Saturday, June 4, a white elephant stall is being set up at the community centre to raise funds for the DCC Charity. Donate bric-a-brac, household goods,

unwanted gifts or anything you no longer need. Call 07545 005003 to arrange drop-off/collection.

**Wandlebury:** A Wandlebury Wildlife Day will take place on Saturday (May 28) at 11.30am-4pm with activities for all age groups, including pond dipping, sweep netting and a nature trail. It is a free drop-in event. On Monday and Tuesday (May 30-31) from 8.30am to 4pm there will be holiday bushcraft for 5 to 12-year-olds when qualified teachers from Wild Thyme & Embers will inspire children and share their knowledge and skills of surviving in the wild. Cost is £38. Book at [wildthymeandembers.co.uk](http://wildthymeandembers.co.uk).

**Art workshop:** Dancing Petals is the title of a watercolour art workshop on Saturday (May 28) from 10am to 4pm at Duxford Community Centre led by artist and art teacher Nina Burgess. Her website [ninaburgessart.com](http://ninaburgessart.com) is full of information. The workshop is perfect for beginners as well as those looking to refresh and improve their skills. All art materials will be provided. The cost is £65, and the café offers lunch options. *Meg Holland*

### ► KINGSTON

**Platinum Jubilee:** There will be a flower festival in All Saints' and St Andrew's Church, Kingston, from Thursday, June 2 to Sunday, June 5. The church will be open daily from 10am to 6pm. There will be no charge but donations are invited for the church restoration fund. All welcome.

### ► WEST WICKHAM

**Church:** A service of morning worship at 9am on Sunday (May 29) will be led by Alistair Collen. The annual memorial open-air service at noon is at the memorial stone as usual at Weston Woods Farm, on the site of RAF Wrattling Common.

**Platinum Jubilee:** Celebrations take the form of a bring-and-share tea party at the village hall on Saturday, June 4 followed by a hog roast, music and bar in the evening. *Margaret Johnson*

### ► WEST WRATTING

**Memorial:** The annual open-air service will take place at noon on

Sunday (May 29) at the memorial stone at Weston Woods Farm, on the site of RAF Wrattling Common.

**Platinum Jubilee:** On Thursday, June 2 the lighting of the beacon bonfire at Honey Hill will be at 9.30pm. There will be further events on Sunday, June 5 organised by the village committee. The flower festival at the church welcomes everyone on the Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5, from 10.30am to 5.30pm. *Margaret Johnson*

### ► WESTON COLVILLE

**Memorial service:** On Sunday (May 29), the annual open-air service will be held at noon at the RAF Wrattling Common Memorial this year, to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the unveiling of the memorial stone. The last Sunday in May was chosen as it was that day in 1943 (Sunday 28) 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. Everyone looks forward to seeing some 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.

**Platinum Jubilee:** There will be a barbecue lunch at the cricket field on Sunday, June 5 as part of the celebrations – it is essential to buy tickets at £2 each in advance from Gay, Bridget, Emma or Ian, so that the right quantities of food can be prepared. Any help with the bar, barbecue, gazebos or awnings welcome. St Mary's Church will be holding a flower festival over the weekend of June 4 and 5, the church will be open from 10am until 5pm, with teas on Saturday. There will also be an exhibition of coronation and other jubilee memorabilia. Most of the events will be held on the Sunday after the service of thanksgiving and there will be a fun family dog show with lots of classes. *Margaret Johnson*

### ► WHITTLESFORD

**Tea party:** On Saturday (May 28) at 3.30pm there will be a 'Tea for Tom' party at Whittlesford United Reformed Church. Tickets £2, accompanied children free, from Ann Barton on 07898 732307 or [ann.barton@hotmail.com](mailto:ann.barton@hotmail.com). All proceeds go to Tom's Trust, a charity based in Whittlesford. Everyone is invited to hear about the valuable work that they do in supporting families of

## Chris embraces ultra marathon challenge for children's charity

### ► CAMBRIDGE

A Cambridge father-of-two smashed his target in his first trail ultra marathon in the Lake District to raise vital funds for children harmed by crime.

Chris Shadforth set himself a £1,000 target for the 47-mile challenge around Lake Windermere which features 2,500m of ascent. He completed the event in just over 12-and-a-half hours and he has already raised more than £2,300.

He said: "I have chosen to support Embrace on the recommendation of my sister-in-law who is a DCI in Cambridgeshire police. "She works with child victims of crime on a daily basis and regularly works with Embrace and has seen herself the excellent work you do to support young people."

Anne Campbell, chief executive of Embrace Child Victims of Crime, said: "We are really grateful to Chris and all our individual fundraisers who take on challenges for us to



Chris Shadforth took on an ultra marathon challenge to raise funds for the Embrace Child Victims of Crime charity

Picture: Chris Shadforth

help fund our vital work with children and young people."

To sponsor Chris, visit [justgiving.com/fundraising/](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/)

*christopher-shadforth.* For more information on the Cambridgeshire-based charity, see [embracecvc.org.uk](http://embracecvc.org.uk).

children with brain tumours.

**Fayre:** The Whittlesford Over 80s Pilates Group is hosting a stand at the fayre on Sunday (May 29) in the memorial hall from 10am to 3pm. There will be interesting and collectable items on sale at 'giveaway' prices, plus refreshments.

**Tree planting:** At 3pm on Thursday, June 2, everyone is invited to join the parish council, Whittlesford Tree Group and the Whittlesford Society at the planting of the Whittlesford Platinum Jubilee oak tree in the grove of ceremonial oaks near the village sign on North Road.

**History Week:** This month's highlight in celebrating 1,000 years of Whittlesford parish church and village more than lived up to expectations with an exhibition in the church all week and a host of activities. As well as so much to see and explore, there were a number of tours of the building, fascinating and informative talks by experts, the launch of new books and opportunities to collect back editions of publications the Whittlesford Society has published in the 47 years of its existence. Colourful display boards recalled village milestones and activities over the years. A new

attraction was the six-metre long 1,000-year pictorial timeline marking the significant local and national events, masterminded by Ant West and Lionel Ginsberg. There was also the reappearance of a wooden model of the central village which may inspire others to extend it to cover a wider area. Matthew Champion, author of 'Medieval Graffiti: The lost voices of England's Churches' spoke about the significance of graffiti and the largely unrealised extent of its appearance and significance. As with other key sessions, this was streamed online and they are available to download from the church website. This facility was also invaluable for other speakers – John Harding from the Sheela Na Gig project (including Whittlesford's) and Sophie Newton, public engagement coordinator of the Commonwealth War Grave Commission, which has its national conference this week. It was highlighted that Whittlesford's 50 war graves are due to the proximity of Duxford airfield. There were guided tours of Guildhall and the launch of the latest Whittlesford Society book, a reprint of the Guide to the Parish Church dedicated to the memory of Dr Chris Taylor, author of the original work, who died last year.

**School:** Pupils of William Westley

primary school were involved in several ways in History Week. They took part in a competition to create artwork for seven historical figures linked to Whittlesford, to be incorporated in the 1,000-year timeline at the back of the church. Each class produced colourful portraits of their key historic figure. A committee of the timeline organisers and artists judged the artwork and seven winners were chosen and have their artwork displayed. The whole Church Room became an art gallery displaying entries and examples of the artwork from each class. With guidance from expert Lauren Dartnell, pupils discovered countless examples of far older artwork – graffiti scratched on the church walls. They had a go as graffiti detectives, using torches to reveal still more, and they sketched some of the graffiti they had found. *Meg Holland*

### ► WITCHFORD

**Scouts:** Leaders are urgently needed for Witchford's Scouts. If none are found, the group may have to close. If you can help, contact Chris Lowe on [chris@witchfordscouts.org.uk](mailto:chris@witchfordscouts.org.uk). *Rosemary Westwell*



Cyclists who took part in this year's Each Ride for Life. Below, Henry and Jane Wright were riding in memory of their son Douglas

Pictures: Each

## 'Everyone enjoyed' 200-mile bike ride across three counties that raised £51,000

### ► MILTON

Cyclists saddled up for a bumper biking challenge through three counties and raised more than £50,000 for East Anglia's Children's Hospices (Each).

The charity's popular Ride for Life saw 32 people pedalling 200 miles through the Norfolk, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire countryside over three days, and 71 signed up for a one-day 70-mile package. Between them they raised a staggering £51,225.

Each events fundraiser Hannah Forbester said: "It was a huge success. In terms of the amount raised, it's an outstanding total. There's still more to come, so that figure will grow even more.

"We were also thrilled to get such high numbers taking part. Everyone bonded and enjoyed sharing the experience together.

"We've had lots of positive feedback since and I know people who did the three-day challenge enjoyed cycling alongside those taking part on individual days. They said it gave them a real injection of energy."

The three-day package started and finished in Snetterton, Norfolk and took cyclists to Ipswich and Milton.



Among the riders were Henry and Jane Wright, of Little Downham, who were riding in memory of son Douglas. Each provided end-of-life care before his death in February 2018 at the age of four after being diagnosed with neuroblastoma – a rare type of cancer.

The charity then supported Jane, Henry and daughter Clara, then aged seven, and the couple did the ride as a form of 'payback' to say thank you.

Hannah said: "People enjoyed hearing what we told them about Each. It was nice to help raise awareness and tell people how absolutely vital money like this is in terms of allowing us to continue our work.

"There was a lovely touch at Milton where the nurses came out to give the cyclists a clap and words of encouragement."