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WELCOME

When November comes around, I'm always a little reluctant to admit that I begin to think about Christmas – where will we be, am I cooking, what presents shall I get and for who and more… I'm sure that you know how it goes?
Although depending on when you are reading this, it's still many, many shopping days away, there are already a couple of initiatives to do with Christmas that we are really keen to highlight. We spoke to local lady, Julia Verney, about providing some Christmas cheer to wounded soldiers in Ukraine and local Scout Post Master Adrian, who is organizing the very excellent Scout Christmas post again this year.
We also heard about the various works and the exciting building project planned for village church St Helen's and we found out a little more about Talking News and St Albans & District Talking Newspapers.
According to our *What's On* section on page 7, it seems that there will be a local display to celebrate Firework night, so we thought we'd take a look at the history behind the notorious gunpowder plot.

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We've Heard

There's 10% discount on all things Christmassy - that's cards wrapping and gifts at Carpenter's Nursery – check out the details on page 24.

Did you know

It was November 1889 that astronomer Edwin Hubble was born in Missouri. He pioneered the concept of an expanding universe. The Hubble Space Telescope was named in his honor. It was deployed from the Space Shuttle Discovery in 1990, allowing astronomers to see farther into space than they had ever seen from telescopes on Earth.



Cosy November

We thought of 3 things right away that make November an especially cosy month;- Temperatures drop enough to pull out heavy coats, oversized sweaters and warm layers. It is prime time for hot soups, stews, root vegetables and warm drinks like coffees or spiced teas. Evening routines shift toward lighting candles, gathering by the fire, and settling in with movies or books.

Thought for November

For anyone to achieve something, he or she will have to show a little courage. You're only on this Earth once. You must give it all you've got.

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• Silver Moon Café
Now welcomes all locals which includes couples as well as single people, any age. Free hot/cold drinks, & cakes. Socialise, meet new people & make friends.11-12.30 last Wednesday of the month, Mead Hall, East Lane,

• Community Library
Monday – Thursday 2pm – 6pm and Saturday 9am- 1pm. Knit Natter & Know Craft group every Wednesday 10am-Noon. Story time Weds 3-3.30pm for children 2-4 years old. Fire Station and Library Marford Road Wheathampstead.

• Roast & Meat Raffle
Weekly Sundays at The Swan, Wheathampstead

• Swan Bingo & Pizza
It's Eyes down once again for a great night of Bingo Fun at your favourite local pub in Wheathampstead Village 5th November, 7.30 with pizza and burgers at The Swan,

• Harpenden Riding for Disabled (RDA)
Lessons to local people (over the age of 5) with physical disabilities or learning difficulties. Wednesdays 4.15-5.00 pm & 5.00 -5.45pm early Spring through Autumn. Sandridgebury equestrian centre, Sandridge. Contact harpendenrda@yahoo.co.uk and via FB

Please contact event organisers for full details, ticket prices and availability.

What's On This Month

• Wheathampstead Fireworks November 1st
Visit Beech Hyde School for another fantastic evening of fireworks, food, fun and family entertainment — all while helping raise money for the children of Beech Hyde Primary School and Nursery. Come along early, settle in and enjoy the evening with family and friends. There'll be a spectacular fireworks display, delicious BBQ, hot chocolate, sweet treats and more to enjoy before the fireworks begin. Sunday 1st November 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM https://www.tickettailor.com/events/wheatyfireworks/2346988

• John Benjamin 5th November
Mr Jewellery of BBC Tv's Antiques Road show, John Benjamin will present an entertaining talk 'At the sign of the Falcon' as well as a limited no of valuations. 7pm on Thursday 5th November. St Stephens Church, Watling Street, St Albans. For tickets Tel: Hazel Ireson 01582 832312 07860 352396 or email: iresondandh@gmail.com

• The Nature of Forgetting 11th November
Theatre Re and its explosive, powerful and joyous piece about what is left when memory is gone in the UK for its landmark, 10th Anniversary season. Developed with Neuroscience Professor Kate Jeffery and the Alzheimer's Society, The Nature of Forgetting is a life-affirming journey into a weakening mind, where fragmented does not have to mean defeated. 7:30 Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 November BEAM Hertford, The Wash, Hertford, Hertfordshire SG14 1PS www.theatrere.co.uk/the-nature-forgetting.htmlBuy Tickets

• Live Music 14th November
Live music from Bad Penny Come on down to the Swan in Wheathampstead Village on Saturday 14th November 9pm. Free entry

• Christmas Oratorio 14th November
Harpenden Choral Society Concert performing Bach's Christmas Oratorio. Harpenden Choral Society has an established reputation for quality performances with professional soloists and orchestras. 7.30 pm Saturday 14th November at High street Methodist church, Harpenden Tickets are available at Thompsons Close Café, Thompsons Close, Harpenden AL5 4ES and from tickets@harpendenchoralsociety.org or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/harpendenchoralsociety

• Clover Singers 25th November
The Silver Moon Café welcomes Christmas with the Clover Singers. Come along and join the fun with free refreshments including homemade mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone welcome, 11am Wednesday 25th November, Mead Hall, East Lane.

• Wheathampstead u3a 26th November
The speaker at the November meeting will be Howard Slater and his topic will be "Richard Rogers – A Musical Interlude". Howard will bring to life the story of Richard Rogers who had 43 Broadway Musicals and over 900 songs to his credit and who had a significant influence on popular music from the 1920s to the 1950s. His partnerships (Rogers and Hart; Rogers and Hammerstein) created songs that we will be singing all the way home. Thursday 26th November in the Memorial Hall at 2:00 for 2:30pm

• Live Music 26th November
Village lights switch on plus Funfair, 30 stalls and attractions along the High Street, magical Jubilee Gardens to see miniature farm animals From 6 pm Thursday 26rh November.

• Lights Up at the Swan 26th November
Fancy warming up after checking out the Christmas Lights Switch On in the village? then come along to Wheathampstead popular local pub for Mulled Wine and Mince pies at the Swan in Wheathampstead Village Thursday 26rh November.

To add your events please email: eve@minimagazines.co.uk
Please Note: Events, dates and times correct at time of going to press.

THE GIFT OF CHRISTMAS

You're invited to celebrate Christmas at St Helen's Church. Services and events include:

- Sun 6th Dec,at 3.30pm - Christingle
- Wed 16th Dec, at 7.30pm - Carols, Beer and Cheer
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Local Update

Works at St Helen's Church

Dating from the 13th Century, St Helen's is the oldest church in Wheathampstead, and the building has a Grade 1 listing. Over the centuries various works of restoration have been carried out and the church has been adapted to changing requirements.

Now, with the first significant alteration for over 150 years, St Helen's Church has announced an exciting building project to update its facilities by creating space for two modern toilets, one fully accessible and with baby-changing facilities. At the same time, a new level-access main entrance will be created via the main West Door.

The toilets and some in-built storage will be housed in an extension to be built out from the North Door. The design, by specialist church architects, matches the flint and stone exterior of the church and is symmetrical with the existing South Porch.

Revd Andy Jefferson, Rector of St Helen's said: "Our church is the most historic building in the village, sitting right at the heart of the community and in regular active use. When I arrived in May, I was delighted to see well-developed plans for these improvements which will ensure its continued flourishing as a community space."

As well as its regular religious services, Wheathampstead's parish church is also a real community *Continued on page 11*



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asset, open every day to passers-by and hosting a regular community coffee shop, a parent-and-toddler group and a variety of concerts and talks.

All Wheathampstead residents are entitled to use the church for weddings and funerals – often occasions when good toilet facilities are especially valued by visitors.

Currently the church has one cramped, awkwardly located toilet and no provision for baby-changing.

The existing main entrance through the South Porch has steps down into the church and those requiring level access, including wheelchairs, prams and pushchairs, have to use the North Door on the other side of the church.

The planned extension is the first phase of four. The second phase will expand the existing tiny kitchenette into the space currently occupied by the toilet and install a roll-away servery to provide better catering facilities for church and community events, including baptisms and funerals. Later phases will create an easily-heated meeting room and enable more flexible use of the space inside the church.

The project received local authority planning approval during the summer and the church is now launching a fundraising campaign to raise the necessary £316,000. More than £100,000 is already in place from church funds, early donations and legacies. Donations from the wider Wheathampstead community will be gratefully received to supplement contributions from church members and grant-making foundations. Donations can be made to Wheathampstead PCC (registered charity no. 1132924) via its bank account (sort code: 40-52-40 account no: 00099644 and using the reference "Building Project"). Donors who are able to claim Gift Aid can obtain a Gift Aid form by emailing whtpcctreasurer@gmail.com.

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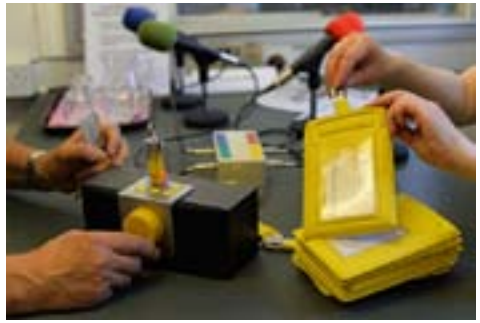
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feeling cut off. But loss of sight doesn't have to mean isolation.

It was in 1974 that St Albans couple Ray and Meg Bousfield, decided to record news from the local paper for visually impaired residents. From that idea, St Albans & District Talking Newspaper (SADTN) grew into a well-known local charity.

Starting out with just a tape recorder and microphone on the kitchen table, and an audience of one, *Continued on page 13*



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SADTN is a free service – including postage - for anyone with limited sight or a temporary or long-term condition which limits their access to the written word.

The weekly programme covers a range of news items and features from the local papers and other sources.

Programmes also include interviews, reviews of audio books, previews of what's coming up on national radio stations, a selection of audio-described TV programmes for the following week, and previews of local events and other entertainment.

All in all, the programme editors ensure that listeners are offered two hours or more of entertaining and informative radio.

Everyday operation is in the hands of around 70 volunteers: programme producers, readers, interviewers, previewers and reviewers, copy teams, distribution secretaries and helpers at special events.

Further information can be found on the Talking News website: www.sadtn.org.uk .

Anyone in our area who would like to use SADTN's free service, who knows of someone who could benefit from becoming a listener, or would like to become a volunteer, should contact sadtn.info@gmail.com ; or call 01727 648 878 and someone will call you back.

Bringing Christmas Cheer

There are so many marvellous and kind people that live locally who seem to be keen to help other people. One such person is local lady, Julia Verney, who over the past 4 years has been sending Christmas presents and cards to Ukrainian children who have lost their parents in the war.

Now those children are all fully allocated, and this year Julia has been asked if she knows anyone who would be happy to send presents to wounded Ukrainian soldiers and she asked us at Wheathampstead



Magazine to tell our readers about the appeal and ask if they can help.

You will probably realise that, during this awful war, thousands of Ukrainian soldiers have suffered life-changing injuries. A lot of donations are going to children and families – quite rightly so, but the men and women fighting on the ground are often forgotten

This Christmas it would be so good to send those soldiers a little warmth, kindness and festive cheer and remind them they are not forgotten.

So, could you fill a Christmas shoebox with a few treats and gifts?

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A Christmas box isn't going to make a difference to the war, but it might brighten up someone's life and make them feel they have not been forgotten.
Please contact Julia if you would like to get involved.
Julia Verney 0794 761 7747
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Christmas Post

The Wheathampstead Scout Christmas Post is a service that has been running in our village for 30 years and still going strong!
The first Christmas post was launched in 1996 and, since that time, thousands of Christmas cards have been delivered and thousands of pounds have been raised towards scouting activities in the village.
It's evolved into a great community service, delivering around 1500 cards each year.
Still only 25p per card, it's significantly cheaper than the price of a 2nd class stamp, environmentally friendly and a great way of getting young people out in the community and learning about the geography o Wheathampstead.
We asked Adrian Biddulph, the Scout Postmaster, how it all works and he told us…
"There are two Scout Post Boxes that are placed in the village from the last Thursday of November until the last Friday before Christmas (26th November to 18th December 2026).
Scout Postmaster Adrian collects the cards and money on a daily basis and the cards are sorted into the streets/roads of the village. Following the final post on



the Friday before Christmas the cards are bundled into rounds and allocated to Beaver, Cub and Scout volunteers.
The money raised is used by the Scout Group to subsidise activities for the young people, provide opportunities for the scout group or purchasing new equipment.
When the service began, it was seen as a way for the children to get involved with fund- raising rather than leaving it to the parents and leaders to do. This terrific service hasn't missed a year, even during the COVID years, and has raised thousands of pounds, so do make sure that you use the excellent Scout Christmas post service this year to post your local cards.
Post your cards and money (25p per card) at The Scout Post Boxes which are located in Manor Pharmacy and St Helen's Church.

Fireworks & History

For as long as I can remember there has been Fireworks Night on or around the 5th November. It's a time when children and adults watch in awe as various fireworks in all there colourful, flashing glory roar into the sky. But all we really know about this annual tradition is that it commemorates the Gunpowder Plot of 1605, when Guy Fawkes and fellow Catholic conspirators attempted to blow up Parliament and kill James I of England and the royal family.

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So, below is a little more on the history of it all and what precautions are taken today to ensure that the cellars below the houses of parliament are free of explosives.

Guy Fawkes was born in York in 1570, the son of Edward, a church lawyer and prominent Protestant in the city, and Edith, whose family included secret Catholics. He had two brothers, John and Christopher. At that time, it was dangerous to be Catholic: many plots and rebellions against Elizabeth I were led by Catholics, which led to severe reprisals. Priests who were caught leading secret services were tortured and executed. To all outward appearances, the Fawkes were a law-abiding Protestant family, until Edward Fawkes died when Guy was 8 years old. His mother remarried, this time to a Catholic, Dionysius Bainbridge. The young Guy was drawn strongly to his stepfather's religion and, although he knew of the dangers, he converted to Catholicism.

With the new monarch on the throne, Catholics across the country apparently hoped for the end of the religious persecution that they had suffered for so long. But they were soon disappointed as the Protestant James I wasn't a tolerant King.

So it was that a group of conspirators, with Guy Fawkes among them, decided on a drastic measure. The plan was to blow up Parliament during its State Opening on 5 November, when James I, the Queen and his heir would also be present, so all would be killed.

It seems that, apart from Fawkes, an explosives expert from his military days, no one in the group knew much about gunpowder. Of course, he was chosen to set the fuse in the cellars underneath the Houses of Parliament.

The plan very nearly succeeded. It was only thanks to an anonymous letter to the authorities, received in late October, that the King, his family and his Protestant ministers were not all murdered. Royal guards searched the House of Lords at midnight and in the early hours of 5th November Fawkes was discovered in the cellars with a fuse, a small lamp, a box of matches and 36 poorly-hidden barrels of gunpowder.To this day there is still a ceremonial search before the State Opening of Parliament, when the Yeomen of the Guard look for hidden explosives in the cellars of the Palace of Westminster.

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Thursday Club

16riendly, volunteer-run companionship and support Club for Wheathampstead residents who are over 60 and unable to access other activities without support. The Club meets every Thursday from 10am-2pm. Tea/Coffee is provided upon arrival, followed by a home cooked meal and then we finish with some form of entertainment. Transport to and from the Mead Hall can be arranged. To find out more, or if you have any questions, call Val Hughes on 01582 629682 or Michael Corley on 01582 833018.

The Village Surgeries PG.

The objective of the group is to contribute wherever possible to the health improvements in Wheathampstead and Harpenden. We are now arranging monthly medical talks on-line. There are also newsletters 4 times a year where members can gain information about local initiatives. We are always looking for new members and it is free to join and participate. To be included and receive the newsletter and get details of the talks please send a request to chair@thevillagesurgeriesppg.co.uk

Archery

Wheathampstead Archery club was founded in 1956, and has about 70 members. Always happy to welcome newcomers; beginners or experienced. Beginners will need to complete a beginner course run by our Archery GB qualified club coaches. There is a Junior Section for under-18s, but the minimum age is 10.http://wheathampsteadarchery.org.uk/

Forging Friendship Club

Affiliated to the Men's Sheds Association, this new club has recently formed in Wheathampstead. Members meet socially and form friendships while facilitating creativity, passing on skills and learning from each other. Meet weekly on Monday and Wednesday at 10am to 12 pm in the Old Forge building near the entrance to the Meads. To join or find out more email: forgingfriendshipsclub@gmail.com

Wheathampstead Baby & Toddler Group

We are a relaxed and friendly group for 0-4 year-olds and their parents and carers, run by parent-volunteers. We provide toys, craft, music, snacks, hot drinks and the chance to get to know other local people. We meet every Friday during term time, 9:45-11:15am at The Memorial Hall on Marford Road.
Find us on Facebook or contact wheathampsteadtoddlergroup@gmail.com

Wheathampstead Community Group (WCG)

WCG seeks to support anyone in the Parish of Wheathampstead who is looking for assistance. If you or anyone that you know needs help, or you wish to volunteer for WCG, please call 07539 176481.
If you need transport to hospital or the doctor, please call 07918 136870.
www.wheathampsteadwcg.org
email: Secretary@wheathampsteadwcg.org

Kimpton Bowls Club

Bowling for everyone- Come and try bowls. 'Beginners Welcome' *Continued on page 24*

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For further details contact John 07785960353

Business Group

Wheathampstead Businesses (known as WEB) has a mission to Promote, Protect & Support local businesses and the local community. BILLY the Bee is our mascot promoting Buy It Locally. Twice monthly networking meetings provide an opportunity to collaborate, learn from each other and gain customers.For more details contact Ginny Cooper, Chairman: chair@wheathampsteadbusinesses.co.uk

Cricket

Wheathampstead Cricket Club has five adult teams and an expanding colts section. Cricket is played on Nomansland Common on Saturday and Sunday throughout the season, with occasional mid-week and evening fixtures. WCC really is a club on the up and we now have some of the best cricket facilities in the county. New players and spectators are always welcome: www.wheathampsteadcc.hitscricket.com

Wheathampstead Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society is always looking for new members who would like to join this friendly group. For information about our next planned production vist our website: www.wheathampsteaddramaticsociety.co.uk

Wheathampstead & District Preservation Society

The aims of the group are to protect what's best about the village, make the best use of its assets, object to inappropriate planning applications and take part in community initiatives. The more members we have, the louder is our voice. To join, please see our website:

www.wheathampsteadpreservation.org.uk or call 01582 833789.

Mead Quilters

We are a long established, forward looking and friendly quilting and patchwork group who meet at the Mead Hall in East Lane, Wheathampstead, AL4 8BP.
We meet on the first Tuesday morning of each month 10.00-12.noon, and the 3rd Tuesday evening 7.30-9.00pm. Visitors are welcome at both sessions.For further information see our website www.meadquilters.org:

Wheathampstead W.I.

Lively, interesting and varied meetings. Every 2nd Wednesday 7.30pm at the Mead Hall in East Lane W/stead. Social events and outings throughout the year. See W.I Noticeboard in the High Street for more information or contact our Secretary Gillian Keen: wheathampsteadwicommittee@outlook.com New members always welcome.

Herts and Middx Badger Group

We look after badgers and their habitat across the two counties. We are involved in badger rescues, surveys, monitoring, education, advice, campaigning and upholding the law relating to badgers. Meet 1st Tuesday of the month from 8pm in the Mead Hall in Wheathampstead. Emergency line. 07860 210414
Enquiries. info@hmbadgergroup.org.uk or visit https://hmbadgergroup.org.uk/

Football

Wheathampstead Wanderers was formed in 1990 by a small group of families from the village to promote and support youth football for the benefit of children and young people in Wheathampstead and surrounding areas. An FA Charter Standard Club, granted in 2008, with around 300 boys and girls playing football.
www.wheathampsteadwanderersfc.co.uk

Horticultural Society

Meets: St. Helen's School, Wheathampstead AL4 8AN. 7.30pm, first Wednesday of the month.
A friendly village gardening club welcoming everyone of all ages and enthusiasm- even armchair gardeners! A wide range of speakers [some selling plants], socials, visits to interesting gardens, a Plant Sale on 3rd Sunday in May - all are on the agenda. Affiliated to the R.H.S. Occasional meeting on Zoom. For more information please e mail whortsoc@gmail.com or phone Jill on 01582 460394

Bluebell Memory Cafe

Friendship coffee activities and outings for those living with memory-related conditions and their supporters. 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 10.30 to noon at the Mead Hall, East Lane AL4 8BP. Call Isobel Poole, 07949 630228 All Welcome

Brownies and Rainbows

1st Wheathampstead Brownies meets at St. Peter's in Gustard Wood on a Tuesday.
3rd Wheathampstead brownies meet at the Scout Hut on a Thursday.
1st Wheathampstead Rainbows meets at the Scout Hut on a is Tuesday 5.15 to 6.15. There are currently spaces available so, if you would like your daughter to join please visit: go.girlguiding.org.uk to register your interest. One of the leaders in the village will be in touch when a space becomes available. Registering your daughter earlier rather than later will mean she will be added to our waiting list and when a place becomes available at the right age, she will be offered a place.

Squirrels Beavers, Cubs & Scouts

All ages meet at the Scout Hut on Mead Lane,
Squirrels (4 - 6 years) Tues 4:15 - 5:15pm
Beavers (6 - 8 years) *Continued on page 27*





Wed 5:15 - 6:15pm
Mead Cubs (8 - 0.5 years) Tues 6:30 - 8pm
Delaport Cubs (8 -10.5 years) Wed 6:30 - 8pm
Amwell Scouts (10.5 -14 years) Mon 7:30 - 9pm
Lamer Scouts (10.5 - 14 years) Thurs 7:30 - 9pm
Explorers (14 to 18years) Tues 8:15 - 10pm
For more information contact WL1stWheathampstead@outlook.com

Music and Singing

Introducing the Clover Singing Club, a new concept in ensemble singing for ladies, with emphasis on laughter and relaxation. Try us out - first session free. No need to read music. Sessions are term time on Mondays 1.15-3.15 p.m., Mead Hall, Wheathampstead.
Contact Charlotte 07791 741233.

The Hardynge Choir

The Hardynge Choir is keen to help people experience the joy of choral singing, and welcomes new members of all voices whatever their previous experience. We rehearse on a Monday evening, 7:45pm - 9:45pm during school term time at St Helen's C of E Primary School in Wheathampstead. Email Jenny Burley at: membership@hardyngechoir.org

Wheathampstead U3A

Wheathampstead U3A is open to anyone who is retired or semi-retired. No qualifications are needed, and none are given. Make friends, learn new skills or refresh old ones through our wide range of interest groups. Enjoy first-rate speakers at monthly meetings in the Memorial Hall and participate in organised outings to places of interest. Find out more at: https://u3asites.org.uk/wheathampstead/home

Wheathampstead History Society

The society meets at 7.15pm, the third Wednesday of each month, in the Mead Hall, East Lane.
It offers a progrmme of talks promoting local history & heritage, undertakes research projects and encourages and supports members' research.
For further information visit our wbsite www.wheathampsteadheritage.org.uk

Wheathampstead Warriors

Your local running club, all abilities welcome! The best way to find out more about the Warriors is to come and join one of our club runs on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. Currently all runs need to be booked in advance but please contact us on wheatywarriorsmembership@gmail.com and we'll be able to arrange for you to join us for a run.More information can be found on our website - https://wheathampsteadwarriors.co.uk/

Positive Movement

On-line classes twice per week (term time) via Zoom, Tuesdays at 2pm and Thursday at 10.30. Classes are for those with reduced mobility. Gentle, chair-based exercises to improve Posture, Balance, Strength and Stability.
Call Lynn on 07866 168242 to arrange for a trial class.

Wheathampstead Wine Club

Friendly social group that meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at the Mead Hall except for July, August and December. You don't need to know anything about wine. Members can learn about the wines that they are sampling and get wine shopping and price advice too from the various tastings and presentations that take place during meetings. If this sounds like your type of social evening, call Alan 07866 953971 or email wiggintonalan@gmail.com or just come along -you will be very welcome!

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