

# Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating

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## ***Saturday Supper Club, Weston Colville***

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## ***Weston Colville Circular Walk***

Our next walk, of approximately five miles, will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the Reading Room at 10 am, BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. Come and join us; all welcome, refreshments available.

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## ***Tea and Cakes***

Our next date, Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, is a week earlier than expected due to half term.

We are looking for more regular volunteers to help us run Tea & Cakes, as a number of our team have had to step down. It is such a valuable event for our village we want to continue providing this service. If you feel you can support us monthly or bi-monthly we would be very grateful for the help. Please contact Jo Jackson (291258).

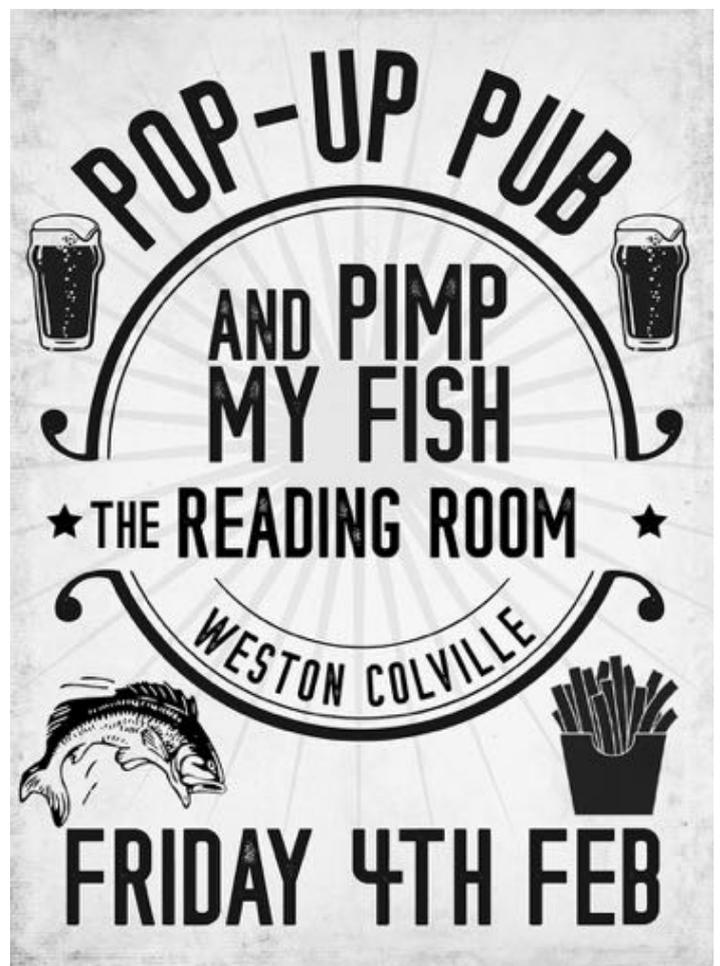
*Val and the Team*

## ***West Wrating Café***

Our next West Wrating café will be at the village hall on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, from 10.30 am to 12 noon. This will be our cafe's seventh anniversary and we would like to thank all who have helped, baked, supported and joined us for tea, coffee and cake over the years!

The cafe works by different volunteers kindly offering to serve and donate cakes every month. The money raised will continue to be donated to local community projects. We are looking forward to catching up again over coffee and cake in February; please do come and join us!

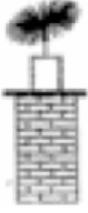
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**Weston Colville Cinema Club**

Our film for this month is a comedy, an outrageously funny satire that received



critical acclaim, with a brilliant cast – and that's just the dogs! We hope to see you in the Reading Room on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February for an evening of fun.

with West Wrating Book Club when on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, we're showing the film of the book, 'Jane Eyre'. We've gone for the classic 1943 production with Orson Welles and Joan Fontaine, 'reasonably faithful and superbly staged' according to Halliwell's Guide.



For both films, the programme starts at 7.30 pm with an introduction to the film. Donations, refreshments available, all welcome.

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**West Wrating Book Club**

Our first book of the New Year was 'Jane Eyre', following on from our November book.

This is another book that rewards re-reading if one has not done so for some time, or reading for the first time if one only knows it from cinema or television adaptations. The story is told by Jane Eyre herself and covers her life from being an unwanted orphan, through her life at a typical Victorian orphanage, with various adventures until she finally discovers what is important to her and finds contentment.

Everyone enjoyed reading this book again with several having first read it as teenagers. The language and descriptions were "brilliant" with Jane a very observant narrator, and beautifully written. Themes that may not have been picked up on in our earlier readings are now particularly relevant – race and slavery with references to Madeira and the West Indies, feminism and women's autonomy, faith and social mores. It is a love story and a social commentary. Scores were all high, between 9 and 10.

Our February book is 'The Venetians' by Bill Matthews. We will meet at 7.30 pm at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

*Linda Gorman (290653)*

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### Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

HM the Queen will be the first British monarch in history to celebrate 70 years of service in June 2022. An additional Bank Holiday has been awarded, and the weekend 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022 will see the majority of the national celebrations marking this historic event. Beacons will be lit throughout the UK.

**West Wrating** – the recreation ground and sports pavilion have been booked. People are invited to share friendship, food and fun with neighbours as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. If you have some ideas to share, please let us know. If you are willing to assist in any organisation please contact me or the parish clerk.

*Mira Nichols, Chair, West Wrating PC*  
(miranich@hotmail.co.uk)

**Weston Colville** – save the date – **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** – for Weston Colville's celebration of HM the Queen's 70-year reign. A group is meeting to organise a fantastic programme of events for all the village. The next meeting will be at 10 am on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's Church. Come along, or send your thoughts and ideas via [ian@agrarian.biz](mailto:ian@agrarian.biz)

*Ian Ashbridge*



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### From the Rectory

As diaries for the coming year start to be filled, it feels like we can plan events with more confidence and hope! I am delighted we are already planning for more baptisms and weddings this year with, as things stand, fewer concerns about restrictions. We are also hoping to run some confirmation sessions in the spring for those, adults or children, who may wish to be confirmed later in the year. If you are interested in this or would like to explore more about what confirmation is and whether it might be for you, please do contact me at [mccoll.ian@gmail.com](mailto:mccoll.ian@gmail.com).



I was inspired by a letter someone wrote to me during the lockdown last year which encouraged me to remember these words from the Bible: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances". The writer of the letter was quick to emphasise the encouragement to give thanks **in** all circumstances but not necessarily **for** all circumstances! Hope, gratitude and joy are intertwined and are not just for the happier events in our lives. Even at a funeral, hope, gratitude and a poignant sense of joy may still co-mingle with the mourning and loss.

We have been through such strange and challenging times since the covid crisis began and therefore it's so important to remember where our hope comes from and not to let uncertainty or fear steal our joy. In the Christian faith, hope is centred on Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour and on his Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Keeping our focus on this, throughout the changing seasons of our life, can allow hope, gratitude and joy to overflow and empower us to share that hope and joy with others.

*Revd Iain McColl*



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*Anne Vidler*

**Spring Clear-up, St Andrew's Churchyard**

The spring clear-up will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April (the weekend before Easter) from 10 am to 12 noon. As ever, hot cross buns and coffee will be served. Looking forward to seeing you.

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**Lost Property**

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**Restoration of West Wrating Pocket Park**

West Wrating Pocket Park is a semi-wild area of land about 0.75 hectare, planted with a selection of more than 110 trees. To visit it, head out of West Wrating along Six Mile Bottom Road and you will find it on the right about half way to the Icknield Way crossing. (Grid reference: 52.1506602, 0.3353217)



Originally the pocket park was the village chalk pit, owned by West Wrating Parish Council. When it was no longer used for this purpose the council leased the land to Cambridge County Council highways department. When the lease expired in 1993, members of the village and parish council chose to turn it into a nature reserve and name it the ‘Pocket Park’.

Top soil was applied over the whole area, then in 1994 West Wrating Parish Council, led by John Cunningham, invited our community to help with the co-ordinated planting of trees. Families and individuals from West Wrating planted trees, wild flowers and grass.

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Recently maintenance has been neglected and the park has become overgrown with brambles and weeds. After 28 years of unchecked growth, the trees and hedges are due to be pruned to allow light and space for them to grow healthy and strong. The parish council has arranged for this work to be carried out in early February.

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**West Wrating Parish Council**

The following is a précis of the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022, which will be posted on the two noticeboards.

**Planning:**

1. Colin McCall congratulated the council on the outcome of the *proposed telecommunications mast installation*, which has been refused by SCDC Planning.
2. *Borehams' proposed development*: the developer has sent another set of pre-plans which the parish council will discuss at a planning meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

**Finances:** the authorised payments are shown in full in the draft minutes.

1. *Budget for 2022/23*: the chairman said the accounts were in good order but asked about any possible major costs in the coming year. A second MVA sign will cost approx £3,500 and money needs to be set aside for any work to be carried out on the pocket park. It was agreed that the budget would remain the same.
2. *Precept for 2022/2023*: this was discussed and a vote taken and it was agreed that an increase of 3% should be requested.

3. *The parish council's contribution towards grass cutting of the recreation ground*: it was agreed that this should be increased by 3%. At the same time the contributions received from the Tennis Club and WW Football Club should also be increased by 3% for the maintenance of the ground, eg hedgecutting and tree pollarding etc.

**Maintenance:**

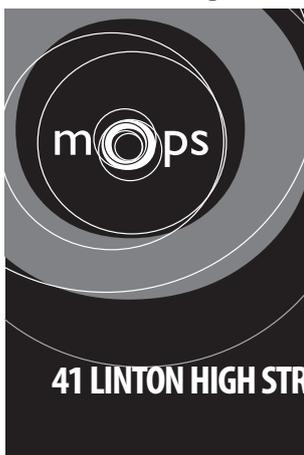
1. *Highways*: the drains have been cleared and new gullies cut but there has been a repeat sewage flooding caused by the rubbish put into the system. Please see separate item on this.
2. *Pocket park & grass verges*: Cllr Davey needs to know what work is going to be carried out and the possible cost before confirming the employment of people to do this work. Please see separate item on the history of the pocket park.
3. The *six free trees* have been received and will be planted in the designated site.
4. Two deep *potholes* have been reported to Highways but CCC have queried the pothole in Hayter Close, saying it is the responsibility of the houseowner as the road has not been adopted. The parish clerk is looking into this.

**Recreation ground:** the substance thought to be asbestos has been tested and once the result is known it will then be removed in the correct way.

**Jubilee Celebrations:** please read the chairman's item about this.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm, and all are welcome to attend. It is hoped that the Age UK Mobile Warden will give a short summary of her work.

*Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk*



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L	19/02/22 14:00	West Wratting First	VS	Cambridge University Press First
L	26/02/22 14:00	Cherry Hinton First	VS	West Wratting First
L	05/03/22 13:00	Cambridge University Press First	VS	West Wratting First

*Blanche Miller, WWSP Secretary*

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*Chris Hodson*

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You will all have noticed the increase in bird songs outside. Great Tits seem particularly vocal with their "Teacher Teacher" call, but they are also excellent mimics. I heard one in the Botanic Gardens which I mistook for a Long-Tailed Tit. In the conifers, Goldcrests are surprisingly loud for Britain's tiniest bird, best described as a very high-pitched "Fiddly-diddly-dee!" They will come down to sing right in front of you, which is rather brave for a bird weighing the same as a 20p piece.

In early spring, the best things to attract birds to your garden may surprise you: water and cotton wool. Lots of people put out food – in suburbia, there is estimated to be one feeder for every nine birds. What is not well known is that in freezing conditions, the big risk is dehydration. To generate heat, you need to metabolise food. To do that, you need water. And the



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available water has turned to ice. Clean, unfrozen water, especially in the early mornings, is a magnet for cold birds.

Cheap cotton wool, dry sphagnum or wood moss are very good at attracting nesting birds. Spiders' webs are favoured by Long-Tailed Tits and Goldcrests, as their cosy, enclosed nests have to expand like bellows as their brood grows; strong, stretchable spider silk holds it all together. But beware: synthetics like acrylic and polyester will not rot away at the end of the season. The long fibres of horse, dog and human hair are deadly, though birds love to line their nests with it. I've seen a Blue Tit nestling which had lost its foot when it became entangled in horse hair, cutting off its blood supply.



I'm delighted to report that our oldest Marsh Tit, Black over Red 'Moaty', has survived the winter and seems to have paired up for the 2022 breeding season. S/he's six years old now, three times the normal wild lifespan. Len and Ben Eeles took these photos of Moaty and its unringed partner last month in Church End, Weston Colville. Note to bird feeders in Church End: Moaty is very partial to sunflower hearts! Joyce Oliver has seen Black over White over Black 'Rasputin' along Mill Hill, also feeding on sunflower hearts, together with a Brambling. Enjoy this beautiful 'Viking Chaffinch' while you can - they will be gone by the end of March.

*Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Group*

## **Marsh Mail**

LVC students have been enjoying enriching learning opportunities in recent weeks. Years 7 and 8 have benefited from the new carousel structure in Technology lessons this academic year which has reduced class sizes and enabled students to engage with term-long projects in food and nutrition and design technology.

After last year's limited access to practical lessons, Key Stage Three students have been producing some amazing culinary creations including ratatouille, scones and quesadillas.

With a focus on food culture, Year 8 will be producing spanakopita (feta and spinach pie), Caribbean curry and stir fry this term.

Year 9 students have focused on food science, developing their knowledge of key processes such as aeration, emulsification and coagulation. They have applied their learning to their own practical skills including making honeycomb, pastries and gateaux.

GCSE classes have been mastering advanced core skills and food presentation, achieving some delicious and highly ornate dishes such as mille-feuille and salmon en croute.



Offering an enriching learning experience is a key priority at Linton Village College. As a community-focused school, we are really keen to develop further connections with local independent catering and hospitality providers. Please get in touch with Ali Harris ([ali.harris@lvc.org](mailto:ali.harris@lvc.org)), Head of Food and Nutrition, if you would like to establish work-related learning links with the college.

**Helena Marsh**



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## **Balsham Gardening Club**

Balsham Gardening Club, like many others, had to stop its meetings during the pandemic. We are also conscious that many people are still anxious about gatherings, and indeed our usual venue is not able to accommodate us at the present time.

To plan for the future, we would appreciate it if past members and those who have voiced an interest in joining would let us know their views (by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February, please) as to what they would like from future meetings. The pattern over previous years has been visiting speakers the first Tuesday evening of the month October through to April, with an outing in May, together with a plant sale and an annual show, but we are happy to look at changing the format.

We are still committed to organising the show at the Balsham Feast this year and hope that many people will see this as an opportunity to 'have a go'. We are currently looking at the schedule and hope to include your ideas for categories too.

Please contact either Sue Lock, Chair ([suelock54@gmail.com](mailto:suelock54@gmail.com)) or Bren Williamson, Secretary ([brenda@williamson-gb.co.uk](mailto:brenda@williamson-gb.co.uk)).

**Sue Lock, Chairman**

## **Balsham WI**

What a treat – our January meeting was face to face and it was a real joy to sit and have a lovely chat with those who braved a cold January night. We had a very entertaining evening with a couple of games of 'Bingo!' and then played 'Would I Lie to You?'

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February and will take the form of a craft evening, for members to bring along any craft project that they are working on.

**Alison Clarke (894031)**

### *News from The Meadow*

As the new school term begins we have lots of exciting learning planned. It is quite scary to think that this time two years ago we were also just starting out on these very learning topics, when we were suddenly plunged into a lockdown in March. We never did get to finish delivering the second half of these topics as it was our new curriculum, so although technically it is second time around, it is the first time we will hopefully get all the way through the content! I don't think any of us could have even imagined nearly two years ago that so much would have happened and that the children in our schools would have lost so many opportunities and rites of passage. We teach about things like the plague and small pox, we never envisaged we would be ourselves living through a pandemic that in years to come people will learn about in History lessons in school.

This term in school, the children will be studying the following topics that will drive much of their learning:

Infants – ‘Grab Ya Brolly!’ focussing on UK weather and Grace Darling;

Years 3 and 4 – ‘Rainforest Adventure’, looking at South America, and also studying rocks as a side focus topic;

Years 5 and 6 – ‘Where in the World?’ focussing on comparing the UK and the USA.

If you feel you have something you could share with us about any of these topics, then please do get in touch. We love hearing from experts who can help bring the learning alive for our children.

All of our year groups have been undertaking mammoth Design Technology projects this term, which have involved many lessons researching, evaluating and experimenting.



Year 5/6 have evaluated, explored and researched different musical instruments. They then spent a whole day making their very own musical instrument. There was lots of measuring, cutting, gluing, fastening and testing but by the end of



it, all of the children were able to perform on their own instrument. We were incredibly impressed with the orchestra they formed!

The Infants did exactly the same for their biscuit making project. This included the very hard task of tasting lots of biscuits to see what the crunch, texture, crumbliness and of course, taste was like. They then used all of these ideas to design and make their own biscuits. The test was in how they tasted and I think we all agreed they were yum!



Thanks to our wonderful Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and Tesco blue token community collection, we have been able to re stock our library with some amazing new books, and replaced some very old books from our reading scheme. One of the most powerful things we can do in school is enable children to find a passion for reading as this opens up so many opportunities in the rest of their life. We are always on the look out for community volunteers who might have an hour to spare each week to come in and listen to our children read. The children love it and so do the volunteers! If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, or would like to help with another subject in school, or have an idea to help us continue to fundraise to continue our library re-stock campaign, then please do get in touch.

*Nichola Pickford, Headteacher*

### *Household Support Fund*

A support fund available from the County Council is aimed at supporting families with a below average income, through the more difficult winter months.

The fund will remain open until March 2022.

Eligibility criteria and application form can be found at: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/coronavirus/household-support-fund)

### *1st Horseheath Brownies*

The plans for our holiday to the Jarman Centre in Newmarket are taking shape; our theme will be ‘space’, using all the craft and outdoor adventures planned for last time.

This term we will learning all about tools and DIY.

I just hope no one goes mad with a hammer!

*Pauline, Katie, & Laurené*

## 2523 Linton Air Cadets

The squadron civilian committee is responsible for all our fund raising and has now reached its long term funding objective, to purchase the squadron a top of the range flight simulator. This will help in all aspects of aviation studies, bringing to life subjects such as principles of flight, pilot navigation and flying and handling techniques.

Along with the recently purchased drone technology, the squadron is now well positioned to provide even more comprehensive local-based aviation training to our cadets.



We look forward to hosting the annual ATC Sunday parade through Linton on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February. We also have shooting and powered flying allocated for the coming weeks. A busy start to the year!

**Bradley Wright, Pilot Officer**  
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## GRANTA Medical Practices

### *New Hospital Helpline for Patients*

Waiting lists for outpatient and specialist appointments and procedures have increased for everybody. This can cause worry and uncertainty about when you will eventually receive an appointment, and unfortunately Granta has no direct access to the hospital appointment lists.

If you have been referred by your GP or are waiting for an outpatient appointment, an appointment for hospital tests (eg scans), a date for an operation or other treatment, or a follow-up from your hospital team, and you have a query about what is happening, there is now a new dedicated Freephone Patient Help Line – 0800 048 5800.

May we respectfully ask that you only call Granta if your condition has genuinely deteriorated, when you will be reviewed by one of the clinical team and appropriate action can be taken in regard to your hospital care.

**Sandra East, Head of Patient Services**  
([sandra.east@nhs.net](mailto:sandra.east@nhs.net))

## Support for Carers

Carers can be of any age and in a wide range of situations, looking after a family member, partner or friend because of their illness, disability, a mental health problem or an addiction.

Caring Together is a local charity which last year supported more than 17,000 carers and their families.

Whether you are new to your caring role, have seen your role evolve as the person you care for has needed more support over time, or have lost a loved one you cared for, Caring Together is there to help you, with a range of advice, information and support, to help you, and the person you care for, access helpful services.

To find out more, call 0345 241 0954, email [hello@caringtogether.org](mailto:hello@caringtogether.org), or visit the website [www.caringtogether.org.uk](http://www.caringtogether.org.uk)

**Jeanette Threadgold**

## The Anne Robson Helpline

At the Anne Robson Trust we aim to be there to listen to anyone who is struggling with the imminent death of someone they care about. Calls are free and confidential – 0808 801 0688.

We know that facing the end of life can leave you isolated and alone. Being able to access support whilst a loved one is dying is really important for a number of reasons. Gaining knowledge of what may happen towards the end and having a sense of ‘preparedness’ helps both the person dying and their family gain as much control as possible.

Please visit [www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service](http://www.annerobsontrust.org.uk/helpline-service) to find out more.

## Linton & District Historical Society

Unfortunately our speaker for the February meeting has cancelled, so we will be unable to see you until the March meeting when we hope that things will have improved sufficiently for our speaker programme to continue.

**Ian Creek (893915) & Frank Appleyard (678835)**



Feb	9.00 am	10.30 am	4.00 / 6.00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Amanda Goodman</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> – Great Abington (4.00 pm), <i>Alistair Collen</i>
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop/Jeanine Kennedy preaching</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – West Wickham, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> – Little Abington, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop/Jeanine Kennedy preaching</i>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Amanda Goodman</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> – Great Abington, <i>Rev Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – West Wrating, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Amanda Goodman</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> – Hildersham (6.00 pm), <i>Alistair Collen</i>
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – West Wickham (9.30 am), <i>Marcus Cornish</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	

Although we have returned to a regular pattern of services inside our churches, we are continuing to run a weekly online service each Sunday at 10.30 am. This can take the form of live streaming from the home of the person leading the service, or a pre-recorded service that is then played on the day, or even the live streaming of a service from one of our churches. There is always the opportunity for 'virtual' coffee and chat for those who wish to stay online afterwards. More information about these online services can be found on the website [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk) under the calendar section, or by signing up to our weekly newsletter, details of which can also be found on the website.

## DIARY

### February 2022

Fri 4	Portable Pint & Pimp My Fish, Reading Room
Sat 5	Weston Colville Circular Walk West Wrating Café
Mon 7	West Wrating Oil Syndicate order deadline
Tues 8	Balsham WI
Wed 9	Weston Colville Cinema Club
Fri 11	Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
Sun 13	Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline
Wed 16	West Wrating Book Club
Thur 17	Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Sat 26	Supper Club, Weston Colville Reading Room

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Thank you for all your articles, news, etc. If these are sent by email, they are always acknowledged; if you don't get a reply, your items haven't been received, so please resend. Some contributions may have to be edited, to fit the space available, and are published at the discretion of the editor.

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Weston Green 1.50 - 2.15 pm  
Mill Hill, Weston Colville 2.20 - 2.50 pm

**Black bins:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Blue bins:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Green bins:** Mon 14<sup>th</sup> February