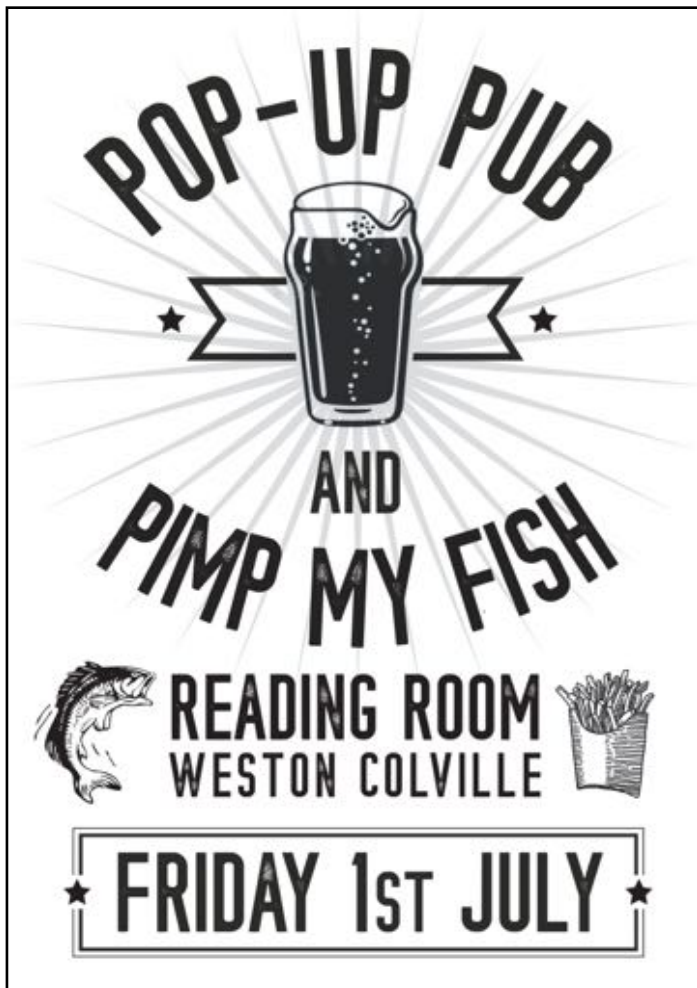


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The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating

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Tea and Cakes

Phewwww! Hot T&Cs in June. Thank you to all who contributed and attended, and especially to everyone who baked cakes for the Reading Room spread at the jubilee celebration.

It was very much appreciated.

Friday 15th July is our next date, 3.30 - 5 pm at the Reading Room. Come and have a chat before the summer holidays start. It would be lovely to see you.

Val and the team



West Wrating Café

We had a break in July for the Jubilee weekend, which, despite the weather, was a great success.

Normal service is resumed on Saturday 2nd July, 10.30 am to 12 noon. Everyone is welcome! Come along for tea, coffee and cakes and of course a chat. Look forward to seeing you.

Sherry (290070) and Jan

Weston Colville Circular Walk

The next walk, of approximately five miles, will be on Saturday 23rd July. Meet 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.

(jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475)

Telephone Box, Weston Green

A straw poll resulted in the box continuing as the plant exchange. This is now open for business, so please donate your surplus stock and take home any plant that takes your fancy. The door can be propped open in these warm months, and water is provided inside so if the plants are wilting a bit, give them a drink. If after a reasonable period of time your donated plant(s) have not been removed, their disposal remains your responsibility. There isn't a team available to oversee their welfare.

Please do not place any books, games, other memorabilia/equipment, and in particular used plant pots at the end of the season, in the plant exchange. Recycle through the channels available to all of us.

This is a community project supported by the Reading Room Committee.

Jo Jackson

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Weston Colville WhatsApp Group

Just a reminder that we have a village WhatsApp group. It is very useful for all sorts of things: sightings of strange things; lost dogs, cats, children etc; general dissemination of information, and hive mind. It also means you get to chat to people you might not come across normally, and so provides a social link.

As with all private WhatsApp groups, membership is through the administrator (me) and is secure. Normal social media politeness rules apply. If you want to be added to the group please contact me with your contact details.

Jackie Brearley (07984 655116, 01223 290076, or jackie.brearley@yahoo.co.uk)

West Wrating Book Club

Our June book was 'The Wide Sargasso Sea' by Jean Rhys, a prequel to 'Jane Eyre'.

It was agreed that this was an unsettling but well written book, with one person describing it as "brilliantly written". Occasionally, it was a little confusing and it wasn't always easy to know who was 'speaking', with almost a dream-like quality.

Cleverly built on brief passages from Charlotte Brontë's original book, it describes the possible sequence of events which led up to Jane Eyre's story, as well as shining a light on the life led by, and attitudes of, the people of the West Indies post-slavery. It also gives an insight into the practices of obeah, a form of sorcery and healing, and the effect on locals and settlers alike, racism and lack of understanding, as well as evoking the lush, sometimes oppressive, vegetation. Scores were mostly 7.5 out of 10, with one 6.

We will now have our summer break when we will be reading two books from the 'Big Jubilee Read' book list: 'The Adoption Papers' by Jackie Kay and 'The Nowhere Man' by Kamala Markandaya. Do join us on Wednesday 14th September to have a chat and share refreshments while we discuss the books. Don't worry if you didn't like them or finish them – your input will still be valued.

Linda Gorman (290653)

Honey for Ukraine

In celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee we raised £150 which has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

Those who donated £5 in exchange for a jar of local honey will wish to know that 100% of your donation went to the appeal fund.

Many thanks,


Andrew Durham

Weston Colville Jubilee Mugs

There are still a few jubilee mugs available to purchase at £5 each. If anyone would like one, please ring and leave a message.



Bridget Durham (290082)



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Weston Colville Green Group

Discussions during the meeting in Rosemary's garden included the following:

Lift sharing – Jackie suggested setting up a register using something like Google Sheets, which would give details of lifts needed and available. Details could also be shown in *Challenge*, or on the WhatsApp group.

Seed/plant exchange – this is in the old telephone kiosk by the cricket field (see article on front page).

Litterpicking – Jo has equipment for this. Litter can be photographed and sent via an App to the manufacturer, to increase pressure for reduction of wrappings.

Contact lenses – daily contact lenses and the cases they come in can be taken to Specsavers or Optical Express for recycling.

Ballpoint pens – Katrin can collect and recycle these. The website '*Recycle Now*' has useful information on how to recycle various items.

'*Zerowaste*' on Instagram demonstrates how to make bin liners from newspapers.

Rosemary will arrange meetings/workshops, probably for September, on recycling and on help SCDC may be able to offer. The Green Group will meet again just before then.

65 people played the beanbag recycling game in the Reading Room on the Jubilee Sunday (some people returned for more throws!).

Jackie is co-ordinator of the village WhatsApp group, Village Green. To join, please see her contact details (as for the Weston Colville group, on previous page of this *Challenge*).

Anne



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West Wrating Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Thank you to everyone in West Wrating who had anything to do with making this a fantastic and memorable celebration!

Such a great turnout for both the beacon/bonfire and the re-located Street Party in the Village Hall. Damp weather, but certainly not dampened spirits! Even the all-village photo could happen with a 'passing drone'. And the church full of wonderful flower arrangements made a great place to be out of the wind and rain.



Thank you to: Robert Covey for the loan of the field for the bonfire; the horn blower; the bonfire builders and wood gatherers; the marshals keeping

everyone safe; and so many others.

Thank you to the bunting hangers, the team that worked in the church, the flower arrangers and Jan and her team of amazing sandwich makers. And all those who supplied cakes.



We are hoping to have another go at an-all-village photo – possibly in September – so please watch this space.

If anyone has photos to share, please let me know. We should have a photo display at the August Saturday Café.

The Jubilee Planning Group
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Weston Colville Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Despite the drizzly weather, Weston Colville more than did justice to this historic event, with events throughout the day on Sunday 5th June.



The day started with a **fun run** around our beautiful countryside, or the cricket field

for the youngest runners; everyone finished and won a medal.



A service of thanksgiving at St Mary's Church and the dedication of a commemorative tree were followed by music and entertainment on the cricket field all afternoon; this included a bouncy castle slide, a very well-attended family dog show, and a fancy dress

competition for children. In addition, nearly 200 people enjoyed the extensive bar and a barbecue hog roast with lashings of jubilee pudding



and cake to follow, and there was an exhibition and refreshments in the Reading Room. Roger took a commemorative photograph, and there were free commemorative mugs for children, with the option to purchase for adults.



The festivities were supported by funds from the Parish Council, the Hall Reading Room Trust, Tea & Cakes and private donations, and thanks are due to all those groups.

A small group began to meet in early March to discuss ideas, and just kept going under its own steam with contributions from many in the village. Together with so many others who mucked in on the day, there are simply too many people to thank individually – everyone involved contributed so much, and they all know who they are.

I will recall 5th June 2022 as a true reflection of what a great community Weston Colville is – and what a great place it is to live.

Ian Ashbridge

Fun Family Dog Show – many thanks to everyone who took part in making the dog show a success. We (Jackie Brearley, Sarah Arnold and myself) were really pleased that so many of you decided to bring



your dogs along and join in. A big thank you also to Hannah, our judge, and to Ash Tree Veterinary Centre who generously donated the ‘Goody Bags’. The ‘Judge’s Choice’ award went to Mel/Rosie with Ruby, for the obvious close relationship between handler and dog.

Joyce Oliver



Flower Festival – I would like to thank all those who did flower arrangements and teas for the Flower Festival at St Mary’s to make it a success.

Gay

Parish Matters

Looking back at our Jubilee long weekend – those four days of mixed rain and sunshine at the beginning of June – we came together to celebrate as many of the seventy years of our



Queen’s reign as we are old enough to recall. Some of us may even remember the Coronation itself. Either way, we all have a recollection of how the Queen has come to serve us with her quiet and reserved smile. Her warmth and generous spirit perhaps most evident when, through her many addresses to the nation, we have shared in her bright vision for tomorrow. The days to come may not be easy, but her message is so often one of ‘unity of spirit’ and a heart-felt desire to help others.

When we listen back to some of the messages the Queen has had for us at Christmas and at other times in the year, we come to realise it is her faith in God we see shining through her character. She smiles with her eyes in an infectious way, a smile that has caught the loving attention of millions of people in her time. And just when you might think it’s not British to speak publicly of one’s faith, the Queen has not hidden her light under a bushel. In a recent broadcast we recall her saying: “Many thousands of people now follow Christ’s teaching and find him a guiding light in their lives. I am one of them because Christ’s example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love”. What an extraordinary confession of faith for all to see and share.

Sometimes we need people in our lives to help kindle within us what the Bible calls the ‘life-giving spirit’. Whatever your religion, or none, we are all driven by the Spirit of God’s love. We are all coming out of a pandemic, where we have done our best to avoid harmful and infectious viruses. Perhaps, however, the time is now here when we may be open to catching the joy and peace of the life-giving Spirit, and to see that Spirit alive in others around us.

Steven Wheeler

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West Wrating Parish Council

PLEASE NOTE: THE DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 18TH JULY 2022 AT 8 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL. ALL WELCOME.

Reports from village organisations were presented at the West Wrating Annual Parish Meeting, held on Monday 9th May.

Chairman's Report – I would like to thank all the parish, district and county councillors, and C McCall as footpath officer, for their generous time and effort that they give so freely to the West Wrating Parish. Congratulations to Geoff on his re-election as district councillor.

Since our last meeting there have been several changes to the membership of the council. Councillors Davey and Bonfield have decided not to stand for re-election. On behalf of the PC and residents, I thank them both for the excellent work they have done and made our community a better place. They will be greatly missed. They will be continuing to volunteer when needed. We have a new councillor, Cllr Williams Gray. Welcome.

The last year has presented many challenges. WWPC has been in constant discussions with relevant authorities to provide a consistent approach in these unprecedented times, and is acting as a community communications hub. The council seeks to support statutory and emergency services in the local community through the provision of information, local social assistance and communication.

Much of the work goes on in the background but ensures we have a wonderful community.

The PC has continued to carry out a range of village activities including maintenance of verges, the pocket park and the recreation ground, including the removal of asbestos. There is liaison with the relevant authorities to repair pot holes and clear gullies and drains.

Many residents volunteer in different ways: litter picking, tidying verges, helping those in need, raising funds for charity, and more. We are so lucky where so many people have a sense of community. WWPC would like to say thank you to all those in our village and beyond for all the good neighbour acts helping those who are in need.

The PC holds a large number of properties and lands in the village, some of which are small – two

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noticeboards, benches etc – and some of them very large, including the sports pavilion and village hall.

The village hall is such a valuable and important community asset and my thanks go to the Village Hall Management Committee and Mike Rowland who chairs it. Not only have they maintained the fabric of the hall but improved it. The hall is now fully operational and in a strong financial position.

The recreation ground and sports pavilion are excellently managed by the Sports Pavilion Committee and Football Club. WWPC is now maintaining the defibrillator at the sports pavilion.

The PC has a wonderful refurbished playground, much admired by several villages, and well used and well maintained.

Over the last year the PC has again taken the step of raising the precept by the RPI. It is important to note that it is recommended that the council hold at least a year and a half's precept in reserve. The financial position is good, with adequate reserves of money.

Road safety is taken very seriously by the PC and current projects involve Highways road safety measures to bring awareness of speeding. Also the PC has purchased its own speed devices. Four councillors are on the speed watch team.



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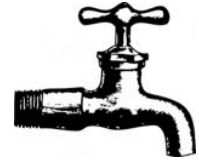
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There are proposals to continue with maintenance and improvement of the pocket park to promote a wildlife habitat.

Challenge is supported by WWPC and is a very useful resource for all. Thank you to the editor and all other contributors.

Congratulations to Rachel and Pete for the 10th anniversary of running The Chestnut Tree.

Lastly but importantly I would like to give my personal thanks and on behalf of the PC to Jenny Richards, the parish clerk, for all her assistance, advice and professional expertise.

West Wrattling Village Hall – the report of the chairman at the 2021 December Village Hall AGM can be found at westwrattling.org.uk/village-hall/.

Since 1st January 2022 village hall use has steadily returned to normal levels and normal hire charges have been reinstated. Finances remain healthy and routine maintenance is up-to-date.

My thanks to all who have contributed to the successful running of the hall.

*Mike Rowland, Chairman, West Wrattling Village
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Lunch Group – it’s been great meeting up and enjoying the wonderful lunches Peter cooks for us at The Chestnut Tree again. Long may it continue! If anyone would like to join us for these set two-course lunches every third Thursday of the month, please get in touch with me.

Suan (suanrowland@btinternet.com)

d'Abo Tennis Club – the club continues to thrive, with the court being used on a regular basis by a strong family membership. The club’s finances are strong, with a reserve being built up to pay for a new court in the future. The court surface is in good condition and continues to play well, with a convenient online court booking system. New members are always welcome, and existing and new members can sign up and pay online via our website.

West Wrattling Youth Football Club – it was nice to see the later part of the season coming to an end in some sort of consistency and normality after some difficult and uncertain times, hopefully well behind us now.

All teams seemed to grow in strength as the season became more stable in regards to consistency with fixtures, and are very much looking forward to the start of the new season in September.

The under-9 team play in the Royston crow league, a non-competitive age group league, so do not display results or a league table. They are a very strong team which has displayed some excellent football .

The under-12 team plays in the Cambridge Colts’ league and is currently second in the league with one game remaining. There have been lots of positives

from this team, and they look as if they are really enjoying their football.

The under-13 team also plays in the Cambridge Colts’ league and has ended up in third place. Again, this team has done extremely well and has grown in confidence and performances as the season has gone on.

The under-14 team also plays in the Cambridge Colts’ league and has one game remaining this season. They play in the top league in the county with some very strong opposition. Unfortunately, the stop-start season has seen them struggling to get a good run in form and they are currently second from bottom, but are still playing well with pride and a good team spirit and looking forward to getting the new season under way.

Richard Cole

West Wrattling Reserves Football Club – after two Covid-hit seasons and several players departing for pastures new, the 2021/2022 season started with a lot of young new faces joining the team, with the aim to develop these players on a pathway to the first team, and for them to most of all enjoy their football, whilst competing in a very tough Cambridge County Division 1A League. The first five league games were a struggle, with the reserves struggling to field a full team every week, but when the winter months came this changed, with a full team put out most weeks.

We reached the quarter finals of both county cup competitions that we entered, being beaten away to Great Shelford Reserves and to Burwell Swifts.

One downside to the season happened on 4th December in the first staging of the cup game away to Great Shelford Reserves, where the Reserves

Captain Adam Hunt suffered a badly broken leg after a tackle in the fourth minute which resulted in the game being abandoned. After a spell in hospital Adam was allowed home and is now on the mend. All the best Adam.

We were fighting for fourth spot right up to the last remaining games, but three league defeats on the bounce resulted in us finishing seventh overall, which was disappointing.

We move forward into the 2022/2023 season with a new management team lined up to take over, and with new faces joining and old payers re-joining the reserves squad, we can only move forwards as a football club.

Matthew Bailey

Nature Notes

It's high summer and your Marsh Tits have finished nesting, so we'll be out and about to ring the juveniles. This will give us a measure of the species' productivity. With mortality data gathered from your sightings over the whole year, we can work out whether the population is increasing or decreasing. Watch this space . . . Please keep sending Marsh Tit sightings to cambsmarti@gmail.com or **Challenge**.

Here's a photo of Green over Red 'King Charles the First' to remind you what Marsh Tits look like. If anyone has Marsh Tits visiting them and would like to see them up close, we'd be happy to organise a fully-licensed birdringing session for you.



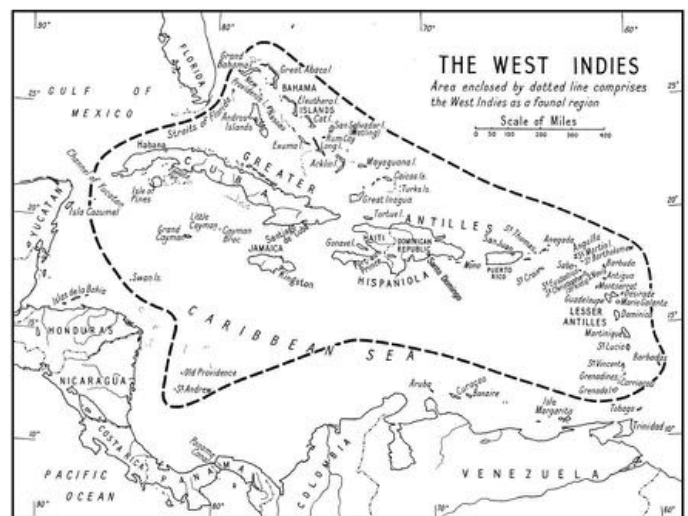
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Lantana camara

rapidly outcompetes native plants and is poisonous to humans and livestock, especially young cattle. It's claimed horses become addicted to it. The economic and ecological costs are already enormous. Currently limited to warmer latitudes between 45°N and 45°S and sold legally in the UK as annual summer bedding, it will benefit from global warming and could easily escape from our gardens to establish itself here in future. You'll find it in local nurseries and garden centres. (<https://www.farmersweekly.co.za/animals/horses/be-wary-of-the-lantana/>)

Did you know that Ian Fleming was a keen birdwatcher, who owned a field guide called 'Birds of the West Indies' by the noted ornithologist James Bond? In the early 1960s, just as 007 films made her husband's name famous, Mrs Mary Bond wrote a tongue-in-cheek letter to Ian Fleming, complaining that he had stolen her husband's identity. The writer replied in similar vein, offering the ornithologist "unlimited use of the name Ian Fleming for any purpose he may see fit. Perhaps one day he will discover some particularly horrible species of bird which he would like to christen in an insulting fashion." The real James Bond went on to show that most Caribbean islands had birds of North American rather than South American origin, leading to fellow ornithologist David Lack proposing 'Bond's Line' to separate the two groups. Lack wrote to (genuine) Bond: "Wallace has a line . . . I don't see why you should not have one too". Here is Bond's Line: Trinidad and Tobago are the only well-known islands south of it. (<https://bigthink.com/strange-maps/672-licence-to-map-the-other-james-bond/>)



Bond's Line from David Lack's 'Island Biology' (1976)

Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Group

Balsham WI

We had a very enjoyable members' meeting on Tuesday 14th June when we were given a guided tour of three gardens in the village plus an allotment. Each garden was different, and all looked beautiful in the June evening sunshine. There was the opportunity to chat to the owners and exchange knowledge and tips, and we finished with brief business and refreshments at the final stop. Thank you so much to Sue and Dave, Susie and Dave, and Alison and Andrew, who kindly welcomed us into their lovely gardens.

Thanks also to everyone who supported our Jubilee Teas in the Institute on Friday 2nd June; it was lovely to see so many people and we raised over £340. We will be having a stall at the Balsham Feast on Saturday 2nd July with the theme 'Reduce, Re-use and Recycle'. This will be a white elephant stall, along with handmade craft items for sale.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm and at present are held in the Pavilion, Balsham. Keep an eye on our Facebook page, @Balsham WI for more details.

Our next members' meeting is on Tuesday 12th July, when the Balsham Bowls Club will be our hosts for a Bowls Taster evening, which promises to be fun.

Sarah Evans (290802)

The Meadow, Balsham

We were delighted that our Year 5 children finally (pesky Covid) got to go on their residential visit to How Hill, two nights and three days in the beautiful setting of the Norfolk Broads. The children participated in dyke dipping, owl pellet dissection, orienteering, a boat trip on the broads, as well as many other activities – including playing hide and seek in the maze! Considering that for many of the children it was their first time away from home for a while due to Covid, they were superstars and had an amazing time.



The week after our Y5 trip, it was the turn of our Y6 children who went to Norfolk Lakes for four nights and five days. They had an action-packed week of raft building, paddle

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boarding, caving, climbing, kayaking, crate stacking and fencing, to name but a few of their activities. The children showed resilience, bravery, compassion and kindness through the week and everyone had a fantastic time, with lots of children declaring it the best time ever!

Back in school, the long-awaited re-opening of our newly refurbished swimming pool finally happened! The changing rooms are incredibly smart, the new liner makes the water shimmer and look inviting, and the children are loving their weekly swimming sessions.

We celebrated the Jubilee with a morning of activities followed by a whole-school picnic, with the children in non-uniform of red, white and blue.

We are still enjoying the 'firsts we are having' from being out of lockdowns and restrictions in the last few years. We have already had our first parent open evening, our first reading café, our first new Reception parents' meeting and messy play sessions, our first June Revels, and our first parent as partners meeting. Other 'firsts' this term will include the Y5/6 production with a live audience, and the whole school trip to the beach!

Nichola Pickford, Headteacher

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The Balsham Feast



The Balsham Feast is on 2nd July on the village recreation ground, 12.30 -11 pm, with donkey rides, crazy golf, inflatables, classic cars, raptors, teddy bear drops and many more activities.

A café will be serving cakes, tea, coffee, soft drinks and pizzas during the day. Balsham scouts provide a daytime and evening BBQ and the Black Bull runs the bar.

Alan Herron (Facebook: @balshamfeast)

2523 Linton Air Cadets

2523 were delighted to be invited to parade for the village at the Platinum Jubilee ‘party in the park’ event. The cadets turned out in their smartest light blue uniform with both



the union flag and squadron standard on parade to mark this historic occasion.

The squadron is growing in number and our summer taster programme is

well underway. Taster sessions completed so far have included initiative exercises and radio familiarisation, with our new cadet recruits getting hands-on with equipment and gaining a feel for all the new skills they can learn.

It isn't all about new joiners; our experienced cadets continue to get spaces on regional and national courses. Sgt Vellacott is going for gold with a week-long cyber training course, enabling him to later teach cadets and staff in this field.

Our major inter-wing competitions are approaching and in preparation we are practising our key training areas of first aid, leadership and drill. As summer progresses we will see cadets complete the final expeditions for their bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh's award, go on summer camp, visit The Air Charter Expo to see private business jets, have a private tour of London Biggin Hill airport, and visit the houses of parliament. We like to be busy!

Bradley Wright, Flying Officer RAFAC
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Marsh Mail

LVC students enjoyed a full week of enrichment at the start of June. Following limited opportunities for trips and visits over the last couple of years, it was fabulous to see students benefiting from a varied programme of fun opportunities outside the classroom.



While Year 11s were busy with their GCSE exam series, the other year groups were experiencing extra-curricular activities including a range of day trips for Year 7s and 8s. Highlights included the Nuclear Races, an extremely muddy assault course, bush craft workshops, a visit to Dance East in Norwich, and hosting Year 6s from Linton Heights to showcase Year 7s' performance skills.

Year 9 students enjoyed a week's residential visit, either exploring cultural sights of London, engaging in water sports in Dorset or enjoying a week in the Peak District, having adventures with their peers.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 students had the option of a week of activities at a PGL site in Lincolnshire or a work experience placement. I'm proud of the responsibility shown by LVC ambassadors in varied

workplaces and to all of the students who engaged brilliantly with the week's enrichment programme. It's a testament to LVC staff commitment that we could organise so many trips.

We are looking forward to our Prom celebrations at the college on Friday 1st July. Our Year 11s have shown incredible resilience, and it will be lovely to be able to welcome parents and members of the community to observe the students' arrivals this year.

Helena Marsh



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As a girl, the Queen herself had a Guide unit, 1st Buckingham Palace Guides, with Princess Margaret as a Brownie, which met in the gardens of Buckingham Palace. It was set up by her mother Queen Elizabeth to enable her daughters and their friends to earn their Girlguiding challenge badges. Since her coronation the Queen has been patron of Girlguiding, and Sophie the Countess of Wessex took over as our President from Princess Margaret in 2002. Then, as now, Girlguiding offers a place where girls and young women can just be themselves; where they can build brilliant friendships, gain valuable life skills, build their confidence, and raise their aspirations. Come and see what we do!

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Please contact humanresources@lvc.org to arrange to discuss the role or visit the school, and download an application form and information pack from our website at www.lvc.org. The College supports flexible working. Closing date for receipt of applications is **Wednesday 6th July at 9.00am**. Applications must be submitted on the College's application form; CVs will not be accepted.

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This year there are four private gardens plus the Mary Challis Garden to visit between 1 and 5 pm. Start where convenient and collect a map. Details of the openings, with garden descriptions, are on the ngs website (www.ngs.org.uk). Visitors are encouraged to book their visit on-line or can simply turn up and pay at the first garden. Entrance fee is £6 for all gardens; children free. Do come along to view some of Sawston’s finest gardens and support these important charities. Home-made teas and cakes in the Mary Challis Garden from 1.30 to 4.00 pm.

Mike & Ann Redshaw (01223 834511)

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Doctors and nurses are advised to wear face masks when they are seeing patients with respiratory symptoms, and some clinicians may prefer to wear a mask when seeing any patient.

Long Term Conditions (LTC)

You may have received a text recently regarding your ‘LTC Review’. LTC describes illnesses such as asthma, COPD, hypertension, kidney disease and diabetes. Since April we have started aiming to review patients around their month of birth. There will be a transition phase as we work towards this. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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*The Ellesmere Centre, www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
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Mobile Library

The mobile library routes and stopping times have changed recently, and the information given out by CCC and printed in *Challenge* last month has been amended again.

The new route number is F25. The library will call every **FOURTH THURSDAY**; times and dates listed on the back page of *Challenge*.

Linton Library

Get ready for the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge, arriving in the library this summer. Join the Gadgeteers to discover the amazing science and technology behind the world around you! Read amazing books, collect awesome scrap & sniff stickers, join in with our marvellous science-themed activities. Complete the Challenge and claim your own special Gadgeteers Medal and Certificate. Sign up for free at the library from Saturday 9th July.

Our Story and Rhyme times for under-5s are at 10.30 am on Tuesday 5th and 19th July.

On Monday 11th July our Engage session at 2 pm is with Edward Gildea, an adventurer, poet, sailor, teacher, and green activist! All welcome.

Our Knit and Natter group will meet on Tuesday 12th and 26th at 2 pm; just bring your latest craft project (knitting or otherwise).

Looking ahead, we have a Lego session on Monday 22nd August and a SRC craft activity on Tuesday 2nd August. Please check at the library or on the library facebook pages for more information nearer the time.

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries/library-news>

Opening hours: Tuesday 10 am - 5 pm;
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3 rd		United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Rev Iain McColl/ Amanda Goodman to preach</i>	
10 th	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Rev Iain McColl</i>	United Service with Holy Communion – Great Abington, <i>Rev Iain McColl</i>	Evening Prayer – West Wrating, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>
17 th	Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	United Service of Morning Worship – Balsham, <i>Rev Iain McColl</i>	Evening Prayer – Hildersham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>
24 th	Morning Worship – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	United Service of Holy Communion – Hildersham, <i>Archdeacon of Cambridge Alex Hughes</i>	
31 st	Morning Worship (BCP) – Hildersham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	United Service of Holy Communion (11.15 am) – Balsham, <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i>	Evening Prayer – Little Abington, <i>Alistair Collen</i>

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July 2022

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Sat 2 West Wrating Café
Balsham Feast
Sun 3 Sawston Open Gardens
Mon 4 Weston Colville Parish Council
Sun 10 Thurlow Kennels Open Day & Fun Dog Show
Tues 12 Balsham WI
Fri 15 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
Sun 17 Summer Show, Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
Mon 18 West Wrating Parish Council
Thur 21 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Sat 23 Weston Colville Circular Walk

Mobile Post Office: Thursdays, Reading Room car park,
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Mobile library: fourth Thursday: 28th July, 25th August
High Street, West Wrating 10.20 - 11.00 am
Reading Room, Weston Green 11.10 - 11.45 am
Mill Hill, Weston Colville 11.50 - 12.15 pm

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FOR THE MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS**

Black bins: Monday 11th & 25th July,
Monday 8th & 22nd August
Blue & Green bins: Monday 4th & 18th July,
Monday 1st & 15th, **Tuesday 30th August**

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