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The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating
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Weston Colville Spring Lunch

On Sunday 17th March, 12.30 for 1 pm, in the Reading Room.

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Jane Pryor

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Saturday 23rd March, 10 am - 12.30 pm

St Mary's Church, Weston Colville

All materials provided; drinks & biscuits; everyone, all ages, welcome. Free (donations welcomed)



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Weston Colville Tea & Cakes

We had a very busy afternoon at February's Tea & Cakes, with lots of happy children starting their half-term holiday and lots of yummy cakes – thank you.

Our next session will be on Friday 15th March at 3.30 pm in the Reading Room as usual.

Val and the Team

Get ready for



A fun celebration

Stories and songs

for everyone

Egg hunt, bonfire, sausage sizzle, tea and cakes afterwards

Sunday 24th March 4 pm

West Wrating Church

Everyone very welcome



Scilla and John Harvey

West Wrating Café

Saturday 2nd March, CAFÉ SOUP in the village hall, 12 noon until 1 pm (please note the later time).

This will be your last chance for a while to join us for delicious homemade soup, cake and of course tea and fresh coffee. As we move into spring and hopefully warmer and drier weather, we will return in April to our usual coffee morning. Everyone is welcome, we look forward to seeing you.

Sherry and Jan



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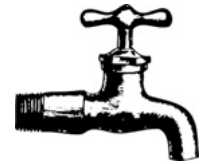
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We would be delighted to welcome new faces and anyone who might be interested in becoming involved in the running of the club. If you have any questions about what might be involved please contact: secretary@WestWratingTennis.co.uk or call 290179.

Cally Wilson

West Wrating Book Club

Our book for February was 'Still Life' by Sarah Winman.

This is a book about love in all its forms. It opens in Florence in the closing stages of World War II where we meet two of the main protagonists: Evelyn, an art historian who wants to make contact with the Monuments, Fine Arts and Archives Officers, and Ulysses, a private in the British Army. They strike up a friendship which proves to be significant for them both. The scene then shifts to East London at the end

of the war where we are introduced to a disparate group of characters including Ulysses' wife, Peggy. We follow their lives through the decades, intertwined with major world events, as they find their place in the world as 'transgressive' relationships become more acceptable.

The author does not shrink from using raw, believable language and describing the physical side of relationships without being blatant. There are poignant, sad, tragic and funny moments. Two people liked this book very much, enjoying the descriptions of Italy, in particular Florence and its food, art and architecture. One person was unable to get further than the first part, being unable to relate to the characters or engage with the story, while another read more of it but still couldn't like any of the characters. Scores ranged from 7 to 9 out of 10.

For our next book we are reading 'My Friends' by Hisham Matar, to be discussed on Wednesday 13th March at The Chestnut Tree at 7.30 pm.

Linda Gorman (290653)

Spring Clear-up, St Andrew's Churchyard

The spring clear-up will be on Easter Saturday, 30th March, 10 am - 12 noon. As usual, hot cross buns will be served along with coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Everyone welcome. Looking forward to seeing you.

Cobby (290046)

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We are very excited to be operating a village pub once again and, following a quick kitchen refurbishment, we are ready to build upon the excellent legacy of Pete and Rachel.

Our menu will change frequently but will be centred around pub food, accessible, seasonal and local.

Prescriptions will still be available to collect from the pub.

We will be holding a quiz evening every Sunday starting on 17th March, which will have Lols Pizza available to order for eating in The Chestnut Tree or as takeaway.

The beer festival will be on the last May Bank Holiday and will kick off with Morris Dancers on the Thursday; we will have a few bands, and some street food vendors to offer something different.

If we haven't already met you yet, please do pop in and say hello.

Mark and Joanna



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West Wrating Parish Council

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1. There are two vacancies on the above Parish Council caused by the resignations of Councillor Keith Roberts and Councillor Matthew Williams-Gray.
2. A by-election will be held to fill the vacancy if, within 14 Statutory Days (does not include Saturday/Sunday or Bank Holidays) from the date below, 10 (ten) electors for the West Wrating Parish give notice in writing to the Returning Officer claiming such an election.
3. The address of the Returning Officer is:
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4. If no such notice is given, the West Wrating Parish Council will fill the vacancies by co-option. Anyone who would like to put their name forward to be considered for co-option please email, write to or phone the Parish Clerk. The closing date is in 35 days (31st March 2024). If there are no applications the vacancy will be advertised again for a further 35 days.

Dated: 16th Feb 2024

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Weston Colville Playground Consultation

200 surveys were sent out to receive opinion on the usage, views and requirements of this area of the recreation field. 63 surveys were received back.

50% of respondents used this area once a month or more frequently. Having been donated to the village in 1885, the recreation field and playground was viewed by 99% as important/very important to the local community. 73% thought the playground was presently in a poor/fair condition, with 16% stating it was good. The majority of respondents visit the recreation field solely to play on the equipment, but 33% use the area for football, walking and learning about wildlife.

We asked what people would like to see and the overwhelming responses were: defined play areas for younger and older children; appropriate equipment for both ages plus additional items such as roundabouts, zipwires, trampoline, spinning play items, football goals, basketball hoops; something specific to our village; a maze; plus more seating and picnic tables.

Pedestrian, wheelchair and pushchair access to the playground is at present restricted due to the gate and 47% asked for this to be amended. 63% responded that if the area was to be improved they were more likely to use this part of the village.

A range of other comments were offered and fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Problems with the present playground equipment, surface and its maintenance
2. Equipment not suitable for small children
3. Area too small, in particular extending area for younger children
4. Separate areas/equipment for different ages
5. Problems with vehicle access, and specific access problems for wheelchairs and pushchairs
6. Specific requests for additional equipment
7. Why the playground is not currently used by villagers.

Support for the project – five quotes and plans have been acquired and with the results of the consultation and a comparison study of seven other villages' play areas, the working party have agreed a plan and funding applications have been submitted. We cannot guarantee that all wishes will be granted but if funding is successful, it is proposed the installation of equipment would occur within the summer/autumn months.

We would like to thank everyone who took time to complete and return the surveys.

Daniel Jackson (for the Playground Working Party)



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Heroes of the Village

In January, my husband fell in the fields while walking the dog. Charlotte, who was working in The Chestnut Tree pub, volunteered to help me find him, and her mother Lisa also joined in the search. This was dark and cold, and the fields were muddy. We were about to call the police when Charlotte saw a light from his phone. When we found him he had been lying there for over three hours, unable to get up. The dog lay by his side for the whole time.

Charlotte and Lisa supported him back to the house. A life saved. The family cannot thank them enough. Thank you again.

Mira Nichols

Power Cuts

Is any one else getting very tired of power interruptions in CB21 5NS and 5NT? Sometimes the interruption maybe as little as a few seconds and the substation flashes over, but often after a few flickers that's followed by a power cut of up to five hours. A few seconds may not seem a lot, but I'm guessing that I'm not the only one who is tired of resetting time clocks on electrical appliances and rebooting a

plethora of electronic devices including computers, backup devices, medical devices, music streamers and more. I even have two radios that turn back on at full volume when the power is restored!

I've lived in Weston Green for well over forty years and as far as I can see the situation is getting worse not better. Isn't it time that the parish council and maybe also South Cambs District Council, put some pressure on UK Power Networks to improve the reliability of the electricity supply?

It is also worth noting that over the last year I've recorded the mains voltage as high as 253 volts. That sounds like you're winning something extra, but in reality that is a level way above the 240 volt maximum and is potentially damaging to every light bulb and appliance in your house, as well as being damaging to Solar PV systems.

I invested in an 'optimiser' which has now pulled the maximum mains voltage down to 229 volts, but the 'over voltage mains' had already damaged the solar inverter (a key component of a solar PV system) which had to be replaced.

You can contact UK Power Networks via ukpowernetworks.co.uk or 0800 0294285.

If you have expensive hi-fi I also recommend that you leave it off and isolated from the mains when not using it, because short interruptions and surges when power is restored can also be very damaging to sensitive high end hi-fi. Battery UPS (uninterruptible power supply) and anti-surge systems can help, but they can also degrade the sound and the UPS Systems themselves can be damaged by an over-voltage mains supply.

Mike Earl (mike@earlassociates.co.uk)

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Parish Matters

I can hardly believe it, Christmas seems to have come and gone, Lent is now upon us, and Easter is fast approaching. I was shocked to see easter eggs/gifts in the supermarkets at the beginning of January. Commercialism at its finest; it persuades everyone that the only way to celebrate something is by spending vast amounts of money.



As Christians, what we celebrate at Easter is far beyond monetary value and our celebrations take on a variety of emotions as we travel through Lent towards the glorious day of Easter Sunday. However hard we try to understand the Easter story it will almost always be beyond our comprehension – Jesus, God the Son, should sacrifice Himself to such a cruel death on the cross of Calvary so that we can be forgiven into the presence of God.

I am a great believer of hope; if you have heard me preach you know that I refer to the infamous yet wonderful actress Miriam Margolyes. She once said “hope is the chink in the curtain which lets the light shine through”. As we journey through Lent and Holy Week with hindsight, we know that by the end of the week the resurrection will come, and Jesus will raise from the dead. Jesus’ disciples, however, didn’t have that insight into the future; at the cross of crucifixion their world fell apart. Having something to hope for is so important if we are to keep going and stay positive, when everything around us is tough, demanding, painful, sad, and unwelcome. Jesus saying to His Father, not my will, but Yours be done, surely was the hope of resurrection, hope of reunion with His Father and appearing to His disciples again that gave Him strength and resolve to see through the costly and sacrificial plan for the salvation of the world.

The first Christians had a scary Easter, but it helped them become fearless about the future and to look to the future with hope. I pray that each and every one of us looks to the future with hope and that on Easter Day we have the hope to shout we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our Song!

I wish you all a hopeful Lent and a very Happy Easter. In Christ,

Revd B A Brady

London Marathon for Little Havens Hospice

I am raising sponsorship funds for my London Marathon April 2024 challenge. My chosen charity is **Little Havens Hospice** who support terminally ill children in Essex. My target is £1,750; thank you so much for your generous donations to date.



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We produce an attractive programme and welcome new advertisers. Our audience is drawn from a wide local radius and your business may reach new clients. If you would like more information please contact me for details.

Jo Stinton (jonotnits@gmail.com)

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Weston Colville Reading Room – ‘Pub’ Quiz

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Buttercups Community Pre-School

The children took part in the National RSPB Birdwatch week which saw them covering locally collected pinecones with a variety of seeds which they took away for the birds at their homes to enjoy.

The children had fun when we celebrated Chinese New Year, the Year of the Dragon. There was much roaring as the children fully embraced the multiple guises of the creatures, from fierce and fiery to delicate and peaceful!

The children also enjoyed Pancake Day – we had lots of fun ideas for toppings but unsurprisingly it seems chocolate spread was one of the most popular!

Charlotte Vallins

The Meadow Primary School, Balsham

We are overjoyed to celebrate the remarkable achievement of our young performers who recently took the stage at the O2 Arena for Young Voices! Seeing our children come together, singing their hearts out and embracing the joy of music, was a special thing to be a part of. Congratulations to our young voices for shining brightly on such a prestigious platform.

Our dedicated Early Years team embarked on a transformative training experience this term featuring esteemed guest speakers, Greg Bottrill and Anna Arnold. Their insights and expertise added a rich layer to our collective understanding of fostering creativity in early education. Armed with innovative approaches and a renewed passion for empowering young minds, our educators are now implementing fresh ideas and strategies into the ongoing project. This collaborative effort promises to shape an exciting and creative landscape for our Early Years students, laying the foundation for a future generation of imaginative thinkers and collaborative problem solvers.

This term, we welcomed parents to join their children in a collaborative exploration of creativity. This Van Gogh-inspired Art Café not only celebrated artistic expression but also served as a platform for communication, fostering a supportive environment where families engaged in open conversations about art, creativity, and the significance of expression. The walls of our school are now adorned with sunflowers, swirling stars, and bedroom-inspired artwork as a testament to the collaborative efforts of parents and children.



Faye Facer, Assistant Headteacher

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This term we have seen some noteworthy successes that reflect one of our very important whole-school values, that of having an inclusive cultural environment.

A team from LVC took part in the the Panathlon Xtend multi-skills event run by the Panathlon Foundation, at Comberton Village College, and came first out of all the schools from South Cambridgeshire. They will now represent South Cambridgeshire in the county finals in March. We wish our team well.



Panathlon Xtend is a programme for children with disabilities and special needs in Key Stage 3. Research shows that disabled children’s participation in sport drops off in the Key Stage 3 age groups (11 to 14 year-olds). Panahalon started Xtend programme in January 2019 to make sure they helped keep pupils active and engaged after they leave primary education.

Another LVC success has been with our Dog Mentor, Ralph. The Dog Mentor Programme, devised by Jenny Duckworth, has built upon the ‘benefits of the human-animal bond by providing children positive experiences with dogs that can help them educationally, developmentally, emotionally and socially’.



Our very special Dog Mentor Ralph won the ‘You had me at hello’ award this month. Ralph trained to be a Dog Mentor in the Summer of 2022 and lives with our Assistant SENCO (special educational needs coordinator) Katie Tooke. Along with Katie, Ralph also has five other Learning Support Assistant Dog Mentor Handlers. Ralph spends his Thursdays bringing positive experiences to pupils and staff alike at LVC. When asked what is so special about Ralph, Katie said “it’s the smile he puts onto pupils’ faces, it’s absolutely priceless!”

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Balsham Gardening Club

Balsham Gardening Club met on 7th February to hear Nigel Start on ‘Coping with Climate Change, a survival guide for East Anglia’. He started by describing the challenge of greater weather extremes, especially hotter summers, longer dry spells, fierce winds, and sudden winter cold. He went on to share his experience of gardening locally, giving us lots of great ideas for our own gardens and allotments.



Nigel explained how we can adapt our gardening to keep moisture in the soil and new pests at bay. Depending on individual gardens, his recommendations include increasing soil organic matter, cover crops, polytunnels, deep mulches, and storing more rainwater. Just as importantly, we can change the plants we grow, moving away from fine lawns, summer bedding and tender plants, to bulbs, hardy shrubs, biennials and perennials. While it’s a challenge choosing better-adapted plants, Nigel was very encouraging, with pictures of beautiful flowering plants and tasty fruit and vegetables that he’s growing successfully.

Before we finished the meeting with refreshments and conversation, the club elected David Arnold as chair and re-elected other committee members until the summer.

On Wednesday 14th February, the club visited Fullers Mill at West Stow to see the snowdrops. The garden has a huge number of varieties and the display was wonderful.

The club meets again on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion, when we’ll be making bird boxes and bug hotels. Guests are very welcome.

Andy Mitchell

West Wickham and District Gardening Club

As a growing club we thrive on the ideas our new members bring. Last year’s Gardening for Climate Change event (also involving other gardening clubs) led to a wealth of knowledge being shared on organic gardening techniques and plants that can weather the changing environment. We have now introduced a swap table at all our meetings to share spare seeds, plants and plant pots.

Topics at our monthly talks range from how to grow and care for a particular plant species (such as orchids, irises and roses), to companion planting and garden history. We encourage members to share their ideas for new topics to feature so that there is something interesting for everyone.

Here are some diary dates at West Wickham Village Hall, if you would like to find out more about us . . .

- Monday 18th March, 7.30 pm – ‘Twelve Tremendous Trees!’
- Monday 15th April, 7.30 pm – ‘Asian Woodland Plants’
- Saturday 18th May, 10.30 am to midday – Plant Sale.

Meetings are held at West Wickham village hall at 7.30 pm on the third Monday of every month. Annual subscriptions for 2023/24: £8 per person, or £2 for non-members per visit. Tea and coffee provided.

For more information about the club and membership go to westwickham.org/community/clubs/west-wickham-district-gardening-club, email us on wwdgc@westwickham.org or call Sue Boase (Chairperson) on 07716 401646. We would be delighted to hear from you.

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Balsham WI

At our February meeting our speaker was Jan Cassidy, with a talk about 'Women in Prison' and how it affects their families and their mental health. Women make up 4% of the total prison population in England and Wales, which means that there are few prisons in the country and therefore they will be a long way from home for visits. Women are more likely to be imprisoned for minor crimes and therefore have a relatively short sentence, but this causes major disruption to children who must be taken into care. Maybe longer sentences with better support, or community sentences, would bring about better outcomes with less re-offending. It is estimated that 67% of the total prison population suffers from mental health problems.



At our next meeting on 12th March, we will be having a session on 'Mindfulness' with Mel Cunningham. This will be a session on reducing stress, followed by our brief annual meeting.

We are a friendly bunch, and new members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion, Balsham.

Debbie Mower (balshamwi@gmail.com)



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Linton & District Historical Society

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19th March when Neil Dickerson will tell us about 'Arsenic's Toxic Legacy – People, Places & Peppermints' – how its compounds appeared to offer marvellous solutions so long as a blind-eye was turned to the problems of its dreadful toxicity – history, horror and humour!

The meeting starts at 7.30 pm in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane. Refreshments and Raffle. All welcome; visitors £5.

For further details of the LDHS please email ldhscamb@gmail.com or call 01223 893915 or 678835.

Margaret Creek

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Seniors Table Tennis: Thursdays 7.30 pm -9.30 pm, Fridays 1 - 3 pm.

Walking for Health: every Thursday (weather permitting). Meet at the Ellesmere Centre at 2 pm; back for a hot drink and a biscuit afterwards. Please contact the office for more details.

The Ellesmere Centre, www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
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Mobile Post Office: Thursdays, Reading Room car park, Weston Colville, 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Mobile library: fourth Thursday: 28th Mar, 25th April

High Street, West Wrating	11.10 - 11.50 am
Reading Room, Weston Green	12.00 - 12.35 am
Mill Hill, Weston Colville	12.40 - 1.05 pm

Black bins: Wednesday 6th & 20th March, Wednesday 3rd & 17th April

Blue & green bins: Wednesday 13th & 27th March, Wednesday 10th & 24th April

MAR	9.30 am	11.00 am	4.00 / 6.00 pm
3 rd		United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Revd Ben Brady</i>	
10 th	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Alistair Collen</i> Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	Morning Worship – Balsham, <i>Hannah Threlfall</i> Holy Communion – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Alistair Collen</i> Morning Worship – Great Abington, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i>	Evening Prayer (6.00 pm) – West Wrating, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i>
17 th	Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Morning Worship – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i> Morning Worship – West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Holy Communion – Little Abington, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i>	Evening Prayer (6.00 pm) – Hildersham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>
24 th	Morning Worship – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i> Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Creative Church (10.00 am) – Abington Institute, <i>Hannah Threlfall/Rosemary Mead</i>	Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i> Café Church – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Easter Celebration (4.00 pm) – West Wrating, <i>Scilla and John Harvey</i> Evening Prayer (4.00 pm) – Little Abington, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>
31 st	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i> Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	Holy Communion – Great Abington, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i> Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Holy Communion – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	

Services for the week before Easter (Sunday 31st):

Monday 25th: Evening Prayer (7.30 pm) – West Wickham, *Revd Iain McColl*

Tuesday 26th: Evening Prayer (7.30 pm) – West Wrating, *Revd Ben Brady*

Wednesday 27th: Evening Prayer (7.30 pm) – Weston Colville, *Steven Wheeler*

Thursday 28th: Holy Communion (7.30 pm) – Great Abington, *Revd Iain McColl*

Friday 29th (Good Friday):
Devotional service (9.30am) – Hildersham, *Alistair Collen*
Stations of the Cross (11.30 am) – Balsham, *Revd Kathy Bishop*

Last Hour (2.00 pm) – West Wrating, *Steven Wheeler*

Last Hour (2.00 pm) – Little Abington, *Revd Ben Brady*

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DIARY

MARCH 2024

Fri 1 World Day of Prayer Service, Newmarket

Sat 2 West Wrating Café Soup
Collection for Ukraine, Great Abington
Balsham Picture House, 'Maestro'

Wed 6 Balsham Gardening Club

Tues 12 Balsham WI

Wed 13 West Wrating Book Club

Fri 15 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room

Sun 17 Weston Colville Spring Lunch, Reading Room

Mon 18 West Wickham & Dist Gardening Club

Tues 19 Linton & District Historical Society
Tennis Club AGM

Thur 21 Lunch, The Chestnut Tree

Sat 23 Easter Workshop, St Mary's, Weston Colville

Sun 24 Buttercups' Easter Egg Hunt, Balsham

Sat 30 St Andrew's Churchyard Clear-up

See page 13 for dates for bins, library,
and post office.

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Wednesday 20th March