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The Parish Newsletter of St Mary's, Weston Colville and St Andrew's, West Wrattling

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West Wrattling with Weston Colville, Celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday

Thank you very very much to everyone for making the Street Party event, on Saturday 11th June, so good. So much hard work was put in by many many willing helpers – from table, chair and gazebo set up, to cake makers, biscuit decorators, teddy bear jumpers, music makers, Pimms mixers, bunting hangers, bag designers and fillers, sign writers, tea makers, vicarage lenders, strawberry preparers, risk assessors, paella creators, crown makers and judges, photographers, tower abseiler ... and lots, lots more.



The weather was amazingly good, and it was great to see the community working together so well to make it a great afternoon. And thank you to everyone from both our villages – and others – for turning up, creating the relaxed atmosphere and contributing to all the fun.

That goes too for the Songs of Praise on the Sunday afternoon, where we had a great number of people, sang our praises, carried on the celebrations, and did



justice to the remaining cakes at the end.

Photographs of the day will be on display to see or buy at the next Saturday café on 2nd July.

Sherry O'Donovan and Scilla Harvey



*Photographs on this page
by Steve Edwards*



From the Vicarage

It has been such privilege to spend time with people in these villages. Hardly a day goes by without an encounter which brings some gift. For example, someone I visited recently pointed out this poem by Christopher Logue:

Come to the edge.
We might fall.
Come to the edge.
It's too high!
COME TO THE EDGE!
And they came,
and he pushed,
and they flew.

Next month, I will be leaving these parishes and setting out on a new adventure to try to write the book that has been waiting impatiently for me to give it some attention for the past seven years. I am surprised by this because at Easter I thought that I was going to be moving to Balsham, and helping the six parishes to develop the next stages of their plans and projects. Then a conversation with Bishop David led me to think again. Once the process of thinking in a new way began, so did an excitement for this new undertaking.

The church can appear to have become silent on some of the major ethical issues of our time. For example, in recent weeks, the media has given attention to a new prospect of growing genetically modified pancreases in pigs. Yet, we have not heard voices of any faith talking about this. I do believe that there is a faith perspective that might not only help people make their own decisions about which medical treatments they consent to, but also help to shape the framework in which decisions are made. I am hoping to make a contribution to this, but also to gather others who are

interested in ethical issues to encourage them to make their contribution.

A small bird on the edge of a nest will have already flexed and stretched its wing muscles before it launches to fly. For me, the prospect of the book on ethics and theology arises from work started when I undertook a PhD looking at the theology and ethics of using genetically modified pig hearts for human transplants. Before that I wrote a Master's dissertation here in Cambridge on the question of, 'When does life begin?' I was motivated in these two pieces of research by meeting women and men who were exploring infertility treatments at a time when many in the church frowned on such things, or by walking alongside people in the parishes who lived with incurable diseases. I believed then that a different voice needed to be heard, that was also one coming from a place of faith. The new technologies were offering people the hope of bringing new life into the world, or offering new opportunities for healing, and yet the faith voices speaking were so focused on particular understandings of what is natural, or sacred, that the possibility of presenting a reasoned, compassionate and theological argument from a different viewpoint seemed urgent and necessary.

The church has always had a part to play in healing and health care. We have an example in Jesus who stretched out his hand to touch the lives of those who were sick, and to bring healing. The employment of Teresa as Parish Nurse has highlighted real medical and social needs that were unmet until she came. It seems really important that the church does play its part in considering the evidence and prospects now opened up by the new medical technologies. In this we need to avoid the knee-jerk rejections, to make an informed contribution to the ethical debate, and not just leave it to others.

Many thanks to everyone who was involved in making both the Queen's 90th Birthday Street Party and Songs of Praise at West Wrating, and the Flower Festival and Concert at Weston Colville, such splendid occasions last month.

Thank you to the Balsham Singers who raised the roof at their concert to launch the fund-raising appeal for the new roof at St Andrew's Church in West Wrating.

Rev Dr Julie Norris

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Although many people who would have wished to attend were away, we had a good audience and were treated to a very enjoyable concert on Saturday 18th June. The music, which varied from Rutter to the Beach Boys, was beautifully sung and, thanks to the generosity of the Balsham singers in providing the wine and raffle prizes, and generous donations from others, we raised the amazing sum of £556.

Many thanks to all those who helped with refreshments, sold concert and raffle tickets on the night or gave generous donations and extra raffle prizes and, of course, to John Clenaghan and the Balsham Singers.

Linda Gorman

Save the Children

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Sue Lock and Jenny Knowelden

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The Music Bash will be held on Saturday 9th July. All are very welcome; we have always enjoyed a lovely friendly atmosphere.

We are fundraising for EACH and West Wrattling's senior and youth football clubs, and we will also be making a contribution to The Brain Tumour Charity in support of people associated with the village and football.

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Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary

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We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered at our café to help serve teas and coffees, set up and clear away, and also our amazing cake bakers! Our café is set up for the benefit of our local community and we are so pleased it is getting lots of support and proving a great way to catch up with so many people! Not only it is a fantastic social event, but the donations we have received towards teas, coffees and cakes have helped raise over £1,000 which contributed towards our recent street party and helped pay for the band, strawberries & cream, children's goodie bags and memorabilia, etc. We hope you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Please come and join us for a catch up over tea / coffee and delicious cake.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

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Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

Our next gathering will take place on Friday 1st July, in the Reading Room, 3.30 - 5 pm.

Please come along for a cup of tea, a piece of cake, and of course a chat. All are welcome.

Thank you to everyone in the community for your continued support; those who help out, those who make cakes and those who come along and make it all worthwhile.

We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Melanie

Weston Colville Circular Walk

Let's hope for fine weather, as we had in May, for our next circular walk – approximately five miles as usual, on Saturday, 9th July; meet at the Reading Room at 10 o'clock, BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. You can put your lunch in the fridge before we set off, if you'd like, and refreshments will be available.

*Jacqueline and Alastair Douglas
(291475, jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)*

West Wrattling Over 60s

We are looking forward to our next garden meeting at Concordia Cottage, thanks to Elsie (and Jo), on Wednesday 6th July at 2.30 pm, with bring'n'buy and raffle.

Many thanks, Ann, for a lovely afternoon on 1st June, albeit an extremely foggy one, and splendid afternoon tea provided by Jo and Ann.

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West Wratting Sports Pavilion Bookings

There will be a birthday celebration in the pavilion on Saturday 16th July, and a wedding reception on Saturday 23rd July.

Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary

Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

There has been criminal activity in the larger villages around us: houses, garages and cars broken into with items stolen and damage done; computers, bikes, cash, a dash cam, an iPod, laptops, whisky, jewellery, and a garaged van have all been stolen. There was damage to patio door glass, windows and car windscreens.

A break-in in Weston Colville was reported at the end of May involving a maroon Corsa car with two young men and a dog. About the same time a property in West Wratting had windows smashed and items stolen. There is no further information on either of these. The police do advise us to look after our home security at all times. Even on these warm nights, lock doors especially when watching the television. Our area commander says that speeding is a constant concern in many villages. To tackle this he has obtained funding to train more front-line officers in the use of the speed-gun. We have our own on-line request page for speeding enforcement to take place at areas where we say it is a problem: www.tinyurl.com/SCSpeedteam This is a tool for us to fight speeding, so please use it.

Scammers using the telephone claim they represent Microsoft, Talk Talk and other service providers, but they do not. They do want access to our computers and our bank accounts. So just put the phone down or they will set about extracting the details they want from us. If you think you have been a victim of a scam do not hesitate, contact your bank and then report it to Action Fraud on 03001 232 040.

The police have listed the ways we can protect ourselves – please see www.getsafeonline.org. If you have or know of a problem call 999, 101 or crime stoppers on 0800 555 111

Do have a good summer, have fun and enjoy yourselves. If you are going to be away tell someone you trust and ask them to keep an eye on your home.

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Details of the supplier, price and delivery dates will be placed on the West Wratting website about three days after the order cutoff day.

Just a point, don't treat the syndicate like a normal oil supplier as it takes at least a couple of weeks from the cutoff date for the orders to be received, collated, brokered and delivered. However, if you take the minimum of 500 litres every time there's a fill up, you'll always buy at the best possible price and improve your cashflow to boot!

Richard Holness (richardholness023@btinternet.com)

Request from West Wratting Parish Council

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Reading Room Reminiscences

The Reading Room Trust is creating a website, and for our 'History' page, we'd love to hear from you if you have memories of dances, classes and capers in the Reading Room in decades past. If you've lived in Weston Colville all your life or moved here forty years ago, or if you recognise any of the people in these photographs (maybe yourself?), or if you have any photos you'd be happy to show us, please get in touch to tell us about interesting and fun times you've had. Many thanks.

Jacqueline Douglas

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West Wrating Book Club

At our May book club meeting we discussed 'The Dust that Falls from Dreams' by Louis de Bernières.

We all enjoyed/were enjoying the book although one reader was a little ambivalent and thought that it was not as good as some of his other books. All agreed that the descriptive beginning was very good, conjuring up vivid images of society at the time, life in the trenches, and the effect on the horses. One or two people felt that it had a strange ending and somewhat petered out. However, there was a suggestion that perhaps it was part of a trilogy and the ending had allowed for the next book. It was thought that it was very evocative of loss and grief.

The relationship between Christabel and Gaskell was interesting, with the suggestion that she was just waiting to meet a man. The relationship between the

sisters was well done and the letters seemed very real, while the relationship between Sophie and Fairhead was moving, especially his comment that she was 'more than the sum of her parts'.

The exploration of learning to write poetry through Rosie was also interesting and was obviously based on de Bernières own experience of learning to do so. One line in the book, although not part of a poem, was given as an example of his poetic writing: "one more soul swallowed up by the ravenous earth".

Some light relief was provided by Mr McCosh with his inventions, and Mrs McCosh.

All would recommend it to others, and the score out of 10 varied between 8 and 9.

The book for July is 'Young Prince Philip' by Philip Eade, to be discussed on Wednesday 13th July at 8 pm in The Chestnut Tree.

Linda Gorman

The Marsh Tit Youngsters are Coming ...

We've had no Marsh Tits these last few weeks, as they're all high up in the trees, collecting protein-rich caterpillars for their fast-growing families. So we've been unable to put on any colour rings so far. But it's early days, as a project can run for years.



To give you an idea how fast Marsh Tits grow, field data from the British Trust for Ornithology shows that an average Marsh Tit flies from its nest just 19 days after hatching from its tiny egg. (That's not a typo: it's less than three weeks from hatching to dispatching!) To grow this fast, they never stop growing, even when the weather is bad and the parents can't get any food. The new growth without food shows up as a line of weakness in the tail or wing feathers (called a 'fault bar'), which means that ringers can often tell from a young bird's plumage if it missed meals as a chick.

I'm hoping the recent spate of bad weather hasn't hit the Marsh Tits as hard as the Blue and Great Tits on the golf course where I help with nestbox monitoring (done in situ and remotely). There, three thriving families of Tits on the Tuesday were wiped out by the following Friday. A Tawny Owl pair lost their young chick and abandoned their other egg, after just two-and-a-half days of unremitting bad weather.

The Marsh Tits have an advantage, though. They're deep in the woods, sheltered under much more cover, and with more food nearby, than on an open golf course. I've got my fingers crossed ...

According to long-term data from Monk's Wood Research Station, Marsh Tits have all fledged by 12th June and are independent of their parents by 22nd June, which means that we will hopefully soon

have a flood of stropy, overconfident teenagers to deal with. In a way, I'm glad that their first mistake will be with us, getting caught in our nets and cage traps, where they will be released unharmed. It should teach them a valuable lesson and make them a bit more cautious around the woods, before their first encounter with a Sparrowhawk or Greater Spotted Woodpecker, where a mistake is usually fatal.

Our RAS research study for the BTO (and so the Government) allows us to give each of our Marsh Tits two tiny colour rings on one leg, one on top of the other. So you can learn something about our birds as soon you see them, Marsh Tits from Lower Wood will have a green ring underneath, while birds from Great Coven's Wood will have a red ring underneath.

(We don't have enough colour combinations to keep this up indefinitely, but we'll stick to this convention for as long as we can).

Please report your sightings to Mel Stammers (m_stammers@btinternet.com, 291319) in the village, or to cambsmarti@gmail.com.

Mel and Duncan will have all the Marsh Tit data, so they can tell you about the history of the bird you've spotted, at least as well as I can.

Busy times ahead; I must admit I can't wait!

Alex Inzani, BTO Birdringer

A post script from Melanie: Duncan the volunteer warden of Lower Wood has asked me if you could also look out for Spotted Flycatchers, a migrant from Africa which breeds in the UK.

The number of Spotted Flycatchers in the UK have declined rapidly since the 1960s and like the Marsh Tit it is now red listed. It is known that



Spotted Flycatchers were present in the area in recent years. Duncan would like to know if they have been sighted more recently. See above for my contact details to report sightings. Many thanks.

Melanie

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Weston Colville Cricket Club Report for May/June



Weston Colville have struggled to make progress this season, with both senior sides managing only one victory so far. A number of factors have contributed to this situation, mostly the unavailability of 1st XI players due to work commitments, holidays and injuries, meaning that it has seldom been possible to field the strongest side. It has meant that a number of 2nd XI squad members have had a chance to play at the higher level, but often against strong opponents who frequently field overseas paid players. We also expected a few new players to join the club but this has not led to regular turn outs from stronger cricketers. The 2nd XI has, therefore, been pushed to field a full and competitive side but many younger players have enjoyed some cricket at the senior level. One 2nd team match was cancelled since Weston could not raise a team.

Nevertheless, some good cricket has been played. The 1st XI beat Sawston and Babraham away on 4th June by 1 wicket. Sawston were restricted to 144 all out thanks to some fine bowling from Matt Daniels and Ade Westley who took 4 and 3 wickets

respectively. Weston reached the required total with the loss of 9 wickets, with Craig Williams leading us home with a fine 40.

The 2nd XI had a thumping 10-wicket victory at home to Buntingford on 14th May. Buntingford batted first and made a decent 164, with Daniel Wallage taking 4 for 37 and Carl Thompson 3 for 35, but Michael Franks and Paul Mayfield were in fine batting form for Weston, leading the side home with 51 not out and 80 not out respectively.

Recent matches for the 1st XI have seen some decent batting and bowling performances, albeit losing to Saffron Walden, Newborough and St Ives. Against Saffron Walden, Craig Williams took 3 for 47, and against Newborough, Adam Taylor scored 40 and Trevor Westley 32, and Matt Taylor took 3 for 26. Andy Brightmore took 3 for 27 and Alex Meddle 3 for 26 against St Ives, and Craig Williams scored 40.

The veteran player Paul Mayfield has been starring for the 2nd XI so far this season. Paul is a class cricketer and has captained the 1st XI in the past but now supports the younger players in the 2nd team. He is mostly known as a batsman but has been taking lots of wickets this year with his slow good length bowling. In recent matches he took 3 for 45 against

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Gt Shelford, 5 for 37 against Cam Kerala, 6 for 41 against Foxton and 3 for 35 against Mill Green. Unfortunately none of these performances was enough to win the match. Other notable bowling performances include Carl Thompson with 3 for 35 against Buntingford and 6 for 61 against Mill Green.

Michael Franks has been scoring runs for the 2nd XI – 41 against Great Shelford, 89 not out against Cam Kerala and 51 not out against Buntingford. Kieran Carter made a fine 26 and Carl Thompson 31 against Mill Green.

So both sides are at the wrong end of their respective divisions (Tucker League 2 for the 1st XI and CCA Junior League 5 South for the 2nd XI) but there is plenty of cricket to be played. With player availability expected to improve as the season progresses, both teams should only be stronger and we look forward to some victories and movement up the tables.

Let's hope the weather improves as well!

For more information about Weston Colville Cricket Club, please visit our website at www.westoncolvillecc.co.uk

John Garrod

Diary Reminders

West Wickham Fete and WickhamFest –
Saturday 2nd July

Horseheath Country Fair – Sunday 3rd July,
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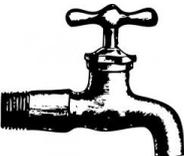
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Meadow School

As term draws to a close, there has been no let up in the activities on offer or the learning taking place. Since last month we have already crammed in a Year 6 residential trip, June Revels, visits from our Early Years children for September 2016, Sports Day, rehearsals for the end of year production, and the Year 1 Phonics Check from the Department for Education. Not much at all really!

After a gruelling time of taking the new Year 6 SATs papers we took the whole cohort away for a week of outdoor activities and a chance to build even more independence and resilience before they move to secondary school in September. The excitement on arrival at the centre was high and continued to grow once the children were allocated their bedrooms with up to eight of their friends! I knew we were in for a tricky time when we asked the children to unpack and they asked what we meant. This was further compounded when they asked why there were wardrobes and what to do with them!

The children had a fantastic time, even if not much sleep was had during the week. They experienced activities such as abseiling, archery, crate climbing,



quad biking, climbing, kayaking, raft building (yes they sank!), trust trail and bushcraft, to name just a few.

We broke a tradition in June by changing June Revels from a Saturday to a Friday after school, and what a success it was! We launched the evening with the whole school strutting their stuff to a Latin American inspired dance. The children danced their hearts out, the sun shone, the BBQ sizzled, the Pimms flowed, the children had a great time on the stalls and the

inflatables (including getting their own back on their teachers on the greasy pole) and there was a great atmosphere.

It was a highly successful evening, with a whopping £4,430.95 being raised. We are in the process of deducting all of the expenses, but

are expecting a great profit! A massive thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket, came along and had a good time, whilst helping us raise much needed funds for our school.



As well as all of the exciting activities happening in school the rest of the curriculum remains. In order to meet the expectations of the challenging new curriculum we are looking for more volunteers to come into school and hear children read. You don't have to be able to give up hours; twenty or thirty minutes a week would be great! We will offer full support and training, and fantastic children who are a pleasure to work with. If this is something that interests you then please do contact the school office who will arrange a DBS check and provide more details.



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We also recently welcomed the children who will be joining us in Early Years in September for a messy play session. It was great to have Butterfly and Ladybird classes so full of children once again, with this intake being our biggest for a number of years. There was lots of excitement in playing with the gloop, shaving foam, mud kitchen, water, coloured spaghetti, salt and glitter and paint. It was a good job that we asked for old clothes to be worn, as we clearly have lots of children joining us who love getting messy! We now look forward to welcoming them for stories, songs and playtime and then a whole day of transition in early July.

Finally, after discovering that the last whole school photograph was taken fourteen years ago, and included Spider Class teacher Miss Taylor in it as a young and enthusiastic pupil, we decided it was time to have a new one taken. It was a military operation organising everyone into height order and then getting them to climb up onto the staging platform. Seeing 217 children standing so smartly was fantastic; it was a very proud moment, if also slightly nerve wracking. I kept worrying one person would fall and the whole lot would come tumbling down like dominoes. The photographer did assure me that this has never happened! Once everyone was positioned the staff took our seats on the front row. It was quite interesting sitting with the whole school behind. The shout of the photographer to the boys to 'leave their hair alone' was a regular occurrence! Eventually with everyone facing the right way (hopefully) and lots of saying "cheese", we were done. When it comes back from the photographers it will hang proudly in the entrance, near the old whole school photos, where I am sure that the game of spotting Miss Taylor in both pictures will begin!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

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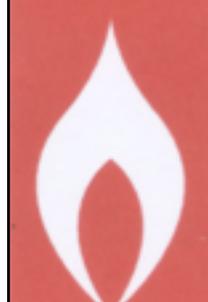
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The Marsh Mail (news from Linton Village College)

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” A question that is often asked of children with the expectation of a chosen occupation title in response.



Their ambition may involve becoming successful, wealthy, accomplished, popular or respected. Or it may reveal more selfless motivations: to make a difference; to contribute positively to society; to help others.

Primary age children’s aspirations have shifted considerably over the last couple of decades. Survey data reveals that the traditional career choices of doctor and teacher have been overtaken by jobs such as sports star and pop idol. The trend towards celebrity is understandable given that current role models include YouTube sensations and reality TV stars.

Schools not only help students to achieve academically in order to secure their next steps, but they provide information and advice to help students to make well-considered decisions about their future.

I recall my own experience of careers advice: I was actively discouraged from teaching, being told that

my ‘talents would be wasted’ and that I would be much better off in a more highly respected job. The comments from staff stuck with me; I seriously considered law before committing to teacher training.

I am pleased that I followed my instinct, not others’ judgements, but my experience does convince me of the need for good quality, impartial careers education. This is even more crucial with students likely to experience more flexible and varied career paths in the future.

Our Year 8 students will start their first option choices in September, Year 9 will begin their chosen GCSE subjects, while Year 11 move on to post-16 studies elsewhere. Some of these stepping stones are more significant than others but they all mark a growth in students’ independence in moving towards their futures, with guidance and support.

In contrast with my own experience, I actively encourage students to consider teaching. I hope that some, inspired by a love of learning and convinced of the transformative and hugely rewarding nature of the job, may decide that their talents and ambitions are well-matched to the profession that builds and influences entrants into all others ...

Helena Marsh, Principal

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If you know of or have any such land for sale I would be very happy to hear about it. Please call Mary on 01638 507186.

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Stetchworth Youth Club – you are invited to the Ellesmere Centre on Wednesday 13th July at 7 pm to discuss plans to start a new club. If your children are interested in attending youth club or you would like to help please come along and bring your children with you (year 6 upwards). For more details contact Sarah on 07984 856597.

The Summer Show – Sunday 17th July from 12 noon.
www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk, **01638 508212**,
office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

We are starting to see the first glimpses of summer and the hot weather – long may it continue.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service hopes you have all been staying fire safe with your latest outdoor activities, but just in case, here are our firefighters' top tips:

- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent either.
- If cooking outdoors, keep the barbeque on level ground, never pour accelerant on it and use it well away from fences, sheds and foliage.
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location.

For the latest news, incidents and safety advice, or to contact us, log on to www.cambsfire.gov.uk or call 01480 444500.



Leanne Ehren

Healthwatch Cambridgeshire

There are lots of important conversations happening at the moment about the future of our local health and care services. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is your local health and care champion, and it is our job to make sure you are listened to when decisions are made. We are there to ask questions on your behalf.



Some of the conversations we've been involved in recently include:

- Hinchingsbrooke Hospital merger
- Care at Addenbrookes and the Rosie



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- The future of older people’s health care and adult community services
- Children and young people’s mental health
- Crisis mental health care
- NHS 111 and out of hours GP care.

We have also published ‘Thriving’, our report into children and young people’s mental health, to help make sure children and young people are listened to by local commissioners and providers, who are using it to help redesign children and adolescents’ mental health services.



Talk to us. We need to know how health and care is working in Cambridgeshire for you and the people who are important to you. We will listen to your experiences and share them with the people who make decisions about local services, without identifying you.

We also provide an Information Service and can help you find out about:

- health and social care services near to you
- what to do if you have a concern or complaint
- organisations that can give you help or advice.

We are always happy to talk to local groups and attend events, so please do invite us.

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The club would like to thank everyone who donated plants for the plant sale held on 21st May, the stalwart committee members who manned the sale, and all those who came and bought plants. The sale was a great success, raising a total of £303.60, and may well become an annual event.

Jennie Tipler

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fifth Sunday of the month).

Churchwarden: Sebastian Bain (01223 403415)

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in
Balsham Church at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of
each month, and at 9.15 am on subsequent Mondays.

Methodist Chapel, Weston Colville

Minister: Rev Nigel Bishop (01440 702422)

Roman Catholic Mass

Every Saturday at 5.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am and noon,
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Every Saturday at 6.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am, Haverhill
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DIARY

July 2016

- Fri 1 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville
- Sat 2 Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating
Farmers' Market, Linton Village College
Balsham Horticultural Society 'Have a Go' show
West Wickham Fete & Wickham Fest
- Sun 3 Horseheath Country Fair
Classic car show, Animal Health Trust
- Mon 4 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
- Wed 6 West Wrating Over 60s
Cutoff for West Wrating oil syndicate orders
- Sat 9 Weston Colville circular walk
West Wrating Music Bash
- Mon 11 West Wrating Parish Council meeting
- Wed 13 West Wrating Book Club
- Sat 16 Burrough Green Playgroup Family Fun Day
- Sun 17 Ellesmere Centre summer show
- Thur 21 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree

August 2016

- Mon 1 - Thur 4 Children's summer tennis coaching
- Wed 3 West Wrating Over 60s

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St Andrew's: Flowers Cleaning

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31 st July	Fanny	Maggie

St Mary's: Flowers Cleaning

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Tuesday 9th & 23rd August

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High Street, West Wrating	12.10 - 12.55
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Mill Hill, Weston Colville	2.30 - 3.05

Editor: Anne Bragg (290550) or email:
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