

Challenge

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

The views expressed herein are those of the contributors.

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Congratulations:

Professor Carol Brayne, CBE – Carol Brayne, of Weston Colville, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours, for services to public health medicine. Carol is Director of the Cambridge Institute of Public Health, and her research interests have particularly focused on dementia and brain health with ageing.

Stanley Luckhurst Turner – Stan celebrated his 100th birthday in June, with a party in the Reading Room organised by his son and neighbours, and attended by friends and relatives.

St Andrew's Churchyard

We're looking for help from a keen gardener – a small garden by the south porch has been looked after by Margery and George Payne since William (Bill) Cutter, who was Margery's father, died in 1972. We would like to find someone who will take over from Margery, who has had to give up the task that she and her husband have so wonderfully performed year after year.

Margery writes:

My husband George (Payne) has recently retired as churchwarden of our parish church, St Mary's, March, so we understand the maintenance problems of churchyards and think St Andrew's is a good example of how this can be done. Thank you all for that. I love all the flowers that appear in the grass where it is left to grow during the summer.

My parents came to live in West Wratting when they married in 1935 and my father became blacksmith for Mr Peter Taylor's father (or might have been uncle). William Cutter (or Bill as he

was known) was a keen bell-ringer, and helped with the restoration of the bells around 1958 and the formation of a team of bell-ringers. He also sang in the choir formed by the Revd Ralph Dudley, in which my brother Raymond, sister Joyce and I also sang. The choir had coaching by a music scholar from Kings College whose name I think was (David) Culpeck, and we enjoyed singing in church choir festivals in Ely Cathedral.

I'm not sure when Dad became churchwarden but he continued in that role until his death in 1972.

When my mother, Dorothy, died in 1992 there was already a space for her name on Dad's headstone so with the agreement of churchwarden Joyce Wooldridge we installed the bench seat and restored the small garden surrounding it, in memory of them both.

Is anyone interested in taking on this project? Please contact any member of the PCC.

Sebastian

West Wratting Music Bash

This will be on Saturday 22nd July from 2.30 pm, with live music from several bands and solo singers. Also: veterans 5-a-side football, face painting, bouncy castle, bar, barbecue, and raffle. Everyone is welcome. Donations to The Brain Tumour Society.

Blanche Miller

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For further information, please contact me, on simon.sampson@btinternet.com.

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July's meeting of the club will be held at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 5th at 12.30 pm (with lunch and raffle).

Members were treated to an enjoyable visit to Ann's garden last month, which included a tantalising quiz also provided by Ann, and a lovely selection of cakes supplied by Jo and Ann.

Would members please remember that the August garden meeting, to be held at Janet's, will be on Wednesday 9th at 12.30 pm (with bring'n'buy and raffle).

Wendy Halls

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

Thank you to everyone who helps to keep Tea and Cakes going, by baking cakes, helping on the day, or just turning up to help consume the cake and have a chat.



Our next gathering will be on Friday 7th July, 3.30 - 5 pm, at the Reading Room. We hope you can join us.

Melanie (291319)

Saturday Morning Café, West Wratting

We enjoyed another wonderful gathering at the cafe on 3rd June.

The Saturday morning café will run on Saturday 1st July between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the village hall.

Please come and join us for a catch up over tea or coffee and delicious cake!

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

Weston Colville Circular Walk

Our next circular walk will be on Saturday, 8th July. All welcome – meet at the Reading Room at 10 am, 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)

Pop-Up Charity Shop

For our Clothes Swap on 3rd June, there were clothes and books all around the Reading Room, and we raised £150 for local charities 'Our Special Friends' and 'Little Miracles'. Many thanks to all who donated items, to those who came and bought things – to you especially if you did both – and to the little army who dropped in at various points to help!

Jacqueline Douglas

Weston Colville Harvest Swap

We're trying a harvest swap this summer and have chosen three Saturdays, hoping to catch those 'gluts' your garden may produce. Bring produce that's too much for your table and go home with something different in exchange. All fruit and veg welcome, plus preserves. Nothing to swap? No problem – come and see local produce you might like in exchange for a donation. Refreshments available. The Saturdays will be 15th and 29th July, and 12th August, all from 10 am until 12 noon.

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As you may have heard, the vicarage in West Wratting will be put on the market in the autumn. This has been a matter of a number of conversations between Alex and Sebastian and the Archdeacon, and an agreement has been reached to delay the sale from an original date in the summer. We have not been given any assurances that the decision that the Diocese has made can be changed; the Diocesan team need to support the funding of new clergy housing in areas of growth, and that is the primary reason the vicarage will be sold. However the Archdeacon has kindly agreed to come and meet with us on 12th July at 7 pm in St Andrew's to hear the Diocesan reasoning. It will not be a formal meeting, more a time to learn and come to an understanding.

If you have any questions or points you would like to discuss please contact Sebastian (01223 403415), Alex (amw23@cam.ac.uk, 291491), or any member of the PCC.

Sebastian Bain

Ministry Matters

On 15th July Linton Jazz will be performing at St Mary's, Great Abington. The evening will begin at 6.15 pm, and there will be a barbeque. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the music and the food! Tickets are £10 each, and under-18s are free. Tickets are on sale in Great Abington village shop, or from Anne Hall (892275), Marilyn Broadhurst (893214), Mary Miles (891083), and Tony Collett (893447).

The Outspoken Theatre Company are coming to Hildersham on 29th July to perform 'All's Well That Ends Well'. They will be in the Old School Wood and the performance will begin at 6.30 pm. The gates will

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Congratulations to Vicky Ford, who is a member of the Holy Trinity congregation in Balsham and sings in the Seven Churches Choir. Vicky has been serving as one of our MEPs for some years, and has just been elected as Member of Parliament for Chelmsford.

We need your prayers for the search for our new Parish Priest. Advertisements are being placed in the Church Times newspaper. Please pray for the right priest to be found to serve our seven churches.

Keith Johnson

Thanks

On behalf of Granta School Sixth Form Enterprise students I would like to thank both the West Wratting Café and the Bridge Club for their generous donations. The money raised has supported and will continue to support our Duke of Edinburgh students and go towards the cost of the annual 6th form leavers' prom in July. Thank you also to all who have contributed to café funds and supported our stall.

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Tennis Coaching will run on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th August, with four age groups, as follows:



- **Tots Tennis (for ages 4 and under), 9 - 9.30am**
- **Red Ball (for 5 - 8 year olds), 9.30 - 10.30am**
- **Orange / Green Ball (for 9 - 10 year olds), 10.30 - 11.30am**
- **Yellow Ball (for 11 years and over) at 11.30-12.30pm**

This year we have been very generously subsidised by the West Wratting Saturday Cafe so costs for this course are incredibly reasonable.

	Single Session	10% Discount for all four days
Tots Tennis	£2.50	£9
Red Ball	£4	£14.40
Orange/Green Ball	£5	£18
Yellow Ball	£6	£21.60

Children do not have to be members of the d'Abo tennis club in order to join in with this summer programme, but there will be an additional, one off, charge of £2 per child for non-members. Please enquire if you would like further information about membership of the d'Abo tennis club.

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This not a new class – it will run for six weeks only, after which participants are very welcome to join one of my established classes. I teach nine per week at various levels in West Wratting, Balsham, Stetchworth, Linton, Whittlesford, Sawston and Foxton, so hopefully there is one that's right for you.

Please get in touch so I can gauge interest. The venue will be West Wratting Village Hall, either on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm or Wednesdays at midday, depending on people's availability. The course will run for six weeks from the week commencing 17th July. Price: £36. Booking in advance essential.

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Our local police often have property handed in at Sawston police station – bikes, mobile phones, laptops, wallets, driving licences etc – mostly lost items, but sometimes property from crime. They urge us to be vigilant and watch out for elderly relatives, neighbours and friends.

Nearby recent thefts this month occurred in West Wickham and the Camps. Businesses were broken into; £100 of soft drinks were stolen; sheds were broken damaging the locks; two cycles were stolen from a garage and a child's bike was stolen from a garden; accessories were stolen from a car.

Knockers – two men wearing masks knocked twice at one house. The lady in the house did not answer. Then they looked through the window. The lady knocked back and frightened them off!

Recently there have been distraction burglaries in Cambridge, many involving the burglars impersonating police officers, Neighbourhood Watch members, or water board officials. If in any doubt, keep your door shut or on a chain and ring the organisation that these people claim to represent. If they are not genuine dial 999 and ask for immediate assistance.

There are four frauds and scams reports this month: upfront payments for online vehicle shopping; booking frauds connected with the wedding season; WannaCry ransomware as experienced by the NHS; smishing, ie fraud via text messaging etc. The reports on these are too long to be included in *Challenge* but do contain explanations and methods for protecting ourselves. Email me if you need copies.

Allen Scott (290837, allen.scott70@googlemail.com)

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Our ancient churchyards are special places but rarely receive the same attention as the buildings themselves.

They are, of course, places of memorial and contemplation. But they are also important ecologically, and historically significant. These areas of land are unlike the rest of the rural landscape: they have known no modern fertilisers or pesticides, they have undergone no reseeding with modern grass species. To examine the wildflower 'meadow' that is St Mary's churchyard is to look back in time to see natural grassland before modern agriculture. As an agronomist, it is extremely rare to find the same concentration of species and populations of wildflowers in the agricultural landscape. I can also tell you that the flowering churchyard makes the most fantastic habitat for invertebrates and pollinating insects. This makes our churchyards very special indeed and worthy of study.

For several years now we have managed the churchyard at Weston Colville, allowing successional areas of the site to remain uncut through most of the year. This was a deliberate attempt to encourage wildflower populations to thrive and grow, and this



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There are good populations of Lords and Ladies, wild strawberry, agrimony, bird's-foot trefoil, cowslip, yellow and common bedstraw, and a host of others that will come through the year. If you visit now you will see a largely yellow and white colour palette; this will give way to pinks, purples and mauves as the summer progresses. In late autumn we will cut and mulch the whole site; this will allow the biomass to be broken down to feed organic matter back into the soil but, more importantly, loosen wild flower seeds and place them in contact with the soil, hopefully causing more to germinate in the following spring.

But we need the help of someone with time and knowledge to help us document these species and record how they develop. There will be other important plants that we cannot identify (there is an orchid that occasionally appears which we cannot name). The same is true for butterflies and moths. So if you can spare a little bit of time and a few grey cells, please step forward and get in touch. It is a worthwhile project.

A huge boost to our ability to manage the churchyard, not just as a place of remembrance, but as a habitat for rare plants and insects, has been the support we have received from the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund, a charitable fund managed by Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, and we gratefully acknowledge their support.

Ian Ashbridge (291344)



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This is the month of cute, fluffy juvenile birds (juvvies) and Vultures. Any Blue or Great Tit with yellow on its cheeks, and that looks drained of colour as if someone's turned down the colour balance on the TV, is a fledgling hatched this year.

We're approaching the end of the breeding season for many birds, including Marsh Tits. Ben Eeles at Church End took some lovely shots of a band of young Marsh Tits all demanding food from a harassed parent.



Joyce Oliver took this picture of a male Bullfinch, hatched last year, who's just survived his first breeding season. Every parent will recognise that shell-shocked, dishevelled appearance that comes with the arrival of your first child. The poor devil doesn't really know what's hit him. Now they've flown the coop, he just wants to slope off into the bushes, have a cold beer and change his worn-out feathers for something vaguely respectable. We've all been there . . .



A lot of birds need to change their feathers after breeding, and some go into this head first. Behold, the Vulture Tit! Rachel Durham photographed this adult Blue Tit which had moulted all its head feathers first, presumably so that it can look hard. And that's no idle threat. Any ringer will tell you that no-one



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messes with Blue Tits. One lady told me that Blueys are common because they have just one simple but entirely successful survival strategy – naked aggression! They don't care how big you are, so long as you have a nice soft bit of skin they can peck, as painfully as possible . . .



We're particularly looking for reports of fledgling Marsh Tits in West Wrattling and Weston Colville. We're happy to hear anything, either via Mel Stammers (m_stammers@btinternet.com) or myself at cambsmarti@gmail.com.

Hope you're enjoying the fruits of early summer as much as we are,

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**Weston Colville
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Report for May/June



The season got off to a flying start for the 1st XI in the CCA Senior League Division 1, winning their first three matches and four from the first seven. They stand fourth in the division, which is currently led by Thriplow.

The first match at home to local rivals Abington on 6th May saw a victory by 46 runs. Weston batted first and a splendid 85 from Adam Taylor helped Weston to a decent total of 185 in their 45 overs. In reply Abington could only manage 139 due to some tight bowling from Ade Westley (3 for 34) and Trevor Westley (4 for 18).

Weston beat Foxton at home by 117 runs on 13th May. Weston batted first and posted a fine 240 for 7, thanks mostly to Andy Brightmore (57) and Adam Taylor (73). Matt Daniels was on form in taking 4 for 27 as Foxton were bowled out for 123.

The match at home to Chatteris on 20th May was a closer match. Weston again batted solidly, making 209 for 4 with Andy Brightmore (29), Craig Williams (31), Jack Squire (56) and Pete Bragg (41 not out) all

making useful contributions. Chatteris reached 172 all out, thanks to some fine spin bowling by Joe Robins (5 for 41) – a victory by 37 runs.

Up next were league leaders Thriplow, also undefeated, but Weston had home advantage. In the event, Thriplow dealt out a heavy defeat, making 340 for 5 and then bowling Weston out for 41.

Away to Fordham on 3rd June, Weston lost by 7 wks. Weston batted first but could only manage 89, Andy Brightmore contributing 25. Fordham knocked off the runs with only 3 wks down. The following Saturday saw a return to winning ways with a narrow 1 wkt win at home to Cambridge NCI. NCI batted first and made a challenging total of 184 in spite of a fine spell of bowling by Matt Daniels (4 for 19). Weston struggled in reply but an unbeaten 80 not out (including no less than seven 6s) from Ade Westley, supported by Craig Williams with 30, saw the team home.

The 2nd team has been struggling to get a side out this season, with players variously unavailable. One league match in the CCA Division 5 South was played on 3rd June away to Foxton III. Weston won by 2 wks in a close match. Foxton made 161 for 8 but Weston prevailed, passing the required total also with 8 wks down.

The 2nd team lost their match at home to Abington in the Lower Junior Cup on 4th June. This was a 20-over match with Abington making 122 and Weston just falling short by 3 runs in reply.

John Garrod

Fixtures for July

	1st XI	2nd XI
1 st July	Foxton (A)	Longstowe (H)
8 th July	Needingworth (H)	
15 th July	Abington (A)	Linton (H)
22 nd July	Wisbech (H)	Ickleton (A)
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First Friday Bridge

There will be no First Friday Bridge in July.

Sherry

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West Wratting Book Club

Our book for June was 'Hillbilly Elegy' by J D Vance, a very personal account of the author's experiences of growing up in one of the many 'Hillbilly' families who moved from the Appalachian coal mining communities of Kentucky to the steel towns of Ohio, in particular Middletown, in the hope of a better life.

It gives a devastating insight into the social problems and poverty of a particular section of American society, so influential in producing the political environment now current in that country. The author paints a vivid and painful picture of the problems that beset such families, the violence and dysfunctionality of relationships which makes it so difficult for anyone who wishes to break out from the spiral and make something better of their lives. Economic instability and lack of healthcare can be devastating, while the violence and stress can literally change people's brains. It can be difficult to break out of a pattern which can see the same destructive behaviour repeated down the generations. It brought home the importance of having just one person who believes in you and is willing to help and support you, and how vital good and supportive teachers can be to this; also, how a period in the military can instil structure and discipline not found in their home environment into a

person's life which, together with the financial support provided by the 'G I Bill' to help with further education, can turn someone's life around.

All felt that it was a good read and well written, although one person found it hard, mainly because of the language and violence which was in such contrast to their own experience of growing up in the American South. Someone else commented that this was the sort of behaviour which can grow out of poverty and the stress it causes. Some thought that there could have been more about the political situation and racism. In general, it was felt that Vance had written this as an expurgation of his own feelings and that he 'had to get it out there'. All would recommend it (perhaps with a health warning) and gave it a score out of 10 of 8 or 9.

We will now be taking a break for the summer, with our next meeting on Wednesday 13th September at The Chestnut Tree when we will talk about 'A Street Cat Named Bob' by James Bowen, and 'Colonel Belchamps's Battefield Tour' by local author, Adrian Crisp. We plan to start this meeting at 7.30 pm as we hope to invite the author to come and talk to us.

Linda Gorman

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The Meadow School

As the summer term races towards the finish line, if anything school just gets busier. Our Year 6 children recently completed their residential trip. Once again a week away from home saw them come into their own. The confidence, resilience, camaraderie and friendship that they demonstrated was amazing. From cheering their peers at the top of the abseiling tower to splashing or capsizing one another while kayaking on the river, their cheery nature and positive attitude did not desert them. They even got the hang of going to sleep at night after encountering rather grumpy and sleep-deprived teachers after the first night!

June has thankfully been beautifully sunny, which has helped the sporting events we have participated in. The children never cease to amaze me with their positive nature and have-a-go attitude. Quadkids and Y4 Mini Olympics, both held at Wilberforce Road sports ground, were huge hits, and saw some of our children win races and The Meadow win the Spirit of the Games award for their support for every competitor, whether they were from our school or not. The same effort was seen at Kwik Cricket events, where our Y5/6 teams played on Parkers Piece in Cambridge and our Year 3/4 team not only made their debut as a team at Sawston cricket ground but won the competition!

The sports theme has continued in school with Y2 visiting Linton Heights for a multi sports event, competing against our cluster schools. Weekly swimming for every class began at the end of May and of course our annual sports day has taken place with the help of Sports Leaders from Linton Village College, which was a huge success. It really makes me proud that sports takes a prominent place on our

school timetable alongside core subjects such as Maths and English, and the fear of only teaching to the test has not broken our school yet.

Whilst the Juniors have been busy competing in events the Infants have been very busy looking after their new charges. They recently became proud parents to six ducklings which they watched hatch in an incubator. The ducklings are Pekin ducks and yes, they are the breed you get with pancakes! We have decided to keep two as school pets and these have been named Puddles and Pancake by the children. We will of course keep you up to date with their progress over the coming months.

Our final piece of news is very exciting! Mrs Faye Facer, our Early Years Leader, has been announced as a silver winner for the National Pearson Teacher of the Year. Earlier this term we had visitors from the award visiting us at school after Mrs Facer was nominated. They were so impressed they have now made her a gold finalist. She has to go to a huge awards ceremony in London in October, which will be televised on the BBC. Good luck Mrs Facer!

We share photos and news of The Meadow on our twitter page, @Meadow_Balsham. Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

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The Marsh Mail (news from Linton Village College)

Linton Village College has a strong reputation for industry links, having been designated a Business and Enterprise specialist school since September 2003. We continue to enjoy effective relationships with industry and our young people benefit from access to enterprise opportunities.

In June, all of our Year 10 students spent enrichment week engaged in work experience. Many had sourced their own placements to pursue a specific interest, ranging from the Park Inn Radisson Hotel in Ostrava, Czech Republic, to the Aircraft Restoration Company, Duxford, working on the BBMF Lancaster bomber, to experiencing legal practices in Haverhill and interior design in Linton. While we support our learners in developing skills ready for life beyond LVC, and provide them with careers education, advice and guidance, actually experiencing employment situations provides students with rich learning. For some it has confirmed career decisions, for others tested them. Feedback from students and companies about the week has been incredibly positive.

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mentoring. Our long-standing partnership with Dalehead Foods, through the BITC Business Class programme, is an excellent example of the positive impact that business links can have. Our students have enjoyed annual enterprise projects and employability skills opportunities. The school has also benefited from improvements to the site through the company's volunteer scheme.

We have, in addition, been fortunate to receive financial donations from local businesses to support school events and projects. As has been well-publicised in the local and national press, education budgets are incredibly challenging at present due to real-term reductions in funding. The school is grateful for such generous monetary contributions.

We are keen to continue to develop wider community and business links to enrich the curriculum and provide students with opportunities for authentic, real-world learning. If any local companies are able to offer support we would be keen to hear from you. We would also welcome additional work experience placements for future cohorts. Ian Simmons, Head of the Business and Enterprise Faculty (ian.simmons@lvc.org) would be happy to receive any support that local industry is able to offer.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

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Linton Village College 80th Anniversary

Linton Village College is preparing to celebrate its 80th anniversary, and will hold a celebration on Sunday 17th September, 2 - 4 pm. During the event the college plans to display photos, stories and memorabilia from 80 years of school life at LVC. Former students willing to share memories or lend items for the occasion are invited to contact LVC80info@gmail.com, call 07931 966952, or write to LVC80, Linton Village College, Cambridge Road, Linton, Cambs CB21 4JB.

The school first opened its doors in September 1937 and since then thousands of young people have gained essential skills and qualifications, and formed lifelong friendships and memories during their time at LVC.

Students and staff from across the decades will be warmly welcomed 'back to school' on 17th September to remember good times over tea and cake, and to admire the school today, with a chance to tour the new buildings and facilities.

As a permanent commemoration of LVC's 80th anniversary, 1937 - 2017, this summer term students will be installing a ceramic mosaic in the original part of the school building.

www.westwratting.org.uk

for information on:

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Please send us your contributions, events, notices, photos and comments.

The mosaic will be a lasting legacy for the college and Linton community, designed and built collaboratively by Year 7 students and professional artist, Jim Anderson.

London-based artist Jim (www.kenya-mosaic.com) has many years of experience in mosaic-making with schools and community groups around the world. He grew up in Linton and still has family in the village. Examples of Jim's work can be seen locally in the foyer at Addenbrooke's hospital.

The installation will take place 22nd - 23rd and 29th - 30th June, and the mosaic will be formally unveiled at the anniversary celebration on 17th September.

Linton Village College's anniversary celebration is made possible by funding from Linton Parish Council. The commemorative mosaic is being funded by Linton Parish Council, Friends of LVC, the Anderson Trust and Crofton Engineering Ltd.

For more information about the LVC80 celebration and commemorative mosaic, please contact: Anna McMahon (LVC80info@gmail.com, 01223 892525 / 07931 966952). Updates about the anniversary will be provided on Facebook: @LVC80.

Fun Netball Sessions

Students from LVC, including Frayr Bridgeman, are going on a once in a lifetime trip to Peru in the summer of 2018, where they will be helping in the local community and trying to make a contribution to community development and environmental conservation projects.

As a part of the experience, the students have to raise all the money themselves to fund their trip. Frayr has already had a raffle at the community market, a stall at the Big Balsham Sale, and cake sales, and will next be running fun netball sessions for children and adults in the summer holidays:

Monday 31st July 7 pm - 8.30pm Ladies

Tuesday 1st August, 1pm - 3pm: Children in KS2

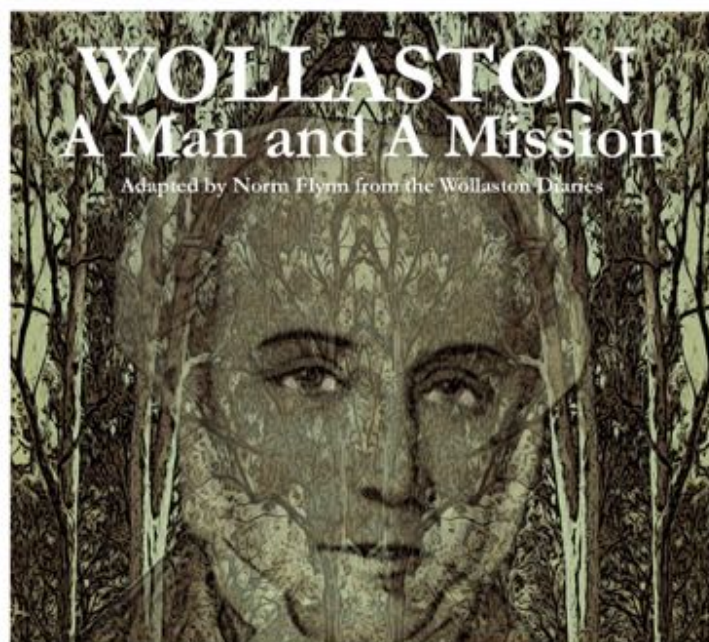
Tuesday 1st August, 3pm - 5pm: Girls in KS3 & KS4

Wed 2nd August, 1pm - 3pm: Girls in years 7 & 8

Wed 2nd August, 3pm - 5pm: Girls, years 9, 10 & 11

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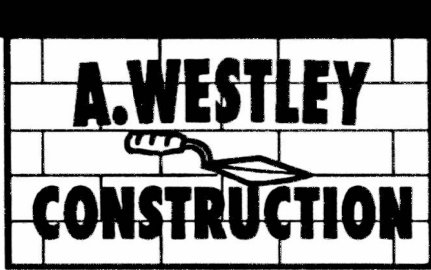
The Ellesmere Annual Summer Show is on Sunday 16th July, from 12 noon, with live music, dog show (sponsored by Lida Vets), pony rides, fully licensed bar with real ale, Pimms bar, barbecue, afternoon tea and cakes, produce stall, tombola, bouncy castle, raffle, bric-a-brac, books, and of course the wonderful 'Garden and Produce Show'.

Summer Holiday Activities – please see our website for the extensive range of holiday activities, or email the centre for a copy.

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West Wickham and District Gardening Club

The club pulled out all the stops for our plant sale in May. The village hall was overflowing with plants of every kind, grown and donated by our members. The publicity worked well, so that at 10.30 there was a



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long queue of eager buyers who went away with boxes of superb plants. The final total was £834, a record for our plant sale, and we will be able to use these funds to pay for our speakers next year.

On June 12th we met at Ashdon Church for an evening visit to Ashdon Hall. The weather was warm and so was the welcome from John and Jo Padfield. What a wonderful garden! They also open for NGS so if you have the chance, do visit – it is one of the best the club has ever been to. We have another evening visit on July 3rd to Moat House at Little Saxham, and on July 30th we join Balsham Club on a coach trip to Wisley. We will not have an August show this year. Our AGM will be held on the third Monday in September, and from then on we will meet on the third Monday of every month. If you would like to find out more information you can visit our website or ring me, Rosemary Yallop, on 01799 584262.

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Balsham Gardening Club

The plant sale held on 20th May was a great success, raising a total of £388.

Thanks go to everyone who donated plants and to the committee members who set up and manned the sale and, of course, all those who came and bought plants.

The next event was the spring outing to Dullingham House on 6th June. We visited this beautiful garden in September last year and this was an opportunity to see the garden in a very different season. Unfortunately the visit coincided with some really rough weather, high winds and heavy rain, and Lady Nourse had to spend a lot of time staking plants to keep them in good order. Despite the weather there was a good



turnout and the rain held off for most of the time we were there. In addition to the early summer flowers there were a number of sculptures by Paul Richardson of Garden Steel Sculptures, who told us that he had been inspired by nature since moving to East Anglia. Five pieces had been placed in the garden for an earlier charity event and left for our visit.



Coming up is an autumn outing to Fullers Mill Garden on 5th September, on which there are still places available for members or non members. The cost is £10 and bookings can be made by contacting Lyn Bobrow (890598, lgb21@cam.ac.uk).

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During April the Barley Practice (Barley and Market Hill Surgery in Royston) merged with the Granta Medical Practices (Linton and Sawston) to form one practice. The obvious question is why.

The average rate for all users of consulting a GP has more than doubled per head of the population in the last decade. More and more patients who would previously have been in hospital with complex problems are now being treated in the community by the practice team. This is only made possible through moving from the traditional 'Dr Finlay' model of general practice into a team-based service, with a mix of skills, training and backgrounds. This team can only work effectively at a certain scale – and NHS England has made it clear that future investment in general practice will be directed to those practices who have between 30,000 and 50,000 registered patients.

The mergers of Linton, Barley, Royston and Sawston into one practice has created a single practice of some 34,000 patients. More importantly, the mergers have come about because of a shared aspiration and belief within our teams that by merging we can better meet our local healthcare needs.

By coming together, patients of the Granta Medical Practices now have access to services across four sites, including extended opening hours every day of the working week. The practice also has Emergency Care Practitioners (Paramedics) supporting the doctors and nurses in providing rapid home assessments for those unable to attend the surgeries. With a bigger team comes the opportunity to share expertise and specialist skills across a bigger population.

Granta Medical Practices has just been recognised nationally as a 'Primary Care Home' – an entity seen as one sustainable model for the future of the NHS. Over time, as a Primary Care Home, the practice will gradually provide more and more services including some currently delivered in hospital outpatients or day case surgery. The model encourages all those working around our patients to come together in a single structure, where patient needs come first and traditional NHS boundaries between organisations become more fluid. We are hopeful that this status will give us enhanced access to new funds and support as it becomes available.

As a practice we are positive that these changes will strengthen our ability to provide high-quality personal and human care to our local villages. Already, the practice is getting other GPs asking to come and work within Granta – and this is happening at a time when there is a national and regional recruitment crisis for GPs. This is a major vote of confidence from the profession for Granta and will help ensure that all of us continue to have access to high quality general practice for years to come.

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Sun 2	Classic Car Show, Kentford Cutoff, Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust applications
Wed 5	West Wratting Over 60s
Fri 7	Tea & Cakes, Reading Room, Weston Colville
Sat 8	Circular walk, from Reading Room Balsham Community Market Balsham Ball, Chilford Hall
Mon 10	Cutoff for West Wratting oil syndicate orders West Wratting Parish Council meeting
Wed 12	West Wratting vicarage meeting
Sat 15	Weston Colville harvest swap Linton Jazz, Gt Abington
Sun 16	Summer Show, Ellesmere Centre
Mon 17	Weston Colville Parish Council FitSteps® summer course
Thur 20	West Wratting Lunch Club
Sat 22	West Wratting Music Bash
Sat 29	Weston Colville harvest swap 'All's Well That Ends Well', Hildersham

August 2017

Wed 9	West Wratting Over 60s
Sat 12	Weston Colville harvest swap
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