

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrattling

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Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to Rebecca Causton, Finlay Arnott, Kirstine Adshead and Lucy Wilson for the magnificent cleaning, scraping and painting job they have done on the West Wrattling phone box. The phone box was in poor shape before they started work on it and now it looks as good as new.



This was done as part of their community service section of the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award. During the year (Covid-19 allowing) the team has washed down West Wrattling's bus shelter and cut the hedge behind it, litter-picked, washed road signs, and cleared up deadwood in the recreation ground. It was impressive how they behaved responsibly and worked very effectively as a team, mostly unsupervised.

The painting of the phone box was definitely the highlight, and I know that many people in West Wrattling were delighted to see it take on a new lease of life.

Well done Rebecca, Kirstine, Finlay and Lucy – and thank you and the very best of luck for the future.

Colin McCall

Cricket Field Ditch Clearance

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the clearance of the ditch around the cricket field. We achieved an enormous amount in a single day. We had intended to burn the waste, but then decided to dispose of the waste in a more environmentally responsible way. Thanks to Ben Mercer who shredded and removed it in time for the outdoor theatre production.

Melanie and Jo

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West Wrattling Oil Syndicate

There will not be a syndicate order for oil this month.

The next syndicate order will be in October.

Phil Tempest (westwrattlingoil@gmail.com)

Ongoing Support

Now that the lockdown is easing, this is just a note to say that support networks are still there and functioning; so if you need to isolate, or cannot get to do the things you need to for whatever reason, please get in touch, don't struggle on your own. We still have a group of volunteers ready in both Weston Colville and West Wrattling. A reminder also that our parish nurse (07498 994205) continues to be available to provide advice and support.

Pete and Rachel from The Chestnut Tree have undertaken to ensure that prescriptions in the West Wrattling pack will continue to be delivered to people at home for the time being on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. A volunteer from Weston Colville does the Monday collection, Pete collects on Wednesdays and I do Fridays. We will ring your door bell and put medicines on your front door step or in your designated place. Please look out for us if you are expecting medicines that have to be handed to you, for instance fridge items.

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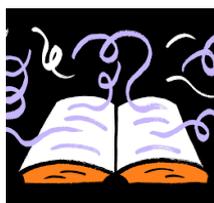
We'd love donations – a couple of books can go straight in, and if you have more, that's great – please deliver them to one of us, or call Joyce on 07980 404764 to arrange collection. We're thinking of varnishing the bench next to the phone box and have been asking around to find out who owns it. We feel confident it belongs to the community, but please let us know if you know of any reason we shouldn't go ahead. We'd love to hear from you if you have any feedback or questions. Happy swapping and happy reading!



Joyce, Jackie B, Emma Kaye and Jacqueline, Community Bookworms

National Poetry Day

On 1st October at 7.30 pm we're hosting an online event to celebrate National Poetry Day. Choose a poem and join us on Zoom. Email by 25th September so that we can give you an invitation to the session, and also make sure there won't be duplicate poems. Need inspiration?



- something seasonal?
- a childhood favourite?
- a calming or uplifting verse for COVID times?
- ... or if you like, call in at Jacqueline's and look at the poetry books on the shelf.

For registration and enquiries, contact Faye or Jacqueline: faye@kalmareiki.co.uk or jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com

Weston Colville Cinema Club

We're delighted to announce that the cinema club will return to the Reading Room in October. Of course, this is subject to any change there might be in government guidance, but on Wednesday, 7th October, you're welcome to join us to watch a comedy – 'The Blues Brothers'. The evening will start at 7.30pm as usual with an introduction to the film.



We offer a safe space; there will be a one-way system, we'll maintain social distancing, and you'll have allocated seats.

We ask you to book in advance so we have contact details, and can monitor numbers; wear a mask; arrive in good time, entering via the back door; and bring the exact money for your donation (we suggest £2 - £3), and if you'd like a drink (wine and beer are £2.50 and juice £1).

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West Wrating Book Club

The book we read for August was 'Wakenhyrst' by Michelle Paver. This was a rather dark story and rather disturbing in places, as one would expect from a deliberately gothic tale. Set in early Edwardian times in the Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Fens, it tells the story of a girl growing into womanhood, coping with life without a mother, and with her strict, forbidding father who is haunted by an event in his past. Some found it a 'page turner' while others found it difficult to get into and rather slow at the start. There is obvious local interest in its setting, with several references to Ely and Cambridge, and the author had done a good deal of research referencing such well-respected local authors as the 'Fenland Tiger', Sybil Marshall, and Lilius Rider Haggard, as well as drawing on her own family experience. Very little of the plot does not have parallels in real life. One of our number suggested that it was an interesting insight into the morals of the time, attitudes to women, childbirth and medical problems, including the treatment of mental illness. The journal written by one of the main characters was thought to be rather too detailed, perhaps a necessary ploy to tell his side of the story (although it is not unusual for those suffering from certain types of mania to put down on paper all their paranoid thoughts). Someone else suggested that none of the characters were really likeable and were, perhaps, over stereotyped although it was an exciting story.

Someone else who is familiar with and liked her children's books said "I found Wakenhyrst somewhat pseudo-gothic, predictable and not very engaging."

Scores varied from 6 to 8 out of 10. It would appeal to anyone with an interest in medieval mystics, local legends and folklore, or fans of the Gothic.

Our next book is 'The Salt Path' by Raynor Wynn, to be discussed at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 16th September in the garden at The Chestnut Tree or via Zoom, depending on circumstances and weather.

Linda Gorman

Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Balsham – Friday 25th September – Joanna will put a basket in front of her front door at Nine Chimney House, Balsham for donations on Friday 25th until Sunday 27th September.

Do please bring your own coffee on Friday 25th, either in a vacuum flask or bought as a takeaway from the Old Butchers Shop, to drink in the garden whilst you maintain a social distance. There will also be a pancake van, and there are two summer houses and the back room of the house if the weather isn't good.

Sara H, Joanna S and Gill PB

Burrough Green – Helen and Bena will not be holding their popular coffee morning this year. Hopefully we can all get together next year for our coffee and cakes.

Bena & Helen

Thanks to Helpers

I'd like to give an accolade to the local students who have been helping out with deliveries to OAPs. I have been greatly impressed by the 18 year old who has temporarily shelved university plans, and (perhaps even more significantly!) was still up at 6 am the day after her (socially distanced) 18th birthday party to do the round in our area.

I suspect that she will not be the only one tackling the crisis head-on whilst having to rethink all future plans.

Sarah Watkins, The Causeway, West Wrating

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and support since our shielding began in March. Newspaper deliveries, shopping, prescription drop offs, phone calls, hedge cutting, delicious meals, even a rendition of Happy Birthday, have all helped us to get through this difficult time. We are pleased to say that treatment has now finished and we look forward to better days. Thank you all.

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From the Rectory

Recently we've experienced many things in life in a new way, and this will continue into the autumn. My children return to their primary school this month and it will be unlike any other experience of school they've had to date. Many workplaces have been transformed to try and protect staff and any customers or clients from Covid-19. Our church services now include regular Sunday morning Zoom services and open-air worship, as well as services inside churches with face-masks and social distancing – something we could not have imagined at the beginning of the year! So many things in our lives are being experienced again as if for the first time.



Re-imagining the way we do and see things, however, can be both challenging and refreshing. It can be a blessing when we don't take for granted our family, friends, neighbours, local businesses or school. This may lead to a renewed appreciation of people and places; perhaps a reminder to renew old acquaintances, to thank those who care for us, teach our children or support community life.

The bible often speaks eloquently of the need, as St Paul says, to “be transformed by the renewing of your minds”. The prophet Isaiah invites people to see this renewal as a response to divine action: “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”. In every testing time, the people of God are called to renew their vision and deepen their trust in God.

This need to refresh the way we perceive things and renew our language of gratitude and wonder is constant. In T S Eliot's ‘Little Gidding’, the last poem in his Four Quartets, he puts it like this:

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

If we trust in God who in Christ makes all things new, we may also renew our experience of God's grace. Again, turning to the prophet Isaiah, we remember in all these changes the source of our strength and hope: “those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint”.

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I do hope and pray that you are managing to keep hydrated and cool, in these hot days! Please remember to drink water and use fans to keep your temperature down. I always find it helps, if I really get unbearably hot, to put my feet in cool water during the day and at night cuddle a cold pack from the freezer wrapped in a tea towel. These tips may help you feel a little more comfortable!

Reflecting over the past few months I realise that these unprecedented times have also brought amazing blessings. We have seen communities in the seven villages I serve rise up and support each other in wonderful ways. There have been a huge number of volunteers helping with shopping and delivering of prescriptions. People have been so grateful, so on behalf of those receiving the help I want to take this opportunity to thank them all. It continues to be a blessing to work with you all for the benefit of each community.

I continue to work from home at present. I am telephoning a large number of people every day and am able to contact people new to the service as well. Many people are finding this a very valuable service and I am grateful that these calls are bringing some light into (for some) difficult and dark times. I will shortly be able to video-call people as well, using the

same system the surgery does, so if you have a smart phone I will be able to chat 'face to face', which will be lovely.

Of course it would be great if I could visit again. As a team, we have reflected on how best to do this in the weeks ahead. We need to continue to be vigilant and protect the most vulnerable. I will be taking all the necessary precautions and will be able to visit people at home 'in exceptional circumstances' and with a full risk assessment. As soon as the science shows I can visit more freely, I will be delighted to do so.

Please do not hesitate to call my mobile if you need any support, information, or a chat and I will endeavour to help wherever I can. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you all.

Claire, Parish Nurse

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The Romanies

I was interested to read Colin's article. Having worked with the traveller community in Cambridge for several years, I have some understanding of the prejudice they face from people who have not had the opportunity or shown a willingness to get to know them and gain an understanding of their way of life.

It was therefore refreshing to see that a local resident has taken the time to get to know the family and attempt to breakdown some of the mistrust that may exist.

Jan Davey

The Romanies - A Further Update

I received much heart-warming positive feedback on my update on the Romanies in August's Challenge, and sadly one negative comment, from someone who thought that the piece was racist and patronising. The editor and I are sorry that this person was upset, and I have decided to add to my article, to clear up some possible misapprehensions.

I received a very warm welcome on my visit to the Romanies in June and we agreed that much water had passed under the bridge since our first meeting some

16 months ago. I believe that Jean 1 and Robert appreciated me visiting and engaging them in conversation because, unfortunately, most of their interaction with the communities that they visit is not as pleasant. Very few people are willing to engage and any interaction is mostly left to the curate's egg which is officialdom. Indeed, I was on the receiving end of negative behaviour from passers-by while I was talking to them.

Neither Jean 1 nor Robert are able to read or write, and, I believe, they appreciate the fact that I cared to take the time to engage with them. Incidentally, they introduced themselves with the names Jean 1 and Jean 2.

I would encourage us all to be hospitable and to engage with visitors to our community. Some of these visitors might be quite different to us, but it is far better to meet and engage in conversation rather than ignoring them or, indeed, carping from the sidelines.

I look forward to providing a further update if and when Jean 1 and Jean 2 and Robert return. However, my concern is that I may never see them again. Jean 1 insisted on shaking hands, which implies she thought the same.

Colin McCall



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Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

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Please welcome to the fold three new recruits to Johnny and Emma's Moat House feeders: Green over White over Red 'Henry', Red over Blue over Red 'Dora', and Red over White over Blue 'Rosa'. We've needed to expand the colour combinations for Moat House birds, so they can now have a lower Red colour or a Blue colour.

If you see any of our 47 ringed Marsh Tits, or any unringed Marsh Tit, during your day, please let us know: cambsmarti@gmail.com, m_stammers@btinternet.com or **Challenge**. Thank you!

Like us, you may have noticed a decline in Swifts nesting in our villages. One of the reasons appears to be nest competition with Starlings. Last month, Trevor Westley saw a Starling attacking a Swift on the ground in his Weston Colville garden. He rescued the bird and released it the following morning. As the Swift flew away, a Starling made a beeline for it, knocked it to the ground and killed it. This gruesome behaviour has been seen before; one of our BTO

ringers, Val Bentley, successfully rescued a grounded Swift from an attacking Starling in North Devon many years ago. Dick Newell of 'Action for Swifts' had this to say: "Starlings can be very aggressive to Swifts especially when they are nesting close together. They can share the same nest site, as the Swifts are arriving when Starlings are finishing their first, and usually only, brood. If they overlap then that can mean trouble. They can also behave remarkably like woodpeckers, enlarging nest box hole size. To try to keep Starlings out of the Cambridge Swift tower we glued pieces of stripwood on the bottom of all the entrances to reduce the size. The Starlings just chipped away at it until they got in." Our very own Joyce Oliver agrees: "that's exactly what happens in my roof some years, if the Swift **Challenge** hile the Starlings still have chicks. The Starlings try to drive off the Swifts."

Dick and his Spanish colleagues have developed various solutions to this problem. One is a small metal plate with a 65 x 28 mm horizontal slot in it, installed over the nest hole. Critically, the 28mm height excludes Starlings. Where the entrance is an odd shape which precludes a metal plate, eg in stonework and under eaves of houses, a suitable nest hole is formed by filling the entranceway with mortar


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around a former; when the former is removed, a nest hole is left which excludes Starlings. Read more about forming nest holes at https://actionforswifts.blogspot.com/2016/06/entrances-cast-in-situ_1.html.

Dick is prepared to sell us metal plates at cost (about £1 each, incl p&p) and lend us some formers, if people are interested in helping Swifts continue to nest in their houses and outbuildings next year? Swifts have a hard enough time migrating to and from South Africa every year, without being attacked by the locals when they're here. Starlings can nest elsewhere; Swifts can't. Due to their extra-long wings and very short hairy legs, Swifts need the clear airspace around eaves and roofs to get airborne.

Alex Inzani and the South Cambs. Ringing Group

Helping Hands

Helping Hands was a community car scheme based in Balsham which provided transport for residents of various local villages, principally to medical appointments. Unfortunately the scheme had to stop, mainly because the organisers and drivers were older people and needed to self-isolate during the Covid-19 crisis.

A new organisation of volunteers, called the Balsham Good Neighbour Scheme (BGNS), is being set up, and has been invited to take over the organisation of

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Marsh Mail

It has been an exceptional year for us all, but in particular our Year 11 students who have foregone their traditional school leavers' experiences and rites of passage.

While examinations are typically stressful, they are an important demarcation of the end of secondary education and capture students' academic accomplishments.

This year, the awarding of GCSEs was replaced by a Centre Assessed Grade process. This involved teachers estimating the grades that students would have achieved had they sat the exams, using their best professional judgements. Subject rankings of predicted grades were then scrutinised and moderated by subject teams and senior leaders. The government decided that the Centre Assessed Grades would stand without moderation, aside from some students' grades increasing as a result of a centrally applied algorithm.

Now, more than ever, it is important to recognise and celebrate students' broad educational and personal achievements. I am proud of LVC students' stoicism and resilience as their time at LVC ended prematurely. There are many examples of students who have shown exceptional determination, compassion and



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drive during these challenging times. All have been a delight to watch grow into exceptional young people during their time at the college. We wish them every success in the next step of their education, careers and lives.

As we enter September our focus is on fully reopening the college safely to all students and staff. Extensive planning and preparation has been underway during the summer holiday to ensure that the site and systems are ready for all of our students to return to school full time.

Many changes have had to be implemented to make this possible and to adhere to government guidance. This includes zoning the school site for different year groups, creating nomadic specialist teaching, and staggering break and lunch times to reduce movement and minimise close contact between students in different year groups. This is in addition to enhanced cleaning and hygiene measures.

We are all looking forward to seeing our young people back at school and benefiting from face to face teaching again. The school community's ability to adapt and care for each other has been evident during this crisis.

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Courses for October 2020

The Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA) course for this coming October will be on line via Zoom. The tutor will be Ian McLachlan, an aviation history expert, who will present 'Glory Days and Golden Girls' described as: 'Peace, progress and problems prior to war's gathering clouds; daring young men and women challenge the skies; shrinking the globe; air-racing adventures; airship heydays'. The seven week course will be on Tuesday mornings and will include breaks for you to move about and make a drink.

The Great Bradley WEA group will also offer a Zoom course from the same lecturer on Wednesday mornings, entitled 'Ladies of the Air'. Ian McLachlan will talk about the adventurous aerial journeys of the female pioneers from 19th Century ballooning to aerial combat in WW2, including Hitler's female pilots.

Please contact Sue Mudge for further information and enrolment details for these courses.

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Duxford Imperial War Museum has very kindly agreed to help us and we will be holding ‘drive-through’ flu clinics on Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 17th October. If you cannot get to these clinics please don’t worry; we will make sure that the patients who can’t attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at our surgeries. If you are housebound separate arrangements will be made.

Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those patients who will be 65 years old before 31st March 2021, and those patients over 6 months of age and up to and including 64 years of age if they fall into one or more of the ‘at risk’ groups. Details of the ‘at risk’ groups can be found on our website. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination please feel free to ring us and we can let you know.

The government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. However, NHS England wants us to prioritise the ‘at risk’



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Children aged 2 years old and 3 years old are automatically eligible to be vaccinated by us. These will be done in our surgeries. Children from 4 years old to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an ‘at risk’ category.

Appointment slots should be available to book from the end of August. Keep an eye on our website for further details. Please note that you **MUST** pre-book your flu appointment. Please do not just turn up on the day – you will be sent away.

If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination, you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. You will **not** be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for accommodating us in this fantastic community collaboration.

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THE LIFE CYCLE OF THE EUROPEAN HEDGEHOG AND WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDENING TIPS

AUTUMN

Now the youngsters become independent of their mother and wander off on their own adventures. As hedgehogs live solitary lives, they are unlikely to encounter their siblings again. At this time of year, the number of roadkill casualties peaks as independent young seek new areas to explore, including our gardens.

If you are fortunate to have a visiting hedgehog to your garden please help it to survive by providing fresh water and food each night. Commercially sold hedgehog food is available to buy at most garden centres or on the internet. You can give cat/dog food but avoid any with gravy and fish as these can upset their stomachs.

SEPTEMBER

Mature females may have mated for a second time and thus repeating the events of the last couple of months, however, with their natural diet becoming scarcer in the autumn, late litters will struggle to gain the fat reserves necessary for hibernation and may require human intervention for survival.

We can help by continuing to put out fresh water and food. During this month, autumn orphans may start to appear.

WILDLIFE FRIENDLY GARDENING

Please don't leave any hazardous items for hedgehogs to get trapped in such as plastic bags, tins and many other items.

Try to buy organic slug pellets etc. For our health organic gardening is free from toxic chemicals, which means that any produce is also free... Organic produce toxic free has also been shown to have a higher vitamin and mineral content than those grown with the use of chemical fertilisers, pesticides, and herbicides.

Hedgehogs can swim, but they cannot swim forever and therefore it is essential that we provide ramps, bricks, sandbags, anything, that will help them to get back out of a pond.

This will also help any amphibians such as newts or frogs to get back out too!

Please check anything to be burnt for any sleeping wildlife including hedgehogs before burning.

Please check before cutting anything back as birds are still nesting.

If possible wait until the end of the season before cutting hedges / trees back.

Strimmers are lethal to wildlife so PLEASE check before using. It doesn't take long to run your hands or feet gently through the grass before mowing / strimming. Looking is NOT enough! It really is heartbreaking when someone brings an otherwise healthy hedgehog into the hospital that's been strimmed. Sadly many can't be saved and the only option is euthanasia.

By practicing this simple garden friendly checklist, you will be helping to save the remaining hedgehogs and other wildlife.

If possible, please create a wild area in your garden.

By letting nature have its own area to just grow as it wants you will be attracting lots of wonderful insects which will attract wildlife and giving both food and shelter.

Please make a couple of holes at the base of your fence to allow access in and out of your garden. By keeping your garden hedgehog friendly, you will be helping this iconic species to survive!

Please contact me for hedgehog related advice on 07912 988898

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We will keep our website updated with news of the campaign throughout October:

www.cambridgesustainablefood.org

Bea Brown (bea@cambridgesustainablefood.org)

Home Renovation Advice

Local charity Cambridge Carbon Footprint is offering free advice on how to renovate your home to make it more comfortable and energy efficient, with online home tours and talks running between 14th September and 20th October.



For further details and registration, contact: openecohmes.org/autumnseason.

Alana Sinclair

DIARY

September 2020

Sun 13 Weston Colville oil co-operative deadline
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6 th		Time of Prayer (Zoom) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	
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20 th	Open Air Worship (Balsham) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Time of Prayer (Zoom) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Open Air Worship (Great Abington) <i>Revd Iain McColl & Jeanine Kennedy</i>
23 rd	Morning Worship (West Wrattling) <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	Time of Prayer (Zoom) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Open Air Worship (Hildersham) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>
27 th	Morning Worship (West Wickham) <i>Alistair Collen</i>	Time of Prayer (Zoom) <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	Open Air Harvest Worship (Hildersham) <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>

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