

Challenge

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

There is a story in the New Testament about a woman who was healed by touching the garment of Jesus. She was too embarrassed to ask, too afraid of rejection to face him and sought private healing. In this story, her healing was only complete when the silence and isolation were removed.

On 27th June we had three speakers who came to talk to people from the seven churches. Melanie Murdoch works for Age UK and organises the Warden Scheme where older people can be visited in their homes and practical help given to sort out medication amongst other things. This costs £5 per person per week. Jean Newman is an Older Persons' Co-ordinator. She talked about her work to set up programmes of activities and support for older people. We heard from Sue Evans who is a Parish Nurse, working with vulnerable people of all ages including the vulnerable elderly, young families and people with mental health problems.

We may think that we live in tight-knit communities where there is something going on to meet everybody's needs. However, when things go wrong it is not always the case that everyone rallies to someone's aid. Sometimes the level of care is wonderful. However, sometimes people do not fit easily into what is offered. Then they might be very much on their own.

Finding carers for people coming home from hospital is proving increasingly challenging. Sometimes, this means that people stay in hospital longer. Sometimes, it means that people come home and struggle.

There are two initiatives underway to build stronger links in our villages between people and provide support.

Firstly, we will be holding a meeting on 13th August at 7.30pm in West Wratting Village Hall on 'Caring for our Residents' as a follow-up from the 27th June meeting, to explore further the possibility of the churches employing a Parish Nurse or Co-ordinator for all seven villages. Everyone who is interested is encouraged to come.

A Parish Nurse, for example, would complement the existing Warden Scheme by having a wider remit of supporting vulnerable parents and children, those who are physically sick or disabled or with mental health problems as well as the vulnerable elderly. Where there have been both Parish Nurse/Co-ordinators and Wardens, the Parish Nurse/Co-ordinator has been a point of referral for the Warden Scheme. The evidence reported is that this is mutually beneficial.

Secondly, subsequent to the meeting in June, Melanie has begun to plan to organise an event to take place at 1 pm on 16th October at West Wratting, which will include school children and older people, to highlight Celebrating Age. The Warden Scheme is a valued support for the villages of Balsham, West Wratting, Weston Colville and West Wickham. Abington and Hildersham do not have this scheme.

Rev Julie Norris

West Wratting Harvest Supper

This annual event will take place in the Village Hall on 21st September at 7.30. We will follow the usual format of simple supper, raffle, produce auction etc.

Tickets from me – adults £3, children £4.

More details in September's Challenge.

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West Wrattling Village Show

Cakes are needed for the café. Can you please let me know if you are able to provide something and/or help on the day? We would also like to decorate the church, so any flower arrangers or flowers would be welcome.

Many thanks.

Linda Gorman (290653)

West Wrattling Over 60s Club

With thanks to Ann and Beryl, we look forward to our garden meeting at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 1st August at 12 Hayter Close (to include a raffle and bring'n'buy).

We thank Elsie and Neville for inviting the Club once again to enjoy and appreciate their lovely cottage garden. Our photographs of days gone by made a most entertaining afternoon – thank you, Muriel; also the afternoon tea was sumptuous – thanks to Jo, Muriel and Janet.

The September meeting will be in the Village Hall on 5th September.

Wendy Halls

West Wrattling Over 60s Christmas Lunch

A few of us have got together to keep the tradition going, and are planning to organise the Christmas lunch for Saturday 8th December. We will hold a cake stall with tombola, books and produce on a Saturday in September to raise money towards the costs of hiring the village hall, food and entertainment. This date will be confirmed in the September Challenge. Please can you give suitable donations for the

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This has been a West Wrating village tradition for over 30 years, so please support us. Without your support we will not have sufficient funds to go ahead. For further details please contact Gill (290378) or Ann (290680).

Ely Pilgrimage

Following on from Canon Alan Hargrave's Lent Talk on Prayer, the Canon will lead an Atmospheric Private Pilgrimage around Ely Cathedral on Saturday 15th September starting at 7.00 pm. Anyone will be welcome to join us. Further information from me.

*Joanna Saunder (893063,
sanderschimneys@uwclub.net)*

Thank You

We would all like to thank everyone who supported 'The West Wrating Live Music Event' which raised money for EACH (the East Anglian Childrens Hospice) in memory of Chelsea Boreham, and also

for the West Wrating football teams and the Sports Pavilion.

The total raised was £4,200, which was amazing. £2,100 will go to EACH and the rest will go to the senior and junior football teams, and also to the upkeep of the Sports Pavilion.

Special thanks goes to the band people who played free of charge and played brilliantly, also to all the people who volunteered and helped from within the village and the football teams, and friends and family who made this day very enjoyable and successful: many thanks.

Thanks also to the people who came and enjoyed the day and helped to contribute to the fantastic amount raised; again many thanks. Thank you to all the people and companies that sponsored the raffle with gifts and vouchers – it was really appreciated.

We hope to do this again next year, and would still appreciate more volunteers to help.

Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary

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The draw was won by Tim Cockerill and Ray Vidler, who very kindly gave the money back to the church.

As we always say, "it wouldn't happen without all the help from you" – flowers from Weston Colville and West Wrating, and all the wonderful cakes and tea, made a great atmosphere in the church on both days.

We raised just over £1300. Many many thanks to you all.

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With all the rain, plants are growing apace. We have had some complaints from residents that some hedges/plants are obstructing pavements. Please, can everybody check that their plants/hedges are not causing problems to people using the pavements. Thank you.

*Suan Rowland,
on behalf of West Wrating Parish Council*

The Power of the Press

Many people have asked me about the box containing water bottle, digital clock, specs, and music (Bach, no less) that was reported in last month's Challenge as having been lost between West Wrating and Weston Colville.

Yes, it has turned up, and has been returned to me in pristine condition and in its entirety. I can now play in comfort, hot water bottle on knee.

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Here at Linton we have always been open from 8 am to 6.30 pm on weekdays, and we have always offered a minor injury service. Our local schools and local employers would generally think of us before embarking on a trip to A&E, but we wonder whether the wider practice population would think to call on us first?

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Wadlow Wind Farm, a Personal View.

I suspect that as the erection of the turbines takes place, I am not the only local resident who feels that the fears expressed about their impact are coming true.

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Essentially, a naivety on the part of the previous government, essentially carried on by the present government, to be prepared to change for the foreseeable future, previously relatively unsullied landscapes, due to exaggerated claims about the benefits of wind power to the country, and pressure from the EU to reduce carbon emissions. These claims from so-called environmentalists and the wind power industry have been so ridiculed by the facts that there appears to be a partial recent change of heart, mostly relating to the subsidies given to the landowners and the power generators. There unfortunately appears to have been little change of heart regarding the acceptance of landscape adulteration, and new turbines are still being approved, mostly it seems after appeals, as few local

communities want them. Given our scenario, it is not very surprising. So much for localism!

No doubt due to the subsidies of whatever magnitude, the generating companies and the landowners will continue to benefit from this desecration of our landscapes, despite the former having a commitment to provide some money to local community projects. Perhaps one of the affected local communities should apply to the funding committee for money for a set of stocks or a pillory, the purpose of which will be obvious to most.

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West Wrating Parish Council

At the parish council meeting held on Monday 2nd July the following matters were discussed. The full draft minutes are posted on the two noticeboards in the village for your information.

Emergency Planning: Mr Lawrence Green spoke about setting up contacts in the village as a precaution should an emergency such as flooding, snow, or electricity power problems, occur when the village might be cut off. These people would know whom to contact should such an emergency arise. This was thought to be a good idea and Cllrs Ross Bain and Wallace agreed to set it up.

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations: the Chairman thanked all those who had been involved and who had made such a success of the event. Cllr Gilmour said she would like something done for the children with the money that was left over, about £450, and suggested using the ex-bowling green area after getting some input from children. She has put something in *Challenge* (July edition).

Finance: the internal audit had been carried out satisfactorily and the Statement of Accounts etc has been sent to the external auditors.

Maintenance: some of the matters reported by Cllr Wallace:

1. Cllr Wallace had received the RoSPA report on the play equipment, which was satisfactory. However the goal post used by children was condemned and it was agreed that it should be removed immediately. Cllr Ross Bain said he would check on the price of a new one.
2. Two of the new trees in The Causeway have died. The SCDC Tree Officer is aware. The two cherry trees at the Pump Shelter have been pruned.
3. The Sports Pavilion will need to be surveyed next year.

Bus Review: due to the great interest shown at the two meetings held by CCC, the County Council is going to carry out a survey of need, and a questionnaire has been compiled for bus users to complete. It is hoped that if there is a good response to this there will not be such drastic bus cuts.

West Wrating web site: first set up by Mr Altham, who has since moved, the website is now out of date. It is hoped to find someone to restart it and run it and Cllr Rowland asked if the Parish Council were prepared to pay the £75 annual fee for this. This was agreed.

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Report by Dist Cllr Barrett:

- 1) Planning covering the next five years is being looked at, with regard to housing, infrastructure, transport and work places. A document on this will be released shortly, with a consultation procedure.
- 2) There will be very little new development in small villages unless requested by them. He thanked Cllr Rowland for the survey she had carried out in West Wratting as it could be very useful.

Any Other Business:

Cllr Heath has given up his position as Tree Warden but told the council that Mr Mark Addley had offered his services. Council were happy with this and the Chairman thanked Cllr Heath for his work whilst Tree Warden.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 9th September at 8 pm. All welcome.

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The Olympic Torch – “I was there....”

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The precision with which this run around the country has been organised is remarkable. I attended the Haverhill relay and it had been stated that it would start at 2.42 pm. Finding a position just off the market square half an hour before the start, there did not seem to be many people around, yet slowly the crowd thickened and as the appointed time approached they were three deep on the pavements, with the local constabulary repeatedly trying to stop the overflow on to the road.

Street runners were preceded by street sellers, £1 a flag, £2 a torch and other items of memorabilia. The police outsiders then gently rode the route, blue lights flashing, sirens activated on demand. Some rode close to the crowds and exchanged hand slaps as they passed. Then it was time. The first of the grey clad torch security team jogged through, promising that it was one minute to show time.

Right on cue the parade started. The police motorcyclists reappeared, followed by the relay bus with the rest of the torches lined up ready for use. Corporate sponsorship is key to these events so next



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came the Coca Cola vehicle, followed by the Samsung vehicle (those who paid for a flag were a bit disappointed now as the Samsung reps gave them out for free). Then came the torch, carried aloft by one of the 8,000 bearers who had been selected from 28,000 nominations.



After months of planning and organising it was over in a few seconds. Blink and you missed it. There was no time to compose the perfect picture, just point and click and hope. Hover over the camera shutter for too long and the moment in time had passed, more than likely replaced by a picture of the back of someone's head. Then it was gone, moving on through the town and out towards the next venue. The streets reopened and the Saturday shoppers continued about their business.

But I cannot help wonder if the torch relay will be the only part of the Olympics the nation will embrace. How many will be able to afford tickets? How many will watch on TV and will they be happy if scheduled programmes are delayed or cancelled due to sporting overruns, having endured the same during coverage of the Euros and Wimbledon? Getting around the capital or getting a hotel during the Games will be difficult,

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and with the millions of visitors expected from other countries, passing through border controls will be lengthy.

Time will tell as to whether the huge investment in these Games is beneficial to the country, but for the thousands of people who have seen the torch nothing can take away their 'I was there' moment.

Steve Potter

CCC Bus Survey

There should be a copy of Cambs County Council's Transport Questionnaire in this Challenge – if you would like another copy, please contact Dan Clarke of CCC, on 01223 729079, or you can obtain an electronic version on: www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=134156693187. Completed questionnaires should be returned, by 16th September, to The Chestnut Tree, West Wrating, or to the Post Office, Weston Colville.

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Weston Cobville Cricket Club



In spite of the record rainfall over the past few weeks, our 1st XI have managed to play nine games although the weather has reduced the 2nd XI to only two completed games.

After their usual tentative start to the season, the 1st XI have put together some decent victories thanks mainly to some tight bowling. The team now sit in 6th place in Tucker Division 2, having won four games and lost five. Recent results include losses away to Waresley and at home against Abington, but the last three games have been sound victories. At home to NCI on 16th June, Weston batted first and made a challenging 218 for 9 (Andy Brightmore 65, Ade Westley 52, Peter Bragg 28 n.o.) and NCI fell 47 short in reply with Trevor Westley, Ade Westley and Matt Daniels taking 2 wickets each. Weston inflicted a heavy defeat on Granta away on 23rd June. Weston reached 182 for 9 from their 48 overs (Paul Dean 52, Joe Robins 34) and proceeded to bowl out the home side for just 108 with Ade Westley (4 for 44 and Alex Meddle (4 for 25) doing the damage. Another fine win by 49 runs away to Fordham on 30th June saw

Weston rise up the table. In a low scoring match, Weston made only 133 (Ade Westley 40) but a brilliant spell of pace bowling from Trevor Westley, taking 4 for 13, restricted the home side to 84 all out. The first two matches in July were cancelled due to waterlogged pitches – will it ever stop raining in the UK this year?

The 2nd XI have not really got going yet this year having completed only two matches up to 14th July, mostly due to the bad weather but also to having a problem with player availability and injuries. They lost both of the games, away to Buntingford on 26th May and Newmarket on 16th June, and look forward to more games and more success as the season progresses. The 2nd team comprises a combination of senior and junior players, giving a chance to our u15 players to make the transition between junior and senior cricket. There is a big gulf between our two sides but as time goes by we hope to bridge that gap as the younger players progress and become more experienced.

The Midweek team has also been affected by the weather and has played only three games and unfortunately has yet to record a win in Division 1 of the Haverhill Midweek League. Games are re-arranged in the midweek league so there is still a lot

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of cricket to be played on Wednesday evenings, and lots of point to be won (assuming that it does stop raining before the evenings draw in).

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11 th	Waresely (H)	Newport (A)
18 th	Babraham (H)	
25 th	Abington (A)	

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West Wickham and District Gardening Club

The club was very lucky to have picked probably the best evening this year for the outing to Ousden House. Mr and Mrs Robinson made us welcome with canapes and a glass of wine, then conducted us enthusiastically round their beautiful garden, which includes a clock tower, rose garden, lake and water garden.

Our visit to Jim and Hilary Potter's garden and maze at Balsham on July 2nd was great fun – the clouds lifted as we arrived, and later we were treated to wine and strawberry flan in the conservatory. The Club would like to thank Mr and Mrs Robinson and Jim and Hilary for the effort they took to make us all welcome.

Our main outing will be to Bressingham Gardens in Diss on September 15th. Tickets are now on sale from Janet (jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com), members £20 and non-members £25. Alan Bloom will give us a guided tour but it is an outstanding garden and there will be plenty of time to wander at leisure, ride on the carousel or take the steam train.

Please make a note of August 18th, the date of our Horticultural Show (see article, below). That wraps up our gardening year, one that will be remembered for a long time by exasperated gardeners throughout

the UK. If you are thinking of joining us next year, membership is £8, £10 for family, and you can ring me on 01799 584262.

Rosemary Yallop (Speakers' Secretary)

Annual Show – West Wickham & District Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Show on Saturday 18th August at West Wickham Village Hall. We hope you can be challenged into entering some exhibits, or coming to see how well your friends and neighbours have done. There is a wide variety of classes we hope will interest you – vegetables & fruit, cut flowers & pot plants, flower arrangements, classes just for children, cooking & jam making and photography. There is prize money and cups to be won and anyone can enter from West Wickham, Streetly End or from neighbouring parishes without Horticultural Societies of their own, so we would welcome exhibits from people living in Weston Colville and West Wrating.

The Show opens at 2 pm, with the prizegiving at 3 pm, followed by an auction of produce. Exhibits can be brought to the hall between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

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1st Horseheath Brownies

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The District Campfire back at the end of May was great fun. We learned new songs and I was even presented with a badge for spending 100 nights away with guiding. It has taken me six years (the scheme started on 1 January 2006) to achieve, and I have enjoyed every one of them, honestly!

The District Brownie Revels on Saturday 7th July was a fun day out. We had 50 girls attending from the local area which wasn't bad, especially as we were competing with the Olympic Flame that was visiting Haverhill, Bury St Edmunds, Haverhill and Newmarket. It even went past the village on its way to Haverhill.

Despite the rain the Brownies invented new sports, whanged their wellies, learned about healthy eating, made chariots and learned some amazing facts from Olympic history. Did you know that the last gold

medal made of solid gold was awarded in 1912? I didn't, but I do now.

By the time you read this we will have finished for this school year and said a sad fare well to Portia, Hannah, Autumn and Maisie, who are hopefully moving up to Guides and Alannah who is moving away, we wish them well. Don't worry, we will be back again on 12th September with some new faces and more fun.

I hope you all have a good summer break, and the sun decides to poke its head out from behind the clouds eventually.

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Derbyshire Post (News from LVC)

The 18th July is Mandela Day in South Africa and when we visited our link school in Soshanguve Township a year ago, our arrival coincided with the marking of it. The day celebrates Nelson Mandela's birthday, but instead of requiring holiday feasting from his people, the great man has made it a working day in which he expects South African citizens to do 67 minutes of community service. The 67 is important because each minute represents a year of service that Mandela gave to his country in his fight against apartheid, in his years of imprisonment and in his work as the first black South African President. When our own LVC students were in the Township, we joined Boepathutse School in the community work and as we did this it struck us that the 67 minutes could become a part of our College's tradition. This year, we have made it just that. For 67 minutes, each of the students in the school has taken on community

work on the afternoon of 18th July. 650 students can get a lot done in that time, so we have weather-proofed fences, weeded flower beds, read stories, picked up litter, buried a time capsule, helped younger children with their learning, cleared out cupboards and made a film. 67 minutes is not long enough for anyone to get really fed up of anything, but it is long enough, it seems, to make a difference.

Caroline Derbyshire

Adult Education Courses starting September

Learners can enrol on any of the courses on Saturday 1st September at the Farmers' Market, otherwise enrolments begin via telephone or in person on Monday September 3rd.

For more information learners can either email adulteducation@lvc.org or call us on 01223 891233

Steven Austin

	Course	Day	Time
General Interest	Computers for 65+	TBC	5pm - 7pm
	Digital Photography	Thursday	7pm - 9pm
	Photoshop Beginners	Thursday	7pm - 9pm
	Intro to Computers	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm
	Treading the Boards – a course in making theatre	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm
	Indian/Pakistani Cookery	Wednesday	6.30pm - 9pm
	Homeopathy	Thursday	7pm - 9pm
	Marketing using Social Networking	Thursday	7pm - 9pm
	Floristry – Contemporary and Modern Design	Thursday	7.30pm - 9.30pm
Art & Crafts	Watercolours at Hildersham	Monday	1.30pm - 4pm
	Pottery	Monday	3.30 - 5.30pm
	Drawing	Tuesday	12.30 - 2.30pm
	Mosaics	Wednesday	7pm - 9pm
	Sugarcraft Beginners	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm
	Sugarcraft Improvers	Thursday	7pm - 9pm
	Upholstery	Tuesday	7pm - 9.30pm
	German Beginners	Tuesday	7pm - 9pm
	Spanish Beginners	Wednesday	7.15pm - 9.15pm
Languages	French Improvers	Tuesday	10 - 12pm
	French Int/Adv	Thursday	10 - 12pm
	Maths GCSE	Wednesday	7pm - 9pm
Accredited	English GCSE	TBC	7pm - 9pm
	Tai Chi Beginners	Tuesday	6.30pm - 8pm
Health and Fitness	Tai Chi Advanced	Tuesday	8pm - 8.30pm
	Pilates Main	Wednesday	4.45 - 5.45pm
	Pilates Beginners	Wednesday	6.10 - 7.10pm
	Pilates Advanced	Wednesday	7.15 - 8.15pm
	Pilates Intermediate	Wednesday	8.20 - 9.20pm
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	CardioTone	Wednesday	6.30pm - 7.30pm
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	Spinning	Thursday	7pm - 8pm
	Zumba	Monday	6.30pm - 7.30pm

Language Futures at LVC

Students at Linton Village College (LVC) are learning a range of modern foreign languages, thanks to an innovative Language Futures programme. Instead of the traditional approach where everyone learns the same language, Language Futures offers students the opportunity to learn whichever language is most relevant to them. Using modern technology such as iPads, students learn skills which they apply to a specific language of their choice, with the support of community mentors who are fluent in the chosen language.

"This is the future of language learning," says Vivien Corrie, deputy principal of LVC. "The students are not only learning a language, they are learning how to learn a language. The fact that they have chosen which languages they want to learn means that they are highly motivated."

The college is currently recruiting voluntary community mentors to support students in French, Spanish, Italian, Mandarin and Russian. Mentors are asked to keep in touch with students by email, attend some lessons, help with assessments and run lunchtime clubs, depending on their availability.

Anyone who is interested should email Tina Rice at Tina.Rice@lvc.org.

Hearing Dogs for Deaf People

Happy 30th Birthday! It is now 30 years since Hearing Dogs was launched as a charity, and it is 29 years since the first hearing dog was placed with a deaf recipient. Today we support over 750 working partnerships around the UK, and as more and more people suffer with various degrees of hearing impairment the work of the charity has become more and more important.

In our 30th anniversary year one of my ambitions for your local Cambridge & District Branch is to try and increase the number of our local volunteers. Ideally I would love to have 30 volunteers to match our 30th anniversary. Volunteering does not have to take up a huge amount of time: if you can spare a couple of hours a month or would be happy to attend some events and help sell merchandise, or run raffles, I would love to hear from you. I would also dearly love to have a database of people who could help out occasionally but who do not want to commit to

regular meetings etc. New committee members would of course be very welcome but I do appreciate that committee work does not appeal to everyone. Perhaps you would like to train as a speaker and go out into the community letting people know about our work? Would you have time to socialise a puppy before it goes on to its specialist sound work training? There are so many ways in which volunteers help the charity, and all of their work is vital to us. We literally could not function without our helpers.

There will be a 30th anniversary 'Strictly Come Walkies' sponsored walk in the grounds of Wimpole Hall, and in conjunction with Milton Country Park we will again be having a fun dog show and many other dog activities and games – more details of both events will be published later in the year, but please mark 16th September as a day out for you and your dog.

If you would like to know more about the work of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People or would like to offer to help, please give me a call or drop me an email – all offers of help will be warmly welcomed.

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Wed 1 West Wrating Over 60s meeting
 Fri 3 First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
 Sat 4 Farmers' Market, Linton Village College
 West Wrating Village Fete and Show
 Police Surgery, Weston Colville Reading Room
 Jazz for Lifeboats, Carlton
 Mon 6 Deadline for oil orders, West Wrating
 Mon 13 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
 'Caring for Residents', West Wrating
 Thur 16 Lunch Club, West Wrating
 Sat 18 West Wickham Gardening Club Show
 Sun 19 Scarecrow Festival, Burrough Green
 Mon 20 Deadline for oil orders, Weston Colville
 Sat 25 Clay Shoot

September 2012

Sat 1 Farmers' Market, LVC
 Sun 2 BiCentenary, J R Withers, Weston Colville
 Wed 5 West Wrating Over 60s meeting
 Fri 7 First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
 Sun 9 Family service, St Mary's, Weston Colville
 Mon 9 West Wrating PC meeting
 Sat 15 Ely Pilgrimage
 Sun 16 Family service, St Andrew's, West Wrating
 Hearing Dogs for Deaf event, Milton
 Thur 20 Lunch Club, West Wrating
 Fri 21 West Wrating Harvest Supper
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Susan Rowland

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