

# Challenge

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

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## *From the Vicarage*

The Church of England has been facing bad publicity. All the clergy and ministers serving this group of churches have had conversations with people who feel angry or disappointed about recent decisions regarding who can become a Bishop. The Church appears to be fragmented, and out of step with society. On the Church of England website, Archbishop Sentamu has written an article about the Church. He quotes an African proverb, 'if the tiny toe is hurt the whole body bends low to tend it.' The Church of England is currently 'bending low' and we wait to see what healing will emerge.

The Lent Talks this year are an attempt to explore some contemporary issues. We are focusing on how the church can meet the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The first talk (at 7.30 pm on 27<sup>th</sup> February at Holy Trinity, Hildersham) is by Adrian Chatfield who is director of the Simeon Centre – for prayer and the Spiritual Life – which is housed at Ridley Hall in Cambridge. There are forms of praying that suit different personalities. Challenges can change the way we pray. This is an opportunity to explore ways to deepen the spiritual life during Lent.

The second talk (7.30pm on 6<sup>th</sup> March at The Black Bull, Balsham) is by John Nicholson, who is a Mental Health Chaplain. He is going to talk about ways that we can be whole in body, mind and spirit. In a recent article he quotes this description of what spirituality is: "It is what is deepest in us – what gives us direction, motivation. It is what enables a person to survive bad times, to be strong, to overcome difficulties, to become themselves." *Spiritual Well-Being: Policy and Practice*, Bradford 2001.

The third talk (7.30 pm on 13<sup>th</sup> March at Hildersham Village Hall) will be given by the Bishop of Ely in the

context of a Café Church simple meal. The meal is free, but you will need to get a ticket for this because we need to know how many to cater for. Bishop Stephen will give us something to nourish our thinking and living as we approach Easter. Tickets from Cathy Myer (892848).

The fourth talk (7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> March at The Black Bull, Balsham) will give Archdeacon John Beer an opportunity to address some of those issues which you have raised with us about the Church and what is being done to bring about necessary change.

These are open to everyone who is interested, and not just those who go to church.

*Rev Julie Norris*

## *St Patrick's Day Ceilidh*

### **16<sup>th</sup> March, West Wrating Village Hall**

The band and caller are booked, and the cook for the supper has been found! So grab those green dancing shoes and book your tickets now for the West Wrating St Patrick's Day Ceilidh, which will be on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, with dancing starting at 7.30 pm and a light supper at about 9 pm. Tickets (from Jeannette, 290706) are £12 for adults, £6 for children aged 12 and under, £30 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 under 12s). Tickets booked before March are £10 and £5 respectively, family ticket the same price. Family tickets must be booked before 11<sup>th</sup> March.

All proceeds will go to St Andrew's Church, where the priority is still the organ if we need to match funds from the wind farm money.

*Jeannette*



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## West Wrattling Progressive Supper

This took place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January and involved 70 people from the village. We met fellow diners over a glass of wine in the village hall to receive our directions for the evening. From there we went in various directions to dine. Twenty seven homes welcomed varied configurations of guests, including many newcomers, for starter, main or dessert courses. Judging by the noise and smiling faces when we all got together in The Chestnut Tree at the end of the evening, a great time was had by all.

This was not a fund raiser but the small profit has been shared equally between our church, village hall and pub.

Thank you everyone for taking part. Please encourage even more to join us next time.

*Sherry O'Donovan*

## Benefice choir

Due to the current bad weather we are suspending choir until 6<sup>th</sup> February, when we will start again, from 8.10 pm at the village hall (after zumba).

New members urgently needed too please!

*Jeanette Job*

## Thank you

A sincere thank you to all at St Andrew's for the lovely scented Christmas gift. Everyone is so kind, even about my playing!

I must also say thank you to Sebastian, who is an unfailing help and comfort, telling me when I've got to the last verse, pushing in and pulling out stops, turning over pages, and even filling my hot water bottle! Thank you.

*Jackie*


## Weston Colville Post Office

Belated wishes for a happy and healthy New Year to you all.

The Christmas raffle raised £228; thank you to all who donated prizes and bought tickets. There was also £95 from the Easter raffle and £54 in the charity box. I will be sending a total of £400 (as Mr Anonymous gave £23) to Leukaemia Research.

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*Chris*



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Also, if you have any other ideas and would be willing to organise the event please let us know. Many thanks.

- 16<sup>th</sup> March St Patrick's Day Ceilidh, Village Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June Music for Midsummer: Concert & Picnic, St Andrew's, West Wrating
- 3<sup>rd</sup> August Village show
- 24<sup>th</sup> August Clayshoot, Six Mile Bottom
- 28<sup>th</sup> September (or 5<sup>th</sup> October) Concert, Holy Trinity Church, Balsham

*Linda Gorman*

### **Sue Ryder Charity Fundraising**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated and supported my garage sale on 12<sup>th</sup> January. I was thrilled to have raised £420 for Sue Ryder, slowly getting closer to my target!

*Rachel Hodge (290815)*

### **West Wrating Lunch Club**

As Peter and Rachel are away from the The Chestnut Tree from 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February and no food is being served at the pub when they are away, the lunch club in February will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Suan Rowland*

### **d'Abo Tennis Club**

Our AGM for existing members will be on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm, at The Old Vicarage, West Wrating. If anybody new would like to join for our next season, please contact me.

*Mark Holme, Mark@thesafebox.co.uk*

### **Sports Pavillion Meeting Invitation**

We have a meeting at the West Wrating Sports Pavilion on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30 pm, and would like as many as possible of the players and public to attend, to discuss matters and give views; all are welcome, and there will be refreshments available to purchase.

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Without all the money that is raised during Poppy fortnight, the life-changing help that the Royal British Legion is able to give to Service families, veterans and ex-Service men and women coming to terms with injuries that have changed their lives, would not be possible. So many people, with the Legion's assistance, are enabled to make a fresh start in spite of adversity. This only happens because of the likes of you all who collected, donated, advertised and counted.

West Wrating raised the sum of £388.57 thanks to The Chestnut Tree and five collectors who went to the far ends of the village in some really horrid weather to collect your donations in exchange for a paper poppy. The static point at Weston Colville Post Office collected £51.49 which is also fantastic. We would not be celebrating an overall increase in the amount collected in our area (which includes West Wrating, West Wickham, Weston Colville, Balsham and the Gog Magog Farm Shop) without the help of forty collectors. The total was £2714.60 (with a small amount of gift aid to be added). Within this total there were sums of £295.00 for wreaths, £740.51 from static collection points and £1679.09 from house-to-house collecting.

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*Margaret Johnson*

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"This is my Christmas from H.... I've wrecked the car."

"And what happened to your eye?"

"Oh, the classic thing: stepped on a rake. AND I've lost my debit card. AND my son's having a tricky op on Boxing Day. AND the Hoover's given up the ghost. AND I can't find anyone who can lend me a copy of 'Ding Dong Merrily on High' which I desperately need. AND I've shut my finger in the car door. C thinks it may be broken."

"Well, she should know! But look, I can lend you some money, and take you wherever you want to go. Put your bike away."

"You're so kind, as always, but I'll press on. I'm enjoying feeling a martyr."

Have similar encounters, and conversations with several folk, as I deliver last-minute Christmas things

around our villages. One friend offered special masking make-up for my eye! Had I accepted all offers, I could have spent Christmas on the Med.

Later, a post-prandial snooze was interrupted by a tap on the window. D was there with his daughter, his beautiful car parked on the drive. They'd come to look at my car, on Christmas Eve, in foul weather. How very kind was that? And the verdict: no problem. It was caused by its having been driven through our flooded roads.

Then, two phone calls: son's op postponed for 24 hours, and a less invasive procedure now planned; also offers of copies of 'Ding Dong Merrily'.

Then 8.30 pm, dark, and weather still appalling. C arrived. "Let me see that finger ... Oh, dear." We walked to the gate together. "Happy Christmas!"

Do you know, it started as my Christmas from H..., but it turned out to be my best ever. You'll never guess who's given me a bottle of whisky!

Locking up, last thing, I picked up a small packet from behind the front door. A small phial of masking make-up.

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It has also been reported that dog mess has been left throughout the village on the pathways.

This can cause blindness, and the thought of anyone not taking responsibility for their own dog's mess is irresponsible and disgusting.

By law there can be a fine of £1000 if anyone is caught and reported, and we now have people keeping an eye out to catch these people.

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*Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary*

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*Allen Scott*

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*Richard Holness*

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In addition, with the winter months fast approaching, be prepared. Where possible, keep spare batteries for a torch and radio, have some long-life food in the cupboard that can be simply prepared, maybe without electricity, and look in on your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or live alone.

*Bridget Durham*



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All forms must be returned in the pre-paid envelope provided by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

If you need another form contact Mark Deas (01353 865035) or the Parish Clerk, Jill Smyth, at [wcpc@mail.com](mailto:wcpc@mail.com) (290213).

*Apologies for putting the wrong day for January's first collection of black bins; I hope nobody was inconvenienced, and thanks to the one person who spotted it and told me about it.*

*Anne*

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### **Christmas Charity Quiz**

Congratulations to the winners 'Lame', otherwise known as Les, Angela, Marilyn and Ed. As well as winning a bottle of wine each, they also won £75 which they chose to donate to Macmillan Nurses. Well done and also a big thank you to everyone who came along to what was an entertaining evening. As it was so popular we will be hosting another quiz in the spring.

### **Food 19<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> February**

With Christmas behind us and spring just around the corner, now is the time we publicans like to take a

holiday. Therefore, please note that we will not be serving food from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February inclusive. This will not affect the bar and the pub will be open, as usual, whilst we are away.

Best wishes,

*Peter and Rachel*

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## Weston Colville Parish Council

The January meeting covered the following:

**County and District** – District Cllr Richard Barrett reported that Council Tax is likely to stay at the same level.

The Horseshoe Lane garages will be looked at shortly to see which are in use, with a view to exploring the site as a potential one for affordable housing.

County Cllr John Batchelor reported that a meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup> will make decisions about what will happen with the No 19 bus service, currently being run as a mini-bus service by CCC.

Some complaints had been received about the state of the road at Church End below the church due to debris left by recent flooding. Cleaning of the road by CCC will be investigated. Cllr Richard Cobbald reported that he will be creating a new ditch to assist drainage on the road.

**Flooding and stream maintenance** – the County Council has taken over some flooding responsibilities from the Environment Agency, and a new role of Flood Risk Management Officer has been created.



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for information on:

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Parish History	Local Sports	Village Hall Events
Church News	Parish Matters	Village Calendar

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

The officer has been notified of all Weston Colville's flooding 'hotspots' and will come and see them.


Flooding issues on Common Road have been assisted by locals who have cleaned the culverts (thanks go to Andrew and Gordon). The new footbridge at Horseshoe Lane has also helped; the level of the bridge has been raised, reducing debris build-up and assisting water flow.

**Rights of Way** – the crumbling base of the footbridge leading on to the footpath that goes up the track past Lakeside had been replaced and the bridge resurfaced. The permissive footpath/bridle way from Horseshoe Lane to the Conifers has been cut and is passable by riders.

Dog fouling continues on the footpath next to the chapel on Chapel Road. The council will provide a new bin at the entrance to the path.

**Village Pond** – the pond had not been cleaned by the contractor within the 6 week time limit and it will be October before cleaning is possible again. Silt and rotting branches are building up. SCDC officers had reported Crassula in the pond but Cllr Allen Scott had been unable to find any. He will investigate further when the weather is warmer.

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**Emergency Plan** – Cllr Bridget Durham completed an EP as requested by South Cambs District Council. Two volunteers with 4 wheel drive vehicles and one with a chainsaw had come forward. The key location/ rest centre in an emergency will be the Reading Room. Drawing up a list of vulnerable people in the village was problematic due to Data Protection issues but would be explored and, in the meantime, villagers were encouraged to be good neighbours.

**Safety Audit** – an audit of village infrastructure owned by the PC was carried out. Issues being addressed are rust on the struts of the village sign, benches requiring cleaning, and vegetation encroaching on the fenced play area.

**Planning Applications** – an application for a carport, new shed and studio at 65 Common Road was supported.

**Finances** – the budget was approved. The Parish Precept for 2013/14 will be kept at the same level of £8394.

**Grants** – there are still grants available from SCDC for suitable projects but they are under review. Cllr John Garrod will investigate to see if Weston Colville

has any suitable projects for which a grant application might be made.

**Meetings in 2013** – dates for the Parish Council meetings in 2013 are: March 4<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

**Thank you Christine** – the Parish Council thanked Christine King for her many years of dedicated service as Parish Clerk and wished her a happy retirement. The new Clerk is Jill Smyth, contact [wcpc@mail.com](mailto:wcpc@mail.com); 290213.

### *Does Anyone Fancy a Spanish Break?*

My mother is 71 and very able. She is living for a while in her villa in Spain, between Calpe and Moria, and would be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to go to stay with her from time to time, or for a holiday. The only costs would be your flights and share of food bills. This would appeal to anyone (or a couple) who paints, gardens or walks, or likes sightseeing. For more details, ring me.

*Jeanette Job (290706)*

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## Book Club

Spoilt by Susan's choc chip and pumpkin cake, we met to chew over 'Skipping Christmas' by John Grisham: a hilarious book, and one best read before Christmas. It has some priceless lines, and scenes including Frosty the Snowman and his fan mail! It hits so many things we can all relate to. The ending was a bit twee, but we could relate to it, it was a great contrast with family and Thanksgiving. We scored it as 51 out of 60, and we would all recommend it!

We next meet on 18<sup>th</sup> February to review 'Pale Fire' by Vladimir Nabokov, and then on 14<sup>th</sup> March to review Tolkien's 'The Hobbit'.

For poetry, this time we covered 'Winter', and here is an extract from 'Winter Time' by R L Stevenson.

February's poetry theme is 'Valentines', and March's is 'Spring and Daffodils'.

### Winter Time

*Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,  
A blood-red orange, sets again.*

Jeanette (290706)



**Weston Colville Cricket  
Club – Indoor Nets**



Indoor winter net practice for Weston Colville senior players will commence on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February, from 7.20 to 8.20 pm at the Leys School, Cambridge. They will then take place on every Tuesday evening at the same time until 9<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a small charge of £3 per person per session to cover the cost of hiring the nets.

All current members are encouraged to come along and get in trim for the new season, and new members/guests will be particularly welcome to join us.

The season starts with a home game against Khalsa for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI on 20<sup>th</sup> April, followed by an away game at Saffron Walden on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Full details can be found on [www.westoncolvillecc.co.uk](http://www.westoncolvillecc.co.uk)

The winner of the anagram competition was Sophie Wilcock. See March's Challenge for the answers. The event raised £66, and the December Quiz Night made £92.50.

For more information about Weston Colville Cricket Club, please visit our website at [westoncolvillecc.co.uk](http://www.westoncolvillecc.co.uk)

John Garrod

## West Wickham and District Gardening Club

The Gardening Club held their Christmas meeting on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. It was very well attended, I'm sure not just for the wine and food on offer, but to sit back and enjoy a series of illustrated talks on various gardens at home and abroad that 4 of our members have visited recently. These were: the Patio Gardens of Cordoba in Spain; autumn colours at Sheffield Park, East Sussex; Ninfa in Italy, and Cotswolds gardens. A raffle for £40 worth of gardening vouchers was drawn.

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January we had a talk on 'Water Lilies at Latour – Marliac and Monet', given by the renowned broadcaster and author Caroline Holmes. This was a most entertaining and informative evening. The Lily Nursery, south of Bergerac in France, supplied Monet with all his water lilies and is still a wonderful place to visit.

Rosemary Yallop (01799 584262)



### *1<sup>st</sup> Horseheath Brownies*

Brownies have just started again, and we welcomed Morgan, Eowyn and Olivia to the pack. Morgan and Eowyn were previously Rainbows but Olivia is new to guiding and her Mum made the enquiry through our new dedicated Join Us site [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested), for all new enquiries from both girls and volunteers.

In December the Brownies gave their best performances yet at the Over 60s Luncheon. The number of "congratulations" "what a lovely bunch of Brownies", and "they are so talented" I've had is tremendous. I knew they were talented but I didn't know how talented.

We are busy getting ready for our annual Pack Holiday at the Jarman Centre towards the end of March. We will hopefully have better weather than last year and be able to have a picnic outside for lunch when the Rainbows visit. We will also be attending the District Thinking Day celebrations, being held at Castle Camps Village Hall, in February, as well as doing crafts and activities for the Chinese New Year of the Snake. Which year were you born under? I'm monkey but I guess you knew that anyway!

As mentioned above, if you would like to put your daughter on our waiting list you will need to register at [www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested) but if you would like more information on what we do then please drop me an email.

*Pauline, aka Barney [brownies@horseheath.info](mailto:brownies@horseheath.info)*

### *Derbyshire Post*

The lovely new buildings at LVC, funded by the Local Authority, are great to work in and have transformed the life of the school, but they do have one distinct disadvantage: they make us look rather posh and well-off and sometimes the community assumes that because the school is now shiny and new that it isn't as strapped for cash as it used to be. I can assure you that it is, but that we are coping. We manage the finances at the College very carefully indeed and the funding that we receive barely covers the costs of staff and resources (Cambridgeshire is allocated the lowest funding per pupil of any of the 151 local authorities in the country). When we converted to Academy Status, two years ago, the

small amount of additional funding that we gained enabled us to employ an extra maths teacher so that we could reduce the large GCSE maths class sizes, but that was pretty much all. At the same time we were trying to manage a £70K hidden 'cut' to the funding all Cambridgeshire schools received for building maintenance and ICT facilities. We had a brand new building and no money to equip it with. Fortunately the kindness and generosity of our local community of businesses and parents meant that we managed. Second-hand furniture and computers were donated, companies gave money for books and the LVC Friends raised funding to equip the student common rooms with new furniture by organising a sponsored walk, quiz and Burns night. The work of the Friends has been brilliant in the past couple of years. We couldn't have managed without them!

However, the hidden cuts continue in education: the new funding formula for Special Educational Needs will leave us short of what we had in 2012, and South Cambridgeshire District Council is proposing to withdraw funding for its Arts Development Managers and the Village Colleges will be expected to pick up the full salary costs. We will be as resourceful as ever and work hard to manage these cuts ... but next time you drive past what looks like a very glossy exterior, remember that, in the words of the Bard, "All that glitters is not gold".

*Caroline Derbyshire*

### *Spring Walk at The Bury, Thriplow*

**Friday 1st March, 10.00 - 12.30**

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All proceeds will go to Blue Smile who provide skilled emotional support in local schools for children aged 3-13, unlocking potential and transforming lives. Admission £4 including coffee and cakes.



## St Mary's Church, Weston Colville

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Contact Rosemary Westley (290277)

## St Andrew's Church, West Wrating

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Contact Sebastian Bain (882960)

Every Thursday there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 am in Balsham Church.

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## Roman Catholic Mass

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Every Saturday at 6.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am, Haverhill (St Felix Roman Catholic Church)

## DIARY

### February 2013

Fri 1	First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
Sat 2	Farmers' Market, LVC
Tues 5	Indoor nets, Weston Colville Cricket Club
Wed 6	Benefice choir practice begins
Fri 8	Deadline for return of housing needs forms
Sun 10	Family service, St Andrew's, West Wrating
Sat 16	Banger Bonanza, The Chestnut Tree
Sun 17	Family service, St Mary's, Weston Colville
Mon 18	West Wrating Book Club
Thurs 21	West Wrating Sports Pavilion meeting
Fri 22	Quiz Night, Balsham Church Institute
Wed 27	Blue Smile Nearly New Sale Lent talk, Holy Trinity, Hildersham
Thur 28	West Wrating Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree

### March 2013

Fri 1	Spring Walk, Thriplow
	First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
	Quiz Night, West Wickham Village Hall
Sat 2	Farmers' Market, LVC
	Granta Deanery Spring Fair
Mon 4	Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
Wed 6	Lent talk, The Black Bull, Balsham
Wed 13	Lent talk, Hildersham Village Hall
Thurs 14	West Wrating Book Club
Sat 16	St Patrick's Day Ceilidh, West Wrating
Wed 20	Lent talk, The Black Bull, Balsham
Thur 21	West Wrating Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Sun 31	Closing date for Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust

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Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Linda	Jenny
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup>	(Lent)	Pauline
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	(Lent)	Jenny

St Mary's:	Flowers	Cleaning
February	Ruth	Lesley
March	Gay	Jill

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**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.**