

# Challenge

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

Twenty-four people came to a meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August to explore the prospect of having a Parish Nurse. At the meeting it was noted that there are people who are struggling in our villages and whose needs are not met by statutory service providers. Good neighbours and priests and lay people from the churches work to try to help, but find that needs are increasing. There are communications links that are missing to support the work of caring agencies in the community. There is sometimes a need for an advocate to work with individuals when they need to access help. It is not just the elderly but across all ages. Young and old people who are ill or incapacitated can experience isolation. Mental health issues can affect all ages, sometimes made worse by economic stress. The GPs at the meeting talked about the potential benefit of having someone who could form a strategic link between the community and healthcare providers.

The vision for the Parish Nurse is that he or she would work with vulnerable people of all ages, including young families and those with mental health problems, often as the first point of contact, and then referring on to other schemes and health professionals.

At the end of the meeting it was agreed to develop this further by setting up a group to work out a more detailed job description and costings, and to look at how to raise the funds needed. It was also understood that the role of the Parish Nurse should be structured so that it meets new needs and does not replicate the valuable work of the Warden Scheme in West Wickham, West Wrating, Balsham and elsewhere or, for example, the Forget-Me-Not Scheme in the Abingtons and Hildersham..

If you can make a contribution to this vision, or offer advice as we begin this venture, please contact me.

Please come to enjoy the Anniversary of J R Withers from 2 pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> September at St Mary's, Weston Colville, which will end with Evensong at 5 pm.

On 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm we are invited to come and see what Ely Cathedral is like when everyone else has gone home. If you are interested sign up at the back of the churches.

Local musicians, both young and old, are being sought to play for a 'Festival of Light Service' on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 4 pm. This service is being planned for (and by) children and young people across all seven churches. We need people of all abilities to be part of the music group. Keith Day of Hildersham and Steve Jordan of Balsham, will be coordinating the music, so if you are interested in participating, please contact:

*stevejordan.balshamvillage@hotmail.co.uk*

*Revd Julie Norris (891350)*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service on September 30<sup>th</sup> will be at Hildersham Church at 10.45 am.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

### **Children's Harvest Workshop**

Come and learn how to make bread and all about our local wheat..

Make some harvest loaves for the service on Sunday.  
Children to be accompanied by an adult.

(Venue and time to be confirmed)

Please let Jane Wheeler know if you are interested in coming (290643 or *jane@janepryor.co.uk*)

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September

### **Harvest and Pet Service**

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### West Wrattling Fundraising Concert

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We hope to hold this concert next year in West Wrattling, once we get the organ repaired, so please help us by supporting this year's concert in Balsham Church. We will be selling advance raffle tickets.

The choir will sing with the Barnardston Hall Prep School choir, with soloists from West Wrattling and Brinkley.

### The Seven Churches

From September the mid week service will be on **Thursdays at 10.00 am at Balsham Church.**

### Pancakes

Thank you to PK and his family and friends for the Pancake Evening in the Reading Room, Weston Colville, on July 25<sup>th</sup> – it was a good get-together for the village, and everyone enjoyed themselves. The pancakes were delicious and plentiful, as was the tea and coffee.

A good evening was had by all, and we hope that it will happen again.

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Do come along and join in this sociable event.

*West Wrattling Harvest Supper*

The date for this year's Harvest Supper is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

The format will be the same as in previous years – a simple supper of ham & cheese ploughman's, followed by home made apple pies/crumbles. There will be a raffle and a produce auction, and any contributions for either or both of these will be most welcome.

Tickets @ £8 for adults and £4 for children, from me.

*Sisse McCall (290036)*

*West Wrattling Over 60s Club*

Our September meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 pm, and will include a bring 'n' buy and raffle.

Many thanks to Ann for hosting a most enjoyable garden meeting last month, and to Jo, Janet, Beryl and Ann for the delicious afternoon tea.

We were saddened to hear of Brenda Gethin's recent passing. During the 1990s Brenda (along with Millie) raised over £1,000 for various local charities and the Club with her annual coffee mornings. Our thoughts are with Mark, Janet and family at this time.

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

*Wendy Halls*

*Help with Baking?*

The Community Warden Scheme (Age UK) is organising singing by The Meadow School choir, with tea and quiz at West Wrattling Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> October. Can you help and bake something for this event? Please let me know if you are happy to help. Many thanks.

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### Programme

- 2.00 pm Talk by Mike Petty MBE on  
J R Withers
- 2.40 pm Break
- 3.00 pm Talk by Dr Ronald Blythe FRSL,  
DLitt on John Clare
- 4.00 pm Tea
- 5.00 pm 1662 Evensong with Readings from  
the poems of J R Withers

### *The Weston Colville Archive*

Started in the year 2000, this archive deals with the history of our village and has been collected together by Professor Roger Whitehead and Tim Cockerill. We have funded the archive and the annual exhibitions at the Flower Festivals and it belongs to us, but we regard ourselves as trustees of it for the benefit of Weston Colville. It is separate from the Parish Council, the Church and the Friends of St Mary's and we operate it independently, but it is open to anyone interested, by contacting me.

I have, amongst other things, a bound copy of the Parish Register 1599-1950, the Census Returns for 1841, 1891 and 1911, details of all the gravestones in the churchyard and of the monuments and heraldry in the Church, plans, photographs, maps and much more. We have also lodged a substantial deposit at the Cambridgeshire Collection at the Public Library in Lion Yard, Cambridge, for anyone interested to consult.

If you want to have a look at any of these things please contact me; perhaps also you have something to add?

*Tim Cockerill (290439; [tjcockerill@btinternet.com](mailto:tjcockerill@btinternet.com))*

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**West Wrattling Show Results**

We had a great day, with a record attendance of over 200 people. Our first pet show included a miniature horse and a tortoise.

Best in Show for the dog show was Lyn and Ian Davidson's deer hound, Murphy.

Best in Show for the pet show: jointly, the guinea pig and parrot owned by Sue Eague, and Sarah Finlinson with the winning chicken. Sarah was also joint winner with her pony.

The overall winner of the West Wrattling Annual Cup for the produce and flower show was Sherry O'Donovan. The individual categories were won by: Suzanne Langford (flowers and pot plants); Sherry O'Donovan (fruit and vegetables); 'number 40' (floral art) – we are not sure who that was, so if anyone knows, please claim your prize!; Jeanette Job (cooking); Linda Gorman (crafts, with Peter Woodward tying with Katie Smith as close seconds worth mentioning); Eleanor Macmillan (under 5 years); George Jobe (6 - 10 years); Chris Jobe (11 - 16 years); and the Salter Family from West Wickham (quiz).

We had very generous support from The Chestnut Tree pub, who ran the bar, and also sponsored the

BBQ. We had a huge amount of help on the day from a lot of people too numerous to start listing, but we are very grateful nonetheless.

There seems to be a general view that it would be fun to do it again next year, so we hope to do so, with more help in the preparation, so volunteers please, even if it is for simply selling advance raffle tickets.

Dick and Christine White have agreed to judge the pets and dogs again, and will very generously provide rosettes for the first three places in each of the pet and dog categories.

We will keep to similar classes as for this year, so if anyone wants a copy of this year's show categories to help plan for next year, let me know. We will also increase the prizes for children next year.

Oh, and thanks to everyone helping out to keep our costs down, we have raised £1,700 clear profit for the church restoration, which is FABULOUS! WELL DONE EVERYONE! We hope we can get the organ repaired this year, with the money we also hope to raise from the concert on 6<sup>th</sup> October in Balsham.

Let us have any more feedback, please, so we can make next year's show the best ever!

*The Show Committee*

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### Parish Paths Partnership, West Wrattling

It is still uncertain whether we will get another cut from the Council this year, but it is becoming increasingly likely that, over the long term, if we want to keep the paths in reasonable condition we will have to do more ourselves.

If anyone would like to help, I would be very grateful to hear from them – either using their own sit-on

mower or trimmer or using the trimmer owned by the Parish Council. Petrol, trimmer wire, ear muffs and eye protectors will be provided. The work would take about two hours, a maximum of three times a year depending on the weather and the number of volunteers, and perhaps the odd meeting in the pub to discuss progress and maybe have a couple of beers.

*Dog Mess* – since there is more trimming, please either have your dogs do their stuff off the paths, or pick it up and take it home. I have over the years learnt to trim with my mouth firmly closed, but on almost every outing I and my fellow trimmers have had to change our clothes. This is, frankly, unacceptable and also extremely annoying to other walkers. There will come a point when the paths volunteers have had enough – so please be thoughtful and think about others.

Colin McCall (290036)

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Jeanette Job



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John comes from Sutton Coldfield and studied piano and conducting in Colchester and London. He has conducted choirs in various parts of the UK, performing works by Mozart, Britten, Faure, Handel and Rutter. He has also accompanied right across the country, including for various musical theatre shows.

He spent 20 years teaching music but is now a freelance accompanist, pianist, and teacher of piano, singing and theory. He is currently Director of Music at St James Church, Cambridge, and conducts various choirs in Cambridge.

John loves conducting all types of music and his aim is to make singing in a group a very enjoyable experience.

We are very lucky to have him, and are eagerly awaiting rehearsals which begin on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone wishing to join us please contact Jean Mannion on 01223 893595.

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Please come and support us.

*Gill and Ann*

### *Secretarial Vacancy*

For the last ten years I have been Secretary to the West Wrating Village Hall Committee. It enables me to contribute something to the village without a vast commitment. It's enjoyable work which mainly involves taking and emailing minutes of the short meetings (usually a maximum of an hour) which are held every two months. It also involves other minor administrative work which takes up probably less than 10 hours per year. If you'd like to consider taking this over, please contact me, Lesley Woodward (290627), or speak to Sisse McCall on 290036.

### *Help to Bring Better Broadband to your Area*

Access to the internet is becoming part of everyday life – whether you use it for working from home, keeping in touch, job hunting, online shopping, paying bills, downloading entertainment, or interactive learning. But many people are frustrated by low speeds and poor connections, particularly in more rural parts of the county.

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We need **all** our residents and businesses to show suppliers where there is demand for better broadband to attract substantial investment, which will help us to fill in the gaps. Although over 12,000 households across the county have already registered, this is still only 3.5% of the total premises that *could* register. It's therefore important that we continue to highlight this campaign so that more people are encouraged to

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**High Speed Broadband**

At present only 13% of the subscribers have demonstrated an interest in bringing High Speed Broadband to our exchange and thus our villages. The more of us that register, the sooner we will have fibre optic connections available to us from our local West Wrating exchange.

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The Parish Council meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> August covered the following items:

**Stream maintenance** – the possible replacement of the bridge beside the ford at Horseshoe Lane has been discussed with the county bridge engineer. Some silt clearance is thought necessary and the landowner will be contacted.

**Village pond** – the village pond has been inspected by the SCDC Ecology Officer and some traces of *Crassula* remain. AS has made a visit to the pond but was only able to find one plant. The clearing of silt from the centre is proposed for September, which it is hoped will raise the water level. The proposal was voted on and carried.

**Street lighting** – Weston Colville has SCDC lamp standards so is not currently subject to the changes taking place in the county. There is to be a consultation after which Weston Colville may have the same rules applied.

**ROSPA report** – there were no problems reported at the Weston Green Recreation Ground play area. The slide in Church End needs some anchorage and this will be done shortly.



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**District Councillor's report** – Weston Colville is not affected by the new SCDC Local Plan which limits development to within the existing village envelope. There will be an exhibition of the local plan at Linton Village College on 15<sup>th</sup> September.

**Emergency planning** – after a talk by Lawrence Green of SCDC describing the production of a local emergency plan, it was agreed that Bridget Durham would undertake a risk assessment and produce a plan for Weston Colville. It will be sent to Mr Green once it has been agreed by the council at the November meeting.

**Planning Applications** – the following applications have been approved:

S/1174/12/LB                      Mr R Henderson  
Single storey side extension and internal alterations, Green Cottage, 58 The Green

S/0861/12/LB                      Mr & Mrs R Mills  
Single storey rear extension, external and internal alterations, Three Horseshoes Farm, Horseshoe Lane.

**Financial matters** – the current balance is £5368. Credits were received from the village event fund and a contribution from R Southall to the cost of the plaque. Cheques totalling £706 were approved and signed.

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**Plans**

a) *Local Plan consultation* – RV spoke about the new Local Plan and his suggested response to the consultation was approved by the council.

b) *Neighbourhood Plan* – RV reported that ACRE will, if asked do a free survey of the village. West Wrating are considering this and are having a talk by ACRE at their next meeting. He thought there might be a case for a combined survey for both Weston Colville and West Wrating. He thought that we should do a neighbourhood plan, having asked the village for its views. CK has offered to work on this. This proposal was supported by the councillors.

**Cricket Club grant** – John Garrod, the Secretary of the Cricket Club, has made an application to SCDC for a capital grant supporting the club's Inspired Facilities Changing Room Project. SCDC need support for the application from the Parish Council. After discussion and a vote it was agreed that the council would contribute £500.

**Speed limits** – the Council's application for a minor improvements grant has been successful. Work will not commence until the final cost to the council has been established and agreed.

**New Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure** – a new code of conduct which has been adopted by SCDC was formally adopted by the council.

**War Memorial** – it was agreed that an application be made by the Council, as trustees, for a grant from the Wind Farm fund to renew the lettering.

**New Councillor** – after a ballot, John Garrod was co-opted as a Parish Councillor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> October. Full minutes are available on the parish notice boards.

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*Weston Colville  
Cricket Club*



*Report for July/  
August*

After a spate of rain-affected and abandoned matches in July, Weston Colville 1<sup>st</sup> XI have now consolidated their position in Division 2 of the Tucker League and now lie 6<sup>th</sup> in the table on 203 points with 4 matches to play.

In a close game at home to Hardwick & Caldecote on 28<sup>th</sup> July, Weston lost by 1 wicket. Making a decent total of 186 for 8 (Adam Taylor 61, Alex Meddle 51), Weston just failed to bowl out the visitors, whose last pair saw them home on 187 for 9 (Trevor Westley 3 for 62, Matt Daniels 3 for 31). The match away to Newborough on 4<sup>th</sup> August was abandoned after a heavy rain storm, but at home to high placed Waresley on 11<sup>th</sup> August, they recorded a welcome victory and collected 20 points. Waresley batted first and were restricted to 160 all out thanks to some tight bowling, with Matt Daniels picking up 3 for 41 and Dennis Willis with a late flurry of 3 for 3. Weston made a solid start in reply, thanks mainly to a sound 51 from Trevor Westley, but wickets began to tumble before

Chris Scott (26 n.o) and Will Tooke (18 n.o) saw Weston home at 161 for 7.

Against bottom of the table Babraham at home on 18<sup>th</sup> July, Weston could only manage a draw, but on a good batting wicket. They batted first and set a challenging total of 256 for 6, several players making runs (Trevor Westley 53, Peter Bragg 34, Ade Westley 29, Chris Scott 50 n.o and Andy Brightmore 27 n.o). Some Babraham wickets fell early on but two of the visitors' batsmen took advantage of the friendly wicket and batted through to 203 for 7, well short of the target though.

The second team have continued to struggle in Division 5 of the Junior League but the matches have given much needed practice and experience to our younger players starting out in senior cricket. The team did not perform up to expectations, particularly in batting, away to Bottisham and Lode on 21<sup>st</sup> July and NCI V on 28<sup>th</sup> July, nor at home to Saffron Walden V on 4<sup>th</sup> August. The seconds did, however, chalk up a notable victory by 5 wkts on 11<sup>th</sup> August away to Newport. All of the younger players – Ed Coppen, Euan Mayfield, Jonny Durham, Josh Schiller – played key roles, with some of the older contingent also playing their part (Paul Mayfield 51, Nick Gorman 26, Sam Till 22 and Craig Williams 31.)

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The mid-week side has suffered from cancelled matches, injuries and unavailability of players due to holidays. A number of fixtures were not completed in an extended season virtually washed out by rain. We look forward to more success in Division 2 next season.

Please note our Vice-Presidents invitation match at the ground on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Some local star players will be on view and there will be a raffle and refreshments available – do join us for an entertaining afternoon.

### Fixtures for September

	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
1 <sup>st</sup>	NCI (A)	NCI V (H)
3 <sup>th</sup>	Granta II (H)	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Fordham (H)	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Vice-President's match (H)	

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

*John Garrod*

### Congratulations!

The Chairman of Weston Colville Cricket Club, Steve Potter, has been selected as the county winner in the 'Behind the Scenes' category of the Cambridgeshire NatWest Outstanding Service to Cricket Award (OSCA). As winner of this category, he has also been nominated for the National OSCAs, and has been invited to the presentation event at Lord's Cricket Ground.

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### From The Meadow School Governors

The Meadow Governors aim to promote continued school improvement by supporting and challenging the school, providing strategic direction and engaging with children, staff and parents openly and honestly.

The Meadow School is very much a community school, and as well as the regular updates on general school activities that appear in the village newsletters, the governors would like to outline some of the priorities with which the governing body has been involved over the past year.

One of our main areas of activity is assisting senior staff in monitoring the school's Raising Attainment Plan (RAP), a document that identifies priority areas within the school for particular attention. Governors this year have assisted with assessing data on achievements in maths, improving the system for management of Teaching Assistants, and assessing the impact of a new Behaviour Policy.

The school is due for a full OFSTED inspection, and governors have been helping the senior staff to fully understand the new inspection framework that came into force in January, and to ensure all the documentation that OFSTED may require is up-to-date.

Another major role of governors is to assist with setting and managing the school budget. This has become increasingly challenging in the past two years amidst the tighter funding provided to schools, especially a much smaller Capital Fund (for the fabric of the school and its ICT equipment). A programme of essential repairs to the school roof scheduled to take place over the next five years, together with replacing and updating the school's computer equipment, will use a high proportion of the Capital Fund over the next few years. We are extremely grateful to the Parent Teacher's Association (PTA), which has assisted with some ICT purchases, and we have established a Working Group involving parents, staff and governors to explore other ways to support the renewal of the school's ICT equipment.

Governors also have a role in strategic planning and have been involved this year in the unavoidable decision to reduce the number of classes in the school from ten to nine in September. Historically, the school expanded in the mid-1990s following new housing in the catchment area, but families have stayed as their children have grown up and the number of primary-aged children has dropped again.

Optimising communication between all elements of the school community has been another area of focus

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#### *Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept: Alzheimer Society,*

10 am - 12 noon, information and drop-in session.

#### *Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept: Crossroads Care*

**Cambridgeshire**, 10 am - 12 noon, information and drop-in session for carers.

*13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> Oct: Saturday morning flu clinics* (provisional dates). We will start taking bookings from mid September. Immunisation is recommended for those with:

- Diabetes
- Heart Disease
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Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age (CCA) returns to Cambridgeshire in October with another packed programme of events. For the past eight years, prompted by the UN's International Day of Older People on the 1<sup>st</sup> October, CCA has celebrated age by pulling together a programme of events in and around October for our enjoyment. Locally, there will be a fun afternoon at West Wrattling Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> October (singing by The Meadow School choir, quiz and tea).

A wide range of events are occurring in Cambridge:

- A free Forever Active event at the Grafton Centre (10 am-3 pm) on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October, will offer taster exercise sessions, health checks and vouchers for classes
- Free walks in and around Cambridge at different times, including a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum, and a guided walk at the Botanical Gardens.
- Many events are occurring related to Open Cambridge weekend, 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept ([www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge](http://www.cam.ac.uk/opencambridge)), and the Festival of Ideas, 24<sup>th</sup> October - 4<sup>th</sup> November ([www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas](http://www.cam.ac.uk/festivalofideas)). In particular, there will be many opportunities to explore the arts, humanities and social sciences on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October (tel: 01223 766766).

We hope that even if you do not go to the events, you might use the programme to see what is happening elsewhere, and maybe we can copy them and improve what we have locally. Or, if you are going to an event, maybe you can take a friend or go as a group.

If you would like a Cambridgeshire Celebrates Age 2012 special events programme, please get in touch with me.

Later in the year, local listings will be published, detailing what's happening all over Cambridgeshire for older people, all through the year. If you would like to publicise your ongoing activities in the programme later on in the year, let me know.

*Suan Rowland, [suanrowland@btinternet.com](mailto:suanrowland@btinternet.com)*

### Derbyshire Post (News from LVC)

How much can bad weather during the summer have an impact on the Village College? Well, the answer is, quite a bit, actually.

We 'got away with it' on some occasions: the June summer soiree remained a pleasant, dry night and we all enjoyed a very high quality concert. Director of Music Chris Charlesworth has put considerable effort into swelling the ranks of the College choir this year and the result is an impressive wall of harmony.

However, not all events have gone quite as well to plan: the Duke of Edinburgh expedition to Derbyshire was a disappointing washout, with that area of the country experiencing a bout of serious flooding. We had to cancel and reschedule for the autumn. The Year 11 ball carried on under quite challenging circumstances. The first arrivals made their dramatic entrances in a downpour which meant that the colourful umbrellas matched the number of colourful ball gowns. Linton Jazz, whose music accompanied the arrivals, had to pack away their instruments for fear of blowing up their amplifiers. Fortunately, the rain did not last long and had stopped altogether for the group photograph (it amazes me each year that no two dresses are ever the same) and the opening of the marquee. They still had a very enjoyable night. Enrichment week, deep learning days and sports day have all required a carefully constructed 'wet weather plan' this year. We just haven't been able to trust the weather reports.

Still, by the time you read this, we will be heading back to school with the summer behind us. Probably, in the glorious September sunshine.

*Caroline Derbyshire*



**Linton and District WEA Group**

The WEA is the largest provider of Adult Education in the country and we proud ourselves on our inclusivity and quality of instruction.

Linton heritage groups have not had the best of starts to the autumn series of talks and lectures. The planned tutor for Linton and District WEA Group has sadly had a heart attack and will no longer be able to take us for this course, so as a simple contingency plan we will have the Spring 2013 course in the Autumn of 2012.

Therefore, Honor Ridout, Chairman of the Cambridge Association for Local History and a Cambridge Blue Badge Guide, will inform us all about the history of Cambridge and its Colleges.

The course will start on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am and will cost £45. We are due to have ten weeks, but as this would take us very close to Christmas we will only do nine weeks, with additional time balanced between the other weeks. As always we will have a course visit, which won't be limited to the Cambridge area, but may take us farther afield.

The course is described as '**An introduction to the History of the University and its Colleges – Buildings and People**'.

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### *Linton and District Historical Society*

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the first meeting and AGM of the Linton and District Historical Society will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October in Linton Village Hall, and not on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September as expected. All are very welcome.

September 2012, however, is a very important month in the history of the local villages that have the glacial esker ridge run along the north side of the Granta Valley. It represents the centenary of the start of the pre-Great War – War Games between the Red and Blue armies that were fought on these ridges, a wide range of dignitaries came to watch, including the King and the Kaiser, and the results of the exercise changed the way warfare was conducted forever.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Field Troop of the Royal Engineers arrived at Linton on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 1912 to prepare camps for the Cavalry Brigades.

The local paper, dated 6<sup>th</sup> September 1912, described 'During the past few days a large Canvas Town has sprung up on the outskirts of Linton. The 16<sup>th</sup> Lancers, 18<sup>th</sup> Hussars, 4<sup>th</sup> Dragoon Guards, a Veterinary Hospital, 2 batteries of the Royal Horse Artillery, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Troop of Royal Engineers, and the Signal Troop of the Army Service Corps, all took up their quarters in the camp'. These huge tented cities sprang up in the fields in many villages.



*Tented village at Linton*

The scenario was that the forces of an imaginary country (Red) had crossed the frontier dividing Red from Britain (Blue) between Wells-next-the-Sea and Hunstanton. The Red army was commanded by Lt General Sir Douglas Haig, with Major-General Edmund Allenby in charge of the cavalry divisions, the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division with Major-General Lomax, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division with Major-General

Lawson, so big players from the actual Great War. The Red forces were supposed to push south as quickly as possible.

The Blue army was commanded by Sir James Grierson, with the Cavalry under Colonel Charles Briggs, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division under Major-General Henry Rawlinson and the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division under Major-General Snow. Sir James Grierson ordered a general mobilisation with the prime goal of stopping Red forces entering London. Time was of the essence for both sides.

The mock conflict took place between 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September; to find out more you will need to come to our opening meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October, and read the story here as it unfolded over the months leading up to Christmas 2012.

### *Heating Oil and Gas – Getting the Right Measure*

At the time of writing we're having a mini heatwave, so you might not thank me for tuning your thoughts to the winter months! But sometimes time flies far more quickly than we like, and in our British climate who knows how early a cold snap will arrive. Some of you may therefore be considering buying in your fuel for those cold months.

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- when the ticket is inserted, make sure the meter shows 'zero';
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If you have concerns or issues with any products that you have purchased, you can contact our partner, Citizens Advice Consumer Service, on 08454 040506 for advice. For business advice and support contact 0345 0455206.

### ***Fun Dog Show and Dog Decathlon***

Is your dog the best biscuit catcher, do you have the best six legs, or maybe you have the cutest puppy or most superb senior dog – why not come along to our fun dog show and find out? Help us to celebrate thirty years of Hearing Dogs for Deaf People by supporting our fun dog show and dog decathlon.

Our decathlon will see how well (and how fast) you and your dog can work together to negotiate our ten challenges – if you like having lots of fun and work as a team with your dog then this is the event for you both.

In addition to the variety classes there will be merchandise for sale, and a tombola. We will have lots of information about the charity so why not come along and find out more about our work? All entrants to the dog show will receive a goody bag to take home and there are prizes on offer for class winners. Entries will be taken on the day only, and for the fun classes are £1.00 per dog per class; entries for the dog decathlon are £1.50 per attempt.

This event is part of the Food, Farming and Countryside Day at Milton Country Park, where there will be local food stalls and the Milton Produce show, together with information and activities from wildlife and countryside organisations. This promises to be a great family day out so why not come along and support us? Car parking charges at the park will apply (£2 for the whole day). The whole event is from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September; however dog show entries will be taken from 11 am, with the classes starting at 12 noon. Further information can be found at

[www.miltoncountrypark.org](http://www.miltoncountrypark.org) ; for more information about the dog show please contact Jenny Parker on 01223 833562 (evenings only please) or [jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com](mailto:jennifer.parker5@btopenworld.com)

*Jenny Parker, Branch Co-ordinator,  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*

### ***Bible Study Sessions***

The Revd Canon John Fellows is planning a series of Bible Study sessions starting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, which will continue weekly until the 1st November. The topic will be the Epistle: 1 Corinthians. There are forms at the back of the churches on which interested persons can leave their name and telephone number, or contact John directly.

	Cox's Drove, Fulbourn, CB21 5HE
<a href="http://www.cambridgecatclinic.co.uk">www.cambridgecatclinic.co.uk</a>	01223-880707
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A specialist feline only veterinary clinic</li><li>• Independently run surgery, 5 miles from Cambridge city centre</li><li>• We pride ourselves on giving compassionate and stress free healthcare</li><li>• All emergencies are dealt with at the clinic by our team</li><li>• Feline Better!</li></ul>	

Priest in charge: Rev Julie Norris

**St Mary's Church, Weston Colville**

Sung Eucharist each Sunday at 9.15 am. Family service at 9.15 on the second Sunday of the month.

Contact Rosemary Westley (290277)

**St Andrew's Church, West Wrating**

Family Communion at 10.45 am (third Sunday most months) and Communion at 10.45 am on other Sundays.

Contact Sebastian Bain (882960)

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

**Methodist Chapel, Weston Colville**

Minister: Rev Nigel Bishop (01440 702422)

**Roman Catholic Mass**

Every Saturday at 5.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am and noon, at St Philip Howard Church, Cherry Hinton

**DIARY**

**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
- Sat 8 Harvest workshop, Weston Colville  
Saxophone concert, Great Thurlow
- Sun 9 Harvest and Pet service, St Mary's
- Mon 9 West Wrating PC meeting
- Wed 12 West Wrating Book Club, The Chestnut Tree  
Zumba classes begin, Brimley
- Sat 15 Cake stall, tombola etc, West Wrating  
Ely Cathedral, behind the scenes
- Sun 16 Family service, St Andrew's, West Wrating  
Vice-President's cricket match, Weston Colville  
Hearing Dogs for Deaf event, Milton
- Thur 20 Lunch Club, West Wrating
- Fri 21 West Wrating Harvest Supper
- Fri 28 Bingo, West Wickham Village Hall
- Sat 29 St Mary's church tidying day  
Barn dance, Horseheath
- Sun 30 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service, Hildersham, 10.45 am

**October 2012**

- Wed 3 West Wrating Over 60s
- Fri 5 First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
- Sat 6 Farmers' Market, LVC  
Autumn Concert, Balsam Church
- Tues 9 Linton WEA course starts
- Sun 14 Family service, St Mary's, Weston Colville
- Tues 16 Singing, tea, quiz, West Wrating Village Hall
- Mon 29 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting

**Black bins:** Tues 4 & 18 September,  
Tues 2, 16 & 30 October.

**Green & blue bins:** Tues 11 & 25 September,  
Tues 9 & 23 October.

**Ministry Team**

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St Andrew's:	Flowers	Cleaning
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Linda	Sebastian
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Linda	Pauline
Sept 16 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival	Sue & Maggie
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Fanny	Fanny

St Mary's:	Flowers	Cleaning
September	Philippa	
October	Jermy	Perdita

**Mobile library:** every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
(26 September, 24 October).  
High Street, West Wrating 12.10 to 12.55  
Post Office, Weston Green 2.05 to 2.25  
Mill Hill, Weston Colville 2.30 to 3.05

**CCC Bus Survey**

Please return your completed copy of Cambs County Council's Transport Questionnaire by 16<sup>th</sup> September, to The Chestnut Tree, West Wrating, or to the Post Office, Weston Colville. 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](http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=134156693187)

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