

# Challenge

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

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## *From the Vicarage*

A new year provokes a range of reactions. Some, reflecting on past problems, say "I hope next year will be better than the last". Engaged couples, planning their marriages, say to me "we can't wait". Others, faced with a challenge ahead, ask me to pray for them.

It is a time for a fresh start, for having another go, undaunted. This spirit is reinforced when we focus on the needs of others rather than ourselves.

Over the last year, I met some people who, although they faced great trials, refused to be defined by 'the problem.' They either thought creatively to bring a new insight into a situation, or they shone with personal qualities that were far more enriching than anything else.

A close friend had to face the hard consequences of taking a particular decision. I thought she might go under, but she said, "This is what I was made to do. This is who I am." In the face of the challenge she faced, she trusted that she would find something new inside her to deal with it. From a Christian perspective, God gives us the resources as we need them.

If we sit back and wait for things to change for the better, we may be missing an opportunity to make a difference. There could be acts to benefit others that we can offer, either right now or by developing new insights and skills. When we do this there is more to us. It will bring God glory if we fulfil what we were created to be.

For those who seek to overcome challenges, faith can be an inspiration. There are examples of good practice to emulate, values to be taken into account, and insights and wisdom to draw on. In the words of the New Year poem,

*I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,  
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the  
unknown."*

*And he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put  
your hand into the hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than light, and safer  
than a known way."*

Peace to you this New Year.

*Rev Julie Norris*

## *Winter Sunday Lunch, Weston Colville*

Why not bring your friends to this popular event, which is being held on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> January?

We will be meeting in the Reading Room at 12.45 before serving lunch at 1.15. In this time it will be possible for you to arrange where you would like to sit and what you would like to drink – there will be soft drinks, and wine by the bottle or glass. The cost will be £12 per adult, £6 per child (between the ages of 5 and 10), and children under 5 free.



If you or your family would like to attend, please telephone either Tim Cockerill (290439) or Perdita Swift (290207); at the same time let them know if you have any special dietary requirements.

## *St Patrick's Day Ceilidh*

Get on those dancing shoes! We propose to hold another St Patrick's Day event on 16<sup>th</sup> March, in West Wrating Village Hall. Prebooked tickets will be at a discount, so register now!

*Jeanette (290706)*



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Many thanks – and we wish everyone a very Happy and a Healthy New Year.


Wendy

## Sue Ryder Charity Fundraising

I am running the London Marathon next April for Sue Ryder, and want to raise lots of money for this wonderful charity. My father died from cancer, and they were always there for me and my family.

I am having a garage sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any unwanted gifts or Christmas presents you would like to donate I would be very grateful. Please drop anything you don't want to 9 High Street, West Wrating, and please support me on 12<sup>th</sup> January, from 11 am until it has all gone! Thank you in advance.

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## West Wrating Parish Council

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Mark Deas (Rural Housing Enabler) from Cambridge ACRE will be attending this meeting to discuss the findings of the West Wrating Housing Needs Survey which was recently carried out, and to answer any questions on the results. These can be seen on the West Wrating website (unfortunately there is not sufficient room to publish it in full in Challenge).

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For the next book club review, on 8<sup>th</sup> January, we will review John Grisham's 'Skipping Christmas'. Then, on 18<sup>th</sup> February, we will review a book about a poem and murder, 'Pale Fire' by Vladimir Nabokov, who also wrote 'Lolita'. We will also review St Valentine's Day poetry in February, and for March, poetry about spring and St Patrick's Day.

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*Jeanette (290706)*

### Bumblebees

The Bumblebees Parent and Toddler Group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings (10.00 – 11.30 am) at the Reading Room in Weston Colville – we're back on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.



We welcome children of all ages, from birth to pre-school. Cost remains £2.50 per child and £1 for each additional sibling, to include art/craft activity, toys, games, stories, songs and drink/snack.

For further information contact Kate on 07710 745090 or Beverley on 07905 836722.

### St Mary's Christmas Bazaar

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*Richard Holness*

### ***Reminder – Social Gathering at 84 High Street, West Wrattling***

All are welcome to come and have a glass or two on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30 pm, to talk through what we can do in 2013 for church fund-raising events.

*Jeanette (290706)*

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Our last closure afternoon was on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Thirty five staff attended for training, and we split into two groups: eighteen doctors/nurses/health care assistants and seventeen dispensers/receptionists/admin staff. Each group had an hour and a quarter of resuscitation training led by the Clinical Skills Unit Manager from Addenbrooke's Hospital. We then had SOVA training (Safeguarding Of Vulnerable Adults) led by the Adult Safeguarding Training and Development Manager from Cambridgeshire County Council. After this there was an opportunity for team meetings and catch-up in preparation for Christmas.

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The afternoon closure dates for 2013 are as follows: 21<sup>st</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> September, and 11<sup>th</sup> December.

(Flu vaccination: at the time of writing, we still have flu vaccine available. All over 65s and those in at-risk groups are recommended to have a flu jab.)

*Sheila Griffiths, Practice Manager*

## Linton and District Historical Society

The Linton and District Historical Society talk for the New Year will be on 'the History of the Punch & Judy Show' with John Savill; we have all seen a Punch and Judy Show at some time, so this talk is not to be missed. It will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January in Linton Village Hall. There will be the monthly raffle and refreshments. All are very welcome.



*Andrew Westwood-Bate*

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### **Derbyshire Post (News from LVC)**

I have found, in recent years, that the popularity of Facebook has given rise to a new gossip phenomenon: people making up news stories about schools.

Sometimes these are quite funny and absurd. Often they are just misinformed, and occasionally the story can be both untrue and malicious. It is the 2012 version of Chinese whispers: a visit in school by a local bobby becomes an investigation of mass murder in a matter of minutes, once the social network sites get buzzing. A colleague of mine recently experienced a fire in his school. All children were quickly and safely removed from any danger and yet, through 'Facebook' sources, news whipped around the community that two children had died in the incident. As I say, both untrue and malicious, causing huge and quite unnecessary concern. I would advise everyone to take anything they read of this kind with a very heavy pinch of salt.

How nice in this climate, therefore, that Radio Cambridgeshire is interested in true stories about schools. A week ago, Jeremy Sallis walked around the school holding his recording equipment to interview our staff, students and some of our parents too. We became 'Feature School of the Week' on his afternoon show. On Monday he talked to Ruth Keys,

our Librarian, Beth McNicol who teaches the Language Futures course using iPads, and some children making soup with Jenny Pullin. On Tuesday, Angela Cassidy, Assistant Principal, took part in a live debate about young people and 'Facebook'. On Wednesday he caught up with Catering Manager Carol Perrett in the kitchen and played a request for the cooks. On Thursday I made a confession that I won't repeat here, and on Friday Tina Rice, on the School Run, spoke about how her daughters Emma and Hannah had experienced the school. We had great fun and, I am pleased to say, every word of what was reported was true!

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The ten week course will start on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am and will cost £45; as ever we will have a course visit, and we look forward to you joining us in this special year for the local WEA.

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*Andrew Westwood-Bate*

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## Crossword (compiled by Xavier Detriti)

The clues in *italics* will lead you to ten Cambridge University Colleges.

### Across:

- 1) Parent leaves religious festival to get here (7)
- 5) *Sinking pints in a rush to get to college* (7)
- 9) Lady Gardener without direction acted in films (3)
- 10) *East End borough split by head of nonconformist college* (7)
- 12) *Father and cub came together to study here* (7)
- 13) School attended by Santa (3)
- 14) Broadcast post from overseas (7)
- 15) Look a Perch is bread like (7)
- 19) As 23 is honoured with hospital (3)
- 23) *Aussie city houses naturalist* (6)
- 24 & 27) *Novices alluding a capture might be found here* (8,3,5)
- 25) Absurdly hiding Indian bean plant (3)
- 26) *In the beginning girls independently ran their own networks here* (6)
- 27) See 24
- 28) Well known fish market houses the sick (3)
- 29) *Also famous for its tennis club?* (6)
- 30) Arrange aged gong to make courageous (8)
- 31) Town and Gown each have a right to theirs (3)

32) *Change of direction from Garden City will get you here* (6)


33) Made teen revise for rewrite (8)

### Down:

- 1) Repress no act in manoeuvre (7)
- 2) Prizes open drawers (7)
- 3) Dutch tot found like this or with an extra penny (7)
- 4) Taster studied first before taking plenty (6)
- 5) Lag behind glen around outskirts of wood (6)
- 6) Sounds like incredibly just state (7)
- 7) Tractor boys come from our south east (7)
- 8) Check this material pattern (7)
- 16) *One of one's followers sounds foolishly lachrymose* (9)
- 17) Extent of adult tie unravelled (8)
- 18) Boffin arrives at helium bandage (6)
- 19) French one is working from home together (2,6)
- 20) Russian pancake served up with a flower proved poisonous (8)
- 21) Broke Princess housed horses without first thought (8)
- 22) French writer discovered exceptional prefix within accommodation (8)

(Answers on back page of Challenge)

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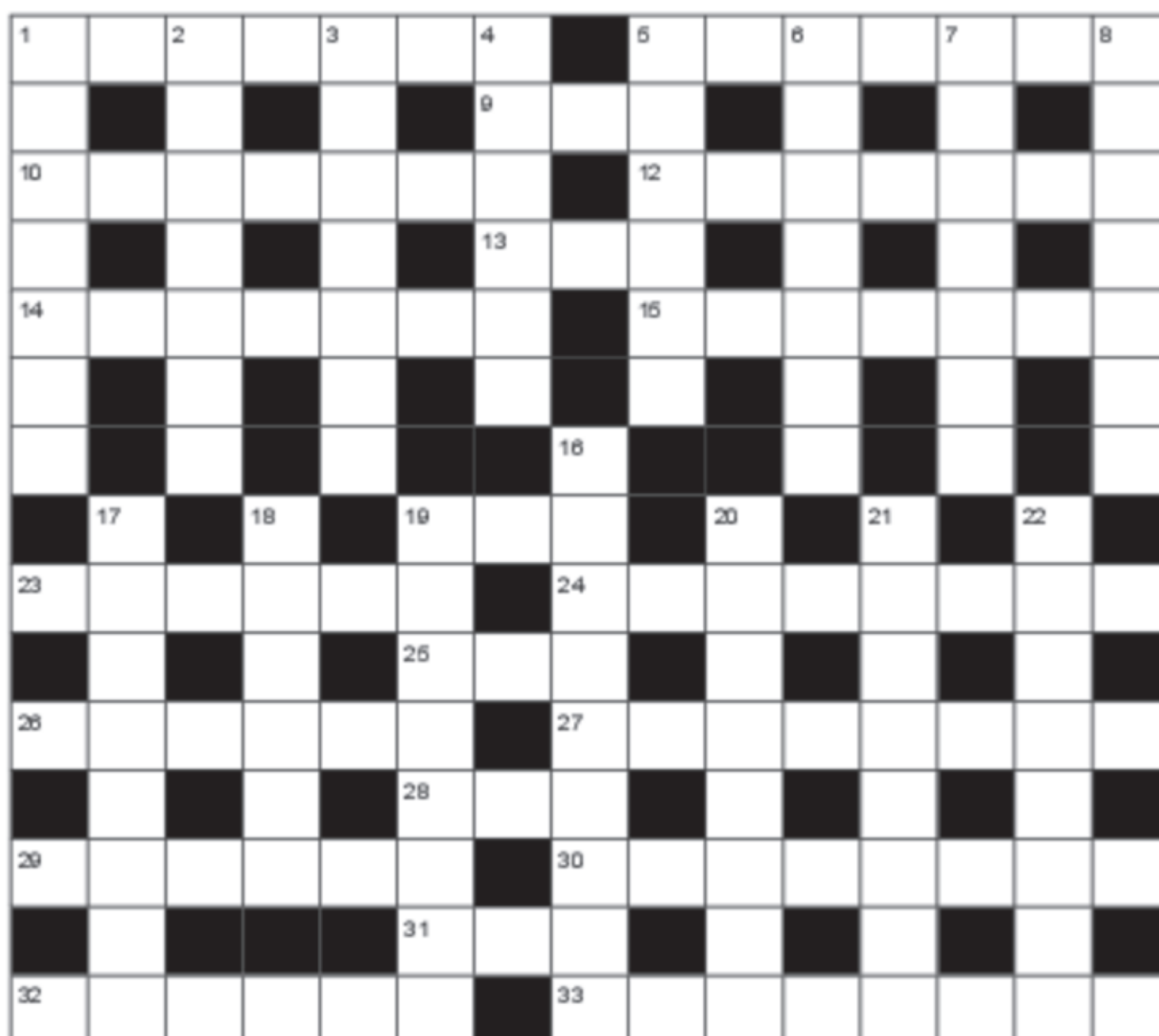


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Family Communion at 10.45 am (third Sunday most months) and Communion at 10.45 am on other Sundays.

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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

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## DIARY

### January 2013

Fri 4	First Friday Bridge, West Watting Village Hall
Sun 6	Cutoff for West Watting oil syndicate orders
Tues 8	Linton WEA course starts West Watting Book Club, The Chestnut Tree
Wed 9	Choir begins, West Watting Village Hall
Sat 12	Family service, St Andrew's, West Watting Garage Sale, West Watting, for Sue Ryder
Mon 14	Weston Colville Parish Council meeting West Watting Parish Council meeting
Tues 15	Punch and Judy talk, Linton MOOSC committee meeting, The Chestnut Tree
Thur 17	West Watting Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Sat 19	Family service, St Mary's, Weston Colville West Watting Progressive Supper
Wed 23	Cutoff for Weston Colville oil syndicate orders
Fri 25	War Manoeuvres talk, Hildersham
Sat 26	Jumble Sale, Meadow Primary School, Balsham
Sun 27	Weston Colville Village Lunch

### February 2013

Fri 1	First Friday Bridge, West Watting Village Hall
Thur 21	West Watting Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree

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St Andrew's:	Flowers	Cleaning
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup>	Frances	Jenny
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup>	Frances	Pauline
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne	Sebastian
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>	Suzanne	Jenny

St Mary's:	Flowers	Cleaning
January	Maureen	Rosemary
February	Ruth	Lesley

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