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

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From the Vicarage

I haven't seen a Tuit recently. Now those of you who know what a Tuit is may skip this paragraph and move on to the meaty stuff, but for those of you who don't know let me explain. A Tuit is a small circular plate, and possession of one is a great boon. It means that you can get done all those jobs that have been hanging around, that you have been too bored or frightened or lazy or whatever to get done. How? Well, so often we say that something will be done "when I get around to it." Well, possession of a circular plate called a Tuit means that you have indeed got around to it. Yes? No? Not funny? Oh well, as Frankie Howard used to say "Suit yerself" So on to the meaty stuff.

Lent, is, or can be, the Church's Tuit: the time when all sorts of things which need doing actually get done. Now I suspect that for many of you Lent means miserable hymns, giving up things and really not having much fun. I want to suggest a different approach.

The word Lent actually means 'spring', and comes from the same root as the word 'lengthen'. Lent, like spring, is a time for growth, for new things and new life. It was originally a period of 40 days, not counting Sundays, in which those to be Baptised at Easter would prepare for their entry into full Church membership. Gradually, those already baptised joined in and so it became a universal time of preparation. But it is not meant to be miserable. So if at any time in Lent you find that your Lenten observance is making you miserable, stop it at once and re-evaluate. It is meant to be serious, but that is not the same.

So you might like to read a book that will help you in your discipleship. You might like to join the Lent Study Group. You might like to give up something that is important to you, just to show that you are

master of it and not it of you: like chocolate or alcohol or TV or whatever. Not, as I say, to make you miserable but partly because it is a good discipline in itself, and as a by product partly to save money, and the money you save can be given to a worthy cause, and partly to give you more time, which for many of us is the most precious and scarce of all commodities; more time to pray, more to think, more time to do all those necessary but often postponed tasks, like writing a letter, or visiting someone we don't find congenial. Or just generally being a better neighbour and a better citizen.

Lent is a time for growth. To grow is to change, said Cardinal Newman. To be perfect is to have changed often. So tot up all those little good deeds which you say will be done when you get around to it and treat Lent as your personal Tuit.

Canon John Fellows

The Revd Canon Francis Woolley

Francis was a lovely man with a very special sense of humour, and a loving and caring way of interacting with people.

He wrote regular pieces for the village newsletters through the eyes and words of his beloved dog Chomondeley, often passing on messages about his treatment this way

As many of you will be aware Francis' health has not been very good for several years now.

Last week he took a turn for the worse and was admitted to a Hospice, and sadly Francis slipped away peacefully at lunchtime on 12th February, holding his brother's hand and talking about his beloved Chomondeley.

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Tim Cockerill

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Your help will be much appreciated.

Sebastian (882960)

West Wrattling Over 60s Club

The Club will resume its monthly meetings in the Village Hall at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 6th March, when there will be a bring'n'buy and raffle. A summary of our finances and subscriptions collected will be presented, and also the year's agenda will be planned.

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There will be lots of free crafts and activities for all ages to enjoy, and the cafe will have a selection of homemade cakes to try, with a tea or coffee.

Why not put your engineering skills to the test, and take part in **The Great Egg Drop**?

Design and create protective packaging for an egg. The egg will then be taken to the top of the church tower and dropped over. This is open to all, and there will be a prize for each egg that survives the drop unscathed!

Rules for The Great Egg Drop:

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Mike Rowland

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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.

Jeanette

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West Wrating Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6th February the following were some of the items discussed. The meeting due to be held on 14th January was cancelled due to heavy snow.

Footpaths: Mr Colin McCall (Footpath Officer) asked that I write about his and Mr Cobbold's concern about people walking by the old dairy along the concrete road to the farmyard in Weston Colville. The yard is in constant use by heavy machinery and there are serious safety issues, so walkers should please keep to the footpath and not go through the farmyard.

Housing Survey: Mr Mark Deas from ACRE and Ulrike Maccariella from Hastoe Association told Council that the results of the housing survey which ACRE had carried out in West Wrating showed a need for possibly five small houses (of two bedrooms), so a small development. Ms Maccariella said that Hastoe Association specialised in small schemes for rural villages, working with local government and local councils. The properties would always be for rent, and people who live in the village would get priority. The Council said they were in favour of a small development but did not wish to see a mix of 'open market' housing alongside the

affordable housing. At present there is grant money available so that would not happen, however if the grant money dried up then 'open market' housing would be allowed in order to fund the affordable housing, which would, of course, be in keeping with the size of the affordable housing. It was agreed to have a further meeting with Hastoe and ACRE to discuss possible sites. A fuller version of this is in the draft minutes on the noticeboard.

Representative from Parish Council on

WWVHCM: Cllr Gilmour agreed to be one of the two representatives to go on the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllr Wallace remains the other representative.

Finance – Budget & Precept: the budget for 2013/14 was discussed before deciding on the size of the precept. It was agreed that a new noticeboard was needed to replace the existing one at Hayter Close, at a cost of approx £400 which would come out of the 2013/14 budget. It was also agreed that £1200 was budgeted for Minor Highway Improvements to provide a footway from Viking Close to the junction, as the parish would have to pay a percentage of the cost for this. £1000 would be allowed towards this cost, to come out of the budget for 2013/14. The

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budget figures set for 2012/13 had worked well and these figures would be used with a slight percentage increase for 2013/14. The precept was then discussed and it was agreed and voted upon that it should be increased by the rate of inflation, 2.7% from £10,031 to £10,302 for 2013/14.

Maintenance: Cllr Wallace is dealing with the insurance company over the village sign, which was knocked over and severely damaged by a motorist crashing his car into it. The 'Time Capsule' has been removed from under the plinth and will be replaced when the sign has been renewed.

Danger Spots:

Common Cross Roads: Cllr Ross-Bain reported that Highways wanted rumble strips and 'slow' markings on only two of the four roads, at a nil cost to the parish. It was agreed that this should be done and Cllr Ross-Bain would reply to Ms Haslock to go ahead.

Footway: Having already spoken about the Viking Close to junction footway, the question of the footway from Concordia to The Chestnut Tree public house was raised. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would write to CGM to ask if they would cut the grass really short on Concordia's side of the road, and what the extra cost would be.

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Any Other Business:

1. Cllr McCall asked for a quote for 'slow' and 'concealed entrance' signs to be placed on Six Mile Bottom Road by the cottages opposite the Icknield Way.
2. Mr Andrew Hodge has asked for the willow tree outside his house to be cut down as he feels it is becoming increasingly dangerous. It was agreed that Roz Richardson, Tree Officer for SCDC, should be asked to look at it and give us her opinion before replying to Mr Hodge. Cllr Wallace will attend to this.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11th March and all are welcome.

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For instance, Peterhouse, the oldest Cambridge college, boasts magnificent gardens that have wonderful swathes of narcissi and blossom in the spring. Moving on to Christ's College one can admire the beautiful wisteria before venturing further to see

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the Fellows' swimming pool and Milton's imposing mulberry tree. Interestingly Christ's College grows most of its own plants for the borders and has an impressive collection of pelargoniums and irises.

Other gardens of note include Corpus Christi with its intricate courtyards and St John's that has an extensive herbaceous border in the summer months. Even King's, whilst not having extensive gardens, can display colourful hanging baskets. And how many people have stopped to admire Newton's apple tree at the entrance to Trinity College?

Mr Tibbs had saved his favourite until last: Clare College, a tranquil haven that allows the visitor to meander through walkways crowded with delphiniums, a 1930's sunken garden and a tropical area.

Knowing that these gardens are so close, and many of them free to visit, left us longing for the better weather and a chance to savour their delights.

Harold Gawthorp concluded the evening with some helpful, seasonal gardening tips.

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interesting subject: 'Invasions in Antarctica'. Guests are very welcome; entry is £3.

The horticultural show schedules will be available in April for the Annual Show on 27th July.

Horticultural Outings

Lyn Bobrow has kindly organised two outings. The first one is on Tuesday 7th May, to Docwra Manor, Shepreth. We will travel in shared cars for an evening visit.

The second outing will be a coach trip to the Sandringham estate, on Saturday 15th June. Please contact Lyn on Cambridge 890598 if you are interested, and for more information. Non-members are very welcome.

Sue Lock & Hazel Leeson (290604)

2nd Balsam Brownies

At 2nd Balsham Brownies we have a lot of Brownies from West Wrating and Weston Colville, so I thought it would be nice to let you know what we have been up to recently, and what we have planned for the future.

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This year we plan to earn lots more badges, including a new badge we have developed called 'The Detective Challenge'. The Challenge is the theme for our 2013 Pack Holiday, and the Owls have a lot of fun activities planned for our trainee detectives!

We are looking forward to celebrating World Thinking Day this week, and meeting all the other Brownies, Rainbows and Guides from our neighbouring units.

On 13th April we will be holding a jumble sale in West Wrattling Village Hall to help raise funds for our big Brownie birthday celebrations in 2014. We do hope you will be able to come and support us.

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Karen Baker, aka Tawny Owl

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Neighbourhood Watch has proved very valuable in many villages and it also maintains regular contact within your communities by looking after others.

Several arrests have been made from information gained from Neighbourhood Watch members, so your input (no matter how small you might think it is) could lead to something bigger.)

Recent Incidents

We have had a few incidents in the Weston Green end of the village lately. One evening in February someone attacked and smashed the window of the Post Office, a satnav was stolen from a car in Chapel Road, and bags of coal were stolen.

Vehicle Security

Two vehicles were broken into outside Babraham School in January, while parents were collecting their children, and bags/purses were stolen. In light of this we are trying to alert people about vehicle security and to be mindful when parking and leaving their vehicles whilst attending schools, sports venues, dog walking areas, churches, village halls, shops, etc.

Remove the Temptation – never leave anything on display in your car, even an old coat on the back seat is an invitation to a potential thief. Take all your belongings with you when you leave your car. If you are unable to take them, lock them in your boot at the start of your journey.

The following items are of particular interest to the thief, so should never be left in your car:

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The Chestnut Tree Banger Bonanza

The Chestnut Tree dining room was completely filled on 16th February for a blind tasting of eleven locally sourced butchers' classic pork sausages (plus one home made), followed by a supper of Balsham Bangers and Mash with the usual accompaniments. There was a wide spread of votes, but the outright winner was Ed and Angela's homemade 'Clangers' sausage, and the commercial sausage winners were Michael Beaumont of Fulbourn (2nd), D White of Braughing, Herts (3rd) and Cowlings of Fen Ditton (4th). The guest beer was Nethergate Hogwash.

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Linton and District Historical Society

The March talk will be on the time in 1648 during the English Civil War, when troops were gathering in the villages around Linton in preparation for the long march and attack on



Colchester; however, as we will hear, everything did not go quite to plan. Do come and hear this excellent talk with specialist historian John Sutton, at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 19th March in Linton Village Hall.

A Westwood-Bate

Derbyshire Post (News from LVC)

I don't often watch the local news on television, but for some reason I found myself watching it a good deal in January and became increasingly dismayed: one programme was attacking headteachers in Suffolk schools for their poor position in the GCSE league tables, another was criticising heads of state comprehensive schools and singing the praises of selective grammar schools, and another was blaming heads for closing their schools at the slightest hint of snow. Isn't it someone else's turn to get picked on, I began to feel? What about traffic wardens or dental hygienists next week?

The snow story was a particularly vicious attack and one designed to whip up public anger. Heads who had not closed their schools were being held up as shining examples, those who had closed them were being attacked by presenters with little understanding of the issues involved.

So, I thought I might take a few minutes of your time to explain what those issues are on behalf of the four schools in Linton so at least you can understand how decisions about closure on snowy days are made.

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2. Can my staff make it into school from their homes, usually miles away, in order to supervise the children?
3. Will the buses run? The bus companies have their own risk assessments to determine this.

If the head can answer 'yes' to all three questions they are safe to open. If the answer is 'no' to any then they have to close. Whether your staff can make it in depends on where they travel from. This is why it is possible for four Linton schools to make four completely different assessments of the risk in opening; why LVC and Linton Infants stayed open on 21st January, and the Heights and Granta closed. All the heads made the right decisions for their schools. Only they had all the cards in front of them to inform those decisions.

I actually opened my school on the snowy day in January because Camgrain came round at midnight on

Sunday to snowplough the drives, because the caretakers were up bright and early to do the paths and because our Cambridgeshire highways, at least, had been gritted and were driveable. Teachers made it in, the buses were running – there was no reason to close. However even 'opening' was a really controversial thing to do; I had messages on every form of social media and communication technology from parents (not their children – that I'd have expected) saying that they wanted a snow day and were keeping their children off. As the old saying goes, you are damned if you do and damned if you don't. When it comes down to it, every school has to make its own decision and stick with it, then ignore the inevitable moaning.

I await the spring with eagerness.

Caroline Derbyshire

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Biodiversity Outreach Officer, Jane Andrews-Gauvain, said: "There are plenty of opportunities for anyone to get involved, both in recording species near you (in your own garden, or out and about in the countryside). There is training available and we can provide help with transport, all you need is an interest in wildlife and a bit of patience."

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them, if your pond has frog spawn, if you can help search for them or help at a Toad Crossing.

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Contact Jane Andrews-Gauvain on 01954 713572, or email Jane.Andrews-Gauvain@cperc.org.uk.

See www.cperc.org.uk and www.facebook.com/cperc



**Weston Colville
Cricket Club**



Indoor winter net practice for Weston Colville senior players continues on Tuesday evenings from 7.20 to 8.20 pm at the Leys School, Cambridge, until 9th April. All current members are encouraged to come along and get in trim for the new season, and new members will be particularly welcome to join us.

The anagram competition is printed here, for those who missed it, or couldn't solve all of them.

For more information about Weston Colville Cricket Club, please visit our website at westoncolvillecc.co.uk

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3	LOW SEDANS	=	LES DAWSON
4	AVOID COW RIOT	=	VICTORIA WOOD
5	OCTOBER INTERN	=	RONNIE CORBETT
6	SODDEN LEMON	=	NOEL EDMONDS
7	OVERARM CALDRON	=	CAROL VORDERMAN
8	FROSTY CHERUB	=	BRUCE FORSYTH
9	AEROBIC FUN	=	FIONA BRUCE
10	SWIM COLONEL	=	SIMON COWELL
11	MOCK BEACH TRIVIA	=	VICTORIA BECKHAM
12	LOG EACH REGIME	=	GEORGE MICHAEL
13	TWO TRADERS	=	ROD STEWART
14	HERO RIGS ORANGE	=	GEORGE HARRISON
15	CONCEAL TRIP	=	ERIC CLAPTON
16	CARPET CALUMNY	=	PAUL MCCARTNEY
17	MOBILISE RIB LAW	=	ROBBIE WILLIAMS
18	JERK CAM GIG	=	MICK JAGGER
19	CELERY LOCH	=	CHERYL COLE
20	REGAL WHILE ILL	=	GERI HALLIWELL
21	UNSEAT JEAN	=	JANE AUSTEN
22	BEACON THROTTLER	=	CHARLOTTE BRONTE
23	LACKED RICHNESS	=	CHARLES DICKENS
24	SITHIGH CAT AREA	=	AGATHA CHRISTIE
25	HOT SHY DRAMA	=	THOMAS HARDY

26	BRAINY LOT	=	TONY BLAIR
27	RANDOM ADVICE	=	DAVID CAMERON
28	RECHARGE THAT TRAM	=	MARGARET THATCHER
29	EATERY SHAM	=	THERESA MAY
30	BLAND DUVET KIT	=	DAVID BLUNKETT
31	RUNS EASTWARDS	=	ANDREW STRAUSS
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34	AVERTED VERGES	=	STEVE RED GRAVE
35	SERVER GRANTED	=	STEVEN GERRARD
36	UNWED JAILERS	=	JULIE ANDREWS
37	LIBERATE HAZY LOT	=	ELIZABETH TAYLOR
38	RESPELL TREES	=	PETER SELLERS
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45	POSH GONE GREENEST	=	GEORGE STEPHENSON
46	A REAL WHET GIRL	=	WALTER RALEIGH
47	FETCHING GENIAL LONER	=	FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE
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Sat 2	Farmers' Market, LVC Granta Deanery Spring Fair
Mon 4	Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
Tues 5	Balsham Horticultural Society
Wed 6	Lent talk, The Black Bull, Balsham West Wrating Over 60s Club
Sun 10	Family service, St Mary's, Weston Colville Cutoff for West Wrating oil syndicate order
Wed 13	Police surgery, Linton Lent talk, Hildersham Village Hall
Fri 15	Bingo, Balsham Church Institute
Sat 16	Tabletop sale, Meadow Out of School Club St Patrick's Day Ceilidh, West Wrating
Sun 17	Family service, St Andrew's, West Wrating
Mon 18	West Wrating Book Club
Wed 20	Lent talk, The Black Bull, Balsham
Thur 21	West Wrating Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Fri 22	PTA Quiz Night, Meadow School, Balsham
Sat 23	Easter Cafe and Workshop, West Wrating
Sun 24	Police surgery, Linton
Tues 26	Compline, St Andrew's, 7.30
Wed 27	Compline, St Mary's, 7.30
Fri 29	Last Hour, West Wrating, 2 - 3 pm
Sat 30	St Andrew's Church tidying
Sun 31	EASTER SUNDAY BST begins Closing date for Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust

April 2013

Wed 3	West Wrating Over 60s Club
Fri 5	First Friday Bridge, West Wrating Village Hall
Sat 6	Farmers' Market, LVC
Wed 17	Police surgery, Linton
Thurs 18	West Wrating Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
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West Wrating Book Club

We will next meet on Monday 18th March (please note the date change) at 8 pm at The Chestnut Tree, when we will be discussing 'The Hobbit', and covering spring poetry. All welcome.

We reviewed 'Pale Fire' last time, which had very mixed reviews, and discussed John Clare's poetry.

Jeannette Job

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