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

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From West Wratting Vicarage

Although I now lead a very quiet semi-retired life here in the highlands of Cambridgeshire, occasionally I stiffen the sine ws and summon up the blood and make a trip to London. Once a year I go to the Carlton Club, where I get a free dinner for saying grace at a fairly smart literary dinner. I have been doing this for nearly twenty years. The second year I did it I arrived at the club but as I went in felt that it wasn't as I remembered it. But someone, seeing my clerical collar, said "Ah there you are. We are upstairs this year" and I duly followed him. I was given a drink and tried to make conversation with people but somehow it didn't see m quite right. Eventually I asked a club servant the name of the club. "Brookes's, Sir?" he said, with a rising inflection. "Should be at the Carlton", I said shamefacedly. "Next door, Sir". A friend of mine said afterwards that it would have served me right if it had been Pratt's.

It did occur to me that I could possibly get a fiee dinner most evenings by turning up at West End clubs, "I am here to say the Grace" and would be duly ushered in. I suspect however that wouldn't work at the Groucho Club. This is a club in Soho which was deliberately set up for people who work in the arts and entertainment who wanted to escape from the stuffy world of gentlemen's West End clubs, and so has a slightly more raffish and Bohemian air. I expect you can wear suede shoes, even at dinner. As I say, I doubt whether grace before meals is a club tradition. It is called the Groucho Club after Groucho Marx, one of the Marx brothers' comedy team, who famously sent a telegram to his club saying that he wished to resign as "I do not want to belong to a club which would have me as a member".

"I don't want to belong to a club which would have me as a member." That would be a good motto for the Christian church in general, and the seven churches of this Benefice in particular.

Occasionally people say to me that they don't come to church because they don't feel good enough. I always

tell them that they obviously have never known well anyone who did go to church, as they wouldn't hold that de lusion for very long. Being good is fortunately not a qualification for membership, otherwise our numbers would be even more depleted, not least in terms of clergy. Feeling that you are in fact not a paragon of virtue is actually the major qualification. As many of you will know, major changes are taking place in the Diocese of Ely. Huge challenges face the Diocese: fewer full-time clergy, ageing and dwindling congregations, and a population explosion in the many new housing estates being built across the Diocese. The Diocese is in the process of developing a Strategy to help us all to meet this challenge. We are now in a process of consultation, which will finish at the end of March. The group tasked with developing the strategy has come up with what they call 'Five Levers for Change'. The first is called 'Nurturing a Confident People of God'. Now, a problem with the Five Levers as I see it is that the language used is very churchy, and for many of us it is quite difficult to relate to. So how about retitling it 'Helping Congregation to Feel Confident'? Because myguess is that not many in our congregations do feel terribly confident about their faith or the life of their local church. Well, there are all sorts of things we can do to help us to be more confident, but one way I want to suggest is to make a virtue of our weakness. All seven churches have small congregations and they are not going to be large, because our villages are small. So instead of bemoaning that fact, perhaps one task for us all is to consider the ways in which small congregations can have an advantage over large. To take up General Tom Thumb's theme in Barnum: bigger isn't better. Let's work out whybigger isn't necessarily better in the life of a church.

And let's celebrate those reasons and, who knows? We

might feel we are a club worth joining, even though it's

John Jellins

a funny old club that

would have you or me

as members.

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Wine Tasting in West Wratting Village Hall

We had a very enjoyable and informative evening in November, raising £430 for the Village Hall. We took and shared nibbles after the tasting, which rounded the evening off nicely.

Our next wine tasting will take place on Friday 20th February. Gil from Corne y and Barrow will be returning to talk us through a further selection of wines.

All profit from the evening will go towards the funding of the roof repairs to the hall.

Tickets, at £10, and limited to forty places, can be purchased from me.

Sherry (290070, sherry.odonovan@gmail.com)

Weston Colville Christmas Fair

There was a great spirit of celebration and fun at St Mary's Christmas Fair on 7th December. Queues of children waited to see Father Christmas in an enchanted woodland, while their parents enjoyed some festive shopping. Enomous thanks to all who helped out, both beforehand and on the day – what would we do without our creative band of workers?

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A fantastic £1483.50 (at time of going to press) was raised, of which £150 will be donated to the Parish Nurse Project. It's always great to raise a good sum of money, but the Christmas Fair is about so much more – so thank you again to everyone for generosity, good humour and creativity.

Jane and Philippa

West Wratting Oil Syndicate

There will be a fill up this month, with the cutoff for orders being Sunday 11th January at 6.00 pm. Usual rules apply: from 1st January onwards, email me on richardhoiness023@btinternet.com or telephone the pub during licensing hours (not too late, please) on 290384. Price and delivery will be on the West Wratting website once the orders have been placed.

Just a point: don't treat the Syndicate like a normal oil supplier as it takes a couple of weeks for the orders to be received, collated and brokered. However, if you take the minimum of 500 litres every time there's a fillup, you'll always buy at the best possible price and improve your cashflow to boot!

Richard Holness





Memories of West Wratting

In December's issue of Challenge, I was especially interested to read the remarks by the Book Club on 'The Girl with the Widow's Peak'. I am enjoying reading this book at at the moment and have just got to the 'West Wratting' chapter.

It is interesting to read the rather different memories that Lady Ursula has of the village in the early 1950s from my own recollections.

For example, I wonder if any other readers of Challenge remember the 'old lady' who ran the Post Office opposite The Chestnut Tree? I knew it as Clarke's Stores but can't remember who ran the shop or when it closed.

I lived in West Wratting from the time I was born in Dec 1937 until I moved away in 1959. My father was Bill Cutter, who was the blacksmith, and he told us of Lady Ursula calling at the blacksmith's shop to ask him to make various items for her Orangery. I also remember her making a very striking appearance at the annual midnight service at Christmas on several occasions, and of the church choir singing carols at The Park, when we were invited inside to entertain the house guests.

Margery Payne

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Mike & Suan Rowland (290788)

FitSteps® - New Dance Fitness Class

'Strictly Come Dancing' may have left our television screens for another year, but you can still get your weekly dance fix!

A few of you know that I've recently qualified as a dance fitness instructor, teaching FitSteps®, a fitness class that was launched in 2013 by Strictly dance stars Natalie Lowe and Ian Waite, and by world champion swimmer Mark Foster, a former Strictly contestant and expert in fitness and body conditioning. The class gives you the opportunity to learn the Quickstep, Tango, Cha Cha Cha, Samba, and other Ballroom and Latin dances whilst getting fit and hopefully bringing





a smile to your face. You don't need a partner and you don't need to be able to dance.

I've been asked to start a class in West Wratting and will do so if there's enough interest. To find out more, please email fitsteps.annec@gmail.com or call 290967.

Anne Catchpole

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

December's Tea and Cakes was a more intimate affair as the schools had a teacher training day and many people were making the most of the day of freedom.

This just meant there were more mince pies and mulled wine for the rest of us!

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped to make Tea and Cakes such a success since it began in May — those of you who come and help, those who make cakes and those who come along to help consume and have a good chat. We couldn't do it without you. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Our next gathering will be on Friday 2nd January, 3.30 - 5 pm at the Reading Room.

Melanie



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Kirsty Frost

Litter

As usual business has been brisk during the year, and is continuous. I have collected approximately 26 bin liners from the roads I am responsible for and we can safely assume that the teams for West Wratting and Weston Colville have collected at least the same again so at least 50 - 60 bin liners collected.

Nothing really interesting to report – a loving relationship which had developed in the road from West Wratting to Weston Colville seems to have lost its ardour. Also, at least three cars usually leave the road within the West Wratting parish boundaries every year, and this year it was five, so beware when walking the roads generally.

A huge thank you to the teams in West Wratting and Weston Colville who keep us looking so tidy, and please be patient if it looks a bit tatty from time to time as they cannot go out every day.



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Colin McCall

West Wratting Saturday Morning Café!

The first West Wratting Saturday Café will be on Saturday 7th February 2015 between 10 am and 11.30 am in the Village Hall. Come along for tea or coffee, home-made cakes and a chat. Everyone welcome, young and old! Any proceeds will be used to organise future events as part of the Café, such as arts & crafts, talks and any suggestions you have.

We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry (290070) or Catherine (291307).

Sherry and Catherine

I've been as ked to publish this unattributably and unedited, so, with thanks to the contributor

A big thank you to Anne Bragg, the Editor of Challenge, for her work during the year to bring Challenge to our doorstep. I am sure she is given a hard time from time to time (unforgivably so) and has the perennial tussle with subscribers handing in late copy.



Happy New Year!

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Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

A date for everybody – 22nd January.

We have arranged for Rachel Carr to provide us with a talk and question time session on the 22nd January at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room. She is the Crime Reduction Officer for South Cambs and works with the police.

The past year has seen a much higher level of criminal activity in our village than I ever expected. This talk is aimed at answering our questions and suggesting ways that we can help to improve our own security, to protect ourselves and our property. She is aware of the problems that we have had. Probably the most useful answers will come from your questions, which you can raise on the night or better still send to me to be passed on to her in advance.

Local problems: fortunately our NHW has not heard of any problems recently but there have been several in the villages near us: damage to a car, and a mini digger and a taxi; stripping copper pipes from a house; cash stolen from a business, and a large quantity of power tools stolen from a van; and an iPhone stolen, when it was being charged on the sill, by forcing the window.

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Thieves get busy around Christmas. While you are out doing your Christmas shopping, they are out doing theirs. Make it more difficult for your goods to be stolen and help the police to reduce crime in our area. Lock parcels in the boot and lock the car.

If you want to ask Rachel questions about any of this or any other matters please email me.

Here's wishing us all a peaceful and enjoyable 2015.

Allen Scott (290837, allen.scott70@googlemail.com)

Parish Paths Partnership (P3)

The paths campaign for the year has ended. The County Council provided two cuts this year, down from our usual three, and we may need to contract someone in to do a further cut if the paths get too overgrown. Many thanks to Raymond Maskell, Simon Anderson, Louise 'Chindit' Cook and Andre w Waygood, who have kept large parts of the paths



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useable, and to Lee Tubby, the Farm Manager, for his work on the cross-field paths and the hedgerows.

We have had the usual problems with dog excrement on many paths, rendering strimming an often hazardous and dirty business. Next year we will be acquiring a Honda lawnmower/mulcher which hopefully will make the job simpler.

Although not strictly 'paths', a big thank you to the householders in the Causeway who have kept the verges and the grass round the village pump in immaculate condition. Also may thanks to Richard Holness who kindly volunteered to look after the cattle pound – it is a transformation.

Colin Mc Call

West Wratting Parish Council

At the Parish Council meeting held on 10th November the following were some of the items discussed.

Footpaths: Colin McCall said they had received their final cut for the year. He thanked his team for all the work they had done during the year on litter picking and the maintenance of the footpaths. The cattle pound is being looked after but the play area needs someone to keep the grass cut on a regular basis.





Planning:

S/1748/14/LB - 7 High St - SCDC refused.

S/1998/14/FL - 3 High St - SCDC approved.

S/2268/14/PC - Camprain applying for removal of restrictions on long movements. This was discussed at some length and it was agreed by the Council to turn down the application because of the following points:

- Safety aspect if the application does go through, the road junction should be improved.
- Environment problems with regard to noise, pollution and poor roads.
- Request consultation to be carried out by the police authorities.

Finance:

- Request for purchase of a grass mower from Footpath team: This was agreed with a budget of up to £600.
- It was agreed to increase the amount donated to the cost of producing Challenge to £75.00.
- External audit had been completed satisfactorily.

Maintenance:

- Bowls shed needs demolishing as it is dangerous.
- The possibility of a Pocket Park path is still being looked into.

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- Village Hall storage shed needs to be demolished and replaced with further storage units.
- Village Hall roof has been leaking and needs total renewal at a possible cost of £20,000. A survey is being carried out to be sent to the Parish Council. This takes priority.

Report of meetings attended by Councillors:

Sports Pavilion

- The money taken from the Sinking Fund has been paid back into the fund.
- Solar panels have been requested to go on the pavilion.
- The Football Association has stipulated that a
 defibrilator should be available on the football
 ground and they would like to put one in the
 pavilion. The Parish Council was in favour of the
 equipment but thought it should be by the village
 hall to avoid vandalism.
- The Parish Clerk asked whether the 'snags' mentioned in the survey carried out on the Sports Pavilion had been dealt with. This will be checked.

Traffic & general issues re speeding:

- Leanne Fisher gave a surgery in the village hall and she urged that speed watches are carried out on a regular basis, in conjunction with the other villages if possible.
- Cllr Nichols quoted a cost of £600 for five rondels, one at each entrance to the village.

Report by Dist Cllr Fraser:

- Services for building are being shared between SCDC and Huntingdon and now the legal and possibly IT services will be shared between SCDC, Huntingdon and Bedford.
- Green bins will be collected monthly from December to February.

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Report by County Cllr Hickford:

- The A1307 draft survey has been distributed and this showed that there is equal volume of traffic going both ways at peak time.
- Skippers Lane is ongoing.
- The budget discussions continue, with likely cutbacks to libraries, and gritting reduced to 30%.

The draft minutes will be posted on the noticeboards, and the next meeting will be on Monday 12th January. A very happy New Year to all readers.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk

Jumble Sale

The Meadow School PTA will be holding a jumble sale at The Meadow School, Balsham, on Saturday 24th January, admission 50p (under 11s free). Any jumble can be left at the school from Wednesday 21st January, until 11 am on Saturday 24th.

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Meadow Matters

Christmas is over, the decorations are down, the New Year has begun, and we are all looking forward to the exciting times and adventures this year will bring. However, we cannot not mention the events that happened in December at school.

On Tuesday 9th December the school running club went to Royston Heath to participate in the South Cambs schools cross country event. The temperature



gauge in the car
said -1 as we
arrived, so it was
certainly a chilly
morning for a run!
The children all
finished the course,
which involved 612
children competing
over four races,

with a very steep hill at the end! We are very proud of all of the children who competed; nobody gave up, and they were great ambassadors for team effort.

We were also treated to a superb production of 'Santa's on Strike' by our Infant children. We had over a hundred children dressed as elves, stars,

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always, there
are the
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every school play where costumes fall off, children forget lines and someone wobbles precariously at the edge of the stage, but it really wouldn't be Christmas without these small mishaps!

Another festive tradition at our school is the Christmas Carol Concert, held in Balsham Church. Nearly all of our Key Stage 2 children turned out, to sing a variety of traditional carols and modern Christmas songs. The church was, as always packed to the rafters, and the singing nearly lifted the roof off. As the candles flickered and the mulled wine was served we were given time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. If people didn't feel in the Christmas spirit before the carol concert, they certainly did afterwards!

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As the New Year begins, the drive for improvement at our school does not stop. The Meadow recently had a review from the Local Authority to check on progress, which was very pleasing. It shows the journey we have been on, and the huge amount achieved in just one year. The highlights of the report were:

'The headteacher and senior leaders have a strong and highly successful drive to improve or maintain the highest levels of achievement and personal development for all pupils in The Meadow. Any actions taken are based on a deep and accurate understanding of the school's performance and of staff and pupils' skills and attributes. ... The Meadow is now definitely on the upward trajectory and there are very many positive aspects which reflect the hard work of all those involved.'

'Teaching is judged as good and there is increasingly outstanding practice. Outcomes at the end of key stage are higher than the national average and there are some very good attainment and progress outcomes. The school's practice consistently reflects the highest expectations of staff and the highest aspirations for all pupils, including the more able and those with special educational needs.'

We are certainly looking forward to working alongside our whole school community in 2015, and hope that it will be as prosperous as last year. Happy New Year to you all!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

Panto In A Pickle!

All is not well in Fairyland and a host of favourite pantomime characters is trying to sort things out. Highlights include Minions, Tickles the Bubble Dragon, nefarious goings-on in the wicked witch's castle, an enchanted forest, and a very silly dance competition.

All your favourites will be in action, so join the Ellesmere Devils for their annual family production and help them to sort out which witch is which!

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At Christmas, it is traditional for our thoughts to turn towards helping other people and, specifically, to charity. Children at the College are very keen on raising money for charity, our most recent charity day supported 'Save the Children' and its efforts to fight Ebola. The charities are always chosen by the students themselves. What you may not know, however, is that LVC has its own charity. The LVC Trust Fund (charity number 298575). It was created over twenty years ago to help students in our school community to afford emichment activities that might otherwise be be youd their parents' pockets. Over the years, the College has, via The Trust Fund, paid for hundreds of young people from less affluent homes to go on trips and visits, to take part in sporting activities and to have music lessons. Many of these opportunities have been truly life-changing for the students and have had a very positive impact on our wider community. In recent years, however, the funds have diminished some what, we have noticed greater calls on this money during the recession, and fewer donations. It is time, therefore, to build the fund up once more so it can continue to do some good.

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Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

Balsham Gardening Club

Nearly fifty members gathered for our meeting and Christmas party on Tuesday 2nd December. Always a highlight of the year, this was no exception.



Our guest speaker was Balsham resident Alison Clarke (pictured) who demonstrated in her own



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Alison kindly allowed the arrangements to be raffled and three very happy members knew that they had a stunning display for their Christmas festivities.

Thoughts then turned to food, a hearty Ploughman's supper. During this time we had a brain teaser supplied by Harold Gawthorp, challenging us to find as many female names as possible that had a botanical connection (more than you may first think!), and then it was on to his horticultural quiz which found us scratching our heads trying to remember Latin names as well as which horseracing event is synonymous with Box hedge cutting day! (Derby Day). The triumphant winners were rewarded with a 'possibly life changing prize' ~ a Lottery scratch card!

We would like to wish all readers a happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you to the first meeting of 2015, when Mike Petty will be talking on 'Fen and Flood.' The meeting will be held at The Meadow School on Tuesday 3rd February, beginning at 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

Sue Lock

Harold's Gardening Tips

January is a month to appreciate evergreens and winter-flowering plants, a time to finish the winter digging and to order seeds for spring sowing.

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Cambridgeshire ACRE on (01353) 865038, email rachael.brown@cambsacre.org.uk or log on to www.cambsfirechamps.org.uk. Cambridgeshire ACRE coordinates the Community Champions Scheme on behalf of CFRS.

And don't forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the 'test' button on the device.

Leanne Ehren (01480 444558, 07747 113255)

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St Andrew's Church, West Wratting

Holy Communion at 10.45 am each Sunday (except on fifth Sunday of the month).

Contact Seb astian Bain (882960)

There will be a celebration of Holy Communion in Balsham Church at 10.30 am on the first Wednesday of each month, and at 9.15 am on subsequent Mondays .

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.

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

DIARY

January 2015

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville Fri 2 First Friday bridge, West Wratting

Mon 5 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting

Cut-off for West Wratting Oil Syndicate orders Sunll

Mon 12 West Wratting Parish Council

Thur 15 Tai Chi restarts, West Wratting Village Hall West Wratting Lunch Club

Progressive Supper, West Wratting Sat 17

Thur 22 Crime Reduction talk, Weston Colville

Jumble Sale, The Meadow School, Balsham Sat 24

Sun 25 Winter Sunday Lunch, Weston Colville

February 2015

Balsham Gardening Club Tue 3

Wed 4 - Sat 7 Ellesmere Centre pantomime

Friб First Friday bridge, West Wratting

Sat 7 Farmers' Market, Linton Village College

West Wratting Saturday Cafe

Thur 19 West Wratting Lunch Club



January 2015

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