

Challenge

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

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From West Wrattling Vicarage

It is probably what Dr Johnson, in a different context, called the triumph of hope over experience to start my letter by saying "As you will remember from my May article", so I won't bother. In my May letter I said that the second weekend in May was likely to be pretty full, what with the VE celebrations and the General Election aftermath. I was very touched, therefore, when a parishioner phoned me up about something entirely different and said in passing how right I had been about the weekend. It is always nice to be told how right I am. Yes, she said, the VE celebrations were wonderful but exhausting, and there was another event but she couldn't remember what it was. The General Election? I suggested. Yes, that was it, she said. I must say I envied her insouciance. How delightful to be able to forget the General Election.

Even if the election campaign itself was, as people said, a bit dull, election night itself was riveting. And the aftermath, though not about who would go into coalition with whom, has been of great fascination as well. I have read a number of articles about why the Conservatives won and why Labour lost. One such article said that Ed Miliband would often make a speech on a topic which would go down very well and clearly tap into a public mood – and that was it. There was no follow up. Once the speech had been made, it was as if a box had been ticked and it was time to move on to another topic. Contrast this with Gordon Brown's approach in the run up to the 1997 election, overwhelmingly won by Labour. A journalist complained to him that he was always going on about the City fat cats, ad nauseam. Gordon Brown said it was only when journalists were fed up to the back teeth with a subject that most people even started to take notice. I do sometimes wonder whether we are not guilty of the Miliband, rather than the Brown, approach in some of our church communication.

So in the next few months I may well make some of you fed up to the back teeth, while I suspect others will be asking "why haven't I heard about this before?" The subjects we need to think about are, in no particular order:

The Parish Nurse: this is a really pioneering project for the parishes and has the potential to change the church's standing in the community dramatically. But I wonder how many of you know how much it will cost, what precisely the PN will be doing, and how he/she will relate to the church and so on. Most of us need more information.

Fabric: obviously a live topic for St Mary's, Weston Colville, with so much needing to be done and so much in the air. A lot of you think, with some justice, that we have been dragging our feet. Well, no longer, but there will be an awful lot about what we will do, what we would like to do, and what we might do. It's make or break time for St Mary's, and keeping everyone informed, and incidentally consulted, will be a major priority.

Lay Leadership: it is absolutely dreadful that there is effectively no churchwarden at St Andrew's. Sebastian cannot be around and there is no one else. I have to tell you as bluntly and starkly as I can that when I leave, and if there is no churchwarden, then St Andrew's will be a prime candidate for closure. It will have no voice to speak up for it and so the future will be grim. Sorry to be so blunt, but that is simply the case and you will be living in a fool's paradise to think otherwise.

Well, all this is just for starters. You will be hearing more about all this, I can assure you. And if you tell me that you are fed up to the back teeth with it all, well, that will be a sign that we are getting somewhere.



Thanks

Very many thanks to the generous people of West Wrating and Weston Colville who gave donations during Christian Aid Week, and to Canon John Fellows for organising this. The total raised was £230, most of which was Gift Aided, which helps the cause further.

Joanna Sanders

I would like to thank West Wrating Football Club for the most generous donation of £350 to the Brain Tumour Charity in support of my wife and a fellow WWFC supporter, Craig Fleming. The money which was raised by the club's recent 'Gentleman's Evening' could not have been donated to a worthier cause, the Brain Tumour Charity's funding of research into this dreadful disease. Unbeknown to most, a brain tumour is the largest cancer killer of children and adults under 40, yet is chronically underfunded and receives less than 1% of all cancer research funding. Thank you so much to all at WWFC.

Tony Mee

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Many thanks to Ann for a most enjoyable afternoon in her garden last month, and for her and Beryl's quizzes; and a big thank you to all the cooks who provided us with a vast array of delicacies.

Our next garden meeting will be in Emsons Close, Linton, on 5th August.

Wendy Halls

Autumn Concert – Advance Notice


Our fifth Autumn Concert will take place on Saturday 10th October at 7.30 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. We expect to be able to hold the ticket price once more to adults £10.00 (children free), including interval refreshments.

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Please come and join us for the next café on Saturday 4th July between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the village hall. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Sherry (290070) or Catherine (291307).

NB – there will be no café on Saturday 1st August as this clashes with the West Wrating Village Show. The following café will therefore be on Saturday 5th September.

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There will be a fillup this month, with the cutoff for orders being Tuesday 14th July at 6.00 pm. Place your orders either by email to me at richardholness023@btinternet.com or by phoning the pub during licensing hours (not too late, please) on 290384.

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The next fillups will be in September and October this year, then January 2016, with details in the relevant month's *Challenge*.

The village website www.westwrating.org.uk has an explanatory page about how the oil syndicate works.

Richard Holness

Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville

The next Tea & Cakes will be on Friday 3rd July, 3.30 - 5 pm, at the Reading Room.

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Melanie and the Tea & Cakes team

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West Wrating Sports Pavilion

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the Pavilion on Monday 6th July at 7.00 pm.

We would like as many as possible of the players and managers from both Youth and Senior teams, and the public, to attend please.

Refreshments will be available.

Blanche Miller,
Sports Pavilion Secretary



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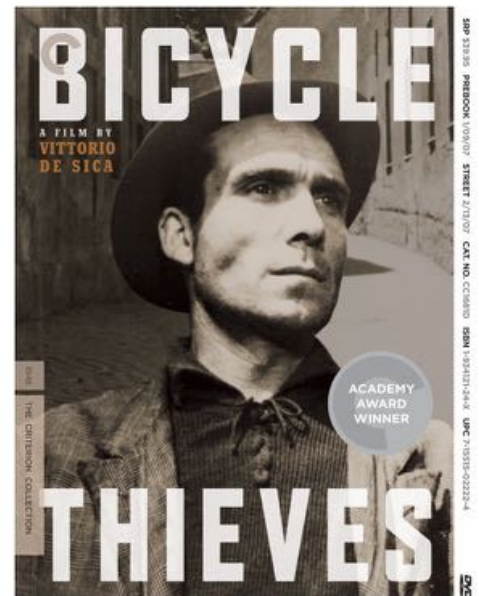
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I'm proposing to hold a 'once a month' cinema club at the Reading Room in Weston Colville. This will be on the evening of every first Wednesday in the month, starting in October. The format will be a screening of a classic film (which you may or may not know), accompanied by a short lecture/introduction and programme notes. The screening will be on a large screen with professional sound, ie not a TV screening!

Admission will be by donation only for October and November and then we just need to fix an admission to cover the Reading Room plus costs. The first film will be De Sica's classic Neo-realist film 'The Bicycle Thieves', one of the greatest films ever made. If you have never seen it then you really need to. Further details to follow in September's *Challenge*.



Just one more thing: I need to ascertain level of interest; so may I ask that if you would support a venture of this kind could you email me or just give me a call, details below. Quite a few people have expressed interest so I just need to know whether we can give it a go! Could be fun I think.

Laurence Staig
(291212, Laurence.staig@onetel.net)

The Music Bash

The Music Bash at West Wrating Recreation Ground, in memory of Chelsey Boreham, is being held on Friday 10th July and Saturday 11th July.

On Friday evening (7 pm until 12 pm) there will be bands playing in a marquee, with a licensed bar and a barbecue.

On Saturday 11th July (2 pm until 12 pm) there will be several bands playing at West Wrating Recreation Ground and pavilion, with a bar, barbecue, tractor rides, tombola stall, bouncy castle, cake stall and much more.

Please come and enjoy the music and fun, and support the charity EACH, and the football clubs.

Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary

Children's Summer Holiday Tennis Coaching



Once again we are very lucky to have engaged the services of Paul Harms, LTA Master Coach (level 5), of Linton Tennis Academy, for four days of tennis coaching for children in the summer holidays, on our court in West Wrating.

The course will run on Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th August, as follows:

- Tots Tennis (pre-school children), 9 - 9.30 am.
- Red Ball (for ages 8 and under), 9.30 - 10.30 am.
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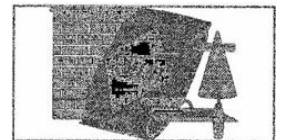
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We are now a rather small team. Could you spare an hour every six weeks or so to come and help keep up the good work? Please do get in touch to find out more: csw.westwrattling@gmail.com

Jayshree

West Wrattling Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator

Weston Colville Speedwatch

It has become apparent from the responses to the village Community Led Plan that many people are concerned about speeding in the village. We have been carrying out Speedwatch regularly and very successfully over the last nine months, but the current team is limited in the amount of time that can be committed to Speedwatch due to many other commitments. We are looking for more Speedwatch volunteers, to ensure that we can do regular speed checks in the village, particularly at

peak times. If you can spare a small amount of time to come and join the team, and if you are concerned about the speed of the traffic coming through Weston Colville, then please get in touch via email at linziehubbard@gmail.com

In addition to this, if you think there is a problem with speeding in your area then please report it at www.tinyurl.com/SCSpeedTeam by entering the times of speeding and the exact location. This will then be put on to a spreadsheet where officers can pick up details of the areas, and they can then conduct speed checks. The information logged will encourage the team to carry out more regular speed checks in the village.

Lynsey Hubbard

Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch

There were no reports relating to our villages from the police these past four weeks, so the peace that we noted last month has continued, and long may it do so.

Elsewhere batteries were stolen from the Camps, where the registration number of the vehicle involved was passed to the police. Still in our police area but looking towards Linton, Sawston and on to



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On the broad front, Action Fraud has seen an increase in fake bailiffs, and cold calls made to persuade people to invest in 'Fine Art'. Advice on debt and other problems is available from Citizens' Advice.

So while we live in quiet villages where we know and support each other, there is significant activity around to encourage us to remain aware, to take precautions and keep an eye out for problems, and to be ever ready to report suspicious behaviour to the police on 101, or 999 if an immediate response is needed.

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Dog Fouling

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People who fail to clean up after their dogs can be issued a fixed penalty notice, and magistrates can sentence persistent offenders with a £1000 fine.

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Anne

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Weston Colville Cricket Club



Wet weather has interrupted this season's programmes, with two 1st XI and one 2nd XI fixture being abandoned. However, after a slow start to their programme the 1st team have had a couple of fine victories and sit in eighth place in Division 2 of the Tucker League, with 113 points.

Playing at home to local rivals, Abington, on 23rd May Weston inflicted a crushing defeat on the visitors. Abington batted first and were restricted to just 114 all out, thanks to some fine bowling from Joe Robins (3 for 26) and Scott Bishop (4 for 21). Joe Robins (56 not out) and Andy Brightmore (50 not out) batted well, for Weston to achieve a notable victory without losing a wicket. The following Saturday saw Weston travel to Newborough who had made a good start to their season so a difficult match was foreseen. In the event, Weston won in a low-scoring game by 21 runs. Weston batted first and reached the modest total of 127 all out, with only Joe Robins making a decent score with 27, and the situation did not look promising. However, Weston's bowlers were up for

the battle and Matt Daniels (4 for 27), Joe Robins (3 for 18) and Ed Fairey (2 for 50) bowled Newborough out for 106. The winning 'streak' came to an end on 6th June at home to top of the table side, Eaton Socon. Eaton Socon batted first and finished on 255 for 2, and Weston could only reach 161 in reply, with Andy Brightmore, 24, and Pete Bragg, 46, contributing to the chase. The next two matches against Kimbolton and Fordham were lost to rain and waterlogged pitches.

The 2nd XI is continuing its push for promotion and has also made progress in the Lower Junior Cup. In the Division 6 South league match on 30th May at home to Thriplow, Weston made a challenging total of 223 for 6, with Paul Mayfield (79), Craig Williams (78), and Alex Thompson (33) piling on the runs. With some tight bowling from Weston, Thriplow never looked like reaching the required total, and fell well short at 167 for 7. Torin Reedman was best with the ball for Weston with 3 for 22 and he also took a fine catch at square leg. Two matches against Hardwick and Caldecote should have followed on 6th and 13th June but the opposition were unable to raise a team for their home fixture and the match at Weston was abandoned due to the wet weather. Away to Thriplow on 20th June, Weston completed the double with another fine victory. Weston made 227 for 6 and Thriplow fell short by 61 runs. The 2nd XI currently lie in second place in their division, having won four out of their seven matches.

The 2nd XI team also beat Linton away in the Lower Junior Cup on 23rd May. These are 20-over matches and Weston restricted Linton to 120 for 6, with Colin Eade taking 3 for 13. Weston reached 123 for 5 for victory, thanks to Michael Franks (53 not out) and Alex Thompson (27), and now meet Cottenham II at home in the quarter final on Sunday 5th July.

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The Midweek side has also been in action and chalking up some wins. They beat Mill Green away by 3 wkts on 27th May and thrashed Ickleton II by 103 runs at home on 3rd June. Weston made 156 for 7 in their 20 overs (Joe robins 32, Adam Taylor 25) and bowled Ickleton out for 53, Carl Thompson taking an emphatic 4 for 12. In the match away to Burrough Green on 17th June, Weston were beaten by 5 wkts in a low scoring game – Weston 81, Burrough Green 82 for 5. The midweek team was also unsuccessful in the cup match against Balsham on 10th June. Balsham made a decent 168 for 6 in spite of some tight bowling by Pete Bragg (3 for 34), and Weston was restricted to 138 for 3 in the chase, although Nick Pagonis made a lusty 60 and Pete Bragg also did well with the bat, making 35.

Senior Fixtures for July

	1st XI	2nd XI	MW
1 st July			Wenden (H)
4 th July	Khalsa (A)	Ickleton (A)	
5 th July (Sunday)		Cottenham II (H) Lower Junior Cup	
8 th July			Ashdon (A)
11 th July	Kimbolton (H)	Longstowe II (A)	
15 th July			Elmdon (H)
18 th July	Sawston (H)	Cherry Hinton II (A)	
22 nd July			Mill Green (H)
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Weston Colville Parish Council

The following items were discussed at the meeting held on 11th May:

Community Planning – the chairman gave a presentation of the Community-led Parish Plan for Weston Colville, ably supported by Councillor Pagonis. Having completed the presentation and answered the questions raised he then asked the meeting to vote to adopt the plan so that it could be officially ratified and passed to South Cambridgeshire District Council, as representing the views of the parish.

Of those present, all voted in favour except one attendee who abstained, giving an overwhelming vote in favour of the Parish adopting the plan.

Election of Officers – the following appointments were proposed and seconded:

- Chairman: Ray Vidler
- Vice Chairman: Brian Cushion
- Responsible Financial Officer: Constantine Pagonis
- Planning Sub Committee members: Ray Vidler, Brian Cushion, Bridget Durham (in cases when a conflict of interests is declared the following may take the place of the relevant councillors for Planning: Allen Scott and John Garrod)

Highways and Footpaths –

a) **Footpaths:** Cllr Cushion reported that the footpath between nos 14 and 62A was to be levelled by a contractor using road planings provided by the District Council. This work is planned to be carried out soon, at a cost of £300, previously agreed by the council.

b) **Highways:** Cllr Cushion reported that the stones by the verge at Church End have been removed.

However, nothing has been heard from the Highways Department regarding clearing the drains at Church End or on Mill Hill. They are also yet to contact West Wrattling Park Estate about the flooding of cottages (nos 1 to 3) at Church End, and what can be done to prevent this.

c) **Verges:** Cllr Cushion reported that these are cut three times a year within the village speed limit signs by a contractor.

A resident requested improved maintenance of the verges so that the wild flowers within them were better preserved. It was agreed to limit the depth of

the verge cut to only one metre in from the roadside, and carry this out only where needed. The contractor would also be asked wherever possible to preserve any wild flowers found growing in the verge.

Cllr Hickford reported that the County's Highway's Department only cut to a depth of one metre maximum to save money, so should comply with this request.

d) **River Maintenance:** Cllr Cushion reported that the silt buildup by the footbridge to Clamps Lane had been removed.

There is no news regarding the dredging of the River Stour behind the council houses, and West Wrattling Park Estate is still waiting to hear from the District Council regarding the sharing of the costs to carry out this work. There is still no news either about widening the stream running parallel to Clamps Lane, and the landowner is to be consulted.

County and District Councillors' Reports – County Councillor Hickford was pleased to report that work has now started on the installation of an offset crossroad at Skippers' Lane. The work should be completed in July.

Cllr Cushion asked Cllr Hickford if he would follow up with Highways on the need to clear the gullies on Mill Hill and the grips at Church End to help drainage, and also ask them to talk to West Wrattling Park Estate about what can be done to stop flooding of the Church End cottages. He also asked if Cllr Hickford could talk to the Council's Flood Risk Officer about liaising with the District Council about the dredging of the River Stour behind the council houses at The Green.

Finally Cllr Hickford reported that a right turn off the A1307 into Hildersham had been agreed, as had the introduction of a 50 mph speed limit between Dale Head Foods and Abington.

Cllr Frazer read out the Balsham ward annual report.

Faster Broadband should be in place in Weston Colville by the end of September.

Proposal to Adopt the Church End Telephone Box – the council has received a request from a parishioner to adopt the Church End telephone box to use as a place to store a defibrillator for the village. This was debated and unanimously rejected by the council. In its place it was agreed that the council would talk to

the Reading Room trustees about storing a defibrillator in the Reading Room for emergency use. If they were agreeable, an article would then be placed in *Challenge* to ask for volunteers to be trained in its use.

Church End Play Area – Cllr Scott agreed to organise spraying the nettles at the Church End play area with weed killer, and also the purchase of a sign at £90 naming the field as Church End Recreation Ground, with the Church End Playground logo, banning dogs and kite flying, and thanking all contributors to the equipment.

The play equipment project group have obtained all the funding they require and have obtained three quotes for the equipment. It was proposed and seconded that the council place an order for the equipment. This was unanimously approved.

Representatives of the group asked whether the layout needed to preserve space for parking. The council agreed that no parking space was required but requested that access for a tractor be kept for potential future ground maintenance.

Speedwatch – the council agreed to place an article in *Challenge* asking for Speedwatch volunteers. It was reported that 40% of people entering the village at Church End are exceeding the speed limit, with a large number greatly in excess of the limit. A proposal was made to move the 30 mph speed limit signs further outside the village but this was rejected on the grounds of cost and the complexity of doing this versus the likely benefit in terms of slowing people down.

As an alternative the Speedwatch group are to request the police to attend at the busiest times and operate a speed trap, to ensure the speed limit is enforced.

Neighbourhood Watch – the Council unanimously agreed to a request from Cllr Scott to spend £150 on new Neighbourhood Watch signs. All has been quiet since the last parish council meeting, with no reported criminal activity. Neighbourhood Watch continues to advise people via *Challenge* and to send emails to those who gave permission for their use for urgent issues. A crime prevention night had been held and well attended by residents.

Pond – Cllr Scott reported that there was lots of wildlife present both around and in the village pond, including moorhens and plenty of tadpoles. The only

concern was some weed growth that may be *Crassula helmsli*, but otherwise all was in good health.

Financial Matters –

- a) Audit: the governance statement was proposed, seconded, and unanimously passed by the council.
- b) Review of budget for 2015/16: the council held an extensive review and discussion of the budget before agreeing unanimously to accept it.
- c) Risk Assessments and Asset Register update: the Rospa Risk Assessments for the two playgrounds in the village were reviewed and the following actions agreed:
 - i) Cllr Scott agreed to ensure all the Church End actions were completed.
 - ii) Philip Sutton agreed to carry out the repair work required at the playground on the Green recreation ground.

The Chairman also mentioned that once installed, the new play equipment at Church End would need to be added to the council Asset Register and also covered by the council's insurance policy.

Planning Applications – two planning applications were reviewed at the meeting:

- i) Work at Lark Hall Cottages. This was approved but concerns were raised that the work had already started, and this was added as a comment on the return to the District Council Planning Department, asking whether this should be a retrospective application.
- ii) The construction of a Garden Room at Lane House. This was also approved, with a comment added on the return to the Planning Department that it should not be inhabited or sold as a separate dwelling to the main house.

A discharge notification of planning consent for School House was also reviewed at the meeting, for information only.

Seat at top of Mill Hill – a request has been received from a parishioner to reinstate the seat that used to be at the top of Mill Hill opposite the oak tree, looking out down the hill and towards Lower Wood.

Cllrs Scott and Cushion agreed to look at the feasibility of doing this, and to report back with costs to the next meeting.

Ray Vidler, Chairman

West Wratting Parish Council

The Parish Meeting was held on 11th May at 7.30 pm. The chairman Nigel Job welcomed everyone, thanked the council for their work this past year, and gave his report which can be seen on the website and noticeboard as well as here.

Reports, which will be given below and on the website, were received from the Rev John Fellows and from West Wratting clubs and societies. Mike Rowland said that work would shortly begin on the £27,000 job of repairing the village hall roof, and was grateful that the Wadlow Windfarm funding had realised the importance of looking after such an important village asset by awarding £20,000. The chairman thanked Mike Rowland and Colin McCall for their hard work.

Age UK: Melanie Murdoch, Home Services Manager for Age UK East Anglia, outlined the work that they do and the value of the Mobile Warden Scheme, which is available to help people who are unable to get out by shopping, spending time talking and reassuring those who are alone and unwell.

Matters Arising: the chairman was pleased to report that the footpath requested at the last Parish Meeting was now in place, from Viking Close to the junction.

Any Questions:

- a) Two new trees are needed in the High Street where two have died.
- b) It was agreed that the reports could be put on the website as well as the noticeboards.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm, and was followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Cllr Job stepped down as chairman and proposed Cllr Ross-Bain, which was seconded by Cllr Holness, agreed by council, and accepted. Cllr Nicholls was proposed for vice chairman by Cllr Holness, seconded by Cllr Job, agreed by council and accepted. Both signed the Declaration of Acceptance forms.

Opportunity for Public Statement: Philip O'Donovan had concerns about the SCDC Planning Dept not having replied to his queries about the planning application for 4 The Causeway. He was told to contact Dist Cllr Fraser about this.

Finance: the accounts for 2014/15 were accepted by council prior to them going to the Internal Auditor,

and signed by the chairman and parish clerk. Similarly the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts which would be sent to the external auditors were read out, accepted and signed.

Maintenance:

- a) The scaffolding was being erected prior to the repair of the village hall roof.
- b) RoSPA had sent their report of inspection and there were minor repairs required on play equipment etc. The chairman would look at this with Cllr Snow and check what needed to be done.

Football Club/Sports Pavilion issues: a committee meeting was attended by Cllrs Snow and Nichols and council were told that the club intend to put in an application to the Wadlow Wind Farm fund for a grant for the electric shutters. They might require someone with experience to help them present a good case. It was suggested that Cllr Holness joins Cllr Snow as representatives on the Sports Pavilion Committee. Cllrs Nichols and Ikkenhaug will continue as representatives on the Village Hall Committee.

Traffic issues: Cllr Nichols reported:

- a) Although the police were happy about moving the 30 mph signs further out of the village it would be very costly.
- b) The cost of rondels would be £100 per sign and this will be put on the budget for this year.
- c) Concern about getting answers from Camgrain regarding lorry traffic issues.
- d) Speedwatch is up and running again, with new equipment coming.
- e) Thurlow Estates had placed a notice at the exit of the site reminding drivers to turn left at Weston Woods to get to the A1307. They were reminded about the 20 mph speed limit through the villages.

She thanked Chris Wiseman for coming to the meeting. Cllr Job asked her to condense the information to show the village what is needed and how much it would cost. It should be discussed at the budget meeting.

Any Other Business: the parish clerk was asked to check with CAPALC about councillor training courses.

The draft minutes will be posted on the noticeboard and the next meeting will be on Monday 13th July at 8 pm. All welcome.

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Chairman’s Report, West Wratting

The primary purpose of the parish council is to look after the village assets both for now and in the future; to represent the residents of West Wratting and ensure their views on the way that the village is managed are upheld. It is the equivalent of a town council for a town, but perhaps rather better value for money! Assets of the village include this village hall, the pavilion, the pump shelter, the bus shelters, the pound, and various pieces of land including the recreation ground and the pocket park.

Thanks must go to all the volunteers from the village who put in time and effort to enable us to continue to enjoy West Wratting as a beautiful place to live. In particular I would like to thank Colin McCall who is our P3 (footpaths) coordinator, who, together with his volunteers, puts in a large amount of time to ensure that the footpaths are trimmed and free of litter, and to various volunteers from the football clubs who ensure a well maintained recreation ground and pavilion. Patricia Copeman, who painted the bus shelter single handedly, is a great example of how people in the village get on and get things done

The vast majority of works and maintenance by the parish council is carried out on a voluntary basis, and we hope that we can continue this tradition. More volunteers for maintenance in the village would be welcomed. The voluntary aspect of our work (our parish councillors draw no pay or allowances) means that your parish council can be accurately regarded as the most cost effective part of local government. As with previous years we have decided that it is sensible planning to increase our part of the precept by the rate of inflation. This is only the equivalent of around £1.40 per year on a band D property. West Wratting continues to have one of the lowest parish council

precepts in Cambridgeshire, and will continue to use the parish’s money carefully and cost-effectively.

Last year we received approval for a footpath between Viking Close and Six Mile Bottom Road. This has now been completed, and credit for this must go to Campbell Ross-Bain.

The year sees a number of changes to the parish council. Sisse McCall has stepped down after many years’ service to the village as a parish councillor and as vice chairman. The village owes a great debt of gratitude to her efforts, and we offer our deepest thanks for everything she has done for the village. I am delighted that Hanneke Okkenhaug and Richard Holness were co-opted onto the council this year. Rachel Causton has also volunteered, and should the rest of the council agree she will be co-opted onto the council at the following meeting after this. I have been chairman of the PC since 2010 and feel it is time for someone else to take over. Being chairman of WWPC has been a great honour, and thank you to all who have given me support.

Our thanks also go to our District and County Councillors who have supported us.

Thank you to Scilla Harvey, and Colin McCall for their work this year on the Windfarm Community Fund. Funding has been secured for a number of worthwhile village causes, and this year it has been the turn of the Village Hall Committee to look for funding. A huge amount of work has gone into this successful bid, ably led by Mike Rowland who has done an excellent job on behalf of the village.

On planning matters, villagers can be reassured that the parish council very much regards its purpose as to represent the views of the tax-payers of West Wratting. In order to be sure that we understood the needs of the community, the year before last we

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carried out the village survey, and subsequently supported the housing needs survey. This work will, I believe, continue to guide the views and actions of the Parish Council into the future. In line with the predominant views of the village, the council should strongly oppose any commercial development outside the village envelope.

There continues to be justified concern regarding traffic issues in and around the village, and particularly the development impact of Haverhill and the safety record of the A1307. Sadly in part due to the fatalities on the Skipper's Lane crossroads, but also down to our lobbying, a reworking of that junction is currently taking place, and the crossroads will now become a staggered junction.

Last year we successfully lobbied the owners of the facility at Weston Woods to agree a voluntary speed restriction of 20 mph while travelling through the village, and also to vary their route more. This will not remove the problem of HGV grain lorries travelling through our village but should mitigate it. We were unsuccessful, however, in our attempts to prevent the removal of restrictions placed on the Camgrain facility. Our view and that of many of you was completely ignored by the SCDC planning committee. Following this we have engaged in a consultation with Camgrain that seems to have been largely successful, as we have an agreement with them to only send their lorries through our village if they are delivering to or picking up from the village. We have also asked them to consider the voluntary 20 mph restriction, which they have said they would.

Our thanks go to Mira for her continued work in coordinating with the police on traffic matters, and her work on options for the village with respect to reduction in speeding. Also thanks to Hanneke who has taken over the task of running the council's

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budget. I also thank our parish clerk, Mrs Jenny Richards. The parish clerk is an essential part of a properly run parish council and we are fortunate to have such an efficient and hard working one.

On behalf of the parish council, I would like to offer a big welcome to any newcomers to this great village of ours. It is a wonderful place to live, with a very lively community spirit, held together by the many voluntary organisations, its church, led by the Rev John Fellows, and our wonderful award-winning pub, The Chestnut Tree. It is a pleasure and an honour to have been chairman of your parish council over these last years, and thank you all for your support.

Nigel Job, Chairman, West Wrating PC

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Reports from West Wrating Clubs & Societies

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Sherry (sherry.odonovan@gmail.com)

Tennis Club– the club remains in good health, with the number of family members having increased in the last twelve months, which is encouraging. New members are still welcome.

The club’s finances are strong, with a reserve being built up to pay for a new court in the future. The surface was repainted last year and looks good.

Further information for prospective members on our website – www.westwratingtennis.co.uk

West Wrating Lunch Club – Peter continues to provide us with excellent two course meals for £7.50 at The Chestnut Tree every third Thursday of the month. The lunch is a set menu but Peter also caters for people with special dietary requirements. Usually 20+ of us meet each month. There is no commitment to attend every month; people come when they can.

The lunch is not just for people who are retired but anyone around at lunch time who would like to meet up with and share a meal with others. We meet at 12.30 and are usually finished by about 2 pm. To help Peter estimate how much food to cook, I usually let him know the numbers committed by the Monday morning before we meet on the Thursday. If anyone would like to come, please let me know.

Suan Rowland (290788)

Over 60’s Club – as in previous years, the ten monthly meetings were attended by an average of twelve (from a total of thirteen) paid-up members. Five of the meetings were held in the village hall, three were garden meetings, there was the ever popular visit to Scotsdale, and a fully attended Christmas lunch at The Chestnut Tree.

Wendy Halls

St Andrew’s Church – 2014 was an unspectacular year for St Andrew’s Church but, on the basis that no news is good news, that could be seen as quite encouraging. Congregational numbers averaged in



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the mid teens, but varied enormously, once or twice dipping into single figures but sometimes getting into the low twenties, well above the national average. Again there were much larger figures at the great festivals, and also at the occasional Songs of Praise that we have been holding with the help of John and Scilla Harvey and friends. The finances continued the positive trend reported last year, with a healthy surplus at the year’s end.

Probably the highlight of the year was the by now annual Fete & Village Show in the churchyard at the beginning of August. Bigger and better than ever, it was, as Vicky Ford MEP said in her opening remarks, probably the best advertised village event in East Anglia. Our thanks as always to Jeanette Job and her incredible band of helpers. This year Jeanette cannot be the main organiser, so we are on the look out for more volunteers. The annual Autumn Concert at Balsham, put on by Michael and Linda Gorman, was another very enjoyable fundraiser. This year will see a new Quinquennial (the official five yearly inspection of the church fabric) and though we hope for no nasty surprises there will be more work to be done. A new Fabric Committee has been set up and their first major task will be how to implement the work recommended.

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But in a sense the most important thing last year has been the launch of a Consultation by the Diocese on a Strategy to meet the cold winds blowing through church life generally. For all sorts of reasons, the wider church will no longer support 'failing' parishes. There are four criteria for a failing church:

- Congregation numbers regularly in single figures;
- Lack of local lay leadership;
- Inability to pay the Diocesan quota;
- Lack of engagement with the local community.

West Wrattling passes these tests, with one exception. We need two churchwardens. So the future is bright, but there is an ominous cloud on the horizon. Let us hope that when I write next year it will have blown away.

Canon John Fellows

Litter – as usual 2014 was very busy, but the teams in Weston Colville and West Wrattling have managed to keep the verges pretty clear. Being a rat-run area, the problem is never going away and we could always do with more volunteers to help take the strain.

As usual, some larger items were picked up, including bits of vehicles. At least three cars a year leave the road within the West Wrattling parish boundary, and in 2014 five cars left the road.

A big thank you to all the teams in both villages, and to everyone who picks up litter on an 'ad hoc' basis.

Colin McCall

Parish Paths Partnership – all the paths were maintained in good condition in 2014. We had two cuts by the Council this year which was just about adequate. Lee Tubby kept the cross-field paths well cut, while Raymond Maskell, Louise 'Chindit' Cook and Simon Anderson did great work on the less accessible areas.

Simon Anderson has acquired a Honda mower, courtesy of the West Wrattling Parish Council, and hopefully won't be showered by doggy-does from now on, but dogwalkers, please be considerate and pick up if your dog 'goes' on any of the paths.

If anyone encounters a problem please contact me.

Colin McCall

Village Hall – despite the major anxiety triggered by the demise of our flat roof, this year has had a very positive feel. My full report is on the website.

In February 2015 I submitted a bid to the Wadlow Wind Farm Fund for the sum of £20,000 towards the cost of our preferred options of warm roof construction, modern polymer roof covering and remedial work to the belfry, of around £28000. Parish council had already pledged support of £3000 and £5000 could be found from the village hall funds. Also in our favour was the range of regular health-related activities, and social/family related activities, of which the new monthly café initiative was particularly noteworthy. Following the WWCF panel meeting in March we were advised we were being awarded the full grant of £20,000. We are hugely grateful to all concerned for coming to the rescue. The work will start with the erection of scaffolding giving access to the belfry. We hope that there will be minimum disruption to our normal schedule of activities.

These activities now include, in the early stages of development, the very worthwhile FitSteps classes, and a table tennis facility (made possible by two extremely generous donations of tables).

*Mike Rowland, Chairman,
Village Hall Management Committee*

West Wrattling Football Club

All three teams finished the season with a flourish, resulting in the 1st team finishing in sixth place in the Kershaw Premier League with 58 points, the Reserves in tenth place in the Kershaw Senior League 1B with 37 points, and the third team, the A Team, finishing ninth with 32 points in the Newmarket Motors League 4A. Unfortunately all three teams missed out on silverware this season.

Ian Boreham

The Meadow School

The final half term at The Meadow started in sadness. Our dear friend and colleague, Maria Wright, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly the day before we returned. Maria was known by the whole school community as our assistant cook, and by much of the local community for being our lettings manager and just a thoroughly lovely member of the Balsham community. Maria's life was recently celebrated at a service in the local church, and the children at school have their thinking caps on to plan a way that we as a school can also remember her. The whole of The Meadow School community send our love and thoughts to Maria's family at this time.

As we approach the end of a very busy academic year, there is absolutely no let up with the pace in school. We have decided to try something new (and perhaps a little bit mad) – we are taking the whole school to Hunstanton beach for a day of sandcastle building, shell collecting, beach games, ice cream and of course paddling in the sea. This day will launch our new whole school topic for September, entitled 'Best of British'. We are keeping our fingers crossed for a glorious day.



The weather wasn't as kind to us a few weeks ago when we hosted our annual 'June Revels'. However, the damp and drizzle didn't put the crowds off and the day was a huge success. 'Splat the rat', greasy pole and of course the bungee run were popular as ever, as was the candy floss, which appeared to be the same size as the children!

This has been a fantastic year once again at The Meadow, the support from the community has been tremendous, and the children and staff have worked incredibly hard.



The next school year will see Ofsted back to visit us, and a full inspection. Whilst this is a daunting prospect, it is also an exciting time, and an opportunity for us to showcase our fantastic school. I certainly am one very proud headteacher.

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

Derbyshire Post



We have just got to the end of another enrichment week at the College. Many schools no longer have such extravaganzas, but I have always firmly believed that strong programmes of enrichment help students with their educational development as great people and great learners. Let me describe the Year 7 trip to Boulogne, for example.

The day before the trip, the students spend time with their language teachers learning and practising the words and phrases that they are going to use. They are encouraged to go to the canteen and order an ice cream in French, they have to find French items in a treasure hunt around the school, and they are taught how to recognise the shops and public places they will experience on their trip.

At 5 am the next morning, we gather at school and set off on our journey. Around half of the 170 children will never have been to France before, so the excitement is tangible as we near the channel. The Pupil Premium Allowance that we get for every disadvantaged child allows us to provide the trip to those children for free. This is a trip that those children would never have experienced with their families and that makes it feel quite magical.

When we arrive in France we visit the Aquarium at Nausicaa and marvel at the sharks and sea lions, then we head into town to buy things: silly berets and sun glasses, hats, patisseries, bread and candy floss and pancakes. All of these items are bought using French to negotiate the transactions. Every child has to use their language skills and the shopkeepers and waiters play along, even if their own English is very good. The children are always immensely proud of their purchases in French. We end the day with a trip to Cité de Europe to stock up on French goodies before we return home for around 9 pm. It's a long day for the staff, someone is always travel sick, there are always complicated problems to sort out ... a lost passport, a broken phone or camera, a spilt drink, a parent who forgets to collect their child ... but it is always memorable and fun. Apart from the French learned and put to use it is also a great way for a teacher, the headteacher perhaps, to really get to know a small number of children in a more relaxed setting. Relationships are so important in teaching, and count for so much. They help us to understand what motivates the children and for the children to know how to get the best out of us too. Long may enrichment week continue.

Caroline Derbyshire, Principal

BRINKLEY OPEN GARDENS

SUNDAY 12th JULY
2pm - 5pm

Visit one of the open gardens in Brinkley - from large and spacious, to small cottage, all with unusual and interesting features.
**TEAS...PLANTS...RAFFLE...
TREASURE HUNT and GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN** at Brinkley Memorial Hall.
FREE PARKING

Tickets and a map £4 from the car park or any of the gardens - look for the red balloons.
Children free
In aid of St Mary's Church Brinkley and Brinkley Memorial Hall



SMOKE ALARMS IN RENTED PROPERTIES

Sign up to save lives
www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php



Alarms 4 Life for Landlords

New safety laws, expected to come into effect from October 2015 (subject to Parliamentary approval), will make it compulsory for all landlords to fit smoke alarms in rented homes. Under the new laws smoke alarms must be fitted on every floor of the property, as well as carbon monoxide alarms in properties which burn solid fuels.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service has a limited number of free alarms to give out to relevant landlords and will be doing so at its fire stations on the first Mondays of July, August and September. For full details, dates and where you can collect alarms, log on to <http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk/firesafety/alarms4life.php>



Buttercups Pre-School presents

Elmer's Family Fun Day

Saturday 18th July

2.00 - 4.30 pm

To include Graduation of this year's leavers at 3pm

In Buttercups mobile and Meadow School Grounds

(Entrance via School Lane)

£3 per child, to include Hotdog and Drink

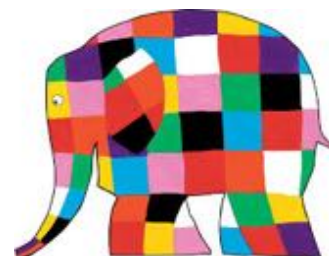
£1 for siblings

Tickets available in advance from Kirsty at Buttercups or on the day

Please bring your own picnic blanket!

Come and join us for:

a treasure hunt, races, crafts, face painting, tombolas, book stall, sweet stall, homemade cakes, and much more!
(894608, buttercupspreschool@yahoo.com)



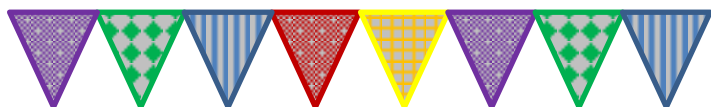
Balsham Gardening Club

With some trepidation the Gardening Club decided to hold a Plant Sale at the Bandstand. We need not have worried! A steady stream of enthusiastic buyers ensured that we were kept busy supplying plants for every area of the garden. As a result we raised over £260 which will help to fund speakers for the coming sessions. Many people expressed an interest in the Club and it would be great to welcome them to our first meeting in October. More details in the coming months.

Members are now turning their attention to the show to be held on Saturday 12th September. Definitely a date for your diary!



Sue Lock



West Wrattling Village Show

Saturday 1st August, from 12 noon

We are pleased to be back again, with another show, a brilliant show committee, and lots of new and exciting things for you all! There are new programmes for the produce, flowers and crafts, and also the dog show. Please note the new times.

We have marquees, chairs and tables, so come along rain or shine, and we also have a beer tent for the award winning best CAMRA pub, The Chestnut Tree.

This year we have human zorb balls, great for Instagram moments! Lunches and teas will be available, as well as Rossi Icecream and Balsham Butcher burgers.

Entries to the Village Show are open to everyone, wherever you live. To make a good show, we need as many entries as possible, and we have made it cheaper, too. Please enter, and don't worry about whether you expect to reach a winning standard or not. It is all fun, so just have a go!

The event will take place in the grounds of St Andrew's Church and the next door paddock, thanks to Mark and Erin. Car parking will be in the paddock, and only pre-booked disabled parking will be on The Causeway.

We welcome stalls from villagers at £10 plus a raffle prize. For commercial stalls, please contact us for the details. Please bring your own table and gazebo, or if you pre-book we may be able to allocate you a slot in the marquees.

Immediately after the show there will be songs of Praise and music for everyone in the church, and then stay for a Pimm's and nibbles afterwards, please.

We hope that there is something suitable for everyone, and encourage you to join in what we hope will be a fun day. All proceeds will be donated to the Church Restoration Fund, which covers the ongoing maintenance bills to keep the church building standing, open, and available for everyone to enjoy at all times.

For general queries contact Mira or John Nichols (291433, miranich@hotmail.co.uk) or Jeanette Job (290706, thejobs@hotmail.co.uk).

Show Timetable

- 10.00 Show tent open for exhibit entries
- 11.30 Deadline for show exhibits
- 12.00 Show opened by Professor Dick White
Judging starts; ends 2.30 pm
bar, BBQ, stalls open, café opens in church;
human zorbs, bouncy castle, side shows open
- 12.30 Pet & Dog Show registration
- 1.00 Pet & Dog Show starts (judging by vets from Dick White Referrals)
- 2.30 Produce tent opens for viewing by the public, with prizes notified
Teddy bear drop from church tower, weather permitting, and prizes
- 3.30 Leftover produce to be sold on produce stall
Tug of war
- 3.35 to 4.00 Raffle draw published, prize giving
- 4.30 Complimentary drinks and nibbles, and Songs of Praise and Music for all ages in the church.
BBQ and Bar continue
- 6.00 CLOSE

Produce Show Schedule

Section 1: FLOWERS & POT PLANTS

1. One specimen rose
2. Best perfumed rose (fragrance judged, not appearance)
3. Five stems sweet peas (mixed or same)
4. Three dahlias, any form
5. Three stems any flowering shrub (eg fuchsia, etc)
6. Three stems mixed flowers
7. A flowering pot plant (eg geranium, etc)
8. A pot plant grown for its foliage

Section 2: FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

9. Eight cherry tomatoes
10. Three carrots, tops on
11. Three courgettes (flowers on, if possible)
12. Five pods of peas, inc short section of stalk.
13. Three onions, tops on
14. Four chillies (mixed or same)
15. Salad bowl (selection of three salad items).
16. Selection of any three vegetables
17. Selection of six fruit (six of the same)
18. Funniest or most misshapen vegetable

Section 3: FLORAL ART

19. Decorated summer wreath
20. Arrangement of flowers, without accessories
21. Arrangement of flowers. Theme: 'It's a Princess'
22. Table decoration with flowers from your garden
23. Flower arrangement using candles

Section 4: COOKERY

24. One jar of jam
25. One jar of marmalade
26. One jar of chutney

- 27. One plate apple pie
- 28. Four scones
- 29. Four chocolate chip cookies
- 30. Five decorated cupcakes
- 31. Decorated sandwich cake

Section 5: CRAFTS

- 32. Photography: 'Church Views'
- 33. Photography: 'Landscapes including animals'
- 34. Handmade card
- 35. A painting or picture, any medium
- 36. An item of 'soft' handicraft, not embroidery (eg knitting, patchwork etc)
- 37. An item of 'hard' handicraft (eg woodwork, pottery etc)

Section 6: 6 YEARS AND UNDER

- 38. A pasta picture
- 39. Three decorated biscuits (only judged on decoration)
- 40. A painting of 'Your Family'
- 41. A cress egg face (empty eggshell, cotton wool, cress seeds)

- 42. Five decorated biscuits (judged on decoration only)
- 43. A Lego model
- 44. A cress caterpillar (eggbox cut lengthways, cotton wool, cress)
- 45. A painting or drawing of your choice
- 46. Jam jar of flowers
- 47. A photograph taken by you, any subject

Section 8: 16 YEARS AND UNDER

- 48. A computer-generated greeting card
- 49. A painting or drawing of your choice
- 50. A Lego model
- 51. Four decorated muffins
- 52. Miniature garden in a seed tray
- 53. A decorated jam jar lantern

Section for Schools (Balsham Meadow, Barnardiston, & West Wickham)

- 59. Longest carrot grown in a pot (any size).
- 60. Best display of wild flowers grown in a pot (any size).
(Seeds will be given out at school, or you can use any seeds you may already have.)

PRODUCE ENTRY FORM

Please use a separate entry form for each exhibitor. Make sure that you adhere to schedule rules to avoid disqualification. Fill in this form and bring it with your entries on the day.

I declare that all exhibits are the property of the exhibitor and have been produced by the exhibitor. All vegetables, fruit and flower entries have been grown by myself (with the exception of Floral Art Classes, unless stated otherwise). Pot plants have been in my possession for at least three months. I agree to abide by the Show rules.

Name Age (if 16 or under)

Address.....

..... Telephone Number

Signature.....

FEES PER EXHIBIT:

On the day only (before 11.30 am): 50p per adult entry or 20p per child entry, with a completed form.

Please circle the classes you wish to enter (and indicate if you are putting two entries into a class):

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45
46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53						59	60

Number of entries =

Total cost =

Good luck and thank you for taking part.

Any queries regarding entry into the Produce Show should be made to John or Mira (291433) or Jeanette Job (290706)

Produce Show Regulations

1. Entries

- Fees: adults 50p per entry, children 20p per entry. Anyone who enters more than 5 exhibits will benefit from discounted rates of 40p/10p per entry.
- All entries should be made using the entry form.
- A maximum of two entries per exhibitor per class. Each section has several classes and prizes are given for section winners, for adults, and discretionary class prizes for children.
- Entries must be the property of the exhibitor and have been made, produced or grown by the exhibitor with the exception (unless otherwise stated) of entries in the Floral Art section. Pot plants must have been in the possession of the exhibitor for at least three months.
- Entries in the junior sections must be the unaided work of the exhibitor.

2. Show Day

- Exhibits may be brought to the show tent between 10 am and 11.30 am on Show Day. No exhibits will be accepted after 11.30 am.
- Exhibits may be removed after 3.25pm. If you do not wish to enter your produce into the produce sale, please let the registration team know in advance.
- Exhibitors should supply their own plates, trays, dishes, bowls, baskets and vases, and must be responsible for the safety of all exhibits.

3. Judging

- All exhibitors must leave the show tent during judging unless their presence is required in an official capacity.
- The judges may withhold awards when exhibits are considered by them to be unworthy.
- The judges' decision shall be final.

4. Awards and Prizes

- Points and a prize card will be awarded in each class as follows: 1st place = 4 points; 2nd place = 2 points; 3rd place = 1 point.
- The exhibitor with the most points in each section (not class) will be given a special award.
- The exhibitor with the most points overall will be given a special award.
- In addition, prizes will be awarded for each junior section and class, but on a discretionary basis.

5. Produce Auction

- Any unwanted produce exhibits may be sold on Show Day. Any exhibits remaining in the show tent after 3.25pm on Show Day will be considered as donated and may be sold by the Show Committee unless the exhibitor has notified the registration team in advance.
- All proceeds of the produce sold will be donated to the Church Restoration Fund.

6. Show Committee

- The Show Committee will not be responsible for any loss or damage to exhibits.
- All disputes will be resolved by the Show Committee, whose decision will be final.



Pet and Dog Show Schedule

Entries (on the day only): £1 per entry. Registration from 12.30 pm; judging starts at 1 pm.

PET CLASSES

- A) Best mammal
- B) Best non mammal (can include fish)
- C) Best rabbit
- D) Best sheep
- E) Best feathered friend

DOG CLASSES

- A) Dog who looks most like their owner
- B) Best-dressed dog and owner!
- C) Best non-pedigree (cross breed)
- D) Best Irish brace (mismatched pair)
- E) Best six hairy legs (dog and owner)
- F) Best begging or bow or paw or two paws (treats allowed)
- G) Dog with the waggiest tail
- H) Best puppy (under one year old)
- I) Stay, turn and walk away until called (no treats allowed)
- J) Come when called by the judges (no treats allowed)
- K) Retrieving
- L) Command 'lie down' (no treats allowed)
- M) Dog the Judges would most like to take home



FUN PET & DOG SHOW ENTRY FORM
 Please use a separate entry form for each animal

Name (Person)

Pet's name and type.....

Address

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Telephone Number

Please circle the classes you wish to enter:

PET SHOW	A	B	C	D	E
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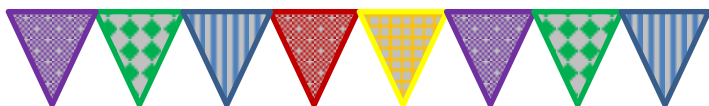
DOG SHOW	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
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Number of entries = Total cost = (£1 per entry)

Good luck and thank you for taking part.

Any queries regarding entry into the Pet & Dog Show should be made to Jeanette on 01223 290706.

Overall Winner of the Pet and Dog shows will get a trophy for the year, to be returned for the next show in 2016. Rosettes for first three places in class. Good luck everyone!



For copies of the entry forms, list of sponsors, and any queries, please contact John or Mira Nichols (01223 291433) or Jeanette Job (01223 290706).

New Girl in the Country

It's coming up for a year since Alastair and I moved to Weston Colville, on 18th July, and I've been looking back on that first week; see next month's Challenge for the story.

I'm starting a blog: www.newgirlinthecountry.com – I'll post words and photos at the end of July and then at the end of each month.

Jacqueline Douglas, Spring Terrace

St Mary's Church, Weston Colville

Holy Communion each Sunday at 9.15 am
(except on fifth Sunday of the month).

Contact Roger Whitehead (290524)

St Andrew's Church, West Wratting

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

Contact Sebastian 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

July 2015

- Wed 1 West Wratting Over 60s garden meeting
- Fri 3 Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville
First Friday Bridge, West Wratting
- Sat 4 Farmers' Market, Linton Village College
Saturday Café, West Wratting
- Mon 6 West Wratting Sports Pavilion AGM
- Wed 8 West Wratting Book Club
- Fri 10/Sat 11 Music Bash, West Wratting
- Sun 12 Brinkley Open Gardens
- Mon 13 West Wratting Parish Council meeting
- Tue 14 Deadline for West Wratting Oil Syndicate
- Thur 16 West Wratting Lunch Club
- Sat 18 Buttercups Family Fun Day, Balsham

August 2015

- Sat 1 Farmers' Market, Linton Village College
West Wratting Village Show
Jazz for Lifeboats, Carlton
- Mon 3/Thur 6 Tennis Coaching, West Wratting
- Wed 5 West Wratting Over 60s garden meeting
- Fri 7 First Friday Bridge, West Wratting
- Thur 20 West Wratting Lunch Club

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St Andrew's:	Flowers	Cleaning
5 th July	Jenny	Sue & Maggie
12 th July	Jenny	Pauline (tbc)
19 th July	Louise	Fanny
27 th July	Louise	Jenny

St Mary's:	Flowers	Cleaning
July	Carolyn	Gay, then Mary

Black bins: Tuesday 14th & 28th July,
Tuesday 11th & 25th July.
Green & blue bins: Tuesday 7th & 21st July,
Tuesday 4th & 18th August

Mobile library: fourth Wednesdays (22nd July, 26th Aug)
High Street, West Wratting 12.10 - 12.55
Post Office, Weston Green 2.05 - 2.25
Mill Hill, Weston Colville 2.30 - 3.05

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