

Challenge

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

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From the Vicarage

Over the past months it has become more obvious that when the group of churches work together there are more things possible than when we work alone. The work of the Parish Nurse is an example of this. Now I want to make another request of support across the churches.

Last month was the round of Annual Meetings in each of the parish churches in the group. In the meeting at St Andrew's, West Wratting, when it began to rain, the water started to stream through the roof where the lead had been stolen a few days earlier, and the tarpaulin covers could not cope with the deluge. Many people had stepped in to help in response to this shocking event. It didn't matter whether they came to worship on a Sunday, they felt aggrieved that people could have behaved so badly, and they were imaginative in their offers of assistance. Our insurance will cover only a fraction of the repair cost, as this is something the company insists on capping. So we will need concerted fundraising efforts to raise the large sum of money it will cost to repair the roof. My request is that, when the time comes, people from all the churches will be sympathetic to the needs of St Andrew's and get involved.

At the Annual Meetings, people from the parishes were asked to share ideas of things that they wanted to see happen in their local church. The ideas were creative and on the whole possible. One idea was to put the same question more broadly, to include people in the villages who do not usually attend. If there is

something that you think it would be really good for the churches to be doing, or a way that the ministry team could contribute, then please email Rev Dr Julie Norris at 7churches.seven@gmail.com.

A building project has begun at Great Abington, which will provide a toilet within the church, following successful completion of similar projects at West Wickham and Hildersham. In each case the projects have been steered by volunteers. It really is possible to make a difference that will leave a lasting good legacy for people in the village to enjoy. There are groups working in both Weston Colville and at West Wratting, who are keen to see the church buildings repaired and accessible to more people.

The Diocese is encouraging local people to develop their gifts through a training course on Discipleship, which will address ways to support the church in its worship and engagement with the community. Three local people will take the course, which begins in May. At the joint service on 29th May at Hildersham, we will be commissioning and re-commissioning lay people who have been trained for specific roles in the church. Mr Keith Day has just completed training as an Authorised Lay Ministry in worship-leading and music. At that service we will enjoy the fruit of his labour as the choir help us to sing the Communion setting. This also gives us an opportunity to reflect on our own vocations and gifts. John Henry Newman said this:

“God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another ... I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments.”

Rev Dr Julie Norris



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Street Party

Saturday 11th June

12 noon - 6 pm

The Causeway, West Wrattling

All are welcome from both our villages – and guests.
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- Hot food will be available to buy, 12 - 3 pm.
- Chestnut Tree Bar
- Live music by Makossa
- Free tea and cake
- Games for all the family
- Teddy bear parachute jumping
- Make a crown competition, dressing up optional
- Traditional games and races
- Tug of war, welly throwing ... and more!

There will be a free commemorative item for the children from our villages.

There will be a special family service / Songs of Praise in West Wrattling Church on Sunday 12th June, 4 - 5 pm.

For more information, please contact us:

Scilla (290199) or Sherry (290070)




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From Canon John Fellows

I can honestly say that 17th April 2016 was one of the best days of my life. A packed church with people from all seven churches and beyond, nearly 150 communicants, wonderful music, a great atmosphere, a beautifully bound copy of some of my sermons, a jaw-droppingly generous cheque, and so many kind words: these all went to make my farewell a day I shall always remember. Thank you so much for that and thank you for the last four years we have shared together. I have enjoyed nowhere more.

**WEST WRATTING
 TEDDY BEAR
 PARACHUTE JUMP**

off the roof of St Andrew's Church
 Saturday 11th June
 during the Queen's 90th Birthday
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St Mary's Flower Festival

The **Flower Festival** will be on **Saturday 25th** and
Sunday 26th June, and there will be a concert by the
Temple Ensemble on **Saturday 25th June**, 7.30 pm

The Temple Ensemble is a young and vibrant chamber
music ensemble based at the Royal Academy of
Music. They perform regularly nationally and
internationally and we are very fortunate that they are
coming to Weston Colville. They will perform a
classical programme of music by Haydn and Mozart,
in St Mary's Church.

Tickets for the concert will be available from 1st June
from Weston Colville Post Office or from Jane
Wheeler (jane@janepryor.co.uk, 290643). £10 per
adult, under 16s free.

Please contact Gay Redman (290807) if you would
like to help with flowers and/or teas.

John Fellows – West Wrattling Village Party

To enable all villagers to say good bye to John, there
will be a very informal drinks do on Saturday
14th May, 12 noon to 2 pm, in the village hall.

If you are interested in coming, please ring Jeanette
(290706) or email thejobs@hotmail.co.uk (but ring as
well, in case emails end up stuck in junk).

Jeanette Job

West Wrattling Football

The Sports AGM will be held at the Pavilion on
Monday 9th May at 7 pm. All are welcome;
refreshments available.

The Arsenal legend Ray Parlour evening held in April
went very well, and was enjoyed by all.

Blanche Miller, WWSP Secretary

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

April's Tea and Cakes was a quieter affair, with many
people enjoying an Easter break.

Our next gathering will be on Friday 6th May, from
3.30 to 5 pm, at the Reading Room. All are welcome.
Come along for a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a
chat. Meet old friends and make new ones. If you or
someone you know, would like to come along, but find
it difficult to get to the Reading Room (perhaps they
live at the other end of the village), please let me
know and I will arrange transport. We look forward
to seeing you.

Melanie (291319)

Saturday Morning Café, West Wrattling

The café will run as usual between 10.30 am and
12 noon on Saturday 7th May in the Village Hall. The
café works by different volunteers offering to serve
and donate cakes every month (including at least one
dairy and gluten-free offering). There is always a
play corner set up for kids, a bookstall with second
hand books, and table tennis for those fancying a
game. Please come and join us for a catch up over
tea / coffee and delicious cake!

The café is set up for the benefit of our local
community and we are so pleased it is getting lots of
support and proving a great way to catch up with so
many people! We will be using proceeds from the
café to contribute towards the upcoming West
Wrattling street party for the Queen's birthday
celebration on Saturday 11th June. We look forward to
seeing you there.

Please note there will be no café on Saturday
4th June.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

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West Wrating Over 60s

The club will meet for lunch at The Chestnut Tree, West Wrating, at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 4th May. There will be a raffle but no bring'n'buy.

The next meeting, on 1st June, will be our first garden meeting, at Hayters Close, West Wrating.

Wendy Halls

Weston Colville Circular Walk

Our next circular walk will be on Saturday, 7th May; meet at the Reading Room at 10 o'clock, BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. You can put your lunch in the fridge before we set off, if you'd like, and refreshments will be available.

Jacqueline & Alastair Douglas
(291475, jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)

West Wrating Oil Syndicate

There will be a fill up this month, with the cutoff for orders being Monday 9th May at 6 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.

Details of the supplier, price and delivery dates will be placed on the West Wrating website about three days after the order cutoff day.

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

Richard Holness



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Orders will be collated and placed shortly after the order deadline and deliveries may or may not begin the same week. If you are close to running out, tell your contact. The price will not be known until the order is placed, and the supplier may ring for payment before delivery (failure to reply to this call may put your order in jeopardy) or bill you direct after delivery.

Please be aware that most suppliers now add 2% to the invoice for credit card payment. Debit cards and cheques attract no surcharge.

PLEASE ENSURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS AND POST CODE because some deliveries have been delayed due to the lack of correct information.

The Parish Nurse

It is a great honour to be your Parish Nurse, and it doesn't seem possible that I have been here for four months. After my commissioning on 31st January, I began working alongside the existing services in this unique and special position. Fifty referrals have already been made and in truth, this in itself was somewhat overwhelming, but it reassures me that this work is much needed and I am privileged to fulfil this role.

In the past I have passionately striven to give holistic care. It wasn't always possible to do this in the hospital context, but now I can in my role as Parish Nurse. I believe that we all deserve to be valued, respected and treated with dignity when being cared for, whether as a newborn baby or a person of ninety nine years. Hopefully, by working together as a community, we can achieve this care and dignity.

Since starting I have received an abundance of warmth and support. I feel welcomed by your community and it is a feeling I am sure will only grow with time. I am so touched by the love and kindness. It reminds me of the Bible verse John 15:12: 'That you love one another, just as I have loved you'. I will work with health care professionals and yourselves, to help those who are suffering, lost, alone, and who may be at a terminal stage in their illness. This means a care that allows individual choice and supports quality of life.

"The principle of compassion lies at the heart of all religious, ethical and spiritual traditions, calling us always to treat all others as we wish to be treated ourselves ... Compassion impels us to work tirelessly ... to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there and to honour the inviolable sanctity of every single human being."

(The Charter for Compassion, Alan Kellehear)

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Charity number 1162032

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The charity owns the Reading Room
and the Recreation Ground

Allen Scott, Charity Secretary

Our love, like God's love, is powerful and healing, bringing peace and comfort to those in need. It is paramount in developing a compassionate community. To achieve this, the next steps to this project require lots more hard work. I will continue to do my best, as we all think carefully about what we can do to sustain the spirit of compassion in the community.

Teresa Letimier

There is a technological problem with Teresa's telephone. Because of the terrible reception in parts of the area where Teresa is working and where she lives, voicemail messages are not always coming through to her phone when expected. If you have not been able to get her on the telephone, the best way to contact Teresa is through text or email, 07498 994205, 7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com

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Flooding – Weston Colville

Following the site meeting to discuss possible action to see if the risk of flooding on The Green and Common Road could be alleviated, some work has been carried out upstream of the ford on Horseshoes Lane. Further routine maintenance is required on other stretches of the watercourse; the county council official liaising with the relevant landowners has yet to inform the parish council when this might be done. Be assured, this matter will be pursued until the work has been carried out.

Weston Colville Parish Council

Speedwatch – Weston Colville

The current organiser for the Speedwatch in Weston Colville is standing down from the role. It has proved difficult to recruit any other villagers to help out. Unless a volunteer comes forward to take up the challenge, all Speedwatch activities in the parish will have to be suspended. If anyone would like to take Speedwatch on, please contact the parish clerk, Christine King on 290963.

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Weston Colville Cinema Club

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breaking for many reasons – the exceptional music/lyrics of Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim, the use of the musical form to address social issues like gang warfare and racial prejudice, and the seamless blending of dance, song, story and music into a completely successful whole. Many of the songs have gone on to become standards, including 'Maria', 'Tonight', 'I Feel Pretty' and 'America'.

Our June film, on Wednesday, 1st June, will be 'Brief Encounter', a 1945 British film directed by David Lean and starring Celia Johnson, Trevor Howard and Stanley Holloway. The screenplay is by Noel Coward and the unashamedly romantic storyline is underpinned by liberal doses of Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. The film was Oscar-nominated for screenplay, direction and best actress



and won the Grand Prix at Cannes. In 1999, it came second in the BFI poll of the top 100 British films of all time.

Both films will be shown in the Reading Room and preceded by an introduction at 7.30 pm. Entry by donation, refreshments served, all welcome. Enquiries: Jeremy Newton (newtonjed@gmail.com) or Jacqueline Douglas (291475, jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)

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Marsh Tits

A big thankyou to everybody for the response to the request for information about Marsh Tits.

It seems that they are all over Weston Colville, and devouring peanuts everywhere, so it is well worth looking out for them. The breeding season has just started, so they may become a little more scarce as they switch from feeding on peanuts and fat balls to eating caterpillars, which provide them with a protein rich diet, essential for egg production and for feeding their young. They also become much more territorial at this time, so may not venture out of the woods so much. But we would still be interested to hear of any that continue to use the feeders during the breeding season.

Our ringing results have shown that there are probably nine pairs of Marsh Tits in Lower Wood and Great Covens Wood, but there are almost certainly more in the other woods surrounding the village. If you do see a Marsh Tit with a ring on its leg, we would love to know where and when you saw it. So please continue to send any information to Mel Stammers (m_stammers@btinternet.com, 291319), who has kindly agreed to collect all the results. If you can get photos of the Marsh Tits, that would be even better.

Duncan Mackay

Wildlife Trust Voluntary Warden for Lower Wood

West Wrattling Book Club

The club met on April 19th and discussed 'The Five People You Meet in Heaven' by Mitch Albom.

This story begins with an elderly man who dies in an accident and arrives in heaven, where he is informed that he will meet five people who have all influenced his life, as he in turn has influenced their lives in one

way or another. The purpose of heaven is explained to him as having the opportunity to understand one's own life through encounters with these five people and thus find a kind of reconciliation with how life has unfolded, and hopefully attain peace of mind. The novel travels back and forth in time between this man's childhood, his experiences during the second world war, his marriage, and the death of his wife.

There were divided opinions about the book, some people finding it contrived, clunky, with a simplistic use of language, obvious and predictable. However, others in the group found it quite touching and moving in places, and felt the book offered a different if somewhat idiosyncratic view of heaven, which led to a discussion of the nature of the afterlife, and coincidence, and the benefits of hindsight.

Scores ranged between 2 and 8, and some would recommend it to others as a kind of 'curiosity'.

We will meet next on Wednesday May 18th to discuss 'The Slap' by Christos Tsiolkas, and on June 15th for 'The Dust that Falls from Dreams' by Louis de Bernieres.

Lee Haviland



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Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

A whole tankful of oil was stolen from a house in Weston Green. Oil theft can occur at any time, more often in the winter period when tanks are full. Then thieves removed a third of the lead from St Andrew's Church in West Wrattling between Friday 8th April and Saturday 9th April, leaving a set of extension ladders in the graveyard. When you add the recent cart theft, it seems that our period of peace is over. We need to be observant and report suspicious activities direct to the police on 101. If you would like me to list the suggested precautions against oil theft again, I will happily do so.

The warnings below about frauds, knockers, rogue traders, distraction theft, and scams are to keep us informed. These have not happened in Weston Colville or West Wrattling.

Action Fraud – the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau – warns us of fraudsters using email to target members of the public for payment of completed property repairs. The fraudsters pretend to be the tradesman who completed work and use a similar email address to that of the genuine tradesman. To protect yourself, check that the email address is exactly the same as previous correspondence with the genuine tradesman and call him or her to ensure the request is genuine. Call 101 or Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 if you have any remaining doubts.

If you are in any doubt as to the origin of any email, do not open it.

The police believe that there are rogue traders in our area offering to wash driveways and similar work, and targeting vulnerable and elderly people. Do not be caught out. If you can, take note of any vehicle number plate used by the traders. Call 101.

A distraction theft took place recently involving an elderly lady. While one person distracted her, the other stole a bank card from her handbag that she had left on her bicycle.

Other problems only a few miles from us: batteries and energisers for electric fencing were stolen; there were a number of thefts from motor vehicles in Abington, Whittlesford, Sawston and Scotsdales; tools and other work items were stolen from locked dropboxes (45 ft long steel containers), and a chain link fence was cut away in order to steal a caravan. Please do not store valuable items in sheds, garages,

and outbuildings, because there is a spate of thefts from these. Please place valuables in parked vehicles out of sight in the boot.

What can you do? Install lighting. Use shed or garage alarms. Mark your property and use post codes.

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

West Wrattling Parish Council

The following items were some of the matters discussed at the parish council meeting held on Monday 14th March.

Co-option: Mr Keith Roberts was co-opted onto the parish council, having signed the various forms which were witnessed by the Parish Clerk.

Opportunity for Public Statement: a resident complained about the constant barking of dogs left out in their gardens in his neighbourhood. He wanted some advice on what to do about it and it was suggested he write to the parish council, who would then take it up with the South Cambs Environmental Dept. Addresses would be needed.

Planning:

S/3039/15/FL – new detached garage, 4 High St. Approved by parish council and SCDC.

S/0060/16/LB – proposed Orangery to west facing elevation, Oxcrofts Farm. Approved by parish council.

Finance:

£125 received for 2nd half of year's rent from West Wrattling Sports Pavilion.

It was agreed that the Parish Clerk ask 'Running Total' to carry out the internal audit again.

Cllr Nichols, who is taking over the monitoring of finances and budget from Cllr Okkenhaug, told the Council that the budget was on schedule.

Maintenance:

- a) It was agreed to accept the quote from Garrod Family Tree Ltd to do work along the footpath running up the side of 52 High St.
- b) Cllr Causton is keen to look into fund raising to replace playground equipment and is looking at various sources. It was decided not to include fund raising for the bowls area.

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c) The bollard at the pump shelter has been broken. It was agreed that it would be replaced with a wooden one; Cllr Holness would deal with this.

Correspondence: the public house, The Chestnut Tree, has now been added to The Assets of Community Value for the next five years. The Agreement will be placed on the pub's notice board.

Traffic issues: Cllr Nichols and Nicola Burdon of Highways Dept had chosen the five sites for the 30mph rondels. The cost will be £550 for the five rondels. The flooding in The Causeway was looked at and will be addressed. Cllr Nichols is logging every

incident along Common Road and Six Mile Bottom Road etc and informing the police. Speed Watch is being carried out within the 30mph limit and Jayshree Ramsurun was thanked for her input. It is hoped the police will do a speed check on the 60mph limit on Common Road and it was suggested having a 40mph limit between the 30mph and 60mph on this stretch. Potholes were an ongoing issue and the parish was urged to report these to the CCC Highways Dept.

The draft minutes will be posted on both noticeboards. The next meeting will be the AGM on Monday 9th May at 7.30 pm, followed by the Parish Meeting at 8.30 pm. All are welcome to attend.



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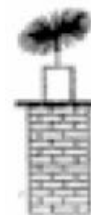
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The Meadow School

Lots of exciting things have happened since our last update. Over the Easter holidays we ran an Easter school for a specially invited group of Y6 children to help them prepare for their SATs and build their confidence. We spent two days, playing lots of games, solving lots of puzzles and eating lots of snacks! The children worked incredibly hard and all were hugely enthusiastic about the days. I think the ice creams may have helped!



At the same time as we were in school working with some of the Y6, we were having our new Clevertouch interactive screens installed. Gone are our whiteboards and projectors and in the children's words, "We now have super duper, new fangled huge TV screens". Contrary to the children's initial ideas, these are not to watch lots of films on.



Listening to the children excitedly tell me that they can now read or watch what is on the board, without having to turn the lights out and close the blinds, makes you realise just how bad our old ones were. With the help of our amazing PTA, we just now have to finish paying for them!

As the summer term begins, we have started our final topics of the year. The Infants have taken off with 'Up, Up and Away', which was launched with a trip to Duxford War Museum to participate in an aeroplane



building workshop, along with looking at the amazing planes they have on display. When they return they will study Japan and the USA, and then Brazil. Years 3/4/5 started 'Carnival', a celebration of South America, along with a study of the Amazon Rainforest, before finishing in Rio. Year 5/6 have launched 'Going for Gold', which will see them studying Ancient Greece and the history of the Olympics, before they travel to the modern day and Brazil. You may have spotted the common theme: we will all end up in Brazil at the end of the term, just in time for the Olympics!

We are also entering one of the busiest times of the school year, with our Year 2 and Year 6 children taking tests during this month. These new tests are significantly harder than in previous years, with the spelling, punctuation and grammar test having elements of GCSE expectations in it. As always, we will try to keep the pressure off our children by providing Y6 with a cooked breakfast in school each

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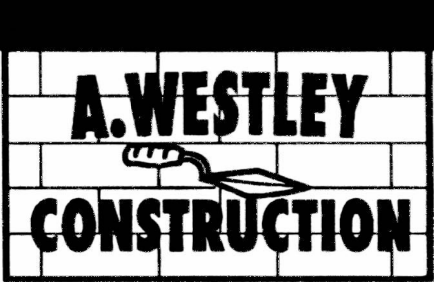
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money over the coming months to complete the project and then hopefully offer our children the chance to come and swim in the holidays too.

We also had some good news over the Easter break. We found out we had been successful in another bid to the Condition Improvement Fund, which is a government funding scheme for academies that tops up the £6,500 we receive each year to maintain our school building. Last year we had all of our windows and doors replaced and this year we will have our fire system overhauled, with new internal fire doors and alarm system work. As you can imagine, you cannot do very much with £6,500, which is why being successful in applying for these grants is so important.

Finally, we are already looking forward to and getting excited about the next academic year. We have just offered 35 places to children due to start Reception in September 2016. With Infant class sizes fixed at a maximum of thirty per class, this means we will be having two very small Reception classes next year. We do still have a few spaces left, so if you know anyone moving to the area, do point them in our direction!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

day and lots of exciting activities between the tests, with their week long adventure-packed residential trip at the end as their reward!

We hope that as May draws to a close we will have started swimming. We are still desperately fundraising to pay for the refurbishment to solve the structural problems we encountered last year. Teaching children to swim is vitally important; not only does it keep people fit, it can also save lives. We are hoping that if we can raise the money to fix the immediate problems, we can then continue to raise

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Marsh Mail (news from Linton Village College)

My daughter recently turned six. She has quickly developed a fervent love of reading and story writing, and frequently pleads to read ‘just one more page’ before bedtime. Her current favourite is Roald Dahl, and she is in the process of devouring a box set of his novels.

As a literature graduate, I am especially proud of her love of literacy; I particularly enjoy witnessing the scope of her imagination and enjoyment when reading stories aloud or crafting narratives of her own. Having experience of teaching teenagers who are often less motivated to read makes her enthusiasm even more poignant.

When speaking with older students or their parents, I am saddened to hear about how a once avid reader no longer has any interest in reading. While some students retain reading habits from primary school, for others the transition appears to signal a change in their attitude. It is a shame that some students are unable to sustain this hobby alongside new interests and distractions.

Reading is a truly enriching activity for people of all ages. As an English teacher, I am not particularly picky about genre or form; reading is reading whether it be a tome of classical fiction or a niche interest magazine via an electronic device. The act of expanding horizons and knowledge, growing thinking, and stepping out of daily lived experience is beneficial whether it is achieved through paperback or screen and regardless of topic.

This will be my first year at LVC during the Linton Children’s Book Festival. I am looking forward to taking my family along to appreciate the amazing array of authors, and to spot a number of our

secondary students there, benefiting from such an inspiring literary experience.

I hope that my little girl continues to cherish the written word, long after technology, hormones and homework have made an appearance in her life. Reading for pleasure is such a precious activity – I hope that it stays that way for her and for others attending the book festival this month.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Calling Musicians and Singers

As you are aware, after almost 18 years as Director of Music at Linton Village College I will be stepping down at the end of this term. On Wednesday 22nd June I will be conducting my last concert at the College in my current role and would very much like to lead a ‘Last Night at the Proms’ style second half.

If you play a musical instrument or sing and would like to be a part of this event, I would very much like to hear from you! Singers will be performing favourites such as ‘Land of Hope and Glory’, ‘Jerusalem’, ‘Rule Britannia’ and ‘I was Glad’. There is no need to rehearse the singers! If you would like, I can forward you a copy of the music by email.

Instrumentalists will be accompanying the singers and additionally performing Coates’ ‘The Dambusters March’. If you are interested in playing in the orchestra for this, I would like to hold a pre-concert rehearsal at 6.30 for half an hour in the Main Hall.

Please let me know if you’d like to perform at this event by email (christopher.charlesworth@lvc.org) informing me which voice type you sing (SATB), or which musical instrument you would like to play (instrumentalists may be limited in number!).

*Christopher Charlesworth
Director of Music, Linton Village College*

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The consultation runs until 24th May and aims to gather feedback on Community Pharmacy Minor Ailment Schemes, Prescribing of Gluten-free Foods, and Prescribing Baby Milk.

The consultation document can be found on our website at

www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk/have-your-say/pharmacy-services.htm

You can give your views in a number of ways: fill in the questionnaire on our website, www.cambridgeshireandpeterboroughccg.nhs.uk; fill in a paper copy of the questionnaire from the website, and send it in FREEPOST; or phone the Engagement Team on 01223 725304. You can also come to one of the planned public meetings during the consultation period, for instance on 11th May in Ely (Cathedral Centre), 10.00 am to 11.30 am, or in Cambridge Central Library on 19th May, 10.30 am to 12 noon.

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tubers he kindly donated to the raffle, I look forward to putting his tips into practice!

Our May meeting takes place on Tuesday 3rd May, when we will be visiting Fuller's Mill and Garden near Bury St Edmunds. If you would like to join us, tickets cost £9.50 and travel is by private car. Please contact Lyn Bobrow on 890598 for more details.

Please note that the plant sale on 21st May will take place between 11 am and 1 pm, not as previously advertised. West Wickham are holding their sale on the same day so there will be time to visit both!

Sue Lock

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The spring concert will be on Saturday 14th May, in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham, at 7.30 pm.

The programme will include works by Poulenc, Elgar, Haydn and Rutter, and will also feature familiar hits from Frank Sinatra, The Beach Boys, Eva Cassidy and others.

Tickets may be obtained from Balsham Post Office or from a member of the choir. Prices: £8 in advance, £10 on the door, 18s and under free (but will still need to have a ticket).

Rosemary Gray, Balsham Singers Committee

Balsham Gardening Club

Our speaker in April was Dave Staines, an expert in growing and showing begonias. Armed with some excellent slides, Dave set about showing us how to grow our own begonias, from taking the initial cutting to displaying in pots and pouches. He was able to give tips and suggestions to help even the most inexperienced grower. As a winner of one of the



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

Contact Sebastian Bain (882960)

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- Fri 6 Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville
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- Fri 13 Tennis Club Annual Supper
- Sat 14 Drinks with John Fellows, West Wrating
Balsham Singers Spring Concert
- Wed 18 West Wrating Book Club
- Thur 19 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
- Sat 21 Plant Sales, West Wickham & Balsham
- Mon 23 Weston Colville Reading Room AGM
- Sun 29 Joint service, Hildersham

June 2016

- Wed 1 Weston Colville Cinema Club, 'Brief Encounter'
West Wrating Over 60s
- Wed 15 West Wrating Book Club
- Sat 25 Temple Ensemble, St Mary's
- Sat 25, Sun 26 Weston Colville Flower Festival

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