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

Our next circular walk will be on New Year's Day, Sunday, 1st January; we have a new route for a new year. Meet at the Reading Room at 11 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.

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IT Talk and Trouble Shoot, Weston Colville

Stuart Turner (aka Squeaky Mouse) has offered us an IT session in the Reading Room. He has helped Weston Colville with, among other things, the Cricket Club website, and will talk to us about the top five most common problems that frustrate us with our computers. There will also be an opportunity to ask specific questions – if that's a case of “look at what happens when I click . . .”, do bring along your tablet or laptop. Saturday 28th January, 2 - 4 pm; refreshments available; all welcome. For more information, please contact me.

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Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

Every Tea and Cakes get together is slightly different, but always lovely. December's was a relaxed affair – well, that's how I felt: I think the mulled wine might have helped. Thank you to everyone in our community for your continued support. We are looking forward to a new year and meeting new friends in 2017. Our first gathering will be on Friday 6th January, 3.30pm - 5 pm at the Reading Room. All are welcome.

Melanie

Saturday Morning Café, West Wrattling

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped make the café such a wonderful gathering every month. Our café is set up for the benefit of our local community and we are so pleased to have received so much support throughout 2016!

The proceeds from the November and December cafés, a total of £207.18, have been donated to the village hall for the floor covering.

The Saturday morning café will run as usual on Saturday 7th January between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the village hall. Please come and join us for a catch up over tea / coffee and delicious cake.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

Marsh Tit Competition

Try and find the second colour-ringed Marsh Tit, in this photo from Church End on 4th December.

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The spring clearup will be on Saturday 15th April.

Colin McCall (290036)

West Wrating Oil Syndicate

Happy New Year and fill up this month!

There will be a fill up this month, with the cutoff for orders being Monday 9th January at 6.00 pm. Place your orders to me at richardholness023@btinternet.com (if you don't get a reply from me to your emailed order within 48 hours, please place your order with the pub by phone), or by phoning the pub during licensing hours – not too late, please – on 290384.

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Richard Holness

From Michelin in Mayfair to Commercial Model Making

Steven Wheeler will give a talk about his work on Thursday 26th January, 7.30 pm in Weston Colville Reading Room. To give you a flavour of what might be in store, the day I write this he's working on 'a Venus fly trap and a scorpion for someone to wear'. Refreshments available, all welcome.

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Litter, Traffic

Litter – as usual, business has been brisk. The litter picking teams, both official and ad hoc, have done a tremendous job in keeping our verges and the recreation grounds free of litter. On the bits I do, I have bagged up 42 bin liners of litter so far this year, plus tyres and larger debris.

A reminder – bin liners of litter can be put with the blue bins and will be taken away. The litter doesn't have to be cleaned.

Also, if anyone spots fly-tipping, please give me a call, and I will do my best to get it removed by the council.

Traffic – we litter pickers are aware more than most about the traffic in our parishes. Anyone using a handheld mobile or texting while driving should, frankly, be sectioned.

During the year at least eight cars have gone off the road (including mine – I was bumped off) within the West Wrating parish boundaries, and during November alone at least six cars ended up in the ditch just beyond our parish boundaries towards Withersfield, plus at least two on the Six Mile Bottom road. Another four cars have been written off in collisions.

This is a huge number in a small area. As the roads get icier and muddier, please take great care. Don't rely on the gritting, and remember it is better to arrive at your destination late than not at all.

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For February's film, we'll be staying in the 70s with Woody Allen's 'Sleeper', an award-winning fantasy starring the

man himself alongside Diane Keaton. Billed as a nostalgic look at the future, it is also a comic piece made as a tribute to Bob Hope and Groucho Marx. One reviewer promises 'moments in 'Sleeper' that are as good as anything since the silent films of Buster Keaton'.

Both films will be in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm, with refreshments available, all welcome.



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West Wrattling Book Club

In December we reviewed 'The Girl on the Train' by Paula Hawkins. This psychological thriller and murder mystery has been on the best seller list since it was published in 2015. It is about a woman, Rachel, watching people in their homes and gardens whom she sees from her train window while commuting to London everyday. Rachel fantasises about one couple whom she observes, vicariously envying this couple's seemingly happy life, possibly because Rachel has no life herself, being divorced, unemployed, and an

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alcoholic. However, Rachel's narrative of events is unreliable given her memory blackouts due to alcohol, which serves to make the plot quite complex with many twists and turns.

Most of the members thought it was a page turner, well written, 'unputdownable', and an interesting psychological study of a woman with alcohol problems. Many could relate to the description of travelling by train back and forth to London, and the glimpses into other people's lives from the train window. However, a couple of members found the book somewhat tedious and possibly unrealistic, especially the ending. Most members would recommend it, with scores between 9 and 6.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th January when we will be discussing John Le Carré's memoir 'The Pigeon Tunnel'. The February meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd, when we will be discussing 'Mother Tongue' by Julie Mayhew.

Lee Haviland

Gwen Grainger

Gwen Grainger, a former longstanding resident of West Wrating, died in Addenbrooke's Hospital on 14th December, after a short illness. Gwen was 96.

A funeral service at St Andrew's, followed by burial in the churchyard, is expected to take place in January. Further details to follow once arrangements have been finalised.

Brian Langford

There will be a memorial service for Brian in January in Balsham.

Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

I do hope everyone in our village has had an enjoyable Christmas, and I wish you all happiness and success in 2017.

The police warn us that this time of year also brings a rise in burglaries. Stay safe and take the bad wolf test (www.tinyurl.com/Bad-Wolf-Test). Remain vigilant, and report suspicious behaviour on 101 or 999.

Unfortunately there was trouble at the 'top end' of Weston Colville around 21st November, when a shed was broken into and stolen tools were used to steal a small amount of oil from the tank in the garden. This is probably connected with breakins at a further three sheds in the same area around the same date.

Our neighbouring villages and parishes have also suffered. A burglary was reported in West Wickham on 4th December, when various tools were taken. In Wilbraham a vehicle's rear registration plate was stolen, and two sheds were broken into and various power tools were stolen. A garage door was forced open in Dolls Close, Balsham, on 24th November but fortunately nothing was stolen.

Remaining in our police area but further afield, there have been thefts and burglaries from vehicles, houses, sheds and gardens, with jewellery, cash, tools, lawnmowers, and bicycles being stolen.

The police also reported successes: two men were jailed for a combined forty years after being found guilty of a calculated aggravated burglary; two men were jailed after being convicted of conspiracy to supply cocaine; one man who attempted to steal from a home in Balsham has been jailed.

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



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Parish Nurse

Claire Gillett, the Parish Nurse, who has been on annual leave, will be returning to work from Thursday 5th January.

Ministry News

During the autumn all our churches have been busily composing the Profile, the document required by Ely Diocese as we search for our new priest-in-charge, to replace Dr Julie Norris. That search, using the Profile, is now just about to begin. The good news is that Canon Jessica Martin (who left the Duxford group of parishes in August at the same time as Julie left us) has been replaced, with the appointment of the Revd Petra Shakeshaft. Also the vacancy for an assistant priest in the Linton group of churches has now been filled by the appointment of the Revd Dr. Ian Fisher.

This doesn't mean that we will expect an appointment very soon, but it certainly brought cheer to the members of our team of clergy and lay ministers as we survived the Christmas rush!

In an earlier letter I explained the history of our group of churches. We came together in 2009 when the Bishop of Ely agreed that Julie Norris could become

priest-in-charge, bringing together in a single group the four churches of the Balsham group and the group of three churches, Hildersham and the two Abington churches, as a full-time post.

Under Julie's ministry and hard work we have grown together and a great deal has been achieved in improving the churches as centres equipped for use by everyone in our villages. This was well demonstrated in the time between Remembrance Sunday and Christmas, when so many people took part in our services. Further good news is that as a result of a lot of hard work and fund-raising the people of St Andrew's, West Wrattling, have managed to organise the repairs to their church roof, after the tragic lead theft last April. There has been magnificent generosity both from individuals and charities, and the St Andrew's PCC have done an amazing job.

On behalf of the Ministry team of our group of seven churches, I send our greetings and best wishes to everyone for a Happy New Year! May 2017 be a good year for us all, and especially may it bring us our new priest to carry on the work begun by Julie.

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Please note, if you need additional help getting in/out of the car or at the appointment then you should take a friend/family member with you as the driver may not be able to help. If your mobility needs are severe then you should phone the Health Centre instead.

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If you are interested in helping please contact either Sara Himsworth (sarahimsworth@aol.com, 893975) or Suan Rowland (suanrowland@btinternet.com, 290788).

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The Marsh Tits of Weston

There were Red Letter Days in early December for our colour-ringed Marsh Tits, when five birds were spotted in just over 48 hours! There were confirmed sightings on Sunday 4th December:

- S320053 'Yellow over Green on Left', a youngster ringed by my ringer daughter Helen in Lower Wood on 24th July and re-encountered in Great Coven's Wood;
- Y291485 'Green over Blue on Left', another youngster, ringed in Mel's garden on 6th November and seen at Church End by Len and Ben Eeles;
- S320099 'Grey over Blue on Left', an adult ringed in Mel's garden on 11th September and seen again by Len and Ben at Church End.
- D779503 'Grey over Red on Left', an adult male ringed in Great Coven's Wood on 20th March and re-encountered on the north side of Mill Hill.
- There was a fifth, unconfirmed, sighting of Y291409 'White over Blue on Left', another youngster ringed in Mel's garden on 11th September and seen near Mel's on 2nd or 3rd December.

This makes Weston a very special place indeed.

It's known that youngsters have a very tough time surviving their first winter. This year, the other two Marsh Tit studies in this region – Monk's Wood National Nature Reserve in North Cambridgeshire and Bradfield Wood in Suffolk – have only seen 40% of their young Marsh Tits survive, whereas in Weston Colville, we have seen 50% of our young Marsh Tits alive and well in early December. Not only that, they seem to be thriving.

The record UK weight for any Marsh Tit, juvenile or adult, is about 11 grams. Our youngster 'Yellow over Green on Left' is an impressive 10.9 grams; the adult

male 'Grey over Red on Left' is a stonking 11.7 grams! He was so heavy, we rechecked our scales and weighed him again, to be sure. And neither of these birds was fat; it was all muscle. (Incidentally, 'Grey over Red' has visited us four times since March and is rather an experienced veteran with ringers.)

This bodes very well for your Marsh Tits over this winter.

Please keep putting your food out as usual, and don't forget them on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. (Hint: they don't like turkey, cranberry sauce or pigs in blankets, no matter how good a cook you are.)

And please keep your sightings coming in, while you're at home over the holidays. You can, with practice, easily hold a pair of binoculars in one hand and a glass of '35 port in the other . . .

We really do need to see how our youngsters survive to the spring.

Many thanks to Len and Ben Eeles and Dr John Rogers for reporting the birds they see in their gardens. Ben's photographs are incredible for this fast-moving species!

As always, report your Marsh Tits to m_stammers@btinternet.com or cambsmarti@gmail.com. We're interested in any Marsh Tits, ringed or unringed. The more, the merrier!

If this good survival trend continues, copying the conditions in Weston across the country could make all the difference for this rare and Red-Listed little bird.

We wish you an excellent New Year.

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Melanie (291319)

Linton Music Society

The next concert, on Saturday 28th January, will be at Linton Village College. Patrick Hemmerle, a prize-winning French pianist based in Cambridge, will play music by Brahms, Novak and Schumann.

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A bit about myself: after graduating from Newnham College in Cambridge I spent many years as a barrister specialising

in business law. The skills I learnt as a barrister have been invaluable in Westminster – whether I am debating in Parliament, scrutinising legislation, or finding the right argument to persuade ministers to fund various local infrastructure projects.

I am progressing a number of infrastructure projects across the constituency including the A10, the Ely bypass, and the A142. I am also campaigning to get better broadband and have regular meetings with BT and Connecting Cambridgeshire.

I am continuing to campaign on fairer funding for our schools, and in October I brought a delegation of headteachers from our local secondary schools to Westminster to put the case directly to the Secretary of State for Education, Justine Greening, to explain why it is essential we get better funding for Cambridgeshire.

If you have any issues you would like to raise with me, any local events you would like me to attend, or if you would like to arrange a tour of the Houses of Parliament, please do contact me by email on lucy@lucyfrazer.org. If you'd like to follow what I am up to, do look at my website www.lucyfrazer.org.uk or follow me on Facebook @FrazerLucy.

I look forward to hearing from you, and I wish you all the best for the New Year!

Lucy

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Mature & Fit – from 13th January we will be starting a new session on Friday mornings from 11 am until 1 pm, for the elderly among you who would still like to keep fit. There will be the chance to play table tennis, carpet bowls or badminton (12 - 1 pm only), or to have a steady workout in the gym. Tea or coffee and cake will be provided. Cost: £4 for session and refreshment.



Teeny Tumblers pre-school gymnastics classes are starting in the new year. On Tuesday 10th January we will hold two free of charge classes: the first at 12.30 is a 'free-play' parent and child class, for ages 2 and up, with coaches on hand to help, and then a structured coach-led class for 3½ year olds and over will start at 1.30 pm. For more information contact Helen (07768 460103, helen.snook@btinternet.com).



Another great line up is promised for the **Open Mic Night** on 14th January, finishing with a band called 'Tomorrow the World'.

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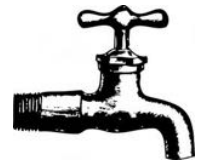
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The Meadow School

Happy New Year! We have started the new year not only looking forward to all of the exciting things ahead, but also reflecting back on the very happy memories of the events that brought our school community together in December.

Our Infants treated us to a spectacular performance of ‘Hey Ewe’, which was based around a curious sheep and the Christmas story. The audience was amazed at the range of songs that the staff managed to fit in!

The Key Stage 2 children and staff also had their chance to shine, with a candlelit carol service in the church. With Year 6 leading the readings telling the story of Christmas, and Reverend Kathy kindly overseeing the whole evening, it was a huge success. After singing a selection of traditional and modern Christmas carols, the parents and children were served refreshments including mulled wine and mince pies, courtesy of the Parent Teacher Association.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for their dedication and commitment over the last twelve months. We have a fantastic team at The Meadow, one I am incredibly proud to work with. Likewise, we are incredibly lucky with our community. Our parents have once again supported

us without hesitation. I know everyone is looking forward to the year ahead and, when Ofsted finally arrives, showing how amazing our school is!

This term the Infants have jumped aboard a ship and are preparing for ‘Life on an Ocean Wave’. They will visit the London Aquarium in the next few days, and in the the coming months will be studying life under the sea and then pirates who live on the sea.

The Year 3/4/5 team will be studying ‘Into the Freezer’, starting their topic with a trip to the Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, and learning all about the different polar regions, conditions, and landscape, and who or what lives there.

Finally, our Year 5/6 children will be studying Africa, considering the different countries that make up the continent, the lifestyles, landscapes and climate, along with art and culture. Sadly budgetary constraints mean they won't be going on a trip to Africa, but they will hopefully be having an African based workshop!

We look forward to sharing more of our learning with the community over the coming year. Please do get in touch with us if you could help enrich our learning, or share some knowledge relating to one of our topics with us.

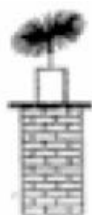
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The Marsh Mail (news from Linton Village College)

The advent of a new calendar year brings opportunities for reflection and ambition, two of the core Linton Learner values. For me, the date holds particular significance as it marks a year since I started as Principal of Linton Village College.

I recall a question posed to me by the student panel at interview: “What has been your proudest achievement to date?” I imagine that they were expecting me to share a specific, impressive accomplishment; my answer was “lots of little things”. In my inaugural Marsh Mail, I challenged the notion that effective leadership had to involve bold, resolute change, and asserted my intention to maintain what is great about LVC, do more of what works well, and reduce less successful elements. Reflecting on my first year at LVC, there has been a great deal of refining and re-defining – more evolution than revolution.

Our Year 11 students are currently in the process of submitting applications for post-16 study. A key element has been writing personal statements including their motivations, achievements, skills and ambitions for the future. Despite belonging to a selfie generation, many of our young people have found this kind of self-promotion uncomfortable.

2016 was an interesting year for them in terms of leadership role models. While at school we promote the virtues of hard graft and grit, our students have witnessed the power of personality and popularity on the world’s stage. Although charisma and entertainment value may encourage a following, let’s hope that our young people recognise that substance is more important than style. John Dunford’s 4 Hs make for a very helpful blueprint for leadership and wider success in life: hope, humanity, humility, and humour.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

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Balsham Gardening Club

The club’s Christmas party was held in December, with a talk by Dr John Walters of the English Spirit Distillery and, in a departure from previous years, a fish and chip supper.

The English Spirit Company is one of a handful that makes its products from scratch; last year they won eighteen international awards for their spirits. The distillery, which was set up at Dullingham by Dr John Walters more than seven years ago, has now moved to Great Yeldham, and the Dullingham site is used for retail sales (open seven days a week) and storage.

Having described the different spirits that he had brought along, and how they were made, John left us with a stack of sample glasses and the bottles to try at our leisure. At the end of the evening all the partially full bottles were auctioned off, raising £68 for Darwin Nurseries at Teversham, which provides work opportunities for people with disabilities.

There will be no meeting in January, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th February, when Alice Warley will be sharing tips on ‘Growing for Showing’.

Sue Lock

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Don’t forget to make a New Year Resolution to test your smoke alarm, and that of your elderly relatives, once a month by pressing the ‘test’ button on the device. To find out if you are eligible for a free home fire safety check please visit our website.

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| St Andrew's, West Wrating (10.45 am) | | | SET UP | FLOWERS | CLEANING |
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| 1 st Jan | United Eucharist, Balsham | Very Rev Keith Johnson | n/a | Linda | Sue |
| 8 th Jan | Holy Communion | Very Rev Keith Johnson | Fanny | Alex | Maggie |
| 15 th Jan | Holy Communion | Rev Kathy Bishop | Sisse | Alex | Pauline |
| 22 nd Jan | Holy Communion | Very Rev Keith Johnson | Alex | Jenny | Jenny |
| 29 th Jan | United Eucharist, Gt Abington | Rev Simon Talbott Very Rev Keith Johnson Rev Kathy Bishop | n/a | Jenny | Fanny |

| St Mary's, Weston Colville (9.15 am) | | |
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| | FLOWERS | CLEANING |
| January | Maureen | Rosemary |
| February | Jane | Ruth |

Roman Catholic Mass

Every Saturday at 5.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am and noon, at St Philip Howard Church, Cherry Hinton. Every Saturday at 6.30 pm, Sundays at 10 am, Haverhill (St Felix Roman Catholic Church)

DIARY

January 2017

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| Sun 1 | Circular walk from Weston Colville |
| Wed 4 | Weston Colville Cinema Club, Reading Room |
| Fri 6 | Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville |
| Sat 7 | Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating |
| Mon 9 | West Wrating oil syndicate orders cutoff |
| Sat 14 | Community Market, Balsham |
| Wed 18 | West Wrating Book Club |
| Thur 19 | West Wrating Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree |
| Sat 21 | Progressive Supper, West Wrating |
| Thur 26 | Model Making talk, Reading Room |
| Sat 28 | Coppicing work party in Lower Wood Squeaky Mouse IT talk, Reading Room Linton Music Society concert |

February 2017

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| Sat 4 | Farmers' Market, Linton |
| Tues 7 | Balsham Gardening Club |
| Sat 11 | Open Mic Night, Reading Room |
| Wed 22 | West Wrating Book Club |
| Sat 25 | Coppicing work party in Lower Wood |

Christmas Recycling

Items which can be recycled include empty chocolate advent calendars, chocolate boxes and biscuit tins; open them up, separate the inners, and place them all in the blue bin.

Most wrapping paper and Christmas crackers can also be recycled. Use 'the scrunch test' – if gift wrap stays scrunched, it is OK for the blue bin, but if it springs back open, it may be made of metallised plastic, so will need to go in the black bin.

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Blue bins only: Tues 17th January,
Tues 14th February

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