

Challenge

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

The views expressed herein are those of the contributors.

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St Mary's Flower Festival

St Mary's Flower Festival will be on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th June. Further details in June's *Challenge*. Please contact Gay Redman (290807) if you would like to help with flowers and/or teas.

There will also be a concert by the Temple Ensemble in St Mary's Church on Saturday 24th June at 7.30 pm.

The Temple Ensemble are a young and vibrant chamber music ensemble based at the Royal Academy of Music. They regularly perform nationally and internationally and we are very fortunate that they are making a return visit to Weston Colville. Their concert last year was of the highest standard, and was extremely well received. Tickets for the concert will be available from 1st June from Weston Colville Post Office, or Jane Wheeler (jane@janepryor.co.uk , 290643). £10 per adult, under 16s free.

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

April's Tea and Cakes was a little quieter as it was the school Easter holidays, but we still had a good turn out and it was warm enough to sit out in the garden.

Thank you to everyone who helped out and came along to keep us company.

Our next gathering will be on Friday 5th May, same time (3.30 - 5 pm), same place (the Reading Room). We look forward to seeing you.

Melanie



Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating

We enjoyed another wonderful gathering at the cafe on 1st April and raised £147.30 for Oliver's charitable trip to Peru!

The Saturday morning café will run on Saturday 6th May for a slightly shorter time than usual, between

10.30 and 11-30 am, in the village hall. Buttercups (Balsham Pre-school) will be running a fundraising stall and Oliver de Ferrars Green will be selling CDs and DVDs in order to raise funds for his charitable trip to Peru in summer 2018, when he will be going to help build schools and engineer a safer way of life for people who are less fortunate than us.

Please come and support Buttercups and Oliver, and also join us for a catch up over tea / coffee and delicious cake!

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

Oliver says a HUGE thank you to everyone who came to the village café in April and supported his CD and DVD sale. He raised £58.50. The proceeds from the café were donated to his Camps International fundraising efforts and he was overwhelmed by the generosity of the sum. He'll be back again in May, and is still accepting items for sale, with many thanks to all the donors to date.

Christine de Ferrars Green (290998)

West Wrating Over 60s

The club's next meeting, to include lunch, will be held at The Chestnut Tree, West Wrating, at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 3rd May. Please note: no bring'n'buy; raffle only.

Our following meeting, to be held on 7th June, will be a garden meeting at Hayters Close, at 2.30 pm.

Wendy Halls

Weston Colville Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Reading Room at 7 pm on Monday 15th May. All are welcome.

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West Wrating Pocket Park Tidyup

Spurred on by the promise of bacon sandwiches at lunchtime, a team consisting of Mark Grimwood, Melvyn and Lynn Cottage, Campbell Ross-Bain, Ed Clayden, Richard Silk, Mick Lock and yours truly worked wonders on 1st April tidying up the sadly neglected Pocket Park in Six Mile Bottom Road. The paths were recut, hedges trimmed back and dead wood burnt, in order that local people can access the space once again.

The Pocket Park is kept as natural as possible as it is not meant to mimic a manicured city park; instead it has long cut grass paths surrounding areas which are left to nature.

Please visit and enjoy it!

Richard Holness

First Friday Bridge

The next of our monthly meetings for games of bridge in West Wrating village hall will be on Friday 5th May. Starting at 7.30 pm we play sets of four hands, mixing partners for each set (very informal, you do not need to come with a partner). A range of age and experience; all players welcome for a fun,

informal evening. £1.50 for hall hire includes tea / coffee . . . or bring a bottle / nibbles.

We don't always make it through the summer months – please check.

If you've played and enjoyed bridge before (even long ago) please do join us.

Sherry (sherry.odonovan@gmail.com)

d'Abo Tennis Club, West Wrating

New Members Welcome

The new tennis season starts on 1st May and you are most welcome to join us. We offer children's coaching during the summer holidays as well as year-round access to our court on the village recreation ground.

Our members' annual supper party will be held on Thursday 11th May in West Wrating Village Hall – a great opportunity to meet other local people.

If you are interested in joining the club, please contact the Treasurer, Mark Holme, on 07768 443223 or Treasurer@WestWratingTennis.co.uk, or visit the website www.WestWratingTennis.co.uk for a membership form and more information.

Weston Colville Circular Walk

Our next circular walk will be on Saturday 13th May. If we wake to a fine day, we'll walk a six mile route. Meet at the Reading Room at 10 am, 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 and Alastair Douglas
(291475, jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com)



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Talk: John Rogers on ‘Jupiter’

Continuing our series that celebrates the expertise we have in our midst here in Weston Colville, John has offered to tell us about the planet which he has studied throughout his life, from boyhood sketches, through watching comet impacts, to today's collaborations with NASA.

Come and find out about the largest planet in the solar system – and why it's kept John fascinated for so



long. Reading Room, Wednesday, 17th May, no ticket required, all welcome, refreshments available.

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Pop-Up Charity Shop

We're taught "ne'er cast clout til May is out" and to that end, next month we're hosting a 'pop up charity shop' in the Reading Room, on Saturday 3rd June, 10 am - 4 pm. Bring winter clothes on their way to the back of the wardrobe, bring summer clothes that you don't want to bring to the front – maybe things are still in good condition, but don't pass the "have I worn it in the last year?" test. Then go home with a bargain. We'll have a little section for books, and one for toys, too. Drop items into the Reading Room during Tea & Cakes the day before, or on the day from 9 am, as you prefer. Hangers welcome. In aid of local charities Little Miracles (helping children with autism) and Our Special Friends (who help the less able keep their pets with them). All welcome, refreshments available.

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Weston Colville Cinema Club

On 3rd May, our film will be 'Passport to Pimlico', a charmingly whimsical British classic from Ealing Studios, hailed by the BFI as a 'cherished comedy', with the wonderful Stanley Holloway and Margaret Rutherford. It's about



ordinary people in a small community to which extraordinary things happen. That community finds it's exempt from what's happening to the rest of the UK, so maybe it speaks to us in these times of independence.

The film will be in the Reading Room at 7.30 pm, with a pre-screening talk; refreshments available, all welcome. We'll then begin our summer break, and Cinema Club will return in the autumn.

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RAF Wratting Common

May Memorial Service – Sunday 28th May

A short open air service will be held at 12 noon on Sunday 28th May at the RAF Wratting Common Memorial, to commemorate the opening of the airfield on the very same day, Sunday 28th May, in 1943 and to remember all those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some of the Veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade.

The memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service.

For further information please email:
rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the airfield memorial. With just the two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that with the continued support of people in the locality this key community legacy will survive from generation to generation.

Dan Heath

West Wratting Oil Syndicate

There will be a fill up this month, with the cutoff for orders being Monday 8th May at 6.00 pm. Place your orders either by email 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. Please also make sure that you tell me if you have any special delivery requirements, such as 'Phone day before for gate to be unlocked'.

Remember that syndicate orders take at least a couple of weeks from the cutoff date to be collated, brokered and delivered, but 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!

Details of the supplier, price and delivery dates will be placed on the West Wratting website www.westwratting.org.uk about three days after the order cutoff day.

Richard Holness

Weston Colville Oil Co-operative

Deadline for ordering: **noon, Wednesday 10th May.**

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Chapel Road, Common Road, Horseshoe Lane:

Anne Vidler (290010, or anne.vidler@talk21.com)

Any orders left by email will always be acknowledged; if you do not get a reply, we haven't received your order. Please don't phone before 8 am or after 10 pm (leave a message during the day).

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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.

West Wratting Sports Pavilion

The AGM will be held at West Wratting Sports Pavilion on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30 pm. All are welcome; refreshments available.

Blanche Miller, WWSP Secretary

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West Wrating Book Club

In April we talked about 'A Small Town in Germany'
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This was published in 1968 and written against the
background of student protests in France, Berlin and
Britain, particularly against the Vietnam War and
Soviet tanks entering Prague, as well as, ironically in
the face of current events, Britain's attempts to enter
the EEC.

It is set in and around the British Embassy in Bonn
and Königswinter, a town built on the Seven Hills
and, in particular, known for the Drachenfels,
traditionally the mountain where Siegfried killed the
dragon (two of our number knew the area quite well).
All had enjoyed reading it, with comments including
that it was very readable, the writing incisive, the
language lovely. Other comments were that it gave
one a clearer understanding of the Cold War with the
moral equivocality, constant suspicions and
uncertain loyalties. It showed how the past intrudes
into the present. It was multilayered with a detailed
use of language and vocabulary.

One man not present had not enjoyed it as much as we
had, commenting on the cynicism of the writing
(probably due to le Carré's own experiences).

The score varied between 8 and 9, and we would
recommend it.

We will then meet on Wednesday 17th May, at 8 pm in
The Chestnut Tree, to discuss 'The Dinner' by
Herman Koch, and on Wednesday 21st June to talk
about 'Hillbilly Elegy' by J D Vance.

Linda Gorman

Black Cat Found

A black cat has appeared at Valley Farm Cottage,
between Lark Hall and Fleam Dyke, and is living with
our two spayed barn cats. We wondered whether it
has come from the village. It has possibly been
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Ministry News

The process of advertising for our new Parish priest, which has now begun, does seem to be achingly slow, but it is a procedure of painstaking assessment of our seven churches and their assets and their plans for development which a prospective applicant needs to know. The next stage will be an interview for those who will put their names forward as a result of the advertisement.

Kathy and I and our ministry team are so grateful to the local clergy who are helping us all to maintain our Sunday services. On Thursday May 25th there will be an Ascension Day communion service for all the parishes in the Deanery; this year it will be held at St Andrew's Church, Stapleford, at 7.30 pm.

The annual Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Weston Colville, will be as usual on the last weekend of June, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th. Thanks to the skill of our team of long-serving flower arrangers, it will be as spectacular as ever. Virtually all the flowers and foliage used in the arrangements are from local gardens and from the countryside. There will be a concert in the church during the weekend as usual.

The repairs to the roof and the interior of St Andrew's, West Wrating, are well underway. The roof and walls are covered with a maze of scaffolding poles and sheets of plastic. It looks very strange, but we are looking forward to its completion and finally the repainting of the interior. It is going to look splendid when it is finished. As the new roof will not be made of lead, it will no longer be a target for thieves.

Our beautiful churches have been serving our villages for centuries, and it is vital that we keep them all open and fully equipped for the future needs of our community.

Keith Johnson



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Parish Nurse Appointment

I am aware that following the resignation of Teresa Letimier, there has been some uncertainty regarding the status of our Parish Nurse.

I am therefore delighted to make it clear that Claire Gillett has been confirmed in post as our permanent Parish Nurse and we all greatly look forward to having her with us in the future.

Keith Day, Chairman
Parish Nurse Management Committee

Where's our doctor gone now?

a Parish Nurse event

Tuesday 23rd May,
6.30pm – 8.30pm

Hildersham Village Hall
 High St, Hildersham, CB21 6BU

As part of our programme of Parish Nurse events please join us to hear GP James Morrow, from the Granta practice, talk about the merge of the Sawston, Linton and Barley practices and how it will affect you as a patient.

There will be an opportunity to continue the discussion in smaller groups and meet other members of the Parish Nurse Management group, including your Parish Nurse, Claire Gillett.

Please note that this is a free event - No booking required. Refreshments will be available.

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Christian Aid Week, 14th - 20th May

I am organising the collection again for our villages, and I will put a poster and some envelopes in each of the churches. Please give any filled envelopes to your churchwarden or deliver them to me at Nine Chimney House, Balsham – thank you.

Joanna Sanders

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Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

We have not had any reported problems here this past month but there have been problems in the Camps the Wilbrahams and Linton. We obviously need to take care and watch our security.

The police are promoting a good neighbour policy. Their idea is simple – if we know each other, we can look out for each other by keeping an eye open for our neighbour's home and property as well as our own. Note the registration numbers of strange vehicles, and unusual behaviour by strangers. They may be lost but could be 'casing the joint'. If you are suspicious call 101 and explain what you have seen to the police. Not long ago an observant neighbour in Balsham saw a burglar entering his neighbour's garage, which had an internal door into the house. The police were called and they 'apprehended the villain'.

Up to 250,000 Wonga accounts were compromised in a data breach. Wonga has promised to contact all who may be affected, and is taking steps to protect them. The police are investigating.

Action Fraud advises that fraudsters are sending out emails, which address recipients by name and start with "I am disturbing you for a very serious reason . . ." and end with ". . . the data of your account has been emailed to me." These emails contain a '.dot' file addressed to the recipient. Delete the email and do not open any attachments.

Both the breach at Wonga and these emails aim to steal your bank details. If you are affected, notify your bank or card company as soon as possible and check your accounts.

Best wishes to all *Challenge* readers and may peace reign over us all.

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

Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

Dear Marsh Titters – we have an interesting development for you this month, and a plea for the good people of West Wrating.

As you know, Marsh Tits are shy specialists of deciduous woodland. You'd expect them to head for the woods the first chance they get, especially to set up and maintain territories for the breeding season.

Paradoxically, your Marsh Tits are still coming regularly to garden feeders in mid-April, about half a kilometre from the nearest wood.

Just before Easter, we encountered Taylor (White over Red on Left) and Marshy (Yellow over Green on Left) together at Joyce's garden feeders on the north side of Mill Hill. In the photo, Taylor is on the left. Because



they're now in breeding condition, we can tell that Taylor is a girl and Marshy is a boy. Very likely that they are a pair. What are they doing in a village garden, when they should be holding territory in Great Coven's or Lower Wood?

I suspect that a good, reliable food source is helping Taylor make her eggs and keep up Marshy's strength. It's worth the risky journey to this oasis of food, which implies that the woods aren't offering enough

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natural food yet. It's been posited that global warming will bring out the first flush of caterpillars before the breeding season starts for the birds. Bird breeding is largely triggered by day length and so independent of temperature. The birds miss this crucial bounty at a time when they need it most, so they go to garden feeders. It's only a hypothesis, but one that's worth testing.

We're keen to hear of sightings of Marsh Tits in West Wrating. We think that these sedentary birds might be visiting you from Weston Colville, and vice versa.

As a spring bonus, we have possibly the cutest photo imaginable. Rachel, Weston Colville's resident ecologist, was releasing a young male Goldcrest one slightly chilly morning under my watchful eye.

However, the bird preferred her warm hands to the cold

outdoors and stayed put. At my behest, Rachel blew gently on him, but the warm air bath simply



encouraged him to stay! After about 20 seconds, he decided he'd better go back where he belonged. It still amazes me how completely wild creatures will trust us to this extent.

Please keep your sightings coming in to mel_stammers@btinternet.com or myself at cambsmarti@gmail.com. Have a great month,

*Alex Inzani and the Weston ringing team,
 for the BTO National Ringing Scheme*

Balsham Community Market

13th May, 2 pm to 5 pm, Church Institute

We have a busy market planned for 13th May. Now summer is on the horizon it means that there will be stalls inside and outside, and we will be open until 5 pm. Consequently, we are delighted to welcome back Kay from Big Sky Cakes and Deb from Spoonstruck, with her awesome ice creams and sorbets.

Our newcomers for May will include Three Little Birds Floristry who will be selling floral arrangements; Chilli Designs from Streetly End selling jewellery, Jenny Taylor Cards and Phoenix Trading who will be selling stationery items. Denver Lloyd of Aspect Cuisine is also joining in on the fun and will possibly be serving up his paella dish, and there will also be a plant stall selling bedding plants.

Please come along and support our local farmers and food producers. A thriving market adds value to the community not only by bringing people and food together, but in making Balsham and the surrounding villages a very attractive place to live.

Debbie Paton

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The Meadow School

Following on from our Ofsted inspection back in January, I am finally allowed to share the report and judgement with you all. I am thrilled to inform you that our school has been judged as a 'Good' school overall. The Ofsted Inspection Framework has changed over the past few years, with the threshold for 'Good' being much harder to attain. We are genuinely delighted with our result.

From the very first day I became Headteacher, the staff and I declared we would do what we thought was morally right, and only for the benefit of our children. I am proud to say that we did not succumb to creating spreadsheets of data for the sake of it, we didn't continually test our children, instead we taught them, and we didn't jump on the bandwagon for each and every new initiative. Instead we took our time and reflected on things before implementing them, always thinking what the impact would be on staff and the children's well-being. Our vision and ethos has remained true and strong. The report identified many strengths of the school including:

'The headteacher provides highly effective leadership. Alongside her committed and enthusiastic senior leadership team, she has led marked improvements to pupils' achievements and the quality of teaching and learning.' The Governors also 'provide good support and challenge to leaders.'

The inspectors also noted that 'The quality of the teaching of reading, writing and mathematics is good. Teachers plan well together, ensuring that pupils make clear progress across the year groups and key stages.... Effective teaching of reading, writing and mathematics is evident across the school and the great majority of pupils make good progress.'

In our previous inspection presentation and handwriting was criticised; this time it was noted that, 'presentation of pupils' work is exemplary.' This is fantastic and all of the hard work the staff and pupils have put in to improve this has now been recognised.

It was recognised that we 'make effective use of pupil premium funding to support disadvantaged pupils and regularly review the impact of the support that has been put in place.'

Alongside this the excellent work our Teaching Assistants do was recognised, 'Teaching assistants receive high-quality training. As a result, they are able to provide good support to disadvantaged pupils and pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities.'

I am extremely proud that children's behaviour was also recognised: 'Pupils like learning and are focused and engaged throughout their lessons. They support each other's learning through talk and collaborate well . . . Pupils enjoy learning and behave well in the classroom.' The children in our school are amazing and their learning attitudes are incredibly positive.

Even though the National Curriculum has increased in complexity and the expected standard is much harder

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to attain, the inspectors noted that, ‘Pupils are making good progress in a wide range of subjects.’

In our previous report, Early Years was one of the areas that needed considerable improvement. Aably led by Mrs Facer, the team has turned things around and we were delighted that it was noted that, ‘The early years is well led and managed. Leaders have an accurate understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the provision . . . Children are very well behaved and maintain concentration for long periods. They explore the carefully constructed activities well and develop their communicative skills alongside their embryonic phonics, mathematics and writing skills.’

We would like to thank everyone who has supported our school over the past few years. If you would like to read the full report then it can be found at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/140622> I hope you enjoy reading what is a really super report and one we should all be rightly proud of!

While we were celebrating the success of our Ofsted report, normal school life continued. Year 5 enjoyed their residential trip to How Hill on the Norfolk Broads. The weather couldn’t have been better and



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the location was incredible. The children spent three days exploring the vast grounds and setting cameras to watch wildlife at night, thatching, dissecting owl pellets, dyke dipping, playing lots of games in the sunshine and taking a boat trip onto Barton Broad. The behaviour of the children was exceptional and the centre manager personally commented to me that she was so impressed with their attitude, questioning, inquisitive nature and exemplary behaviour. We were all very proud of the children!

The caring nature of our children was once again shown with £320 being raised by the whole school for Comic Relief, and the Infants then raised money for the Marine Conservation Society as part of their ‘blue day’ to celebrate the end of their life on the ocean wave topic.



Spring term ended with the usual traditions. The whole school attended church for an Easter service led by some of our Year 6 children and Reverend Kathy Bishop. Mrs Sarah Bassett played the organ for our Easter songs, which the children sang beautifully. To finish the last day the Easter Bunny visited each member of school staff to deliver a small treat and say thank you, and not to be left out, every child joined in the annual Easter Egg hunt on the playground and field in the glorious sunshine. Thank you to the Parent Teacher Association for supplying the children’s sweet treats.

We share photos and news of everything that happens at The Meadow on our twitter page, [@Meadow_Balsham](https://twitter.com/Meadow_Balsham). Take a peek!

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

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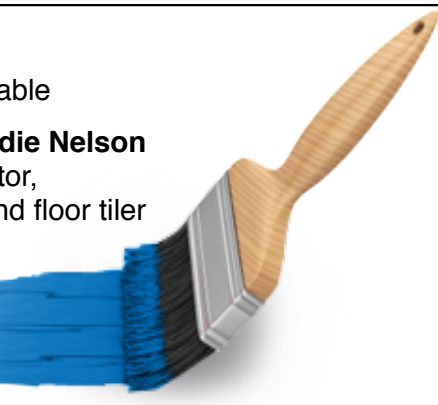
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The Marsh Mail (news from Linton Village College)

May marks the start of the examination season. Year 11 students at Linton Village College are preparing for their GCSEs, including the new style maths and English exams, and our Year 10s sit internal exams this month in all new GCSE subjects.

The move towards 9 - 1 grading, the removal of controlled assessment/coursework, and the increase in required curriculum subject knowledge, has created additional challenges in regards to what students are required to comprehend, retain and recall.

The traditional 'jug and mug' concept of education models children as empty vessels to be filled with knowledge during their schooling. As our students engage with necessary revision and exam practice, it can feel as though the primary purpose of education is to remember and regurgitate.

It is essential to balance the demands of test preparation with retaining children's desire to acquire knowledge and skills. Teachers and parents need to support children to be ready to perform to the best of their ability, while avoiding the process becoming too much of an arduous and stressful slog.

Recent news that the number of students nationally opting to take A levels in maths and English has plummeted this year, with drops of 20% and 35% in entries respectively, is concerning. This has been attributed to the new, tougher GCSEs and to students being less inclined to risk failure with these harder subjects.

It is a shame that a by-product of an insistence on high standards in the 3Rs may be a demise in the interest in and enjoyment of these subject disciplines.

At LVC we are academically ambitious for all of our young people. Being in the top 5% of all schools nationally for progress and exceeding all other OECD countries' PISA test scores is evidence of our students' achievement. However, these measures are only one factor of educational excellence.

Being able to achieve strong results in exams is important for young people – it will help them to open doors in the future. It is equally important to help children to develop and sustain the keys to open these doors: motivation, self-esteem and a thirst for learning.

Helena Marsh, Executive Principal

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The following events have been arranged for the summer months:

- Plant sale: 9.30 - 11.30 am, Saturday 20th May at the WA Prince Memorial Shelter
- Spring outing: Dullingham House 6 - 8 pm, 6th June
- Summer outing: RHS Wisley, Sunday 30th July
- Annual Show: Saturday 2nd September
- Autumn outing: Fuller's Mill, Tuesday 5th September.

There are still places available on all the outings. Non members are welcome too. Please contact Lyn Bobrow on 890598 or lgb21@cam.ac.uk if you are interested.

Giant Pumpkin Competition: Dills Atlantic Giant pumpkin plants will be on sale at the plant sale on 20th May. A very useful cash prize will be awarded to

the grower of the heaviest pumpkin exhibited at the Annual Show on 2nd September. The competition is open to all and plants will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Cultivation guidance will be supplied at the time of sale.

Harold's tips:

- Dead head and feed daffodils
- Sow vegetables for summer succession
- French and runner beans can be sown 'in-situ' from the middle of May
- Sow hardy annuals to fill gaps in herbaceous borders
- Grow French Marigolds amongst tomatoes to discourage whitefly
- Watch out for late frosts until the end of May.

Don't forget the plant sale on 20th May and the Giant Pumpkin Competition!

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The Garden Club Plant Sale will be held on Saturday 13th May from 10 am. Come along and stock up with a great range of plants, and stay for some homemade refreshments.

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