

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of St Mary's, Weston Colville and St Andrew's, West Wrattling
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West Wrattling Over 60s

Last month we all enjoyed a lovely afternoon in Ann's garden; the weather was perfect, and we appreciated all the time and effort Ann and Roy put into making their garden such a joy. Thank you both very much.

We next meet at The Chestnut Tree at 12.30, to include lunch, on Wednesday 4th July.

The following meeting, on 1st August, will be the next garden meeting in Emsons Close, Linton, at 12.30 pm.

Wendy Halls

Saturday Morning Café, West Wrattling

Huge thanks to everyone for another buzzing café at the beginning of June!

The Saturday morning café will run as usual on Saturday 7th July 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!

The money raised continues to be donated to local community projects.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

We were able to sit out in the Reading Room garden and enjoy the warm sunshine, good company and refreshments at our June gathering. We will next get together on Friday 6th July, 3.30 - 5pm. Please come along for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat. Everyone welcome.

Melanie (291319)



West Wrattling Charity Music Bash

The West Wrattling Music Bash will be held on Saturday 28th July, starting at 2 pm.

Free admission; donations on the gate very much appreciated.

There will be several bands playing live music; also a bouncy castle, barbecue, licensed bar, and raffle.

All are very welcome.

Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary

Weston Colville Post Box

Our post box should be back some time soon; I think it will be put near the telephone box. Please call the Royal Mail Helpline with any complaints or enquiries.

Chris Tilley

Seniors

We had a very enjoyable and instructive meeting with Colin and yes, we did wind up with a heap of rubbish on the floor. The amount of litter collected surprised us, and Sisse told us about the system used in Denmark with refunds and money off in the supermarket.

Our plan for Tuesday 10th July is to have a day out at Anglesey Abbey with a picnic lunch. The National Trust entrance fee is £15. If anyone wants to come with us they would be very welcome. We intend to leave here by car at 10.30 and enter Anglesey at 11 am. It is an interesting property with paths, gardens, grass, trees, play areas for children, a working water mill. and the main house, all open.

Just call me (on 290837) if you'd like to join us.

Allen

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From the Rectory

You may have noticed an extravagant sports tournament happening in Russia at the moment. It's certainly big news in our household and we're looking forward to following this young England team as they seek to make their mark. Whether they progress further than the last 16, though, is perhaps a matter of hope rather than expectation!

There was, however, another sporting event which took place in Russia last month filled with hope: the Street Child World Cup. Over 200 'street children' from five different continents, all of whom had experienced homelessness, took part. The children said the tournament and the support they received from all over the world helped give them a greater sense of dignity. Instead of being stigmatised, they felt special, known and loved. When they returned to their homes they were then supported in championing the cause of street children in their local communities. They became, therefore, ambassadors of hope.

This striking story gives us much to reflect on. I had the privilege of baptizing someone recently and the beautiful words and prayers of the service reminded me how baptism is also an act of great hope. In baptism, we are reminded that each of us is special, known and loved by God. We respond to that by making promises to pray for and support the baptised person, and are encouraged to become ambassadors of faith, hope and love in our communities through prayer and action.

There are indeed many ways to affirm each other's human dignity and support one another in our lives. We have a wonderful opportunity to do that in our villages where there are so many chances to connect



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with each other, whether through a local fete, meeting at the village shop or pub or simply passing by on the high street. If we truly seek the welfare of the places where we live and aim to love our neighbour as ourselves, we can also become ambassadors of hope in the world around us.

Revd Iain McColl

West Wrattling Oil Syndicate

There will be a West Wrattling Syndicate fill up this month, with the order cut off being Monday 9th July at 6.30 pm.

Please don't place your orders until 1st July as they get sometimes get forgotten . . . really, more occasionally than sometimes.

Place your orders either by email to me at richardholness023@btinternet.com (please put 'Oil' in the subject box; 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" etc. We may be using Boilerjuice or another order consolidation website, as they seem to be getting very aggressive with their pricing.

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 be buying at the best price.

Richard Holness

Progressive Supper

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the progressive supper, making an effort to make so many amazing courses. Comments included “What a successful evening. We thoroughly enjoyed every bit of it” and “Lovely people, lovely food, lovely wine”. Although not a fund raising event we are delighted to say that we have raised £80 for the air ambulance. Thank you again.

Jacqueline and Anne

Weston Colville Circular Walk

We had a sunny walk in June, the crops green and starting to ripen, and the oil seed rape making Alastair have to show us where the path would be. It was a great chance to welcome a young family moving to Mill Hill.



Our next walk will be on Saturday 18th August at 10 am, approximately 5 miles long. Meet at the Reading Room, BYO lunch, and maybe something to share. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome. Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com , 291475.

The Lost Words

On Saturday 15th September, there’ll be an event in the Reading Room to share Robert Macfarlane’s poems and Jackie Morris’s exquisite paintings. There will be a short meeting in the Reading Room on Friday, 20th July at 7 pm for anyone interested in taking part. Come and choose your poem, and help us decide the time for September. Refreshments available. Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com , 291475.



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d’Abo Tennis Club, West Wrattling
Summer Tennis Coaching

This year we are very lucky to have Tim Allen of Matchpoint Tennis Coaching to coach our Summer Tennis Week.

Monday 13th to Friday 17th August

- 9.00 - 9.30 am: Tots tennis, 5 yrs and under
- 9.30 - 10.30 am: Beginners, 8 yrs and under
- 10.30 - 11.30 am: Beginners, 9 yrs and over
- 11.30 - 12.30: Improvers, 8 yrs and under
- 12.30 - 1.30 pm: Improvers, 9 yrs and over

Price	Per Session	Per Week (10% discount)
Tots Tennis	£4	£18
Beginners	£6	£27
Improvers	£6	£27

Numbers will be limited to 8 children per session so please book early!

Children do not have to be members of the d’Abo tennis club in order to join in with this summer programme but there will be an additional, one off, charge of £2 per child for non-members. Please enquire if you would like further information about membership of the d’Abo tennis club.

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West Wrating Book Club

Our book for June was 'Educated: a Memoir' by Tara Westover.

This book tells the story of her struggle to find herself and gain an education, including getting a degree and PhD at Cambridge, despite the dystopian environment created by her father and the violence that followed from this. His behaviour was extreme and, it was felt, not normal for a Mormon community to which they belonged but, as Tara realised as she was exposed to wider knowledge, caused by her father's probable bipolar condition and paranoia. Everyone found it worthwhile reading, describing it as interesting but disturbing; grim yet compelling, drawing you in, a 'page turner'. The descriptions of the landscape are very good and evocative.

One person suggested that it wasn't so much about education as families, relationships and how far you can be pushed before breaking away completely. No one was wholly good or bad.

Some wondered if there was too much and too vivid description of the results of the accidents and violence that occurred. However, it was generally felt that this

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had to be included for people to realise just how dreadful these events were. Also, it had to be a memoir rather than a novel as it is probable that many people could not have believed that so many dreadful things could have happened in one family. It is probable that such things are more common than one would like to think in such isolated communities. The footnotes were particularly revealing, with the different viewpoints of events given by different members of the family.

Scores out of 10 varied from 8.5 to 10, and all would recommend it.

There will now be a summer break, with two books to read for our next meeting on Wednesday 12th September at the usual time of 8 pm at The Chestnut Tree. These are 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman and 'The Woodlanders' by Thomas Hardy.

Linda Gorman

Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Church End, Weston Colville, has been visited by a white van on several occasions. The occupant was seen stealing items from the front garden of one of our homes. The police have been informed.

Two strimmers and a chainsaw were stolen from The Common, West Wrating, where a shed was broken into.

In Balsham number plates were stolen from a car parked outside the owner's house, and it is believed a dog was stolen from the rear garden of another property. A Balsham business yard was broken into. A John Deere tractor with a mower attachment was stolen, with a trailer and a generator. The tractor was recovered later from Fowlmere.



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The fraud is involved with online banking, mobile phones and a problem that TSB had when it updated its computer system and 1.9 million users were locked out of their accounts. Fraudsters gain control of the victim’s phone number by convincing the victim’s mobile phone network provider to port their number on to a SIM card in the fraudster’s control, and then using the number to access the victim’s bank accounts. This can include requesting an online banking password reset or access to any two factor authentication services. One victim lost £6,000 from their current account.

If I had a TSB account which I operated by telephone banking via my mobile telephone I would be worried after reading this. I think the best move would be to telephone Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 and find out what action you should take to protect yourself. If you want a full copy of Action Fraud’s message please email me.

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

The d'Abo Estate

Olly Jones, the gamekeeper, advises that as from 1st July he will be laying down young birds for the forthcoming shooting season (1st October 2018 - 1st February 2019). The designated area will be from the Grove in West Wrating going north and covering the estate in Weston Colville. The particularly sensitive footpaths are shown on the map below.



Please keep to the designated public footpaths and keep dogs under close control and preferably on leads during this whole period. Many thanks.

Colin McCall (290036)

West Wratting Parish Council

On Monday 14th May 2018 the Parish Meeting was held and the reports were published in June's Challenge.

At the parish council meeting there was no change in the councillors but they completed the registration forms and declaration of acceptance following the local elections. Chairman Ross-Bain stepped down as Chairman and Cllr Holness accepted the chair, having been proposed by Cllr Nichols and Cllr Ross-Bain. Cllr Nichols accepted the position of vice chairman, proposed by Cllr Holness and seconded by Cllr Roberts. Cllr Holness thanked Cllr Ross-Bain for his extremely effective chairmanship over the past four years and was pleased that he would remain a member of the parish council.

Planning: the list is shown in the draft minutes now displayed on the noticeboards.

Finance: end of year accounts had been distributed. Because receipts and costs were under £25,000 for the year, the audit was exempted from having to go to external auditors, just to the internal auditor. It was agreed by the council that it should be signed and returned to the external auditors. The statement of accounts for 2017/2018 was agreed and signed by the chairman and parish clerk, as was the annual return, ready for the internal auditor to make her report.

Authorised payments & receipts: please see the draft minutes on the website and the noticeboards.

Parish Nurse Scheme: Suan Rowland gave a presentation in order to get the support of the parish council with a contribution for the scheme to continue for a further two years. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

Maintenance:

1. *Trees in Haytor Close:* Mike Rowland will be replacing the two trees which had to be destroyed due to Honey Fungus with two Alders which are not susceptible to this disease.
2. *Fox Road Barriers:* with the change of councillors following the local District and County Council elections there may be some difficulty in getting the barriers erected either end of Fox Road. Cllrs Batchelor and Harvey were asked to try and push the 'Gating Order' through.

3. *Road markings & pot holes:* little progress apart from a few holes filled in, and holes sprayed yellow.
4. *Poo bins:* no progress but will make enquiries.
5. *Dilapidated Building action:* A S215 Amenity Notice was sent to the owners in March with a three month timescale.

Sports Pavilion Club:

1. Complaints about noise late at night at the sports pavilion will be discussed at the next meeting of the club.
2. It was agreed that having a chain across the entrance was inconvenient and the sports pavilion club would like to put a gate across with a keypad and are looking at quotes. Following complaints about cars stopping in front of the entrance to let children out, Cllr Ross-Bain will make a laminated notice say 'no stopping in front of entrance'.
3. The Chairman will check if the location code for the defibrillator is shown at the sports pavilion following a query about this.

Traffic Issues & Speed Restrictions:

1. Local Highways Improvement scheme with changes to the speed limit sign locations have been carried out.
2. Speed Indicator: Highways have agreed the siting of the posts and will soon be up and running. The post situated opposite The Chestnut Tree will view three different ways.

Reports of District & County Councillors: these have been published on the website.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 9th July at 8 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards (j.richards597@btinternet.com)

West Wratting 40 mph Zones

A special thank you to Mira Nicholls for her tireless effort of campaigning to implement the 40 mph zones surrounding the village. Thank you also to all those who wrote letters of support to the council for their implementation – it has been a real community effort and just shows what we can achieve together. The 40 mph limit has already made a significant difference to us. Thank you to all involved.

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Weston Colville Parish Council

At the meeting on Monday 14th May the following items were discussed, and where relevant agreed.

Elections:

Position		Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman	Cllr Vidler	Cllr Pagonis	Cllr Jackson
Vice-chair	Cllr Durham	Cllr Garrod	Cllr Pagonis
RFO	Cllr Pagonis	Cllr Jackson	Cllr Ashbridge

Presentation about the Parish Nurse Scheme:

Keith Day gave a presentation about the Parish Nurse Scheme. He explained that the scheme has been running for three years. The need for a parish nurse came from the community, due to gaps in statutory services, particularly for people suffering from mental health problems, dementia, terminal illnesses and chronic conditions. More than 100 people have been helped so far across the seven villages, including several from Weston Colville. The scheme has been set up by Parish Nursing Ministry UK, and there are currently 100 parish nurses across the country. It is a Christian led operation, but the service is available for all, regardless of beliefs. The nurse is employed by Hildersham PCC and has 80 contacts a month with

her clients. 80% are aged 60 and over, 75% are non-churchgoers. The parish nurse is unique in the country to have an honorary contract with Granta Medical Practice, and she attends monthly multi-agency meetings with secondary, community health services, and social service colleagues, which provides an opportunity to discuss vulnerable patients. The initial scheme has been independently assessed, based on outcomes. Another two-year fixed term has been put in place at a cost of £80,000 with the addition of a community worker, who will assist with young people and young families. The funding will be raised by charitable trusts, PCCs, parish councils and donations from members of the community. It was proposed that Weston Colville Parish Council pay £500 a year for two years towards the scheme.

Planning:

S/1612/18/FL, Lakeside, Common Road – erection of a single story extension and alterations to garage roof to form an annexe. Awaiting feedback.

Website Update: Cllr Pagonis has looked into the creation of a website in more depth. It will cost £299, no VAT, plus a £10 hosting fee. The company creating the website retains ownership of designs. It will be a brochure website with sections such as history of the village, current amenities, parish nurse, village plan, minutes etc. Councillor Pagonis to set out the sections, domain name has been decided. The website is to be owned by the parish council, and councillors are to receive email addresses linked to the domain name. The cost of the first year is £420.

Reading Room Car Park: transfer from SCDC to WCPC – SCDC will not move on the overage of 100 years on the site. Fees are approximately £2,000: £500 legal fees from Weston Colville’s solicitor, £1,200 SCDC legal fees, plus land registry costs.

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Stream Clearing and Footpath Update/Verges:

Cllr Garrod cleared a lot of rubbish from the stream by the recreation ground at the Cricket Force weekend.

Road Drain Clearance and Repair Update: jetting of the drains was carried out at the bottom of Mill Hill in January, but it has not been effective. The council is still awaiting a report from CCC flood risk officer Brian Heffernan. Cllr Ashbridge is looking into the wider flooding issues and whether there are government schemes to assist with the problem.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Update: the SID was in place as part of the rotation within the villages. It has been established that there is nowhere suitable on Chapel Road to place brackets. A representative from Highways is required to sign the agreement. The devices collect data, which will be shared at the next meeting.

Defibrillator Contacts: Cllr Garrod has agreed to provide his address details so that people can go to his house for the code for the defibrillator. His neighbour Rachel is also willing to keep the code at her house. A notice is being created to advise the public of this.

Standing Orders: councillors who were present signed a form expressing that they were satisfied with the new Standing Orders for Weston Colville Parish Council.

GDPR: councillors accepted the information that had been provided by Cllr Vidler regarding GDPR and the new policies that came into effect on 25th May. Cllr Pagonis identified an issue with parishioners' email addresses, this will be resolved with council emails that will be provided with the new website. A policy is required for removing data when councillors leave the council.

Lower Wood: the parish council is aware of general concerns about the coppicing in Lower Wood. The wood was bequeathed by the Mayfield family to the Woodland Trust; it is unclear whether the bequest had conditions: for the benefit of the village etc. Cllr Ashbridge observed that forestry work often appears drastic immediately after completion, and that the Woodland Trust is likely to have a management plan. This is not currently publicly available. Cllr Garrod is going to contact the Mayfield family for more information.

Renewal of Insurance: the council voted on tying into insurance with Zurich for a five year period, which reduced the premiums down to £597.43.

Potholes, Road Conditions, and Grass Cutting: discussion held with Cllr Batchelor. Verges are being pushed back, tarmac is being eroded at the side of the roads, leading to potholes, and soil going into the drains. A more proactive policy is required for pothole repair, currently felt to be a very inefficient system. The possibility of installing road curbing was raised, but the significant cost would fall to the parish council and there was a feeling that it would change the look of the village. The village sign by Weston Colville Hall has fallen down, and has been reported to Highways for repair. Simon Ratford will be cutting the recreation grounds, and War Memorial. Trevor Potter will be cutting the verges. Invitations to tender are to be made next year.

Playground: ROSPA made their inspection on 17th April. Some pieces of equipment require attention – the slide at Church End, and swing. The fencing, ramp on the playhouse, and mats under the swings at the recreation ground require attention.

Finance:

Precept: precept will be increased by up to 3% in January to keep in line with inflation.

Payments since last meeting:

Date	Chq. No.	Payee	Item	Amount
19.04.18	701	Cambridgeshire County Council	Street Lighting	£305.87

Payments agreed at the meeting:

Payee	Item	Amount
Simon Ratford	Grass Cutting	£ TBC
T. J. Potter	Verge Cutting	£ TBC
Parish Clerk	Wages March/April/ May	£ 675
Parish Clerk	Expenses	£49.86
ROSPA	Playground Inspection	£189
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Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Association of Local Councils	Membership	£205.31
Age Concern	Funding for Small Villages Warden Scheme	£250

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Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) 2017/18: the paperwork and figures for the AGAR were checked and signed. Final accounts for the year to 31 March 2018 have been prepared and are ready for presentation to the internal auditor.

Date of Next Full Meeting: 2nd July

Jessica Ashbridge, Weston Colville Parish Clerk

**Weston Colville Parish Meeting –
Chairman's Report**

The last year has seen the council continue to pursue activities that generally support the community led parish plan adopted three years ago. The key objectives progressed are as follows:

Maintenance of Roads and Verges: the parish council implemented its usual verge cutting program this year and continues to provide street lighting in the village. Progress was also made with getting potholes repaired and clearing gullies and drains. However, there is still more work to be done at Church End and a meeting was held with the County Council Highways department in January to agree a plan to fix this permanently. We are still awaiting clarification on what they plan to do.

Speeding through the village: despite several attempts to find someone, no volunteers have come forward to continue the Speedwatch activity in the village. As a result, the council decided to join in with a group of local parish councils and jointly buy some speed indicator devices. The use of these in the village has started to encourage motorists to slow down. They also log how many vehicles exceed the speed limit. This data can be used to support applications for highways grants if deemed necessary to improve road safety. It will be interesting to see at next year's meeting how effective the use of the signs is in getting people to slow down.

Rural nature of the village: the council has continued to carry out its programme of grass cutting and hedge trimming around the war memorial and the play areas. There has also been an extensive amount of work carried out to clear the drainage ditches, especially by local farmers.

Play Areas: the council has ensured that essential maintenance has been carried out for both play areas to ensure they are safe to use and kept in good order.

Community Assets: at last year's meeting I reported that the council planned to look at making Assets of Community Value status applications for Church End playing field, the Reading Room and the Recreation Ground but further investigation showed that this would not be appropriate. However, the parish council has made good progress with the transfer of the Reading Room car park from the SCDC to the parish council and this will hopefully be complete by the autumn.

I would like to end by thanking all my fellow councillors for their work in supporting the aims and objectives of the council, and make special mention of Cllr Scott who has decided to stand down from the council after several years of diligent service. He has worked tirelessly on several aspects of the council's work, notably but not only the Church End and the Green play areas, the transfer of the village car park as well as acting as Tree Warden, all this while also coordinating several other village activities. Allen has been a major asset to the council and he will be sorely missed. I would like to give him my personal thanks for his help and support and formally thank him on behalf of the council. I am sure you will all join me in wishing Allen well for the future.

Ray Vidler



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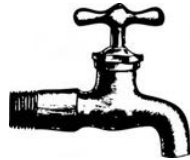
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Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

Our ringing moratorium ends this month, with the last of the Marsh Tit fledglings leaving their nests.

These youngsters are the key as to why this species is in decline in the UK, so we shall be monitoring them closely. Your sightings are crucial in this. Please report any Marsh Tit (ringed or unringed) to cambsmarti@gmail.com, m_stammers@btinternet.com or **Challenge**. Thank you!

Juveniles of all species are abundant at the moment. They're pretty clueless, so please keep any cats in at dawn and dusk. Even pampered, well-fed moggies will kill for fun. Certain species are less vulnerable, such as the Tawny Owl chick last month and today's pin-up, a young female Kestrel from the eco-friendly John O'Gaunt Golf Club. At this age, you can tell

she's female from the emerging covert feathers above her tail – they have a broad brown stripe across them, which is straight across and there's no trace of grey. They're already over 200 grams in weight. Until they realise we're harmless, they can use their impressive talons to remarkable effect, and the beak delivers a good peck too. Like Blue Tits, they look for tender parts of your fingers to draw blood. But a kind word and a stroke rapidly changes their attitude, and they wait patiently while we collect the biometrics and return them to the nest. The whole process takes under three minutes, giving invaluable year-on-year data for the bird's conservation.

Sadly, we found a juvenile Greenfinch sitting on the ground in a Mill Hill garden with its head tucked under its wing. TLC and a nice safe perch did not help, and unfortunately it didn't survive. Please be aware the Bird Flu has been identified 50 km to the southwest at Amwell nature reserve, so treat dead birds with caution. Burn if possible and keep well away from domestic poultry and waterfowl.

We'll have some nice stories next month, as the juvvie season arrives in earnest!

Enjoy high summer,

Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Team



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Balsham Gardening Club

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Entry forms can to be returned to Alice by email or post, or they can be handed in at the Church Institute between 2 pm and the deadline of 4 pm on Friday 6th July. Staging of the entries will take place in the marquee on Saturday 7th July from 9 to 10.15 am. The children’s classes are open to any child attending Balsham School, living in the village or related to anyone living in the village, eg grandchildren of residents. Please help us make it a show to remember.



Jennie Tipler

Marsh Mail and LVC News

July is an important month for the induction of new staff and students at the college in readiness for the next academic year, as our new cohort of students join us for a two day transition in the first week of the month. The programme of sample lessons and time with tutors and our 8Mate student leaders helps our newest additions to acclimatise to the scale of LVC and the routines and rituals of a secondary school.



Ambitious and inclusive education should be an entitlement to all children, not just those in a particular postcode. We hope that growing our programme of cross-phase enrichment will help to inspire the next generation of students at LVC.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Enrichment Week

Year 7 students had the opportunity to become forensic scientists for the day during enrichment week. Students were taught how to study finger prints, and they were able to experiment with blood splatter to determine how somebody might have died at a crime scene. Students did a great job and worked really hard and were a credit to the school, and really looked the business whilst dressed up in their overalls! Year 7 then visited the Imperial War Museum at Duxford, where they gained a valuable insight into the history of aviation and the impact this had on the nature of warfare and people’s lives. From taking a tour of Concord, to testing their pilot skills on a flight simulator as well as witnessing how civilians lived in a bomb shelter, it was fantastic to hear how it stimulated their interest as they wanted to go back to explore more of the exhibits.

Mr Stewart & Mr Rednall

Enrichment week for Year 8 began with students undertaking Dragon’s Den tasks and pitching their brilliant ideas in a showcase finale. Tuesday saw them measuring blood spatters and using forensic science skills to lift fingerprints and solve a murder case. Wednesday’s excursion to Thorpe Park was a fun-packed day of adrenaline-fuelled fun on some of Britain’s best rollercoasters. IEM visited on Thursday with an inspirational insight into the music industry; sessions on song writing, promotion, recording and performance were on offer and the day ended with a pop-funk concert from up-and-coming band ‘Kissed and Crowned’. The week ended with a fun-filled sports day. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of such an enriching and rewarding programme of events. What a week!

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Buttercups Community Pre School

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Bingo Night on Friday 11th May at the Balsham Church Institute. It was lovely to see so many people from the surrounding villages all joining on such a fun fundraising evening. The bingo was a great success and the fish and chip supper was a real treat!

All of the funds raised will provide the Buttercups Pre-school children with a lovely end of term treat . . . a visit to Linton Zoo.

We are desperately in need of people to join our fundraising committee; if you are interested in joining please do contact us at Buttercupspreschool@yahoo.com

We are also coming to the end of this school year and thinking about the next academic term. Please get in touch and come and visit us to see what childcare services we could provide for your child, and meet our friendly and knowledgeable staff.

The Staff and Committee of Buttercups Preschool

Yoga taster sessions with Colin Fordham are now 12th & 18th July, 6 - 7 pm.

Pilates class with Mark Careless starts on Thursday evenings, 6.30 - 7.30 pm.
Contact Mark [markcareless@live.com] for details.

Neil Holley will be giving a presentation at the centre on the benefits of Air Source Heat Pumps. He will cover efficiency, government grants, carbon emissions and saving money.
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The National Flu Immunisation Programme

This year sees significant changes as to how we will be vaccinating our patients, the main one being that there are now two different vaccines for adults:-

1. The adjuvanted trivalent vaccine (aTIV) for all patients over 65 years of age,
2. The quadrivalent vaccine (QIV) for patients 18 years old and over and for patients under 65 years of age eligible for NHS vaccinations.

Eligible children will continue to receive the nasal spray live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV).

The following patients are eligible for flu vaccination:-

- All children aged 2 to 9 years of age (but not 10 years or older) on 31st August 2018
- Clinically eligible patients, aged 6 months to under 65 years of age
- Pregnant women
- Those aged 65 years and over
- Those in long-stay residential care homes
- Carers.

In addition, flu vaccines are recommended for frontline health and social care workers.

The other significant change is the way in which we will receive our supply of vaccines – there will be three separate deliveries between the months of September and November.

All of the above means that this year, booking your flu appointment won't be quite as straightforward for us as in previous years. We will have to separate adults by age, vaccination type, and by when deliveries are due, so please bear with us as we manage this huge task, which could involve up to 15,000 patients!

We hope to publish our flu clinic dates next month. Additionally, text messages will be sent, there will be local posters, and the dates will be published on our websites.

As always, if you have any questions concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or your local Granta surgery.

***Sandra East, Communications Manager,
Granta Medical Practices***

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service

As the weather brightens up, we welcome the longer, brighter nights and the opportunity to enjoy summer days and nights in the garden.

- If cooking outdoors, keep barbeques on level ground and ensure they are sited away from sheds, fences, overhanging foliage and property.
- Keep children and garden games well away from the cooking area and never leave the barbecue unattended.
- If you have a bonfire, build it well away from buildings, tents or other flammable objects and make sure it is properly out when you leave.
- When out in the countryside, extinguish cigarettes properly and dispose of them responsibly – never throw a lit cigarette into a field or wooded area.
- Don't forget to stay safe around our county's waterways and if you see someone in trouble in water, call 999 immediately with clear details of your location.
- When out camping or using a tent, never use candles inside or nearby and always discourage smoking nearby. Never cook inside a tent.

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Sunday 8 th July	Morning Prayers	Steven Wheeler	Fanny	Louise	n/a
Sunday 15 th July	Holy Communion	Rev Iain McColl	Alex	Linda	Sue
Sunday 22 nd July	Holy Communion	Rev Kathy Bishop	Jenny	Alex	n/a
Sunday 29 th July	United Service – West Wickham (10.00 am)	Rev Iain McColl	n/a	Jenny	Jenny

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July 2018

- Mon 2 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
- Wed 4 West Wratting Over 60s
- Fri 6 Tea & Cakes, Reading Room, Weston Colville
- Sat 7 Saturday Morning Café, West Wratting
Balsham Gardening Club Have a Go show
- Sun 8 Ellesmere Centre summer show
- Mon 9 West Wratting Oil Syndicate order deadline
West Wratting Parish Council meeting
- Tues 10 Seniors Group, Anglesey Abbey visit
- Thur 19 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
- Fri 20 'Lost Words' meeting, Reading Room
- Sat 28 West Wratting Music Bash

August 2018

- Wed 1 West Wratting Over 60s
- Mon 13 - Fri 17 Tennis Coaching, West Wratting
- Sat 18 Weston Colville Circular Walk

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