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

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Six Mile Bottom Clay Day

Once again this event is taking place at Six Mile Bottom, Wadlow Farm, run by Richard Clarke.

The date is Saturday 25th August in the morning, followed by lunch.

The set price of £185 per gun covers the costs and provides a donation to our church, St Andrew's in West Wrating.

There will normally be a maximum of 27 guns, being three on a peg rotating during each drive and loading for each other. In the past we done four or five drives. Each gun normally uses 250 - 300cartridges.

Those who have been before I know enjoyed the day; the younger generation are also very welcome.

Please let me know if you would like to take part and I will book you in.

Simon Sampson

(07887 726080, Simon.sampson@btinternet.com)

West Wrating Over 60s

The club has been kindly invited to enjoy another garden meeting at Janet's in Emsons Close, Linton, on Wednesday, 1st August at 12.30 pm (please make a note of the time). We will be holding the usual raffle and a bring and buy.

The meeting on 5th September will be at 12.30 pm at The Chestnut Tree.

Wendy Halls

Weston Colville Circular Walk

This month's walk will be on Saturday 18th August at 10 am, and we'll walk approximately 5 miles. 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.

Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating

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

The Saturday morning café will run as usual on Saturday 4th August between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the village hall. The café works by different volunteers kindly offering to serve and donate cakes every month. There is always a play corner set up for kids, and a bookstall with second hand books. 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

Tea and Cakes will be back in September.

We once again enjoyed the sunshine for our July gathering.

We are going to have a break from Tea and Cakes in August as most of our trusty volunteers are away on holiday. We look forward to seeing everybody refreshed and with wonderful holiday stories to recount when we get together on Friday 7th September, 3.30 - 5 pm. All welcome. Please come along for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

Melanie (291319)



Coffee Morning

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Please send us your contributions, events, notices, photos and comments.

Seniors

We visited Anglesey Abbey in July and had a good lunch and an enjoyable day while walking around the gardens, open areas and woods.

We will have a party at 3 pm on 14th August in the garden at Settle, with some simple games like giant noughts and crosses, and others far from simple, like croquet. There will be a bring and buy table, with proceeds going to aid the group's funds. Please bring a plate of food to share for a 'pot luck' meal at teatime. Tea, coffee and cool drinks will be available.

Weather? Hmmm – the long range weather forecast suggests a dry pleasant 20°C. I have my fingers crossed!

Why not come along, we'll be pleased to see you? Sit, stand, chat, have fun and, oh yes, do explain how you keep plants alive in this heat wave.

Just call me if you'd like to join us.

Allen (290837)

Flower Festival, Weston Colville

Weston Colville's annual Flower Festival took place in St Mary's Church on a lovely sunny weekend towards the end of June. The beautiful displays of

flowers drew many admirers. This year, a particular attraction was a wonderful collection of wedding dresses from across the ages, loaned by different



people from the village. Since the pews in the church have recently been replaced with chairs, a large space could be created, with each dress displayed on a mannequin. Many of the dresses were accompanied by fresh posies of flowers, wedding photos and brief recollections of the wedding day itself.

The Flower Festival was, as ever, a very pleasant occasion which brought people together to enjoy the flowers (not to mention the tea and cakes) and also to reminisce and share stories.

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The Lost Words

On Saturday 15th September, there'll be an event to bring to life Robert Macfarlane's magical poems and Jackie Morris's exquisite paintings. Each of the 'spells' will be enjoyed aloud, and some are still available if anyone, especially children, would like to choose one and join in, just contact me as below. Come to the Reading Room at 4 pm. All welcome, donations for local primary school books, refreshments available. Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com , 291475.



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d'Abo Tennis Club, West Wrating

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.

For further information or to book a place please contact Cally Wilson:

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cally.wilson@hotmail.co.uk

West Wrating Book Club

A reminder that our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th September at the usual time of 8 pm at The Chestnut Tree. There is still time to read one or both of the two books to be discussed: 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman, and 'The Woodlanders' by Thomas Hardy. Looking forward to seeing regulars and new people.

Linda Gorman

West Wrating Oil Syndicate

The syndicate has always had a simple principle – to buy from the supplier that offers the lowest price, so as the best price was offered by Boilerjuice, they won the 15-house order in July.

As you know I always benchmark against the Boilerjuice price and their 'bulk' price was 48.19p, but they beat their own best price with a price of 46.56p. The next nearest was Shelford at 47.45p.

There is no fill up this month and I hope that everybody will be sitting on the beach somewhere, eating corned beef and Branston (other pickles are available) sandwiches.

There will be a fill up next month, with a cut off date and time of Thursday 6th September at 6.30 pm. Please don't place your orders until 1st September and if I'm in the Chestnut Tree, make sure you write them on a beer mat . . .

Remember, if you're ordering less than 1,000 litres (500 litres minimum), you'll still be buying at the best price thanks to our orders being grouped together. Details of the supplier, price and delivery dates will be placed on the West Wrating website www.westwrating.org.uk about three days after the order cutoff day.

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The Parish Nurse

The Parish Nurse works in The Abingtons, Hildersham, Balsham, West Wrating , Weston Colville and West Wickham. The programme is growing and we would like to increase our ability to respond to need and to increase participation.

1. We are looking for volunteer nurses to support the Parish Nurse:

Volunteer Parish Nurse Vacancy (part time)

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Applicants must be willing to undertake the Parish Nursing Ministry UK training, 15 - 18th October 2018 in Birmingham.

For an application pack and full job description, email: 7churches.seven@gmail.com.

Closing date for applications: Friday 31st August.

Interviews: w/c 17th September.

Appointment to commence: 15th October 2018.

2. We have also secured some short term grant funding for the next year. We are looking for someone to work alongside the Parish Nurse, to help build stronger community networks.

The ideal candidate will have some experience of project work and an interest in working with local groups, businesses and the public to support them to develop ways to help communities to live happily, healthily and well. You will be able to work flexibly from home and able to travel in the area.

Please contact Suan Rowland (suanrowland@btinternet.com) by 31st August for more information.

From the Rectory

What an amazing World Cup it's been: so many exciting and unexpected results and so much drama. We enjoyed a thrilling run by the England team, who were rewarded with an unexpected semi-final place. Then there was the entirely unforeseen transformation of the England manager, Gareth Southgate, into a fashion icon!

It's also been fascinating to hear the experiences of those who travelled to Russia during the tournament. With a background of international tension and prior clashes between English and Russian fans, many feared it would be a dangerous and inhospitable place. Fans and journalists alike, however, found their pre-conceptions dismantled, encountering a warm welcome from many, and a rich and varied culture.

This tournament, then, has been enthralling partly because of its unpredictability; its power to surprise and amaze. Yet we can find ourselves, in other areas of our lives, trying to eliminate risk and unpredictability as much as possible. I'm sure I've often allowed my decisions to be shaped by fears or sought refuge in a settled viewpoint, perhaps because I feel more secure that way.

The Christian faith, however, has always said following Christ is a risky business; it is certain to take us out of our comfort zone. One of my first books on the Christian faith was called 'God of Surprises' by a Jesuit priest, Gerard Hughes. It suggests we may often be formed by our fears and hold onto pre-conceived ideas about other people and God which aren't helpful. By deepening our prayer life and letting go of our fears, however, these false images and insecurities may gradually dissipate. This in turn draws us into a richer experience of life and of God's activity.

Most of us, at times, take refuge in our fixed ideas or are worried by uncertain futures. We can, however, find joy and richness in the unpredictable and surprising nature of life, and experience more of what the Gospel of John calls, 'life in all its fullness'. We may also trust that God will be our guide on this journey and lead us more deeply into his Kingdom.



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Two white vans have been seen acting suspiciously in Weston Colville recently. Both have been reported to the police. A white van pulled on to a drive in Great Shelford, someone got out and stole a roll of electrical wire – just like our experience. Copper cabling and up to five tractor batteries were stolen from Church Road, Carlton early this month and a car was stolen from Linton. An arsonist set fire to straw on a farm in Linton. In Great Abington the owner returned home to find three men in the rear kitchen. The men left.

The police dog unit offers us this advice: please don't leave your dog in the car, even for a short time, in this weather. We humans have sweat glands which make us wet and we cool as the water evaporates. Dogs only pant, with a small amount of sweat through their paws. They heat up in a car and rapidly become distressed. In this situation the police will break into the vehicle, rescue the dog, hand it to the RSPCA and consider prosecuting the driver.

Fraud has a place in this article, because it can be perpetrated from a big town to a small village. There are people who will knock on our doors, others who will use the internet and yet others who call us using a telephone. The Computer Software Service fraud is a

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Please report any suspicious activity. Use 999 in an emergency and 101 for all other calls. Please give as much information as you can: for a vehicle, make, colour, model, registration number; for people, height, build, ethnicity, hair colour, clothing, and any distinguishing features like tattoos. The police value your calls. You can also report things online, first logging on, then selecting 'report a crime' or 'report a concern'.

The Sawston enquiry office (dial 101 and ask for Sawston) will be open on Tuesdays, 17.30 hours till 20.00 hours and Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays from 13.00 till 17.00 hours.

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

Autumn Concert, St Andrew's, West Wrattling

We will be holding a concert on **Saturday 6th October at 7 pm** in aid of St Andrew's Church. We are delighted that we will have a choir from King's School, Ely, performing for us as well as other local musicians. If you would be willing to help in any way – organising refreshments, obtaining financial support, helping on the day – please let us know. Further information will appear nearer to the date.

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Community Bus 19

Though when I emailed them the Big Green Bus Company said “it’s business as usual”, I’ve heard unofficially that this service to Linton and Haverhill is under threat. It goes every weekday every two hours, but is underused. While public transport doesn’t suit everyone, it is for others a handy service, even if only, like it is for me, on the odd occasion. If you are among the latter and you want it to be there for our villages, the message has to be – use it or lose it!

Jacqueline Douglas

West Wrating Parish Council

At the parish council meeting held on Monday 9th July the following were some of the items discussed:

Co-option of Parish Councillor: Louise Chandler had offered her services and was therefore proposed by Cllr Lock, seconded by Cllr Roberts and agreed by the parish council. Cllr Chandler then signed the necessary forms.

Parish Nurse Scheme: the council voted by a majority to contribute £100 this year.

Planning:

S/2537/18/LB – Underpinning excavation of contaminated soils at Concordia, 21 The Common. *Supported.*

S/2360/18/PN –Prior notification of agric. or forestry development for a general purpose agricultural building, Weston Woods Farm. *Supported.*

Finance: full details of the expenditure and monies received are given in the draft minutes available on the website or the noticeboards.

The internal audit had been carried out satisfactorily. The parish clerk’s salary was increased by 2.3% pa, being the rate of inflation. Following agreement by the parish council.

Maintenance:

Fox Road Barriers: this is not a Highways issue but a local council matter. The parish council will be applying to South Cambs to make a ‘gating’ order on grounds of anti-social behaviour and crime.

Poo Bins: Cllr Harvey said he would chase this matter up. The chairman had sent the siting plans again to CCC.

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Road Markings and Potholes: nothing has been done as yet about the disappearing road markings but many of the potholes have now been repaired.

Dilapidated Building Action: a query has been raised as to what now happens regarding the order put on this building since the fire has now made the building unsafe.

Football Club: the latest report has been put on the website and fuller details are given in the minutes which will be on the noticeboards.

Traffic Issues and Speed Restrictions: Cllr Bonfield reported that the Speed Indicators (SPIDS) were working well and providing useful information regarding quantity of the traffic and speeds being done, with 41% of cars breaking the speed limit. It was suggested that the purchase of another SPID would be very useful. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Bonfield for getting this project up and running.

Cllrs Nichols and Bonfield met with Jason Ablewhite to discuss the data produced by the speeding indicator devices. Mr Ablewhite indicated there may be funding for permanent cameras.

Report of meetings: Cllr Nichols had attended the Joint Parish Councils meeting.

The reports of County Cllr Batchelor and District Cllr Harvey have been put on the website and are also detailed in the minutes.

Any other business: It was suggested by the Chairman that a Minor Highways Improvement Scheme award should be applied for in order to improve the junction at Honey Hill/Six Mile Bottom Road by enlarging the grass verge preventing cars from driving straight across this junction.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 10th September at 8 pm.

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Weston Colville Parish Council

At the meeting held on 2nd July the following items were discussed and where relevant agreed:

Parishioners' Question Time: an email was received from a parishioner about the defibrillator, and the code being accessed by visiting Councillor Garrod and his neighbour, and the suggestion that every household in the parish should receive a card with the code on it. This was discussed by the council, led by Councillor Jackson, as he had just received defibrillator training. The best practice if the defibrillator is required is to ring 999; they have the code, and can explain how to use the machine. The machine also gives very clear instructions on how to use it. A poster is going to go up next to the defibrillator explaining this.

Planning: discussed and voted by parish council:

Ref	Address	Proposal	Status
S/ 1922/18/ FL	Cheviot House, Church End, Weston Colville CB21 5PA	Proposed two storey side extension, rear single storey extension and a new rear dormer extension.	Out for consultation
No objections.			
S/ 2083/18/ FL	Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, CB21 5PF	Proposed driveway to dwelling approved under S/0351/16/PA	Out for consultation
Approved subject to reinstatement of any hedges removed during the works.			
S/ 1903/18/ FL	The Paddock, Horseshoe Lane, Weston Colville CB21 5NU	Two polytunnels and building to be used as shelter, storage and maintenance	Out for consultation
Unanimous objection on the grounds of layout and density – buildings disproportionate to size of land parcel.			

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Matters in Hand/ Arising Since Last Meeting:

Village Sign – this has been reported to Highways, by process of registering it via the portal and emailing the relevant people.

Road Drain Clearance and Repair Update – a water leak is suspected on Mill Hill, as the road is wet despite no rain for over six weeks. An email has been received from County Council flood risk officer Brian Heffernan advising that Highways are going to raise a works order to have the gully jetted and trace the location of the outfall. Highways have also advised they could look into relocating the existing gully cover further into the road surface to see if this would catch the water prior to entering the ditch that in turn goes down the side of the properties on the north side of Brinkley Road.

Speed Indicator Device (SID) Update – data was collected from the week the SID was in place in the village; 50% of drivers were speeding, with speeds being recorded in the high 50s (mph) at Church End. There were some issues with the technology at Weston Green, so no data was recorded, however there is a very supportive group amongst the parishes sharing the devices, so data will be collected next time they are back in the village.

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Combined Parishes Meeting: Councillor Jackson attended the meeting held in Balsham in June. The advice given was to report any Highways problems via the online portal, and also to email referencing the portal enquiry number. He learned that there is scope for councils to carry out their own works for potholes for example, using council contractors.

Wadlow Wind Farm: Councillor Durham reported on the Wadlow Wind Farm Community Fund grants. There is £48,000 available, and the success rate for projects requesting funding is 96%. The deadline for applications for the autumn round is 1st August.

Matters for the Council to discuss/vote on:

Layby at the Reading Room – the development of a layby has been voted on previously, with the parish council paying for half the works and the Reading Room Committee paying the other half. The original quote was £550.

Phone Box Restoration – There was a discussion about the telephone box at Church End. Councillor Jackson would like to take on the project, potentially applying for a grant from Wadlow Wind Farm. The phone box is to be restored to be used for the good of the community.

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Playground: following the ROSPA safety inspection in April, Councillor Jackson will look into a secondary support for the basket swing, and later in the year apply some topsoil and grass seed around the slide supports. There is some timber damage to the playhouse at the recreation ground which needs to be monitored, and the mats under the swings are creating a trip hazard. Councillor Hubbard will move the mats when the ground is softer.

Finance: payment of the legal fees regarding the car park transfer, £450 plus VAT, to Adams Harrison solicitors agreed. Details of other payments made and agreed, and balances, are in the minutes.

Resolution to agree the signatories for the RAF Wrattling Common Memorial Charity – Councillor Vidler and Councillor Durham to be signatories.

Signatories for the bank account – it was agreed that new signatories were required, as Allen Scott had stepped down. Councillors Pagonis, Ashbridge, and Jackson to be signatories.

Date of Next Full Meeting: 5th September 2018.

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**Weston Colville
Cricket Club**



The junior section of the cricket club continues to offer opportunities for young players to learn the game via coaching and match play. This year 40 members with ages ranging from 6 to 15 have attended coaching on Friday evenings, and the club has run teams at u11, u13 & u15 levels. The club is grateful to all parents, relatives and friends who have supported the players at training and matches.

In terms of performance, the u15's finished mid table, the u13's at the bottom and the u11's just missed out on both league and cup but won the Haverhill 6-a-side tournament. However in junior cricket it is opportunity that matters, and that has allowed players to experience the highs and lows that come with winning and losing. These are all vital parts of a player's development.



The u11 team that played in the Borders Cup final

Our u15 team contains several players who are much younger, as is the case with the u13s. The coaches have been really pleased with the way these players have moved up to the new level. The attitude and commitment of all players (whether in the team or not) has been excellent.

Looking forward to next year, we cannot hide the fact that some big decisions may need to be made. Half of the current u15s will be out of age group so we have to see if there will be enough players to sustain that team. The u13 & u11 teams are in a good position with several other players ready to step in or step up. However there remains a slight doubt over the u11

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Borders League as some of the teams this year struggled to get enough players. Time will tell on all these issues but we hope the end results will be positive.

In terms of coaches we are also approaching a key period as Richard and myself (through age !) look to cut back on our coaching commitments. Additionally Colin, who has been involved with u15 teams for several years, will now end his coaching involvement as his youngest son moves out of the age group. Trevor continues to provide quality technical coaching but his availability may be affected by the rapid development of his daughter Jasmine, who has already played for the full Cambridgeshire Ladies team (at the age of 13), captained Cambridgeshire u13 girls, and is now attracting attention from Essex. So both playing and coaching within the junior section are up for discussion over the winter.

So we close off the 2018 junior season with thanks to everyone who has contributed to the club and the team. We may have some issues to face but at least we did not have any games cancelled this season due to rain.

Steve Potter

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Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

Our spotters did good last month! Especial thanks to Joyce, Jacqueline and Alastair.

We're pleased to announce the arrival of the first of this year's juvenile Marsh Tits on garden feeders. S907359 Red over White over Black on Left 'Sumo' carries the first of our three colour combinations on his left leg. There are only two ultralight colour rings, as before. The top ring has two colours on it. The lower colour ring is black, as are all Marsh Tits ringed at Joyce's on the northern side of Mill Hill.



We are also delighted to say that Y291485 Green over Blue on Left 'Florence', a four-year-old female ringed at Mel's on southern Mill Hill, has been spotted chobbling away on a feeder at Jacqueline and Alastair's in Church End. She's undergoing the full adult moult after the breeding season. It's a very good sign that she's still with us; wild Marsh Tits



usually survive for two years. Speaking of full adult moult, here's a good reason why adults



hide in the bushes while they're changing their feathers in July - Sept: they look like their scary dinosaurian ancestors. I offer this adult Blue Tit S320162, sporting a Mohican hairstyle, as proof. Trinny, Susannah and Gok Wan would have something to say about it, I'm sure.}

At a secret location not too far away, I spent the World Cup final looking for one of

our rarest non-native mammals. Behold 'Laid-Back' Jack, an Edible Dormouse (*Glis glis*).

Look at his crowning glory, that feather boa of a tail, curled up over my hand. They were introduced by the Romans for the table. Jack was very relaxed, but this beautiful



species hides two dark secrets: (a) they eat nuts, beech mast and chicks – 15 - 50% of bird nests in their territory are predated; (b) they bite very hard. I'm wearing welder's gauntlets, but their impressive teeth went through them like a knife through butter.

As always, please keep up the good work and send your Marsh Tit sightings to me (cambsmarti@gmail.com), Mel (m_stammers@btinternet.com) or Challenge. Spotting juveniles is critical at this time of year. We need to know what happens to them.

Enjoy your holidays. Why not save the planet from aircraft CO₂ by going brown in the garden and telling everyone you've been to the Seychelles . . .

**Alex Inzani and the wonderful
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The Meadow

July is always a tense time as we await the Key Stage Two SATS results. We often question whether our philosophy of good quality teaching, alongside a wide, balanced and enriching curriculum, is enough to maintain the standards we have worked so hard for. However, once again, we are pleased to be able to say that results across all Key Stages are above national results, without the need to test the children continuously. Results from our youngest to our eldest children are worth sharing: 76% of our youngest children in Early Years achieved their 'good level of development' compared to 71% nationally; 95% of our Year 1 children passed their phonics screening, compared to 82% nationally; and Key Stage 1 results for reading, writing and maths are 72%, compared to 65% nationally. The Year 6 children have once again excelled themselves, with 73% of children achieving the 'expected' standard in Reading, Writing and Maths, compared to 64% nationally. We are so proud of the maturity our children show, their love for learning and their constant hard work. We are also enormously thankful to our hard working teachers and teaching assistants, who enable this learning to happen, and to our parent community who support us in this work.

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The Year 5 and 6 production is always a good testament to the quality of our wider curriculum, and this year was no different. After weeks of hard work learning songs, memorising lines, erecting scenery and rehearsing dances, the Year 5 and 6 children delighted us all with 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies!'

Their performance to the whole school had even the youngest children in fits of giggles with some of their jokes, and the performances to their adult audiences went exceptionally well. It was one of the best productions I can remember since being at the school. Tears of laughter and pride were seen in the audience as the children performed with confidence, humour and some exceptional acting and singing talent. We hope that many of these Year 6 will go on to further acting at Linton Village College.



The gorgeous weather this summer has been perfect for our sporting fixtures. Key Stage 2 have participated in Kwik Cricket tournaments, Tag Rugby and even Cross-country running. Each time a team from The Meadow has headed out to play, we have

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been confident that they will participate fully and with a great team spirit. It is always a pleasure to take young and enthusiastic sports boys and girls to tournaments, and this year has been no exception.

As we bid our Year 6 a fond farewell, we look forward to our new arrivals joining us in September. They have already spent time getting to know the school and their teachers and we are confident that the start to their formal education will be really positive. We don't promise that their time in school will be easy, but we do promise that they will be joining a school with a firm ethos of good quality teaching, an enriching curriculum and plenty of opportunities to grow to love learning.

Nichola Connor

Marsh Mail

We have been busy preparing for the launch of a new house structure, to come into place at the start of next academic year. The naming process has been led through students' suggestions, with the most popular being linked to space exploration. The winning names are space shuttle craft and also relate to our Linton Learner values: Endeavour, Discovery, Pioneer and Voyager.



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The group of Year 11 students currently trekking in Peru and completing volunteer work as part of a Camps International trip are an embodiment of these attributes. Successfully fundraising £4,000 each and preparing for this extensive month-long voyage away from home has certainly exemplified their independence and responsibility.

At LVC we witnessed a great deal of student-led initiative at our first 'Live Lounge' event. Musicians performed a range of contemporary pieces in the Year 11 garden and showed a huge amount of skill in this venture.

It was also great to celebrate the achievements of members of the LVC school community at the Cambridge News Education Awards. Two members of staff and two students were short-listed: Miss Hill, Mrs Cooper, Will Humphrey and Charlotte White. Mrs Cooper was awarded Support Staff Member of the Year in recognition of her fabulous work in supporting vulnerable students, and Will Humphrey Young Sports Personality of the Year for his commitment and successes in horse racing.

The end of the summer term also marks a sad time when we say goodbye to valued and respected colleagues. Five members of staff deserve special mention for their commitment to the college: Mrs Jebb, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Omand-Lewis, Mr Charlesworth and Ms Stamper. We wish them well for the future and thank them for the significant contribution that they have made to the College over almost eighty years between them.

Helena Marsh, Principal

Tara is Missing – Please Help



My long haired grey/blue cat has been missing since the middle of June. She is extremely shy, and I'm very concerned for her welfare.

Please contact me if you might have seen her, or know where she might be.

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Balsham Gardening Club

In July eight members of our gardening club joined the West Wickham gardening club for a coach trip on a very hot and sunny Sunday. Our first stop was 'The Plant Place' at East Bergholt, a specialist plant centre and family run garden, then we travelled on to the RHS gardens at Hyde Hall near Chelmsford, a wonderful garden with splendid panoramic views over the Essex countryside. The dry garden was performing well in the extreme heat and showed what can be achieved in these conditions. There is a lot to see at these gardens and with a café and restaurant, plant centre and the delightful RHS shop, it makes for a good day out. Thank you to West Wickham for organizing this outing.

Thanks go to everyone who entered, organised and judged the Have A Go Show at the Feast. We have a lot of very skilled growers, photographers, cooks and flower arrangers in our midst. It was also good to see more entries in the children's classes this year. £14 was raised for Guide Dogs for the Blind, by the stem of scented flowers in water judged by the public placing money by the entries.



There are no meetings in August or September so the 2018/19 season will start on Tuesday 2nd October, when Nigel Start will give a talk on 'Growing for Show'. As always, visitors and new members are welcome.

Hazel Leeson and Jennie Tipler



West Wickham & District Gardening Club

West Wickham & District Gardening Club will be holding its **Annual Show on Saturday 18th August**. This year we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Air Force and there will be classes inspired by this. There is a wide variety of classes we hope will interest you – vegetables & fruit, cut flowers & pot plants, classes just for children, cooking & jam making. This year we are re-introducing flower arrangement and photography classes. There is prize money and cups to be won. Anyone from villages neighbouring West Wickham without horticultural societies of their own can enter, so we would welcome exhibits from people living in Weston Colville and West Wrating.

The show is at West Wickham village hall, opening at 2.30 pm, with the prize giving at 3.30 pm, followed by an auction of produce. Tea and cakes will be available in the afternoon and there will also be a raffle. Exhibits can be brought to the hall between 9.30 and 11.30 am.

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We welcome the Shelford staff and patients and look forward to continually improving health care for all of our patients.

Thank you for your understanding and patience in this transitional period.

Flu Clinics Update – we are currently finalising the details of our flu clinics. The dates will be published in the next newsletter, and will be on our website shortly.

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5.  When camping, do not leave campfire unattended and make sure it is completely out before you leave it
6.  Use barbecues on a hard, flat surface away from grass, shrubs or fencing
7.  Talk to your children about the dangers of starting fires outside

WW1 Beacons of Light – A National Tribute

Remembrance Day on November 11th this year (a Sunday) has a special significance, as it'll be 100 years since World War 1 ended. There's a national campaign to light beacons at 7.00 pm that can be seen from afar to commemorate and remember the end of the war.

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 Sat 4 Saturday Morning Café, West Wrattling
 Mon 13 - Fri 17 Tennis Coaching, West Wrattling
 Tue 14 Seniors' party, Settle, Weston Colville
 Thur 16 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
 Sat 18 Weston Colville Circular Walk
 West Wickham Gardening Club Annual Show
 Sat 25 West Wrattling/Six Mile Bottom Clay Day

September 2018

Wed 5 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
 West Wrattling Over 60s
 Thur 6 West Wrattling Oil Syndicate order deadline
 Fri 7 Tea & Cakes, Reading Room, Weston Colville
 Mon 10 West Wrattling Parish Council meeting
 Wed 12 West Wrattling Book Club
 Sat 15 The Lost Words, Reading Room
 Fri 28 World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Carlton

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