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# **Harvest Songs of Praise**



.... for all the family

Followed by bonfire 'cook-out' for kids and Harvest Supper in Church (See article on page 2 for details)

Sunday 30th September, 4 - 5 pm **West Wratting Church** All ages welcome

Come at 3.45 to prepare your potato for the fire -- and get ready to eat it (with fillings) at the end!



**Bring donations of food** for Haverhill Food Bank

Scilla & John Harvey (290199)

#### West Wratting Over 60s

We meet, to include lunch, at The Chestnut Tree at 12.30 pm on Wednesday 5th September.

The next meeting will be at The Chestnut Tree on 3rd October.

Wendy Halls

#### Saturday Morning Café, West Wratting

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

The Saturday morning café will run as usual on Saturday 1st Septembert 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!

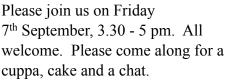
The money raised continues to be donated to local community projects.

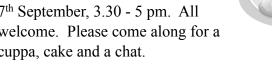
On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the café is organising another little movers' dance morning and lunch for preschoolers in the area.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

#### Tea and Cakes, Weston Colville

Tea and Cakes is back, after a break in August.





All welcome. We look forward to seeing you.

Melanie (291319)

### West Wratting Book Club

Looking forward to seeing regulars and new people at our next meeting on Wednesday 12th September at the usual time of 8 pm at The Chestnut Tree. We will be discussing 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman, and 'The Woodlanders' by Thomas Hardy.

Linda Gorman

#### West Wratting Harvest Supper

This year the West Wratting Harvest Supper will take the form of a Bring and Share meal in St Andrew's Church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September, beginning at 5 pm. This will immediately follow the Harvest Songs of Praise service at 4 pm (see separate notice). This is an event for the whole village and all are very welcome; please feel free to come even if you do not attend the service.

The meal will be a buffet style spread of finger food with a harvest theme. We invite those who come to bring a plate of one or more of the following:

- Ouiche
- · Sausage Rolls
- · Cooked chipolatas
- Ham
- Cheese (sliced or cubed)
- Crudités (finger-sized pieces of carrots, celery, peppers, cucumbers, tomatoes, and other vegetables) with dips
- Crisps and nuts
- · Apple cakes
- And . . . anything else!

Tea, coffee, wine and cordial will be provided. There will also be a bonfire on which we will cook potatoes. Potatoes and fillings will be provided for all children, who are invited to come before the service (3.45 pm) to wrap potatoes in tin foil and put them in the fire ready for eating at 5 pm.

If the weather is fair we will spill out into the churchyard; if not the gathering will be in the church.

We will also use the opportunity to take a collection for the Haverhill food bank. A list of items that are needed will be posted in the church porch.

To facilitate catering, it would be helpful if you could email Alex Walsham (amw23@cam.ac.uk) to indicate what you plan to bring.

We look forward to seeing everyone on 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Alex Walsham (amw23@cam.ac.uk), Scilla Harvey (scilla.harvey@btinternet.com), Sherry O'Donovan (sherry.odonovan@gmail.com), Catherine Willcocks (catherinewillcocks@gmail.com)

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#### Seniors

Our August garden party was a resounding success. Every one supplied food for our shared meal and there was friendly chatter and good company throughout the afternoon, with more of us than at any earlier meeting.

Unfortunately there will be no meeting in September but we will resume in October with Bernard's slide talk about the British Antarctic Survey and the time he spent in Antarctica.

In November we will go to Jupiter with John, then December will see us enjoying a Christmas lunch, and in January we aim to go to the panto with Aladdin and his magic lamp.

We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm in the Reading Room, and finish each meeting with a short Chair Yoga session lead by our own Charlotte.

Would you like to join us? Just come along or call me.

Allen (290837)

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£2.50 per session (with an additional 50p for every additional sibling).

There are many different toys suitable for 0 - 5 year olds, a different craft activity each week, a garden with outside play equipment, songs, stories and a drink and snack for both adults and children. Come along and join in the fun!

Term dates and planned craft activities are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> September Pasta Necklaces

11<sup>th</sup> September Free Painting (aprons provided)

18th September Paper Plate Toadstools

25<sup>th</sup> September Fruit and Vegetable Printing

(aprons provided)

2<sup>nd</sup> October Scarecrows

9th October Hand Print Hedgehogs

(aprons provided)

16<sup>th</sup> October Leaf Rubbings

23<sup>rd</sup> October Half Term (no session); we will

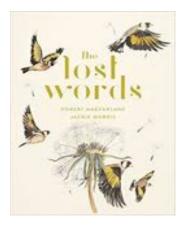
re-open on Tuesday 30th October.

Beverley (07833 228958)

#### The Lost Words

On Saturday

15<sup>th</sup> September, there'll be an event to share Robert Macfarlane's poems and Jackie Morris's exquisite paintings. Come to the Reading Room at 4 pm. All welcome, refreshments available.



Enquiries: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475.

#### Weston Colville Circular Walk

Here we are about to embark on our August walk, first through Lower Wood and then a loop past West Wratting Hall through crops variously still swaying or neatly harvested.



The next walk will be on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 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.

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#### Pop-up Pub



Weston Colville Reading Room, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October 6.30 - 10.00 pm; hot food available. Further details to follow.

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#### Weston Colville Cinema Club

We're back at the beginning of next month with a Coen brothers' crime comedy, 'O Brother Where Art Thou?' starring George Clooney, with an award-winning bluegrass soundtrack.



The Reading Room, Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 7.30 pm, all welcome, refreshments available. Enquiries: *jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com*, 291475.

#### Weston Colville Reading Room 'Pub' Quiz

Five teams competed for the cash prize in April, and we're holding another quiz on Wednesday,

19<sup>th</sup> September, at 8 pm. Up to four per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome; enquiries:

jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475.

## A Date for your Diary – West Wratting Progressive Supper

The West Wratting Progressive Supper will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

For further information please contact Tamara (Tamara.keith@gmail.com) or Sherry (sherry.odonovan@gmail.com).

Tamara and Sherry

#### John Simpson Tickets

We have a pair of tickets for John Simpson's appearance on Friday 21st September at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds.

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Also a raffle for a Christmas turkey, kindly donated by Ian Wylie.

#### In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

If you are unable to come then any donations to this worthwhile cause are warmly welcomed.

#### Eyes Down for Charity Bingo Night

Please come and join us for an evening of bingo games and supper at West Wratting Village Hall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October. £10 a ticket for your first game and supper (details to follow), with a free first drink!

All proceeds from the evening will go towards the St Andrew's Church Restoration Fund.

All welcome – so grab your dabber and come and join the fun!

Catherine (291307), Claire (290638), Sarah (291906), Anne (290967)

#### The Chestnut Tree Pool Team

The Chestnut Tree Pool Team ended the season as outright winners of Division II Haverhill Pool League (HPL) and gained promotion to the First Division. On 12<sup>th</sup> July at the HMSC Awards and Finals night they received the Divisional Cup, which they keep for a year, and a smaller trophy, to be retained permanently.

This next season will be exciting as the team have elected to join the Cambridge Area Pool League (CAPL) which has more divisions than Haverhill. The season starts mid-October and as yet the team does not know which division they will be assigned to, and are waiting for the enrolment date (28th August) to learn this.

The Chestnut Tree Pool Team practices on Thursday nights at The Chestnut Tree.

Colin Evans



Mike Severs, Jim Irwin, Peter Causton, John Twinn, Colin Evans and Toby Bitten.

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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. Details of the supplier, price and delivery dates will be placed on the WW website



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There will be another fill up next month, which will be the last syndicate fill up of 2018. The order cut off will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30 pm.

Richard Holness

#### Weston Colville Oil Co-operative

Ordering deadline: noon, Sunday 16th September.

#### **Church End to the bottom of Mill Hill:**

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#### Chapel Road, Common Road, Horseshoe Lane:

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accuracy of lorry gauges. To get the minimum ask for 500 litres; do not ask for a 'top up' because you might get a 'fill up'.

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 do not attract a surcharge.

Please ensure we have your correct address and post code because some deliveries have been delayed due to the lack of correct information.

#### Weston Colville Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Local problems this month include a recent burglary in Weston Green, an attempted break in at the Balsham post office, lead stolen from a house wall, a number plate theft, and cash stolen from houses in Linton. Laptops and jewellery were stolen from houses in Shudy Camps and Camps End. There were 150 reports this month, so crime is alive and well in South Cambs – do take care.

Scams and fake emails can affect any of us. We have had repeated telephone calls telling us that our BT line is going to be disconnected. We just cut the caller off. Watch out for fake British Gas refund emails, which claim to offer refunds but are actually trying to steal the usernames and passwords of British Gas accounts. Also watch out for fake LinkedIn emails which invite you to use links 'to get more details' – these are malicious, designed to steal your personal details. Fake emails apparently from Amazon seek our login





details – they are **not** from Amazon. The subject line and content of the emails vary, but they all contain links leading to phishing websites. Remember – always question unsolicited requests for your personal or financial information, in case it's a scam. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text. To learn how to stay safe on line, go to: www.cyberaware.gov.uk.

The autumn is coming and heating oil will be on order or already in your tank. Monitor your tank regularly so that you know if and when a theft has occurred. Where possible, keep your tank out of sight from the road; fit a sturdy lock to the fill and vent caps for tank security; install a motion sensor security light; think about basic CCTV packages which are becoming more affordable. A cheaper alternative to CCTV is a 'Beware of the Dog' gate sign. Good boundary fencing restricts access to the tank. If possible turn your tank and boiler off and secure any control switches when not in use. Do add oil to your insurance. When you are away, ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your oil tank and report any suspicious activity to the police.

When thinking about home security remember that anything that makes life difficult for a thief improves your chances of sending him on his way rather than stealing from you. They do not like dogs nor do they like being lit up and seen.

Remember to report any suspicious activity in your area on either the 101 non-emergency number or 999 in an emergency. Please try and give as much information regarding a vehicle or person as possible. The police do value your calls. You can also report things online by logging on to the website <a href="https://www.cambs.police">www.cambs.police</a>, where you have the option to 'report a crime' or 'report a concern'.

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#### Parish Matters

Six months ago Claire Gillett, our Parish Nurse, introduced the new newsletter about her work in our Granta Vale Group of churches.



As she explained, Claire works three days a week, on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, and Thursday. She is now supported by a volunteer, Sue Buckingham, who has worked locally for Age UK. Claire has an honorary contract with our local Granta Medical Practice, with access to Linton Health Centre

Claire is in a similar position to the Chaplaincy Volunteers who work in the Chaplaincy at Addenbrookes Hospital alongside the Hospital Chaplains. She is a member of our Ministry Team, regularly meeting with us at our Monday morning prayers and our staff meetings. She makes it clear to the patients she visits that she is ready to pray with them if they ask.

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was, before her consecration, the Head Nurse of the NHS, has been a supporter of the new movement.

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There are two events in September, one at the beginning and one at the end. On Saturday 1st September the West Wickham Church Fete will be held at Manor Farm, West Wickham, and the Holy Trinity Flower Festival will be on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th September. It will be a celebration of the harvest, called 'For the beauty of the Earth.'

Keith Johnson

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#### Autumn Concert, West Wratting

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We are delighted that we will have a choir from

King's School, Ely, as well as other local musicians,
performing for us. Tickets £10 including interval
refreshments; children free; raffle. On this occasion
we are delighted to be holding the concert in St

Andrew's Church itself. If you would be willing to
help in any way – organising refreshments, obtaining
financial support, helping on the day, etc – please let
us know

Linda and Michael Gorman (290653)

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New classes start on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1 - 2.15 pm. All ages and abilities welcome.

Carpet Bowls – we are looking to start a new Carpet Bowls club on Wednesday afternoons, 4 - 6 pm. The club will be informal and friendly and for all abilities; those with no experience welcome. £2 a session.. Please contact the centre if you would be interested in this.

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Familiar faces plus a few new ones attending this year; crafts, tombola, sweets, lucky dip and face painting for the children; our café with tasty treats and beautiful cakes.

Hope to see you at the Craft, Gift & Food Fair 2018. Bernadette Battom, Balsham Craft Fair Organiser

#### Marsh Mail

We ended the summer term with glorious weather and, as per tradition, Sports Day. LINTON This was the final inter-house



competition with existing houses and Mandela was victorious. It was a poignant result for Mr Clarke, Head of House, on his last day at LVC.

There are two schools of thought in regard to competitive events such as this: it is the taking part rather than the winning that counts, and that winning is the only thing that counts. Like many things in life, it is arguably a combination of both.

Whilst the fulfilment of achieving first place is the ultimate goal of any competitive process, as England's performance in the World Cup demonstrated, there are many other values and virtues that are tested and demonstrated through team pursuit. Observing tutees support each other, persevere and commit to activities that stretched them beyond their comfort zones showed great community spirit.

As I write this, Year 11s await the outcomes of their GCSE examinations, a culmination of their learning We service and repair all garden machinery.

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The release of Scottish exam results earlier in August sparked a flurry of social media activity, with celebrities and past students sharing the successes that they achieved despite failing at school, and consoling school leavers that exam results do not define you. While the sentiment of such messages is reassuring and sound, there is a risk that they serve to demean the efforts of our students and school staff who work hard to achieve the best possible educational outcomes.

Ultimately both credentials and character create opportunities and open doors in the future. I wish our outgoing students all the best for their next steps and future happiness.

Helena Marsh, Principal

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The Great Bradley group meet on Wednesdays and their course begins on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Ian McLachlan is back again with 'War Wings 1914 - 1918'. He will cover the development of air power from 1914 to 1918 over the Western Front and East Anglia, and discover how airmen and 'munitionettes' fought their airborne adversaries. The course is over seven weeks, 10 – noon, and costs £56.

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#### Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

Congratulations – you survived the heatwave, and now it's back to good old Blighty weather. :)

Most of your neighbourhood birds have worn out their feathers and are now in postbreeding or postjuvenile moult. They are nearly as inadequately dressed as Paul Émile Chabas' famous 1912 painting 'September Morn' and consequently shy and bashful. Not for reasons of modesty, but safety: they can't fly or keep themselves warm or dry properly, so they hide in the bushes to avoid predators and the weather. By mid

October, they'll have a pristine new set.

Your Marsh Tits are no different. Here is the latest addition to our stable of study subjects, adult bird S907378 Red over White over Red on Left 'Rosa', which graced us with its presence in Great Coven's Wood last month. (Unfortunately, it was too late in the year to tell if 'Rosa' was girl or boy, so we've taken pot luck with its name). 'Rosa' was starting its postbreeding moult – its belly had white, pinlike new feathers coming through. The head, wing and tail feathers will follow in due course.





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We also have a new addition to our ringing family – Paul Grimshaw. Recently retired from the computer industry and an experienced birder, Paul survived his trial by the fearsome Blue Tits – they liked him, and let him live – so on that hearty recommendation, I've

accepted him as my latest trainee. Welcome, Paul!:) Here's what he looks like. You will see him with us around the villages and woods in the coming months, listening to



me wax lyrical about passerine moult strategies in the Western Palearctic. Please take pity and feel free to offer him a cup of strong coffee if you see his eyes glazing over . . .

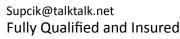
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We were delighted to welcome back to Joyce's garden our star Marsh Tit Y291374 Green over Red on Left 'Charles', the heaviest male Marsh Tit in the British Isles. A veteran from the beginning of our study in February 2016, Charles has been measured five times and been seen 47 times over the years. He's four years old and 11.9 grams. The record is 12.1 grams, set by a female Marsh Tit elsewhere before 2005. Given that Charles has just gone through a demanding breeding season, I fully expect him to feed up at



village garden feeders like Joyce's, John's and Jackie's and take the title for heaviest Marsh Tit ever recorded by the end of autumn. Here's Charles, showing that he now has an experienced eye for the camera. Next step, Hollywood . . . Worth noting that 10%

of our 30 colour-

ringed Marsh Tits are at least four years old. Across the UK, the typical wild lifespan for Marsh Tits is two



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years. Also, 'Charles' was in breeding condition. This is solid local evidence that colour-ringing doesn't make these birds more visible to predators or otherwise shorten their lives, so we can gather our vital conservation data with a clear conscience.

We are desperate to spot more juvenile Marsh Tits. We can't find out why these beautiful little birds are in steep decline without information on this key stage in their life cycle. So please, send any sightings at all of Marsh Tits to me (cambsmarti@gmail.com), Mel (m\_stammers@btinternet.com) or to Challenge. Thank you muchly!

Alex Inzani and the growing South Cambs Ringing Group

# A Churchill Fellowship Travel to learn – return to inspire . . .

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Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	United Service, Balsham	Rev Iain McColl	n/a	Louise	n/a
Sunday 9th September	Morning Worship	Steven Wheeler	Sisse	Louise	Pauline
Sunday 16th September	Holy Communion	Rev Kathy Bishop	Alex	Linda	n/a
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Holy Communion	Rev Iain McColl	Fanny	Alex	Sue
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September (4 pm)	Songs of Praise, with Harvest Supper	Scilla & John Harvey	n/a	All available	n/a

St Mary's, Weston Colville (9.15 am)				
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September (10.45 am)	United Service, Balsham	Rev Iain McColl		
Sunday 9th September	Morning Worship	Steven Wheeler		
Sunday 16th September	Holy Communion	Rev Kathy Bishop		
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Holy Communion and Harvest	Canon John Pinder		
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	no service			

On the first Sunday of each month, from  $2^{nd}$  September onwards, we will have a united service at Balsham church, bringing together the churches from Balsham, West Wickham, Weston Colville, West Wratting, Hildersham and Great and Little Abington. These services will include activities for children in the Church Institute or elsewhere and refreshments for all after the service, and will also be supported by our seven churches choir and music group. For any further information about this please contact Revd Iain McColl.

#### Roman Catholic Mass

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

#### DIARY

September 2018		
Sat 1	Saturday Morning Café, West Wratting	
Wed 5	Weston Colville Parish Council meeting	
	West Wratting Over 60s	
Thur 6	West Wratting Oil Syndicate order deadline	
Fri 7	Tea & Cakes, Reading Room, Weston Colville	
	First Friday Bridge, West Wratting	
Sat 8	Balsham Community Market	
Mon 10	West Wratting Parish Council meeting	
Wed 12	West Wratting Book Club	
Sat 15	The Lost Words, Reading Room	
Sun 16	Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline	
Wed 19	'Pub' Quiz, Reading Room, Weston Colville	
Thur 20	Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree	
Fri 28	Macmillan Coffee Morning, Carlton	
Sun 30	Harvest Songs of Praise, West Wratting	

#### October 2018

Wed 3	Weston Colville Cinema Club, Reading Room
Sat 6	West Wratting Autumn Concert, St Andrew's
Fri 12	Pop-up Pub, Weston Colville Reading Room
Sat 13	Bingo, West Wratting
Sun 20	Circular walk from Reading Room

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Black bins: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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(4<sup>th</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> October)

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