

# Challenge

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

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## Café Church

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February

4 - 5 pm

West Wrattling Church

**Professor Roger Barker  
(Consultant Neurologist)**

*"How does a Christian doctor deal with the dilemmas of treating people with chronic brain disease?"*

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was a wonderful display of photographs taken in the hall over the past few years, showcasing some of the activities which have taken / are taking place.

Please come and join us on 2<sup>nd</sup> February between 10.30 am and 12 noon in the village hall, to help us celebrate the cafe's fourth birthday.

This month, Granta School will have a table there to demonstrate wooden block printing – all ages welcome to come and join in!

*Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)*

## Tea and Cakes

We had a fantastic turnout for January's Tea and Cakes. Our next gathering will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 3.30 - 5 pm at the Reading Room.



Please join us for a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chat, to help ward off the winter blues. All welcome.

*Melanie (291319)*

## West Wrattling Over 60s

The club will resume its monthly meeting, including lunch, at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 12.30 pm, followed by an update on our current finances and any other relevant business. We will have our raffle as usual.

The following meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

*Wendy Halls*

## West Wrattling Progressive Supper

With huge thanks to Rachel and Pete and to the 68 participants, we had a great evening on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Profits from the evening will go to support our village hall.

*Sherry and Tamara*

## Weston Colville Circular Walk

On our New Year walk we had regulars and newcomers from Weston Colville, Willingham Green and the Camps.



The next walk, again of approximately 5 miles, will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, meeting in the Reading Room at 10am. BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. All welcome, refreshments available.

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## Saturday Morning Café, West Wrattling

Another buzzing café at the beginning of January - what a fab way to start 2019! We had visitors from Cambridgeshire ACRE popping in to see the hall as part of their 'Supporting Village Halls' week and there



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### **Weston Colville Cinema Club**

You've read the book (and if you go to West Wrating Book Club, you will have



done), now it's time to see the film. We're showing David Lean's version of 'Great Expectations' on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.



For March, we've chosen a comedy as we haven't had one of those for a while. On 6<sup>th</sup> March, it's 'Withnail and I' with



Richard E Grant as an eccentric actor resting in the country.

Both films will be in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. Donations; refreshments available; all welcome. Please note there will be no film in April, and Cinema Club will return in May.

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### **West Wrating Book Club**

Our first book for 2019 was the well known classic, 'Great Expectations' by Charles Dickens.

Several people had read this on at least one occasion previously but enjoyed re-visiting it. It was suggested that Dickens' portrayal of women was suggestive of misogyny, particularly in his portrayal of Pip, the hero's sister and, in a different way, Miss Havisham. However, he is a good observer and philosopher. Comments included: a wonderful book, amazing stories and nicely drawn characters, extraordinary

language, a tapestry of plots. He has a very dense writing style with perhaps too long and detailed descriptions which can make it hard work at times. However, it is well worth staying with it. There are also a lot of 'coincidences' but it was pointed out by one of our number that such things can happen in real life, giving one or two examples. It was considered a book of its time, perhaps drawing from events happening at the time of writing. The descriptions of the characters are extreme to the point of caricature but can be considered pointed satire, in particular aimed at class differences and the law. The development of Pip's character is well done but one person thought the ending disappointing. It was pointed out that this may have been because the original ending was considered too unhappy, not least by the contemporary author and close friend of Dickens, Wilkie Collins, and re-written. All would recommend it with the proviso that one has to be prepared to allow plenty of time to read it. Scores were between 8 and 10 out of 10. The film of this will be shown on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at the Weston Colville Film Club.

Our February book will be 'Melmoth', the latest book by Sarah Perry. We will meet on 13<sup>th</sup> February to discuss this and then on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to talk about 'WarLight' by Michael Ondaatje.

*Linda Gorman (290653)*

### **Murder Mystery Evening**

If you've booked for this evening in the Reading Room on 9<sup>th</sup> February, you should have now received a card including your role, tips on how you might dress, and which course to bring. Any queries to *jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com* , 291475



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### Izzy's Quiz Night

Thank you to everybody who came to or supported my quiz night on 24<sup>th</sup> November. It was a great evening, with some delicious food and keen competition. I raised a fantastic £650 which will go towards my Camps International trip to Kenya in July of this year. I have now completed nearly all my fundraising and am extremely grateful to everyone who has helped me to raise that money.

*Izzy Wilson*

### Male Only Body Management MoT Class

Would you be interested in joining a new men only class in the Reading Room, Weston Colville at 7.45 am on Friday mornings? The class will be lead by Antonella Kendrick (qualified personal trainer, bio-mechanics expert and pilates instructor) and will focus on core strength, flexibility, posture and well-being. Cost will be approximately £10 per class, bookable in blocks of 10 sessions. Classes will be beginner level and all equipment provided. If interested please contact [beethenotts@gmail.com](mailto:beethenotts@gmail.com).

*Clare*

### West Wrattling Oil Syndicate

Goff Petroleum won the first syndicate order of the New Year, with 29 houses having oil delivered at a price of 45.80p, a better price than January last year. After the order had been placed with Goff, Boilerjuice came up with a late quote of 45.57p, which was better than their 'bulk price' of 47.52p and would have won the West Wrattling order, if it hadn't been so late. However, as the potential extra saving would have been £2.80 on a 1,000 litre delivery, I hope syndicate members will forgive me! Fortunately we got the order in before the January cold snap started, because the price always goes up as the temperature goes down.

There will not be a fill up this month; the next one will be in March, with Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 pm as the order cut off date and time.

*Richard Holness*

### Peter and Ruth Lloyd Trust

We are now inviting applications for pupils starting university in September 2019. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year and the amount is approximately £800, which is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc..

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**From the Rectory**

By now I feel I have Brexit indigestion. In the morning, I turn on the radio to hear it's a 'Brexit Breakfast'. There is even a 'Brexit Barometer' gauging fluctuations in public opinion. For the time being, we seem trapped in a peculiarly British groundhog day, with a succession of momentous events seemingly leaving us exactly where we were before. The one thing commentators do seem to agree on is that it's a time of uncertainty and upheaval.



For most of us, however, uncertainty and upheaval are woven into the fabric of our lives. The Christian faith has often reflected on this. The bible speaks frequently of the uncertainties and upheavals encountered by the people of Israel and the early Christians. It shows how this formed them into a pilgrim people, who in these crucible moments realised their reliance upon God's guidance, like a light shining in the darkness.

This powerful image is given special prominence in the Christian festival of Candlemas, celebrated in early February. It's one of the most ancient of Christian festivals, dating back at least to the

4<sup>th</sup> century. Its focus is the story of the presentation of Jesus in the temple as a six week old baby and the prophetic words given by two people in that temple, Simeon and Anna. In this baby they see a 'light for revelation'. Candlemas also often uses candles as a symbol of Jesus as the 'light of the world'.

The light of Christ can show us things about ourselves: the good, the bad and everything in between.

It's also a light which does not overwhelm us, but may guide us in our lives through all the uncertainties and upheavals we may face. This is summed up in the poetic and prophetic words from Luke's gospel, sometimes known as the Benedictus: 'in the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace'.

*Revd Iain McColl*

**Weston Colville Emergency Plan**

The parish council is revising the village's Emergency Plan. This is a document that identifies key locations for emergency evacuations, and those people in the parish with specialist skills or equipment. If you have a skill such as first aid, or equipment such as a 4x4 vehicle or a chain saw etc and would be prepared to use it in the event of an emergency situation within the parish, please contact me so that your details can be included in the plan document.

*Bridget Durham (bridgetdurham@btinternet.com)*

**Litter**

A big thank you to Eloise Gilley and Lottie Goodman for helping me clear some debris left by travellers at the Balsham end of Fox Road.

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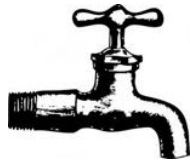
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They both heard about the litter and approached me independently to say they would like to help. They reported for duty on a morning just after the New Year. Being cold (2° C) and muddy, they dressed in warm clothes and sensible shoes (see photo). We spent 1¼ hours collecting litter, before retreating to the Balsham Café for brownies and croissants. Eloise and Lottie did a terrific job, and are real grafters.



Thank you, also, to all the litter picking teams in West Wrating and Weston Colville, and to Di Edwards who lives in Balsham but helps on our Six Mile Bottom Road!

If anyone would like to join the team, please give me a call.

*Colin McCall (290036)*

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If you can help in any way or want further information please contact me.

*Linda Gorman (290653)*



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After a busy Christmas we are looking forward to a much needed family holiday this month. The pub will remain open as usual throughout our break, but we will not be serving food from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This will mean that lunch club will be a week later, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Peter & Rachel*

**West Wrating Parish Council**

The following items were some of the matters discussed at the parish council meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. The draft minutes are available on the village noticeboards.

- 1. Opportunity for public statement:** Colin McCall, in charge of footpaths, reported that these were in reasonable order and all had been reinstated. He reminded parishioners that those who have hedges on to the pavement or road should be checking whether or not they need cutting back.
- 2. Kelly Austin (Social Navigator, Granta Medical Practice)** said she was employed by the practice on a two year contract and was visiting all the medical centres who are now part of the Granta Practice.



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**3. Parish Councillor vacancy by co-option:** the parish councillor vacancy will be filled by co-option.

**4. Finances**

1. The cheques were authorised and signed.
2. The precept for 2019/2020 was discussed and the chairman proposed a 3% increase, which would be an extra £341.00. A vote was taken and all agreed.

**5. Maintenance:**

1. *Fox Road barriers* – the Traffic Regulation Order has not yet reached the consultation stage due to the person involved being on long-term sick leave. However Emma Knight has now taken on this job and will be in touch with those villages involved.
2. *Car parking on pavements* – the ecops were asked by Cllr Lock what could be done and they said anyone seeing a vehicle parked on the pavement should ring 101 and an officer would be sent out to get the vehicle removed.

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6. **Additional Policies:** the chairman had reviewed the existing standing orders and suggested that the policies set out by Mike Rowland for the village hall could be added to these and would cover everything at present lacking in the standing orders.

7. **West Wrattling Village Hall:** replacement of folding doors – it was suggested that the village hall committee first apply to the Community Chest for funding.

8. **Traffic Issues & Speed Restrictions:** there have been problems with the SIDs not recording correctly and Trevor Hall from West Wickham will contact SWARCO about this. The purchase of another SID would be useful.



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9. **Play area:** quotes are being sought for the replacement of the surfacing round the play equipment but the committee of three are now considering doing a total refurbishment with the purchase of new equipment and are therefore contacting various play equipment companies to come and look at the site and quote for a suitable scheme. This could be a project where parents of children using the play area could volunteer to be involved in this worthwhile scheme.

The next parish council meeting will be on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March; all are welcome to attend.

*Jenny Richards*

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**Weston Colville Parish Council**

At the meeting on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January the following items were discussed and where necessary agreed.

**District and County Council Reports and Items of Interest:**

District Councillor Henry Batchelor and County Councillor Geoff Harvey delivered their reports. County Council will be carrying out improvement works on the A1307 in the summer (a new bus lane, easier turning access for lorries at Dalehead Foods, and new traffic lights, and more bicycle racks at the Babraham Park and Ride). District Council has secured money for pothole repair, and the mobile library scheme is continuing. An ice rink is being built near Marshalls. South Cambs District Council (SCDC) aim to be 0% carbon emissions free by 2050. Cllr Harvey now has a seat on the A1307 strategy board.

**Parishioners' Question Time:** a parishioner has complained about the new dog waste/litter bin that has been placed outside his house – following a request from parishioners during the November meeting. He advised that there used to be a lidded bin on a post on the opposite side of the road, and is concerned about vermin with the open style bin. It was suggested that the lidded bin at the cricket pitch be swapped with the new bin, which would be of more use for litter, and for it to be positioned on the post. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Harvey, and Arnie Leader from SCDC.

**Emergency Plan:** to update the Emergency Plan for the village. Recommended the use of the recreation ground, Reading Room and church in case of an emergency. SCDC to receive an authorised users contact list. The location of the defibrillator to be noted. Sandbags are available on a pallet if there is somewhere to store them under cover. Cllr Durham to update SCDC.

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**Planning**

*Planning to be discussed* and voted by parish council – S/4655/18/PA, conversion of barn to dwelling, Linnet Hall Barn, Road to Linnet Hall, Weston Colville, CB21 5PF – out for consultation. No objections, all in favour.

*Weston Woods Update* – Cllrs Vidler, Jackson, and Garrod attended a meeting in November, to discuss potential changes to farmyard prior to planning being sought. No objections are likely as the new agricultural buildings will not be visible from the road, or by the public.

**Matters in Hand/ Arising since last meeting**

*Website update* – Cllr Pagonis has looked into a company that specialises in websites for parish councils, which would cost £299 to create, however it would then charge £10 a month for each user registered. Cllr Pagonis then suggested that his company could set up the website for a one-off fee, and then step away, offering no follow-up support, allowing as many users as were required, for £50.

*Road drain clearance and repair update* – there is a proposal for a larger gully at Church End or relocating the gully completely. Works will not commence until

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the next financial year. Cllr Batchelor will continue to chase Highways.

*Speed Indicator Device (SID) update* – Cllr Hubbard was not present, and so will update fully at the next meeting. A high volume of traffic has been noted coming in from Haverhill direction, with speeds of up to 65 mph. Wadlow Windfarm have provided grants towards traffic calming measures, to be investigated before the deadline in July.

**Footpaths and Rights of Way:** bridge over Stour, Footpath 19 – no repair has occurred yet. There is a proposal to move the footpath, Cllr Durham to update at the next meeting.

**Tree Warden:** Cllr Garrod attended training at the end of November, which discussed who owns the trees in a Cambridgeshire Village Treescape, and which authority to contact with concerns. Awaiting further training dates.

**Post Box:** the post box has been in place since before Christmas, but Cllr Ashbridge was advised by Royal Mail that it would not be open for use until 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**Matters for the Council to Discuss/Vote on**

*Tenders for grass cutting for 2019* – Cllr Garrod has received some quotes and is waiting for others for cutting the verges and the recreation areas and war memorial. To be agreed at the next meeting.

*Icknield Way* – the council has been advised to contact the officer at SCDC directly with relevant information. A letter has been received by a parishioner, which contains views shared by many that gating the bridleway will discourage fly tipping and travellers, and allow better use for all. Proposal to gate on the condition that land owners have full

access. All in favour. Clerk to scan and send the parishioner's letter to the officer in charge at SCDC.

*Age UK* – A letter has been received asking to increase the annual contribution from £250 to £450. The contribution is paid for by the Briggs Gift, and it is not an affordable increase. Clerk to write to Age UK advising them of this, advising them that it was increased last year, and in the current climate all the parish council can afford is £250. All in favour.

*Reading Room car park transfer update* – no update, Rhodri Rees has sent the completed documents into Cambridgeshire County Council. Clerk to ask Cllrs Batchelor and Harvey to chase CCC.

*Draft Budget* – presented and discussed. There will not be a Reading Room layby, and all s106 funds have been allocated. Clerk training will be paid for by her other employer, as the council receives a bursary from the Local Association of Councils.

**Date of Next Full Meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> March.

*Jessica Ashbridge, Parish Clerk (jess@agrarian.biz)*

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**Marsh Tit Study**

Your Marsh Tits are feeding like crazy at present, trying to get a look-in at feeders past the hungry hordes of bolshie Goldfinches and big Greenfinches. Please keep an eye out for their colour rings and put some sunflower hearts out, high up near deciduous bushes where they're safe from cats and Sparrowhawks. As always, we're grateful for ringed and unringed sightings, reported to me ([cambsmarti@gmail.com](mailto:cambsmarti@gmail.com)), Mel ([m\\_stammers@btinternet.com](mailto:m_stammers@btinternet.com)) or Challenge.

And . . . Valentine's Day is nearly upon us. Traditionally, this is the day that the birds pair up to nest. If you've been listening in the garden or the woods, you'll know that the birds have been singing their territories (roughly translated as "Gerroff, You!" and "Hello, Ladies!") since late December or early January, so the idea that that birds wait until February to choose nesting areas is a bit out of date, in more ways than one. For example, for the last two years, I've had Blue Tits rummaging through my empty nestbox (whose hole is too small for Great Tits) and Great Tits carefully inspecting my study window ledge as a prospective nesting site. In October!

The ubiquity of global warming can be seen in migrants that breed here. For example, Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs are now regularly seen over winter in places where they were previously absent. Joyce saw Blackcaps in Weston Colville last December. The latest report on the State of the UK's Birds shows this to be a national trend (<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/documents/conservation-science/220-0653-17-18-sukb-2017-web-20-3-18.pdf>). The advantages for the birds is they get first pick of the best breeding sites when spring comes around, and they're not exhausted and hungry from the exertions of migration (and no risk of getting shot for the table as ambelopoulia, of course).

*Alex Inzani and your friendly neighbourhood South Cambs Ringing Group*

**West Wickham & District Local History Club**

Due to a mix up the club did not have the advertised talk on the Museum of Cambridge's Tracing Traditions oral history project in January. This has now been rearranged for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm in West Wickham Village Hall. All are welcome.

*Janet Morris*

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Weston Green, opp Chapel Road	09:02	11:32	13:32	16:02	
W Wickham Burton End (opp 29)	07:51	09:08	11:38	13:38	16:08
W Wickham, opp White Horse PH	07:52	09:09	11:39	13:39	16:09
W Wrating, opp Spicer's Close	07:54	09:13	11:43	13:43	16:13
Balsham, opp West Wrating Road	08:00	09:16	11:46	13:46	16:16
Linton, opp Hillway	08:08	09:23	11:53	13:53	16:23
Linton, opp The Crown PH	09:23	11:53	13:53	16:23	
Bartlow, nr Little Barham Hall	09:28	11:58	13:58		
Shudy Camps, opp Carter's Farm	09:31	12:01	14:01		
Castle Camps, opp The Manse	09:36	12:06	14:06		
Nosterfield End Haverhill Road (N-bound)	09:40	12:10	14:10		
Haverhill, opp Sainsburys	09:43	12:13	14:13		
Haverhill Bus Station (Stand 3)	09:48	12:18	14:18		
Haverhill Bus Station (Stand 3)	10:20	12:20	14:50		
Haverhill, adj Sainsburys	10:25	12:25	14:55		
Nosterfield End Haverhill Road (S-bound)	10:29	12:29	14:59		
Castle Camps, opp High Street	10:33	12:33	15:03		
Shudy Camps, o/s Carter's Farm	10:38	12:38	15:08		
Bartlow, opp Little Barham Hall	10:41	12:41	15:11		
Linton, nr Hillway	10:47	12:47	15:17	16:23	
Balsham, nr West Wrating Road	10:53	12:53	15:23	16:29s	
W Wrating, nr Bull Lane	10:55	12:55	15:25	16:31s	
W Wrating, nr Spicer's Close	10:56	12:56	15:26	16:32s	
W Wickham, o/s White Horse PH	10:59	12:59	15:29	16:35s	
Weston Green, nr Chapel Road	11:06	13:06	15:36	16:41s	
Weston Colville, nr Church End	11:08	13:08	15:38	16:43s	

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### *The Meadow School*

The new year is always a good time to help children stop and reflect on the past year and engage them in looking forward to new beginnings. It has been fascinating listening to our children talk confidently and hopefully about their future. In times of great uncertainty within the nation, it is refreshing to hear children aim high with such positivity.

This year we spoke to the children about what the term 'resolution' meant and what the origin of the word was. We discussed how 're' in resolution means repeat, or replay. This is really important for children to understand, as so many children just give up once they have been unsuccessful a first time. We constantly refer to resilience and perseverance at school, and we know that a resilient child will be more successful in the long term. We do a number of activities within school to help foster these capabilities, including Forest School, child-initiated learning, project work, and open ended topics. Knowledge is key to a child's progress, but they also need to know what to do when faced with uncertainty or disappointment, to reflect on the challenges and make a new plan for success. Further to our discussion on the term 'resolution' we looked at how



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to separate salt from water in a salt 'solution'. It was a great image to help children understand how we can keep starting again when things have gone wrong. We hope that this representation of a New Year resolution will stick with children as they go through the year, and help them to remember that every day is the opportunity for a new beginning.

The start of a year always means the start of new topics and learning within school. January was full of exciting entry points for topics, with every year group going out of school on a trip. When we talk with the children about what they enjoy most about their learning, top of the list is always trips which enrich their learning. The trips taking place this term have been no different. Year 5 and 6 spent the day at Stibbington as evacuees to start their World War Two topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time spent at school, enjoying a typical 1940's playtime, playing games such as skipping and hoops. Some of the children even enjoyed their World War Two lunch of Spam sandwiches! The surprise air raid drill was a particular highlight as the children had to head out to the Morrison shelter and experience what it was like to 'keep calm and carry on' until the all clear was given. Hearing the buzz of conversations as they arrived back in school, with teachers and children commenting on the best trip 'ever', made it evident how important these 'Living History' days are.



Year 3 and 4 spent the day learning how to be polar explorers with a trip to the Polar Museum in Cambridge, as part of their topic 'Into the Freezer'. The children were taught about the history of polar expeditions, dressing up in readiness for an expedition, and exploring the artefacts from many famous expeditions, including Sir Ernest Shackleton's. We have definitely inspired a whole generation of polar explorers!

The Infants enjoyed a wonderful day at Duxford Imperial War Museum, in readiness for their flight topic 'Up, Up and Away.' They loved looking at the aeroplanes up close, walking on Concorde and listening to the volunteers talk so knowledgeably about the aircraft.

*Nichola Connor (Headteacher)*

**Marsh Mail**



We know that the teenage years are important ones for young adults to develop their own sense of personal identity and independence. As with other key childhood developmental stages, adolescence is characterised by testing boundaries, experimenting with risk-taking and forging connections with others.

Significant advances in technology have dramatically changed our students' means of being able to communicate and has transformed the experience of being a teenager. While this has created many benefits not afforded to previous generations, it has also made the teenage years more challenging to navigate. The fear of missing out is more acute when you can view others' social lives in real time. The pressure to be connected and seek others' approval is much enhanced, as is the opportunity to behave in a way that causes others upset or harm.

Internet Safety Day, on 5<sup>th</sup> February, has the theme 'Together for a better internet', and seeks to raise awareness of online safeguarding issues but also to spark a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Our student Digital Leaders play a key role in this.

One of our key expectations at LVC is to behave in a caring way to contribute to a safe community. This includes students and staff taking responsibility for their own safety as well as noticing and reporting changes or concerns in others, including bullying.

This duty of care extends beyond the college. The dedicated safeguarding email account ([thinkpink@lvc.org](mailto:thinkpink@lvc.org)) provides an opportunity for community members to contact the College with concerns about children's welfare and to share safeguarding information that poses a risk to children.

We are also working in partnership with the local police to safeguard the college community. Their involvement in drugs education for our January PSHE day is one example of this.

*Helena Marsh, Principal*

Advance Warning – Daisy Chains will be holding a **jumble sale** on 27<sup>th</sup> April. Further details to follow.



**2523 Linton Squadron ATC**

The first events and training days have already started with several cadets set to complete their leadership qualifications with the Institute of Leadership Management. This Level 2 award will help with further education applications, and is useful to employers when cadets get to that stage. We should have the entire squadron achieving awards in leadership, heart-start first aid and communications badges before the end of February. This will equip Linton cadets with essential life skills.

Our sporting events never stop and this month we have competed in the inter squadron cross country event. We are excited to welcome a few new Civilian Instructors who are especially keen on sports training, so we are hoping for a record year!

We look forward to our annual presentation evening in early February, a fantastic occasion where we present certificates, awards, trophies and promotions in front of proud parents and family.

**CI Brad Wright (07943 873272,**  
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Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Café Church, <b>4 pm</b>	John & Scilla Harvey	n/a	Fanny	Sue
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion	Very Rev Keith Johnson	Jenny	Linda	n/a
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion	Rev Iain McColl	Alex	Linda	Maggie

St Mary's, Weston Colville (9.15 am)		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	United Service, <b>Balsham, 10.45 am</b>	Rev Iain McColl
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Morning Worship	Steven Wheeler
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Holy Communion	Rev Kathy Bishop
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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

### February 2019

- Fri 1 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
- Sat 2 Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating
- Mon 4 West Wickham Local History Club
- Tue 5 Balsham Gardening Club
- Wed 6 West Wrating Over 60s  
Weston Colville Cinema Club, Reading Room
- Sat 9 Murder Mystery Evening, Reading Room
- Wed 13 West Wrating Book Club
- Thur 28 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree

### March 2019

- Sat 2 Circular Walk from Reading Room  
Daisy Chains Quiz, West Wickham
- Mon 4 Weston Colville Parish Council
- Wed 6 Weston Colville Cinema Club, Reading Room
- Mon 11 Order deadline, West Wrating Oil Syndicate  
West Wrating Parish Council
- Wed 13 West Wrating Book Club

## Balsham Gardening Club



The club's next meeting will be on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15 for 7.30 in the Meadow School, when Geoff Hodge will speak about 'Weeds & Weed-Free Gardens'. £3 (including tea/coffee) for guests; refreshments and a raffle. All welcome.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March the subject will be 'Plants of the Arizona desert' with Alice Warley.

*Hazel Leeson, Jennie Tipler*

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