

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating

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West Wrating Covid-19 Community Support

We are in the process of printing and will deliver flyers to all households in West Wrating offering help to anybody who has to self isolate. Your flyer will provide details of the person you can contact.

Marie Gabrielle is collating information on people who would like to help eg with shopping, walking dogs if you are not well enough, and perhaps other tasks. If you would like to be one of the named people who can help, please get in touch with her (rotiemanager@me.com, 291287) or Suan Rowland (290788, suanrowland@btinternet.com).

Weston Colville Covid-19 Community Helpers

All households in Weston Colville will have received a flyer offering help with:

- Obtaining food and essential household items
- Prescription and medication deliveries
- Dog walking (if you are too ill)

We hold a list of friends and neighbours who are willing to help you. If you are well and able to offer help to others in our community, please contact one of the numbers below. You are very welcome.

Weston Green – Jo Jackson, 07798 525300 or 291258
Mill Hill/Church End – Mel Stammers, 07890 296998 or 291319.

Please consider:

- Booking food deliveries online if possible (we can help with this)
- Plumbs Dairy deliver milk, bread, cheese, fruit and veg plus many household items
- Balsham Post Office are offering to deliver fresh fruit and veg and newspapers
- Medication will continue to be collected from Linton Health Centre, and will be delivered direct to your house rather than to The Chestnut Tree.

Coronavirus (Covid-19) update

GRANTA Medical Practices

At Granta Medical Practices we have a dedicated Covid emergency team who are meeting daily. As a practice we are fortunate in having both multiple sites and a large team of people, including those with experience of managing this sort of situation. We will be regularly updating our website www.grantamedicalpractices.co.uk to reflect the local situation, and we may also use SMS messaging to mobile phones to communicate any urgent messages. Please let us know if you have changed your mobile number or have one that you haven't yet told us about.

At a national level the Public Health England website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england and the NHS UK website www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ provide up to date information and health advice.

The current evidence is that for the vast majority of the population the Covid-19 virus causes a mild illness which can be safely managed at home with rest, paracetamol and fluids just like a normal 'flu-like' illness. However, for those with significant other medical problems and for the elderly it can be more serious.

With this in mind we have postponed all face to face GP appointments and some routine nurse appointments, and are now offering an enhanced telephone service and also a non-urgent dedicated email address, capccg.covid19.gmp@nhs.net, 8 am to 6 pm Monday to Friday.

Practical advice: first and foremost is the need to wash your hands on a regular basis – warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds. This alone will help slow down the spread of the virus and help protect you, your family and our community.

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Challenge is as up to date as possible, but because the situation is changing so rapidly, please confirm with organisers where there is any doubt about whether an event has been cancelled, or whether an advertised service is available.

If you'd like an email version of Challenge, please let me know (contact details on back page). At the moment, the print copy will also still be produced and distributed.

Churchyard Clear-up, St Andrew's

Unfortunately, the churchyard clear-up will not now take place.

Colin McCall (290036)

Weston Colville Seniors

Thank you to all of you who have supported our group over the past two years. I am sorry to say that with the Government's new guidelines I will be cancelling the monthly meetings for the next few months. If you want to get in touch with me you can email valscalesuk@gmail.com or phone 290837.

Val Scott

West Wrating Sports Pavillion Club

The Sports Pavillion Club will be closed until further notice.

Defibrillator update: there is a new key safe on the front of the defibrillator door. In an emergency, access to the key that unlocks the defibrillator door will be found in the key safe, the access code is 1999. If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at martin.davey5@btinternet.com

Saturday Morning Café, West Wrating

We are sorry to report that the April West Wrating café is cancelled. We will keep you updated on plans to re-start our lovely community café in next month's Challenge magazine.

Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)

Tea and Cakes

Unfortunately we had to cancel our March get-together and there will be no Tea and Cakes for the foreseeable future. Thank you to all our volunteers and all who come along and make this such a lovely event in the Weston Colville monthly calendar. We look forward to catching up over a cuppa and a piece of cake as soon as it is safe to do so.

We live in a wonderful community, currently there are over 35 people on a WhatsApp group ready to help anyone who is self isolating and in need of shopping, prescriptions, dog walking etc. If you need help please don't hesitate to contact the Weston Colville Covid-19 community helpers (see article, page 1). There are times in our lives when we all need help and times when we can give help; it all evens out in the end.

Melanie (291319)

Weston Colville Cinema Club, 'Pub' Quiz, Talk

We are sadly postponing our advertised events – the Cinema Club on 1st April and the 'Pub' Quiz on 22nd April, and Gabrielle Cliff Hodges' talk in May. If permitted, we will show 'Monsieur Hulot's Holiday' on 6th May. See future editions of Challenge for rescheduling news.

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Phil Tempest (westwratingoil@gmail.com)

Weston Colville Oil Co-operative

Ordering deadline: **noon, Sunday 2nd May.**

Church End to the bottom of Mill Hill:

Alastair Douglas (291475, or salguoda@hotmail.co.uk)

Chapel Road, Common Road, Horseshoe Lane:

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

Any orders left by email will always be acknowledged; if you do not get a reply, we haven't received your order. Please don't phone before 8 am or after 10 pm (leave a message during the day). We keep a note of any special requirements, such as needing a phone call the day before delivery to arrange access; please let us know if you wish to change these. The minimum delivery is 500 litres; this is a Trading Standards ruling because of the 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. Please ensure we have your correct address and post code. 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.

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For March we read 'The Dutch House' by Ann Patchett. Although we were unable to meet in person, readers sent in their comments. All enjoyed it, some only up to a point with the ending being disappointing and not believable to them. The full review will appear in the next issue of *Challenge*.

The book club will now be suspended until further notice, but do send suggestions for a good read while in self-isolation. If I can get a copy I will read 'The English Patient' as planned, as well as other books I never quite manage to get to usually.

Linda Gorman

Weston Colville VE Day Anniversary

Friday 8th May 2020 marks the 75th anniversary of the Allied Victory in Europe; the end of World War II in our part of the world. The government moved the early May Bank Holiday to that Friday to enable towns and villages to commemorate the historic day alongside the national events taking place.

It had been decided that Weston Colville should hold a 'street party' in the Reading Room and its grounds from 4 pm, to take the form of afternoon tea, followed by a WWII themed quiz suitable for all ages. A cash bar provided by the ever popular Portable Pint would have been available, and a film might have been shown too. That party has been put on hold, and the proposed new date is Friday 14th August, the closest Friday to VJ Day. This could be subject to change depending on the circumstances at the time.

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As we reflect on the hope of Easter during this time of crisis, we celebrate how the new life offered by Jesus overcomes despair and death. As we are reminded of our own broken humanity in the fear and betrayal which led to Jesus' crucifixion, we also remember that the risen Jesus told his followers not to be afraid, but to receive the gift of his Spirit. We encounter this good news afresh through scripture, prayer and the work of that same Spirit, and thereby see faith, hope and love become tangible.

We will continue as churches, during this time, to proclaim faith, hope and love in Christ's name. Following recent restrictions placed on gatherings, however, we are finding different ways to worship and support one another. Our usual pattern of Sunday

services are suspended for the time being, so instead we are encouraging people, from their own homes, to join together in a Time of Prayer between 10 am and 10.30 am each Sunday morning, and in this time to read a short passage of the bible, pray for our villages and the wider world, and give thanks. You may also wish to light a candle or read a short reflection in this time. For more information about resources for prayer and reflection at home please do contact me or ask our church administrator, Cazzy Walshe, to send a newsletter from us by email.

Our churches will remain open during the week and people are welcome to come in for prayer and reflection, although if others are there as well please do, out of care for one another, maintain an appropriate distance. You may also know that many initiatives have started throughout our local villages, where people are offering telephone support to those who are self-isolating and showing practical love for our neighbours by helping with the delivery of food, medicines or other essentials. Please consider how you may best support such initiatives as we seek to help and love one another in the time ahead.

Revd Iain McColl (890693, mccoll.iain@gmail.com)

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Throughout this period I will be holding an on-line service of night prayer every Thursday at 7 pm. Contact me if you want to take part and I will email you a link to the activity.

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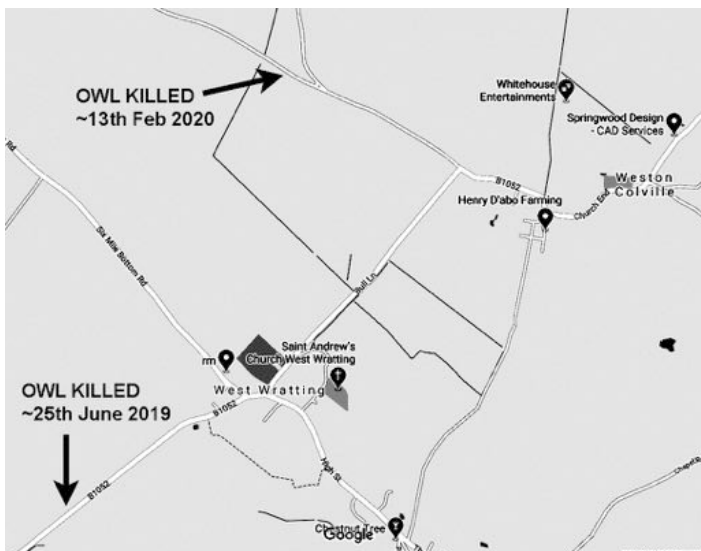
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Weston Colville Marsh Tit Study

Your Marsh Tits will have paired up and begun nesting. At Joyce's legendary bird bistro in Weston Colville, 4+ year old male Yellow Right, Black Left 'Dexter' has returned after a considerable absence, and his visits coincide with Red over Blue over White 'Tatiana', a female hatched last year. Tatiana has been visiting the sunflower hearts regularly, so we're hopeful she's producing eggs and feeding chicks. If you have any news of nesting Marsh Tits, please let us know, via Cambsmarti@gmail.com, m_stammers@btinternet.com or [Challenge](https://www.facebook.com/Challenge).

Sadly, another Barn Owl has been found dead from a vehicle collision, this time along Six Mile Bottom. That makes two Barn Owls which we know about killed in eight months on our roads.

A postmortem by the Predatory Bird Monitoring Scheme on 'Barney', who died on the B1052 between West Wrattling and Balsham, gave cause of death as 'road accident' with these notes: "Multiple fractures including sternum, wings and legs, haemorrhage throughout body cavity. Heart detached and crushed, damage to all internal organs and tissues."



These birds are not fast flyers; I've timed them hunting at 24 mph. The latest bird was carrying prey, so would have been even slower. It should be easy to miss them, if you're not driving too fast?

Those of you who spend time with Robins and Blue Tits will know that they're not always friendly birds. I present Exhibit A from Twitter (appropriately).



So, imagine our surprise when this picture (below) turned up on our camera feeder. It's clear that the camera has been rumbled! The IR detector window is



pitted with many pecks, and this could be 'smoking gun' evidence of the culprits. We think the detector is emitting some light or noise which we can't see or hear, which fascinates these very disparate species enough to forget about bullying each other.

Well, that's it for this glorious month. Spring has sprung!

Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Group

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West Wrating Parish Council

At the parish council meeting on Monday 9th March the items below are some of the matters discussed. The full draft minutes are available on the notice boards in the village.

Litter Picking: Colin McCall and his team, who do a tremendous job keeping the footpaths tidy and clear of litter and who have just given the bus shelter a spring clean and have also washed the various sign posts in the village, will be organising a springtime litter pick-up some time in April and would be most grateful for some extra hands to volunteer to help. The date will be advertised shortly. Colin McCall and his team were thanked for all they did.

Council News: there is a vacancy on the parish council due to the resignation of Barry Glennon-Lynch. Please contact any councillor or the parish clerk if you might be interested in filling the vacancy.

Planning:

Ref		Address	Proposed	P.C.
S/0108/FL	L Shaw	35 The Common	Change of use of ancillary domestic outbldg. To S/0108/20/ grooming business	Support with comments
S/0062/20/FL	P Donovan	74 High Street	Retrospective new natural slate roof	Support
S/2931 re-submit	M Latham	Wadlow Farm	Erection of single storey bldg connected with participatory outdoor sports	

A decision had not been made on S/2931, a resubmission to which the council objected the last time, and the application was withdrawn. (Since the meeting a decision to object to S/2931 was agreed). Pre/0327/19 – a Certificate of Permitted Permission is being requested from Planning as the new play area is almost ready for use.

Finance: a complete list of authorised payments and monies received is in the draft minutes, copies of which are on the noticeboards.

Maintenance:

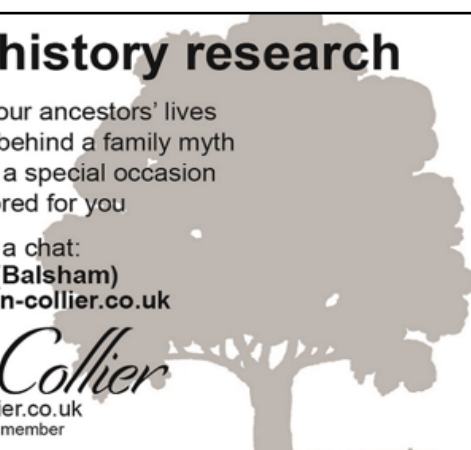
1. Three free trees given to the parish by SCDC have now been selected and will be planted in The Causeway. A resident in The Causeway would like to plant a wildflower area in front of his house and permission is being sought from Highways.
2. The dilapidated pub will again be inspected for its safety by SCDC Planning.
3. Telephone box: this will remain as a landmark in the village. It is in need of some care and attention. If someone would like to volunteer to give it a spring clean, the council will be happy to pay for any cleaning materials used or paint purchased.
4. The parish council are concerned about hedging in the parish and would ask that hedges which have become overgrown and are a hazard to the pedestrian or driver are cut back as soon as possible. The parish council has the authority to contract someone to do the cutting back where necessary if the job is not done by the owner, who will be charged the cost of doing this.

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Recreation Ground & Pavilion:

1. A key is needed to facilitate use of the defibrillator equipment, which will be placed in a safe key box.
2. A request has been made by WWFC to put eight concrete hard stands at the far side of the ground so dug-outs can be attached during the football season. The council asked for fuller details.

Traffic Issues & Speed Restriction Equipment:

- a) Footpath along Six Mile Bottom Road: following an inspection by Joshua Rutherford, Henry Batchelor and three councillors, a report had been written by Cllr Davey saying that the cost could be £75,000. He will be putting in an application to the LHI scheme.
- b) Road improvement measures: Cllr Davey reported that there is not much one can do but suggested a ‘not suitable for HGVs’ on the Six Mile Bottom Road. Following an incident in Mill Road there is now a speed watch held there.
- c) Wadlow Windfarm funding: Cllr Davey will be applying for funding for a further SID and would like individuals to write letters supporting this application.

Play area: this is now almost ready for use, with just one more piece of equipment to be placed. The chairman thanked Cllr Chandler and Ben Wilcocks for the enormous amount of work they had done in getting this project so swiftly put into place. The equipment insurance will be increased to £63,000.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7.30 pm on Monday 11th May, followed by the parish council meeting at 8.15 pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards

The difficulties that Covid-19 may create range from health emergencies to physical isolation causing practical difficulties and emotional stress. The advice is changing so rapidly that any emergency plan written is likely to be out of date. The plan should be to follow government advice which is changing daily. Now would be a good time to check you have your neighbours’ phone number.

Please seek reliable evidenced advice on the NHS website, which is updated daily:

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Mira Nichols, Chair, West Wrating PC



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At the parish council meeting held on Monday 2nd March, the items discussed included the following.

1. Public Participation Session: a presentation was made by the architect about the proposed Ivy House development. The proposal (although no planning application yet) was that a three-bedroom house would be built at the front to replace Ivy House, and then four further modest two/three-bedroom properties would be built behind it replacing the existing outbuildings. Off street parking would be provided. Concern was raised by some parishioners about the boundary treatment, as currently many of the properties have a building against them; it was advised that it was likely that walls would be built instead of fencing panels, to retain the feel of what is there currently. Bat surveys have been done and the bats will have habitation boxes. The planning application will be submitted soon.

2. Flooding: this section was brought forward to discuss with the county councillor. Photos were shared of severe flooding that occurred at the Common Road end of the village on 29th February. There was debris in the Whiting's Grove culvert, and the concrete sill had come loose on the other side of

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the road, so the pipes were not supported. The photos have been emailed to the Flood Officer.

As yet there is no response as to who owns the land at the bottom of Horseshoe Lane. The drainage work was completed at Church End on 14th February, however the road drain has been moved 6", and a slight tarmac lip has been added. It was expected that more would have been done. The drains further up Mill Hill have water standing in them. A survey of the drains had taken place a couple of years ago. This will be followed up.

- 3. Planning:** there were no plans to discuss
- 4. Grass Cutting Tender:** there had been some confusion about the tender duration, as the contractor who tends the grass cutting of the recreation areas was on a two year contract, therefore an assumption had been made that the contractor cutting the verges was also on a two year contract. He was not aware of this. It was determined to instruct the contractor to cut the verges within the 30 mph signs, four cuts a year, with the final cut, cutting the whole width of the verge, plus flailing the playground hedges, manually trimming the entrance to the Church End play area, and spraying the weeds in the Reading Room car park twice. It was agreed to accept his tender if closely

similar to 2019 and instruct the contractor, on the basis that for 2021 tenders would be invited on a three-year term.

- 5. Village Sign:** the village sign needs refurbishing. It has been cleaned it in the past, but there was a concern that a non-specialist clean would strip all the paint off it. It was agreed to investigate whether any grants were available, asking CAPALC for assistance.
- 6. Annual Parish Meeting:** it was expected that the Ivy House development planning application would be discussed at the May meeting, and thus attract parishioners. It was determined not to invite outside speakers, but to launch the website.
- 7. Policies:** the council's Safeguarding Policy and Equality Policy were adopted at the meeting.
- 8. Three Free Trees:** following a discussion it was determined to apply for the voucher for three free trees from SCDC, with a value of £60, but to buy one larger silver birch tree, to be planted by the pond, with a dedication for Alan Scott.
- 9. Donation:** it was proposed that the parish council donates £100 to the Village Seniors Group, funded by the Briggs Gift this year, and that the money should be paid directly to the Reading Room to cover five months' rent.



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10. Matters In hand / Arising:

- a. *Website* – this is currently being developed with a view to launching it at the May meeting
- b. *Hedges* – a meeting was held with the other owner of the hedges on Mill Hill. The hedges will be trimmed back over the verges in the winter.
- c. *SID and LHI* – the application was not successful; the criteria the panel look for are: value for money, improvement to safety, how much the council contributes, and community improvements. It also depends on whether large applications have been submitted and accepted; the following year more smaller applications may be accepted. It was determined to resubmit the application as it is, with updated SID data.

11. Playground: the grant application from the Wadlow Wind Farm was submitted. Quotes were received for the fencing work at the Recreation Ground, and it was agreed to wait until the outcome of the application is decided before instructing the contractor.

12. Risk Assessment: the damaged road sign on the junction of Bull Lane and Six Mile Bottom Road was reported to Highways.

13. Finance: details are in the minutes.

14. Matters for next Agenda: Village Sign; Playground Grant Application; LHI Application; Transparency Report

Date of Next Meeting: Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, and Annual Parish Meeting – 4th May, starting at 7 pm in The Reading Room.

Ray Vidler, Chairman (290010, rvidler@btinternet.com)

Jessica Ashbridge, Clerk (jess@agrarian.biz)

Trees in The Causeway

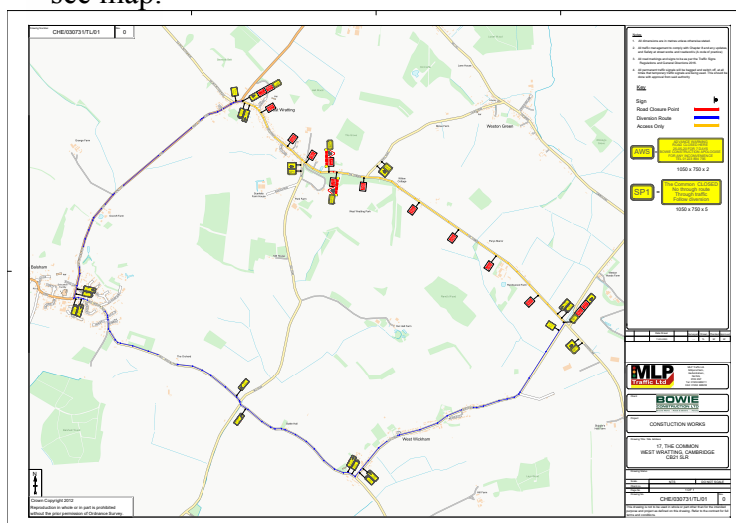
South Cambs District Council offered £60 towards trees to be planted in the parish. As a result we purchased a Sorbus, Flowering Cherry and Spindle tree to be planted along The Causeway. These were chosen for their size, attraction for wildlife and suitability for the soil. Huge thanks to Cobby who volunteered to plant them – not an easy task! We look forward to seeing them thrive over the coming years.

Sue Lock

Road Closures

Brinkley Road, Weston Colville (B1052) will be closed between 15th and 19th May, with a diversion signposted, for pot hole work using micro-asphalt.

The road will be closed at The Common, West Wrattling, for sewer works, between 25th and 31st May – see map.



Green Bin Collections Suspended

Green bin collections across South Cambridgeshire will not take place between Monday 23rd March and Monday 4th May. This will allow crews to concentrate on emptying blue and black bins during



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the coming weeks, and will also assist with any future staff sickness or self-isolation issues.

For this period only, the advice to residents who do have food waste will be to put it into the black bin, and to consider home composting as much of their garden waste as possible.

If bins don't have much waste inside it would be a big help to the hardworking crews if residents can wait until the bin is full before putting it out, if they think they can manage until their next collection.

Double bag black bin waste if suffering symptoms: if your household is experiencing the main symptoms – a new, continuous cough and/or a high temperature – please be very careful when disposing of your personal waste, including used tissues and disposable cleaning cloths/wipes. It should be put in a plastic rubbish bag, tied when full, then be placed in a second bin bag and tied. It should be kept separate from other waste in suitable secure place on your property for 72 hours before being placed in the black bin as normal. The principle behind this method is that after 72 hours outside the body, the virus is no longer viable. This approach will help keep bin collection crews as safe as possible.

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If you or anyone in your home is self-isolating or is confirmed as having Coronavirus, Cambridgeshire County Council are politely asking that you do not go to any of their Household Recycling Centres.

Find out more about your local bin collection services at www.cambridge.gov.uk/recycling or www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling

Residents who experience any waste-related difficulties during this period are asked to email waste@scambs.gov.uk or call 03450 450 063.

South Cambridgeshire District Council

West Wickham & District Gardening Club

Regretfully, club meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

Andrew Morris

Balsham Singers

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The Ellesmere Centre will be closed until further notice.

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Balsham Gardening Club

For our March meeting, members were enlightened by Peter Green, a very knowledgeable and excellent speaker on the subject of Wicken Fen, where he is a volunteer.

The Balsham gardening club committee have decided that it is in the members' best interest that the April meeting will be cancelled. The trip in May to Wyken Hall is also cancelled, and all monies will be refunded.

Harold's Gardening Tips:

- Prune late flowering clematis
- Put sharp grit around delphiniums to protect against slug damage
- Feed daffodils for next year's blooms
- Repot orchids as needed.
- Order summer flowering bulbs.

Hazel Leeson and the Club Committee

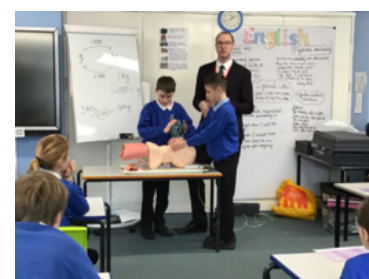
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The Meadow, Balsham

Prior to the onset of the Covid-19, our March was very busy. Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful visit from Dr Dugdale, a parent within our school community. The children were enthralled at his talk on the heart, including detailed pictures of the organs. They loved looking at some of the equipment he might use as part of his job and asking him questions about his job. There are definitely some budding doctors in our school!



Early in March was World Book Day. The children all enjoyed a day celebrating books, particularly themed around Africa, linked to a project in Malawi aimed at setting up libraries in schools. Mrs Butcher held an assembly where she shared details about the school, and it was certainly a good reminder to many children just how fortunate we are to have free access to good quality children's books in school.

Coinciding with World Book Day was the BBC 500 word competition. We also hold a small version of the competition in school and the quality of the stories

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received was outstanding. After much agonising Mrs Butcher awarded Alex Wilson in Heron Class the prize for Year 3/4 and Isobel Boswell in Kingfisher the prize for Year 5/6. Huge congratulations to all the children who submitted a story.

Sports Relief is always a huge event in our school, held every other year. The highlight of the day was definitely the ‘Pound’ workshop led by Mrs Haynes. ‘Pound’ is a cardio workout which combines dance and drumming. Each class had a 30 minute slot exploring this workout and absolutely loved it!

Cambridge United also came into school to lead a whole school assembly for us. They introduced their ‘Kick It Out’ campaign to the children, aimed at highlighting the importance of respecting diversity in sport and in our wider communities. The children were very excited that there was a real life, first team footballer from Cambridge United helping present the assembly and they were very engaged in hearing about diversity.

Nichola Connor, Headteacher

Linton Village College

Despite the disruption of the coronavirus, the college still managed to stage the annual school performance in March. This year, the students put on ‘The Caucasian Chalk Circle’. The Arts, and the school production in particular, takes students on a journey that grows them in quite extraordinary ways; the countless rehearsals, learning of lines and final performances develop extraordinary resilience and grit in the participants. I attended the Saturday performance and it still amazes me how students who might be usually quiet and modest in lessons blossom into confident and accomplished actors on stage. Brecht demands a lot of his cast and it was wonderful

to see the students rise to the challenge, guided and led by the Drama Department.

Before the Arts Theatre closed, over 100 English GCSE students were hoping to have travelled to Cambridge to watch ‘An Inspector Calls’ by JB Priestley. It is a play that sometimes provokes fierce discussion around social hypocrisy and the boundaries of justice and responsibility. Experiences such as ‘The Caucasian Chalk Circle’ and ‘An Inspector Calls’ are essential parts of a rich curriculum that grows passionate lifelong learners in the spirit of the village college ethos.

Doug Brechin, Assistant Principal



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	12 th Apr	n/a	Linda, Jenny	Sebastian
	19 th Apr	n/a	Linda	n/a
	26 th Apr	n/a	Linda	Fanny
St Mary's:	April		Gay and Jane	

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Black bins: Monday 6th & Tuesday 21st April,
Monday 4th & 18th May

Blue bins: Wednesday 15th & Mon 27th April,
Tuesday 12th & Monday 25th May

Green bins: collections suspended, see pages 10 & 11.

Mobile library: first Tuesdays of month
(7th April, 5th May)

High Street, West Wrattling 12.15 - 12.45 pm

Post Office, Weston Green 1.50 - 2.15 pm

Mill Hill, Weston Colville 2.20 - 2.50 pm

As at the time of publication, mobile libraries will still be visiting as above, but up to date information can be found on the CCC website.

Thank you to everybody who has sent in details of cancellations and altered arrangements. To avoid too much repetition, I edited the many references to “because of the current Covid-19 crisis” and “government advice”; most articles also included best wishes and thanks. Please forgive me for editing these, and I put them here instead.

Many thanks, and best wishes to all.

Anne Bragg

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