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#### RAF Wratting Common RAF Memorial

There will be a short service at the memorial at 12 noon on Remembrance Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November.

Having been unable to invite more than a handful of attendees to the November and May memorial services throughout the Covid pandemic, we now feel we have reached the point where we can broaden the invitation. But please do bear social distancing in mind and be aware that some may feel less comfortable attending an event like this. **Please do not attend if you feel unwell in any way.** 

The memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR. We hope to be joined by some of the veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Also, Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade. Wreaths will be laid in memory of all those who served here and throughout the world, especially those who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. Attendees are invited to lay wreaths or crosses for those they wish to remember, and anyone is welcome to attend. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

> Dan Heath, for Friends of Wratting Common (rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com, 07736 737174, 01440 730192)

## West Wratting Café

Our next West Wratting café will be at the village hall on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November from 10.30 am to 12 noon. The café works by different volunteers kindly offering to serve and donate cakes every month. The money raised will continue to be donated to local community projects.

We are looking forward to catching up again over coffee and cake. Please do come and join us! *Sherry (290070) and Catherine (291307)* 



Getting ready for Christmas!

There will be an all-age **Christingle Family Service** in West Wratting Church on Sunday, December 12th at 3.00 pm.

Put the date in your diaries.

John and Scilla Harvey (290199)

## Tea and Cakes

A joyful sunny afternoon brought many to share a cuppa and a story at Tea and Cakes. Thank you for your continued support and donations.

Join us again on Friday 19th November in the Reading Room, 3.30 - 5.00 pm.

Val and the team





#### St Andrew's Churchyard Clear-up

I have pencilled this in for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, when it is hoped we can finally serve coffee and doughnuts. Do please come along, if only for a chat. *Colin McCall (290036)* 

#### Friday Night Inn@The Reading Room

Come and join us on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 5 - 10 pm, for an early festive drink and maybe a traditional meal from 'Pimp my Fish'. Local ales, mulled wine, nonalcoholic beverages plus others will be available. Profits go to enhancing the village.

The Jacksons

#### Weston Colville Cinema Club

For our first film since the extended break, we've chosen a comedy, 'The Blues Brothers'. Join us on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. The programme starts at 7.30 pm as usual with an introduction to the film



usual with an introduction to the film. Donations, refreshments available, all welcome.

Since this is an autumn evening event and we will not have windows open, to help you feel safe,



seats can be arranged allowing your party to sit together, and when not in your seat, masks are recommended.

(jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475)





## Weston Colville Circular Walk

Our next walk, of approximately 5 miles, will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November, meeting at the Reading Room at 10 am, BYO lunch and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards. Come and join us – all welcome, refreshments available.

(jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475)



## West Wratting Oil Syndicate

There will be a West Wratting Oil Syndicate fill-up this month and the order cut-off is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm. Place your orders either by email to me at *westwrattingoil@gmail.com*, putting your surname in the subject box, or by phone/text on 07982 291922. I will reply to all communications within 48 hours. If you require a 'fill-up' please provide a rough estimate of the quantity and also make sure that you tell me if you have any special delivery requirements. Remember that syndicate orders take at least a couple of weeks from the cut-off 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.

Phil Tempest (westwrattingoil@gmail.com)

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Anne Vidler

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## West Wratting Book Club

We discussed Isabel Allende's 'Daughter of Fortune' and all agreed it was a good read, noting particularly her descriptive powers. We are led by her characters from China and England to Chile, to the bleak streets and timid sun of Valparaiso and then to the California of the 49ers in the Gold Rush.

We noted the book deals in adventure, secrets, and cruelty, both in the treatment of girls in China and of the different races in the lawlessness of the wild west. One interesting observation was that Allende's outlaws were at times from good families and that something unfortunate in their lives 'sets them off'. We agreed with one of our group's recognition of a central theme of freedom, whether it be sailing the world or travelling to a new life. Another of us recognised the way that people in South America 'hedge their bets' with simultaneous attendance at the Papal Church and belief in herbal remedies, something she had seen for herself living in Bolivia.

The novel is written with gentle comedy, poetry and sensuous detail that one of us felt was just the right side of explicit. If there was a criticism, it was that there is abundant historical detail which some felt was fascinating but tedious in a novel, and others felt was overdone amid the narrative. The ending was seen as

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abrupt by one reader, but another pointed out Allende has left us wanting more as this is the middle of a trilogy, followed by 'Portrait in Sepia'.

Most of us would score Daughter of Fortune' an 8, with a 6 and a 9 either side.

Our next is a book of short stories, 'Reader, I Married Him: Stories Inspired by Jane Eyre' by Tracey Chevalier. and we'll meet at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. All welcome. *Linda Gorman (290653), Jacqueline Douglas* 

## Weston Colville Community Flood Plan

The village Community Flood Plan can be viewed on the parish council website at www.westoncolville.org.uk

The five volunteer Flood Wardens who will be available to help out during flooding events are: Bridget Durham (07790 705821), Faye Parker (07815 608897), Peter White (07757 257530), Alastair Douglas (291475) and John Garrod (07776 061492); contact details are also available on the website. *Weston Colville Parish Council* 

## Celebration of Lower Wood

A big thank you to Jackie Brearley for the excellent idea of a day celebrating our local wood, and for co-ordinating everyone and everything.

Also thanks to everyone else who organised/helped with all the events.

Although the weather was against us for part of the day I think children and adults alike managed to enjoy all the organised events.

Lower Wood has been such an asset for a lot of us during this time of Covid, providing a quiet, calm place to walk and feel close to nature.

Joyce Oliver



#### Lower Wood Celebration

Just a few words to let you know how the day went, if you didn't manage to get to any of the events.

A group of us gathered in Edna's Glade to start off the day with an opening ceremony which consisted of singing (thanks to Charlie for the music), readings and a minute's quiet reflection led by Steven Wheeler. I found this very moving and a lovely beginning.

Alex then led an inspiring walk through the wood to shed light on the flora and fauna of the wood, including the slightly unusual Midland Hawthorn. An intrepid family searched the wood for log treasures which when all put together spelt 'Thank you Lower Wood'; thanks to Faye and her daughter and friend for putting this together. The logs are still in Edna's Glade if you want to see them. More families came and somehow braved the rain for a Teddybears' Picnic. I understand a certain amount of sheltering under the woodland canopy took place.

Meanwhile the photo exhibition was enjoyed by people having tea, coffee and cakes in the Reading Room. It was lovely to see people dropping in, staving and chatting. The photo exhibition consisted of prints but also projected images from several people in the village put together expertly by Jane.

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This 'slide show' ran all day on a loop and has inspired an idea for a village calendar if there is enough interest(?). Jacqueline contributed a display about the history of Lower Wood which generated much interest.

The rain eventually came but despite this people joined Alex again for a bird walk. The birds were noticeable by their sensible absence so the walkers retired to the Reading Room for refreshments. However the dog walkers were made of sterner stuff and braved the by then deluge for canine exercise in the wood.

For me one of the successes of the day was the poetry reading, led by Jacqueline. She read the poem about Weston Colville by our own rural poet James Withers, interspersed by poems by Robert Macfarlane. Other people contributed in an 'open mike' style, including Jill's beautiful poem inspired by the morning wood walk.

Jacqueline and Alistair provided the bar in the evening - thank you in particular for this - it really helped to lubricate the evening. Kitsch Hen provided the food.

Charlie, having started the day with his guitar, entertained us at the end of the day with guitar and keyboards. He was joined by Kiera (the most amazing vocals I have heard in a long time) and Steven on the saxophone.

When the dust settled we found we had a surplus of £149, thanks to tea and cakes, bar and donations, which will be donated to the Wildlife Trust who own and manage the wood.

Thanks to everyone who donated their time allowing events to take place, the Reading Room Committee who waived hire fees and most of all to the villagers who took part to make the day a success.

Jackie Brearley



#### Responsible Dog Ownership – Please Control Your Dogs

I have recently had the unpleasant experience of having my dog attacked by other dogs when out walking. To make matters worse, on two separate occasions the dog owners did not attempt to control their dog by immediately putting them on the lead, show any sense of concern, or discipline the dog in any way.

Please be aware that under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 the owner commits a criminal offence if the dog is dangerously out of control in a public place. If your dog is aggressive to other dogs or people, please have the good sense and courtesy to keep them on a close lead, at least until you are absolutely sure there is noone else in the vicinity. It will be understandable if parishioners consider reporting those with uncontrolled aggressive dogs to the police as a responsibility to protect children and the vulnerable. With respect to the Countryside Code, it is clear that you must keep your dog 'under control'. It states that if 'your dog has unreliable recall' you should keep it on a lead.

Nigel Job

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#### Parish Matters

When we consider that the history of our villages reaches back well before the Anglo-Saxon period and that we are recorded in the Domus Dei or Domesday book, it's difficult to believe that we are the continuation of the years that came before us.

As I step out along the lanes, fields, and footpaths of our village, I discover more and more people who have recently moved in. I welcome them, and conversation is often one of shared astonishment that our place in the countryside is so beautiful – so much to be thankful for. This is often followed by a sort of 'what's on' guide to social events centred around village and church activities.

We have all been through difficult times of late, and many of us have come to value the quiet that our churches provide. Even if you are not sure what you believe, that sense of being still in a place where generations have gone before can bring a wonderful sense of peace, restoration and calm. Thinking back to the census ordered by William the Conqueror in 1086, Domus Dei, from the Latin translation 'House of God', you may wonder how many hundreds of people, families and individuals have been nourished here through the centuries, and how, in times of relative peace, people have returned with a thankful heart.

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#### Steven Wheeler, Lay Minister

Our **Julian Group** meets at Nine Chimney House in Balsham on a Wednesday each month at 7 pm for just an hour. We start with relaxation, listen to some music, hear one of Mother Julian's readings and then have half an hour of meditation followed by the reading again and ending with the Grace. Anyone is welcome.

Joanna Sanders (893063, sanderschimneys@uwclub.net)

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A few centenary RBL poppy pins will be available for a suggested donation of £4, and the usual dated pins for 2021 will be available as soon as possible (for which the suggested donation is £2), along with wooden crosses, wrist bands, clip on reflector poppies and snap rulers.

A Just Giving website will be available for donations (with Gift Aid if wished) under the name 'Margaret's 2021 Poppy Appeal'. This is how the Poppy Appeal will likely go ahead in our four villages from now on, in response to keeping everyone as safe as possible in view of Covid-19, because it is increasingly difficult to find people willing to do house-to- house collecting (many of the present collectors are in their 80s after volunteering for many years), also as more and more people do not use cash any longer.

Last year the much reduced collection still raised almost £1,900 including Gift Aid, which was fantastic





given the circumstances of the pandemic. Thank you everyone. Please give generously to enable the Royal British Legion to continue their amazing support of our ex-service men and women.

Margaret Johnson, Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

## Albert's Charity Shoot

A massive thank you to everyone who donated money, tombola prizes and auction prizes. In October we visited Addenbrookes Hospital to hand over a cheque for £15,000 to the Children's Cancer Wards.

Bena, Tracey & Dean

Weston Colville Reading Room (Charity 1162032)

## **Annual General Meeting**

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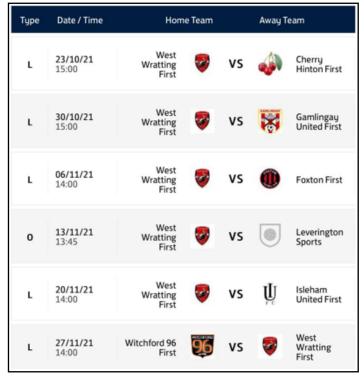
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Joanna Sanders (893063, sanderschimneys@uwclub.net)

## **Operation Christmas Child 2021**

It is not too late to give to this charity, which gives filled shoeboxes to underprivileged children in many parts

of the world to show God's love in a tangible way. The boxes go to ANY child in need. The collection week is 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Please contact me on 893232 or *jane.furlow@gmail.com*. Thank you.

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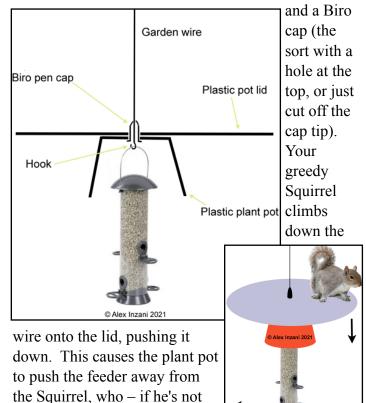
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## Nature Notes

Welcome to autumn proper. The countryside fruits and nuts have ripened and the wild folk are stripping them clean, preparing for the few lean months ahead. If you'd like another challenge, try beating the Squirrels to the ripe wild Hazelnuts! This is a very good time to put out sunflower hearts and fat blocks for the birds. Young Marsh Tits are very visible now, as Mum and Dad are kicking them out of their home territories and they're coming to gardens for food. (Sightings of Marsh Tits, please, to *cambsmarti@gmail.com* or Challenge – thanks!)

The Squirrels love your food too. One good solution is the SquirrelBuster feeder, at £20 - £50 each. Another is this invention of mine using a large Tupperware or paint pot lid, a plant pot, garden wire



careful - slides off onto the lawn below. This apparatus has been working well in the garden of my other half Eileen for over a vear now. I've added a lid below (to stop the Magpies jumping up from the ground) and bottlebrushes (puts off the Starlings, which perch at the sides). After a couple of days to get used to the novelty, all the other birds still feed avidly,



including Robins, Long-tailed and other Tits and Great Spotted Woodpeckers. Birdfood costs have plummeted and the still-fat Squirrels and friends twitch their tails in frustration. What's not to like?

Personally, I wouldn't eat any blackberries now, as they have become tough and bitter. Christian mythology has it that blackberries are poisonous after Michaelmas (29<sup>th</sup> September), when the devil pees on them. Interestingly, in Hertfordshire, Sussex, Worcestershire and Norfolk, blackberries are said to remain sweet and tasty for an extra 11 days; they are free of diabolical urine until at least 10<sup>th</sup> October. There is a rational explanation for this, and a prize for anyone who tells me why before next month, via *cambsmarti@gmail.com* or Challenge. (If you want a clue, it's old hat).

Keep warm and get your presents in nice and early, Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Group

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For our October meeting I gave a talk on 'Putting Your Garden to Bed'.

Although never professing to be a specialist, I explained how my husband Andrew and I have moved four times with my husband's job, and three of the properties we bought were new, with new gardens to design and plant. We learnt through trial and error, and as our first bungalow was built in Bressingham we were influenced by Alan and Adrian Bloom's Bressingham garden. We also visit RHS Wisley, one of our favourite places to be, once a fortnight when child minding our grandson.

I explained about all the little jobs you have to do in the garden before winter arrives which will make life so much easier in the spring, and illustrated the talk with pictures of our garden in Balsham in the summer and autumn, and the dahlias at Anglesey Abbey which are stunning at this time of year.

Our next meeting will be held on Zoom on 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30, entitled 'Burlesque Me and the WI' given by Lindsey Barrell, aka Ms Cherry Bombe! Should be a little bit saucy and a million miles away from Jam and Jerusalem!

Alison Clarke (894031)





## Granta Medical Practices

**Coronavirus (Covid-19) booster vaccine -** the coronavirus boosters are being given by NHS vaccination centres in our area, and you will be contacted direct when it is your turn to book. The booster vaccine dose helps improve the protection you have from your first two doses of the vaccine and also helps gives you longer-term protection against getting seriously ill from Covid-19.

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If you are pregnant and in one of the eligible groups listed above you can also get a booster dose.

If you are a frontline health or social care worker you can book a booster dose appointment online – you do not need to wait to be contacted by the NHS.

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Our current Year 11 students are also demonstrating great care and responsibility as they prepare for their Year 11 mock exam series this month. There remains a great deal of uncertainty for our young people about how the academic year will unfold. Nevertheless, they are applying themselves with great focus and fortitude.

We've also spent the last month welcoming new, prospective families to the school. We hosted 550 visitors at our Open Evening and enjoyed visiting our cluster primary schools to meet Year 6 students. Members of the college community may be interested in the online Open Evening materials that we have on our website, including a virtual tour recently recorded by a drone. The video really captures our expansive site and great facilities.

Our school lettings have really increased over recent months, including the school hall being used for a wedding. It is great to see members of the community making use of the school out of hours for events as well as clubs and adult learning. Rooms can be booked for use for parties and other activities via our school hire website (www.schoolhire.co.uk/cambridge/ *linton-village-college*). The college benefits from the income from lettings and is able to invest this money back into school facilities.

Another fundraising highlight of the year will have also taken place by the time of publication. The sponsored walk is a great opportunity for collective exercise and fancy dress as well as sponsorship.

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Helena Marsh

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## 2523 Linton Air Cadets



What a few months we've had! The Duxford Battle of Britain airshow was a huge success, and brought together over 60 cadets and staff on our camp. The

car parking was a breeze and the show managed to avoid the rain on both days, giving the cadets a chance to brush up on their aircraft recognition and photography skills.

With the darker evening for the September show we like to run a film night in the evening. We fired up the generator, broke out the projector, dished out the popcorn and kicked back and relaxed after a hard day's work. Staff and cadets alike made lots of new friends. That's what being back face to face is all about.

At the time of writing Corporals Pevley and Newall are on an annual adventure training camp along with CI Orton. Some fantastic mountain walking opportunities are underway and it looks like a fantastic time.

> Bradley Wright, Pilot Officer (07943 873272, training.2523@rafac.mod.gov.uk)

## Care Home Experiences



Do you, a loved one, family Cambridgeshire or member or friend live in a Cambridgeshire or Peterborough care home?

Health and social care champion Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is calling out to local families to share their experiences of care homes over the last 12 - 18 months. From communications and visiting restrictions, to Covid testing and end of life care – they want to hear what it's been like for you.



to: 8a Old Station Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 8DN Opening Times: Tuesday – Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm 01638 665916 / 07519 761498 www.andsewwebegin.co.uk

What you tell Healthwatch will help local health and care services prepare better for the future.

Share your views at: www.healthwatchcambridgeshire. co.uk/care-home-survey. If you're not online, get in touch (call 0330 355 128) and they can send you a paper questionnaire and a pre-paid envelope.

Kari Payne, Communications Officer Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and Peterborough

## Christmas Market

at the Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 11 am - 3 pm Local crafts, food and drink, refreshments and raffle. Entry £1.

We now have 28 stalls, so come along, do your Christmas shopping, and join us for festive refreshments.

The Ellesmere Centre, www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk (01638 508212. office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk)





	9.00 am	10.30 am
7 <sup>th</sup>		<b>United Service with Holy Communion –</b> Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>
14 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion – Great Abington, Revd Iain McColl Holy Communion – Weston Colville, Revd Kathy Bishop	<b>Remembrance Day Services</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> West Wickham, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Morning Worship</b> – West Wratting, Sebastian Bain	<b>United Service with Holy Communion–</b> Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>
28 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion– West Wratting, Revd Iain McColl/Amanda Goodman Holy Communion - Weston Colville, Revd Kathy Bishop	<b>United Service with Holy Communion –</b> Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Amanda Goodman</i>

#### All Souls services - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

'Remembering those whom we love but see no longer' 4 pm, St Mary's church, Little Abington

6 pm, Holy Trinity church, Balsham

Please join us for a short service of reflection at either Little Abington or Balsham to remember those who have died and whom you may wish to think of at this time. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out then please let us know by contacting me:

> Cazzy Walshe, Parish Administrator (891443, 7churches.seven@gmail.com)

## DIARY

#### November 2021

- Mon 1 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
- Wed 3 Weston Colville Cinema Club, Reading Room
- Sat 6 Saturday Morning Café, West Wratting
- Circular Walk, from outside Reading Room Mon 8 West Wratting Parish Council meeting
- Tue 9 Balsham WI meeting
- Sun 14 Remembrance Sunday service, RAF Memorial
- Mon 15 West Wratting Oil Syndicate order deadline
- Wed 17 West Wratting Book Club, The Chestnut Tree
- Thur 18 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
- Fri 19 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
- Sat 20 St Andrew's Churchyard clear-up
- Sun 21 Christmas Market, Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth
- Mon 22 Weston Colville Reading Room Committee AGM
- Sun 28 Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline

#### December 2021

- Fri 3 Friday Night Inn, Pimp My Fish
- Sat 4 Weston Colville Christmas Bazaar
- Mon 13 Deadline for entries for January's Challenge

Revd Iain McColl tel: 890693 email: mccoll.iain@gmail.com Revd Kathy Bishop, Associate Priest tel: 892288 email: revkathy@hotmail.co.uk Mr Steven Wheeler, Licensed Lay Minister tel: 290396 email: steven@juicyfruitsuk.com Jeanine Kennedy, Lay Pioneer Minister email: jeaninekennedygv@gmail.com

#### **Churchwardens:**

St Mary's – Ian Ashbridge (291344) St Andrew's – Sebastian Bain (403415)

- Church Administrator: Caroline (Cazzy) Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com, 01223 891443
- Weston Colville Parish Clerk: Jess Ashbridge, jess@agrarian.biz, 07779 277647

West Wratting Parish Clerk: Jenny Richards, j.richards597@btinternet.com, 01223 665260

Community Warden: Faye Parker, Faye.Parker@AgeUKCAP.org.uk, 07436 102865 Parish Nurse: Kim Cox,

7churches.parishnurse@gmail.com, 07498 994205

Mobile Post Office: Thursdays, Reading Room car park, Weston Colville, 12.30 - 1.30 pm

<b>Mobile library:</b> first Tuesdays – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec			
High Street, West Wratting	12.15 - 12.45 pm		
Weston Green	1.50 - 2.15 pm		
Mill Hill, Weston Colville	2.20 - 2.50 pm		

Black bins:Monday 1st, 15th & 29th November,<br/>Monday 13th & Wed 29th DecemberBlue & Green bins:Monday 8th & 22nd November,<br/>Mon 6th & 22nd December

Editor: Anne Bragg (editor@challengemag.co.uk) Thank you for all your articles, news, etc. If these are sent by email, they are always acknowledged; if you don't get a reply, your items haven't been received, so please resend. Some contributions may have to be edited, to fit the space available, and are published at the discretion of the editor.

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