

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating

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West Wrating Café

Funds raised at our café on Saturday 7th May, 10.30 am - 12 noon in the village hall, will support the West Wrating Jubilee Street party. There will be a second-hand book stall, possibly a plant / produce / cake stall, and a donations pot. Please come along for coffee and cake too!

Sherry (290070)

Weston Colville Tea and Cakes

Join us for a hot drink and piece of cake on Friday 20th May, 3.30 - 5 pm in the Reading Room, when hopefully it will be warm enough to have the tables and table tennis outside.

Val and the team

Tennis in West Wrating: New Season 1st May

Great value local tennis club membership for all the family! New members always welcome!

The West Wrating d'Abo Tennis Club is open to existing, returning and new members from across the local area. Our full-size, all-weather macadam court is located in a peaceful corner of the village recreation ground.

For more information, to sign up and to make court bookings, visit: www.WestWratingTennis.co.uk

Cally Wilson

West Wrating Book Club

We have been reading two books for May: 'Silverview' by John le Carré and 'A Short History of the World According to Sheep' by Sally Coulthard. We will meet on Wednesday 18th May at The Chestnut Tree at 7.30 pm, and are always glad to welcome new participants.

We are planning to choose books from the Big Jubilee Read list for future reading.

Linda Gorman (290653)

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – see pages 8 & 9

Telephone Boxes in Weston Colville

Congratulations and thanks to Jo and Daniel Jackson and all their helpers for the work they have done on the telephone boxes, which now look amazing. The painters have done a wonderful job, even picking out the four golden crowns on each face of the boxes. Very smart!

Christine Tilley (and others)

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Congratulations to Zac Williams-Gray for completing his bronze award community service. Zac was keen to get as much physical exercise as possible so we hit the ground running, clearing up a huge number of leaves on the recreation ground, outside the village hall and generally around Bull Lane Corner and the triangle of grass by the village sign. Bull Lane Corner was much improved by this, and I know the couple in Pear Tree Cottage were delighted with the outcome.



We also cut the hedge opposite The Lamb, and litter-picked down Six Mile Bottom Road and Fox Lane (once in the pouring rain).

Well done, Zac. It was a pleasure working with you – you made a real difference.

Cobby McCall

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Saturday Supper Club

Our next get together at the Reading Room will be on 14th May.

Supper Club n [ˈsʌpə klʌb] *pop-up restaurant, often rural, serving good, homemade, affordable food from a limited menu*


We're offering three courses for £15, with a choice of two options for each course, BYO drink. This will be at 8 pm in The Reading Room, with a welcome drink at 7.30 pm. If you'd like to come:

- book by Saturday 7th May, letting us know any dietary requirements;
- then by Thursday 12th May, choose from the menu options we'll have sent you.

“You'd made the Reading Room look really inviting”;
 “nice to catch up on the gossip with people at length“;
 ”we loved all the food and the welcome cocktail but, most of all, the hosts and the convivial company”.

These words of contented diners at our inaugural Saturday Supper Club echo Savarin's: *“the pleasures of the table as distinct from the pleasure of eating – independent both of hunger and of appetite, these are social pleasures. The real delight of feasting is the togetherness”*.

So, all welcome; enquiries and bookings 291475
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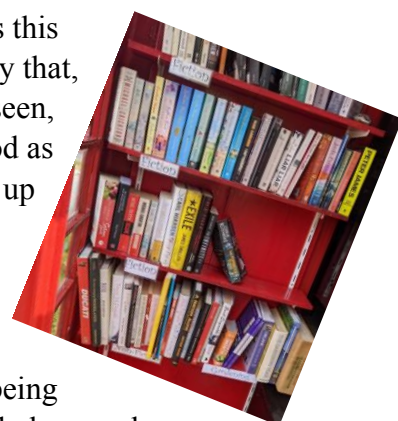
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Book Exchange at Church End

There's again double news this month. We're happy to say that, as some of you will have seen, the phone box is now 'good as new' having been spruced up and repainted in recent weeks. Also, we have a theme for May: gardening, as nature has woken and we can enjoy being outside getting ready to tidy here and beautify there. There'll be a special shelf and if you're looking to 'weed out' some gardening books of your own, please send them our way. A handful will fit in the red box that's on the floor, and if you have a bag of books to put in, gardening or otherwise (we're also interested in fiction and books for teens . . . anything in reasonable condition), just leave them on one of our doorsteps, or call Joyce on 07980 404764. As always, happy reading!



Joyce, Jackie B, Emma Kaye and Jacqueline, Community Bookworms



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Soup Kitchen for Ukraine

The soup kitchen held as a fundraiser for Ukraine in West Wratting village hall at the end of March raised £500 in donations for the cause. Many thanks to all involved.

Jan and Sherry

RAF Wratting Common

A short open-air May Memorial Service will be held at 12 noon on **Sunday 29th May** at the RAF Wratting Common Memorial, to commemorate the 33rd anniversary of the unveiling of the memorial stone. The last Sunday in May was chosen as it was the same day in 1943 (Sunday 28th) that the airfield was commissioned. The memorial is dedicated to those who served at the airfield, especially the 260 who gave their lives in the cause of freedom. We look forward to seeing some of the veterans who served with XC Squadron, 1651 Heavy Conversion Unit and 195 Squadron. Cadets from 1451 (Haverhill) Squadron of the Air Training Corps will be on parade.

The memorial is situated at Weston Woods Farm, Weston Colville, CB21 5NR and all are very welcome to attend the service. For further information please email rafwrattingcommon@gmail.com

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the airfield memorial. With



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just two services per year to arrange, as well as year-round general maintenance, this is not an onerous project to assist with but is very rewarding. It is hoped that, with the continued support of people in the locality, this important memorial to our community's war effort will survive for many generations.

Dan Heath

Weston Colville 'Pub' Quiz

With eight teams and the Reading Room full, we ran out of ale. A good night was had by all, especially 'The Black Sheep' who were the inaugural winners of our new trophy. To them: "Congratulations! Please bring it back for our next quiz in September!"

Jacqueline



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

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Anne Vidler

West Wrating Oil Syndicate

There will be a West Wrating Oil Syndicate fill-up this month and the order cut-off is Monday 9th May at 6.30 pm. Place your orders either by email to me at westwratingoil@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 (westwratingoil@gmail.com)

Weston Colville Spring Lunch

The Spring Lunch took place in the Reading Room on 20th March. A big vote of thanks from the PCC to all those who came and supported the event. Just over forty villagers enjoyed a full roast lunch and delicious puddings, and the event raised £870 for St Mary's Church, Weston Colville. 25% will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Appeal, in the light of current crisis.

Weston Colville PCC

The Chestnut Tree

In celebration of having been here for ten years, we will be holding a Beer Festival from Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May (Bank Holiday).

For details of events, contact us, or check with the April issue of Challenge.

We hope to be celebrating with lots of you over the weekend with some great local beers; we can't wait!

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St Mary's Parochial Church Council

The Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 18th May at 6.30 pm in St Mary's Church. All are welcome to attend.

The PCC is looking for a new Treasurer and Church Warden. Please contact Ian Ashbridge for more information on either role.

Ian Ashbridge (ian@agrarian.biz)

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Weston Colville Parish Council

The parish council will be holding its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 11th May at 7 pm in the Reading Room. All are welcome to attend and raise issues that you feel the parish council could address. There will also be a presentation from the Parish Nurse Scheme.

Jess Ashbridge, Parish Clerk

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If you are, or you know of someone who might be, interested please email Pauline Kenning, Exams Officer, on pauline.kenning@lvc.org for further information. We look forward to hearing from you.

Pauline Kenning, Examinations Officer
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From the Rectory

I'm someone who usually loves an excuse for a party or gathering! Like many, then, I've really missed these things at times over the pandemic. Yet it hasn't just been about missing celebrations. Over the last two years, we have missed so many of the markers of times and seasons in our lives. It may well have felt a little disorientating! Times of celebration and mourning, anniversaries and birthdays, community festivals and gatherings, often kept, but in radically different ways. Some were postponed, reduced in numbers or moved online. Yet marking such times and seasons remains of great importance in giving shape to our lives and I'm so grateful we can do this more regularly now.



We will soon be reminded again of this importance as we look ahead to a very special weekend in early June. The weekend of Sunday 5th June will see people around the country, and indeed the world, gather to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee which marks the 70th anniversary of the accession of the Queen, and to give thanks for her service and dedication as monarch. As churches we will be marking the occasion with a special service in each of our parishes on that Sunday and will then enjoy being part of the many parties in each village that afternoon!

That Sunday will also be another type of anniversary when the church celebrates Pentecost, sometimes known as the 'birthday' of the church. At Pentecost we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the disciples gathered in Jerusalem after the resurrection of Jesus. This astonishing gift of God's Spirit, as described in the book of Acts, bound together the early church in worship and shared life, and empowered them to reach out to others in the name of

Jesus. As with other anniversaries, it also helps remind the church of its calling and purpose today, as we seek to share the joy and good news of life in the Spirit.

Marking the times and seasons, and being grateful for all that is good in our lives, shapes our humanity. It shapes our sense of purpose, helps us cherish the time we have, and may increase our capacity for joy. It may also, as Pentecost reminds us, draw us more deeply into the life of the Spirit and lead us, in all the seasons of our lives, to praise, prayer and thanksgiving.

Revd Iain McColl

Ely Cathedral – Ship of the Fens


The Friends of Ely Cathedral was founded 80 years ago, but the number of friends has dropped recently.

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West Wratting Support Group

When we were 'locked down' in 2020, various people in the village were part of an email group providing help where and when it was needed – shopping, transport for vaccinations, etc.

Many in this group are now back at work and no longer able to help in quite the same way. But there is still a need: eg help in transporting people to health centres/hospitals, shopping for people when they are ill or isolating with Covid etc, picking up prescriptions when people need urgent antibiotics.

A small group of us have just formed a West Wratting WhatsApp support group. Requests for help can be made to any member of the group who will then WhatsApp the group to see who might be able to comply. This worked very well during lockdown and recently.

Would you like to join us? If you'd like to help, let me know. As always, I am more than happy to answer questions.

Suan Rowland (*suanrowland@btinternet.com, 290788*)

Weston Green Telephone Box

Now that both boxes have had a spruce up and are awaiting new signage as I type, the book exchange has reopened but the Weston Green box remains empty. The seed and plant exchange was utilised well in 2020 but rarely in 2021, during light Covid restrictions, which suggests it has outlived its purpose. It would be useful to me to hear how you would like to use this resource. Could it have a greener, more sustainable use in the village or can the seed and plant exchange be expanded?

Jo Jackson (291258)

The Village Green Group

Eight of us met on April 18th for an exchange of ideas and tea and cakes. Several themes were evident but some of them require the whole village to be involved (that's you, Weston Colville).

The broad aims of the group are to share recycling, reusing and reducing tips and information, to decrease consumption of materials and care for the local environment (and by implication the wider environment too). Below are some of the points discussed.

PUBLICISE shops which provide refill facilities/products. The outlets that we knew about were **Arjuna Wholefoods**, Mill Road, Cambridge; **Daily Bread Co-operative**, Kilmaine Close, Cambridge; **Plumbs Dairy**, Linton; **Full Circle**, Norfolk St, Cambridge; **Radmore Farm Shop**, Victoria Avenue, Cambridge; **Nourish**, Linton High St. All have websites.

SOCIAL MEDIA – '39 ways to save the planet' Podcast; '**Zerowaste Guide**' on Instagram.

SHARING – car journeys to Cambridge in particular but other places as well. Green bin sharing seemed to be a thing. Composting was also discussed, as was resurrection of the seed/plant exchange. Sharing of recipes for seasonal gluts of vegetables and fruit, and even larger garden equipment, eg pressure washers.

Information about **RECYCLING** by arranging a visit to the Cambridge recycling centre on the A10.

Another idea that was well received was to organise a meeting at the Reading Room and invite **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROVIDERS** to give presentations, if there was enough interest. We will contact South Cambs DC about energy saving incentives.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT – it was evident that a lot of us do collect litter when we are out and about in the parish but were unaware of other people doing the same. It was good to hear that there are other wombles in the village.

The next meeting is on 15th May; all welcome. If anyone wants more information please contact me; details below, or via the village WhatsApp Group.

Jackie Brearley

(290076, *jackie.brearley@yahoo.co.uk*)

Recycling Pet Food Pouches

South Cambs DC has a lot of information on their website about their rubbish collection and recycling, but they can't take pet food pouches. These can however be washed and recycled in a bin just inside the door of the Newmarket branch of Tesco (and at other branches). Apparently many Co-op stores also now offer facilities for recycling similar plastics.

Anne Bragg



**West Wrattling
Queen's Jubilee
Celebrations**

Thursday 2nd June 9.30 pm
Lighting of Beacon Bonfire
Honey Hill

Sunday, 5th June
Street Party in the Causeway

Live music

1.30 All Village Photograph
2.30 Savoury Finger Food, BYO drinks
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Jubilee Flower Festival, St Andrew's

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June, 10.30 am - 5.30 pm

As part of the West Wrattling Platinum Jubilee celebrations there will be a flower festival in St Andrew's Church.

The church has undergone restoration inside and outside during the last five years and is looking beautiful.

There will be a service of Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving on the morning of Sunday 5th, details of which will be announced.

We would like to have a contribution of a flower arrangement from each group or organisation in the village, to include for example the parish council, Saturday café, keep fit, book club, Friday night pub-goers' group, Thursday lunch club, and children who attend the Meadow school. These arrangements will be included with others from our regular arrangers.

If you are able to take part please contact Fanny Peers (07702 122353) or Linda Gorman (290653).

Exhibition: Coronation & Jubilee Memories

As part of the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations we will be holding a display of villagers' memorabilia from the Coronation and previous jubilees. We already have material provided from the Diamond Jubilee but if you were not living in the village at that time please let us know if you have any souvenirs etc.

Linda Gorman (290653)



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Weston Colville

Thanks to all who have very generously agreed to contribute towards the Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June.

- 8.30 am – **Fun Run** around Lower Wood
- 10.30 am – **Service of Thanksgiving** at St Mary's church for the Queen's life and reign (children invited to attend in fancy dress with 'royal' theme)
- Post-service – **dedication of a tree** planted in St Mary's churchyard with commemorative plaque
- 11.30 - 12.30 – informal '**procession**' from church towards Reading Room/cricket field
- **Refreshments** available in Reading Room throughout the day; **coronation film** playing, and coronation and **village archive material** and **Weston Colville Heritage Map** on display
- 12.30 pm on – pay **bar** open and **barbecue** lunch at the cricket field. *(Please buy barbecue tickets, £2 each, BEFORE the day, from Gay, Bridget, Emma or Ian, so that the right quantities of food can be prepared.)*
- 2.30 pm – village commemorative **photograph**
- 3.00 pm – family **dog show**/agility course
- 3.45 pm – children's **fancy dress parade** and prize giving
- Musical entertainment and bar throughout the afternoon.

If you can help with the bar/barbecue, provide gazebos or awnings, or anything else, please get in touch. It promises to be a memorable celebration for the village on this special day.

***Gay Redman, Bridget Durham, Emma Kaye,
Ian Ashbridge (ian@agrarian.biz, 07870 636019)***

Weston Colville Fun Run

Meet at Horseshoe Lane for an 8.30 am start. Free to enter, and medals for all participants.

Suitable for all ages, with two options:

1. Loop of the cricket pitch (for younger children);
2. Loop of 3.5 km (for 11 years and over) on the

bridle path from Horseshoe Lane towards Willingham Green, returning via the footpath past Lower Wood. Marshalled with route markers.



If you would like to enter please leave your name and the number of participants on this answer machine, 290554, before 15th May so we can order the appropriate number of medals.

Sarah Green (07932 667895)

Weston Colville Platinum Jubilee Mugs

As part of the celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee, Weston Colville Parish Council intend to offer commemorative mugs to the younger residents of our parish. The offer is open to all those resident in the parish in school year 11 or below. To apply for your free mug, please send your name, date of birth, and your permanent address to westoncolvillepcjubileemugs@btinternet.com Parents are encouraged to send details of family groups if possible.

All information will be held securely until the distribution of the mugs is complete, when it will be destroyed. No copies will be made. The mugs will be available for collection from the Recreation Ground on Sunday 5th June, during the celebrations there. Alternative arrangements for collection will be made for those unable to attend. Any unclaimed or spare mugs will be sold to offset the costs. Anyone wishing to purchase one (£5 each) should also email the above address. Spares will be allocated on a first come, first served basis until all the mugs are gone. We hope many of the eligible residents take the opportunity to claim a reminder of this special event in our nation's history.

Bridget Durham, Weston Colville Parish Council

Fun Family Dog Show

As part of the Weston Colville Jubilee celebrations in June, there will be a Fun Family Dog Show with classes that should appeal to anyone with a dog. The classes are as follows and will start at 2.30 pm on the cricket field. Entries on the day, £1/class.

1. **Waggiest Tail**
2. **Fabulous Golden Oldie** (open to the older canine: over nine years old)
3. **Obedience** (puppies under one year old – sit, lie down on command, and walk to heel on a loose lead)
4. **Best Paw Shaker** (dogs will shake hands with the judge)
5. **Best Junior Handler, under twelve years old** (walk to heel on a loose lead with a change of direction, sit, down, short stay – on lead one step away from the dog and return without the dog moving)
6. **Quickest Sit** (the last dog to sit when the music stops is eliminated until there is a winner)
7. **Best Trick** (props and rewards can be used)
8. **Scruffiest Dog**
9. **Temptation Alley** (dogs will be held at one end of the alley and then recalled by their handler through two rows of temptation – food and toys. The dogs must resist the temptations!)

Rules:

- Rosettes for 1st and 2nd places in all classes
- Treats / rewards can be used for all classes
- Judge's decision is final
- Please clean up after your dogs
- Dogs must be on a lead except for class 9, Temptation Alley
- No bitches in season.

Jackie Brearley

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Nature Notes

It's late spring already and the Cuckoos are coming back! Joyce Oliver heard one in Weston Colville on 19th April. This BTO map shows the position of twelve satellite-tracked British Cuckoos on 18th April.

As you can see, two birds (called 'Ellis' and Grove') had reached the UK, four were in western Europe, and the rest still in continental Africa. See where they are now at www.bto.org/our-science/projects/cuckoo-tracking-project. Cuckoos spend at most ten weeks in the UK and overwinter in the Republic and Democratic Republic of the Congo, so calling them British birds is rather inaccurate – they're better described as tropical African birds which take a spring break in the UK to breed.



Ruth and Brian Hazleman pulled off a beautiful April Fool on me by sharing this smartphone photo of a Ring Ouzel in their Weston Colville garden on 1st April. A Ring Ouzel looks exactly like a Blackbird with a big white bib across its breast.



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This summer visitor to the UK prefers sparsely populated upland areas, in western Britain in spring and summer and in Spain and Morocco in winter. I've heard of migrants on steep sheep pasture in the Pegsdon Hills, a rural Bedfordshire beauty spot climbing to 172m above sea level. But . . . a shy upland bird, in a village garden practically at sea level, in the flattest part of the UK, on April Fool's Day? I thought the photo was Photoshopped and I scoffed. Boy, was I wrong. It turns out that at least one of their migration routes from Spain to western highland Britain takes them right over Cambridgeshire. Large slice of humble pie, eaten with relish...

Your Marsh Tits are now breeding, so we're not bird-ringing in the woods for the next two months. However, we will be ringing in gardens and looking for colour-ringed Marsh Tits everywhere. Emma Kaye has made a wonderful discovery: we have a third Marsh Tit surviving to at least six years old. Red over Black over Red 'Christi' was spotted at the Moat House on 24th March. Christi was colour-ringed as an adult (minimum two years old) by Rachel Durham on September 2018 – her first colour-ringed bird. The longevity of Marsh Tits in this area is a welcome surprise and the Linnean Society has asked us to talk about them. (Darwin and Russel Wallace first presented their theories of evolution, as a joint paper, to the Linnean in 1858). If you see a colour-ringed Marsh Tit, photograph it if you can and send the details to me at cambsmarti@gmail.com or to Challenge. Thanks!

Alex Inzani and the South Cambs Ringing Group

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Balsham WI

Our April meeting was a brief annual meeting followed by a spring party. It was good to see three guests as well as the thirteen members.

The annual meeting started off as usual with Jerusalem being sung, with music via YouTube. Reports were given and the present committee were prepared to stand, apart from Alison Clarke who has to stand down due to other pressure on her time. Alison was thanked for all her hard work. Debbie Mower was elected as President.

This was followed by a spring party with a glass of Prosecco or fruit juice each, a ‘guess the chocolate’ quiz, plus a ‘recognise the different chocolate bars’ quiz. All caused a lot of head scratching and laughter. There was a competition for the best homemade spring item, won by Bren Williamson for a delightful spring basket of flowers.

Our monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm and at present are held in the Pavilion, Balsham. Our next meeting is on 10th May when we will enjoy a Pamper evening – heavenly! We will have demonstrations from a local beautician and also a talk on Reflexology.

Alison Clarke (894031)



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Balsham Picture House

The film for May’s BPH will be ‘House of Gucci’ (15) starring Lady Gaga, Jeremy Irons, Al Pacino, Jared Leto and Adam Driver.

The film is inspired by the shocking true story of the family behind the Italian fashion empire. When Patrizia Reggioni (Lady Gaga), an outsider from humble beginnings, marries into the family her unbridled ambition begins to unravel the family legacy, triggering a reckless spiral of betrayal, revenge and ultimately . . . murder.



Saturday 7th May; doors open 7 pm and film at 7.30 in Balsham Church Institute.

Annual membership £12 for adults; guests £3. Dave’s bar will be open for pre show drinks and nibbles as normal.

Dick Paden

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Linton & District Historical Society

Our April Meeting saw us take to the skies with Terry Holloway who shared his '60 years in Aviation'. By his own admission, Terry regards himself as very fortunate to have had such an interesting and eventful career and be able to share his experiences with those present.

We'll be back on terra firma for our May meeting on Tuesday 17th May, starting at 7.30 pm in the village hall, Coles Lane, Linton. Marie Curie is the subject of our talk with Peter Sara.

This will be the last meeting of the society until we meet up again in the autumn. We hope to be able to re-book our speakers who were unable to come during the covid restrictions.

So, if you want to catch up with friends and people with similar interests, why not come along?

Margaret Creek (893915, ldhscams@gmail.com)

Jigsaw Puzzle Library, Balsham

In spite of the lighter evenings, do please remember there are over 100 jigsaws in my garage at Nine Chimney House, mostly 1,000 or 500 pieces. Do come and have a look and take some away!

Joanna Sanders

Linton Library

Would you like to join the library but never find time to visit? Sign up online and download free eBooks, eMagazines and more! We have recently introduced card-free membership; find out more at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/library Of course, you are still welcome to join in the library.

Do you want to learn more about the history of where you live? May is 'Local & Community History'



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month, a great time to explore our local study resources – an interesting selection of books, or use library computers for free access to *Ancestry.com*, *Find My Past* and the British Newspaper Archives. Look out for our Read Local display, highlighting fiction set in and around Cambridgeshire.

16th - 22nd May is Dementia Action Week. We have books and information about dementia to help everyone better understand the condition and to find support.

On Tuesday May 3rd we are starting a fortnightly Knit and Natter session at the library, 2 pm to 3 pm. Come along, bring your current craft projects, and enjoy working on them in the company of others at the library.

On Tuesdays May 10th and 24th we have our regular Story and Rhyme time for under 5s, 10.30 -11 am.

On Monday May 9th at 2 pm our Engage session is 'What to do when a guest tells you they need a gluten-free diet'. Please book at the library.

On Tuesday 31st May, we are making and decorating paper crowns for the Queen's Jubilee, 11.30am to 2 pm.

Lindsay Healy, Community Library Assistant

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2523 Linton Air Cadets

As the weather improves, our squadron training moves outside, with practical orienteering exercises, radio practice and leadership skills all being brushed up on ahead of the summer inter-squadron competitions.



Some of these skills are already being put to good use with bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expeditions taking place, and with silver practice and qualifying expeditions scheduled shortly.

The training schedule has never been so varied and we look forward to catching up on all the competitions now we are back and running a full programme.

For those that have missed our April open evening but are interested in joining, it is not too late to register for our summer activities programme, a fantastic way to see what 2523 Linton Squadron has to offer before formal enrolment in September. You just have to be minimum age 12 and going into year 8 in September.

Bradley Wright, Pilot Officer

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Pharmacists are qualified healthcare professionals and experts in medicines. They can offer clinical advice and over-the-counter medicines for all sorts of minor illnesses, and a same-day consultation can be arranged quickly and at a time to suit you. This in turn frees up GP appointments for those people with more complex symptoms who really need to see a GP.

How does it work? We will forward your details to the pharmacist, along with details of your minor illness. The pharmacist will contact you to arrange your consultation on the same day, or at a time that suits you. You may be seen in person in a private consulting room if the pharmacist thinks it appropriate, or your consultation may be carried out over the phone or via video. You will be asked about your medical history and symptoms and current medication, in the same way the GP would ask you about them. Usually, the pharmacist will provide you with advice and can recommend an over-the-counter product if needed. Details of your consultation with them will be sent to us for our records.

If the pharmacist feels you need to be seen by a GP urgently, they will call us to ensure you are seen, or they will advise you to contact the hospital Emergency Department if deemed necessary. You may also be referred back to us to arrange a non-urgent appointment or follow-up.

Why is this a good thing for patients? Community pharmacies are local, can be open longer hours than us, and can offer you the same consultation outcome at a time that is convenient for you. If the pharmacist thinks you need to see a GP, they can help arrange an urgent appointment for you. Patients who have already used this service liked the convenience of having a consultation on the same day, or a day that suited them, at a pharmacy of their choice.

Sandra East, Head of Patient Services
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May	9.00 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm
1 st		United Service with Holy Communion and Commissioning of the Parish Nurse – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Evening Prayer – Great Abington, <i>Keith Day</i>
8 th	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Rev Iain McColl/Hannah Threlfall to preach</i> (9.30 am) Morning Worship – West Wickham, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	United Service with Holy Communion – Little Abington, <i>Rev Iain McColl/Hannah Threlfall to preach</i>	Evening Prayer – West Wrating, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>
15 th	Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	United Service of Morning Worship – Balsham, <i>Rev Iain McColl</i>	(4 pm) Evening Prayer – Hildersham, <i>Bishop Stephen</i>
22 nd	Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Morning Worship – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	United Service with Holy Communion – Hildersham, <i>Rev Iain McColl</i>	
29 th	Holy Communion (BCP) – Hildersham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Morning Worship – West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	Evening Prayer – Great Abington, <i>Alistair Collen</i>

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Sat 7 West Wrating Café
Weston Colville Circular Walk
Balsham Picture House, 'House of Gucci'
Mon 9 West Wrating Oil Syndicate order deadline
West Wrating Parish Council
Tues 10 Balsham WI
Wed 11 Weston Colville Annual Parish Meeting
Sat 14 Saturday Supper Club, Reading Room
Sun 15 Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline
Village Green Group meeting
Tues 17 Linton & District Historical Society
Wed 18 West Wrating Book Club
St Mary's PCC Annual Meeting
Thur 19 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Fri 20 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
Sat 21 West Wickham Gardening Club Plant Sale
Balsham Singers Spring Concert
Sun 29 Memorial Service, RAF Wrating Common

June 2022

Thur 2 Jubilee Beacon Bonfire, Honey Hill, WWrating
Sat 4, Sun 5 Jubilee Flower Festivals (both villages)
Sun 5 Jubilee Celebrations (both villages)

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Black bins: Tues 3rd, Monday 16th & 30th May,
Monday 13th & 27th June
Blue & Green bins: Monday 9th & 23rd May,
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