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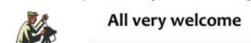
West Wratting All-Village Photo

It seems a long time since the rainy, cool day of the Platinum Jubilee, but we promised there would be another try at an all-village photo before the summer was out.

Do try and make the date, **Sunday 25**th **September** at **4 pm** in the churchyard, so that, if possible, everyone will be in the picture!

Harvest Songs of Praise

West Wratting Church Sunday 25th September 3 pm



Followed at 4 pm by

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Tea and Cakes

Our next date is Friday 16th September, 3.30 - 5 pm in Weston Colville Reading Room. We're looking forward to seeing neighbours after the summer holidays, for a cuppa and a chat.

Val and the team

West Wratting Café

After a break in August we're looking forward to welcoming everyone to the café in West Wratting village hall on Saturday 3rd September, 10.30 am to noon. There will the usual coffee/ tea and delicious home-made cakes, and a produce stall! Hope you can join us.

Sherry (290070) and Jan

West Wratting Book Club

During our summer break we read two books from the 'Big Jubilee Read' book list: 'The Adoption Papers' by Jackie Kay and 'The Nowhere Man' by Kamala Markandaya, which we will discuss on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30 pm in The Chestnut Tree. Do join us to have a chat and share refreshments while we discuss the books. Don't worry if you didn't like or finish them – your input will still be valued. Suggestions of books to read are always welcome.

Linda Gorman (290653)

Weston Colville Reading Room - 'Pub' Quiz

We'll be holding our next quiz on Wednesday 21st September at 8 pm and this time the winning team from April will be defending the new trophy – could you take it off them? Come as a fully-formed team, or make one when you arrive. Up to five per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome, enquiries: <code>jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com</code>, 291475

Weston Colville Oil Co-operative

Ordering deadline: noon, Sunday 11th September.

Church End to the bottom of Mill Hill:

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

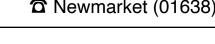
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Weston Colville Folk Evening

On Saturday 1st October, the Reading Room welcomes back 'Camus' (pronounced 'car-mus') featuring our very own David Somerville. Their April concert had to be cancelled due to Covid, but when they played here about three years ago, they were very well received and if you missed it, or if you'd like the chance to see them again, come along!

Lockdown prevented them getting together for many months, but they've been enjoying getting back to playing live music again in recent months and are now working as a four-piece band. They have recently appeared on BBC Radio Cambridgeshire and performed at the St Neots and Ely Folk Festivals, the Cambridge Folk Club, and the Black Fen Folk Club in Cambridge.

> **David Somerville** – Northumbrian small pipes, keyboard Greg Smith – fiddle, viola,

vocals

Andrew Burn – melodeon, Northumbrian small pipes, vocals Brian Cleary – guitar, bouzouki, vocals

The four friends have been playing together in various folk bands for over 40 years and their music is an eclectic mix of material from the folk traditions of countries including England, Scotland, Ireland, USA, and Spain, as well as self-penned tunes and songs. As David says: 'If we like the tune we'll play it'.

As their first performance was so popular, rather than donations, we're taking bookings this time:

- * £5 a ticket (proceeds to Jimmy's Night Shelter);
- * book your seat in advance then either pay on the door, or request bank details;
- * to book: jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com / 291475;
- * refreshments available.

Jacqueline Douglas

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Book Exchange at Church End

With the holiday season drawing to a close, we think it'll soon be time for a rotation. If you'd like to catch what's in the book exchange at the moment, now's your chance, then at the start of October, we'll do a big swap.

In the meantime, your summer reads would be very welcome, so drop off any you have, either in the red box in the phone box or on one of our doorsteps. Alternatively, we can collect if you call Joyce (07980 404764). As always, happy reading!

> Joyce, Jackie B, Emma K and Jacqueline, Community Bookworms

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Saturday Supper Club

Supper Club *n* 'sApə klAb] pop-up restaurant, often rural, serving good, homemade, affordable food from a limited menu

Our next get together at the Reading Room will be on 24th September.

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, 17th September, letting us know any dietary requirements;
- then by Thursday, 22nd September, choose from the menu options we'll have sent you.

From previous Supper Club evenings: "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".

All welcome; enquiries and bookings: 291475, jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com

Pop-up-pub and Pimp-my-Fish

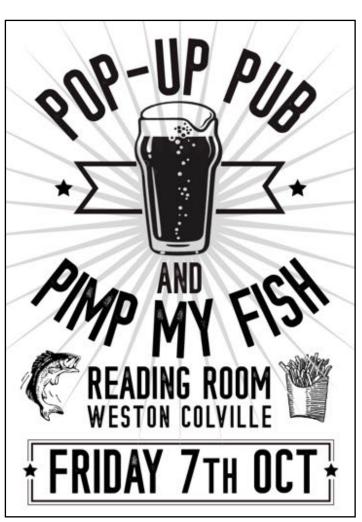
An autumn 'village pub' night with local beers, lagers, wine, spirits and soft drinks, will be held on Friday 7th October in the Reading Room, Weston Colville.

Condiments and cutlery are available if you would like to eat in the Reading Room, or drop into the Reading Room 'pub' if you're collecting an order.

Order online via website www.pimp-my-fish.co.uk, which is usually open from the beginning of the week. Reminders will be posted on the village WhatsApp and Facebook pages.

An entertainment area for small children will be available, with thanks to Emma from 'Messy Pups'.

Reading Room Committee





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From the Rectory

September often seems to me like a time of fresh starts and new challenges. My children, along with many others, return to school, and new classes are greeted with a mixture of eagerness and trepidation! Local clubs, groups and events may get going again after perhaps a short break or a sleepy August. This seems especially so this year as a remarkably hot and dry summer gives way to the plans and pre-occupations of autumn.

One of the groups planning ahead is the youth group which I am leading, called Explorers. It's been going for just over a year now and the monthly meetings are a mixture of games and exploring the Christian faith, together with some snacks and drinks! We have also enjoyed a couple of outings so far: a 'hike and hot dog' and a summer barbeque. When we meet in September, however, we will be looking to plan the year ahead and reflecting on a theme of boldness and courage. This is partly connected with the new challenges at school but also recognises that courage and boldness may be needed at many different times in life. It's always a joy to see how the children in the group explore some big questions with interest, humour and enthusiasm. How inspiring!



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This theme was highlighted as well at the special confirmation service we held in August, where Bishop Dagmar spoke of the challenges those being confirmed would face in living out their faith in Jesus, and how each would need the support and prayers of others. Bishop Dagmar also gave the example of the Bishop of the Amazon whom she met at the recent Lambeth conference, who took a boat along the Amazon River to visit congregations and faced many perils along the way. What courage and boldness she needed as she proclaimed faith, hope and love in her part of the world.

This confirmation service indeed reflects the encouragement St Paul gave to the church in Corinth when he wrote: "stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." He also immediately added: "Do everything in love". How important it is to hold all of these things together! Whatever new challenges we may face in the different times and seasons of our lives, we too may draw upon this encouragement in living out faith, hope and love in our place and time.

Revd Iain McColl

PS If you'd like to learn more about the youth group, please feel free to contact me on mccoll.iain@gmail.com



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Parish Nurse - Kim Cox

It is with much regret that I have to advise that Kim has been obliged to resign from her post as a consequence of health issues; she will be much missed

The Parish Nurse Management Group are committed to the continuation of the service and are currently seeking to recruit a new nurse (see advertisement elsewhere). Kim has very kindly offered to stay on with us during the interim period and although she will not normally be able to undertake home visits, she will continue to provide telephone support and advice wherever possible. Kim will of course talk to all existing patients regarding arrangements for their continuing care, but has asked that the following message be included with this notice.

Keith Day

From Kim Cox – it is with much sadness that I will be leaving my Parish Nurse role due to a long-term health problem. In the time I have been working in the community I have met so many of you and your families and I hope that this service gave you help when you needed it the most.



This, my final nursing role after 40 years, has been the most rewarding and I thank you all for your support. The Parish Nurse role is vital and creates a muchneeded link to Granta Medical Services. One GP described it as 'the eyes of the community'. Blessings, health and happiness to you all.

Kim x





Parish Nurse Vacancy (Part time)

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For an application pack and full job description please contact Mrs Caroline Walshe, 7churches.seven@gmail.com, 01223 891443

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Closing date for applications: 30th September 2022

Interviews: mid October

Parish Nurse Training: 15th – 17th November 2022 plus three further sessions online.

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Weston Colville Circular Walk

In late July's harvest time we walked in shorts to Yen Hall under bright blue skies and temperatures just below the heatwave of a few days earlier. We were joined by guests from Stapleford, and indeed all are always welcome.



The next walk will be on Saturday 8th October, meeting at 10 am at the Reading Room. BYO lunch, and maybe something to share back in the Reading Room afterwards, refreshments available. Come and join us!

jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475

West Wratting Progressive Supper 2023

The progressive supper has taken place many times in West Wratting since the early 1990s. We have found it a great way to meet neighbours old and new.

Everyone involved provides just one course for six people in their own home.

We meet different people at each of the three courses and at the end of the evening we all gather together in the pub.

The next supper will be held in January 2023, having missed 2021 and 2022. Please contact me for more details.

Sherry O'Donovan (sherry.odonovan@gmail.com)

Parking Problems

West Wratting parish council has received several complaints about inconsiderate parking.

Parking across people's drives is both inconsiderate and potentially dangerous. A local doctor was on call for emergency attendance at Addenbrookes and would not have been able to exit the drive. Lives are potentially at risk.

Constant access is required. I am sure you agree, if it was your relative who needed the emergency care, you would not wish attendance at a life-or-death situation to be delayed because of selfish parking.

It would be equally dangerous if emergency services, eg fire or ambulance, were not able to access a property due to thoughtless parking.

Furthermore, farmers are experiencing difficulty manoeuvring large farm vehicles and thus preventing access on narrow local roads, bends and junctions.

Common sense and reasonableness should mean that people do not park in a way which causes inconvenience and disruption to others. The parish council wants to encourage considerate and legal parking. Drivers are reminded that parking on the pavement causes obstruction to pedestrians, wheelchair users, people with visual impairments, and people with prams or pushchairs. Please avoid blocking entrances, dropped kerbs and garages.

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Mira Nichols, Chair, West Wratting Parish Council



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West Wratting Parish Council

Below is a resumé of the council meeting held on 18th July. The draft minutes are available on the two noticeboards.

Councillors: at present the council is short of two members. Emma Parsons, who was at the meeting as a member of the public, offered to be co-opted and she was given the necessary documentation to complete ready for the next meeting, when the council would need to take a vote.

Planning:

- a) 22/02252/53 & 22/02487 it was agreed that this application should be supported.
- b) Borehams' proposed development: Cllr Lock had received further plans of the proposed development with changes made from the original ones. It was agreed that no comments could be made until the full plans were available to be discussed by the full council. The chairman had written to SCDC Planning Dept concerning the water run-off contamination but had heard nothing back.
- c) Cllr Lock had some concerns about the Clay Pigeon Shooting Range set up by Mr Latham off Six Mile Bottom Road as shooting was heard after 8 pm.

The parish clerk was asked to look into the conditions set when planning permission was granted.

Finance: the full authorised payments & receipts are shown on the draft minutes.

- a) *Internal audit*: this has been completed satisfactorily and the audit report distributed to all the Councillors.
- b) *Parish clerk's gratuity:* Martin Davey had offered to work the figures out and the parish clerk will send the necessary information to him.

Maintenance:

a) *Highway problems:* Cllr Lock had reported a sewage problem on Jubilee Day at Daisy Cottage, where sewage had forced its way through their patio and also flooded the road. Highways came very quickly and found a lot of fat, wipes etc but also concrete. It is hoped this will be looked into as it is necessary to have a fully operational drain system before further building development in the village.

- b) *Parking spaces in Hayter Close:* it was agreed that a note would be put in Challenge pointing out that the parking spaces in Hayter Close are for residents only. The chairman said she would do this.
- c) *Road signage:* Cllr Chandler had reported a missing road sign to Highways. The sign 'Bull Lane' is at the junction and its loss is causing confusion for drivers. The chairman will raise this at the Combined Parish Councils meeting when Highways will be present.

Recreation Ground & Pavilion: the chairman had three keys cut for the gate and gave two to Cllr Chandler. The lower part of the gate is still very difficult to open. Emma Parsons, who is treasurer of WWSP, said they are thinking of putting in a keypad for access.

Traffic Issues & Speed Restriction Equipment:

- a) *Speed sign poles:* Martin Davey had reported on the project which is being held up by Highways, despite it being funded by the parish, and is hoping to hear when the job will be carried out.
- b) *Speedwatch:* this continues and it is hoped to operate two sessions a month, volunteers and rain permitting. More volunteers are always needed and anyone interested please contact the parish clerk. A speeding motorist recorded had received a direct visit from the police, which is good feedback.

Play Area: all in good order. Cllr Chandler had received a report of a broken post on the pitch, but when checked there was no damage to any part of the playground.

Reports by County & District Cllrs: these are available on the website.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Monday 12th September at 8.00 pm. All are most welcome to attend.

Jenny Richards, Parish Clerk



West Wratting Football Club

West Wratting First team won their first league game on Tuesday night, 16th August, an amazing 4 - 1 win against Shelford. On Saturday 20th August, they played



Huntingdon, winning 5 - 1. All played very well.

Anyone is very welcome to come and watch and support the football. Everyone is very friendly, with a great atmosphere.

However, the football managers and groundsman are once again having to pick up dog poop.

This is unacceptable and inconsiderate, and very dangerous to children and adults. If caught, the owners are fined heavily.

Please take your poop bags and clear up after your dogs.

Blanche Miller, Sports Pavilion Secretary First Team Fixtures:

Type	Date / Time	Home Team			Away Team	
ι	30/08/22 18:15	West Wratting First	9	vs	•	Linton Grants First
L	02/09/22 19:45	Ely City Reserves		vs	9	West Wratting First
ι	10/09/22 15:00	Hemingfords United First team	(h)	vs	-	West Wratting First
ι	17/09/22 15:00	West Wratting First	9	vs	45	Cambridge University Press First
ι	24/09/22 15:00	West Wratting First	-	vs	•	Newmarket Town F.C Reserve Team
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Nature Notes

Anne and Ray Vidler had an amazing encounter in their Weston Colville garden in August. A fledgling Cuckoo was being fed by a Dunnock AND a Blackbird! A 1972 paper from the BTO Nest Record Scheme (available free at www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/00063657209476342) states Dunnocks, Reed Warblers and Meadow Pipits are by far the main hosts for British Cuckoos (2.2 – 3.1% of recorded nests parasitised, compared to under 0.1% of Blackbird nests). So it's likely that the Dunnock reared the Cuckoo. Anne thinks the Blackbird was just passing and fed the Cuckoo twice. The fledgling had a bright red gape, which could motivate adults to feed it preferentially (Cuckoos grow to be five times heavier than Dunnocks, so it's a necessary tactic).

If you have seen any juvenile Cuckoos or Marsh Tits, please let me know at cambsmarti@gmail.com or Chassenge. Thanks!

Warning – arachnophobes read no further . . . September is the month when our spider relatives come indoors. I saw a delicate small, black spider near the ceiling of a building in West Wratting. Her legs covered an area slightly larger than a 50p piece and she had a very faint white stripe round the front of her abdomen, with no other visible markings. The

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animal was very shy, running to hide when approached. It was an adult female *Steatoda nobilis*, the Noble False Widow spider.

These can – extremely reluctantly – deliver a mildly venomous bite which feels like a wasp's sting. Usually, the animal has been trapped against skin and fears for its



life. *S. nobilis* is Madeiran, so likes warmth. A friend of mine was bitten rolling over onto one in bed, but that's very rare. Learn more at www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/how-dangerous-are-false-widow-spiders.html

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Balsham WI

We didn't have an official members' meeting in August but on 6th August a group of us met on the recreation ground for a picnic. Members enjoyed an afternoon together in the sunshine, with a game of bingo, a round of target bowls, and plenty of chat.

Our next members' meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th September. Forthcoming events include a murder mystery evening, a talk on the history of underwear, and a craft evening. We also have a walking subgroup which has been meeting once a month for a walk in the surrounding area. Please get in touch if you would be interested in joining us — balshamwi@gmail.com.

Sarah Evans (290802)

Balsham Gardening Club

We restart on Wednesday 5th October at 7.30 pm in the Church Institute, when our speaker will be Robert Brett, the curator of RHS Garden Hyde Hall. We are very fortunate to have this expert visiting our club and we do hope that we will have a good turnout. If you aren't a member, why not come along as a visitor? You will be made very welcome.

Sue Lock

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London Through Literature – with LALA

Linton Area Learning Alliance (LALA) starts a new 10-week course called 'London Through Literature', on Tuesday mornings from 27th September. We meet in Linton Village Hall, Coles Lane, from 10.00 to 11.45 am. The tutor, Ros Connelly, says that London is one of the most written-about places in fiction and much of what many people think about London has been created by the imagination of writers.

The course will be thematic, covering several centuries of writing, and will look at how work, the legal profession, crime and punishment, entertainment and pleasure in London have all been portrayed, with the lines between fiction and reality often becoming seriously blurred.

Please contact me for more information or to register interest. Cost for the 10 weeks remains at £50 and includes a coffee break.

Sue Mudge (892737, mudges.linton@btinternet.com)

The Balsham Singers

Rehearsals will restart on 15th September, once a week on a Thursday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 pm, in the Pavilion near Balsham Church, at the very end of the parking space in front of the church (CB21 4DS).

We are a friendly bunch and have a lot of fun. New members are always very welcome to join us; no audition is required, and the ability to read music is not essential, although useful. We sing a wide range of music from sacred works and classical anthems, to more contemporary works and musical theatre medleys. Contact <code>balsham_singers@hotmail.co.uk</code> for more information.

A Christmas concert is planned for 17th December.

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- Saturday 24th September Sawston Medical Practice, CB22 3HU
- Saturday 1st October Linton Health Centre, **CB21 4JS**
- Sunday 2nd October Market Hill Surgery, SG8 9JN
- Saturday 8th October Shelford Health Centre, CB22 5FY
- Sunday 16th October Linton Health Centre, **CB21 4JS**
- Sunday 16th October Barley Surgery, SG8 8HY
- Friday 21st October Sawston Medical Practice
- Saturday 22nd October Shelford Health Centre

All clinics will run from 8.30 am to 4 pm.

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- pregnant women;
- household contacts of immunocompromised individuals, especially those for whom continuing close contact is unavoidable;
- those in long stay residential care homes;
- those who are carers;
- those with a learning disability.

The government is also extending the cohort to include those patients 50 years old and over with no underlying health conditions. However, these patients will be vaccinated later in the programme, most likely November time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.

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Sept	9.00 am	10.30 am	6.00 pm
4th		United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, Rev Iain McColl/ Hannah Threlfall to preach	Evening Prayer – Little Abington, <i>Alistair Collen</i>
11 th	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, Revd Iain McColl Morning Worship (9.30 am) – West Wickham, Steven Wheeler	United Service with Holy Communion – Great Abington, Revd Iain McColl	
18 th	Holy Communion – West Wratting, Revd Iain McColl Morning Worship (9.30 am) – West Wickham, Marcus Cornish	United Service of Morning Worship – Balsham, Rev Iain McColl	Evening Prayer – Hildersham, Keith Day
25 th	Holy Communion for Harvest -West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Harvest Songs of Praise – Weston Colville, Steven Wheeler Balsham, Hannah Threlfall Hildersham, Revd Iain McColl Great Abington, Rosemary Mead	Harvest Songs of Praise (3.00 pm) – West Wratting, John & Scilla Harvey

DIARY

September 2022

Sat 3 West Wratting Café

Mon 5 Weston Colville Parish Council

Sat 10 Balsham Autumn Market

Sun 11 Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline

Mon 12 West Wratting Parish Council

Tues 13 Balsham WI

Wed 14 West Wratting Book Club

Thurs 15 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree Balsham Singers rehearsals restart

Fri 16 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room

Wed 21 Weston Colville 'Pub' Quiz

Sat 24 Saturday Supper Club, Weston Colville

Sun 25 West Wratting all-village photo

Tues 27 LALA course, 'London Through Literature'

October 2022

Sat 1 Weston Colville Folk Evening Wed 5Balsham Gardening Club Fri 7 Pop-up Pub, Pimp-my-Fish, Weston Colville

Sat 8 Weston Colville Circular Walk



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Mobile Post Office: Thursdays, Reading Room car park,

Weston Colville, 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Mobile library: fourth Thursday: 22nd Sept, 27th Oct
High Street, West Wratting
Reading Room, Weston Green
Mill Hill, Weston Colville
11.50 - 12.15 pm

Black bins: Monday 5th & 19th September,

Monday 3rd & 17th October

Blue & Green bins: Monday 12th & 26th September,

Mon 10th & 24th October

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