

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrattling

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RAF Wrattling Common

There will be a short service at the memorial on **Remembrance Sunday**, 13th November, at 12 noon.

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. 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.

We are always pleased to hear from anyone interested in getting involved with the Airfield Memorial. With 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, for Friends of Wrattling Common
(rafwrattlingcommon@gmail.com, 07736 737174,
01440 730192)



St Andrew's Churchyard Clear-up

The autumn churchyard clear-up will take place on Saturday 12th November, 10 am - 12 noon. Everyone is welcome – please come and lend a hand, or just have a chat. As always, doughnuts and coffee will be available.

Cobby McCall (290046)

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We'll open from 11 am to 5 pm and you are welcome to drop in for an hour or stay all day! Please use the side door near the bus stop. Wheelchair access is still via the main front door. With regret and for safeguarding reasons, we are unable to welcome unaccompanied children. Don't worry: Pilates, Messy Pups and Tea & Cakes will still happen as usual! This is a trial period for four weeks starting on 14th November. If it's used, we'll keep it going!

This initiative is supported by The Reading Room Trust, ACRE, Plumbs Dairy, and South Cambs District Council.

Several people have already volunteered to join the rota of those helping. If you can assist, please contact me.

Bob Coates (07785 361345, cheviotbob@me.com)

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West Wrattling Café

The next Saturday Café will be on 5th November, 10.30 am until 12 noon in the village hall.

The October café was a great success! It was lovely to see everyone. Kate bought some lovely Christmas gifts and cards supporting Granta School, and plans to come along again on 5th November.

There will be the usual lovely homemade cakes and of course tea/coffee and a chance to chat.

Jan and Sherry (290070)

Tea and Cakes

Many thanks to everyone who attended a cool Tea & Cakes in October. The next meeting will be on November 18th, 3.30 - 5 pm. See you there . . .

Val and the team

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Orders will be collated and placed shortly after the order deadline. The price will not be known until the order is placed and we will give you the number for you to ring the supplier to arrange pre-payment of your order.

Please ensure we have your correct address and postcode because some deliveries have been delayed due to the lack of correct information.

Anne Vidler

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Weston Colville Circular Walk

For our walk in early October, we had a crisp, blue sky morning. The route took us via Carlton and for some of our number this was uncharted territory, so the beautiful little chapel there surprised and delighted them.



Our next outing will be on New Year's Day; details in next month's Challenge.

Jacqueline Douglas

Weston Colville Folk Evening



Our evening with 'Camus' proved popular and the Reading Room on Saturday 1st October was buzzing. The



twin outcomes of this are that tickets and bar proceeds raised £375 for Jimmy's Night Shelter, and that David Somerville and friends will return next year to perform for us again. Thank you to all who attended and made this event such a success.

Jacqueline Douglas

Acronyms

An explanation of some of the acronyms used in parish council minutes:

MVAS – Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs (speed indicator signs),

LHI – Local Highways Initiative (requesting money from Cambridgeshire County Council for traffic calming schemes),

ICO – Information Commissioner's Office (deals with Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, and also data protection (GDPR)).

Jess Ashbridge, Weston Colville Parish Clerk

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West Wrating Village Hall AGM

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee is scheduled for Monday 12th December at 7.30 pm, when the report and accounts for the last financial year will be presented. All interested residents of our village are welcome to attend. New committee members must be elected at the AGM. If you might like to join the VHMC we would like to hear from you in advance of the meeting.

Mike Rowland (290788), Diana Edwards (290616)

Weston Colville Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 3rd December, St Mary's Church, Weston Colville, 10 am - 3 pm.

Stalls – jewellery, home produce (bakery and preserves), Spanish food, ceramics, cards, preloved items including clothes and others, festive candles, with more stalls to be announced!

Food and drink – soup and bread 12 - 2 pm, tea, coffee and cakes 10 am - 3 pm

Raffle – fabulous prizes including a cherry brandy Christmas cake made by Emma Kaye, and a Spanish food hamper donated by the Fenwick-Clennels.

Volunteers to bake, make preserve, run stalls, serve tea and cake, and generally participate are urgently required! Volunteers please contact Emma Kaye.

Raffle tickets (£2/ticket) available now from Emma Kaye (07795032632), Joyce Oliver (07980404764), Rosemary Davenport (07787 500445) or Jackie Brearley (07984 655116).

Weston Colville PCC

Christmas Wreaths

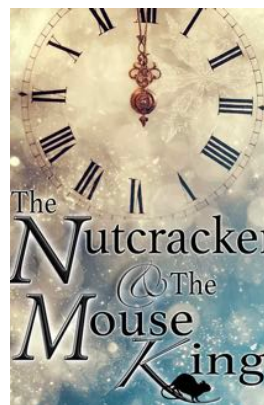
Thank you all for your interest. Unfortunately because of a clash with the Christmas Bazaar, the workshop will not be taking place this year.

However, come and buy at the bazaar, and meet Father Christmas, who will be flying in to visit any children who wish to meet him.

Philippa Coates

This is My Theatre

Save the date! The Christmas performance by 'This is My Theatre' will be



'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King'

at 7 pm on 10th December in St Mary's Church.

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Village Green Group

Rosemary Davenport organised a great evening in the Reading Room on October 11th with the Education Officer from Cambridgeshire County Council about recycling. About 15 of us took part in interactive games and quizzes about recycling, watched short films, and listened to a presentation about what to put where in our rubbish bins, and what to take to recycling centres.

The village has been invited to have a tour around the Amey recycling centre at Waterbeach in the near future. We are not sure of the date yet but if you are interested in coming along please contact either Rosemary Davenport (07787 500445) or Jackie Brearley (07984 655116) so we can have an idea of numbers.

If you want to know more about the Village Green Group or to be added to the Whatsapp group, please contact me.

Jackie Brearley (07984 655116)

West Wrattling Book Club

We discussed 'My Pen Is The Wing of a Bird: New Fiction by Afghan Women' and all agreed it was very good. These short stories are packed with fascinating snapshots of life in Afghanistan, and not what's in the news, the stories on the radio, in fact enemy forces are rarely mentioned. Instead, it's the everyday lives of buying lemons, boiling water and looking at family photos – humanity, just a different humanity. This is interlaced with the misery of being the property of a man and being one of two wives – joyless whether you are the first or the second one – and of the dread of a bomb. It's grippingly disturbing and brutal and the foreword by Lyse Doucet celebrates literature as 'resilience and release, a life lived inside your head'.

One comment was "I've recommended to several people, I absolutely loved it, it's not the truth but I'm sure it's not far from the truth". Another echoed "I like to see the reality of others' lives". One of us was surprised that religion was not seen by these women as among the problems they faced, indeed they seem to have a strong faith of their own volition and pray to their god to help them in life.

Among our favourite stories was Ajar's, sparks of hope from the message for all of us that we can achieve anything if we work together.

If there has to be a criticism, it was that some ended abruptly and with ambiguity. Scores were between 7 and 9, mostly at the top end. The feelings we have been left with are awe at the chain of communication the writers went through to get their work out, and that we all of us want the same things in life, we just speak different languages.

Our next read is Maggie O'Farrell's 'Marriage Portrait' and we'll be getting round the table at The Chestnut Tree to talk about that on Wednesday, 16th November at 7.30 pm. All welcome; enquiries to Linda Gorman (290653).

Jacqueline Douglas

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From the Rectory

This month we are delighted to welcome a new curate to our parishes, Ben Brady, who will be living in the vicarage in Little Abington. Ben was ordained a priest in the Manchester Diocese and was previously living and working in Bolton but will join us from mid-November. Ben will be a wonderful addition to our ministry team and I look forward to working with him! If you do see Ben around over the coming weeks and months, please do say hello and introduce yourself.

This month will also be one of remembrance, as we hold All Souls services at the beginning of the month and Remembrance Sunday services on 13th November. All Souls is a special service where we may remember before God those who have died and renew our trust and confidence in Christ. Everybody is welcome to attend, and each All Souls service will include space to reflect quietly in prayer, and an act of remembrance.

Remembrance Sunday is always a moving and poignant service but perhaps even more so this year in view of the tragic conflict in Ukraine. Reflection on the loss and tragedy of war, and the deep desire for peace, is woven into the Remembrance Sunday liturgy. It reminds us that in Jesus we find our 'Prince of Peace', the Lord who offers us a peace which 'surpasses all understanding' in our daily lives. Seeking peace and reconciliation are not optional extras in the Christian faith but central to following Christ and remain as important today as ever.

Then, on the last Sunday in November, we enter Advent season, four weeks of prayerful preparation for Christmas. In a world where waiting may be associated with frustration and Christmas seems to

start earlier and earlier, Advent could seem out of touch! Yet learning how to pause and wait prayerfully actually helps us enjoy life more deeply, focus upon what really matters, and may be a wellspring of peace and gratitude before God. So much then, this month, which may give us pause for reflection and prayer, and so much to be grateful for.

Revd Iain McColl

Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust

We are pleased to report that for 2022 the Trust presented its annual award to Oliver Hodge. Oliver is from West Wrating and has gone to the University of Hull to study medicine. Very well done!

Oliver was presented with his cheque by the trustees at the RAF Wrating Common Memorial.

As always it was a pleasure for the trustees to meet such enthusiastic and interesting candidates from our locality during the selection process. Details of the 2023 award, and how to apply, will feature next month.



Jonathan

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Traditional paper poppies, wooden crosses, and poppy pins will be available for your donations between 29th October and 13th November in Balsham at the Post Office, the Coffee Shop, the Bell Inn, the Black Bull Inn, and the church, plus The Chestnut Tree at West Wrating from Monday 31st. They will also be at Balsham church services.

For those paying income tax, to increase your donation by a further 25% at no cost to you, just fill in the Gift Aid form please (available at Balsham Post Office) and put into the attached blue envelope with your donation of cash, or a cheque made payable to The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, then hand to Helen at the Post Office. Thank you.

*Margaret Johnson,
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West Wrattling Football Club

First Team Report – the First Team has started their season very well having won seven from the opening eight games. We are currently top of the league, with 21 points. We have a very talented group this season and hopefully we can continue to compete.



Lee Miller, Manager

Reserves Team Report – we lost the first game of the season 1 - 0, but have recovered well, winning the next two games 1 - 0 and 2 - 1. We have a lot of new players, mixing some young lads with more experienced players, and we are all looking forward to a successful season.

Andy Gage, Manager

Youth Teams Report – there are three Youth teams this year: an under 14s and an under 13s team playing in the Cambridge Colts league, and an under 10s team in the Royston Crow league.

It's a little too early in the season for an assessment of how the season is going as each team has only played two matches. I can say that all teams are looking forward to the season ahead, and hope for an enjoyable and fulfilling year.

Richard Cole, Youth Chairman



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Sisse and Colin often attend the home games and are very welcome, as are regular spectators from Balsham.

Special thanks to Tim who always helps on home games with the flags and ropes, which is very much appreciated.

Football has been played at West Wrattling for approximately fifty years, with volunteers helping to organise this. Many thanks to all.

Parking – this was discussed at last week's WWSPC meeting. The football club cannot be held responsible for people blocking drives with their cars, which is very inconsiderate wherever you live.

The Youths play on Saturday mornings, and the Seniors in the afternoon. The Seniors turn up a good hour before the game and always park in the car park. They do not train in the week at the ground; training is elsewhere.

Many people also park to use the playground and for dog walking.

Cones can be requested from the Highways Department, and the parish council will do this. Colin will continue to ensure bollards are placed opposite the junction turning right to the recreation ground, to prevent parking and allow pedestrian access to the ground and for tractors turning.

Blanche Miller, WW Sports Pavilion Secretary



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Linton Village Cricket Club

The club continues to run three senior teams on a Saturday and two midweek senior teams. Overall 2022 has been a fairly successful year for us, with both our 1st and 2nd Saturday teams doing well: the 1st team has secured promotion to the senior leagues and the 2nd team narrowly missed out on promotion to the Junior 2 league, ending third. Our 2nd team also made it to Finals Day of the Lower Junior Cup, losing in the semi-finals to Fulbourn Cricket Club.



The tracks at both Linton and Weston Colville have been looked after and continue to provide excellent playing facilities for our members. Huge thanks to those few who put a lot of time and effort into preparing these each week.

Weston Colville has seen a few more matches this season and we are hoping to continue to split our senior teams' matches across both the grounds next year. Thanks go to the Reading Room and residents of Weston Colville for making us feel so welcome.

We are now actively recruiting players. Whether you are an experienced cricketer or just someone who likes to get an outing every so often on a Saturday or

Wednesday, please contact us by emailing linton.village.cc@gmail.com or popping down to one of our senior net sessions. These will be held on Wednesday evenings at Sawston Village College on the following dates:

November 16th; December 14th, January 25th, and February 15th, all 7 - 8 pm.

March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 12th, and 19th, all 7 -9 pm.

We are a friendly club that welcomes players of all abilities and we would very much like to increase our membership for all teams for the 2023 season.

As the summer ends and the cricket season winds down, the cricket square is worn and tired. End-of-season renovations involve scarifying to remove the old grass, spreading seed, and dressing with loam to encourage new grass growth. This work needs to be carried out every year and unfortunately the square at Weston Colville has not had this work done for several years.

This year we employed contractors to carry out the work, to help improve the playing surface. The loam was delivered early on the day of the renovations and unfortunately when the delivery company said "early" we were not aware **how** early! If this caused any issues or worries, we do apologise and next year we will inform the company not to deliver before 7 am.

Again, this work is essential for the maintenance of the ground and we apologise for any issues.

Over the winter we hope to start tidying up the periphery of the ground and improving the outfield, so over the winter months if you see any of us there please come and talk if you need to mention anything.

Guy Ennew, Linton VCC

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The Infants had a Dino Day and Reggie Rex visited them. They also found out about different dinosaurs and made plaster casts from real fossils as well as lots of different dinosaur art activities.

Years 5 and 6 visited Burghley House dressed as Victorians to experience what life was like as a Victorian. From polishing silver, folding laundry, polishing shoes, and laying the table for dinner, the children had a long list of jobs to complete. They did get to play some parlour-based activities too, such as scrapbooking and playing 'Lord Bean'. Years 3 and 4 will be visiting Kew Gardens after half term.

The School Council has now been formed consisting of four Year 6 Team Captains and a representative from each class, from Foundation Stage to Year 5. Every child who stood to be elected did a brilliant job in reading their persuasive speeches to their teams and to their class. They will now meet regularly and plan our school eco-campaign, and will also plan and deliver assemblies to the whole school about changes we all need to make in order to cut our energy bills and our carbon footprint.

Year 5 children have once again had the opportunity to participate in the fully funded Bikeability scheme

this year. They have had a busy four days of training which has included being assessed as a safe rider, showing care and caution whilst riding on the road, and making turns into and from junctions.

We finished off the half term with our annual Meadow Mile. This year's theme was 'Best of British'. We marched around the Rec dressed as the Spice Girls, postboxes, NHS nurses, English breakfasts and more! We exceeded our target of £1,000 on our online donation page and the money donated will be used to replenish the musical instruments in school. Every child received a Meadow Mile wrist band to celebrate.

Nicola Butcher



Holy Trinity Church - Balsham

Christmas Tree Festival

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December 2022**

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Marsh Mail

The school calendar has been rich with trips and visits over the last half term, taking learning outside of the classroom and creating memorable educational opportunities.



Year 11 languages students spent the last week before the half term break submersed in French and Spanish speaking and culture as part of their residential excursions to Lyon and Benalmadena.

Students studying GCSE Geography took part in a field trip to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to examine the effects of regeneration in East London.

Almost 300 GCSE students experienced live theatre last month visiting Cambridge Arts Theatre to watch Stephen Daldry's award-winning production of 'An Inspector Calls' to bring their literature set text to life.

LVC students from Years 9 - 11 took part in an inter-school debating competition at the Cambridge Union, organised by MP Lucy Frazer. The event enabled them to develop their speaking skills and confidence.

Year 8 and 9 boys had the opportunity to take part in a contemporary dance workshop led by Sam Willmore, commercial choreographer and dancer.

On World Poetry Day, Year 8 students benefited from an online poetry writing workshop with poet and YouTuber Mark Grist.

We also hosted large numbers of primary school children for the Year 2 Cluster Music Festival at LVC.

This month LVC students' artwork will be displayed within an exhibition entitled 'Platform 22' showcasing Anglian Learning student art at the Michaelhouse café gallery in Cambridge, 14th - 27th November.

Helena Marsh



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'Operation Mincemeat' (released 2022) stars Colin Firth in the film of the exercise to mislead the Germans of the Allies' plan to land in Sicily.



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SAT. Nov.12th 7 for 7.30

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Guest visitors £3, annual membership £12 for adults. Dave's bar will be open for pre show drinks and nibbles as usual.

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Balsham WI

The title of our October meeting was ‘Knickers! A History of Underwear’, and speaker Liza Jones gave us a talk on undergarments through the ages. Liza was extremely knowledgeable on her subject and took us on a journey through history to see how underwear has evolved and body shapes have changed over the years, from farthingales worn by Tudor women under their skirts, the size of which was also an indication of stature, and the elaborate bustles and bodices of the Regency period, through to the pantaloons and drawers of the Victorian era and right up to the more familiar garments of the twentieth century.

Liza brought along examples she has collected over the years, some having never been worn and still in their original packaging, her most treasured piece being a pale green silk bra from the 1920s. It was a very entertaining evening with lots of laughs and members sharing their own memories on the subject.

Four of our ladies took part in the Cambridgeshire Federation Annual Quiz on Friday 30th September at Cottenham Village College and we are very pleased to report that they came an impressive third place out of the 32 teams who took part.



Our walking sub-group had a very enjoyable afternoon walk on 23rd September and another walk is planned for later on this month.

The next members’ meeting on Tuesday 8th November will be a Craft Evening with the opportunity to bring along some of your makes to sell.

We are a friendly bunch and new members are always welcome. Please get in touch if you would be interested in joining us – balshamwi@gmail.com, or send us a message on Facebook, @Balsham WI.

Sarah Evans (290802, balshamwi@gmail.com)

Balsham Singers Christmas Concert

The Balsham Singers are very glad to confirm that their traditional Christmas concert will be held on Saturday 17th December, 7.30 pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Balsham.

Tickets £10 (under 16s free) will be available from choir members, Balsham or Great Abington Post Offices or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/balshamsingers

Dr Friederike Schmidt-Tremmel

Jigsaw Puzzles

Writing this on a sunny October morning it seems difficult to think that by the time you read this it will be getting dark around 5 pm, as the clocks will have gone back an hour.

Just to remind you that in the jigsaw puzzle library in the garage at Nine Chimney House, Balsham, there are over 100 puzzles, mostly either 1,000 and 500 pieces. Do come and have a look.

Joanna Sanders

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Linton & District Historical Society

In September we welcomed members of the Haverhill & District Local History Group to our first meeting since Covid restrictions were lifted, and ‘The Great Balloon Debate’ proved to be a delightful and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Each member light heartedly took on the role of Sarah, Hubert, Isabella, Josephine, or Joseph, and shared with us their background and gave an insight into how they came to invent early versions of products we take for granted today – ironing board, vacuum cleaner, cooking & housekeeping manual, dishwasher, and toilet roll. We then had to decide which product we could live without! However, a twist in the tale meant it did not really matter what we thought we could live without!

The October meeting with David Caulfield, ‘The Semi Pro 60s’ was well received and attended. David’s anecdotes of getting together with a group of teenage friends to make music in the 60s brought about a lot of nostalgia and much laughter. David has written a book for future generations to enjoy.

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 15th November at 7.30 pm in Linton Village Hall, will be ‘The History of the Human Genome Project’, with Sam Shingles as our speaker.



Margaret Creek (893915, 678835, ldhscams@gmail.com)

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Box Appeal



This message is to encourage you to get involved again (or for the first time) and to fill a shoebox. Each box may be the only gift a child will receive.

There are various ways to get involved:

- Fill a whole shoebox with suggested items;
- Donate one or more items;
- Make a donation which can be used to buy items or for transport costs;
- Pack an ‘on line box’ for £20; you can choose the gifts via the website.

<https://shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk>

Collection week is 14th - 21st November, when you can drop off filled boxes or items at my house (or see other drop-off places on the website).

Jane Furlow (893232, 07745 046921, jane.furlow@gmail.com)

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Please join us again this year for our wonderful **Christmas Market** on 20th November, 11 am - 3 pm. With over 20 stalls of local produce it’s the perfect time to kick off your Christmas shopping. Refreshments and mulled wine available.

Roller Skating is back! Tuesday afternoons, 3.30 - 5.30 pm, £2 per child, £1 skate hires. Tuck shop.

Early Morning Exercise Group with Richard. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday on the Astro at 6 am or 6.30 am? All levels of fitness welcome.

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6 th		United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Rev Iain McColl/Hannah Threlfall</i>	
13 th	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Remembrance Day Services (10.45 am) – Balsham, <i>Alistair Collen</i> , West Wrating, <i>Steven Wheeler</i> Great Abington, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	
20 th	Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl/</i> <i>Revd Ben Brady</i> Morning Worship – West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	Morning Worship – Balsham, <i>Rev Iain</i> <i>McColl/Revd Ben Brady</i>	Evening Prayer (6.00 pm) – Hildersham, <i>Alistair Collen/Revd</i> <i>Ben Brady</i>
27 th	Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Morning Worship – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	Holy Communion – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Steven Wheeler</i> Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i>	Evening Prayer (4.00 pm) – Little Abington, <i>Revd Ben Brady</i>

DIARY

November 2022

- Sat 5 West Wrating Café
 Mon 7 Weston Colville Parish Council meeting
 Tues 8 Balsham WI
 Sat 12 St Andrew's Churchyard clear-up
 Balsham Picture House
 Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday service, RAF Memorial
 Mon 14 Reading Room Warm Hub opens
 West Wrating Oil Syndicate order deadline
 West Wrating Parish Council meeting
 Tues 15 Linton & District Historical Society meeting
 Wed 16 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
 West Wrating Book Club, The Chestnut Tree
 Fri 18 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville
 Sun 20 Christmas Market, Ellesmere Centre

December 2022

- Sat 3 Weston Colville Christmas Bazaar
 Sat 3, Sun 4 Christmas Tree Festival, Balsham
 Sun 4 Weston Colville Oil Co-operative order deadline
 Sat 10th The Nutcracker & the Mouse King', St Mary's
 Mon 12 West Wrating Village Hall AGM
 Sat 17 Balsham Singers Christmas Concert

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

Mobile library: fourth Thursday: 24th Nov, 22nd Dec
 High Street, West Wrating 10.20 - 11.00 am
 Reading Room, Weston Green 11.10 - 11.45 am
 Mill Hill, Weston Colville 11.50 - 12.15 pm

Black bins: Monday 14th & 28th November,
 Monday 12th & **Wed 28th December**

Blue & Green bins: Monday 7th & 21st November,
 Monday 5th & 19th December

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