

# Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrattling

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## ***West Wrattling Café***

The next West Wrattling Café will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 - 12 o'clock. We're back in the village hall this month after August's Café Garden. Many thanks to Phil and Sherry for kindly hosting us; the weather was unpredictable and although we had a bit of a shower everyone had a lovely time enjoying their beautiful garden. We raised £160, which was shared between Friends of Granta School and The Beacon Trust.

Do join us for homemade cakes, tea and fresh coffee. Everyone welcome.

Save the date for Café Christmas – our third Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, the perfect opportunity to pick up special handmade presents, cards etc. Details to follow.

***Sherry and Jan***

## ***Tea & Cakes***

We will be back in the Reading Room on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at our usual time, 3.30 pm - 5.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you all again and enjoying catching up over a cuppa and some delicious homemade cake.



***Val and the Team***

## ***Weston Colville Reading Room – ‘Pub’ Quiz***

We're holding our next quiz on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm. Once again April's winning team, Mills and Doom, will be defending the trophy. Could you take it off them? Come as a fully-formed team, or join one when you arrive. Up to five per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome.

*jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475*

## ***Hooray!***

The Wednesday Soup Lunches are starting again on 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12.30 in the Reading Room. Put the date in the diary now

Be on time or the early birds will have eaten all the second helpings! Alternatively, arrive early and have a chat beforehand. It's quite informal and relaxed!

These are convivial times where a few of us gather together to enjoy each other's company, with a lunch provided by a willing volunteer. The menu is simple but the conversation is rich and the companionship invaluable, so please join us if you feel able. Bring a friend, (or bring someone you hate if you prefer!) and help to make the autumn and winter months pass quickly, as we find warmth and friendship in each other's company whilst enjoying a modest fare at lunchtime.

As ever, we are dependent on the kindness of people who help prepare the soup or set up the tables, so if you feel you could volunteer to make a simple soup meal with bread or a roll, or maybe set up the tables and cutlery for perhaps 10 to 20 people, please contact me. I am most grateful to all the volunteers who helped last year, but this programme only works because a few people decide to help out. If you feel so moved, please get in touch as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at the next lunch. There is never any charge but if you wish to make a donation, that helps offset the expenses.

My thanks to the Reading Room Trust and Cambridgeshire ACRE for their continuing support, without which these events would not be viable.

***Bob Coates (07785 361345)***

**West Wratting Village Hall Events**

Charity number 273557

**Vinyasa Flow Yoga** will be starting this September (not October as previously advertised): Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm. The 60-minute sessions will be facilitated by Gem Feeney, see [www.wildatheartyoga.co.uk](http://www.wildatheartyoga.co.uk) for further information.

Mats and blocks provided, or bring your own equipment. These sessions are open to all ages, just drop in and be part of this new offering for all the villages. Special introductory rates for the first four sessions are £7 a session.

**Harvest Supper:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

**Wine tasting evening:** Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, hosted by Corney and Barrow of Newmarket.

If you have ideas of what type of functions you would like to see in the hall, please contact [Dougatgalewood@hotmail.com](mailto:Dougatgalewood@hotmail.com)

*Martin Davey*

**Tech Clinic in the Reading Room**

Following the success of previous events, Simon has kindly agreed to run another Tech Clinic on 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Reading Room from 11 am until 2 pm.

Bring your iFailing iPhone, your Pesky PC, your Truculent Tablet, or that iRritating iPad, and challenge Simon to sort it out.

We can't guarantee to solve every problem, but we can point you in the right direction.

**Bob Coates (07785 361345)**

**West Wratting Sports Pavilion Club**

Thurlow Nunn (sponsors) have a **Kubota demonstration** day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 9 am until 3 pm. Light refreshments available

**Classic Car Meet** on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am until 4 pm. Light refreshments and barbecue provided.

We also have a very much appreciated mini keg **dog water stop** for all dogs to use outside the pavilion, This was put together by Wally Potter, the football club president.

**Blanche Miller, WWSPC Secretary**

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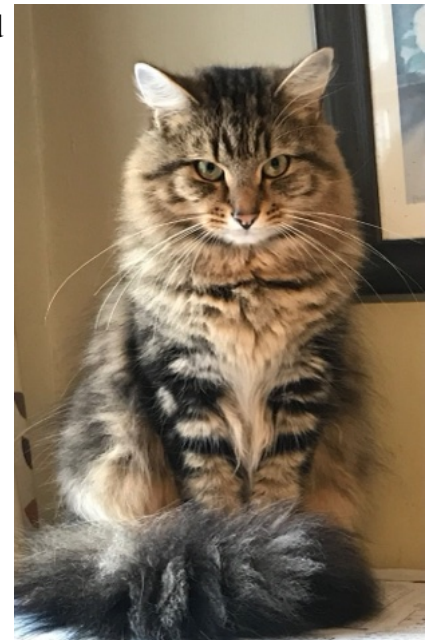
**Speeding Traffic in our Villages**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August our beautiful cat was killed by somebody obviously driving too fast to stop. He was found by the Reading Room in Weston Colville, on an open stretch of road with plenty of visibility.

The driver who killed him won't have heard the screams of pain from my children when we told them They also won't have the courage to own up.

For all those who think it is fine to speed through the villages, spare a thought for the suffering you could leave behind. This time it was our

beautiful cat, who was only five years old. Next time it could be a child.



*Jan Mol*



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**Weston Colville Folk Evening – Postponed**

Sadly we've had to postpone the Folk Evening with Camus, which should have been on 5<sup>th</sup> October. We'll reschedule what is becoming something of an annual event for later in the year – more details in October's **Challenge**. If you've already bought a ticket, keep it for the new date!



**Andrew Burn** – melodeon, Northumbrian small pipes, vocals  
**David Somerville** – Northumbrian small pipes, keyboard  
**Greg Smith** – fiddle, viola, vocals  
**Brian Cleary** – guitar, bouzouki, vocals

The band has recently been joined by champion piper Edric Ellis, and they've been working on some new songs and tune sets. They've played at the Cambridge, Ely and Sidmouth Folk festivals, but this is the one they enjoy the most! They're looking forward to returning to the Reading Room with their new line-up.

*Jacqueline Douglas*

**Sponsorship Needed, Please**

After the last amazing result raising over £2,500 for Havens Hospice running the 2024 London Marathon (which was an incredible experience, and thank you for all your kind support!), I did not think I would be on a mission to raise funds again so soon. However I would like to undertake a further project to raise a target of £1,000 by running a Winter Ultra marathon on the Cornish South West Coastal Path.

Sponsorship funds raised for this challenge will be passed to my greatest friend who has been diagnosed with a rare cancer and is undergoing treatment, and also to improve my daughter's school. Any money raised will be split 50/50 between these two causes.

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I can do odd jobs like gardening, dog walking, hoovering/cleaning, window cleaning, I am a qualified insured Chartered Accountant, I am willing to undertake accounting and bookkeeping work, tax preparation, admin, also any other work such as painting and DIY, car washing etc.

My donation page is as follows: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/barley-woodcock-1?utm\\_term=eGW4vNNaw](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/barley-woodcock-1?utm_term=eGW4vNNaw)

Please contact me: Spring Terrace, Weston Colville, [barleyw@hotmail.com](mailto:barleyw@hotmail.com), 07901 665490.

*Barley Woodcock*

**Oil Co-operative Reminder**

Ordering deadline: noon, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

**Church End to the bottom of Mill Hill:**

Alastair Douglas (291475 or [salguoda@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:salguoda@hotmail.co.uk))

**Chapel Road, Common Road, The Green, Horseshoe Lane:**

Anne Vidler (290010 or [anne.vidler@talk21.com](mailto:anne.vidler@talk21.com))

**West Wrattling**

Peter Harris (07879 444126 or [sowesticom@gmail.com](mailto:sowesticom@gmail.com))

**West Wrattling Harvest Praise**

This family-friendly service will take place in West Wrattling church on **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**, 4 - 5 pm. All ages very welcome to this harvest celebration. Afterwards there'll be tea, cakes, bonfire and sausage sizzle in the church grounds.

*John & Scilla Harvey*

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**Please send us your contributions, events, notices, photos and comments.**

***From the Rectory***

Autumn may have a special place in our affections, as expressed by the romantic poet John Keats when he wrote in his ode 'To Autumn' of the 'season of mist and mellow fruitfulness'. Written in September 1819, the poem celebrates autumn's abundance and harvest. This is a poem which I, like many, studied in school but enjoy returning to, especially at this time of year.

A celebration of abundance is also brought to the fore in our Harvest Festivals at the end of September. We will have a Harvest service in each of our churches, as well as a harvest-themed Creative Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the Abington Institute. All of these will provide, in a variety of different ways, an opportunity to give thanks for both the harvest and also for the spiritual gifts we receive. Thanksgiving is such a vital part of the Christian faith, and indeed may help us experience life more richly and deeply.

Just as importantly, harvest services also focus on how we may use our resources and gifts in service of others. As in recent years, we will be supporting the charity Reach, and asking for donations of non-perishable food towards the foodbank run by Reach in Haverhill. We seek to keep in mind the kind of



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generosity the Apostle Paul commended in his second letter to the church in Corinth, where he encouraged cheerful generosity and linked this to praise and thanksgiving.

Later in the autumn we hope to welcome Henry Wilson, the CEO of Reach, to speak at our united service on the first Sunday in November, which all are welcome to attend. Henry is an engaging speaker and will be able to reflect both on the story of Reach and also why generous giving can change us on a personal level as well as supporting others. As we experience the connection between thanksgiving, generosity and praise, we may know this is not just about harvest time, but a way of living with gratitude in all the times and seasons of our lives.

***Revd Iain McColl***

***Christine Tilley***

I am sure many people in Weston Colville and surrounding villages will be very sad to have heard of the passing of Christine on 27<sup>th</sup> June. After all her dedication to the village, it's a shame she didn't get to enjoy a longer retirement.

She served us all tirelessly in the Post Office for 33 years until she retired in 2017, knowing us all well. All our news, good or bad, was met with kindness. She would help anyone.

Although Christine had several health issues, they never slowed her down. Always suntanned, she loved her holidays in the sun, and a glass of wine. Those of us who use the footpaths will have bumped into her and chatted on a regular basis. She loved walking, with a succession of dogs over the years, and always took them out twice a day. Many of us still expect to see her along the path. She is sadly missed.



***Jane and Maria***

Bert and family would like to thank everyone for their support.

***Gardener Needed***

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**West Wrating Harvest Supper**

Following last year's successful event, a harvest supper is once more planned and will take place on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October** at 7 pm in West Wrating Village Hall.

All very welcome. Tickets from Doug Clarke ([dougatgalewood@hotmail.com](mailto:dougatgalewood@hotmail.com)). £20 for adults, £5 for children. There'll be a produce auction and raffle, with all proceeds going towards the fabric of St Andrew's church and the village hall. More details to follow.

*Sherry O'Donovan & Jan Davey*

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

There will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning in Balsham Pavilion (off Church Lane; ample parking) from 10.30 am on Friday 13th September. [Raffle and tabletop sale.](#)

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*Joanna Sanders*

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### **West Wrattling Parish Council**

The following matters were discussed at the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> July. Full minutes are available on the village noticeboards.

Hedge cutting is due to commence at the West Wrattling Sports Pavilion Club (WWSPC) in September.

Dog fouling in the WWSPC and recreation ground is an ongoing problem. It was resolved that the WWSPC working group would investigate options for improved signage.

The WWSPC building is in a poor state of repair externally and needs urgent remedial works. The council replied that it was not in a position to authorise a payment for these works without further investigation and discussion. An item will be added to the agenda for the September full council meeting.

The sink fund for West Wrattling Sports Pavilion is reserved for development works following the future lease end, and should not be used for building maintenance.

Special thanks were extended to Mr William Knowelden for his continued commitment to high quality maintenance around the parish.

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### **Council business**

The council's current and savings accounts will be transferred over to Unity Trust Bank.

A budget of up to £3,000 will be committed for engaging the services of a party wall surveyor to review plans for the neighbouring development to the village hall in Lamb's Yard.

A poll for all parishioners will be taken regarding their opinion on the proposed development of Kingsway Solar Farm.

The clerk will attend a 'training for new clerks' course, and three more councillors will attend a training day at CAPALC.

### **Planning**

It was noted that the approval of the Sunnica solar park may influence the decision around the Kingsway solar park. There is no formal planning application in progress for the solar park as yet, and as a result the council is unable to raise objections. However parishioners are welcome to raise their concern on social media platforms using groups that have been created to curate opinion, eg *Kingsway Solar Community Action* on Facebook. Cllr S Chandler is attending meetings of that group.

The proposers of the Kingsway Solar Farm had previously agreed to deliver a presentation on the impacts of the development and Cllr S Chandler will arrange a date for this.

### **Village Hall**

Responsibility for the ongoing dispute regarding the village hall boundary and the Lamb's Yard boundary will be delegated to the village hall working group. The chairman will introduce members of the working group to interested parties from the developer.

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This point pertains to the dispute the village hall has raised with the developers of Lamb's Yard around potential structural damage to the village hall building. The chairman will begin consultation with a party wall surveyor and arrange a meeting between all stakeholders.

It was noted that three quotes for the repairs to the village hall roof and plasterwork should be sought by the village hall management committee in advance of the September meeting in order that it can be tabled for discussion.

There has been a downturn in revenue and booking for the village hall in recent months due to some regular bookings ending, however a new regular booking is due to commence in September.

**West Wratting Sports Pavilion Club**

For a trial period the council will fund one additional weekly bin collection at a cost of £4 per collection, per week.

It was noted that the WWSPC must reinstate a formal AGM with an appropriate agenda which includes an annual agreement on the cost of membership, and presentation of audited accounts.

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**Small Assets**

Trolley finger guards for the zip wire (action following inspection) have been dispatched and will be fitted in due course.

The AED (defibrillator) has been checked and is in working condition.

Maintenance will be carried out on the wooden bus shelter, pump and canopy noticeboard and village sign, which was previously approved.

**Road Safety and Highways**

There are two active bids for highways projects at the moment, one for the Local Highway Initiative and the other for the 20 mph initiative, with decisions due to be received in September.

The footpath project for Six Mile Bottom Road will be assessed in January.

**District & County Councillors' Reports**

District Cllr Batchelor agreed to expedite the production of an SCDC status report relating to examination of the flooding problem in The Causeway, and District Cllr Harvey agreed to ask SCDC to confirm that Health & Safety procedures with regard to land remediation were being followed in the Lamb's Yard development project.

**Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 9th September.

*Cameron Biggs, Parish Clerk*

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On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October we will screen THE BOOK THIEF(12), a film made in 2013 and starring Geoffrey Rush and based on the best selling book. A girl, Liesel, transforms the lives of those around her in WW2 in Germany. Adopted but illiterate she is taught to read and befriends Max, a Jew who was

also adopted, and eventually they escape from the horrors around them. Normal start times for both films: Balsham Church Institute doors open at 7 pm and films at 7.30 pm. Dave’s bar will be open as usual before the films for refreshments.

*Dick Paden*

**Devana Rewilding Project, West Wickham**

Many of you will have noticed the transition of our land at Yen Hall farm as our nature recovery works get underway.

Our plan to bring nature back to the area has been developed to include a variety of complementary habitats to maximise the positive impact on nature, whilst also enhancing existing features such as the woodland, field margins and hedges.

The new habitats will enhance biodiversity in the area, increasing the abundance and diversity of species that will make the area their home.

These habitats include:

- 43 acres of species-rich grassland to boost the populations of pollinators
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- 17 acres of native broadleaf woodland as a home for wildlife and to store carbon
- 2.5 acres of traditional orchard to offer food and shelter for nature
- 1.3 km of native hedgerow with trees to interconnect nature and support a resilient ecosystem
- 8 wildlife ponds as a refuge for key species and to replace valuable, lost freshwater habitats.

So far, we have completed the formation of the wildlife ponds and look forward to seeing and sharing what wildlife they will attract over the coming years. In order to avoid disturbance to the developing habitats please keep dogs away from ponds at all times.

The next stage is the transition of grassland into woodland and scrub areas, with planting set to begin in November in line with the UK planting season.

Other work you may see is the protective fencing going up around the planting areas, ground preparation for planting areas, and ongoing grass management.

There will be a presentation on 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6.45 pm by Chris Bawtree, followed by a Q&A session in West Wickham village hall.

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**Marsh Mail**

We enjoyed a warm sports day at the end of term with students competing in field and track events to secure House points. Discovery House was the victorious team this year. Students demonstrated great camaraderie, cheering each other along during the races.



Like many LVC and Abington families, I enjoyed tracking the progress of ex-LVC student Angharad Evans competing in the summer Olympics in Paris. We are very proud of Harri's amazing performances in the 100m women's breaststroke final and 4 x 100m medley relay heats. Her achievements demonstrate the results of great commitment and discipline.

At the end of July, thirteen Year 11 students and two teachers embarked on a World Challenge expedition to Morocco. During their two weeks away, the group visited Marrakech and trekked the Atlas Mountains. They camped at base camp and climbed the Toukbal summit – 4,167 metres high! They were also involved in a community



project, helping to complete construction work, and carpet weaving within a cooperative initiative in Tizi N'Oucheg. The trip was an incredible life experience for all involved, and the maturity and teamwork displayed by the group was impressive.

I'm grateful to Miss Mayzes and Ms Price for making this possible by supervising the group during their summer break.

Having celebrated GCSE results day with the class of 2024, we welcome a new cohort in September. I have enjoyed reading and responding to Year 7 letters during the summer holiday, and wish our youngest students a great start to their time at LVC.

*Helena Marsh*

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**Granta Medical Services**

This year NHS England have informed us that the routine annual adult flu programme for adults aged 18 years old upwards will start on 3<sup>rd</sup> October. To ensure you have maximum protection for the flu season you should preferably be vaccinated in October, but certainly by the end of November. Flu numbers start to rise in November and peak in December and January.

However, there are three groups of people who should be vaccinated early and we encourage you to be vaccinated in one of our September clinics:

1. **Those who are pregnant** (especially if near due date), because:
  - Pregnant women are at higher risk from complications from flu
  - To protect the baby during pregnancy (for example flu infection increases the risks of the baby being premature or stillborn)
  - To protect the baby in the first few months of life (babies aged under 6 months are at high risk of complications from flu)
2. **Children**, because:
  - The protection from the flu vaccine lasts longer in children
  - Children tend to be 'super spreaders'
  - Getting your child vaccinated not only protects your child but also their grandparents, vulnerable parents and will reduce the spread of flu to the wider population
3. **People due to have treatment such as chemotherapy**, because if you are due to have treatment that will weaken your immune system, such as chemotherapy, the vaccine given before treatment starts will work better as your immune system is stronger.

**Flu Clinic dates:**


- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Granta Sawston (see September eligibility above)
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept – Granta Royston Health Centre (see September eligibility above)
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Sawston
- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Linton
- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Royston Health Centre
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Barley
- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Shelford
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Sawston
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Linton
- Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Royston Health Centre
- Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct – Granta Shelford

To book your flu vaccination please call 0300 234 5555 and choose the Granta site of your choice, or wait to receive your SMS link via your mobile phone to book your appointment.

For further information about the flu vaccination go to [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations/flu-vaccine)

*Sandra East, Head of Patient Services*

**LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**



**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER, 7.30 pm**

**Eglantyne Jebb – the woman who saved the children**

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**SATURDAY  
28<sup>th</sup> September  
2pm**

**VIEWING  
FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> September  
5pm - 8pm  
SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> September  
10am - 1pm**

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Sept	9.30 am	11.00 am	6.00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>United Service with Holy Communion</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Alistair Collen</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Great Abington, <i>Revd Iain McColl/Alistair Collen</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – Hildersham, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>	<b>Taizé Service</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> - West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> – Hildersham, <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – Little Abington, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Holy Communion</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Harvest Creative Church</b> – Abington Hub, <i>Rosemary Mead/Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Harvest Café Church</b> – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> – Great Abington, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Harvest Communion</b> – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> <b>Harvest Songs of Praise</b> – Little Abington, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	<b>Harvest Songs of Praise</b> – Balsham <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Harvest Songs of Praise</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i> <b>Harvest Communion</b> – West Wrating <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	

## DIARY

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- Mon 2 Weston Colville Parish Council Meeting
- Sat 7 West Wrating Café  
Balsham Picture House, ‘One Love’
- Sun 8 Oil Co-operative Order Deadline
- Mon 9 Vinyasa Flow Yoga starts, West Wrating  
West Wrating Parish Council meeting
- Tues 10 Balsham WI
- Wed 11 Reading Room Soup Lunches recommence
- Thur 12 Machinery demo, West Wrating Sports Ground
- Fri 13 Macmillan Coffee Morning, Balsham
- Tue 17 Linton & District Historical Society
- Wed 18 West Wrating Book Club
- Thur 19 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
- Fri 20 Weston Colville Tea & Cakes, Reading Room
- Mon 23 Rewilding Presentation, West Wickham
- Wed 25 ‘Pub’ Quiz, Weston Colville Reading Room
- Sat 28 Auction, Brinkley Memorial Hall
- Sun 29 Classic Car Meet, West Wrating Sports Ground

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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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**Mobile Post Office:** Thursdays, Reading Room car park,  
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**Mobile library: fourth Thursday:** 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 24<sup>th</sup> Oct  
High Street, West Wrating 11.10 - 11.50 am  
Reading Room, Weston Green 12.00 - 12.35 am  
Mill Hill, Weston Colville 12.40 - 1.05 pm

**Black bins:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> September,  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Blue & green bins:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Sept,  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October