

# Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wratting

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

The next quiz will be on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8 pm. Could it be your turn to take home the coveted trophy? Come as a fully-formed team, or join one when you arrive. Up to 6 per team, entry £2 per person. Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome.

*jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, 291475*

## ***Tea & Cakes***

We hope you have been enjoying the summer and having lots of fun with your families.



We will be restarting our tea and cakes afternoons on the third Friday of the month, 19<sup>th</sup> September in the Reading Room, 3.30 - 5.00 pm as usual.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

***Val and the Team***

## ***West Wratting Café***

The next café will be on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30/12 noon in the village hall.

A big thank you to everyone who supported our August café. Our pop up stallholders had a very successful morning and they commented on the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere of the café. We're back to basics in September, although Jackie will be selling her delicious preserves and fermented goodies. Homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and tea will be served. Everyone is welcome.

***Sherry & Jan***

## ***Come and Help in Lower Wood***

The Wildlife Trust's Lower Wood (Weston Colville) monthly working parties begin again on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. It's a chance to volunteer and help

maintain the ancient woodland, learn about local wildlife, get some exercise and meet likeminded people.

Come along on the last Saturday of the month at 10 am between September and February (New Year date may vary). You'll find us along the main path in the middle of the wood. All welcome, although children should be accompanied by adults. Wear clothing and boots appropriate for the weather and remember you'll warm up as you work. You just need to bring a pair of gardening/DIY gloves. Tools and light refreshments are provided. Most stay until about 1 pm but you are welcome to work on after a BYO lunch.

Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information or to join the email list please contact the Warden, Duncan Mackay (*djmbwr@gmail.com*).

***Mike Nunn***

## ***Friday Morning Prayer***

In recent months a small group has been gathering for Morning Prayer in St Mary's Church every Friday morning at 8.45 am. The service is informal and simple – just a couple of Bible readings and a psalm which are set for the day, followed by a time of prayer. The service usually lasts about 20 minutes and is guided by four-page service sheet. Please join us if you are able.

Also we regularly pray for people who are unwell, facing hospital treatment, or have needs of some kind. If you would like to be prayed for, or have a friend or neighbour whom you feel might benefit from prayer, please pass on the details (confidentially if you wish) or leave a prayer request in the box near the font in the church.

***Bob Coates, Churchwarden (07785 361345)***

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### ***West Wratting Village Hall***

Charity Number 273557

Our third lottery draw was held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the café. Winning numbers were: first number 20, second number 6 and third number 24. One lucky lottery player had their second win, not bad out of three draws. The lottery is open for new players; just contact Jan at [jan.davey5@btinternet.com](mailto:jan.davey5@btinternet.com).

On October 11<sup>th</sup> we will hold this year's Harvest Supper starting at 7 pm in the Village Hall. There will be food and a bar with a free drink on arrival, a raffle and a lively auction of vegetables and other items at the end of the evening. Please see the poster on page 3.

November 15<sup>th</sup> this year will see a repeat of the very successful Wine Tasting evening we held last year. A

new selection of exciting and unusual wines will be provided by Corney and Barrow, the UK's oldest wine merchant. Please note the date and look out for more details.

Our next village hall meeting is on October 14<sup>th</sup>; anyone interested in joining the committee please come along and see how we work together to make the hall available to the village whilst raising funds through a range of events and functions.

***Martin Davey, Chair ([penywaen1@gmail.com](mailto:penywaen1@gmail.com))***

### ***West Wratting Book Club***

We will be meeting at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 pm to review two books, 'Home Going' by Yaa Gyasi and 'The Glass Maker' by Tracy Chevalier.

I am looking forward to seeing our regulars and any new readers who would like to join us.

***Linda Gorman (290653)***

### ***Wednesday Community Lunches***

The Weston Colville community lunches will restart in the Reading Room on Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 12.30 - 2 pm.

If you are in the village working from home, retired or looking after young children on a Wednesday and want to meet some of your fellow villagers please come along. It isn't just for the elders of the village. Children welcome although we don't have high chairs at the moment. There is no charge but donations mean that we can keep going – all cards taken!

The lunch is generally soup and bread, and biscuits or cake.

Volunteers to make the lunches are always welcome, otherwise it rests on the same shoulders each week and there is only so much of my Leek and Potato soup that we can put up with!

Please contact Bob Coates (07785 361345) or the village WhatsApp if you would be willing to make a soup for about 15 people – all costs covered, and large pans available for loan.

***Jackie Brearley***



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### ***Folk evening – Camus***

Weston Colville's David Somerville will again be appearing at the Reading Room with his folk band this autumn, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 8 pm.

They've recently excelled at the Sidmouth, St Neots, Ely and Bury Folk Festivals, and have given us a great evening of entertainment the many times they've played for us. More details about the band on their website: <https://camusmusic.net>

All welcome; £5 donation per person, proceeds to Jimmy's Night Shelter. To book:  
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# **West Wratting Harvest Supper**

## **Saturday 11th Oct 2025**

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### **West Wratting Village Hall**

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and the Village Hall

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### ***Connecting Communities***

I'm writing on behalf of Connecting Communities, a not-for-profit door-to-door minibus service dedicated to supporting those in our area who struggle to access public transport. Whether it's getting to essential appointments, seeing friends and family, or simply taking part in everyday activities, we're here to help individuals stay connected and independent.

We know that lack of transport can be a real barrier, particularly for older residents or those living in rural areas, and we want to make sure that everyone who could benefit from our service knows about it.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like more information, leaflets, or to discuss further. I'd be delighted to hear from you.

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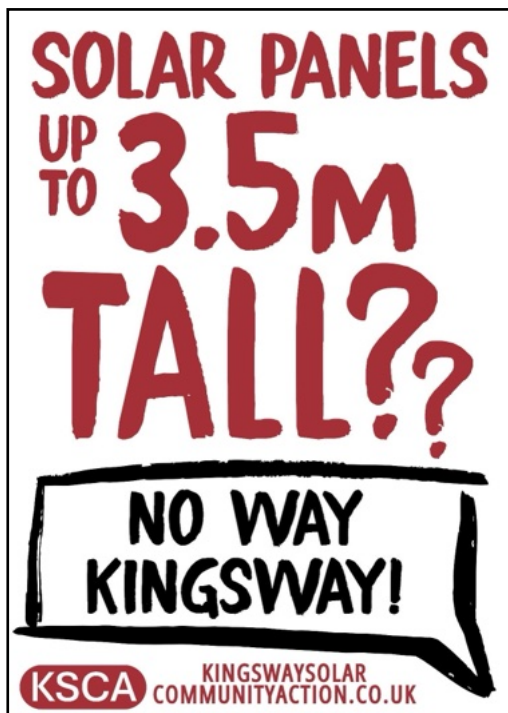
## Kingsway Solar Community Action

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent events to learn more about the impact of the proposed Kingsway Solar Farm and to prepare for the Statutory Consultation expected this September. If you missed the events, you can find further information on our website or Facebook page, and the presentation is available to download.

Community action: we are stepping up efforts to protect our villages. Current activities include printing campaign signs, posters and banners for

gardens, hedges, and other privately-owned prominent locations, as well as building a life-size mock-up to show the true scale of the proposed solar panels. If you would like to display a sign or to support any of these initiatives, please complete the sign request form or donate via our *GoFundMe* page (links below).

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**Step Into Nature in September:** as part of our Step Into Nature campaign, we're focusing on deer recordings this September. Please log any sightings on *iRecord* to help build valuable local data, track the routes deer use and assess how solar farm fencing may affect their movement. And do keep recording other species too!

The public consultation for the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy runs until 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025. Help shape the future of nature in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough by taking part in the survey at: <https://yourvoice.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/lhrs/consultation/>

Useful links:

- Become a KSCA member to stay involved: [kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/](https://kingswaysolarcommunityaction.co.uk/how-to-join-us/)
- Request a No Way Kingsway sign <https://forms.gle/mZH5aGseUVm3yRuq9>
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*Kathy Day*

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More details next month. Thank you,

**Jane Furlow (07745 046921)**

## Bellringers Commemorating VJ Day in Weston Colville



## From the Parish – The Generous Heart

Many of us are facing difficult times at the moment, with the rising cost of living, and our general concern for the well-being of family and those close to us within our community. We all know what it is like to face challenging times, and we know how important it is to keep 'mind, body and spirit' together. When times are tough, we can find it helpful to exercise the body by getting out for a brisk walk, some fresh air, a jog perhaps. Well maybe not a jog, but any amount of movement can certainly help us manage our daily stresses, concerns and worries. Looking after the body can also mean enjoying good healthy food – and the odd bit of chocolate. With mental health concerns on the rise, I'm the first to admit that I spend far too much time distracted by social media; better to feed the mind with good things.



Mindfulness has become a term to describe our awareness of the present moment while calmly

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accepting our feelings, thoughts and what may be going on around us. This is all very well, but in our secular world the workings of the mind have tended to take centre stage – as if all of our troubles can be solved in the room upstairs.

Cultures that value and practise the healing ways of prayer and meditation understand that prayerfulness is the journey from the head to the heart. We may think with the head, but it is from the heart that we respond, without thinking, through actions of love and concern for others. Prayerfulness, I suggest, is more than asking or wishing for stuff; it can be our sitting still and being quietly thankful for what we have. Prayer can be in the work we do, the people we meet, and the ways we respond from the heart. When we speak of keeping mind, body and spirit together, we start to see how the active body, the thinking mind and spirit long to thrive as one from within.

I'm beginning to wonder if the actions needed to rescue, to manage and sustain us all may have a lot to do with prayerful engagement; our living as one, in mind, body and spirit. Perhaps we are only just beginning to realise that our personal wellbeing is secured through the generous actions of the heart.

**Steven Wheeler**

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### Balsham WI

2025 is the centenary year of Balsham Women's Institute, and to commemorate this important occasion we held a celebration afternoon tea. Past and present members were all invited, as were the Clerk and Chairman of Balsham Parish Council, Councillor Geoff Harvey of South Cambs District Council, and Reverend Kathy Bishop and Reverend Hannah Threlfall from Holy Trinity Church. Helen Williams and Elaine Bailey from CFWI also attended.



The meeting ended with a short speech from our vice president. All participants appeared to have enjoyed the afternoon and the memories it brought back for some of them.

Our next meeting will take place on September 9<sup>th</sup> in the Pavilion at 7.30 pm, and will feature the 1990s.

We are a friendly group, and new members are always welcome. Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm in the Pavilion, Balsham. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining us – [balshamwi@gmail.com](mailto:balshamwi@gmail.com) or on Facebook, @Balsham WI

*Debbie Mower*

### Balsham Picture House

**BALSHAM PICTURE HOUSE**



**MR BURTON** is a Feature Drama charting the relationship between a Port Talbot school teacher and a wild young schoolboy called Richie Jenkins the son of a boozy miner. Richie dreamed of becoming an actor and Philip recognized his raw talent, tutored him and became his adoptive father.

This film is the story of how Richie Jenkins was turned into Richard Burton the greatest star Wales has ever produced and who later said of Philip Burton that 'I owe him everything'.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

Following welcome remarks from the current president, the attendees joined together in a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, which is a song adopted by the WI in 1924. We then made a toast to the continuing success of Balsham WI.

While enjoying home cooked goodies and tea there was a slide show highlighting some of what Balsham WI had been doing in the past 100 years. We also had on display some memorabilia from a member of 50 years standing, and also some other notable items including a list of all the founding members, a tablecloth made for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1985 featuring embroidered names of all the members at the time, and of course, our 10-year certificate.

Normal start time of doors open at 7 pm and film at 7.30 pm in the Balsham Church Institute, Church Lane, Balsham. Dave's bar will be open as usual before the film for refreshments.

*Dick Paden*



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### Balsham Allotment News

The allotments were all inspected in April and a second inspection was completed in August. The Allotment Cup will be awarded for the most improved allotment, in the judgement of the Allotment Working Group.

The cup will be awarded at a 'bring and share' picnic at the Woodhall Lane allotments on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, between 12 noon and 2 pm.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your family and friends, chairs and picnic, together with any surplus produce to share. The Scout Hut will be booked to allow hot drinks/toilet facilities and a bad weather location, in case it is needed.

There are a limited number of allotments available. The allotment year commences at the end of September so now is a good time to get a plot in shape for planting in the spring. A lot of time and effort is required to grow your own food successfully and there are inevitable disappointments – last year the slugs mostly won. However, it can be very rewarding, great exercise, you can grow what you will enjoy eating (and might be very expensive in the supermarket) and will reduce some of your food miles to virtually zero. If you feel that a full size allotment



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*Jennie Tipler*

### Balsham Allotment Rents Due

Allotment holders are reminded that rents are due in September. For Balsham residents a half plot is £10, a full plot is £20. For allotment holders who live outside Balsham, the charge is £15 for a half plot and £30 for a full plot. The charge for water is £10.

Payment options are bank transfer (preferred), cash, or cheque.

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### Balsham Singers

The new season commences on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Rehearsals are held in The Sports Pavilion Church Lane, Balsham, and start promptly at 7.30 until 9.30pm

The date of our concert is 13<sup>th</sup> December at 4 pm in Holy Trinity Church, Balsham. PLEASE SAVE THE DATE.

If you are interested in joining our choir we always welcome new members. If you have any questions please contact our MD John Clenaghan ([john.clenaghan@sky.com](mailto:john.clenaghan@sky.com))

*Jo Stinton*



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

### ***West Wickham & District Gardening Club***

We are looking forward to welcoming everybody to our main event of the summer: the **West Wickham & District Gardening Fair** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 – 12.30 in West Wickham Village Hall.

There is still time to contribute if anyone is kind enough to have donations of surplus plants, garden fruit, vegetables, preserves or old tools and ceramic garden pots which you have to spare.

We will be at the hall from 9.30 am, if you have anything to drop off, or contact us on the email below for where to deliver prior to the day. Stalls this year:

- Plants, produce and preserves,
- Gardening and children's quizzes
- Raffle
- Guess the weight of the cake
- Old tools and pots
- Climate Change Gardening.

There will also be the Photography Competition results and prize-giving for you to enjoy as you tuck into some homemade cakes. If you would like to renew your membership or join us for the first time,

we will have plenty of information for you about the year ahead.

Our first talk of the autumn season is on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September on the topic of 'In the Garden with William Morris', given by Fiona Rose, an accredited lecturer with The Arts Society and member of the Museum Collections committee for The William Morris Society. Members and non-members all welcome (entry fee £2 for non-members).

For information on the club, please contact Sally Collins at [wwdgc@westwickham.org](mailto:wwdgc@westwickham.org)

*Sally Collins*

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### ***Linton & District Historical Society***

Our 2025/2026 season will begin on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September, when we welcome Alan Osbourne who will introduce us to **Ada Lovelace** (see poster). The meeting will start at 7.30 pm in Linton Village Hall.

We have a full programme arranged which includes a mix of local and historical interests. Here is a taster to whet your appetite:

- RAF West Wrattling Common
- The other Princess Charlotte
- Adventures of Helicopters
- Borley Rectory
- The Darwin Family and Cambridge.

Last season we welcomed new members and visitors and membership is growing slightly. Thanks must be extended to those who keep the society running. However, if the society continues to flourish, new people will be needed to make this feasible.

For further details of the LDHS please email [ldhscamb@gmail.com](mailto:ldhscamb@gmail.com) or phone 01223 893915 or 01223 678835.

*Ian & Margaret Creek*

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Sport at LVC is central to our curriculum and extra-curricular offer. Physical education plays a vital role in students having a well-rounded experience of school and is integral to their adoption of a healthy lifestyle and competition.

Throughout the school year, we participate in a wide range of local sports fixtures and activities. This summer, over fifty of our talented athletes represented LVC at the annual district sports competition, competing in both track and field events against schools across Cambridgeshire. Many students achieved personal bests, and several won their respective events. We are incredibly proud to have been placed first overall, earning the prestigious 'Olympic Cup' a remarkable achievement for our school.

The LVC Sports Department offers programmes that foster leadership, confidence, and community engagement. Our 'Sports Leaders' initiative gives Year 9 and 10 students the opportunity to organise and lead events, such as the primary school sports festival in the summer term. Over 100 Year 3 and 4 pupils from our cluster schools, including Linton Heights,



Castle Camps, Burrough Green, and Great Abington, attended. Feedback praised our students for their outstanding communication and empathy.

This autumn, we're also excited to be appointing Sports Prefects – a new leadership opportunity for younger students. These prefects will support clubs, fixtures, and events, gaining valuable experience in organisation and teamwork.

At LVC, sport is more than just physical activity, it's a platform for achievement, leadership, and community spirit. Our school values of ambition, inclusion and enrichment are at the heart of our PE provision.

*Laura Heard*



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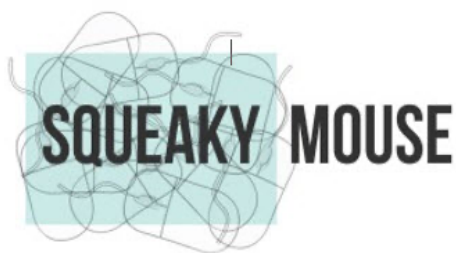
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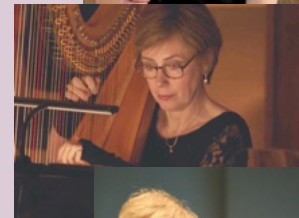
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### ***Linton Library***

Congratulations to all those who completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Our presentation ceremony will be at 11 am on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>. If you're not around, don't worry, pop in sometime after to pick up your medal and certificate. The official end is on the 6<sup>th</sup>, so if you haven't quite finished: get reading!

We will have a Nearly New Adults Book sale running in the library – come and discover your new favourite author.

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14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Harvest Communion</b> – West Wrating, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Morning Worship</b> – West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	<b>Morning Worship</b> – Balsham, <i>Alistair Collen</i> <b>Holy Communion (11.15 am)</b> – Great Abington, <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i> <b>(Harvest) Café Church</b> – Hildersham, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	<b>Taizé service</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Steven Wheeler</i>
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28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holy Communion</b> – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall / Steven Wheeler</i> <b>Harvest Communion</b> – West Wickham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> <b>Harvest Creative Church (10 am)</b> – Abington Hub, <i>Rosemary Mead / Alastair France</i>	<b>Harvest Songs of Praise</b> – Balsham, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i> <b>Harvest Communion</b> – Hildersham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b> – Great Abington, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall / Steven Wheeler</i>

Details of all our services can also be found on the website: [www.grantavale.org.uk](http://www.grantavale.org.uk)

**Regular Midweek Services –**  
Every Tuesday at Hildersham, 7.00 pm,  
**Silent Space** followed by **Compline**  
Every Friday at Weston Colville, 8.45 am,  
**Morning Prayer**

## DIARY

### SEPTEMBER 2025

Sat 6 West Wrating Café  
West Wickham & District Gardening Fair  
Balsham Picture House, 'Mr Burton'  
Mon 8 West Wrating Parish Council  
Tues 9 Balsham WI  
Wed 10 Weston Colville Parish Council  
Thur 11 Balsham Singers  
Sun 14 Oil Co-operative Ordering Deadline  
Mon 15 West Wickham & District Gardening Club  
Tues 16 Linton & District Historical Society  
Wed 17 Weston Colville Reading Room 'Pub' Quiz  
Thur 18 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree  
Fri 19 Tea & Cakes, Reading Room  
Sat 20 Linton Library Summer Reading Presentation  
Sat 27 Lower Wood Working Party

### OCTOBER 2025

Wed 1 Reading Room Soup Lunch  
Sat 11 West Wrating Harvest Supper  
Tues 14 West Wrating Village Hall Committee Meeting  
Sat 18 Camus Folk Band, Reading Room

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**Revd Hannah Threlfall**, Community Minister  
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**West Wrating Parish Clerk:** Cameron Biggs,  
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**Mobile Post Office:** Thursdays, Reading Room car park,  
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#### Mobile library: fourth Thursday:

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 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> September,  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October  
**Green & blue bins:** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September,  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October

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