

Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wrating

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Saturday Café, West Wrating

Saturday 7th March, 10.30 am until noon.

Do join us for our regular 'first Saturday' café; all welcome. We serve freshly brewed coffee, tea and homemade cakes provided by our volunteer bakers.

We are so grateful for the support we get. There is a donation box and we use the proceeds to support local charities and events for the village. It's a great place to meet up and chat.

In March we'll be joined by Kate, who crafts beautiful block print designs and will have Easter-themed gifts and cards, and Jackie from Wildly Preserved, who provides a variety of fermented jars of goodies.

Winning numbers for the lottery drawn at the February café were 26, 3 and 8. Over £480 in winnings have been paid since we launched in June. If you would like to join and support our village hall, please contact Jan (jan.davey5@btinternet.com).

Sherry and Jan

Fraud Talk Returns - 11th March

Sincere apologies to the many folk who gathered to listen to the police talk about fraud prevention last month. Unfortunately our speaker had transport issues at the last minute and fell by the wayside. However, we have managed to secure another speaker.

On 11th March, following the soup lunch, Kate Thwaites, Cybercrime & Fraud Prevention Officer at Cambridge Constabulary, will be visiting the Reading Room to speak about scams awareness and fraud prevention. She will be addressing the issues of online fraud, calls on the home and mobile phone, and doorstep scams. Join us if you can. Soup at 12.30, talk at 1 pm.

Bob Coates (07785 361345, 290653)

DECOUPAGE

Saturday 14th March, 10 am - 1 pm
at Soul Space, St Mary's, Weston Colville

Demonstration/instruction

by **Penny Revell**

Coffee and hot soup

Make Easter boxes

All materials provided

Bring sharp scissors, and anything else you like to decorate – trays, wastepaper baskets, tins etc

To book a place (£30), contact Gay:
07799 141177, redman.tessa@gmail.com

Tea & Cakes

Thank you to everyone who came to our last Tea & Cakes. We meet once a month in the Reading Room on the third Friday of the month, 3.30 – 5.00 pm. We look forward to catching up again on Friday 20th March.

The Arthur Rank Hospice Charity has sent a nice thank you letter for the donation of £170 raised in December.

Val and the Team

St Andrew's Churchyard Clear-up

Change of Date – the spring clear-up will now be on Saturday 11th April, 10 am until noon.

The clear-up is normally on Easter Saturday, but with Easter being early this year, this clashes with the village hall Saturday Café on 4th April (thank you, Sherry, for pointing this out to me).

Looking forward to seeing you all. Doughnuts/hot cross buns, tea and coffee will be served, and everyone is welcome.

Cobby (290046)

d'Abo Tennis Club, West Wratting

The d'Abo Tennis Club AGM will be held on Thursday 19th March at 7 pm at the Old Vicarage in West Wratting.

Please come along, if you are able, in order to help keep your local tennis club running smoothly. We need some willing helpers to join our friendly committee and to get involved with the running of the club. It would be great to see you there.

If you would like any more information about what is involved please contact Cally Wilson on 01223 290179 or email secretary@westwrattingtennis.co.uk.

Cally Wilson

West Wratting Book Club

At our February meeting we discussed our January book 'The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe' by C S Lewis, as well as 'The Corner That Held Them' by Sylvia Townsend Warner.

All except two of us had read the January book before, either as a child or later. All enjoyed reading it although one person admitted not loving it. Some felt that it should just be seen as a children's story while others felt that the Christian symbolism was obvious, despite the author dismissing as "pure moonshine" any suggestion that he had set out to say anything about Christianity. However, he is also recorded as referring to Aslan with a capitalised 'He' in his writing about this.

One person was concerned at the idea of children, as they are at the beginning of the story, being involved in battles and killing, as well as that they had no choice about this happening and returning to their real lives. Another said it took it back to her childhood and, although knowing of the other connotations, preferred to take it at face value as an enjoyable fantasy. As this is such a well-known story, much loved by most who have read, it we decided not to give a score.

Our February book couldn't have been more different. Originally published in 1948, 'The Corner That Held Them' is the story of a convent established in Norfolk by a knight trying to assuage his guilt over the ill-treatment of his wife, having discovered her with her lover whom he murdered, after she died in childbirth. It is set in a real place, Oby, which is now a 'DMV' (deserted medieval village), part of the civil parish of

Ashby with Oby, around 3 miles north of Acle and 9 miles north-west of Great Yarmouth. Several real places and rivers are mentioned while others appear to be fictional, as is the nunnery. The book follows the nuns' lives from the nunnery's founding in the 12th century, through the Black Death, up to 1382. It charts theirs and the associated peasants' and other clergy's lives and interactions and, despite their declared intention to renounce the world, the way in which the world still intrudes. Notwithstanding their vows they still fall foul of pride, envy and, not least, the sins of the flesh, with plots and scheming and unexpected deaths.

Only one person managed to finish this very dense and detailed book. Although there was the local interest of the setting, and the interesting depiction of the way of life with much historic detail indicating that the author had done a lot of research, it was very repetitive in some ways. This may have been the point, in that the nuns were shut away in this 'corner' of England and in their own world. Some felt that nothing really happened with little "to catch hold of", with no obvious story line and no definite ending. However, it was well written with some beautiful descriptive passages. Scores varied from 3 to 7 out of 10.

We will next meet at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 18th March at 7.30 pm to discuss 'The Bridge on the Drina' by Ivo Andrić.

Linda Gorman (290653)

Borrow-my-Dog

I'm a local dog owner (West Wratting) looking to find a friendly person who might enjoy having my small, gentle, affectionate, clean, and very well-behaved dog, Dora, for a few hours or an occasional day.

Dora is a podenco/sheepdog mix rescue. She doesn't like being home alone. She's happiest with company – human or canine – and spends most of her time snoozing on her blanket.

This might suit someone who loves dogs but isn't able to have one full-time – perhaps someone working from home or retired. I'd drop Dora off and collect her, and as long as you have a garden for quick breaks, I'm happy to do her main walks.

If you'd like to meet Dora and see whether it might be a good fit, please get in touch: **07988 239300**.



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The lottery has paid out over £480 so far to the 27 lucky winners, with the balance helping fund the cost of running the hall.



It would be great if we could sign up more of you to your local lottery; please contact Jan at jan.davey5@btinternet.com for more information.

We have submitted a bid to the Cambridge Community Foundation (www.cambscf.org.uk/) for funds to install solar PV, battery storage and energy reduction improvements to reduce CO₂ emissions and running costs. This initiative forms one part of our overall strategy to reduce CO₂, agreed by the management committee last year, and we plan to complete a second round of funding later this year.

West Wrating Village Hall presents . . .

A Beetle Drive



Throw a die, follow the rules, draw a beetle and win. First to draw a beetle shouts **BEETLE.**

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Saturday 7th March, 4 - 6 pm

Sherryodonovan@gmail.com



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Quiz Night
Saturday 21st March
7pm
Teams of up to 4 or 6

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At our village hall AGM a new management committee was elected. Mick Lock has stepped down as treasurer but remains a committee member. Emily Hall, a new trustee and committee member, took over the role of treasurer from Mick at our February 2026 meeting. A great thank you to Mick for all his hard work and dedication over many years, and thank you Emily for joining us.

Martin Davey, Chair (penywaen1@gmail.com)



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with the speed with which we live our lives, with no time to pause a moment to see what riches we have been given.

Rather than being negative I like to think of this as a time to do something that helps our understanding of what God might be saying to us; a few moments letting go of the preoccupations that weigh us down. Maybe we need to say sorry about something we have said that was hurtful, or not supporting each other enough? On the other hand, it could be that we can reach out to someone in need with a phone call, or offering help to a person who is struggling.

Having been made aware of ways to reach out to others, apart from making us feel good, it could be that at the end of the day it is possible to reflect back to see where God has been working, to thank him for those insights that lifted our spirits and realise that we were not alone. Think about the day with gratitude, thanking God for the big things and the small ones. Were there moments of joy and peace or disruption? Choose a particular experience and have a chat with God about it; this might be a high point or a low one – it does not matter. Spend time with it, then look forward to tomorrow and ask for God’s guidance. Before we know it we are celebrating Easter with great joy.

Rev Kathy Bishop

Parish Matters

The days are drawing out. The darkness is receding. We all feel better when we have more light. With this light comes new growth, we see snowdrops, aconites and bulbs beginning to sprout.

It could be said that March is a season of profound spiritual renewal, marking the transition from winter's quietude to spring's vibrant life, often aligning with themes of repentance, fasting, and rejuvenation during Lent. It invites believers to trust in God's timing, allowing His grace to blossom, while serving as a reminder that beginnings are sacred and hope is reborn.

We begin with Ash Wednesday and then during the next six weeks we are reminded to think about our spiritual journey which encourages us to be aware of God’s presence with more than a fleeting glance. It is more than just giving something up like chocolate or alcohol. We are encouraged to slow down our pace of life. In today’s society there is much anxiety coupled



Weston Colville Reading Room – ‘Pub’ Quiz

A little advance notice that the next quiz will be on Wednesday 15th April at 8 pm. There’s the Weston Colville trophy to be won! 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.

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This list indicates the tools needed: agricultural and gardening, builders, carpenters, electrical, mechanical, plumbers, power, sewing and knitting, haberdashery.

The mission is to empower people and groups in need, offering them a way through tools to put poverty in the past for good and begin their own sustainable careers. In doing so, they also enrich our local UK communities through volunteering opportunities and waste reduction, contributing significantly to environmental sustainability. The charity has prevented over 200 tonnes of tools from crowding UK landfills annually, and engaged local communities,

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Tony Collett

Peter & Ruth Lloyd Trust

FINAL CALL – applications for pupils starting university in September 2026 are still invited. Normally one scholarship is awarded each year to the amount of £1,000.

Broadly speaking the degree course should be from one of the following:- Architecture, Engineering, Geography, History, Law, Mathematics, Sciences, Education, Medicine, Nursing, and Veterinary Medicine, but all will be considered.

The applicant should be living in one of the parishes bordering the old RAF Wrattling Common airfield – Great & Little Thurlow, West Wickham, Carlton cum Willingham, West Wrattling, Weston Colville, and Withersfield. The award is intended to be of assistance in the purchase of books, materials, equipment etc. The final decision and award will be made immediately after 'A' Level results & university offer are confirmed.

For further information about the trust and award please contact Jonathan Drury. For an application form please apply via email to Jonathan Drury peter.ruthlloydtrust@sky.com

The application form and supporting documents must be received by 5th April 2026.

Jonathan Drury (01223 290087)

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Kingsway Solar Community Action

AGM and Next Steps – thank you to everyone who attended our AGM on Wednesday 11th February. It was encouraging to see such strong community support.

The evening opened with a short campaign film created by Bob Coates in collaboration with members of our local community. Tony Day, Chair of KSCA, then outlined what has been achieved over the past year, where matters currently stand with the Kingsway proposal, and what lies ahead.

If Kingsway keeps to its current timetable, a Development Consent Order (DCO) application is expected at the end of March 2026. Once submitted, the Planning Inspectorate has 28 days to decide whether the application is ‘fit to be accepted’.

If accepted, the proposal moves into the Examination phase – the most important stage of the process. Parish councils, community groups and individuals can register as Interested Parties and submit representations. We will provide clear guidance on how to do this when the time comes.

Our immediate priority is fundraising. We need to support our legal team in appointing independent

experts in hydrology, BESS, landscape and related areas. Their evidence will be essential to presenting robust, well-founded arguments during the Examination phase. **Please consider pledging funds using the QR code below.**

Community Walk, Saturday 21st March – join us in Weston Colville for a 2.2 mile (approximately one hour) community walk along a well-loved local circular route that would be significantly affected by the proposed development. Plans include solar panels up to 4.2 metres high and a haul road running parallel to the existing byway, cutting across footpaths and the River Stour. Dogs are welcome on leads. Routes may be muddy, so please come prepared.

Free refreshments and a talk will be available at the Reading Room from 2.30 pm (open to all). From 5pm there will be music, a bar and food available.

Stickers Available – if you would like to continue showing your support for KSCA by displaying a sticker on your bins or elsewhere, please complete the form using the ‘Request a sticker’ QR code below.

Stay Updated – please follow the news page at kingswayaction.org to stay up to date, and access links to the AGM presentations and campaign video.

Useful links –



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Contribute to KSCA campaign



Pledge money to legal team



Join KSCA

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Kathy Day

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Parish Council Elections

Parish council elections are taking place in May this year. If you are interested in helping your village, please consider putting yourself forwards as a councillor. The council meets bi-monthly so it is not an arduous task. Further information can be found at <https://www.scambsgov.uk/elections/elections-2026> and <https://www.scambsgov.uk/elections/be-a-councillor> or talk to one of the current councillors, or contact the clerk.

Election papers need to be submitted in person to South Cambridgeshire District Council Offices between 30th March and 8th April. Papers will be available at the next meeting on 2nd March.

Jess Ashbridge (clerk@westoncolville-pc.gov.uk)

WEST WRATTING PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

MAY 7 2026

Have you ever thought about becoming a Parish Councillor and playing an important role in helping to shape the community in which you live?

Think about **putting yourself forward** for election, you could **make a real positive difference** to your community.

Our Parish Council is about being at the forefront of **making small but worthwhile changes/improvements** to our village; changes which benefit the community as a whole. A diverse mix of individuals **young and old** is an important factor ensuring a balanced representation of our community. **EACH** and **EVERY** member of the Parish Council brings with them individual skills and knowledge which is vital to the council's success.

Further information can be found at:-

<https://www.scambsgov.uk/elections/elections-2026>
and/or

<https://www.scambsgov.uk/elections/be-a-councillor>.

Alternatively speak to one of the current Councillors:-

**Caughlin Ryder, Louise Chandler, Phil O'Donovan,
Simon Chandler, Paul McKenna, John Harvey.**

or contact our clerk, Cameron Biggs @
clerk@westwratting.org.uk

Those wishing to stand as a candidate for parish council elections will need to complete a nomination form.

The nomination period opens on 30 March and closes on 9 April at 4pm.

Balsham WI

The speaker for our February meeting was Rev Hannah Threlfall, telling us about her journey into the Ministry. Prior to the meeting I had been told that Hannah was a true WI Baby as she had been present



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at many WI events when she was a young child, as her mother was heavily involved with the WI.

Hannah told us about her life which led up to her deciding to seek a chance to become a priest. She described the studying and exams that she had to do, firstly to be ordained as a Deacon and then as a Priest. She followed this up with a selection of photos of highlights of her time at Holy Trinity, Balsham.

As many of our members were present at the Remembrance Day Service last November when she told the congregation about her ability to open a bottle of champagne with a sabre, we asked her to demonstrate that unusual skill!

Our next meeting will be on 10th March and three members will be presenting items from collections that they have, followed by our Annual Meeting.

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 – or send a message on Facebook, [@Balsham WI](https://www.facebook.com/BalshamWI)

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Balsham Singers

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Our last two concerts sold out fast!

Jo Stinton

Balsham Picture House

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The BALLAD OF WALLIS ISLAND
Eccentric, widowed lottery winner Charles Heath (**Tim Key**) living alone on the remote Wallis island off the coast of Wales tries to make his fantasies come true by getting his favourite musicians to perform at his home. Musician, Herb McGwyer (**Tom Basden**) - half of former folk duo McGwyer Mortimer - arrives but is surprised by the arrival of Nell, the other duo member (**Carey Mulligan**) and new husband. Charles is thrilled to have reunited the duo, but tensions flare and relations are complicated by Amanda a single mother who runs the island's only shop! **A must-see British comedy and winner of BAFTA awards**

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West Wickham & District Gardening Club

With last month's talk giving us inspiration for self-sufficiency in our gardens, this month's spotlight falls on ornamental planting to enhance our pots, beds and borders.



Tim Fuller from Norfolk nursery 'The Plantsman's Preference' will be coming to inspire us with a talk on 'New, Rare and Unusual Perennials' on Monday 16th March at 7.30 pm in West Wickham Village Hall. Specialising in hardy geraniums, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials, there is certain to be information about plants to suit all tastes. Free entry to members (non-members paying £2 per visit).

With only two months to go until our May plant sale, we are hopeful that Tim will be able to offer us valuable advice on successfully dividing our own plants too.

Membership is £8, with new members welcome to join throughout the year.

Please contact . . .

- Sally Collins on wwdgc@westwickham.org for further information about the club.
- Janet Morris on jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com for information about the club's Plant Heritage and RHS membership benefits.
- Alice and Andy Mitchell on photo@westwickham.org for information about our annual photo competition.

Sally Collins (wwdgc@westwickham.org)

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



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Linton & District Historical Society

At our February meeting Duncan Bickley, now a retired pilot, took us on some of his helicopter adventures during the course of a fascinating career after fulfilling a childhood ambition. These included ferrying guests and landing ‘in style’ at hotels and wedding receptions, and getting celebrities to their next venue. Travelling along the River Thames, around the Isle of Wight and across to Paris and around Mount Blanc, we were able to share a ‘bird’s eye view’ of just a few locations which Duncan has enjoyed over the years, arriving safely back at Cambridge Airport.

A brief demonstration of ‘how to fly a helicopter’ with the aid of a long handled dustpan and brush, plus of course, remembering to use the foot pedals, all added to a most enjoyable evening which ended with an equally entertaining Q&A session.

On Tuesday 17th March local historian Charmian Thompson will return to enlighten us about the ‘Waltons of Haverhill’.

For further details of the LDHS please email ldhscambs@gmail.com or phone 893915 or 678835.

LINTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY 17th MARCH 2026



THE WALTON FAMILY

OUR SPEAKER TONIGHT WILL BE CHARMIAN THOMPSON

Step into the world of the Walton family — a saga woven with triumph and tragedy. From the battlefields of the Peninsular War to the distant outposts of the army in India, their journey spans continents and centuries. Inheritances shaped fortunes, while ties to slavery in Barbados cast shadows. At the heart of it all, stands a grand house in a quiet hamlet... and the crack of leather on willow. Howzat!

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Linton Library

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In the **National Year of Reading** (www.goallin.org.uk) we want to encourage everyone to get into reading. There's no better way to get little ones off to a flying start than with stories. Bring your children along to our free Rhythm & Rhyme, held regularly on a Tuesday morning.

Book groups are a great way to make new friends, discover new different authors and titles and get more enjoyment from reading. Two groups meet at Linton Library every third Friday, and the morning group would love to welcome new members.

Daylight Readers: our Book Groups will meet on Friday 20th, one at 10.30 am and the other at 2.30 pm.

Rhythm & Rhyme: Tuesday mornings 10.30 - 11 am for 0 - 4 years (term time only), followed by Duplo. We would love to see you and your little ones there!

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Bar and Raffle.

Book your team(s) of 6 or come along and join another team to make up numbers. It's always a great night out.

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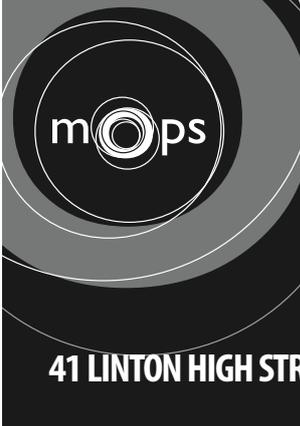
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*The Ellesmere Centre, www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk
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1 st		United Service with Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl / Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	
8 th	Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Morning Worship – West Wrating, <i>Alistair Collen</i>	Morning Worship – Balsham, <i>Alistair Collen</i> Holy Communion – Great Abington, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall / Alastair France</i> Café Church – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>	Taizé service – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>
15 th	Holy Communion – West Wickham, <i>Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Holy Communion – West Wrating, <i>Revd Iain McColl / Steven Wheeler</i>	Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall / Revd Kathy Bishop</i> Morning Worship – Little Abington, <i>Revd Iain McColl / Steven Wheeler</i>	Taizé service – Hildersham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i>
22 nd	Holy Communion – Weston Colville, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Morning Worship – West Wickham, <i>Alistair Collen</i> Creative Church – Abington Hub, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall</i>	Holy Communion – Balsham, <i>Revd Iain McColl</i> Holy Communion (BCP) (11.15 am) – Hildersham, <i>Revd Michael Wilcockson</i>	Evening Prayer (4.00 pm) – Little Abington, <i>Alistair Collen</i>
29 th		Holy Communion for Palm Sunday – Balsham, <i>Revd Hannah Threlfall / Revd Iain McColl</i>	Easter Songs of Praise (4.00 pm) – West Wrating, <i>John & Scilla Harvey</i>

Regular Midweek Services –

Every Tuesday at Hildersham, 7.00 pm,
Silent Space followed by **Compline**
Every Thursday at Balsham, 9.30 am,
Holy Communion (said service)
Every Friday at Weston Colville, 8.45 am,
Morning Prayer

*Details of all our services can also be found on the
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DIARY

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Sat 7 Saturday Café, West Wrating Village Hall
Beetle Drive, West Wrating
Balsham Picture House
Live Music, Ellesmere Centre

Tues 10 Balsham WI

Wed 11 Fraud Talk after Soup Lunch, Reading Room

Mon 16 West Wickham & District Gardening Club

Tues 17 Linton & District Historical Society

Wed 18 West Wrating Book Club

Thurs 19 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Tennis Club AGM, West Wrating

Fri 20 Tea & Cakes, Weston Colville Reading Room
Quiz Night, Brinkley

Sat 21 Community Walk, KSCA
Quiz Night, West Wrating Village Hall

Sun 29 Easter Fun Celebration, West Wrating Church

Black bins: Wednesday 4th & 18th March,
Wednesday 1st, 15th & 29th April

Blue & Green bins: Wednesday 11th & 25th March,
Wednesday 8th & 22nd April

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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

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