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Challenge

The Parish Newsletter of Weston Colville and West Wratting
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West Wratting Café

Saturday 5th September, 10.30 am until noon

Everyone is welcome to join us at our regular First Saturday Café in the village hall. We have a delicious selection of homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and tea. It's a great place to meet, eat and chat.

Jackie from 'Wildly Preserved' will be selling her varied fermented products. Also again this month Amanda will be available to explain how 'easyfunding' works – it's a great free way to support our village hall.

Sherry & Jan

Tea & Cakes

What a summer we have had! Hopefully by the time we meet up again on Friday 18th September the weather will be cooler and my buttercream won't melt.

We look forward to seeing you again, catching up over a cup of tea and a delicious slice of homemade cake.

Val & the Team

Weston Colville Reading Room – 'Pub' Quiz

It's almost time for the next quiz – on Wednesday 16th September 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 (card payments only, no cash). Bar includes wine, cider and draft ale. All welcome.

jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com, ***291475***

Harvest Brunch, Weston Colville

The Weston Colville Harvest Brunch will commence with a short service of Morning Worship led by Revd Iain McColl, and be followed by our usual tasty brunch. Steven Wheeler is in command of the kitchen so it will be good! Join us at St Mary's at 11 o'clock on Sunday 27th September. All welcome!

Bob Coates, Churchwarden *(Cheviotbob@me.com)*

Folk evening – Camus

Weston Colville's David Somerville will be back at the Reading Room with his folk band this autumn, for what's become an annual treat. The date is Saturday 17th October, and it starts at 8 pm.

This year their appearances have included Sidmouth Folk Festival, the Letchworth and Baldock Folk Festival, and the St Neots 'Music in the Marketplace', and they've 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; £10 donation per person, proceeds to Jimmy's Night Shelter. There will be a bar including, cider and draft ale (card payments only, no cash).

To book: *jacquelinetheteacher@hotmail.com*, 291475

West Wratting Book Club

Our next meeting will be at The Chestnut Tree on Wednesday 16th September at 7.30 pm to discuss two books: 'The Finest Hotel in Kabul' by Lyse Doucet and 'Sanditon' by Jane Austen.

Linda Gorman (290653)

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West Wratting Village Hall

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Lottery winners in August were: first, number 14, second, number 11 and third number 35. Thanks to everyone for your continued support and thank you to the new members who joined recently. To join please contact *jan.davey5@btinternet.com*

The Harvest Supper is on 10th October, Quiz Night on 24th October – see adverts and booking details on page 8 of Challenge. The 'Wine Event' date is on 21st November: a festive theme for this perhaps?

Di Edwards and I are both stepping down from our roles as Honorary Secretary and Chair but will remain on the management committee (if they will have us!). So if you would like to join our committee and possibly take on a specific role feel free to contact me or Di for a chat or turn up at the next AGM and have your say.

The hall finances are sound; we have increased the income from hiring, social events and regular bookable activities. We are about to have a large solar PV system with battery storage installed as part of our plan towards 'Net Zero Carbon' and reduction in our electricity costs. Following this, the next major project will see the oil-fired boiler/heating system replaced with a possible mix of an air sourced heat pump and infrared panels.

We would like to thank the Cambridge Community Foundation for managing our application for solar PV funding, and the two funding partners, Wadlow Windfarm Trust and Warwick + Dominey.

Martin Davey, Chair *(penywaen1@gmail.com),*
Di Edwards *(dedwards594@btinternet.com)*

Soup Lunches

Whoopee! 'Soup Lunches' recommence on 30th September at 12.30 in the Weston Colville Reading Room. As ever, these lunches are free, and everyone and anyone is most welcome. This is not a 'Weston Colville event' and participants from all the villages are always greeted enthusiastically. Doors open at 12.00 and people often arrive for a chat with tea or coffee beforehand. Food, kindly provided by volunteers, is served at 12.30 prompt and usually consists of homemade soup (although nothing in the rule book says it can't be bought), bread or rolls, and biscuits with tea or coffee to close. We usually get a good crowd and apart from enjoying a light lunch, the purpose is to chat and catch up. Occasionally after lunch there is a short presentation, eg the launch of a local interest booklet or film.

This season, we are benefitting from a modest support grant from Cambridgeshire County Council which will help to pay for the use of the Reading Room. However, contributions to the cost of food and other expenses will be welcome but are absolutely not essential.

As ever, I'm always asking for new volunteers to make soup or set up the tables. Please get in touch if you would like to assist.

Please join us every Wednesday from 30th September onwards until Easter.

Bob Coates

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Wooden Block Printing Workshop

I will be holding an 'Introduction to Wooden Block Printing Workshop' at West Wratting Village Hall on Tuesday 27th October from 10am to 1pm. Places will cost £40 and will be limited, so please book early.

For further information and to reserve a place, please email *jarrageen@hotmail.com* or pop along to the West Wratting cafe in September for examples of what we will be making.

Kate Cleary

Lower Wood, Weston Colville

Support our local Wildlife Trust reserve – the Lower Wood working parties begin again on Saturday 26th September. They're a chance to volunteer and help maintain the ancient woodland, learn about local wildlife, get some exercise, and meet like-minded people. Between September and February, come along on the last Saturday of the month at 10 am (Christmas/New Year dates may vary). You'll find us along the main path in the middle of the wood (*what3words location: saved.shape.guess*).

We'll be coppicing the hazel to improve biodiversity and the health of the woodland. All ages welcome, although children should be accompanied by an adult. 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 around 1 pm, but you are welcome to work on after a BYO lunch.

Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information please contact *Lower.Wood@wildlifebcn.org*

Mike Nunn

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West Wratting
Peter Harris (07879 444126 or *sowesticom@gmail.com*)

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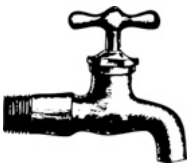

Kingsway Solar Community Action

We expect Kingsway Solar to resubmit its application soon. The Planning Inspectorate will first assess whether the new application meets the necessary requirements before deciding whether to accept it for examination.

If it is accepted, we will need to look carefully at what has changed. Have all the missing surveys and assessments been completed? Have the concerns raised by the Planning Inspectorate been properly addressed? And has the design and layout of the solar panels changed significantly? These will be some of the key questions.

Fire Safety – recent fires at the existing Great Wilbraham Solar Farm have highlighted the importance of fire safety. Kingsway would be on a much larger scale, so we will be looking carefully at the plans for preventing fires, dealing with any incidents, and protecting neighbouring land and communities.

An Open Letter to Andy Burnham – we have written an Open Letter to Prime Minister Andy Burnham, copied to the new Energy Secretary. We hope they will listen to our plea that renewable energy projects should be developed **with people, rather than done to them**. Local communities need a meaningful say in projects that could have such a major and lasting impact on their lives and countryside.

Did you know? – as the football season gets underway again, it's a good time to put the scale of Kingsway into perspective.

The proposed Kingsway Solar Farm would cover around 1,750 football pitches – compared with around 90 football pitches at the existing Great Wilbraham Solar Farm. That makes Kingsway around 20 times larger.

It's a simple comparison, but it helps bring home just how enormous the proposed Kingsway development would be.

Stay informed – with Kingsway expected back soon, now is a good time to make sure you are receiving our campaign emails. **Sign up to stay up to date** with what is happening and to hear about opportunities to have your say. Please also encourage friends and neighbours to sign up.

The more people who know what is happening, the stronger our community voice will be.

Kathy Day

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Saffron Walden Rotary would like to thank all those who so kindly and generously made donations at the collection for Ukraine held in late July. Donors came from the Abingtons and many surrounding villages. In addition to filling a van with tinned and dried food, toiletries, sanitary products, shoes and bedding, mobility aids, toys, and educational items, over £1,500 was donated for the purchase of generators and pallets of food. All donations go to UK-Aid, the local charity based at Felsted, who check each item for suitability, cleanliness, and quality before packing and weighing for the customs manifest required by authorities along the delivery route.

Tony Collett

St Andrews Clay Day

Once again we were hosted beautifully by Richard and Jackie Clarke at Six Mile Bottom Shoot. The weather was dry with a nice breeze which allowed for good shooting conditions. A big thank you to all involved and the very supportive guns, raising over £2,000 for St Andrew's Church restoration.

Hopefully we can repeat this again next year; date to be organised.

Simon Sampson (07887 726080)

Parish Councillor Vacancy

Weston Colville Parish Council has a vacancy for a councillor. If you are interested in your parish and decisions that may affect it, and how the precept is spent, please consider joining the parish council.

The council meets bi-monthly on the first Monday of the month. For more information, see: *https://www.nalc.gov.uk/campaigns/becoming-a-councillor/what-parish-and-town-councils-and-councillors-do.html*

If you are interested, please contact one of the parish councillors, or email me at *cllr.bdurham@westoncolville-pc.gov.uk*

Vacancy for Parish Clerk

Weston Colville Parish Council is seeking to appoint a new parish clerk, following the resignation of Jess Ashbridge after more than 8 years of valuable service. If you would like to learn more about the role, or see the job description, please contact me. Applications close on 14th September.

Bridget Durham
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Parish Matters

Writing this column at the beginning of August, still within a succession of quite unsettling heatwaves and drought, I'm really hoping that by the time it's published there will have been significant rain, and the weather is back to as it should be. But I'm not holding my breath.

'When the chips are down', Christians put great store by the virtue of Hope: one of the three great theological virtues alongside Faith and Love. Nevertheless, in the face of undoubted climate change, I'm reminded of the words thundered by the environmental activist Greta Thunburg, "I don't want your hope. I don't want you to be hopeful. I want you to panic . . . and act as if the house is on fire. Because it is!"

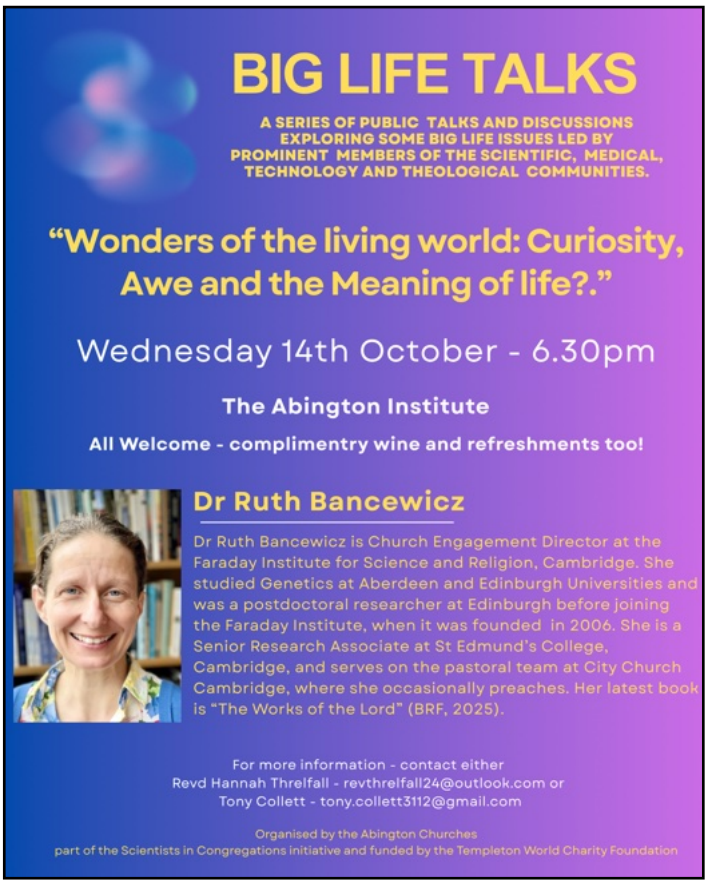
While Christians have no intention of ditching the word, 'hope', clearly it isn't as straightforward as we might like it to be. For we often use 'hope' to want things to be as we think they should be – that the climate changes back to the way it has been all along. But Christian hope can't be merely wishful thinking, because despite any amount of such 'hoping', change is inevitable.

Similarly, some details of Christian Faith will inevitably change too. In the past half-century the Church has been catching up fast to reinterpret Genesis Chapter 1 verses 26 - 30, in which God tells mankind to "be fruitful and multiply and fill the Earth and subdue it and have dominion over . . . " [well most everything!] For God can't be egging us on to continue, recklessly burning fossil fuels to complete our plunder of the world's finite resources: destroying our beautiful planet, and taking us with it.

Christian hope is more like trusting that whatever the mess we've made of our lives, and of this world, if we can but see and respond to his promptings, God has gone ahead to prepare better futures for us. Futures which are not about rolling time back. Rather, futures that accept changed realities – however daunting or frightening they may be – and action new opportunities for more constructively loving our neighbours as ourselves.

And with all this in mind, you might be interested to explore the churches' response to 'The People's Emergency Briefing'. (So, put this into your search engine, and then decide whether or not to panic!)

Alistair Collen LLM



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Harvest Festival Weekend, West Wickham

Saturday 26th September, 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and Sunday 27th September at 11.00 am.

For centuries harvest festivals around the world have taken place as opportunities to gather together to be thankful and to share what we have.

Come and join us and enjoy exploring what happened to bring in the harvest. There will be displays, activities and refreshments and if you would like to, please bring a donation with you.

We are collecting for two organisations providing local help. Tinned and packaged food items will be donated to REACH, who have a Harvest Shopping List on their website: *www.reachhaverhill.org.uk/harvest*. Help us to build a Castle of Cans! We will also welcome fresh fruit and vegetables, to add to our decorations and to be donated to the South Cambs Mobile Food Hub which is run by 'Hope Against Poverty'.

We would like to put together a booklet of reflections, including memories of harvesting in the past, poems and creative story telling. Can you remember talking about harvest customs or events with friends or relatives? Can you write an imaginative story or poem? Do you have an old photograph that holds a story? Could you draw a picture of a harvest mouse – a little field hero? Bring your harvest creations with you or let me know if you would like any help.

Harvest is a time when we are thankful
A chance to share the good food we have
Red plums and green apples swing in the trees
Vulnerable people with little, perhaps even no home
Everyone can give something for those with nothing
Share time, thoughts and actions to care for them
Tractors are back at work sowing, there will be a new harvest for us all.

Very early community celebrations included harvest breads, puddings and cakes. We will be serving drinks and cakes made with seasonal produce. There will be no charge, but we will be very grateful if you would like to try out an old harvest recipe and bring your own baking contributions.

Look out for two friendly scarecrows who will welcome you at the gate to St Mary's. If you would like to have a go and make your own scarecrow, bring it with you and we might be able to create a scarecrow family.

In our Harvest Service at 11.00 am on Sunday, 27th September, we will give thanks for what has been created and celebrated and for the gifts we have received and shared.

Julie Copas, St Mary's PCC, West Wickham

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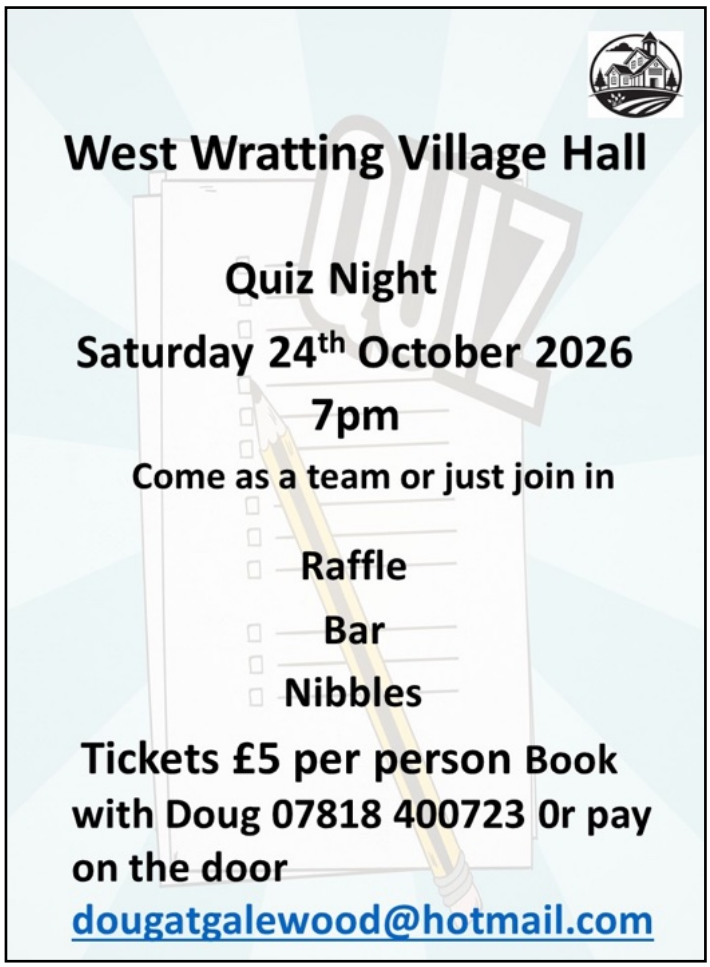

St Mary's Christmas Fair - 28th November

You may not thank me for reminding you about Christmas already, but we are beginning to think how we might organise the St Mary's Christmas Fair this year. Running an ancient building and keeping it open is a continual challenge. In the past, Christmas Fairs have been a very successful way of raising much-needed funds as well as holding an enjoyable social event in the village.

This year we are holding the fair early – at the beginning of Advent. Please put the date of 28th November in your diary!

Obviously it's too early to give precise details but we are thinking about returning to a previously-successful theme of locally made crafts, decorations and simple gifts. We might even organise weekly crafting sessions over a glass of wine in the weeks running up to the event. These have been quite fun in themselves. Therefore if you would like to help in some way, or have a few ideas about possible fund raising contributions, don't be shy – get in touch!

Bob Coates (Churchwarden)
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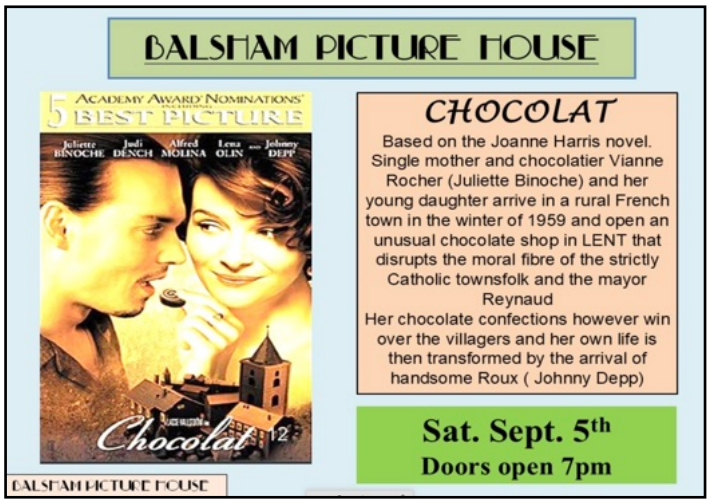

As current film choices are a bit limited, our September film is another acclaimed one from the archives, which was nominated for many academy awards when it was made.

Dick Paden

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Balsham WI

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th September. For this we will be joined by Lindsey Barrell for a talk on 'Burlesque, WI and Me'. We first met Lindsey on Zoom back in lockdown and she was very entertaining, so it will be wonderful to have her join us in person with what promises to be a fun and fascinating talk.

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*

SAVE THE DATE for Balsham WI Autumn Fair, Saturday 3rd October, 10 am – 2 pm at Balsham Church Institute.

Sarah Evans *(balshamwi@gmail.com*

Linton Village College

This August, fifteen of this year's Year 11 leavers embarked on an unforgettable 10-day World Challenge Expedition in Evje, Norway, where they embraced adventure, developed new skills and created memories that will last a lifetime. Our sincere thanks go to Mrs Scally and Mr Barton for making this incredible opportunity possible and for giving up time during their summer holidays.

The expedition saw students take responsibility for every aspect of camp life, from planning meals and shopping for supplies, to leadership, navigation and campsite management. Their teamwork was evident from the outset, with students rotating roles throughout the trip and successfully providing food for the entire group, even donating surplus supplies to site staff at the end of the expedition.

Activities included white-water rafting, wild camping, mountain trekking and a two-day canoe journey covering 25 km. Although a nationwide fire ban meant some trekking plans had to be adapted, students still completed challenging wilderness hikes to remote lakes and mountain summits, enjoying spectacular views across the Setesdal Valley.

Navigation proved particularly demanding, with Norwegian maps offering fewer details than those students were used to in the UK. However, they rose to the challenge, demonstrating resilience and determination throughout.

By the final days, students had become highly skilled at setting up camp, working together and supporting one another. Staff praised the group for their positivity, teamwork and willingness to step outside their comfort zones, and said it was a privilege to watch them embrace new experiences, support each other, and return home with lasting memories they will never forget.

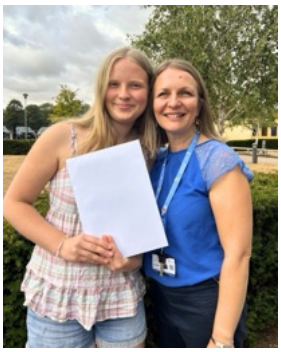
Laura Heard

Linton Village College GCSE Results

There were smiles, celebrations and a great sense of pride at Linton Village College in August as Year 11 students collected their GCSE results and reflected on their achievements.

Students gathered with friends, families and staff to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work and dedication, with many now looking forward to exciting next steps in education, training and employment.

This year's results day was especially meaningful for Mrs Marsh, LVC's Principal, whose daughter, Phoebe, was among the cohort receiving her GCSE results. Celebrating her own excellent academic achievements alongside her peers, she was part of a year group whose hard work, resilience and ambition have been evident throughout their time at LVC.



Phoebe Marsh and her mum, Mrs Marsh (Principal)

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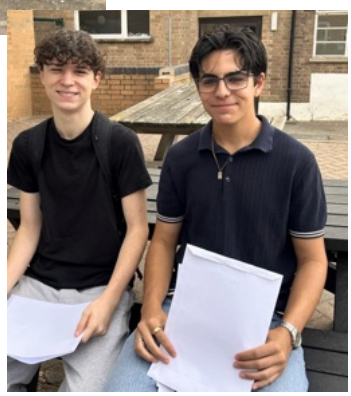

Lucas Turrell and Zafar Afnan-Murray

Helena Marsh, Principal of LVC, said: "I'm incredibly proud of the many success stories from the Class of 2026. The young people have demonstrated our Linton Learner qualities and have secured impressive results across the arts, sciences, humanities and languages. I wish them all the best for the next stages of their educational journeys."

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West Wickham & District Gardening Club

Our annual **Gardening Fair** is on **Saturday 12th Septembe**r, 10.30 am – 1 pm, open to everyone, and we'd love to welcome you in West Wickham Village Hall.

If you do have any surplus plants, fruit, vegetables or preserves or, alternatively, are able to provide a homemade bake, your donations would be extremely welcome.

We will be at the hall from 9.30 am, if you have anything to drop off, or email us below for where to deliver beforehand.

We are excited to be hosting…

- A landscape and garden designer
- Malcolm Cameron's live bee hive
- A pond specialist
- Climate Change Gardening
- Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Plants, produce, cakes and bakes will be for sale, there will be a raffle and quizzes, and the photo competition entries will be on display.

. . . and don't miss this month's fascinating talk by David Hinkley: 'Soil Science: the Hidden World Beneath our Feet' on Monday 21st September, at 7.30 pm in West Wickham Village Hall.

The photo competition closing date is 4th September. Titles: *Lovely Leaves, Sky's the Limit, Along the Path*.

Sally Collins (*wwdgc@westwickham.org)* for information about the club.

Janet Morris (*jmmorris@jmmorris.plus.com)* for information about the club's Plant Heritage and RHS membership benefits.

Alice and Andy Mitchell (*photo@westwickham.org)* for information about the photo competition.

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? FRIDAY 2nd OCTOBER ?

Brinkley Memorial Hall
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PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINK AND GLASSES.
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To book your meal and your team call Trish on 01638 507495
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IN AID OF BRINKLEY CHURCH

Hildersham Music Series

Hildersham Music Series starts its third year with music by Corelli, Vivaldi, Albinoni, Scarlatti, and Tartini's The Devils Trill, on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity, Hildersham.

Archangelo Corelli (1653-1713) shaped Italian baroque music, inspiring the next generation of violinists and composers whom he taught both in Italy and across Europe.

Tickets are £20 including refreshments, from Eventbrite (*http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/corelli-and-company-tickets-1997558208374?aff=oddtdtcreator*) or at the door.

Athene Hunt *(huntcam2015@gmail.com)*

Balsham Singers

Our new season starts on Thursday 10th September in the Balsham Pavilion, 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We will be beginning rehearsals for our Christmas Concert (which will be on 12th December).

We welcome new members, we will not ask you to audition. If you want further information please contact john at *john.clenaghan@sky.com*.

CORELLI AND COMPANY

Members of the Chaos String Quartet, ex-BBC New Generation Artists, with Sam Brown archlute, play music by Archangelo Corelli and other Italian composers that he influenced, including Tartini`s `The Devil`s Trill`

At Holy Trinity Church, Hildersham CB21 6BZ on Wednesday 30th September at 7.30pm

Tickets £20

Available from Eventbrite or at the door

Email: Athene Hunt - huntcam2015@gmail.com

In support of the Friends of Hildersham Church

The parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Holy Trinity, Hildersham, Registered Charity - 1153435

The Ellesmere Centre, Stetchworth

Line Dancing Classes – starting mid-September. All ages and abilities welcome. (Low impact to start with). Over 65s will be subsidised by Active Ageing. If interested, please contact the centre.

Pickleball is now available at the Ellesmere. Court hire is £9 per hour, £7 concession. Call 01638 508212 to book.

Adult and Children's Classes – for an up-to-date list please see our website or email the office.

The Ellesmere Centre, *www.ellesmerecentre.org.uk*
(01638 508212, *office@ellesmerecentre.org.uk*

Linton & District Historical Society

Tuesday 15th September at 7.30 pm, at Linton Village Hall, an illustrated talk by Bill Franklin on 'A Brief History of the Enclosure of Linton'.

As long term officers/members are stepping down from the day to day running of the society we would welcome your support with essential tasks in order to keep the society running. Please contact us via email, *ldhscambs@gmail.com*, if you are able to help.

Ian & Margaret Creek

GRANTA Medical Practices

Our 2026 flu clinic dates are as follows:

Date	Surgery	Vaccine Type
Sat 26th Sept	Sawston	Under 16 & pregnant ladies only
Sun 27th Sept	Royston	Under 16 & pregnant ladies only
Sat 3rd Oct	Sawston & Shelford	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sun 4th Oct	Linton & Royston	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sat 10th Oct	Sawston, Shelford & Barley	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sat 17th Oct	Linton	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sun 18th Oct	Royston	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sat 24th Oct	Barley & Sawston	18 - 64* & Over 65
Sat 31st Oct	Royston	18 - 64* & Over 65

All vaccination surgeries will be between 8.30 am and 5 pm.

* 18 - 64 yrs* please note: this group is for those in clinical risk groups only, and you will be notified if you fit the criteria. If you believe you are eligible but do not receive an SMS message please contact us.

If you are a patient registered with Granta Medical Practices an SMS message with a link to book your flu appointment will be sent out shortly. If you do not receive SMS messages or are concerned that you have not received one then please contact our Reception team on 0300 2345555.

As a Granta patient you have the flexibility of choosing which site you would like to go for your vaccination. If you ring in to book your appointment, please state your age so that you can be booked into the appropriate clinic.

Having your flu jab at your doctors' surgery is the quickest and most convenient way as there are no forms to fill out – the doctors and nurses have your medical history at their finger-tips.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact one of our surgeries on 0300 234 5555.

September 2026

SEPT	9.30 am	11.00 am	6.00 pm
6th		**United Service with Holy Communion –** Balsham, *Revd Iain McColl / Hannah Threlfall*	
13th	**Morning Worship** – West Wratting, *Steven Wheeler* **Holy Communion –** West Wickham, *Revd Iain McColl*	**Holy Communion** – Balsham, *Revd Jane Butler* **Morning Worship** – Great Abington, *Steven Wheeler* **Café Church** – Hildersham, *Revd Iain McColl*	**Taizé service** – Weston Colville, *Revd Iain McColl*
20th	**Harvest Communion**– West Wratting, *Revd Iain McColl / Alastair France* **Morning Worship** – West Wickham, *Alistair Collen*	**Holy Communion** – Balsham, *Revd Iain McColl / Alistair Collen* **Harvest Communion** – Little Abington, *Revd Hannah Threlfall*	**Taizé service** – Hildersham, *Revd Hannah Threlfall*
27th	**Harvest Communion**– Hildersham, *Revd Iain McColl* **Harvest Creative Church** – Abington Institute, *Revd Hannah Threlfall*	**Harvest Morning Worship** – Weston Colville, *Revd Iain McColl* **Harvest Communion** – Balsham, *Revd Hannah Threlfall* **Harvest Communion** – West Wickham, *Revd Kathy Bishop*	**Evening Prayer** – Great Abington, *Alistair Collen*

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 website: www.grantavale.org.uk

DIARY

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sat 5 West Wratting Café
Balsham Picture House, 'Chocolat'
Tues 8 Balsham WI
Thur 10 Balsham Singers
Sat 12 Gardening Fair, West Wickham
Sun 13 Oil Co-operative Order Deadline
Mon 14 Applications close for WCPC Clerk
Tues 15 Linton & District Historical Society
Wed 16 'Pub' Quiz, Reading Room
West Wratting Book Club, The Chestnut Tree
Thur 17 Lunch Club, The Chestnut Tree
Fri 18 Tea & Cakes, Reading Room
Mon 21 West Wickham & District Gardening Club
Fri 25 Macmillan Coffee Morning, Balsham Pavilion
Sat 26, Sun 27 Harvest Festive Weekend, West Wickham
Sun 27 Harvest Brunch, St Mary's, Weston Colville
Wed 30 Soup Lunches restart, Reading Room
Corelli Concert, Hildersham

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

Mobile Library: fourth Thursday:

High Street, West Wratting	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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Black bins: Wednesday 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept,
Wednesday 14th & 28th October
Blue & Green bins: Wednesday 9th & 23rd September,
Wednesday 7th & 21st October

Earlier Bin Collections: due to high temperatures, and to protect the health and safety of the crews working outdoors for long periods, collections may start one hour earlier. Please leave your bin(s) out the night before as collections will start at 5 am instead of 6 am.

Editor: Anne Bragg (*editor@challengemag.co.uk)*
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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