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SUNDAY WALKS

Our brief for these walks is to enjoy a not-too-strenuous walk in attractive surroundings within a 30 minute car journey from Wingrave.

For our June walk Richard Daniels came up with a lovely walk that met all these requirements, with the bonus of good weather and in an area which we have not visited for a number of years.

We parked a short distance from Cuddington at Middlepath on Ridgebarn Farm, where Richard had worked when younger. We followed the path into Cuddington passing the Church to meet the path leading down to the Thame river, through meadows with cattle in them, crossing over at the Old Mill then walking through Nether Winchendon, passing another church and crossing back over the river and walking the parallel path back to Cuddington.

We took the lower footpath out of the village (the old cattle drovers' route), back to Ridgebarn Farm. A pleasant walk of just 4 miles, with a couple of stiles but generally easy going. There were eight of us, and it took us just short of 2 hours to complete the walk.



Chris Harrison

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Activities and clubs to suit all ages - please contact individuals listed for more information.

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Dear School Friends and Neighbours

Although a few weeks ago, it was lovely to see so many of you at the Wingrave Village Fete. Thank you for supporting the school stall and trying your luck on the Nerf Shooting Gallery. I was delighted to see a very broad range of sharp shooters with some healthy competition between friends, families, the young and not so young...

At the time of writing this we have just 8 school days left of the summer term with our Year 5 & 6 production and Leavers' Celebrations still to come. I have to note the resilience of the staff team who pushed on through the busiest, hottest and often most emotionally charged final half term of the school year.

We will of course be sad to see our Year 6 Leavers move on but as much as we will miss them, we know they are ready for their next adventure at secondary school. They are moving on to a wide range of settings including The Cottlesloe, The Grange, Sir Henry Floyd, Princes Risborough and the new Kingsbrook School; quite a selection for just 31 children. Wherever they may be heading we wish them all the very best on the next stage of their learning journey!

Before they 'disappeared', Year 6 were performing alongside our Year 5 children in the play, 'What's the Crime Mr Wolf?' This is a musical Shrek-like story which parodies a courtroom drama with charges brought against Mr Wolf for his many fairytale antics. We are always very proud of how hard the children work to learn their lines and the songs included, especially with the performances taking place in the hottest week of the year so far!? Well done to all the children and staff involved, and thank you to our parents for supporting with costumes and makeup.

A busy summer 'holiday' lies ahead for the school site and staff. The boiler replacement project continues whilst roof repairs and new playground marking installation will (hopefully) be starting. Meanwhile staff will be planning and refreshing their classrooms ready for their new classes and topics. In a new venture for the school, we are hosting a holiday club for the final two weeks of the holiday, supporting S4A (our wraparound care provider) with the Buckinghamshire HAF Programme providing support for vulnerable families.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant summer season; whether you are heading off on holiday or simply enjoying your gardens. I look forward to updating you during the forthcoming Autumn term - until September!

MATT TOMSON Headteacher



WARGAS SUMMER SHOW

WARGAS (the Wingrave and Rowsham Garden and Allotment Society) were pleased to host their first Summer and Sweet Pea show since July 2019.

The 2020 show would have been the society's 100th year, but sadly the pandemic caused us to postpone until 2022.

Given this was our first show in so many years we were pleased with the turn out, and the standard of entries were as ever, exceptional.



Sadly however, we have also lost some of our key showers since 2019 and numbers were down.

Doug Rickard was a key member of the society whose name graces many years on the show cups and we felt fit to applaud him with a special tribute. Photo to the left.

The show comprised the usual mix of classes Vegetable, Flower, Floral Art, Domestic, Children's, Soft Fruit, and Photography. The show also incorporates the Annual Sweet Pea Show, an incredible display and aroma of this lovely flower (black and white doing no justice to these images - colour images are available from the online Communique edition).



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WARGAS SUMMER SHOW

The winners in the Sweet Pea Classes:

Kathy Gray took no less than 5 cups and 1 medal in classes A to J and the tankard for the bowl of sweet peas.

Alison Shreeve took 2 cups in classes M to Q and a further cup in class R

In the Main Show, the winners in their respective categories were:

- Top Tray: John Branham, (RU John Ellis)
- Vegetables: John Ellis, (RU Pam Pickering)
- Top Vase: Jill Branham
- Flowers: Garry Dawson, (RU Zietta Ward)
- Floral Art: Mavis Holdham (RU Nicola Reeve)
- Domestic: Nicola Reeve (RU Judith Reeve)
- Fruit: Chris & Olwen Stovold (RU John Branham)
- Photography: Garry Dawson (RU Zietta Ward)
- Children's: Jodie Farthing



We also gave the Robin Horwood memorial Salver to Tony and Yvonne White. Tony was show secretary for many years - and for this we thank you. The judges are also asked to pick their best in categories, these went to John Ellis - Vegetables, Pam Pickering - Flowers, Penny Dell - Domestic and Kathy Gray - sweet pea vase. The committee then decided the best exhibit in the show, which went to Penny Dell with her incredible "Monet" Needlework.

The show takes considerable work to stage, and the WARGAS committee have spent a lot of time organising the event. As show secretary I would like to personally thank the committee for all their hard work that went into making this show the success that it was. I would also like to thank David Murrell for the loan of his trailer to collect the additional tables that we have to hire for staging.

Finally, I would like to thank everybody who exhibited at the show, sponsored classes, came on the day, bought raffle tickets, and had tea and cakes. Without you the show simply can't go on. The show is not a fund making event for WARGAS, and very often we need to dip into normal funds to balance the books.

We very much hope that you enjoyed the show and that we can keep this tradition going. So many other villages and towns no longer have annual shows or fetes, let's make sure Wingrave and Rowsham isn't another.

Adrian Reeve Show Secretary WARGAS

John Hawkes 681022 jbhawkes@ormail.co.uk

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We would like to thank WARGAS for the lovely display they had at their Summer Show in memory of dad/grandad (Douglas Rickard) and the very kind words by Yvonne White.

Steve & Gill, Paul & Carly, Stewart & Jen, Thomas & William

BUCKS ART WEEKS

A retrospective

June 10th - 25th



Someone on the other end of the Bucks. Art Weeks web-site is keeping well ahead of the game by posting up the dates for 2023!

But we're here to say a very big thank you for Wingrave's amazing enthusiasm for all things Art across Bucks. Art Weeks 2022 - here at Field View Studio, and also locally at Sunneyhill Barn (Rowsham) and at Ellie KRKP's (Kirkup) amazing pop-up Studio at her home on the Winslow Road.

Across the fortnight we've had very good footfall, heaps of encouragement and complimentary feedback. At Field View we had such a buzz with 6 other Artists joining in - Ceramics, Photography, Textiles, Glass Art, Light Sculptures, Pencil and Pastel Portraiture, Mixed Media Paintings and (Award-winning) Stone Sculpture which made for a wide range of interest.

Alzheimer's Society also express their thanks for the £259 raised from contributions towards refreshments.

And watch this space for a likely return of 'Art At Wingrave' in November... but time to enjoy the summer months first...

**Andrew and Margaret Liversidge
Field View Studio**

BUCKS ART WEEKS

A retrospective



SUNNEYHILL Art Weeks 2022

Another year at Sunneyhill barn Rowsham is over. As always the two weeks and three weekends fly by remarkably quickly. Once again eight of us gathered our work together and put on an exhibition of paintings, sculptures in ceramic and other media, two installations and a textile. There was also an array of sketchbooks to leaf through - it's always interesting to see the different way we all record ideas and plan art work.

We loved meeting our visitors and "Thank you" to everyone who came from Wingrave and Rowsham. We had some great conversations with lovely people and of course Annie's gorgeous cakes were enthusiastically enjoyed with cups of tea or coffee.

I offered a zig-zag sketchbook workshop for the Wingrave Art club and we had a relaxed time making studies of the beautiful location. The weather was very hot so it was nice to have the cover of the open barn. We also had a visit from Piper's Corner School A level art students, who worked non-stop. They made loose, mixed media sketchbook observations of Laurie Keck's ceramic sculptures, led by Tricia Lenko. This was followed by a challenge to extend my Mycelium installation out of the shed and link it to other areas nearby. They then walked to Bennett's Lane to admire Jennifer Lowe's wonderful animal sculptures and finally Tony Ashton gave a talk about his paintings with a Q&A session to complete the afternoon.

Since 2014 Art Weeks Tony and Peter have built various huge sculptures to be burnt on the final weekend: for example one with a moving windmill on top. Last year's conflagration was almost too enormous and undoubtedly not good for the planet, so instead on the final Saturday we held a festival of mini bonfires, each artist constructing something to be burnt in a fire pit. Fortunately the rain cleared in time for this final spectacular.

Huge thanks from all of us artists to Peter and Annie Cooper who have put up with us each year since 2013! This year Annie's cakes raised money for the local First Responders team that Peter is a very active part of.

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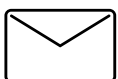
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- September: 17th August
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NEWS FROM THE GREEN

June and July have been kind to us and Bowls matches have been played more or less as scheduled, apart from the odd cancelation from the opposition due to lack of players.

Club competitions have gathered apace and we continue to welcome new members into the club. We are at our limit for social members, but are always keen to talk to people who would consider a playing role. Monday nights have been incredible with numbers swelled by new members and residents of Wingrave who just want to have a bowl and a beer.

We welcomed the Football club in June and on this particular Friday night it was the start of their end of season celebrations. Games of bowls and target bowls took place and much liquid was consumed to quell the thirst. Wingrave Bowls Club also fed our friends from across the Rec and they went home happy and contented.



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NEWS FROM THE GREEN

We still have plenty of EBA matches in progress together with the Bucks Plate (quarter finals against Bucks West End) competition, all of which is very encouraging for the new members. And whilst we are on the subject of new members.... what a fantastic effort by Jane Bookham who has entered competitions for the first time and whilst playing netball broke her hand. Not to be deterred she continued to practice left-handed and is now into the semi finals of the mixed pairs, together with another newbie Gwenda Forsdyke. The Finals of which will be played over the weekend of 3/4Th September.

Wingrave Fete

This was a great turnout and with target bowls and guess the value of coins in the jar we had a good number of people congregated around our stall. Thanks to all those who helped man the stall. It was hot and we were grateful for the shade of a gazebo. Sweets were handed out to the kids and some adults too.


Saturday 10th September nearly forty members will travel up't North to Scarborough taking in Whitby, Filey and Bridlington. Five days of bowls and banter and hopefully a bit of good weather. It's the largest number we've ever taken away and plans are already afoot for next year's tour.

Don't forget Mondays from 4:00pm the green is open for new bowlers and the bar opens around 5:00pm for refreshments. When you sign up for membership from as little as £25:00* you can get access to the green and equipment, normally under supervision. All members use the Google calendar booking system to check availability.

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NEWS FROM WINGRAVE WI

Our July meeting was held on Wednesday 6th July. 10 members and 2 visitors attended the meeting. The speaker was Diane Roberts, who spoke about her journey as a Doula, supporting those at the end of life, with compassion, calm, natural and as normal as can be. She was a nurse for 37 years before taking on this new role. Her talk was informal, discussing the end of life which can be a difficult subject. But it is something we all have to face for those close to us. It was fascinating to find out what encouraged Diane to take this role on as a Doula. Doula is Greek and means female servant.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th August and it is our outing to Hughenden Manor.

Mary Shurlock
Wingrave WI Committee member



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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

Currently our pool of available players for League matches has become somewhat puddle-like, thanks to illness and injury, so the efforts of those who get out there and represent the club so regularly are much appreciated.

Thanks are also extended to Richard Keighley for his hard work in trying to get teams together (dates for games are always sorted very early in the season - stepping out in faith that there will be bodies to fill the places). Recent outings have included Doubles League against High Wycombe, where the team of Alan, Chris H, Janette and Rob played one of our best events in recent times, beating the opposition by 7-1. A further Doubles match against Eynsham was not so successful, but the appearance of our President (Ben Jaques) as Team Captain made it an interesting day all the same. Two Advantage League Matches against High Wycombe Kestrels, and Kites, produced yet more varied results - a loss, and a draw - all games being very close and hard fought. More matches to play before the season closes, here's to success from our stalwarts as always.

Our recent **"Come and Try"** Day was enjoyable, and good to enjoy the company of some visitors and enquirers/potential members. Unfortunately, the decision had to be made to finish much earlier than originally planned and hoped for, thanks to wet and cold conditions. Our stall at the **Wingrave Fete** was well supported, despite the scorching temperatures, and the challenges of the slightly bumpy "lawn" testing skills to the limit. Paul O'Carroll scored a magnificent 35 points and won the bottle of Champagne - well done to him. Honourable mention should also be given to Albert who scored highest in the Under -11 category and was most determined to keep on trying, right up until the time that the Fete Organisers were telling us to clear away. They both have a great future in the game - hope to see them on the Club lawn again soon!

Our very own **Paul Gunn** is starring again in the wide world of Golf Croquet. He scored a magnificent five out of seven wins at the first day of the Roehampton Open, against serious opposition, with a less successful day 2, but **BRAVO!!!** He is also taking part later this month in the four day knock out Tournament at Eastbourne as selection for the World Championships. Thirty six contestants, all-play-all, so thirty five matches - phew. All the very best to Paul, we shall be rooting for him. So proud that you are part of Wingrave's world

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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

It gets harder each month to vary the wording on our reminders about times and sessions for play in the hopes of encouraging new players. However, the welcome is always warm, the training simple (pick up a mallet and go!) The weather does make a difference, and second guessing between gentle sunshine and heatstroke, or mild drizzle and a monsoon is often a last minute matter! Do please introduce yourselves if there is play and you happen to be passing by. You may even find a mallet in your hand without even an introduction!

**Tuesday from 2pm : Thursday from 4pm (Club night - open till late!):
Saturday from 10am**

The members' WhatsApp group means that there is often play at short notice and all are welcome. Another good reason to join and be part of all this. Don't forget - there is also the offer of free introductory, tester and coaching sessions as and when required.

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The walks will be led by Em Farrell and Julia Samworth, either together or individually. As this is part of the WILD initiative we may from time to time add additional walks with a specific focus on some part of the natural world.. The first one will start near the bench next to the 2 big trees on the recreation ground or in other words, just inside the entrance from Moat Lane, next to garages onto the recreation ground, or in other words behind the goal post opposite and furthest away from the play ground on the recreation ground.

17th July, Sunday 4.30pm, The Slow Walk

17th August, Wednesday 9.00am, Welcome to Wingrave

1st September, Thursday, 11.30 am, The Silent Walk

14th October, Friday, 2.30 pm, Finding Your Feet Again

6th November, Sunday 10.30 am, Walk for Non-Walkers

17th December, Saturday 3.00 pm, Myth and History Walk.

They will take place regardless of weather, with at least one of them taking place in Rowsham.

Do contact Julia Samworth on 07899858227 or Em Farrell on 07882477939 to let us if you would like to join or ask any questions.

You are more than welcome to just turn up. We will post a reminder of the date and time in on the Postie a few days before each one.

WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH

Our Mission: Showing God's compassion through word and deed



August services

In June we said "goodbye" to Rev John Amankwatia, who has inspired us with his enthusiasm and energy over the last six months or so. And in September we will be welcoming Rev Noreen Daley-Lee who has been appointed minister for Wingrave, Stewkley, Cheddington and Swanbourne.

In the meantime, many of our Circuit ministers and local preachers will be on holiday during August and consequently our schedule of services has been reduced. There will be only two Sunday services (both at 10am):

Sunday 7th August: Peter Honeyball

Sunday 21st August: David Neville

www.aylesburyvale.org.uk/churches/circuit-churches/wingrave.html

Senior Steward: Mary Shurlock (681584)

Wingrave Methodist Church, Nup End Lane



PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Wingrave with Rowsham

Part of the Cottesloe Team in the Deanery of Mursley

Services for August

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| 7 th August Trinity 8 | Parish Communion | 9:30 am |
| 14 th August Trinity 9 | Parish Communion Evening Prayer | 9:30 am 6:00 pm |
| 21 st August Trinity 10 | Breakfast Church | 9:30 am for 10:00 service |
| 28 th August Trinity 11 | BCP Communion service People's Praise | 8:30 am 9:30 am |

The Church is open every day as a place for prayer and contemplation.

Every Week

Wednesday

2:00 - 4:00pm Wednesday Welcome. A Community Hub time. Come in for a chat and a cuppa and cake (free) A welcome awaits you! **Children welcome.**

7: 30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (new ringers welcome) Please note the earlier start time.

Thursday

9:30am - 10 :00 am Morning Prayer on Thursday is taken from the Book of Common Prayer. All welcome

Friday

10:00 - 11:am Tea and Tots. (in school term time). All 0-5years with their parents/carers are welcome to this informal time of friendship and play. Toys, songs, story and a chat over a cup of tea/coffee. **Tea & Tots has finished for the Summer holidays and will restart on 9th September.**

8:00pm - 9:45pm Wingrave Singers Rehearsal Time. The Singers have finished for the Summer and will start again in September. New members welcome.

Dates for your diary

5th August Village BBQ The Church will be hosting this event and selling cakes/desserts

21st August Music in Quiet Places concert tbc Please see Postie/ Pew News for more details nearer the time.

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Our Charities

Aylesbury Vineyard

Please remember those who are less fortunate in our area. We usually take the donations to Aylesbury on Mondays and the donations from Wingrave have been really generous recently. Thank you. With children at home for the Summer break, donations will be especially needed. The Vineyard also supports local Ukrainian refugees. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Leprosy Mission

Please put the used stamps in the box in the porch.

Streetlight Charity Bookstall & Jigsaw Library

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Churchyard

Please offer to mow if you can, it doesn't have to be a regular commitment. Please contact Dr Les Kennedy - who will tell you where the mower is!

From the Register :

Baptism of Abigail Harper Biley on 2nd July 2022

Baptism of Austin Rory Bence on 3rd July 2022

Pew News emails: If you want to receive Pew News emails or hard copy through your letterbox, please contact Sarah Kennedy 01296 681749 or email: sarah@leskennedy.co.uk

If you would like prayer (or other support) for you or someone else, please get in touch:-

Rev. Howard Robson (Team Rector) - 01296 688593 - therevhoward@outlook.com

Rev. Dr Andrew Krauss (Team Vicar) - 07508 213154 - andrewjkrauss@gmail.com

Dr Annie Cooper (Licensed Lay Minister) - 07860140041 - annie@littlediggers.com

Dr Leslie Kennedy (Church Warden) - 01296 681749

Mrs Roberta Smith (Church Warden) - 01296 681219

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Check out our online version here
<https://www.wingrave-wca.co.uk/communique/>

WINGRAVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION TRANSPORT SERVICE *aka* CATS

Many years ago, in the mid-seventies just after the Community Association was formed, the WCA established a service whereby anyone needing a lift to the doctor's, hospital, hairdressers or any important appointment and who did not have their own transport, could call upon one of a team in the village who would be able to drive them there. During the pandemic we were forced to stop this service for obvious reasons but are now pleased to be offering transport again. If you or anyone you know needs a lift to any fairly local services then please telephone or email me and I will arrange for someone to take them. A small charge may be made to cover fuel.

CATS NEEDS A NEW VOLUNTEER

The team are looking for a new volunteer to receive request and allocate them to drivers. The role is quite light and not onerous, handling a few calls during certain periods.

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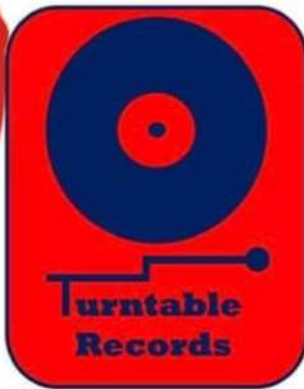
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TALES FROM THE TOUCHLINE



A long season that has to lead to change

WINGRAVE WASPS

Due to the crisis brought about by Covid, season 20-21 was extended into July 2021. This meant the turnaround to this season was unusually short and, in the end, felt like a very long season.

When reviewing the season, the playing and coaching numbers were very healthy:

- 12 age groups
- 148 players
- 50+ coaches & managers
- 14 sponsors



Thank you

Let me take this moment to express my appreciation to my senior management team colleagues for your resolve, fortitude, backing, and determination, also to the coaching and management team for your continued energy, support and drive, the players, officials, and spectators for your ceaseless get-up and go that made this a season so enjoyable for so many.

Hopefully, our end-of-season presentation in May went a small way to expressing our thanks. Being a volunteer means you don't go looking for appreciation, but I know it's nice to receive recognition after a long, hard season.

Whilst I'm recognising this season, can I say a big well done to U14s for winning division 6 and to both the Wingrave FC teams for all your amazing success. Strong links to the senior teams are important for WJFC to provide a pathway for players if they wish to continue their footballing for many years to come. With Wasps coaches guiding the seniors and players in the squads, this underlines the healthy barometer of football in the community.

As we look ahead to season 22/23, we do so with a healthy dose of optimism, relish and intrigue. For us to move forwards we have to reflect and review the season that has just passed. It's been a revealing season for a variety of reasons and through many learnings, we as a club shouldn't be afraid of change.

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WINGRAVE WASPS

TALES FROM THE TOUCHLINE

Personally, I've learned an enormous amount. Embracing new ways of working will deepen the positive experiences we want players, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators to have whenever they engage with us - whether that's at training, match-day, or arranging matches.

We shouldn't be afraid of change

One of the changes we are making is introducing a Coaching Philosophy that knits our values into how the match and training experience should be. We have never put an accent on winning or streaming players - we are all about participating and having fun in a safe environment. Coaches will be mandated to sign up for the Philosophy, but this isn't an onerous task. We recognise as the club grows new coaches are coming in and they may be curious as to their expectations and accountability. Our Philosophy will address this as well as reinforce the excellent work undertaken by all the coaches, whatever the age group.

Aligned to our continued growth is our need and desire to elevate our fundraising. We pride ourselves on offering incredibly low annual subs - compared to other teams locally we are one of the cheapest. The pitch grant is ongoing for the next few seasons, but we are now moving into us contributing heavily to the requirement. We need to further cover our position, but as you will read below costs in many areas have soared. So fundraising is a necessity.

What does this mean in practice?

More fun basically. We are looking to host fun nights - like race nights, quiz nights and balls - where we can involve the wider community in helping us fundraise for Wingrave Junior Football Club.

The fun will continue on the pitch too. We envisage 12 age group teams again. We have already foreseen challenges next season with four teams needing the senior pitch, this will present logistical challenges, especially in the winter months. The typically dark and wet months from December until the end of March mean we will continue to look at new playing surfaces under lights in the Aylesbury Vale/Leighton Buzzard areas, as well as having to look for additional full-size pitches in the locality.

Our costs are soaring - we need more volunteers urgently. Mentioned above is the size of the coaching and management team and this gives me a huge amount of pride - thank you for all you do.

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WINGRAVE WASPS

TALES FROM THE TOUCHLINE

However, if you are not involved, you still can - whether you have a player at the club or not. In fact, we now need more volunteers more than ever if we want the football club to survive and prosper. For instance, we are desperately seeking referees and officials. Our payments to refs soared in the last season by over 500% season-on-season. This cost can be mitigated through people putting their hand up and offering to ref - especially for the older age groups. All training will be covered by the club so you'll learn, it won't cost you anything and you'll be providing a great service to the club and there's the fitness angle too.

How can you get involved?

Other areas patrons of the club can get involved includes being a fundraiser - we are looking for a team to bang the drum for the club and bring in new finance to the football club. This is an absolute necessity for the club to survive. We have kept our fees as low as possible for as long as possible, and as you've read, these costs aren't sustainable if additional funds aren't forthcoming. Please speak to your age group manager or me if you'd like to pitch in to help fundraise. We need more people to put their hand up to help, please do not assume the same old faces will do it because we can't. Change also means altering our mindset.

I'm conscious this season was very tiring, so please enjoy the rest, our club is nothing without you. Thank you again for your support and I look forward to seeing you all at Wingrave Park in September 2022. Please look out for a calendar of activities to get involved with.



CHRIS PHILLIPS WJFC Chair
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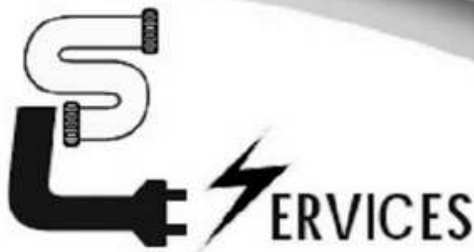
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THE FETE

PHEW, WHAT A SCORCHER!

(THE EDITORS COULDN'T RESIST USING THIS HEADLINE!)

The Fete was once again a great success. The weather was very hot which curtailed some of the events, however our amazing team of volunteers soldiered on to deliver what we hope was a fun packed day for everyone, even if it was too hot (not something you say in the UK too often).

The final total for the day was a touch over £4000. This goes a long way to ensuring the amazing recreational facilities we enjoy in the Parish will be maintained for another year going forward.



The Fete always takes a huge amount of effort to put on and we couldn't do this without our huge team of willing volunteers. This message is a big thank you to those who gave their time for free and put in many hours of hot humid work. We must first and foremost say a massive thank-you to Tracey Outtram who was the ever-present lynch pin behind the whole day. Without her there would have been no Fete, so from the whole village, WWRSSAL and WWRSSC, Thank-You.



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Thank you to all the stall holders and community groups. The fete gives many clubs & societies a chance to raise their profile and raise much needed funds. There were so many individuals who volunteered their time that it's best to list them, with apologies if we have missed any out. We wish to extend a big thank-you to you.

Bar - Erin Davey-Barrow, Paula Robinson, Ellie Pugh and Steph and Ollie Edwards on the Bar with Julie and Phil.

Junior Football Barbecue - Sammi Riddiford, Paul Perkins and many others (we are sorry but don't have the full list of names).



Netball - Georgie Camfield and many others for setting up and running the tea and cakes stall. As well to Julie Pugh for pulling together the main raffle prize donated by Netball's members.

Raffle Ticket Sellers - again there were many so thank you.

Senior Football - Rob Fenn for organising the football club barrel of booze raffle and Emily & Morgan who helped sell on the day, and for generally lending a hand throughout the day.

100 squares - Terry Bracey Wright, who managed to sell £105 for £100 squares!

Lydia Wyatt and husband - for organising and de-organising the dog show at breakneck speed and then mucking in on the day.

Cricket Club - for turning up as a full team to volunteer with marshalling and running the coconut shy along with the Village shop for supplying the coconuts and their general support.

Toby Phipps from Tennis Club - running Beat the Goalie. I am sure he is a bit bruised from so many dives during the day.

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THE FETE

Michael & Anthony Chater with Arthur Swadling, who ran the Splat the Rat, Tattoos and Sponge Throwing stalls and took a record amount of money.

Croquet and Bowls for showcasing their game and generally lending a hand where needed.

PA System - Barry you are there every year so many thanks.

Master of ceremonies - Andy Targell. Andy you were born to be on the microphone, thanks as ever.

Marshalls and general helpers - Dave and Karen Harnett, Dave Ginnane and Ed Young.

Alan Phillips for preparing the Olympics tracks.

Setting out the field and Classic car organisation - Brian Creed, who was there at 7.30am staking out the field.

Peter Cooper for organising the South Central Ambulance display and providing the tug o' war rope.

Big thank you to Roy Bradbury for ensuring the financials were kept in check.



Finally - the biggest thank you to all who supported us on the day. See you all at next year's Fete where hopefully it won't rain or be too hot eh!

An illustration for a fete poster featuring a string of colorful triangular bunting (yellow, red, blue) at the top. Below it is a row of green trees and a white building with a tower, possibly a church or school. The background is a light blue sky and green grass.

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WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

a view from the field

Welcome to yet another Countryside Matters ramble. What a lovely surprise to sit outside on these wonderful evenings and watch the spectacular swallows performing their acrobatic aerial displays while hunting flies, midges and other insects



I must have at least 5-6 pairs, now that the first clutch has fledged and are also feeding on the wing. What I have noticed is that the parents ward off any possible danger including red kites and kestrels, attacking them and diving at them from a height, aiming at their heads. Not sure if this method would work on sparrow hawks. Anyhow, the garages remain empty of cars due to the corrosive excrement dropped by these wonderful little creatures that come back yearly from their winter migration homes in Southern Africa, returning to the nest boxes in the eaves where they were born, having crossed the Sahara Desert twice. Incredible !!

Now that harvest is upon us, please watch out and give way to large tractors and trailers and straw lorries coming through the village this month and next. Yes, I know they are huge, but they are delivering the Weetabix you have for breakfast, the Shredded Wheat and porridge we all live on. Never mind the bread on our tables !! The large straw bales are enroute to the power stations to be incinerated, to produce a large amount of the Renewable Electricity we all now use and rely on. Remember those days when straw and stubble were burnt because there was no other way of getting rid of it? Which leads me to the problems in Ukraine, where there are still 20 million tonnes of wheat sitting in the silos from last year, that have either been destroyed or confiscated by the Russians. They have nowhere to store this year's crop.

Further problems are land mines and explosives in the ground and lack of diesel for their harvest machines. All in all, it spells disaster for one of Europe's largest exporters of cereals, hence the price increase in flour, never mind the sunflower oil used in the catering industry and the Fish and Chip shops throughout the UK.

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

The Russian invasion will obviously lead to higher fertilizer prices, diesel increases for Farmers and products that use gas to dry or process these commodities.

Please try and support British Farming in these difficult times, use Farmers' Markets or buy your eggs locally, free range next to train robbers' bridge, honesty shed on site.

Lastly as the bare stubble season approaches, the wheat, barley, oilseed rape crops removed, it gives those of a criminal mind more opportunity to smash down gates and start their season of intimidation, of Hare coursing and killing Chinese Water Deer with their Saluki Lurchers, all filmed and streamed to their chums live via mobile phones to betting syndicates in the Far East, which earns them large money.

The Police are aware of this criminal activity and are trying to build up Rural Police numbers to combat this.

Times of economic uncertainty and rising cost of living have always tended to see a directly proportionate rise in levels of crime. Trailers, plant and machinery are most likely to be stolen from farms, together with diesel, heating oil and liquid fertilizer.

Only last week livestock was stolen from fields at night in Hampshire, some animals being slaughtered there in the field. Also over the stream bridge up Well Lane near Ledburn the water was stopped from flowing with 40 odd black bags of left over cannabis base plants. And frequently found in gateways up there are empty strips of conduit stripped of copper from the local railway line signalling equipment.

After hearing a couple of nights of Tawny Owls screaming, I found a dead one in the grass field, maybe a territorial dispute which ended in one winner, never witnessed this before.

James Henderson,
James@wingburycourtyard.co.uk

TEA, CAKE AND CHOIR AFTERNOON

Yet another date in the village's packed social calendar last month was the afternoon of 16th July, when many villagers escaped from the blazing sun in the cool of our beautiful Church.



One might be forgiven for thinking that the sole purpose of this was to devour mouth-watering cakes made by the busy bakers of the Church and Choirs, but the real reason was a fabulous concert given by the Glee Clubs of Leighton Buzzard and Tring, in aid of Brain Tumour Charities and the Church.

Bev Reekes, whose husband tragically died 9 years ago from a brain tumour, movingly introduced the concert by speaking of the devastation caused to brain tumour sufferers and their families. Sharing stark statistics about brain tumours, which are the biggest cancer killer of people under 40. Each year 5,000 people lose their lives because of a brain tumour and it is the largest cause of preventable blindness in children. Yet, of the £500 million spent annually on Cancer Research, only 2% is directed at research into brain tumours, resulting in little improvement in survival rates. Part way through the concert an emotional recording was played of a message from Claire, a member of the Glee Club and mother to a 9 year old son, who sadly could not be there as she was diagnosed this year with Grade 4 brain cancer and is suffering the harsh effects of chemotherapy. She is trying to raise £100,000 for immunotherapy treatment in Germany not available on the NHS, and some of the money raised by the concert will go towards this.

It is always inspiring to listen to music in the uplifting ambience of the Church. The concert began with classics from the 60s and 70s which had us all jigging about while seated in the pews. The clarity and volume of the singing was really impressive, given that Choir members totalled only around 30, and the 4 part harmonies were beautiful, particularly in "Panis angelicus" and "Somewhere over the rainbow", which both poignantly followed Claire's message. The finale was a rousing rendition of "One day like this" which rounded off the concert perfectly.

Glee Club UK's mantra is "Sing...Laugh...Live happy!" but it seems that this is partly code for "eat cake", as this was repeatedly encouraged and large quantities of delicious cakes were consumed before, during and after the concert. We were assured that the combination of singing and cake is the secret to a happy life! Anyone interested in joining "the Glee family" was invited to give it a try after the holidays in September, when both choirs would be delighted to see you (and cake is always eaten). A special request was made - "We need more men", as there is only a handful in the choirs, although when Glee Clubs first started at the end of the 18th century they comprised solely men.

I suspect that many of you were reluctant to tear yourselves away from the glorious sunshine - you missed a treat! But I am sure that a large number would wish to contribute to this very worthwhile and important cause. Donations can be made at www.braintumourcharity.org

Many thanks to both choirs for their superb singing and to Rachel and Gill for their professional direction. There had clearly been an enormous amount of hard work, dedication and enthusiasm to produce such a faultless concert. And many thanks to the ladies of the Church who served such delicious cakes and refreshed us with welcome cups of tea and coffee. Thanks to everyone's generosity an impressive total of £1132 was raised by audience donations.... but much more is needed to help find a cure for brain tumour sufferers like Claire.

WINGRAVE UNITED CHARITIES



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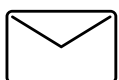
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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



Saving the past for the future

THE GRAVEL DEPOSITS OF NUP END

Many of Wingrave's gardeners have to contend with the challenges of a heavy clay soil, but a few (fortunate?) gardeners have a gravel-based soil which brings its own benefits and challenges. Why is this?

About 500,000 years ago an ice sheet spread south across England, ending up in this part of Buckinghamshire. As it moved south the ice sheet picked up rocks and other debris and deposited them at its southern extremity on top of the underlying clay. Some of this debris ended up forming the hill on which Wingrave now stands and it can still be found in gravel deposits in and around the village, particularly in Nup End.

Wingrave's gravel has played an important role in the history and evolution of our community, dating back to Saxon times. Unlike the heavy clay which is found across most of Aylesbury Vale, the gravel provides good access to water combined with good drainage. The importance of this is highlighted by Ken and Margaret Morley in their book 'Tis the Far Famous Vale'. They conclude that it is possible that Wingrave developed from a Saxon settlement into a permanent community by the 9th century as a result of its natural characteristics of a hill top location combined with the ready access to water.

By the 18th century the gravel deposits in the village had become a valuable resource in the development of housing and roads. Gravel pits were established in Mollards Close, adjoining Nup End Lane (where the new housing development of Primrose Crescent is currently being constructed) under the ownership of the Trustees of Pratts Charity. In 1798 the Trustees transferred ownership of the pits to the community as one of the exchanges set out under the Enclosure Act.

By the early 19th century the original gravel pits were becoming worked out and new ones were being opened.

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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

An advertisement in the 'Bucks Gazette' of Saturday 17th October 1840 announced that *"Thomas Cox begs to inform gentlemen who are curious in their parks, gardens and walks of any kind that he has arranged with Mr Paine of Wingrave for a convenient supply of the best celebrated gravel, and can at all times supply them with the smallest quantities at Aylesbury Wharf at the rate of 7s per ton; inferior sorts at a lower price, according to the purpose for which it may be required"*.

William Stevens Paine was parish clerk for over 40 years during the 19th century and, seemingly, ran a successful business extracting and selling gravel.

But as Wingrave continued to grow during the 19th Century the gravel was starting to create problems. More and more wells were being sunk to supply water to the newly built houses, but the houses also needed ashpits for their waste material.

Diseases such as typhoid started to break out in the 1880s and the Aylesbury Medical Officer, Dr Hilliard, reported that "I never examined worse water. The well which is sunk close to a drain in a gravel soil should be condemned, as the water is quite unfit for any domestic purposes." Later in the century covered drains started to be installed, but main drainage did not arrive in Nup End Lane until 1952.

Today, many of the gravel deposits of Nup End have disappeared under the houses in Primrose Crescent. But before construction work started on the site, samples of the gravel were taken by the "Nup End Gang", the team who researched Nup End a few years ago as part of the Wingrave with Rowsham Heritage Association's Lottery funded project. The samples were cleaned and sifted into a range of grades, and photographs are included in WRHA's booklet "19th Century Life in Nup End". More information on the gravel deposits, and their impact on the development of our community, can be found in the booklet.

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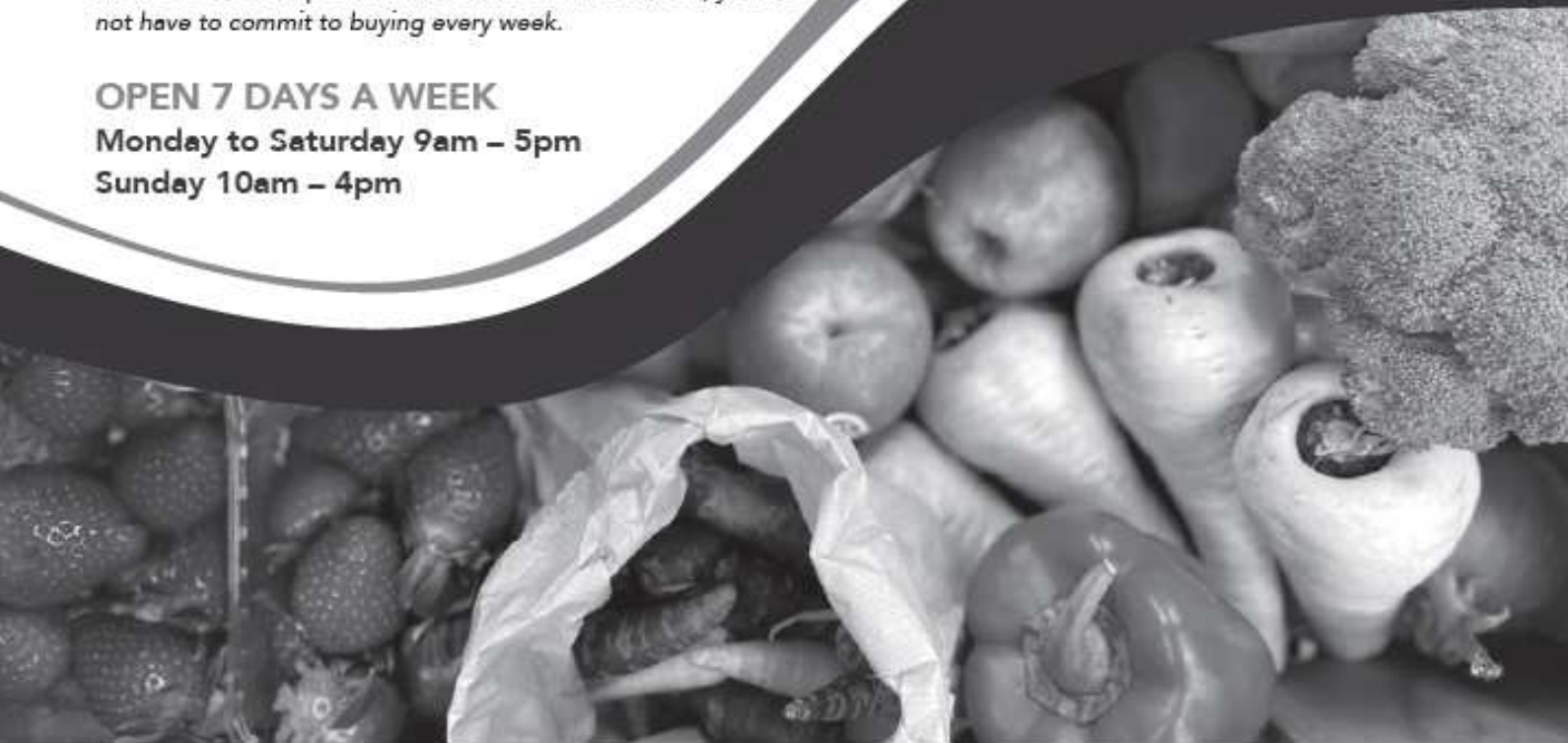
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As I write this the weather is hot, so hot health warnings are being put out by meteorologists. It is the kind of day when Regent's Park gets so covered in bodies, you can barely see the grass. From parts of London, Wendover Woods and Ashridge are certainly within driving distance and the allure of woods, ice-cream vans, a café and at Ashridge a National Trust shop is hard to resist. Indeed, during lockdown many discovered for the first time the love of the outdoors, the delights, and emotional and physical benefits of walking.

Ashridge Commons and Woods are a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and make up the part of the Chilterns Beechwoods Special of Conservation (SAC) which is in Buckinghamshire. A SAC area provides the highest level of legal protection and no planning can occur within 500m of Ashridge. A zone of influence has been created up to 12.6 kilometres as it been determined that new builds in these areas may impact visitor numbers and it is the number of visitors who are causing damage to the site. The stag beetle population has been found to be affected through trampling, den building, moving dead wood and other human activities. The pure numbers of people walking have also led to the root exposure of some of the ancient trees thus putting them at risk. This information comes from the Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) which was completed in March 2022. If you are interested you can read a lot more about it here: <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/home/planning-development/planning-strategic-planning/new-single-local-plan/chilterns-beechwoods-special-area-of-conservation>. On the advice of Natural England they want, at the very least to keep things as they are and certainly to stop them getting worse. Wingrave with Rowsham is within the 12.6 kilometres zone of influence and it means a Habitat Regulation Assessment has to be completed and actioned before any planning will be approved. If it isn't or can't be then it will be rejected. Mitigation methods are likely to be a mix of Strategic Access Management and Monitoring measures (SAMM) at Ashridge and the provision of alternative greenspaces. Mitigation needs to be secured in-perpetuity.

This is still all rather new to me and newness means there may be a certain clunkiness in my use of language before I know how to use it appropriately. One of the things I learnt this last week, which many of you may already know is that the Neighbourhood plan is part of the local plan, which Buckinghamshire council is aiming to have ready in 2025.

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ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

At some stage our own neighbourhood plan needs to be updated. We need to look ahead towards 2050. We will have to focus our plan to best serve and preserve our community in the face of what will have to happen to the climate by then with increasing extreme weather events and their global impact!

Perhaps as you are reading this you are thinking 'yes', I want to help with how Wingrave manages these challenges. Or you may want to have an influence on a particular area, inclusivity, bio-diversity, traffic, planning, play areas, street lighting, cemeteries, or perhaps the climate crisis.

Ace Councillor Hannah Price is standing down at the end of July, as her and Fergus's baby is due to arrive in the Autumn. It means there will be a vacancy on the Parish Council. Might you want the job? You must be over 18, have lived or worked in the parish of Wingrave with Rowsham for a year. You can be from the United Kingdom, or be an eligible Commonwealth Country or come from the European Union.

I asked a few people why they became parish councillors. Here are some of their answers: 1. 'There was an issue I needed help with and I hoped by joining the Council I would get some support'. 2. 'I thought it would be a fun adventure'. 3. 'I could see there were skills I had that the Council could use, so I volunteered'. 4. 'I was asked, so I joined' and 5 'I wanted to learn about how local politics work and to contribute in some way or another' 6. 'I wanted to see things change - like lower speed limits, and better management of our village environment to encourage biodiversity - so I joined the PC - and although progress is slow, I have not been disappointed yet' 7. 'I wanted to help contribute towards my beautiful local environment'.

My answer was number 5, not number 2! If you are interested, please contact the clerk of the Council Jill Flanders, by email on info@WWRPC.org.uk. We are a welcoming friendly group of Councillors who meet approximately once a month for a meeting for a maximum of two hours and you can get involved in different aspects of the council, go on training courses, become a member of a working group, or start up and get support on running a new project. If you would like to speak to one of us, or ask any questions, do please do so. You can find our details, including photographs on <https://wingravewithrowshamparishcouncil.org.uk/> or alternatively do come along to one of the Parish Council Meetings and see what you think.

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Borrowed Time



Firstly the club should be congratulated on reaching 130 years of existence, a great achievement.

The season just gone, 2021-22, was a season to remember, reaching four cup finals, winning two and also winning the 1st div of the A.D.L. Everyone connected with the club should very proud.

Sadly it hasn't always been like that, Wingrave football club has had its troubles. 2007-08 was a difficult period. Steve Rickard stepped down as chairman after eight years, he had done a superb job.

David North became the ninth first team manager, Adam Woolford took over as secretary. There were changes in the reserves, Chris Luff, Steve Brookes and Paul Rickard all became managers. I continued with the Veterans, where they would enjoy another eight fixtures. The first team after the first eight matches found themselves bottom of the premier, playing eight, lost eight. I had watched those matches and to be honest there wasn't much wrong. What they needed was a little bit of T.L.C and options, Dave North simply had no options, the squad was not big enough. He didn't have the tools to do the job. The reserves on the other hand were doing quite well.

Nobody wanted to come into the first team. This often happens in local football, I have heard of it in other clubs not just Wingrave. As President, and the last remaining old school, I offered to help. I had seen the club rise from the ashes in '85, get promoted through the lower leagues and win the premier in 2001-02. Surely our premier league status was worth fighting for. We talked about the situation, David said "why don't you have a go." That's not really what I wanted but I ended up with the job on a short term basis. I still regarded it as David's team.

I left out one or two players that I knew least about. I brought in a couple of experienced players from the Veterans' team, Nick Holt and David Inns. I knew they wouldn't let me down. It gave the options. I went for the short term fix. The team 2nd bottom had two points and the team 3rd bottom had 3 points. We still had to play them, there were about 12 games left.

So what happened next?
Find out next month!

CHALKIE WHITE Hon. President

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

Please report any errors or events not listed to John Hawkes 681022 diary@wingrave-wca.co.uk

For details of, and contact person for, each event see the Wingrave and Rowsham Directory

SUNDAY

Services are held in both the Parish and Methodist Churches; see announcements elsewhere in this issue

Cream teas 3-5:30pm

Parish Church

MONDAY

Wingrave Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11am (term time)

Bowls Club playing session from 4:30pm

Tennis Club 7:30pm

Wingrave Community Choir 8-9:45pm

Community Centre
Recreation Ground
Wingrave Park
Methodist Church

TUESDAY

Nup End Coffee Morning: tea/coffee, cake, chat, board games 10am-12noon

Croquet Club playing session from 2pm

Walking netball 6-7pm

Netball "Fun and fitness" 7-8pm

Art Club 7:30-9:30pm

Methodist Church
Recreation Ground
Wingrave Park
Wingrave Park
Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY

Singing Gwen 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday Welcome: a Community Hub time 2-4pm

Martial arts class 6-8pm

Bell ringing 7:30-9pm

Community Centre
Parish Church
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THURSDAY

Morning Prayers 9:30-10am

Baby Sensory 10am-2pm

Croquet Club playing session from 4pm

Fitness Club 8-9pm

Parish Church
Community Centre
Recreation Ground
Macintyre School

FRIDAY

Tea and Tots 10-11am (in school term time)

Café du Jardin 10:30am-4pm

Wingrave Singers rehearsal 8-9:45pm

WCA Social Evening from 8:30pm

Parish Church
8 Jenkins Court
Parish Church
Community Centre

SATURDAY

Village Running Group 8-9am

Sat Morning Café from 9am

Junior Netball Club 5-12 years 9-10am (term time)

Croquet Club playing session from 10am

Senior Netball 10am-12noon

Junior Tennis 10am-12:30pm

Wingrave Wasps Football training and matches

Café du Jardin 11am-4pm

Youth Netball 13-16 years 11am-12noon

Adult Tennis 12:30-2pm

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AUGUST 2022

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| Wed | 3 | 1200 | Last of the Summer Ukuleles | Rose & Crown |
| Fri | 5 | 1800 | WCA family BBQ | Community Centre |
| Sat | 6 | 1900 | Aston Abbotts Quiz Night | AA Village Hall |
| Sun | 7 | 1230 | Swingrave dance | Community Centre |
| Mon | 8 | 0930 | Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan: | 07813 085211 |
| Mon | 8 | 1500 | Friendship Group | Baldway House, Leighton Rd |
| Tue | 9 | 1930 | WCA AGM and Council meeting | Community Centre |
| Wed | 10 | | WI trip to Hughenden Manor visitors welcome | |
| Fri | 12 | 1400 | Play around the parishes: free play for children 1 to 10 years | Recreation Ground |
| Fri | 12 | 1800 | Wesley Pizza Van | Rose & Crown |
| Wed | 17 | 0900 | The Slow Walk: Welcome to Wingrave | Rec. Ground Moat Lane gate |
| Wed | 17 | 1800 | Copy deadline for Communiqué | |
| Fri | 19 | 1800 | WCA family BBQ | Community Centre |
| Sun | 21 | 0930 | Local ramble 4-5 miles | Nup End Lane |
| Tue | 23 | 1930 | Parish Council planning meeting | Community Centre |
| Sat | 27 | 1030 | Garden party for the National Trust | 4 Tattlers Hill |

SEPTEMBER 2022

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| Thu | 1 | 1130 | The Slow Walk: The Silent Walk | Rec. Ground Moat Lane gate |
| Fri | 2 | 1800 | WCA family BBQ | Community Centre |
| Sat | 3 | 1900 | Aston Abbotts Quiz Night | AA Village Hall |
| Mon | 5 | | School term begins | |
| Wed | 7 | 1000 | WI meeting | Methodist Church |
| Fri | 9 | 1930 | Village bingo | Community Centre |
| Sat | 10 | 0845 | Men's Breakfast Talk: | Methodist Church |
| Mon | 12 | 0930 | Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan: | 07813 085211 |
| Mon | 12 | 1500 | Friendship Group | Baldway House, Leighton Rd |
| Tue | 13 | 1930 | Parish Council meeting | Community Centre |
| Sun | 19 | 0930 | Local ramble 4-5 miles | Nup End Lane |
| Wed | 21 | 1800 | Copy deadline for Communiqué | |
| Fri | 23 | 1930 | WwRHA talk | Community Centre |
| Sat | 24 | | WCA Roaring 20's Champagne and Cocktail Party | Community Centre |
| Tue | 27 | 1930 | Parish Council planning meeting | Community Centre |

Recycling collection: Wednesday 3rd 17th August, Thursday 1st Wednesday 14th 28th September;

Waste collection: Wednesday 10th 24th August, 7th 21st September;

Garden waste: collection: as waste collection.