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## THE LEGEND OF WINGRAVE

We would like to thank the villagers for all their cards, e-mails and sincere condolences over Dave's very sudden passing; it was overwhelming.

All of you who attended the crematorium knows it was full to capacity for the "Legend of Wingrave", as he will always be remembered. Thank you all it meant so much to us.

Just to keep Dave in your memory, sometime in 2023 we will be holding a **final Average Night in Wingrave** for him to belatedly celebrate his 80th birthday (2 years late!). Mike Sanchez will be emailing me a date he can fit us in during his tour. This will be published on the Postie and in The Communique.

### EULOGY

Dave's Eulogy, which was found quite by chance, by his son, was written two years ago.

Dave told no-one that he had written it. Thank goodness Chris found it!

Part one is shared in this month's edition, Part two will be published in the March edition.

**Joy, Sam, Chris, Justin and families**

# WHAT'S ON at the Community Centre

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

## THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

A space for the Parish

When	What	Time	Contact	Email
Monday	Wingrave Playgroup	09:30 - 11:30	Lisa Marsh 07713 470046	<a href="mailto:lisa.marsh@hotmail.com">lisa.marsh@hotmail.com</a>
Monday	Short Mat Bowls	17:30 - 19:30	Nigel Crump	<a href="mailto:shoot@nigelcrump.co.uk">shoot@nigelcrump.co.uk</a>
Wednesday	Singing Gwen	09:30 - 12:30	Gwenneth Brignall 07970 827851	<a href="mailto:singinggwen83@gmail.com">singinggwen83@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday	ZKS Martial Arts	18:00 - 20:00	Ben Babbington 07767 482456	<a href="mailto:zksmartialarts@msn.com">zksmartialarts@msn.com</a>
Thursday	Baby Sensory	10:00 11:15 13:00	Katherine Devereaux 07876 643276	<a href="mailto:northbucks@babysensory.co.uk">northbucks@babysensory.co.uk</a>
Friday	WCA Socials	20:30 - Late	Tony Horne 01296 681418	<a href="mailto:bar@wingrave-wca.co.uk">bar@wingrave-wca.co.uk</a>

If you are interested in starting a club or society, or looking to hire the Centre for a private function, please contact Sophie:-

**CENTRE BOOKINGS LINE**  
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Evening 18.30 to Midnight	£148.00	£170.00
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**A deposit of £100.00 will be required for all Centre bookings. The deposit is returnable following the hire period, subject to the orderly use of the Centre and being left in a clean and tidy condition to the satisfaction of the Centre Caretaker.**

# NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



Wingrave  
with Rowsham  
PARISH COUNCIL

Whilst most people have been thinking about Christmas and what the New Year will bring - the Parish Council has the important task of setting its Budget for the next financial year (April 2023 - March 2024). This Budget forms the costings which in turn decides how much money the Parish Council receives from Buckinghamshire Council, and this in turn is received from the Council Tax everyone pays. It is a bit like looking into a crystal ball trying to establish what bills and initiatives will cost whilst trying to keep costs down so the Council Tax is also kept in check. Essential expenditure does include the Parish Clerk's salary, litter and dog bin collections, street lighting, cutting grass verges and contributing to maintenance costs of Parish property. So quite a wide range of items. Anyway if you are interested check out the Parish website for the draft Budget which will be approved at the January meeting. This year it looks very much like we will not be increasing the residents' contribution from the Council Tax partly due to the new houses within the Parish. Some of you may have noticed on your way to the pub the small Christmas tree which has appeared on The Green. The Parish Council decided to purchase a tree which could be planted and grow over hopefully many years and provide a bit of cheer during the Christmas period with pretty lights. It may be small now but in years to come it will be so tall putting the lights up could be interesting! After much research and getting quotes at long last the Wingrave Sports Park now has a secure stock proof fence along its boundary with the adjacent field. This was a legal requirement under the terms of the Lease and as the hedge had failed with the agreement of the adjoining land owners the fence has been erected. It is also hoped that with Community Board funding the hedge layering along the far boundary may be continued in the future. Finally, the Parish Council are just beginning to get started on some of the s106 projects, other than the Pavilions so watch this space for some new exciting equipment appearing around Wingrave in the coming months/year.

More news next month!

**Jill Flanders - Parish Clerk and RFO**  
**Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council**  
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# WINGRAVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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Dear School Friends and Neighbours

Happy New Year, everyone! The Christmas period might be a distant memory but for schools, especially primary, it is one of the busiest times of year and we are still finding flecks of glitter... Staff successfully organised a Nativity involving 92 Infant children for three performances so that we could involve as many parents and family members as possible - that is a lot of tinsel and tea towels! A big thank you to our staff team who manage events of this nature, including ticketing, costumes and dance routines, all while juggling Christmas parties when they have the least energy at the end of a term.

Speaking of energy...something we are all wary of are implications around cost of living and energy prices. The school for example has been projected a 400% increase in electricity costs alone which stands to make a considerable dent in our budget. Despite being both a church and local authority school, there is no additional financial support for these rising costs - all our staffing, resourcing and maintenance costs come out of our assigned annual budget as dictated by the Department for Education. For some time now, we have been exploring projects to reduce costs and minimise impact on the environment, more efficient LED lighting and solar panels for example, but finding financial support for such ventures poses an ongoing challenge. Ultimately, we are looking for ways to save rising costs without compromising the children's learning; although classrooms should be light and warm, we need the best staff and resources to support the best lessons. Several members of the community are already giving of their time to assist us with their experience and knowledge so please do contact the school, or David Harnett, if you or you know of someone who could also contribute.

We are now just a few weeks away from our final library installation, decoration and carpeting all having been completed before the end of the Autumn term. Once the shelving is in place, we can start the gradual process of cataloguing remaining and new books and aiming to have the children back in and using this great space as soon as possible. Beyond the books, one concept we are hoping to include is a display of objects or artefacts of interest - if you do have any such items, which you would be willing to donate or loan to our library for the children to respectfully explore, draw and investigate, please contact the school office. In the meantime, do check our website for photo updates and details of the grand opening when confirmed!

**MATT TOMSON** *Headteacher*

"The Kingdom of Heaven is like a tiny mustard seed planted in a field. It is the smallest of all seeds but becomes the largest of plants, and grows into a tree where birds can come and find shelter."

Matthew 13:31-32

## ART AT WINGRAVE

# ART AT WINGRAVE WEEKEND HELD 18-20th NOVEMBER

Just a note to say a huge thankyou for the amazing enthusiasm and support for our recent 'Art At Wingrave' Event at Field View, in conjunction with Julie Pugh's 'One of One' Jewellery Christmas Shopping occasion, Home Farm.

Particular thanks go to those who helped 'on the gate', serving refreshments, loaning an urn or stands or tables (transporting of those!), tucking our cars on their drives and of course to all visitors, customers and encouragers! We had such positive feedback and circa 300 visitors across the weekend (at both Field View and Home Farm), local folk and many others from all over... (A particular thank you also goes to Will Murrell for allowing us the use of Castle Street Farm yard for overspill parking, we couldn't have managed without!)

We are delighted to have been able to send a total of **£609** to Cancer Research UK; a sincere thankyou to all who have generously donated and we trust this will help make a difference in confronting an awful disease in its many forms.

With thanks again,

**Andrew and Margaret Liversidge, Field View Studio**

Follow our Instagram page [www.instagram.com/art.at.wingrave/](http://www.instagram.com/art.at.wingrave/) for updates featuring our participating artists and their lovely work.

# WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM WARM SPACES



We are now open from 11am to 4pm every day in the venues listed below, please come and join us:-

**Monday** - Sports & Social Club, Wingrave Park, Winslow Road

**Tuesday** - Wingrave Methodist Church, Nup End Lane

**Wednesday** - Wingrave Parish Church, Church Street

**Friday** - Wingrave Community Centre, Church Street

- Enjoy a warm space with friendly volunteers to chat to
- Come and enjoy a bowl of hot soup with bread, hot drinks, cake and biscuits
- There will be no charge
- There will be a radio or music if you wish to listen along with puzzles, magazines or books
- Transport may be able to be provided, please contact Bev or Gavin to discuss further
- We plan to operate through to the end of March

If you would like to know more then please contact :

**Bev Reekes 01296 681150 [bevreekes@homecall.co.uk](mailto:bevreekes@homecall.co.uk)**

**Gavin Chater 07894 094965 [gchater@WWRPC.org.uk](mailto:gchater@WWRPC.org.uk)**

**or visit our website**

**<https://wingravewithrowshamwarmspaces.org.uk/>**

If anyone in the community feels able to offer help and support in any way, no matter how small to make "Wingrave with Rowsham Warm Spaces" a success then please contact Bev or Gavin.

Thank you

# WITH THANKS TO WINGRAVE VILLAGE AND FRIENDS



**For raising the sum of £1163.21 towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2022**

**Included in this were donations and purchase of wreaths, which amounted to £381.**

**Chris Skidmore - Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Wingrave**



## **Football for 4, 5, 6 year olds - come and find out more**



Football is fun! At Wingrave JFC, we are starting a new mini kickers squad for 4, 5 and 6 years - for boys and girls.

This will be a Saturday morning session for players to kick the ball, learn skills, make friends and HAVE FUN!

We are also looking for parent helpers too.

Why not find out more about mini kickers at Wingrave JFC by dropping in 9.30am - 11.00am, SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY 2023  
WINGRAVE PARK, WINGRAVE HP22 4QB

For more information, call Chris Phillips 07879 660115 or email: [chair@wingravewasps.co.uk](mailto:chair@wingravewasps.co.uk)



# WINGRAVE WI

The WI held its first meeting of the year in the Rose and Crown, where fifteen members and one guest enjoyed a delicious brunch - thank you Alessio and Irina! No "Jam and Jerusalem", but plenty of tasty food and coffee and a good chance to catch up with each other after the festive season. We then dismantled our Christmas tree in the church. Sad to destroy such a colourful work of art, but perhaps not a moment too soon as our magnificent harvest lady's nose (a parsnip) was looking decidedly shrivelled!



As we also held our last meeting of 2022 in the pub for our Christmas lunch we could be getting ourselves a bad reputation, but in February we will return to our usual venue of the Methodist Church.

An exciting programme has been drawn up for the year comprising guest speakers, visits including College Lake, and a chance to improve our skills at croquet and bowls with the club experts.

New members, and guests, are always welcome, so if one of your new year's resolutions was to try something new why not come along to one of our meetings and find out what we do?

**Penny Dell**  
**Committee member**

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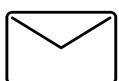
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- March - 15th February
- April - 15th March
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# VILLAGE SPUD NIGHTS ARE BACK!

**Come and enjoy a family friendly, cost-of-living-crisis-busting evening at the Community Centre**



We'll be serving large jacket potatoes with choices of fillings and a salad all for £3 a head.

The bar will be open and the heating will be on! Bar opens and food served from 6pm

**Friday 3rd February**  
**Friday 3rd March**

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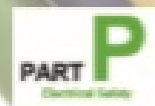
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# MEN'S BREAKFAST & TOPICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

## FEBRUARY MEETING

The topic we shall be discussing at our meeting on Saturday 11th February will be:

**'How should the Government determine priorities for public spending?'**

As usual we shall meet for breakfast in the school room of Wingrave Methodist Church in Nup End Lane, starting at 08:45am and finishing at 10:30am (when we will do the washing up!)

No need to book; just come along and expect a warm welcome. Please bring with you £4 in cash to cover the cost of your breakfast.

For further information please contact [johnwgcotton@gmail.com](mailto:johnwgcotton@gmail.com)

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# WINGRAVE ART CLUB



Every Tuesday evening the scratch of charcoal, the slosh of watercolour, the slap of acrylic, the tearing of paper or the gentle tones of pencil can be heard at the Methodist church. Members of Wingrave Art Club are in action!

We are an art club open to all whether you are totally new to art, a bit rusty or a regular painter. Every Tuesday evening there is a theme which is always optional. They are very varied and always enjoyable. We meet 7.30-9.30pm

We are an untutored club but share ideas and learn from each other. Occasionally we have a visiting tutor.

If you are interested in joining the art club or coming along to a session, please contact me.

I also keep a list of 'daytime only' people as there are occasional daytime tutored workshops. Please contact me if you would like to be on this list.

**Jane Muir, Windmill Hill Farm, Wingrave.**

**Call 681513 or 07905393220 or email [janefdmuir@btinternet.com](mailto:janefdmuir@btinternet.com)**

## WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



Wingrave-with-Rowsham Heritage Association (WwRHA)

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## FEBRUARY TALK TWO GEORGIAN COUNTRY HOUSES IN THE CHILTERN

Friday 24th February is the date for our next talk, at 7.30 pm, in the Community Centre.

The subject will be 'Two Georgian Country Houses in the Chilterns' and will focus on West Wycombe Park and Ashridge. Our speaker will be Adam Smith, a lecturer specialising in architectural history and the history of English country houses and estates. His last visit to us was in 2020, by Zoom, when his topic on that occasion was 'The Rothschilds in Aylesbury Vale'.

Everyone is welcome, £4 on the door for non-members and the bar will be open.

**Linda Hooton**

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# FROM THE BELL TOWER

## RING FOR THE KING



Christmas has been a busy time for us bell-ringers. As well as our usual schedule of practices and Sunday service ringing, there have been plenty of additional things to ring for. There have been carol services, a school service, midnight mass, and ringing in the new year. On top of all that, there has even been a complaint that we weren't ringing enough! That makes a nice change; we're more normally greeted with half-a-brick and complaints about making too much noise.

Our thoughts turn forwards now to the next significant event we will be ringing for: the King's coronation in May. [I have stolen the next bit from the Ring for the King website: [ringforthe king.org](http://ringforthe king.org)]

Throughout the country plans are being made to Ring for the King at the Coronation of King Charles III on 6 May 2023.

For hundreds of years church bells have rung out, not only to call communities to worship, but also to celebrate special occasions, in remembrance of others and to signify special events. They are part of the soundscape of the UK. In June 2022 we all celebrated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee with the sound of bells. Bells also rang out with a muffled sound throughout the nation as a mark of respect at her passing in September 2022.

We are recruiting new ringers now to ring for the king. This might be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity - there aren't many folks around who rang for the last coronation! That said, the Queen's coronation inspired our erstwhile tower captain, Alan, to take up ringing, and it has given him a lifetime's pleasure. This is a highly-skilled art, and it takes time to learn. So don't delay: come along and try it at a Wednesday evening practice. If you hear the bells ringing, do come up.

**JOHN FISHER**

## SLOW WALKS

Our next Slow Walk is on 20th January at 1.45pm.

Come and walk slowly, chat, watch the sky, listen to the sounds, appreciate the beauty of the village and learn about myths and history associated with it from Julia Samworth and hopefully a volunteer from the Heritage Association.

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# WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

**Established 2006**

*"May you play on  
interesting lawns"*

Festive and new year greetings to all our readers as always. Thank you for continuing to read our monthly input and taking an interest in our activities - please make 2023 the year that you get off the bench, stop standing on the sidelines and pick up a mallet (available from our collection of useful implements) to set foot on the lawn and join in. Everyone is welcome, the basic rules are exactly that - basic. You will soon get to grips with the strategy (although, let's be honest, some never do...) and if you think of it slightly akin to snooker on grass, you'll have a huge amount of fun!

Technically, we are now in our "closed" season - but the lawn is still being maintained by our excellent team of trained gnomes, and when weather permits (flippers and snorkel anyone?) there is a burst of play to follow. Wet and cold weather, absenteeism on festive holidays (and a flurry of ailments) prevented the Gluhwein Challenge for Boxing Day going ahead again, which was a great shame for those intending to play. We live in hope.

Next month's writings will include the details for our AGM, start of season play, and timings for regular sessions. Watch this space for information, and hope to see you out there soon!

Don't forget - there is also free offer of introductory, tester and coaching sessions as and when required.

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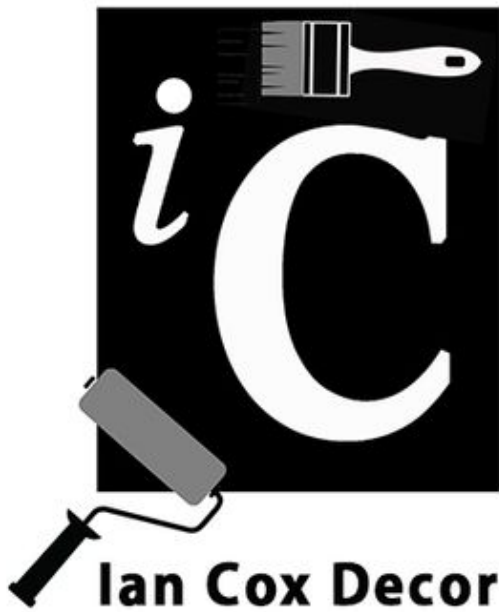
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## EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Not long ago, I visited the Wingrave Church of England school to see their Nativity play. Well done to the children for an outstanding performance and to the parents and teachers for your hard work. You must be very pleased. During my initial tour of the school Matt Tompson, the headteacher in making reference to the snow said, "We must expect the unexpected." That means we must not be overly surprised by an unexpected event; anything can happen and possibly will.

In my article in the previous issue of the Communique, I mentioned Bernard Wainwright who sadly has died. After celebrating the Eucharist with him I had no idea it would have been my last visit. My prayers are with the family, church and community as we re-adjust to how life has changed without Bernard.

We do not like change. We prefer the regular things in life. We like predictability and to play it safe. Change represents the unknown and whether we like it or not, we must always expect the unexpected. What Matt might have been referring to in conversation is that life presents occurrences that are unexpected. However, we would much rather things to be predictable without the unseasonable, severe and perilous wind that blows causing unacceptable havoc, but it is rarely so.

Christmas for many was not the same as in the years gone by due to the cost-of-living crisis which is spiralling out of control. The world is capricious, unstable and constantly changing. Plans are made for a great outdoor event, and it rains; marriages are intended for life yet the unthinkable happens; dreams are shattered when holiday plans to a desirable destination on the bucket list fail and the reality of being a single parent becomes overwhelming; or retirement plans to enjoy the grandchildren are beset by illness. Things happen that are beyond our control.

Life was a conundrum for Jesus' disciples, "Teacher do you not care that we are perishing? (Mark 4:38)." Being optimistic in a capricious and unstable world is not farfetched for we have the constant ability to making things better.

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## **WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH**



The beautiful thing about the unexpected is that it allows us to think on our feet or outside of the box and to draw on a greater power than ourselves. If everything was what we would like them to be there would be no opportunity to learn, grow and find the courage within ourselves to improve. The frightened disciples would not have known that God moves in a mysterious way to help us discover more about Himself in the unexpected - "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?" (Mark 4:41b).

For 2023, some days will great, and others not so. It is an opportunity to make things better like the artist who continues to swirl his paintbrush on the canvas hoping to have a good ending. Let us not focus on the boat that is uncontrollable or unmanageable in a capricious world but Jesus in the unexpected, 'He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still." Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.' (Mark 4:39)

Happy New Year!

**Rev Noreen Daley-Lee**

### **JANUARY AND FEBRUARY SERVICES (all 10am)**

**Sunday 8th January:** John Bush

**Sunday 15th January:** Frankie Fisher

**Sunday 22nd January:** David Neville

**Sunday 29th January:** David Jenkins

**Sunday 5th February:** Louise Atkinson

**Sunday 12th February:** Our annual covenant service when we will be joined by our friends from the Parish Church

**Sunday 19th February:** Paulette Tedd

**Sunday 26th February:** Lafton Lee

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# FROM THE COTTESLOE BENEFICE



## SOLUTIONS OR RESOLUTIONS

First of all, Happy New year to everyone. As this has to be written before Christmas it is an open question whether things will go as people might have hoped or planned during this time, but nonetheless all good wishes to everyone moving forward.

Newness in general has been occurring 'in pockets' all over the place over recent years and to the point that it is very difficult to say what changes are enduring and which are merely sporadic and circumstantial. New Year is often associated with the concept of making a resolution, and the idea of resolution is importantly different from that of finding a particular solution. A solution is problem-specific and generally keeps the same form over time; a resolution is a developing, evolving form of commitment requiring adjustment and nuance in the face of changing circumstances, and normally aimed towards a particular future goal.

On googling the top suggestions for 2023 resolutions one can find such proposals as reducing waste, clearing clutter, volunteering for something, giving at least one compliment a day, writing down something to be grateful for each day, turning mobiles off for an evening each week and reducing multi-tasking. All these are accompanied by a brief explanation of why they are important. Many of these and other ideas are aimed at reducing negativity and its after effects, but one suggestion that really stuck out unexpectedly to me was to travel somewhere without a map (specifically without Google maps or GPS). The reason given is simply the spirit of adventure - the 'you never know where it might take you' approach. People will presumably differ in whether they see that as positive and fun or negative and potentially asking for problems, but real life of course does involve at least not having a complete map, figuratively speaking. First, we need to discern the broader boundaries and more obvious contours, before filling in more detail between them.

Seeing 'through the eyes of faith' is a phrase that, among other things, suggests a resolution to trust that those boundaries and contours are there for important reasons, and to use them to help guide and concentrate our attention in ways that will make the nature and direction of the journey for which we are truly best suited always at least just clear enough that we can continue to move forward, and that, I think, is the spirit in which I want in particular to say best wishes for 2023.

**ANDREW KRAUSS**

# FROM THE COTTESLOE BENEFICE



## THE LIVING WORD

A friend recently asked me to recommend a bible for a thirty something adult and her ten year old daughter. After chatting it through, I recommended either a New International or Revised Standard version for the adult and a version called The Message for the child.

The challenge is always to find a version which communicates scripture in a way comprehensible to a particular reader without reducing scripture's meaning. Each of the above has their strengths and weaknesses; unlike the NIV or RSV, The Message loses the poetry of the Psalms, but in the opening verses of John's gospel, The Message conveys the radical immediacy of Jesus coming to us brilliantly (which is why we used The Message at the Christmas services for each of our group's four primary schools).

It is often heard that people dismiss the Bible as unintelligible, not making sense, today. But that applies to many old historical texts too. I recently read a biography of Margaret Beaufort, grandmother to Henry 8th who survived the wars and intrigues of 15th century England and is reckoned to be the driving force behind establishing the Tudor dynasty. Some of Margaret's correspondence is quoted in the book and I found parts of that completely unintelligible. But that's because Margaret wrote using the phrasing of her time; just as did the Bible writers.

In the Hebrew world of the Old Testament and the Greek world of the New, words were meant to lead to action; you didn't just say words, you acted on their meaning. Like a child's pop-up book, the words of scripture are intended to jump up from the page. So, when we read scripture, the intention is that we allow it to soak into our being and when necessary, to understand the context before dismissing it or not.

Which is exactly why Jesus is called the Living Word; God's Word made real amongst us, the Life Light to live by (to quote The Message). As we move from Christmas towards Easter, allow the Christmas baby to grow, move into your neighbourhood (The Message again) and be a firm foundation for life.

With every blessing,

REV'D HOWARD ROBSON



# PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Wingrave with Rowsham

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## Services for January and February

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8 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00 am 6:00 pm	Benefice Communion service at Wing Evening Prayer
15 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30 am	Breakfast Church
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	8:30 am 9:30am	BCP Communion Service People's Praise
29 <sup>th</sup> January	10:00 am	Benefice Communion service
5 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30 am	Parish Communion
12 <sup>th</sup> February	10 :00 am 6:00pm	Covenant Service at the Methodist Chapel Evening Prayer
19 <sup>th</sup> February	9:15 am	Breakfast Service
26 <sup>th</sup> February	8:30 am 9:30am	BCP Communion Service People's Praise

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#### Thursday

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#### Friday

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8:00pm-9:45pm Wingrave Singers Rehearsal Time. New members welcome.

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## PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

### Dates for your diary:

13th January 10 am - 11:00 am Tea and Tots start again

30th January 7:30 pm PCC Meeting

4th February 9:30 am Theology Breakfast at Annie's Barn Rowsham

22nd February Ash Wednesday - details of services will be in Pew News

9th April - Easter Sunday

### Thank you!

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to making the Christmas Tree Festival such a success this year. We raised a total of £ 1441.85 A marvelous result, well done.

### Our Charities

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### Leprosy Mission and discontinuation of sending used postage stamps

The Leprosy Mission is not accepting used stamps after 31st March 2023. It is the end of a long tradition in the Parish and we thank Jill Garland for her many years of service in facilitating our donations of stamps to this charity.

### From the Register

20th December : Funeral service for Muriel Jean Page



### Streetlight Charity Bookstall

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## THEATRE REVIEW

# DICK WHITTINGTON & HIS CAT BY THE WINGRAVE PLAYERS

The curtain was raised in November or actually parted for the Wingrave players production of Dick Whittington, playing to packed houses for each performance.

We had a lively and colourful introduction by Beau Belles (Jo Payne) who had the misfortune to lose her clanger. I say lost, it was actually stolen by the bad King Rat (Andy Targell) and his Ratlings.

A further introduction by the oh so bad! Terribelles played by Bron Hughes, who seemed to thrive on her own evil demeanour and boos from the audience.

Credit to costume and make up for making the cast look so believable!

The story unfolded as Dick and his cat made their introduction by Emma Blaker and her feline companion Glenys Cracknell. Dick needed to get to London Town to claim his fame and fortune, but alas the pavements were not paved with gold. But not to be deterred they made their way to London Town. Their first encounter was with a proper 'jack the lad' 'enry Enderson' played by Anthony Meah, a cockney sparrow if ever there was one.



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## THEATRE REVIEW - DICK WHITTINGTON

Meanwhile on the other side of town Lady Brie, (Kelly Targell) an hupper class mouse from gay Paris made her stage appearance. There was much music and gaiety on stage, played out with clever lyrics and upbeat tunes. Wonderful humour and anecdotes delivered by Millie Parker and Jodie Tomlinson. More characters from the dark side Queen Rat played by Sammie Riddiford. Alderman Fitzwarren (Jordan King) the kind gentleman who offered Dick work and lodgings, persuaded no less by his daughter Alice played so well by Zoe Targell. They tiptoed perfectly through the song 'living next door to Alice' with audience participation .

Comte de Camembert played by Jason Tomlinson added the right amount of cheesy humour with a whiff of Plato Brie-liace. The audience were rocking and rolling in the aisles. Jon Beardmore (main script writer and cook) certainly gave us a fare to remember. It was a production so smooth and buttery , with just a hint of darkness. It matured into a lovely storyline. Aply assisted with the presence of PC Dixon (Edmund Zara) who added to the delicious blend of humour and satire. The youngsters who excelled at delivering their lines and prose . Well done to the whole cast including the set builders, lighting and sound engineers, costume and make up, front of house staff and all the others involved. It is a massive time and effort that you all give - it is so much appreciated.



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# THEATRE REVIEW - DICK WHITTINGTON



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## ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR ©Em Farrell Part 12

As 2023 starts one of the longest running working groups in Wingrave is making good progress towards its goal of having a 20 mph speed limit in Wingrave. The slowness of 20 mph saves lives and petrol and decreases pollution. It also increases your awareness of what is going on around you, like going for a slow walk rather than a normal paced walk.

Working groups are set up by Parish Councils, often but not always for short terms projects, but always with a goal in mind. They report back to the main Council, don't have their own budget, unlike committees, and are often made up of co-opted and volunteer members and the minimum of one parish councillor. For example, Gavin Chater leads the working group on the Pavillion, the plans of which are being considered by Bucks Council.

The longest standing working group is the Wingrave with Rowsham Traffic Action group, which has been active for many years. The group has access to a moveable vehicle activated sign (MVAS). This sign is one of the local cross-parish initiatives. It is shared with Wing and Mentmore. It is moved between 4 groundscrew locations: by the shop, on Winslow Road opposite Chiltern Road, on the corner of Twelve Leys and Winslow Road, and on Tring Lane. The MVAS collect speed data and flash up the speed limit when an approaching vehicle is speeding. It gets moved around every few weeks because research shows this is the best way to have an impact. This hard labour is done by two volunteers. Thank you. They have collected loads of data, e.g. 50% of drivers speed on Winslow Road.

The traffic group has also managed to get two fixed vehicle activated signs in Rowsham. They flash up the speed when someone is speeding. Traffic-related S106 funds from the Elm Leys and Wickham Field developments have paid for two speed indication devices (SIDs) on Leighton Road, which show your speed as you approach them.

The Parish Council joint funded a further SID which is at the corner of Twelve Leys. At the time when it was purchased, Bucks County Council had a range of rules for SIDs (e.g. no smiley faces, no "your speed" writing on the sign) which meant we had to order a programmable semi-bespoke version from a small company. The company has not been able to provide us with a fully working sign, despite many emails, phone calls, letters, returning the sign, site visits etc. The company has struggled during Covid to the extent that it is unlikely they will ever be able to fix the SID. A kind councillor from Mentmore has worked on the device and made it semi-work, but because of the way it's been made it's impossible to weatherproof it properly. That's why it works intermittently.

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## ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

The group have run some opinion surveys in the parish over the last few years about traffic in the parish. Here are some results:

- 91% of respondents think traffic in our parish is a danger to children
- half of respondents are put off walking/cycling/horse riding by traffic
- 83% of respondents think traffic speed is a problem in the parish

Doing something about traffic issues in the parish is really difficult, as there are multiple issues in multiple locations, and it would cost a lot of money. In 2016 the PC paid for a Transport for Bucks feasibility study. Following that, the PC implemented the only suggestion in that report that was affordable (lines at the pond). Speed bumps, for example, would cost hundreds of thousands of pounds due to the need for lighting upgrades.

A popular, low-cost solution is a signs only 20 mph limit. They work well in other parts of the country. The Scottish Borders Council were just awarded the CIHT Road Safety Award for the creation of a default 20 mph limit across the region. You're 7 x less likely to die if hit at 20 mph than 30 mph or 10 x if over 60 years old. In the distance a 20 mph car can stop, a 30 mph car will still be doing 24 mph. It takes 1 minute longer to drive the length of Wingrave at 20 mph than it does at 30 mph. A few years ago, Traffic Action organised a voluntary slow-down fortnight (that's where all the wheelie bin stickers came from - funded by the PC). In a survey at the time, nearly two thirds of respondents in the parish said they'd sign a petition for an official 20 mph limit. 81% of respondents found driving more pleasant during the slow-down fortnight. During the fortnight there were 120 fewer 35+ mph vehicles per day on Leighton Road, and average speeds were 2 mph slower on Winslow Road and Leighton Road (that's a big difference for something that's voluntary!).

There's long been resistance from some parts of Bucks Council to 20 mph limits, but recently this has changed and the Parish Council voted in October 2022 to move forward on attempting to create a 20 mph zone for most of the village roads. Hot off the press news is that is that Transport for Bucks has been commissioned to undertake a feasibility study for potential traffic calming features in Wingrave. The study is to consider options respective to the available budget. Measures to be considered within the study are for soft calming measures such as traffic signs, road markings, village gates etc.. Even if the full measures to create a zone prove too expensive, we are hopefully on the way to creating a 20 mph limit between Twelve Leys and the entrance to Moat Lane.

One of the major challenges of the present and the future is how we deal with climate change, and driving less often and slower, walking or cycling or lift sharing when you can all reduce your carbon footprint and improve the quality of the air in Wingrave with Rowsham

**EM FARRELL Parish Councillor**

*Many thanks to Hannah Price and Councillor Jan Walmsley for providing much of the information in this article.*

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# SUNDAY WALKS

November 20th



There had been a good overnight rainfall (one of many during this month) but the Sunday morning dawned clear and bright which tempted nine walkers to meet for this month's walk.

It was the writer's turn to plan and lead the walk this month and my thoughts turned to a circuit from Stewkley to Hollingdon, returning on the Cross Bucks Way path, a distance of about 4½ miles. This offered up some clear views from high ground across towards Great Brickhill and the Greensand Ridge, north towards Milton Keynes and northwest to Mursley, the slight downside was quite a large number of stiles to surmount and some rather muddy patches in the arable fields around Hollingdon. These reduced our rate of travel and we took well over 2 hours to complete the route, but my stoic companions did not complain too much (apart from a slight grumble about boot cleaning the following day)

We had parked in Chapel Square in front of the now sadly closed down Swan, so had to make a return to Wingrave for a drink at the Sports Centre.

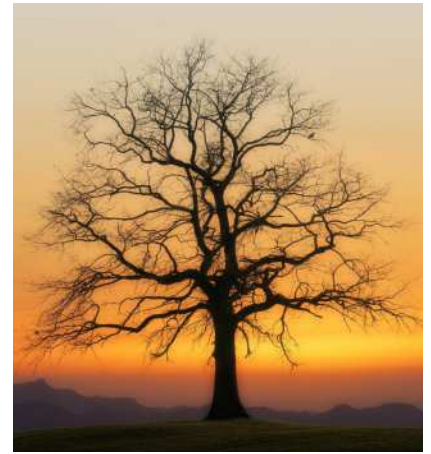


Chris Harrison

# COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

## a view from the field

Yet another year producing my countryside ramblings!!



I read in the farming press that we are not the only county with criminals who take great pleasure in coursing and poaching brown hares and Chinese water deer, while streaming the event on their mobile phones and transmitting live to betting syndicates in the Far East, which lay huge bets on which lurcher or greyhound will kill the quarry first. I know, whatever next? This is how these criminal gangs make thousands of pounds illegally. A crackdown on hare coursing has led to 20 arrests in just one month in Lincolnshire. The force apprehended 22 people during November in South Holland area - 23 dogs were seized as well as 7 cars. The Police urge all rural folk to remain vigilant and report all perpetrators on 999. The Superintendent head of specialist operations thanked his officers and said dispersal orders had been issued against would be criminals, many of whom were linked to organised gangs, moving into other counties to conduct coursing events. I wonder if some of these were the same ones coursing in front of Mentmore Towers last weekend, who killed 2 hares and a deer, then did a runner leaving one of their lurchers behind that the Police confiscated. Dog lovers obviously. In another incident at 08.15 on Sunday, a man was walking the Outer Aylesbury Ring footpath that passes through Mentmore and then down to the railway line, when he intentionally released his large lurcher, which severely injured a Chinese water deer, which later died in agony from its injuries before any of us managed to get there in time. This was witnessed by a lady walking the other way who shouted at him, but she was on her own and had no mobile phone and felt threatened. Welcome to the real world of farming, having to contend with these roving criminals.

The Council did come and empty my ditch of a couple of fly tipped bundles of wooden flooring from an old shed on the dangerous corner on the Leighton road; thank you very much Aylesbury Fly Tipping division, very well done. To finish with, I think we are very lucky to have our Rose and Crown open again, with a lovely friendly atmosphere and good grub. Very well done boys and thank you. Together with our wonderful village shop and garage we must be the envy of many small villages with nothing whatsoever. Happy New Year.

**James Henderson,**  
[James@wingburycourtyard.co.uk](mailto:James@wingburycourtyard.co.uk)

# WINGRAVE UNITED CHARITIES

## Financial Help

Are there any households in Wingrave and Rowsham who are having money difficulties at this time?

We have funds we can offer to help towards food bills or household bills, to pay fees for children's clubs, Uniforms or kit.

This list is not limited in any way, just get in touch and the Trustees will see if they can help.

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**Elizabeth Morgan - Secretary. 01296 681101**



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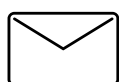
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- September: Available
- October: Wingrave Players
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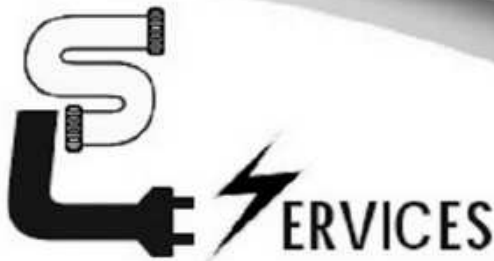
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David Parker's self written eulogy, unknown to the family until recently discovered by his son.

# MY EULOGY PART 1

I've been to a few funerals and thanksgivings in my time and generally they bend the truth. In one, the vicar read from the deceased's eulogy when he said he was a wonderful family man. I turned to Joy and whispered 'I think we are at the wrong funeral', nothing could have been further from the truth. At another, the vicar said that the man had three great loves. As he died of alcoholism, we guessed one was his widow, but as to the other two, I couldn't believe they were going to list drink but they were listed as cars and dogs so we all breathed a sigh of relief. Another good friend had the most appalling taste in Irish folk music and his thanksgiving included three of his favourites. He tricked us all by choosing three rather beautiful pieces. So, I decided to write my own eulogy with my version of the truth.

I don't know what I died of or how old I was but, as an American senator once said "I hope I was 110 and shot dead by a jealous husband". I would like to think I lasted a lot longer than that, 150 was my aim and I died then because I fell off a motor bike! It's obvious to everybody here that this plan failed but I do suggest there's nothing wrong in planning ahead.

I hope this thanksgiving is not too upsetting for my family or friends but really, I have had a wonderful and satisfying life, enjoying every day and everything I've done with fun being the main ingredient. Lots of funerals tell you that the person was, then follows, a lot of nice things, patient, loving, kind, etc, etc. The relatives and attendants at this thanksgiving know what I was, lazy, overweight, and loved my music.

I was actually christened Ronald David but because my dad and an uncle were Ron, I immediately became David. I was born in Haddenham in April 1940 to Ron and 'Matty' Parker, who met, as both were nurses, at St Johns Mental Hospital in Stone. My dad, Ronald Francis Gerald, had been a plasterer but his far-seeing mother made him learn the piano and organ and sent him to lessons in first aid with the St. Johns organisation. He had two sisters, Dorothy and Freda. In the early 30s he saw the depression gathering momentum so applied for a job as trainee nurse at the hospital at Stone with nearly 200 others. He got the job because he could play the organ and they were looking for one of those too so they killed two birds with one stone and he was also contracted to play the organ at their hospital church services most Sundays. My mother, Martha Ellen Laffan (Matty), was born near Swansea, one of eleven children, and also went to St Johns at Stone where she also trained as a nurse. They married in 1939.

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## MY EULOGY

My dad, being in a protected profession (he had become a charge Nurse and organ player) didn't join the forces so fortunately I spent my youngest war years with both parents at home.

Oblivious of the war, time was spent fishing, scrumping, football, cricket, adventures in the woodland and fields around Haddenham and helping the farmers with my dad or listening to the shows on the radio with my mum. She had given up nursing when I arrived. She started doing a bit of charring for 'posh' people in the village as long as they had no children or dogs. She did that for the rest of her life and thoroughly enjoyed it.

Village life during and after the war was idyllic for me playing either football or cricket on the village green or going down the woods to climb trees, fish for 'tiddlers' or fall in the brook. I believe only one bomb landed anywhere near us and that was 2 miles away and thought to have been jettisoned. After going across the road to the Church of England school, I passed the 11 plus exam too early, I think I was nine, went to Aylesbury Grammar School and spent a miserable time there always at the bottom of the class and struggling. I did, however, meet two lifelong friends in similar situations, Derek Pigott from Aylesbury and Harry Toy from Waddesdon, and their friendship lessened the misery. Nobody ever had better friends than these. It was during this period that I gained the nickname, 'Daisy' following a prank where the whole school, at morning assembly, realised the missing girl member of the school choir, Daisy Parker, was me! I enjoyed lots of detentions, but never got the cane although I was lucky once because the headmaster had become ill that day so I avoided it. I would say that it was about the unhappiest period of my life.

In those days you had to be 16 to leave school and, being a year younger than the rest of the fifth form and refusing to join the sixth, I stayed down for another year. This group included Philip Butler whose mother had been a nurse with mine and whose father worked with my dad, so we were often together. The time came to leave school and I had no idea what I wanted to do. The headmaster's study had been changed into a careers office and when my turn came, I went in and sat down facing a huge poster for RAF apprentices at Halton. In Aylesbury, especially on a Saturday night, there were always these boys, dressed in the blue RAF uniform and occasionally being beaten up by gangs of local toughs. I had no intention of joining these boys but told the careers man that is what I wanted to be and, I expect, he had had a long day and was pleased to give me the paperwork and send me out. Carefully putting these papers in the nearest bin, I said to Phil Butler that I had no idea what I was going to do and he pointed out a couple of cards on the 'jobs' board for apprentice draughtsmen saying he was going to those interviews as a draughtsman earned quite a lot.

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## MY EULOGY

I thought I was good at drawing so I jotted down the two addresses and contacted the two personnel officers and subsequently got appointments. The first was at a company in Aylesbury called GPS (General Precision Services). I was taken to the drawing office which was a long room with the draughtsmen all at their drawing boards looking like battery hens. I didn't like this at all. I then went to the second interview, at the Bifurcated and Tubular Rivet Company Limited, the Rivets for short. They took me on. It was one of the best things that ever happened to me. It was a place of hard enjoyable work and fun. It had about 750 employees and was a noisy, dirty, thrilling place to be and I loved it. I became a Draughtsman Apprentice and got my papers in 1961. It had a sports club, grounds men, a bar and I played cricket in the summer and mixed hockey in the winter and my workmates there were all friends. I worked there until 1965. During this period, I was able to fuse a great relationship with the best friend anybody could wish for, Derek Pigott. He had left school to work in his father's fruit and veg business. My apprentice pay was meagre, I started with £2-15shillings a week which was a fortune after 2/6 (2 shillings and six pence) pocket money but Derek earned much more and willingly shared his with me when I was broke. We went all over the area in his dad's green van (His dad used to give us a £1 for four gallons of petrol and a pint of oil and said 'don't do it on your own doorstep' so we went to Hemel, Berko, Slough, Oxford, Watford and even London in that old van.

David Parker

*Part 2 will be published in the March edition*

## BOB WILLMOTT

Penny and family would like to Thank all villagers who sent cards and messages after the death of Bob.

We were also very grateful to all those who helped and attended the Thanksgiving service for Bob's life. We feel so very lucky to have so many wonderful friends. Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

*Jane Willmott on behalf of Penny Willmott*

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## Club Sundays

The Club Bar is open on Sundays between 12 and 2PM - all are welcome. Please remember that our clubhouse is available for hire and includes a kitchen, large open area and licensed bar, which we can staff. Please contact Paul Marsh ([info@esipower.co.uk](mailto:info@esipower.co.uk)) for more information.

## Ground Security

If anyone spots anything untoward at either of our grounds at Marlins (Cheddington Lane, Long Marston) or Mentmore then please contact our Chairman Paul Dumbleton at [chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk). If a crime is in progress please call the police. We would also like to politely remind dog-owners that our grounds are not public open spaces. Dogs must be kept under control at all times and any mess must be cleared up.

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## WINGRAVE FOOTBALL CLUB **playing since 1891**

### Dave Parker



Its always very sad when people pass away. Particularly in this case with Dave Parker. Dave played such a part in so many people's lives.

Dave and Ann took over the running of the Rose and Crown in 1977. I never saw Dave as a landlord, he was more of a mate, one of the boys.

We were a group of people in our early twenties, and he took to us like a duck to water. We had already founded the Sunday Football team in 1975 with Jim and Pam Markham. He helped us take this to another level.

Constant support and countless fund raising. He provided much inspiration. He was chairman of the football club for a while, and he was also chairman of the recreation ground committee. He ran the Rose and Crown for ten years and in that time the place was rockin, a real constant venue. Packed on a Friday night down the bottom bar, why? The room was very basic, lino floor, pool table but it had the best juke box within a 50-mile radius of Wingrave.

Dave had played in a band, he formed the Average Nights with Jack Kidd. Wingrave saw some very professional bands at the centre. Chas and Dave played in the pub among others. He loved his music and had a good knowledge on the subject. Rock n Roll, blues, Cajun, we saw them all, and that was down to him.

Dave was very supportive to the football teams. He actually appeared in goal for the Sunday team on Boxing Day 1978 in a 2-1 win vs The Anchor. He was also our link with the Twinning, whenever we played La Bouxiere.

As said, Dave was involved in so much which means he did play a big part in so many lives. Sometimes people use the word legend lightly.

Not in this case, Dave was and will always be legendary to all of us that knew him.

**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

## MONDAY

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

Wingrave with Rowsham Warm Spaces 11am-4pm

Junior Netfit 3:45-4:45pm (5-11years)

Junior Fitness Classes 4pm

Short mat bowls 5:30-7:30pm

Netball youth pick a bib night 6.15-7.15pm (11-17years)

Wingrave Community Choir 8-9:45pm

Community Centre

Wingrave Park

Wingrave Park

Fitness Farm Gym

Community Centre

Wingrave Park

Methodist Church

## TUESDAY

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

Refuelled Coffee Van 10:30am-12:30pm

Wingrave with Rowsham Warm Spaces 11am-4pm

Walking netball 6-7pm

Back to netball 7-8pm

Qigong and Chi Gong class 7-8:15pm

Art Club 7:30-9:30pm

Methodist Church

Church Street

Methodist Church

Wingrave Park

Wingrave Park

Community Centre

Methodist Church

## WEDNESDAY

Singing Gwen 9:30am-12:30pm

Wingrave with Rowsham Warm Spaces 11am-4pm

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

Fitness Club 8-9pm

Parish Church

Community Centre

Macintyre School

## FRIDAY

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

Wingrave with Rowsham Warm Spaces 11am-4pm

Wingrave Singers rehearsal 8-9:45pm

WCA Social Evening from 8pm

Parish Church

Community Centre

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## SATURDAY

Village Running Group 8-9am

Sat Morning Café from 9am

Junior Netball 9-10am 5-11 years

Senior League Netball 10:15-11:30am

Junior Tennis 10am-12:30pm

Wingrave Wasps Football training and matches

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**Julie Mann** (07585 454299 julieannemann66@gmail.com) for Wingrave Park Pavilion bookings

## JANUARY 2023

Fri	13	1930	Family Bingo	Community Centre
Sat	14	0845	Men's Breakfast Talk: USA the state of the nation	via Zoom
Mon	16		Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan Walmsley:	07813 085211
Fri	20	1345	Wild Slow Walk: the slow walk	Village Green
Fri	20	1930	WwRHA AGM & talk: Buckinghamshire Railway Centre	Community Centre
Sat	21	1400	Aston Abbots jumble sale	AA Village Hall
Sun	22	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Sat	28	1500	Wassailing in Aston Abbots Village Orchard	AA Orchard
Sat	28	1930	Twinning Quiz	Community Centre

## FEBRUARY 2023

Wed	1	1000	WI: Go Beyond Talk	Methodist Church
Sat	4		Quiz night: Malawi World Challenge	Wingrave Park
Sun	5	1230	Swingrave dance	Community Centre
Sat	11-12		Wingrave Singers at Chelmsford Cathedral	
Mon	13-20		School half term holiday	
Mon	13		Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan Walmsley:	07813 085211
Mon	13	1500	Friendship Group	Baldway Ho, Leighton Rd
Wed	15	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	17	1930	Family Bingo	Community Centre
Sun	19	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Tue	21	1430	Wild Slow Walk: a Wingrave wander	Village Green
Fri	24	1930	WwRHA talk: Two Georgian houses, West Wycombe & Ashridge	Community Centre

## MARCH 2023

Wed	1	1000	WI: Guided walk around College Lake	
Sat	4	1000	Wingrave Singers choral workshop with Scott Inglis-Kidger	Parish Church
Sat	4		Aston Abbots Church quiz	AA Village Hall
Mon	13		Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan Walmsley:	07813 085211
Mon	13	1500	Friendship Group	Baldway Ho, Leighton Rd
Wed	15	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	17	200	Twinning AGM Cheese & Wine Evening	Community Centre
Sat	18	1400	Twinning Jumble Sale	Community Centre
Sun	19	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Fri	24	1930	WwRHA talk 'Long Crendon and Brill'	Community Centre
Sat	25	1200	Wild Slow Walk: the silent walk	Village Green
Sun	26	0100	British summer time starts	
Fri	31		School term ends	

**Recycling collection:** Wednesday 18th January, 1st 15th February, 1st 15th 29th March;

**Waste collection:** Wednesday 25th January, 8th 22nd February, 8th 22nd March;

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