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## A GRAND JUBILEE CONCERT

After the fun-filled street party and barbecue (see photos and story later in this edition), Wingrave celebrated in style the next evening at the Grand Jubilee Concert in the packed Church, which was filled with nostalgia, anticipation and beautiful red, white and blue floral displays. A wonderful evening's entertainment had been lined up, combining the skills of Wingrave Community Choir, the Wingrave Singers and the Wingrave Players, under the direction of Neil Gurney.

After Handel's superb Coronation anthem "Zadok the Priest" the audience were surprised by the unexpected arrival of two "cleaning ladies", Gladys and Ethel who proceeded down the nave, furiously dusting both pews and audience.

The magnificent Gladys (Neil Gurney), sporting a hairstyle just like the Queen's, professed to be a lifelong admirer of the Queen and was conveniently carrying not only a feather duster but also her scrapbook detailing the Queen's life. Throughout the concert she and Ethel (Pat Daniels) went up and down the Church, wielding their dusters, looking at the scrapbook and gossiping about the Queen. This device seamlessly brought together the chosen selection of music, speeches and sketches, all linked by some connection with the Queen throughout her decades, even if the somewhat random excuse for including Abba was just because the Queen loves dancing (according to Gladys)! The evening flowed perfectly, also assisted by a glass of bubbly in the interval.

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## A GRAND JUBILEE CONTINUED...

Both choirs were brilliantly professional and it was a special treat to hear the two together, particularly in Britten's beautiful arrangement of "God save the Queen". Music ranged from hymns and traditional ballads to songs from films and patriotic gems. Sylvia Francis, Wingrave's own Sweetheart, gave a glorious rendition of "White Cliffs of Dover", which was truly moving - not just because of her glorious voice but also the historic emotion of its war association and the knowledge that the need is greater than ever now for "love and laughter, and peace ever after... when the world is free".

Sketches by the Wingrave Players included old television comedy favourites of the Queen (according to Gladys), such as the Two Ronnies' "Four candles" and Morecambe and Wise's Grieg Piano Concerto, which made us laugh just as much as the originals, if not more. As a teenager the Queen had starred as Aladdin in a Palace pantomime, (Gladys again), so the Players presented Jon Beardmore's hilarious adaptation- oh no they didn't....oh yes they did. As well as great acting and characterisation the Players' inventive use of the Church as their props was brilliant - the shenanigans around the pews, the back and forth in the ironmonger's at the Crossing and the way the Genie arose from the pulpit in all his splendid glory. The congregation will expect a similar performance from the vicar every Sunday.

The finale comprised the great patriotic classics "Rule Britannia", "Jerusalem" and "Land of Hope and Glory". Felicity Davies sang magnificently the solo verses of "Rule Britannia", with full audience participation for the choruses, and flag waving worthy of the Royal Albert Hall.

Praise must go to everyone involved in performing, writing and preparing for the evening and all those who worked so hard behind the scenes. It was a most memorable evening, not just because of the professional quality of the production, but also the spirit with which the village came together as a community in our beautiful Church to celebrate this unique moment in history. Finally, thanks to everyone's generosity and hard work a total of £705.40 was raised for the British Red Cross.

**Penny Dell (Editorial Team)**

# WHAT'S ON at the Community Centre

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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>
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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>
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# WINGRAVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**WINGRAVE**  
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Dear School Friends and Neighbours,

There is cause for celebration at Wingrave CE School as we have reached 202 pupils! This is before our full cohort due in September, meaning we should be able to sustain this number into the new school year. Whilst a healthy sign of growth for the school community, this also has positive implications for our budget as finances are assigned at a given Census point in the year. I understand that this has implications for increased foot and car traffic through the village but please be reassured that we regularly remind parents about parking considerately and walking as much as possible.

Another cause for celebration is the news that our EYFS\* Teacher, Mrs Neaves, is expecting and will be leaving us later this term for her maternity leave. Mrs Neaves has led our EYFS provision for many years so this is a big change for her and the school; we are very grateful for all her hard work and look forward to her return. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family all the best.

Preparation is well under way for our new September arrivals with Miss Weeks, our Assistant Head who oversees the Infant classes, taking up the EYFS baton. We are continuing our thorough transition programme of visiting all pre-school settings and inviting in both parents and children to visit the school for information and social occasions in readiness for their new start.

Meanwhile at the other end of the school, Ms Lee, our Assistant Head who oversees our Junior classes, has been preparing our Year 6 class to move onto secondary school. I am sure we all remember this is a huge leap and so we co-ordinate opportunities for the children to meet staff from, and ask questions about, their new settings.

As hoped, this summer period has been the least disrupted yet and we are making the most of trips and opportunities to enhance the children's learning. During this term alone, the children will be enjoying:

- A trip to The Houses of Parliament, Year 6
- A trip to The Globe Theatre and Tate Modern Gallery, Years 5 & 6
- A Shang Dynasty Day and Workshop, Years 3 & 4
- A trip to Oxford Castle, Years 1 & 2
- A trip to Crocodile World, EYFS

Hopefully the children will be left with enough energy for the Year 5 & 6 production which we will be performing for parents at the end of term. Never a dull moment here at Wingrave CE School!

**MATT TOMSON** *Headteacher*

\* Early years foundation stage (EYFS) statutory framework - the standards that school and childcare providers must meet for the learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

# RACE FOR LIFE

We wanted to announce that the final total of our May Cancer Research UK Race for Life fundraising is £915 and in addition £217 gift aid!!

That is an incredible amount, thank you to all who generously donated.

**Val and Zietta**

# THANK YOU

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who supported myself and my family following Ray's passing on 1st May. There were many condolence cards, beautiful flowers and numerous kind wishes received.

The funeral on 31st May was very well attended by family and friends and was beautifully presented by Gemma Godivala, the celebrant.

My thanks to my daughters, Jane and Laura, my grandson Kaya and my granddaughter Jasmin who all made wonderful contributions on the day.

The service was exactly as Ray would have wanted it, with some of his favourite Roy Orbison and Buddy Holly tunes included!

Our thanks to everyone who attended the Crematorium and the wake at the Rose and Crown. Thanks also to those who donated to our chosen charity, Dementia UK, in memory of Ray.

**Jenny, Jane, Laura and families**

# CONCERT

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Word around Wingrave is that the village Jubilee Concert was brilliant!

*If you missed it don't despair!*

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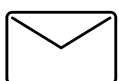


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- August: 20th July
- September: 17th August
- October: 21st September
- November: 19th October
- December: 16th November

### 2023

- Jan/Feb - 4th January
- March - 15th February
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- May - 17th April
- June - 17th May



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# WARGAS

Are pleased to announce the return of

**The Open Summer Show**

and

**Annual Sweet Pea Show**

**Wingrave Community Centre**

**July 9<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm**



The society has been running for over 100 years, the show(s) a strong part of our history, gives people the chance to show their horticultural, floral, domestic, artistic, handicraft, needlework, knitting and photographic skills. We hope you can join us as a competitor or spectator to support our show. Enjoy tea and cakes, and a chance to win in the raffle.



# WARGAS SUMMER SHOW



The WARGAS (Wingrave and Rowsham Garden and Allotment Society) are hosting the return of the Open Summer Show, and Sweet Pea Show on Saturday the 9th July from 2.30 at Wingrave Community Centre.

This is the first show since July 2019 and we hope that you will be generous with your support as you have been in the past. The show will follow the same format as the past - the special fuchsia class however, is on hold for this year.

For the photographic classes this year we have (Max 12 x 8" (30 x 20cm) framed or mounted):-

51. **'Wingrave or Surrounding Areas'**
52. **'On or by Water'**
53. **'Better Times'**

For the children's classes:-

51. **'Flowers fit for a Queen'** - 'Flowers in a recycled container'.
52. **'Wingrave or Surrounding Areas'** - A photo no larger than 15 x 10 cm (6 x 4 inches) Colour or black and white. Name and address on reverse.
53. **'Cooking'** - create 3 "Platinum Jubilee" cakes
51. **'Poster or Painting to celebrate "Wild"- the new group with the village.** Computer allowed. A4 Size. Name and address plus age/ and group if applicable on reverse of poster.

The Schedules will be available soon, please note Adrian Reeve is the show secretary at 127 Winslow Road  
showsecretarywargas@gmail.com

We hope you can support the show. Anybody who would like to sponsor class or help on the day or can supply a cake for teas and coffees. Please contact me. Thank you.

**Adrian Reeve** Show Secretary WARGAS

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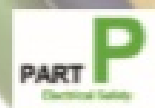
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# SHAKESPEARE AT SUNNEYHILL BARN



A hearty hello to you from the team at Unbound Theatre.

If you've not heard of us before, we're the in-house production company at Aylesbury's Queens Park Arts Centre. We're here on these pages to let you know that we're bringing our latest touring production to Rowsham in July, and we'd love you to join us!

We'll be appearing at Sunneyhill Barn, Rowsham on Friday 29th July at 7.30, performing a brand-new take on the most famous play of them all - Hamlet.

No, don't skip to the next article! If you're sceptical about Shakespeare or bristle at mention of the Bard then keep reading, because we've designed the production with everyone in mind, not just hardened theatre fans.

Here's the thing - if you've only ever read Shakespeare's plays in a boiling hot classroom, or sat through a performance full of men in tights overdoing the vibrato, then you're missing out on what the Bard's really about. Shakespeare wrote for the masses - for the crowds who piled into playhouses armed with ale and stale bread. His theatre was rowdy, full of heckling and silliness and actors making up the bits they couldn't remember. He knew that poetry went hand in hand with spooky ghosts and swordfights.

We're determined to recapture a bit of that spirit - so come on, give it a go! And if you're already a fan of his work, then come and enjoy a fresh new take on the Bard's most famous play - one not often tackled by community-led groups like us!

If you'd like to join us, you can book tickets via [www.queensparkarts.com](http://www.queensparkarts.com), or give Queens Park Arts Centre a call on 01296 424332. Entry for the performance is £5, with concessions available for over-60s and under 16s.

**Hamlet is performed at Sunneyhill Barn, Rowsham, on Friday 29th July at 7.30pm.**

# TWINNING

## Twining is Back! Vive la Jumelage!

The Wingrave Twinning Association is delighted to announce that, after a three-year COVID-induced hiatus, our 35-year relationship with our friends in La Bouèxiere is all set to resume.



A group of about 80 (including, as in the past, a team of junior footballers) will be here from 22nd to 25th October (that's the start of half-term for most of us).

For newcomers to the village, our Twinning works on an alternate year system. About 80 Wingravians had a splendid visit to La Bouèxiere in the spring of 2019 and the French guests were due here in April 2020 - which obviously was cancelled.

Traditionally, the French guests stay with hosts in Wingrave (or some of our other local villages) for the three nights. Over the years many strong and long-lasting friendships have built up between regular Twinners from each side, and the same people often stay with each other year after year. But, after a three year gap we are on the lookout for new potential Twinning hosts.

Hosting simply involves putting people up (there are singletons, couples without children, and families) for the three nights, and sharing two meals in your home. On the middle night there will be a social gathering locally - to which hosts and guest alike are invited. And much of the daytimes will be taken up with trips (eg to Oxford) and activities (the football match) organised by the committee for the visitors, which the hosts are not obliged to attend.

It really is a rewarding and delightful event, whether or not you have a child involved in the football match, or somebody in the household keen to practise their French conversation. BUT you do NOT need to speak a word of French to make the perfect host. Nor do you need acres of space: people are always happy to sleep on sofas etc. It's always very informal.

The Twinning Committees on both sides of the Channel have striven hard to keep the flame alive in the last three years - swapping gifts, occasional Zooms, an excellent Christmas video from La Bouèxiere, and the Christmas baking challenge, as well as news updates. But there is nothing like the real thing to fulfil the original vision of the first Wingrave Twinners. There has never been a more important time to foster our relationships with old and new friends in France, so do please get in touch if you would like to host a guest or guests in October and/or become involved more actively with the Twinning Association.

### Co-chairs:

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**Jo Fairhurst - 07876 570283 [jo.fairhurst@gmail.com](mailto:jo.fairhurst@gmail.com)**

# NEWS FROM THE GREEN

As everyone is still on a high from the Jubilee celebrations, that's where I will start our report.



It was an amazing turnout in the village from the Street party through to the BBQ on Friday 3rd June.

The Bowls Club surrounded the green with bunting, the clubhouse had never looked better and the interior was festooned with bunting and lights in red, white and blue, it all looked amazing. Thanks to Barbara, Sue, Sandy, Ann and Penny for making and coordinating the display. From 3:00pm precisely the bar opened its doors to thirsty punters and the cocktails flowed for 3 hours solid. Big thanks to Nick for helping to hold off the crowds. Caribbean music flowed across the bowls green as target bowls took place for the duration, thanks to Dave, Sue and Tony. Finally, massive heart-felt thanks to everyone who supported the event and spent money. Apologies if the cocktails were too strong!!



## Clubhouse project

Bucks CC have acknowledged receipt of the planning application. The next stage is verification of the documents, then the allocation of a planning officer. The whole process then starts in earnest. They have warned that they have received a large number of applications post lockdown and the application could take longer than usual to process.

The first meeting of WRSSAL funding project group took place on 20th June. This begins the process to secure the additional funds needed to replace the bowls clubhouse and the pavilion.

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# NEWS FROM THE GREEN

## New members

We have had an amazing turnout of new members, partly thanks to members like Bruce Wiseman and Anthony Meah acting as ambassadors for the club. The support we get from our Parish is so reassuring and this all helps to endorse our claim for a new clubhouse. New members are straight away shown the ropes and get their bearings before some simple instructions and little gentle coaching. Monday afternoons/evenings are set aside for use by new members and that gives everyone a chance to acquaint themselves with the more experienced members and the rudimentary etiquette of bowls.

## All are welcome

Wingrave recently opened the green to the WI and we had a great turnout with a morning of a few ends, and some delicious food and cakes were shared amongst the group. We have the footballers to entertain later this month and the Croquet vs. Bowls always has a little challenging edge later in the season. We have also been approached to host an event with two other organisations in the village.

## Bucks Plate

Wingrave are holding a strong position in the league. See right, Cheddington to play this week.

Don't forget Mondays from 4pm the green is open for new bowlers and the bar opens around 5pm 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 Google calendar booking system to check availability. \*£25.00 for adult social membership for one year.

BUCKS PLATE TABLES RESULTS AS AT 8.6.2022

DIVISION 1	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	PTS
STONY STARTFORD	2	2	0	0	208	84	124	26
WOBURN SANDS	3	3	0	0	245	137	108	26
WOLVERTON PARK	4	1	0	3	260	281	-21	18
BUCKINGHAM WEST END	2	1	0	1	120	131	-11	12
BRADWELL	3	0	0	3	120	320	-200	0


SCOT HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE LEAGUE

DIVISION 2	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	PTS
CHEDDINGTON	3	2	0	1	244	149	95	30
WINGRAVE	3	2	0	1	227	172	55	29
WINSLOW	3	1	0	2	170	212	-42	17
ASTON CLINTON	3	1	0	2	158	221	-63	12
WING	2	1	0	1	110	155	-45	10

DIVISION 3/4	P	W	D	L	F	A	SD	PTS
AMERSHAM	4	2	1	1	260	258	2	34
HIGH WYCOMBE	3	2	0	1	228	169	59	28
BURNHAM	3	1	1	1	129	129	0	23
WEXHAM	3	1	0	2	190	185	5	14
CHALFONT ST.GILES	3	1	0	2	161	227	-66	13

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## NEWS FROM WINGRAVE WI

Ten members and two visitors went along to the Bowls Club on Wednesday 8th June.

After refreshments we were divided into groups of four with a member from the Bowls Club to give us some expert tuition. After some practice we played two or three games. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and looks forward to next year. The Bowls Club very kindly provided a lovely lunch. We were certainly lucky with the weather.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th July, when Diana Roberts will talk on the journey with Doula-living life.

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# WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

We are coming into an exciting time for the Club with the resumption of our League matches, and a few friendlies against other local clubs, not forgetting our Come and Try event. Unfortunately for our readers, these are all taking place after the deadline for Communique entries and therefore the only thing to report lately is that our friendly match against Dunstable was rained off! Doesn't seem possible as we (currently) are sitting in blazing sunshine. A new date will be arranged and mallets will be crossed for better weather.

The recent Solstice event at Hamptworth saw two members - Rob and Graham (his first major tournament) - putting in a lot of effort in some very close games which unfortunately did not go their way. Whilst acquitting themselves well, no silverware returned to Wingrave on this occasion. Here's to the next time!

Many of our members, young to old, new and more experienced, are still enjoying every opportunity to get out there on the lawn which makes the efforts of the gardening gnomes all worthwhile. How about coming along on a Sunday afternoon to join in the play and enjoy a Cream Tea at the Church as well? The more the merrier!

Q Croquet Association has recently been promoting **Croquet On TV** and for those who might have the time and the appropriate software to hand - there is now a partnership with Belly-Up TV (part of the Fox-D network <https://foxd.network/bellyuptv/>) to provide coverage of croquet on online TV starting with a dry run at the Inter-Counties followed by the GC Open and then the World Opens. It is hoped that the network will develop a dedicated croquet channel with the ability to generate income for our sport from advertising sales during our programming. To promote this there have been a series of taster shows also available as podcasts <https://www.spreaker.com/episode/49883168> and <https://www.spreaker.com/show/today-in-belly-up-sports>. Enjoy!

All the usual notices, reminders and invitations too - please note that the timings are for start of play, with no scheduled finishing, as the lighter evenings give the opportunity to continue as long as wished. Thursday evenings have been designated as a "Club Event" to encourage those who are working to come along and also to provide more opportunity for a social evening too. Saturday mornings have provided yet more social interaction, with members bringing flasks and friendship!

**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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## Charity Event

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Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity's annual Midnight Walk returns to Aylesbury for the final time after a two year hiatus on Saturday 16th July. Since it began in 2010, the Midnight Walk has seen hundreds of men and women come together and take to the streets of Aylesbury, walking over 50,000 miles and raising over £650,000 for the charity over the years. But this will be the last opportunity to take part in the event.

The charity is hoping its local community will support their Farewell Midnight Walk, with walkers joining them to remember loved ones and support their local hospice as they walk the final miles for one last time.

Walkers can choose from 5 mile or 10 mile circular routes - both starting from Aylesbury College at midnight on Saturday 16th July, with refreshments at pit stops along the way. Each walker will also receive a commemorative Farewell Midnight Walk 2022 T-shirt, as well as a Finisher's medal and complimentary breakfast at the end of the walk.

For more information and to sign up, please call 01296 429975 or visit [www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk](http://www.fnhospice.org.uk/midnightwalk).



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## July services

All of our July services will be at the Methodist Church at 10 o'clock:

- Sunday 3rd July: Rev Carina Shergold
- Sunday 10th July: Anthonia Allen
- Sunday 17th July: John Bush
- Sunday 24th July: Rev Wallace Edwards (Holy Communion)
- Sunday 31st July: Arthur Sara

**Everyone welcome!**

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**Senior Steward: Mary Shurlock (681584)**

# FROM THE COTTESLOE BENEFACTICE



One of the big questions about “church” is where does church happen? In the building, in the street? Or is it both?

To find the answer to this and similar questions, the best place to look is scripture; when we look there, we find that Jesus did in fact go to both the temple (church) and out in the streets. Jesus spent a lot of time talking to religious leaders and he spent even more time with ordinary people, individually and with the crowds.

What we learn from this is that the life of faith is lived both in obviously churchy stuff like prayer, worship, Bible study, but also in the life of the community; for if we only ever do the former, we become a holy huddle and if we just do the latter, we simply replicate lots of other good works. Jesus showed us that in fact church life and community life each inform the other and each then grows in strength and effectiveness. For how might we know what to pray about if we don't know the community? And how might we “read” the signs and needs of a community if we haven't spent time listening to the voice of scripture?

Last month's Jubilee celebrations were really enjoyable across our eight parishes. They were a fitting response to the service HM Queen has given the country over her 70 years on the throne. But what I also enjoyed, a lot, was meeting and speaking to people I'd not met often or ever before. All our churches have at least one service a month which is not formal and whilst that is in the building (usually) they are aimed at exploring the cross over between inside and out. It would be great to see you.

With every blessing,

**REV'D HOWARD ROBSON.**



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## Services for July

3 <sup>rd</sup> July Patronal Festival of St Peter & St Paul	Parish Communion	9:30 am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Communion	9:30 am
Trinity 4	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July Trinity 5	Breakfast Church	9:30 am for 10:00 service
24 <sup>th</sup> July	BCP Communion service	8:30 am
Trinity 6	People's Praise	9:30 am
31 <sup>st</sup> July Trinity 7	Holy Communion	10:30 am <b>At Soulbury</b>

### 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 :00am Morning Prayer on Thursday is taken from 'Common Worship for the Church of England'. All welcome

#### Friday

10:00 - 11:am Tea and Tots. (in school term time) All 0-5years with their parents and 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 will finish for the Summer holidays on 15th July**

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:

**Saturday 9th July** 7 :30 pm Wingrave Community Choir Summer concert

See poster in this issue for more details

**Saturday 16th July** 3 :00 - 5:00 pm Tea, Cake & Choirs Charity Afternoon Concert for the Brain Tumour Charity & Church Funds. For more details contact Bev Reekes on 681150

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## **PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL**

### **Our Charities**

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### **From the Register**

Baptism of George Harry Alfred Phillips and Annabel Elizabeth Julia Phillips on 22nd May 2022.

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# WILD WINGRAVE

## WILDLIFE SURVEY



The second Wild Wingrave survey of three different habitats was carried out on the 28th May. Comparing this survey with the one carried out in March we found some striking differences in numbers and species found.

The woodland area was noticeably darker due to the dense tree canopy. Approximately 20% of the ground was covered with stinging nettles, 10% with ivy and the amount of cow parsley had almost doubled since March. Cow parsley usually hosts numerous butterfly and moth larvae but none were observed. It was probably too dark and too cool. The wild arum had all gone to seed and the celandines had disappeared. The few other plant species remained much the same as they were in March. When it came to invertebrates there appeared to be a great decline in species with just a few exceptions: midges were very much in evidence and aphids had increased markedly, also leaf hoppers. One exciting find was a female huntsman spider, green in colour and which is relatively rare.

The hedgerow survey offered a much different picture with thirteen plants not seen in March noted. Of the eighteen plant species seen in March six were no longer found but the others had generally increased. Invertebrate life was much more evident; in March only six species were observed but in May eighteen additional species were found. Three bird species, coal tits, chiff chaffs and blackbirds were seen.

The meadow survey, as expected, showed the greatest increase in plant species with grasses predominating. Twenty seven different plants were observed in May which were not apparent in March with numbers of some very high. Some however, were not found in May, speedwell and geranium being two examples, which had been observed in March. Thirteen additional species of invertebrates were seen in May over March, with high numbers of leaf hoppers and their larvae observed. Ants, beetles and midges which had high numbers in March were no longer found.

Two further surveys will be conducted this year, Saturday 23rd July and Saturday 24th September. If you would be interested in taking part in either or both of these we would love to see you. Surveys take approximately 1 hour 30 mins and there is always tea and cake afterwards.

**Please contact either Jan Walmsley 07813085211 or Val Godfrey 01296681377 for further details.**

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# TALES FROM THE TOUCHLINE



**WINGRAVE WASPS**

## Wingrave is a footballing hotbed

The dust has now settled on another exciting Premier League football season (so near yet so far Liverpool Football Club), yet across the country grassroots football teams, including Wingrave JFC, have also brought their 21/22 seasons to a close.

At a glance, here's how community focused the Wasps has become:

- 150+ players
- 11 age groups
- 50+ coaches & managers
- 14 sponsors

I'm hugely proud of the team who coach, manage, officiate and play every Saturday morning - seeing players from 5 up to 18 play the beautiful game and enjoying themselves is such a fantastic feeling. We'd be nothing without our volunteers. At the end of a long, hard, yet hugely enjoyable season, please accept my words of thanks. You make our club as special and welcoming as it is.

## Well done Wingrave FC

Witnessing players gravitate through the age groups is yet more proof of the great work that happens on the training pitch and also at Wingrave Park every Saturday - this again comes from the coaches and managers.



When Wingrave FC experienced their superb run of Cup Final appearances and their impressive league form and you recognise players turning out for the seniors - who were once Wasps - it only underlines the bedrock of our teams; the community. Well done to Rob, Adam, Polly and all the players - what a fantastic season! Absolutely brilliant.

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## TALES FROM THE TOUCHLINE



WINGRAVE WASPS

### What being a volunteer means to me

From a personal point of view, being involved as an assistant coach with the U14s and winning Division 6 was thrilling and we look forward to extra challenges this coming season. Hopefully, Rob, a few more players for the seniors in the coming seasons! Well done Glen, Steph, Martin, Simon and all the team + players of course!



Any kind of volunteering can be so incredibly rewarding and, speaking from experience, positively impacts your existing life and professional skills. From my point of view, I do something I love and I also enjoy seeing my son play football at the same time. Yes, we've experienced a few challenges along the way this season but where would the fun be if there weren't any bumps on the football pitch?

If you're involved in volunteering, well done to you too. I hope you get out as much as I do.

Are you interested in getting involved with Wingrave Wasps? We have roles from fundraisers, respect champions, referees and everything in between, so please reach out if you'd like to help.

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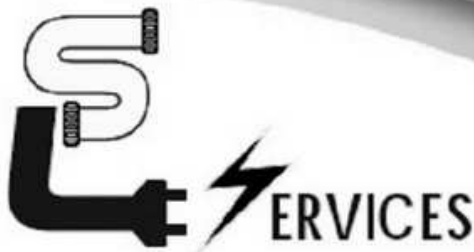
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# JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

## THE EXTENDED BANK HOLIDAY SAW THE PARISH BURST INTO CELEBRATION

The celebrations kicked off on Wednesday at the Parish Church with a Full Peal musical performance, comprising the full extent of the changes possible on 8 bells (5040) by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths comprising almost entirely of ringers from St.Paul's Cathedral.



Celebrations continued on Thursday with Julie Mann and the WWSAL team organising a superb family funday at the Sports Park which included lots of very tuneful Karaoke singing!

Matters stepped up a gear (if it was possible given the great family day) on Friday with hundreds (some said 500!) people joining the Big Lunch on Church street. Ann McDonald (event coordinator) managed to get every table and chair from every organisation in the Parish into Church Street to seat the fantastic turn out. The Church opened the tower, offering those unafraid of heights a towering view of the local countryside and of the village. At the same time the Heritage Association put on a fascinating and well researched display of Wingrave and Rowsham through the years of The Queen's reign.



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## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

The "Last of the Summer Ukeles" played throughout the day which helped create a wonderful atmosphere alongside Face painting (thanks Amelie!), free hats and drinks (thanks to Britvic) as well as the tasty food from "Cafe du Jardin". Later in the day the Bowls club opened for lots of fun taster sessions - both cocktails and bowling.

Friday evening arrived and the fun continued with the legendary Village BBQ kicking into gear to see off the evening - apparently they have never sold so many burgers before!



Thanks to the whole BBQ volunteer team for their valiant efforts keeping us well fed!

Saturday evening (and a few sore heads from the Friday) arrived, and the eclectic Jubilee concert took place in the Parish Church to great applause - read about that in this month's editorial review.

Finally to Sunday, where Teddies were launched from the tower (thankfully with parachutes) and as Rowsham held a fun street party that warmed the hearts, despite the cooling weather.

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## Continued JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thanks to all the villagers who festooned their homes with flags and bunting, the WI who brightened up the village pond and Church Street with yarn bombing and yet more bunting, and the right royal table decorations made by the Children of Wingrave Primary School.

A true celebratory spirit filled the Parish.



Finally, a massive thank you to the organisations and volunteers that helped the Parish celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in true Wingrave and Rowsham style!

**Wingrave Community Association**

# Wingrave Village Fete

Sunday 10th July

12-4pm



Dog Show



£1  
per  
Class



1.00pm Golden Oldie (7 years+)

1.20pm Loveliest Lady

1.40pm Fabulous Fella

2.00pm Musical Sits (sit when the whistle blows)

2.20pm Cutest Puppy (under 1 year)

2.40pm Egg & Spoon Race (with dog on lead)

3.00pm Hot Dog Bobbing (fastest sausage eater)

3.20pm Best in Show

# COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

## a view from the field

Despite the challenging conditions, more than 1900 farmers and gamekeepers took part in 2022 in the Big Farmland Bird Count. Sponsored by the NFU, the count happened 4-20th February



There were 130 species logged over 1.5 million acres. Over 420,000 individual birds were counted for the survey, which is now in its ninth year. An impressive 26 Red Listed birds\* were counted, with 7 amongst the 25 most frequently seen species. Of these, starlings, lapwings, fieldfares, and linnets were the four most abundant Red List species to be spotted, with over 125,000 counted.

I remember as a young lad growing up on the farm, listening to the male skylarks rising almost vertically in the air, then hovering effortlessly, singing from a great height before parachuting back down to earth. I also saw many lapwings which were another of my favourites, always around two large craters on the hill towards Wingrave, which old farm workers told me, were bomb holes, caused by German Bombers dumping their bombs before returning home to lighten their load, probably trying to find Wing or Long Marston airfields. I was mesmerised by the tales of the brothers Frank and Buller Rickard, both tradesmen from Wingrave (and of course still have family in Wingrave) relaying their stories of their experiences in the trenches in France and other things, I never did ask my father why he was called Buller, but later put 2 and 2 together! The other scare I had was when they were building piers to stop brickwork collapsing on an old barn, when Frank was stung on the tongue by a wasp and he came running across the grass fields with his tongue held in a pair of long nosed pliers, to stop him swallowing it. The old man started the Mark 1 Land Rover and drove like a man possessed to the Bucks Hospital. Buller had the rest of the day off!

In those days he also bought an old Petrol/ Paraffin Fordson Major Tractor, which when swung by the starting handle sometimes fired into life, it was a marvellous machine, but the main reason for having it was to get the Petrol Ration Coupons to put petrol in the old Land Rover. Don Rickard and his father always found that amusing at Wingrave Garage, filling up a Land Rover with tractor coupons! Maybe they would come in handy today?

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

*\* The Red List of birds is 70 species which face severe declines and need urgent conservation action. The number on the list has more than doubled since the first report in 1996"*

# Wingrave Parish Church



## Tea & Tots

In School Terms

**Fridays 10am – 11am**

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# WINGRAVE UNITED CHARITIES



## Financial Help

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

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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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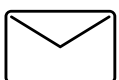
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- August: Wingrave Pre-School
- September: WCA Summer Party
- October: Wingrave Players
- November: (Provisionally) PTFA
- December: Wingrave Church

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- Jan/Feb - Twinning
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# WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM VILLAGE FETE

**SUNDAY 10TH JULY 12-4PM**  
**WINGRAVE PARK**

This year's village Fete is soon approaching. The Fete is organised by WWRSAAL and is our annual fundraiser that helps to keep our sports and leisure facilities maintained for the village.

We need volunteers to help make this event a success. Please get in touch if you can help set up on the day, sell raffle tickets, donate raffle prizes, or even help clean up after the event.

We plan to bring you a Traditional Fete including the following:

- Last of the Summer Ukuleles
- Classic Car display
- Dog show
- Tug of war
- Raffle
- Mini Olympics
- Beer tent
- BBQ

Other attractions include: Bouncy castle, Tombola, Splat The Rat, Beat the Goalie, Coconut Shy, Ice Creams, Tea/Coffee and Cake, Rodeo Bull, Target Bowls, and many more.

There will be lots of stalls selling various products. If you wish to book a stall please hurry, as pitches are going fast.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Tracey Outtram [wingrave.fete@gmail.com](mailto:wingrave.fete@gmail.com) 07907608966**



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# LONG MARSTON CRICKET CLUB



## Follow Long Marston Cricket Club!

The cricket season is now in full swing. We have seen some close victories and narrow defeats for all three Saturday league teams in what is becoming an intriguing season. There have also been some great games on Sundays when we play a wide variety of opposition in friendlies at our home ground Marlins, on the edge of Long Marston. Finally, our colts teams have been in action too. We always welcome spectators, so do please come along to watch at our main ground (Marlins, Cheddington Road, Long Marston - games every Saturday and most Sundays) or our 3rd XI ground at Mentmore (at the bottom of the hill to the West of Mentmore village - Saturday games when the 3rd XI are at home). See the website for fixtures.

## Play Cricket!

Fancy getting into (or back into) cricket? We field teams across a wide range of abilities. If you would like to join us or try out a match or two, then the contacts are:

Adult membership enquiries Pete Toovey [tooves007@hotmail.com](mailto:tooves007@hotmail.com)

Junior membership enquiries Sarah Barnes [develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk](mailto:develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk).

It's not just for boys either - all our teams are mixed!

## Long Marston Cricket Club 10k

Thank you to everyone that took part in the highly successful LMCC 10K. Special thanks to Malcolm Miles for allowing us to use his field as a car park and to Robin Gaymer for allowing us to use his land for the run to take place. Lastly to our sponsors the Happy Egg co for supporting the event. We are looking to stage the event again next year.

## 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

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## ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR ©Em Farrell Part 7

Most of my last article was taken up with a quiz with 20 of the many acronyms that were part of the Planning Forward meeting I attended a few weeks ago. It was the second Planning Forward meeting I attended. The first was a few months before, when my main takeaway had been the laudable intention to involve communities in planning and development at an earlier stage, so that the core reasons are laid bare. The core reasons being that we do not have enough houses available, particularly affordable housing, and that new houses do have to be built, even though we may not want them to be. A recent report by Crisis said we need 340,000. Meanwhile, in the second week of June Boris Johnson dropped his manifesto commitment to build 300,000 new houses a year, the impact of which will be interesting to watch.

The Planning and Environment Forward meeting was quite information dense, with 55 slides which had been prepared somewhat earlier, so the figures on them were then updated verbally by the individuals presenting them. At the first meeting the number of job vacancies was quite scary. It has improved and Bucks Unitary Council now has its own very first Biodiversity Net Gain Officer.

Here are a few hand-picked bits from the meeting. 50% of planning applications uploaded through the planning portal are invalid on receipt and have to be returned with more information required. This seemed useful to know, as does the introduction of a new digital tool plan x, ( I think this is the name of the tool!) which will help you work out whether you need planning permission at all. There had been a big rise in planning applications in the last 3 months due to the change in building regulations which came in on 15th June. I looked up the changes assuming they were aimed at making some progress towards the carbon neutral target of 2050. They included the reduction of carbon emissions in domestic new builds by 31% and in non-domestic new builds by 27%. A new metric to measure energy efficiency is also being introduced, which covers the efficiency of the power station, the energy used to get the fuel to the building as well the building's own efficiency. Preparatory work for electric vehicle charge points will also be a requirement. There are others to do with ventilation, prevention of overheating, heating and lighting system efficiency, a new maximum flow temperature and fabric energy efficiency standard (FEES). Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) compliance will be required on extensions to existing properties.

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## ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

There is no statutory requirement for solar panels, although research suggests it would make a massive difference if every house in the country had even two. New builds could so easily have many more.

But returning to the meeting. It has become an important thing to blow your own trumpet when you get the chance and Bucks Council was the 2nd most active planning enforcement service outside London. Although good in some ways, does it also mean we have a lot of people not obeying planning regulations, or simply that we are good at dealing with them when they do?

We were told about some of the recent planning applications and big projects, including the rejection of a change to Grendon Underwood Prison, partly due to inadequate infrastructure and no bio-diversity net gains. What was approved at Pinewood Studios or Screen Hub UK, subject to the completion of S106 agreement, was outline planning permission for a global growth hub, which is to include visitor attractions, film production buildings and an education and business hub. It was considered by the committee on 16/12/2021 and despite being in the green belt went through as a case of very special circumstances, based on the economic benefits and hopefully cultural ones of Pinewood for TV and film. Approval was given on 11/04/22. Another application within the green belt for a motorway service area between junction 16 and 17 of the M25 was rejected due to the harm it would cause the green belt. There were also two major housing and employment sites at Woodlands and Hampden fields, together making up some 4000 new homes.

I haven't got to the part of the meeting which really piqued my interest and took me back to the woods and the honey pot mentioned in my last article. Overall though the meeting did stir up my interest in green infrastructure and its importance to the world and to our own Neighbourhood Plan. So the next article will focus partly on Ashridge Woods, before I return to another area of responsibility in the Parish Council list.

**EM FARRELL Parish Councillor**

## FROM THE BELL TOWER

Blisters! I've got blisters on my fingers.



That's what you get for chucking three-quarters-of-a-ton of metal around for three hours, I suppose. You may have deduced from that that we were successful in our ringing of a Jubilee peal (see last month's column for more details). If you heard the bells ringing for 3 hours non-stop on the morning of 1st June, that's what was going on.

I rang the 'tenor' - the heaviest bell - hence the blisters. The last time I rang a bell as heavy for as long was before You Know What, two and a half years ago. I don't remember getting blisters on that occasion. My hands have clearly gone soft in the intervening period! The paras have a trick for toughening up the skin on their hands, but I don't think I'll go into detail in this family publication.

In addition to our peal, the tower was open on the afternoon of the street party on Friday 3rd June. We took the decision not to demonstrate ringing the bells, in deference to the party-goers outside and not wanting to deafen them. The tours still proved very popular, however, with the queues stretching from the base of the tower right out of the church door at times! One couple, who are new to the village, were intrigued enough to come back and join us for practice night (and in the pub, afterwards - it's important for band cohesion, going to the pub after ringing). It was great to see you A&A, and I hope we'll see you again.

And about 40 teddy bears parachuted from the tower roof on the Sunday afternoon. Great fun was had by all; a number of bears enjoyed their plummet so much that they came back for a second descent. None landed on the church roof, although a number worried us by heading in that direction on initially being dropped. One unfortunate ursine was unlucky enough to get stuck in a tree in the churchyard, but happily was rescued with some drainage rods. On a personal note, launching the teds was the first time I had been onto the tower roof. All I can say is "Wow!" The views were every bit as spectacular as I had imagined.

So as usual, keep an ear out for your friendly, local village bell-ringers. All comers are very welcome on a Wednesday practice night. Do come up and find out what we're up to.

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

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I lived next door to Gary Gurney during my childhood in Chiltern Road. We were always good friends, still are. Gary in more recent years moved away out towards Northampton, where he became manager of a veterans football team called Milton Mulsar. We got together and decided that we would play each other at least once or twice a season. It was quite a long journey for the away team so we made a day of it. It became quite popular. Gary said that Milton Mulsar would put up a shield to be played for over two legs. We had played each other before but on 4th February 2007 we travelled to Milton for the first leg of the shield. The match finished 3-3, a good result, I fancied us back at home on the rec, to complete the job and win this shield. They then had a change of manager who had no interest in playing or travelling to Wingrave whatsoever, so the second leg never got played. Wingrave vets -

P. Richard (G.K), M. Ward, D. Inns, A. Woolford, M. Long, C. Ellis, D. Cross (1), S. Rickard, M. Bateman, R. Leighton, M. Lister (2), sub-C. Duncan, Chalkie. As said, we had played them before, they were a good side of players that had played at a higher level, their pitch had white railings around the edges and advertising boards.

Quite often in vets football we would get to play on good grounds against ex semi pros and even ex pros. Like us, they would play one or two underage players, it was something that was agreed between the two managers. Ian Duncan was refereeing most of the vets matches which was an enormous help to me. He later became a Vice President of Wingrave football club. Rightly deserved.

The other matches against Milton Mulsar, will appear in borrowed time (part two).

**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

Café du Jardin 12-4pm

Wednesday Welcome: @ Community Hub time 2-4pm

Martial arts class 6-8pm

Bell ringing 7:30-9pm

Café du Jardin 12-4pm

Community Centre  
Rose & Crown  
Parish Church  
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Parish Church  
Rose & Crown

## THURSDAY

Morning Prayers 9:30-10am

Baby Sensory 10am-2pm

Café du Jardin 12-4pm

Croquet Club playing session from 4pm

Fitness Club 8-9pm

Parish Church  
Community Centre  
Rose & Crown  
Recreation Ground  
Macintyre School

## FRIDAY

Café du Jardin 10:30am-4pm

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

Wingrave Singers rehearsal 8-9:45pm

WCA Social Evening from 8:30pm

8 Jenkins Court  
Parish Church  
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

Youth Netball 13-16 years 11am-12noon

Adult Tennis 12:30-2pm

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

## JULY 2022

Fri	1	1800	WCA family BBQ	Community Centre
Sat	2	1900	Aston Abbotts Quiz Night	AA Village Hall
Wed	6	1000	WI meeting: Diane Roberts' journey into becoming a Doula, Life and Living with support	Methodist Church
Wed	6	1200	Last of the Summer Ukuleles	Rose & Crown
Fri	8	1800	Wesley Pizza Van	Rose & Crown
Fri	8		<b>NO</b> Social evening	Community Centre
Sat	9	0845	Men's Breakfast Talk: Millennials are in a bind: expensive housing, university debts, etc. What are the implications?	Methodist Church
Sat	9	1430	WARGAS Flower Show	Community Centre
Sat	9	1900	Wingrave Community Choir concert	Parish Church
Sun	10	1200	Wingrave with Rowsham Village Fête	Wingrave Park
Mon	11	0930	Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan:	07813 085211
Tue	12	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Fri	15	1800	WCA family BBQ	Community Centre
Sat	16	1500	Tea, Cake & Choirs Concert	Parish Church
Sun	17	0930	Local ramble 4-5 miles	Nup End Lane
Wed	20		School term ends	
Wed	20	1200	Last of the Summer Ukuleles	Rose & Crown
<b>Wed</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>Copy deadline for Communiqué</b>	
Fri	22	1800	Wesley Pizza Van	Rose & Crown
Tue	26	1930	Parish Council planning meeting	Community Centre

## AUGUST 2022

Wed	3	1000	WI meeting	Methodist Church
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
Tue	9	1930	WCA AGM and Council meeting	Community Centre
Fri	12	1800	Wesley Pizza Van	Rose & Crown
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
Fri	26	1800	Wesley Pizza Van	Rose & Crown
Sat	27	1030	Garden party for the National Trust	4 Tattlers Hill

**Recycling collection: Wednesday 6th 20th July, 3rd 17th August;**

**Waste collection: Wednesday 13th 27th July, 10th 24th August;**

**Garden waste collection: as waste collection.**