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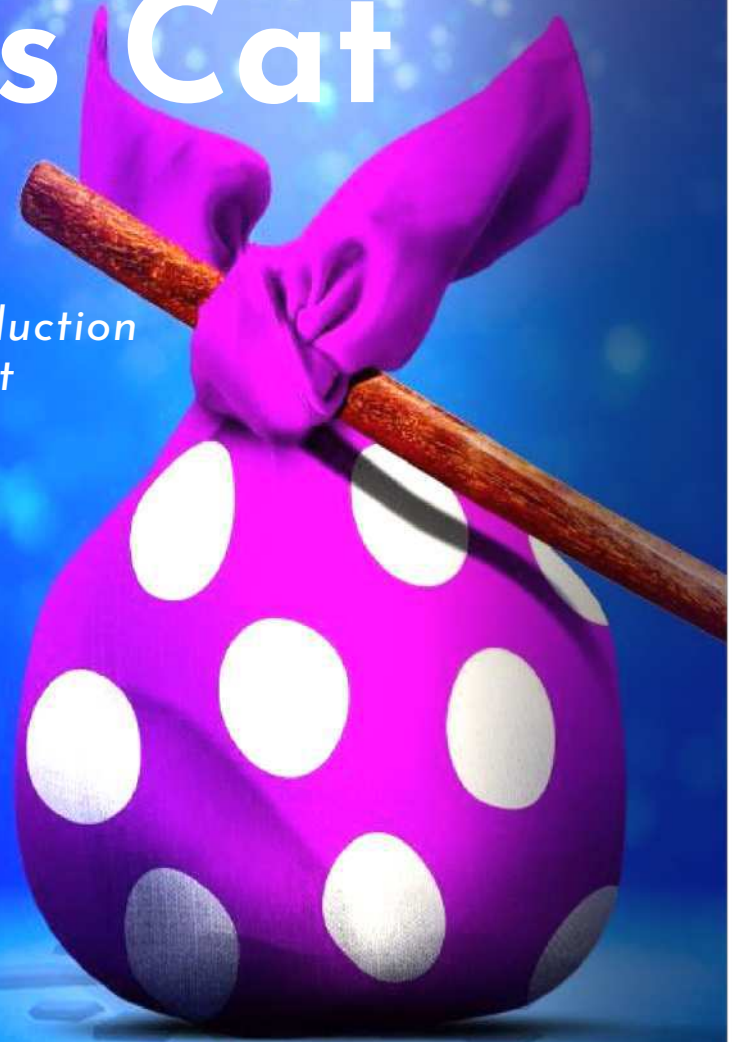
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NEW BEGINNINGS

The editorial team shares in the deep sadness of the nation on the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. She dedicated her life to the service of this country and the Commonwealth for 70 years, and was the nation's strength and stay. We offer the Royal Family our heartfelt condolences and welcome the Proclamation of King Charles III. May you rest in peace, Your Majesty.

Autumn is always a time of new beginnings, the start of the school and university year and for some cultures the start of their calendar year. But we could never have dreamt we would see so many changes this year - a new prime minister, a new monarch, and the re-opening of our village pub. After a whirlwind of preparation Ross and Alessio opened The Rose and Crown on 15th September and thirsty villagers flocked to the bars. The next night they held a lively disco, where villagers danced away to the music of the 80s. On the day of Her Majesty's funeral they opened their doors again so that those living alone could watch together on a large TV screen and share in the national mourning. With true community spirit they generously provided coffee, cake, salad and sandwiches.

We wish Ross and Alessio the very best in their new venture and look forward to many drinks and meals in the future. We will have more news of their exciting plans for the pub in a later issue. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to all new families who have made the very wise choice to start a new chapter in their lives in Wingrave, and moved to our village over the summer in time for the new term.

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

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

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
01296 910991

bookings@wingrave-wca.co.uk



COMMUNITY CENTRE HIRE

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www.wingrave-wca.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Conditions-of-Hire

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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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TWELVE LEYS BENCHES

Residents of Twelve Leys area will have seen the arrival of two new benches which have replaced the previous old worn out ones. The Parish Council, with Bron Hughes' help, asked Cala Homes to contribute towards the cost of one new bench and the Parish Council covered the cost of the second one as it was thought these benches have been well used and are really rather special as they commemorate two residents who sadly died well before their time.

The brass plaques have also been reinstated on the benches and the relatives of both Annette and Sam have written a piece on each so residents will know a little more as to who these two people were.



Jill Flanders, Interim Parish Clerk and RFO. Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council.
info@wvrpc.org.uk

ANNETTE

Annette moved into Twelve Leys in 1980 and had 2 children, Suzanne and Charles. She enjoyed being involved with the primary school, the village and worked at Stoke Mandeville Hospital as a Medical Secretary. Unfortunately Annette was diagnosed with cancer in 1993 and sadly passed away in 1995.

She had many friends in the village and as Sam sadly died shortly after, the village held a disco and raised money to fund the benches. A place to sit, reflect and remember two very special people.

Annette Jane Hill
1954-1995
Loved and Remembered Always

MY BROTHER THE HITMAN

My brother Sam died a few weeks before his 21st birthday on the 7th of May 1995, on the open space behind my parents' house on Twelve Leys.

We'd been celebrating the 50th anniversary of VE Day alongside our fellow Wingravians with a barbecue, some stirring music and a game of football when tragedy struck and Sam collapsed, un-revivable despite the brave efforts of Bron Hughes and June (née) Page, amongst others. Their level-headedness under unimaginable pressure, and their having to cope with the inevitable emotional aftermath has probably never been properly acknowledged, and I'd like to do that here; nearly thirty years too late. Thank you, both, and I'm sorry it's taken this long.

I'm writing this because - thanks to Bron, Jill Flanders and the Wingrave Parish Council - the commemorative benches for Sam and Annette Packer, another beloved Twelve Leys resident gone too soon, have now been replaced, in the hope that they might make the open space a place of reflection and peace, as well as memorial.

I think this is the first time that I've written anything (non-musical) about Sam. The temptation is to opt for a misty-eyed nostalgia; to try and hammer his memory into the kinds of shapes that suit me, rather than those that honestly serve him. In truth, I have no idea of the man he'd be today. I can speculate that he'd be working in music as a live sound engineer, because that's what he was studying when he died. I can guess that his gallows-black sense of humour would be intact, because that seems to have been handed down to us from our grandpa, the late Sid Bonner, long-time village resident and Wingrave pub Cribbage hustler. I'm guessing too that he'd still be a scruffy b***er, because there were always better things to spend money on than clothes, and always better things to do than tidy up. (these last two points remain true)

But, there are also things that I can't be sure about. He might have voted for Brexit. He might have bought a suit and made a fortune selling hair regeneration serum to men online. He might have become a fashion designer or a hitman. I guess we'll never really know the-Sam-that-could-have-been. We can send up guesses like Chinese lanterns, and stop in wonder and look up at them, but in the end they're just pretending to be stars, and - as pretty as they are - they'll probably just end up confusing the village ducks when they come down in the pond.

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MY BROTHER THE HITMAN

I prefer to go with the facts: he was kind, he was loyal, he was unflinchingly funny and he loved uncomplicatedly; managing it all while dressed like a happy tramp. I still miss him terribly, but when I look at my eldest son, now a bit older than Sam was when he died, the face and physicality (and jokes) uncannily remind me of the uncle he's never met. That's no Chinese lantern. Inextricably linked to Sam are my memories of Wingrave. The incredibly brave people that we barely knew who knocked on our door, not knowing what to say; just that they had to come. The people who made food for us in those first agonising weeks. The vast mountain of flowers and messages left on the grass near where he died. His circle of friends who joined my wife Saffron and I in a fortnight-long unofficial (and pretty drunken) wake on the Rec, in the Rose & Crown and at number 21. The most surprising memory of that whole time for me is how much laughter there was.

Living in a village can be difficult. A village can be like a tiny Internet in microcosm, complete with social networks, media bubbles, unpredictable content filters, wobbly connections and awkward browsing histories. But, they can also draw from the deepest well of kindness: a reminder of what community is and how much we humans still need it. Wingrave is such a place, and the support offered to my parents, post my Dad's Parkinson's diagnosis and recent ill-health only underlines this in ever thicker marker pen.

Sam is part of the village, still. He's on the Rec; definitely in the Rose & Crown; baked in to each of his friends (some of whom I've made music with) and his family; in the back garden of Dimmocks on Nup End Lane (apologies to whoever lives there now... I promise that this is not as sinister as it sounds); in the kitchen of 21, Twelve Leys, and in my head every time I pick up a guitar.

I guess I'll be sharing that bench with him at some point, too. Unless one of his hitman colleagues gets there first, in which case I'll probably just wait my turn. In the meantime, our love and endless gratitude go out to the good folks of Wingrave: we've been lucky to do our growing, learning, loving and losing in such a special village.

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Dear School Friends and Neighbours,

The new school year is well underway and has started very positively. Our new EYFS intake were full time within a week and the parents have been very appreciative of the transition work which took place both before and since the summer holiday.

With several new families securing school places throughout the August, we now have 210 children on roll, our highest to date. Although we have a few places in our older classes, we have been able to offer some flexibility for catchment families and siblings so we can continue to serve the local community in the best way possible.

Plans on site progressed as expected with our boiler replacement finishing ahead of schedule, which will hopefully mean this winter is both more efficient and better for the environment. Topically, economic benefits will hopefully also feature! New playground and safety markings were also installed while fewer feet were around.

Towards the end of August we hosted our first Holiday Club provided by S4A which was very successful. Non-school families have been very complementary about our outdoor facilities and spaces. Thank you to our school neighbours who have been supportive of the provision.

Although a smooth start to the term overall, the passing of Queen Elizabeth obviously affected us all in some way and this was especially poignant for the children following the Platinum Jubilee celebrations. As a church school, we held a special assembly with a time of prayer and reflection, looking back at Queen Elizabeth's example and her many achievements. Needless to say her meeting Paddington Bear struck an immense cord with our youngsters! Having planted a tree as part of the Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee initiative, we invited our school families to lay flowers by the sapling in the school grounds.

Looking ahead, we are optimistic this could be the least disrupted year for some time with better health and fewer restrictions for pupils and staff. One resource that has been the least used due to circumstances is our library and we are pushing ahead with a refurbishment project to fully makeover and furnish an increased library space. This has been made possible by a very generous donation from The Raven Trust for which we are very grateful. This project ties in with our priority for inspiring writing through reading, providing quality texts for all tastes and ages both for learning and enjoyment, something which can sadly be overlooked within the pressures of the curriculum.

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

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2022



We are rapidly approaching the time for the annual British Legion appeal. Our usual "static boxes" (e.g. at the Rose & Crown, Parish Church, Wingrave Shop, Neil of Wingrave etc) will be available, with gratitude to those who are willing to display them. A special box for use in schools will also be on site again for the children - Wingrave School continues to be a huge supporter of the appeal and it is a pleasure to be able to supply these boxes for them.

Wreaths and posies are available and can be ordered (the minimum donation for these is suggested at £18 and £10) and these can be organised as in previous years. In the past we have provided for the following:

Wingrave and Rowsham Parish Council, Wingrave Parish Church, Wingrave Community Association, Aston Abbots Parish Council, Wingrave CofE School, Wingrave Pre-school, The Rose and Crown, Wingrave Women's Institute, Wingrave Heritage Association and also some personal requests.

Direct contact has already been made to the names/contacts from last year, but if there is anyone else out there, please let me know.

What the arrangements will be for the parade and the presentation of such wreaths is yet to be known. Watch this space!

Many thanks for prompt responses so that orders can be placed.

Chris Skidmore
Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Wingrave
thewrensnestno3@gmail.com

MEN'S BREAKFAST & TOPICAL DISCUSSION GROUP

For many years now, men from Wingrave and the surrounding villages have enjoyed the opportunity to meet for an early breakfast and have a sociable chat before sharing their knowledge and experience about topical subjects that have been chosen in advance by the members.

As time goes on, we've realised that our personal experience and knowledge may no longer reflect the fast changing world in which we live, so we're inviting you, the new, younger, fresher brains that have moved into the area to come along and meet your neighbours.

WHERE: The school room of the Methodist Church in Nup End Lane.

WHEN: Second Saturday of each month except July and August

WHAT TIME: 08.45am to 10.30am

NEXT MEETING: Saturday 8th October 2022 discussing:

'How can we achieve more balanced media reporting?'

No need to book; just come along and expect a warm welcome!
Please bring with you £3 in cash to cover the cost of your breakfast. For further information please contact John Cotton (johnwgcotton@gmail.com)

John Hawkes 681022 jbhax@protonmail.com

Garden Party

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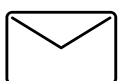


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- November: 19th October
- December: 16th November

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- Jan/Feb - 4th January
- March - 15th February
- April - 15th March
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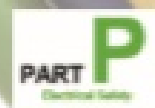
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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

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The latest news from the lawn and mallet continues. Our ever wonderful garden gnomes have continued to keep the playing surface in good repair - despite every challenge thrown at them by the weather gods - and have enabled members to keep on playing throughout. Hoorah, and thank you to them all, your efforts are so much appreciated.

Reports from our very own (well almost, as he is - quite rightly - also a member at High Wycombe) Paul Gunn have us in awe of his stamina. He lost in the semi-final of the Golf Croquet 3rd 8s (7-5, 6-7, 7-6 in a match lasting four hours) having played a gruelling 21 matches over three days! We bow down to your awesomeness, Paul.

Our season of play will continue, weather and daylight permitting, but will slow down a little because of the time of year. There are always those who wish to grab every sparkle of opportunity regardless of conditions and we praise them (even if secretly thinking they might be obsessive idiots). Our members' WhatsApp group is essential in keeping us all in touch and ready to play at a moment's notice. As has been said before - one of the big advantages of membership! On that note, we are happy to welcome some new, paid up, players over recent weeks. Come on in, and wield your mallets with pleasure. Coaching is available to all.

The annual "End of Season supper" will shortly be taking place, to mark the official end of our efforts (for unofficial efforts - please see above) and further information will be distributed as soon as possible. Hope to see everyone there (wherever there might be) on the night.

The Club has taken part in two Leagues run by the Southern (Croquet) Federation this season and our team has finished as Runners up in the Northern Doubles League with good wins against teams from High Wycombe and Winslow and narrow defeats against top of the league Eynsham and another Wycombe team. This represents our best League finish since the Club was formed in 2006. Unfortunately, no such luck in the Handicap League. Our five opponents were two teams from High Wycombe and one each from Blewbury, Eynsham and the winners Phyllis Court (Henley), a Club with 230 croquet members and the largest in England. This League has been trialling Advantage Croquet, a new format for handicap play. The ability of our opponents, which all have a minimum of two purpose-laid lawns, to stage more games using the new format proved too much for us but we can say that we remained competitive and that we can be proud of our efforts. Thank you and well done to all our players in difficult circumstances

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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

The Annual Bowls v Croquet match on 28 August was a greatly enjoyed event - as these always are - but much to our disappointment, the Trophy has been handed over to the Bowls Club following a final score of 31-29. We trust they will keep it well polished to give it back next year?



We also had the great pleasure of hosting Wingrave WI at a fun learn and play session which challenged their members quite well. Thank you to everyone involved was received from their President (Ann Curry) for a super morning. Many had not played before but all had a wonderful time and appreciated the time and effort preparing for the event. It is to be hoped that some new members may be out there as a result!

Tuesday from 2pm

**Thursday from 4pm
(Club night - open till late!)**

Saturday from 10am

Now that the Church Cream Teas have ended on Sunday afternoons, do not think this will give players an afternoon off! We understand that the Rose and Crown will be open and offering tea and cake - so let's use this as another opportunity to eat and play (or play and eat) in convivial surroundings - watch this space!

For any additional information, please contact:

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Richard Keighley (Chairman, 681235)

Chris Harrison (Secretary, 688782)

ROBERTA SMITH 1939-2022

Roberta and husband Peter moved to the village in 1970. Originally from Yorkshire, Roberta and Peter moved to the area with Peter's new job at Ashridge Management College. By profession Roberta was a social worker and in her early career worked in and around Ilkley and Bradford. She stopped work to bring up her 2 boys, Chris and Johnny, who were 6 and 3 when the family moved to Wingrave.

Roberta was active in village life early on, getting involved with the forming of the Community Association and the starting of the Communique. Many of the early editions' front covers included a drawing by Peter.

Once the boys were at secondary school, Roberta went back to work and was the manager at the Aylesbury Citizens Advice Bureau, a post she held for 25 years.

She followed up this public service with becoming a Magistrate in 1999 and also volunteered at Aylesbury prison helping prisoners learn to read and develop their speaking skills. Roberta was part of the original twinning committee, acting as Treasurer for a number of years and braved the first trip to La Bouxiere, where they developed a good friendship with 2 French couples, with many reciprocal visits. Other activities she was involved with included the Rambling Group, helped in the primary school library and assisted with the Scout group. Roberta's longest running village commitment was to the Church of St Peter and St Paul. She was active in fund raising, cream teas and village fete stalls, she ran the Christian Aid collections until recently and 3 years ago became a Church Warden, a role she loved and was proud to perform. Roberta leaves a husband Peter, 2 sons Chris & Johnny and 4 grandchildren. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.



Roberta's funeral will be held at the Church on Friday 7th October at 2pm with a reception after in the Community Centre. Donations to the Church either on the day or via the following web link <https://robertasmith.muchloved.com>



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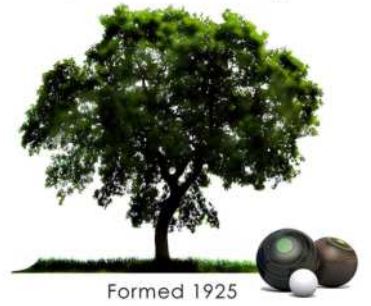
NEWS FROM THE GREEN

October is a poignant month for the bowls club.

Apart from 'putting the green to bed' we have our AGM at the Sports Pavilion on Monday 10th October. This is where we re-elect our committee, see where we are with the new clubhouse and generally present any changes to our constitution. Members then vote to accept or reject any proposals.

September proved to be a month of mixed emotions. On the one hand we lost our patron and Queen after many years of loyal service and on the other at almost the same time we had our summer tour to Scarborough. All the plans were too advanced to cancel the arrangements and so a coach load went off to new pastures.

Wingrave Bowls Club



We played Sleights BC near Whitby after a wander around the lovely east coast town, full of history and mystery.

The following day we travelled to Filey where we had a little light rain and finally we played at Scarborough Southcliff with the final result of two defeats (one by only one point) and one victory.

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NEWS FROM THE GREEN

For those who still want to play bowls through the winter they have a choice of either playing indoors at Foxhill www.foxhill.org.uk/club-overview/contact in Aylesbury or short mat at the Wingrave Community Centre on Mondays from 5.00pm. We have a good contingent at the Community centre for short mat. Contact details below.



Our final competition of the season was the Jill Roberts Plate, this was played with selected pairs playing together, the first player plays two woods, their partner plays four woods and then the final two woods are played by the first player again.

This is called Aussie pairs, which is popular with the members. Winners this season was Ken Hill and Barbara Briggs seen here with the Plate presented by Yvonne White.

The much-coveted Bowls/Croquet trophy was played on a lovely sunny day in August and after much bowls and croquet the trophy came home to Wingrave Bowls Club. This was followed by food and drinks.

We look forward to playing again next year. The photo shows Richard Keighley handing over the trophy to Dave Clements.



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"LISTENING" SLOW WALKS

On a fine autumn morning, a small group gathered on the Green to go for a slow walk around the village. The Green, which used to be the centre of village life, was a good place for 3 ladies, a dad and daughter, Em and I to start our walk. The first sounds to listen to were the enthusiastic exchange of stories between participants. Some had been in the village for a long time, others were new residents. Em read a poem by President Václav Havel, the first post-communist President of the Czech Republic, who visited Wingrave as part of his state visit in 1998, to mark its Czech connections. He donated the bench to the village green that we were sitting on.

It Is I Who Must Begin

It is I who must begin.
Once I begin, once I try –
here and now,
right where I am,
not excusing myself
by saying things
would be easier elsewhere,
without grand speeches and
ostentatious gestures,
but all the more persistently
– to live in harmony
with the "voice of Being," as I
understand it within myself
– as soon as I begin that,
I suddenly discover,
to my surprise, that
I am neither the only one,
nor the first,
nor the most important one
to have set out
upon that road.
Whether all is really lost
or not depends entirely on
whether or not I am lost.

Guided by the discussion we wandered down Church Street to point out some of the village hubs to our new residents. There are always a lot of things to get involved with in the village, for example, events at the Community Centre, BBQs on Friday nights in the summer, bell ringing and tea and cake on Wednesdays, and Tea and Tots on Fridays (all set out in 'the Communiqué'). As we passed the church, the bells were silent but everyone agreed how lovely it was to hear them when they were being rung.

Turning onto the Recreation Ground, we stopped to hug a large tree. Listening to the autumn leaves underfoot, we picked up some windfalls to eat as we walked. Here we had the opportunity to welcome another 2 new residents to the village as they were finding their way around.

Crossing the Rec to the benches by the croquet lawn, we sat for a while watching the swallows and wagtails.

I could imagine the sound of croquet being played. The Rec was made available to villagers by Hannah de Rothchild in 1876.

From here there are views across the Chiltern Hills and we took time to admire the many picturesque mock Tudor houses.

Before we knew it, an hour had passed and it was time to say farewell. No doubt we will meet again around the lanes in the village or on our next walk which is on **14th October at 2.30pm**. Look out for information in the Communiqué and on the village postie.

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Music in Quiet Places comes to Wingrave Parish Church on Saturday 8th October, 7: 30 pm

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STORMS

The new Prime Minister Liz Truss has promised to help struggling families through the storms and has worked to reduce the rising energy bills and fuel prices. She appears to be a voice in the desert, "Together we can ride out this storm."

We have had the unexpected grieving storm on Thursday 8th September - the loss of the Queen who has been the bedrock of the country for many decades. The Queen has served this country with dignity, dedication, selfless commitment, love and an unwavering Christian faith.

This deep sense of loss reminds me of the devastating impact that Hurricane Hugo had on Montserrat, my tiny island home in the Caribbean on 16th September 1989. The storm ripped through the region with strong winds of over 160 mph pounding our windows like angry fists on a door. My family hoped and prayed that our roof would remain intact. It did! While the storm raged outside the roof was our refuge.

Refuge is an important theme in Scripture, starting with God Himself. "You have been a refuge for the poor," Isaiah says of God, "a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm" (Isaiah 25:4). In addition, refuge is something God's people were and are to provide, whether through Israel's ancient cities of refuge (Numbers 35:6) or by offering hospitality to "foreigners" in need (Deuteronomy 10:19). These same principles can guide us today when humanitarian crises hit our world. In such times, we pray that the God of refuge would use us, His people, to help the vulnerable find safety.

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WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH



The storm that hit our lovely island Montserrat was over the following morning. Hugo left huge devastation behind. Yet among all that, a calm blue sea and warm sunshine that caused the silver aluminium roofing sheets (galvanize) strewn across the island, to glow as if to illuminate our hearts with hope. It's an image I hold on to as I think of those facing natural disasters or fleeing "ruthless" regimes (Isaiah 25:4): that the God of refuge would empower us to help them find safety now and a brighter tomorrow. We will miss the Queen's infectious smile and a deep sense of calm in challenging times. As the Queen swirls to worlds unknown, we look with hope as we pray to God for King Charles III as he treads on paths of those who have gone before and "Together we can ride out this storm."

Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

OCTOBER SERVICES

On Sunday 2nd October we will be joining our friends at the Parish Church for a Harvest Festival service, followed by an auction of produce and harvest lunch. Please see the Parish Church page for details.

Sunday services for the remainder of October (all at 10am except where shown) will be:

9th October: Ken Harris

16th October: Peter Baker

23rd October: Lynda Hart

30th October: We will be joining our friends at Whitchurch (10.45)

Everyone welcome!

Our minister is Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

Senior Steward is Mary Shurlock (681584)

Wingrave Methodist Church, Nup End Lane

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FROM THE COTTESLOE BENEFACTICE



Following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth 2nd, this is the first opportunity in the parish magazines to pay tribute to her.

The Queen's seventy years reign meant she walked the public stage far longer than any politician could or would. Such a time period thus presented HM with many changes to our common life demanding immense resolve, perseverance and love. The Queen began her reign with an Empire which became the Commonwealth; there were freighted political issues which the Queen, on ministerial advice, had to negotiate; UK society saw a sea change in matters of divorce, abortion, sexuality and latterly, the law surrounding marriage; and there was the perceived need to modernise the Monarchy's image. These are what are called paradigm shifts. And throughout it all, HM openly declared her Christian faith.

As we reflect on HM reign, we realise two facts; one, societies never stand still and secondly, no-one should ever pretend that the impact of change is ever completely clear. Happening to have been monarch for seventy years is not the point; more so than all her speeches, the opening of this and the unveiling of that, perhaps the Queen's greatest contribution was to have demonstrated what dealing with questions of change looks like; in imitation of the Christ who addressed the spirit of the Law and the motivations of the heart, HM's continuous faith declaration showed a willingness to explore all life presents hand in hand with faith.

Just as HM kept an active interest in our common life, as we anticipate a winter of much uncertainty, please feel that you can come to any of the village churches and ask for help. There is no shame in that. We are discussing with parish councils having a rota of public buildings open for warmth during the day, there are foodbanks and advice with money and cooking. Please do not sit and worry.

With every blessing,

REV'D HOWARD ROBSON.



PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Wingrave with Rowsham

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Services for October

2 nd October Trinity 16	Parish Communion	9:30 am
9 th October	Parish Communion	9:30 am
Trinity 17	Evening Prayer	6:00 pm
16 th October Trinity 18	Breakfast Church	9:30 am for 10:00 service
23 rd October	BCP Communion service	8:30 am
Trinity 19	People's Praise	9:30 am
30 th October 4 before Advent/ All Saints	Benefice Communion	All Saints Wing 10 :00 am

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

Every Week

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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

Friday

10:00 - 11:am Tea and Tots. (in school term time). All 0-5years with their parents/carers are welcome to this informal time of friendship and play. Toys, songs, story and a chat over a cup of tea/coffee.

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

Dates for your diary

2nd October Wingrave Churches Together Harvest Festival with the usual Auction of perishable goods and a Harvest Lunch, all in the Church. Proceeds to Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank.

3rd October 9:30 am School Harvest Service

8th October at 7:30pm A Music in Quiet Places concert in the Parish Church. Tickets available from the village shop and Annie 681250

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Our Charities

Aylesbury Vineyard

Please remember those who are less fortunate in our area. We usually take the donations to Aylesbury on Mondays. Thank you.

Leprosy Mission

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

Streetlight Charity Bookstall & Jigsaw Library

Still lots of new books to read! The Bookstall has been very popular this Summer, so please keep supporting this charity for the street children in Manilla. Now jigsaws to borrow too.

Some sad news

We were all deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of our dear Churchwarden Roberta Smith who died on Sunday 4th September. This sad news was followed by the death of Revd Bob Willmott on Monday 12th September.

Roberta had been our Churchwarden for many years and was a wise and stalwart member of the Parochial Church Council for over 30 years.

Revd Bob Willmott had been the Vicar for the Parish of Wingrave and Rowsham from 1989 until he retired in 2006. Revd. Bob was the last incumbent to live with his dear wife Penny and family at Wingrave Vicarage.

We extend our condolences and love to both families.

From the Register

28th August The Holy Matrimony of Liam Robertson and Kimberley Armstrong

22nd September Memorial service for Ian Douglas Bradbrook

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FROM THE BELL TOWER



Last time I wrote, I was chattering happily about all the special ringing we had been doing for the Queen's platinum jubilee.

Again, the bells have been providing the soundtrack to the nation, but this time under much less joyous circumstances.

I've written before about how we ring "half-muffled" for solemn occasions. A leather pad is tied to one side of the clapper ball, muffling the sound produced when it strikes the bell. Because it is only on one side, the bells sound alternately 'open' and muffled (hence half-muffled), giving a mournful echo effect.

The tradition (can you call something a tradition if it has never happened in most of our lifetimes?) is that the bells are fully muffled upon the death of the sovereign. Fully muffled means that muffles are placed on both sides of the clapper, although the tenor (the largest, heaviest bell with the deepest note, which rings last) is left open on one side. The effect is of slow tolling: quiet-quiet-quiet-quiet-BONG!

The bells were fully muffled thus when we rang to mark Her Majesty's passing at midday on the Friday, following the announcement of her death. There is extensive guidance for Operation London Bridge on when ringing should take place, and whether muffled or not. With the proclamation being on Saturday, our Sunday morning service ringing was within 24 hours of the proclamation so the muffles were off and we rang open - a joyful sound to welcome the new King. Then the muffles went back on for the rest of the period of mourning, culminating with an hour's ringing on the Monday of the funeral, leading up to the start of the service.

One of our ringers went on a leather-working course earlier in the year, and decided to put his new skills to use by making a new set of double muffles. The old ones were getting rather worn and thin. It was lucky he did, as it meant we were prepared for this occasion. There must be a lot of towers that only have one muffle per bell. I've heard of one where carpet underlay was used to form makeshift muffles! Hats off to Michael, though - he's done a superb job. His muffles have been absolutely faultless throughout this period. They've been on, off, on again multiple times and haven't slipped or turned once.

I think I speak for all the ringers when I say that we are proud to have done our little bit to contribute to this almost once-in-a-lifetime occasion, and pay our tribute to the Queen. I was privileged to ring a fully-muffled peal, which I've never done before, on the famous Bow bells at St Mary le Bow in London. Also, at Aston Clinton I took part in a quarter peal with my wife and son - the first time the three of us have done that together.

Do come and join us on a Wednesday evening - we'll be loudly announcing our presence.

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SUNDAY WALKS



Sunday 21st August

We had a good turnout of ten for the August walk, which was led by Richard Keighley. As usual we started at 9.30 from Nup End corner, where lifts were arranged for the ride to the Sundon Hills AONB car park. (All welcome)

The walk started crossing open sheep pastures, with good views to the north and east towards Sharpenhoe Clappers. The grass was very parched, not very much for sheep to eat, it was still warm and sunny and the sheep were mostly sitting in the shade underneath the hedges. We continued to the beech woods near Streatley and out to the projecting point of the Clappers.

The picture was taken at the Memorial there (National Trust). Our return was on a path along the steep edge of the escarpment, the ground falling away to our right then a final walk back across the sheeppasture.

The distance walked was around 4 miles in a little over 2 hours. Afterwards we sat in the garden at the New Sun Inn in Harlington, enjoying the beer and a fine display of dahlias and roses.



August walk



September walk

Sunday 18th September

Nine walkers for this month's walk, which was led by Jan Story. A fine morning, clear and sunny but the beginnings of Autumn are clear; brown leaves, particularly on horse chestnuts and just the last blackberries on the brambles we passed.

Our walk started at Stone, on the lane which drops down to Eythrope. We crossed the main road briefly and walked through the Sports Ground then back to pick up a path towards Upper Hartwell and down to the open country looking north. The works of HS2 were a couple of fields away and a bit further off, the old windmill at Quainton and the modern wind turbine at Berryfield. We passed Waddon Hill Farm on the Midshires Way, carrying on to meet the Thame Valley path at the river. Going downstream, we passed the two Estate lodges at the weir and the bridge, then turned to walk back up the lane to our cars. An easy walk, no stiles, distance 4 miles which took us just over 2 hours. A stop at the Bugle Horn for a beer followed.

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WINGRAVE WASPS

Wasps Quiz Night 3rd September THANK YOU!

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A huge thank you to Sophie Ratcliffe, Wendy Soar, Alan Smith and Mark Soar (who were outstanding quizmasters) for organising such a memorable night. Also can I extend our thanks to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle, including the Village Shop, Louise Matthews, Martin Swadling, Richard Baker, Sammie Riddiford and everyone else offered prizes which encouraged participants to dig deep for the JFC. Sorry if I missed you off the list, but your contribution was very warmly received. Extra special recognition and thank you to Andy Bailey for offering Oktoberfest cuisine experience for auction. That raised over £250 on its own.



Has this whetted your appetite for competition? We'll be having another fun-first quiz in February. I'm looking forward to it already.



Chris Phillips, Chair WJFC

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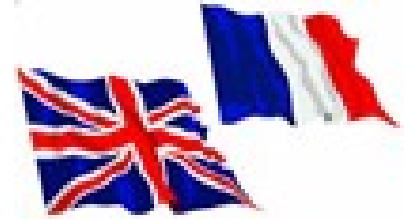
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TWINNING

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Junior Football Match
FRANCE v ENGLAND U13
Sunday 23 October



We are short of a bed (or mattress on the floor!) for the final few lads and a couple of their dads.

We are hoping that anyone involved in any Wasps Junior Football team could offer accommodation for just 3 nights from Sat 22 Oct?

We need to let the French know soon and if we can't find places for them to stay we will sadly have to say that the whole team can't come - this has never happened and would be such a shame.

Activities are planned for the weekend they are here and we would try and get people together who are hosting. It is very informal - NO French needed

Co-chairs:

Becks Hadley - 07724 076246 beckshadley@hotmail.com

Jo Fairhurst - 07876 570283 jo.fairhurst@gmail.com

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We'll be serving large jacket potatoes with choices of fillings and a salad.

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Friday 7th October
Friday 4th November
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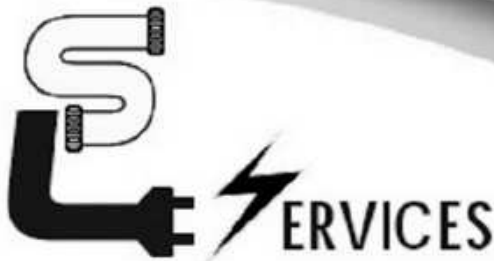


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WINGRAVE ART CLUB



We have had a very enjoyable and successful year. Members contributed excellent ideas which we all attempted with varying degrees of success! Trees, Mexican art, life drawing, collage, abstract painting, illustrate a poem, textured acrylic painting are just some of the weekly topics that we attempted over the year. At the end of each term, we have a social and discussion evening.

The club is open to everyone, whether you paint regularly or have never drawn or painted and would like to have a go. You are very welcome to come and try it out. There is no tutor, but we have occasional workshops.

We meet on a Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church, Nup End Lane, 7.30 - 9.30pm. You will receive a regular email reminder of the meeting and future plans. If you are interested in joining or you would like to try it out, please contact me. If you prefer only daytime activity, we do run occasional day workshops so let me know if you would like to be just on my daytime contact list.

Jane Muir, Windmill Hill Farm, Wingrave.

Call 681513 or 07905393220 or email janefdmuir@btinternet.com

WINGRAVE COMMUNITY CHOIR

Wingrave Community Choir will be back in the Autumn!

SO ... Do you enjoy singing? Does spending an evening with a friendly group of local people sound just what you need?

If you would like to try out our popular choir when we resume in September we would love to hear from you!

OUR REPERTOIRE IS WIDE AND VARIED

New members are always welcome!

FIRST THREE WEEKS FREE SO YOU CAN MAKE UP YOUR MIND!

Where and when?
Monday evenings at 8pm
Wingrave Methodist Church

For further details please contact:

John Cotton: 07717 473713 or Angie Varey: 07908 653006

PEW NEWS

Notice for Funeral arrangements for Revd. Bob Willmott & Roberta Smith



Our dear Revd Bob passed away recently. He wanted to come home to Wingrave and we will be honoured to hold his memorial service here on Friday 14th October at 3 pm.

Bob and Penny were with us from 1989 until his retirement in 2006. I saw him in hospital not long before he died and he was having great fun planning his funeral. He was truly excited about the next stage of his journey.

Roberta had also been a huge part of our church family, on the PCC for about 30 years, quietly getting on with things, helping in many different ways. Her funeral will be on 7th October at 2pm.

Our condolences and love go to both of their families.

Dr Annie Cooper.

COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

a view from the field

I am so glad to see that the laws have changed regarding hare coursers. The police in Suffolk say "The county is particularly vulnerable to hare coursers due to wonderful open spaces and a population of brown hares, so it is important to make clear that this despicable behaviour will not be tolerated in our beautiful countryside".



This also applies to our lovely countryside in Buckinghamshire, which leaves farmers isolated and powerless to stop this illegal, sometimes violent, trespassing on their land. The chase / course is filmed on the perpetrators' mobile phones and streamed live to betting syndicates in the Far East, where large sums of money are gambled on which lurcher/greyhound kills the hare first. If caught in this country the fines have been increased and persistent offenders can have their dogs confiscated and even a prison sentence imposed.

Let's all hope that these new laws do more to protect the brown hares, but I doubt it, seeing those of a criminal mind do exactly as they please and I can't see that changing. On a farm near Mentmore last week a Chinese water deer was found with puncture wounds on its head and back, which are proof of a dog attack, and it had to be dispatched. Also, men with lurchers killed a deer at Ivinghoe Aston last week. The police were called but the deer died of its injuries before help arrived.

It has been alleged that arable farmers use neonicotinoids to kill flea beetle in the early stages of germination in oilseed rape plants, what nonsense. This has been banned in this country for a few years now and farmers would not be allowed to use it because it may affect the bee population's navigation system the following spring.

The truth is that this chemical is only allowed to be used on certain sugar beet crops as a seed dressing to control aphids in the early planting stages. Sugar beet is nonflowering and therefore does not affect the bee population. It annoys me that people write ill-educated and unfounded allegations on Facebook without reading the facts beforehand.

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

Nothing is more important in the countryside than the bee population and we would starve without them. On the Ascott Estate there are over 100 hives in use, and they put trays of water out for these wonderful creatures when the ditches dried up this summer.

I read on Facebook that more people are writing their usual nonsense about pig factory farms and crates, these have been banned for many years, unlike the Europeans who still use some. Nonsense is written about farrowing crates; as an ex pig farmer, farrowing crates are used for up to 2 weeks to stop the sow rolling on the piglets after birth and suffocating and squashing them, until piglets can crawl out of the way to lay under the infrared light, which gives them warmth and shelter. On another rant, foolish people lie down in front of Arla milk tankers on the roundabout on the A41 outside their processing plant, causing untold misery to proper folk wanting to get to work and carry on with their lives. It's the same folk that drill holes in the milk tankers to let the milk spill, and empty cartons of milk in supermarkets, not just Harrods. Why on earth don't these people ask the NFU, who have offices in most county towns, to be taken on a farm walk and see for themselves how farmers treat their livestock and care for them? After all, plenty of schools have regular farm trips to see livestock in the flesh and can watch weekly farming programmes. Do you really believe that farmers treat their livestock badly? That is their living, why would they do that ?

Lastly, the Rose and Crown has been taken over by Ross and Alessio and yes, we were the first ones in the door on Thursday 15th for a couple of drinks!!

I look forward to taking my grandchildren to Sunday lunch and knowing they are safe kicking a ball around the old Rec and chatting to the bowlers. How lucky are we to have our village pub back! Please, all of you, don't waste this important cornerstone of the village, I know things will be tight this winter, but we might not get another chance, just look at so many local villages without their local, the focal point of many villages.

James Henderson,
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.

If you know of anyone in financial difficulty, please tell them Wingrave United Charities might be able to help.

Elizabeth Morgan - Secretary. 01296 681101

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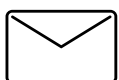
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- July: Wingrave Fete
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FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER TALK HUGHENDEN MANOR

Friday 21st October is the date for our next talk, at 7.30 pm, in the Community Centre as usual.

Our topic for October is 'Hughenden Manor', a National Trust grade I listed property, near High Wycombe.

Built in the 18th century, it was later the home of Benjamin Disraeli, Victorian statesman and Prime Minister. During World War II Hughenden was requisitioned and became a secret intelligence base and specialist map making unit for Bomber Command, codenamed 'Hillside'.

Bernie Knill is a guide for the National Trust with specialist knowledge of 'Hillside' and we have invited him to return to Wingrave following the talk which he gave on the same subject to the Women's Institute in April. If you missed that date, here is another opportunity!

All are very welcome, £4 on the door for visitors, free for members of the Association.

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ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR ©Em Farrell Part 10

I am writing this article a few days after the death of the Queen. Her death came as a surprise, as death often seems to, even though she was 96. By the time you are reading this, the funeral will have taken place, proclamations made, and postponed Parish Council and other meetings will have new dates set in place.

The wheels of state move seamlessly from one monarch to another, from a Queen who was on the throne for 70 years to a King who ascends to the throne at the age of 73. I was intending to write about Wild, the organisation inspired by Wild Weedon, to encourage and monitor biodiversity in Wingrave. Perhaps you saw the stand at the Fete. I have been part of the survey group that has been looking at 3 trees in the small wood you reach through the field with 2 ponies in off Church Lane, and monitoring what we find, see and hear in terms of flora and fauna there. The wood is only one part of the survey, meadows and hedgerows are also included. It has been set up and organised by Valerie Godfrey, who shares her knowledge generously, and whose enthusiasm is infectious.

This year of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee has also been the year of The Queen's Green Canopy, which invites individuals and community groups to "plant a tree for the Jubilee". Its aim is to create a legacy for the Queen, more poignant now than it was, as it is also the year of her death. 70 woodlands which are well managed and important to the UK were dedicated to celebrating Her Majesty's 70 years of service. Some of the 70 dedicated woods are in Buckinghamshire. They are Burnham Beeches, now a special area of conservation (SAC), Warburg Reserve, which covers Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Common Wood, which was bought by the Wildlife Trust after fundraising and determination of a schoolteacher and amateur naturalist Vera Paul. The last is Penn and Tylers Green, which is part of the chain of woods in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). It was saved from being split up and sold by a public campaign which won Heritage Lottery Funding. Swathes of the wood were bought and are now protected.

Why do woodlands matter? Apart from the sequestration of carbon, half above ground and half below, they can help purify our air and water, reduce the risk of floods and even help to decontaminate the soil, as well as providing an important habitat for many plants and animals. This is before thinking about the benefits of woods for human enjoyment and sanity.

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ADVENTURES OF A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Here in the UK, we are one of the countries in Europe with the least woodland, 13% compared to a European average of 38% forest cover and 31% worldwide. These figures are from 2015, so things may have changed a bit. Buckinghamshire Council as part of its Climate Change and Air Quality Strategy Aims to:-

- achieve net zero carbon emissions for Buckinghamshire as a whole by 2050
- achieve net zero carbon emissions for the Council no later than 2050, potentially as early as 2030
- to improve air quality across Buckinghamshire

And as one of its aims to reduce carbon emissions it has committed to planting over 500,000 trees. I couldn't easily find out how much of this has happened yet. You as an individual or organisation can still join in the Queen's Green Canopy Project. The Woodland Trust provides grants for trees to community groups, schools and organisations and their next round is making trees available in November. The Queen's Green Canopy project also identified 70 individual important trees. The idea is to propagate them so that their genetic resources and unique characteristic can be preserved. This matters.

When King Charles was Prince of Wales back in the 1980s people thought it strange that he talked to trees. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth II Suzanne Simard discovered the Wood Wide Web. Trees not only talk to each other but co-operate and help each other. Prof Simard's research discovered that what she later termed 'mother' trees connected with almost all the trees in a wood via the mycelium network of fungus; underground networks crossing this way and that, sending carbon, water, warnings and information to each other. She mapped only 2 varieties of fungi. There are 100s. For me, it is reminiscent of images of a human brain with all synapses firing this way and that. The more complex woodland is, in terms of variety and age, the better the underground carbon storage and the healthier the biodiversity of the environment. This has exciting implications for forestry management and Suzanne Simard has started the Mother Tree Project, a 100-year project across 27 forests investigating forest renewal practices that will protect biodiversity, carbon storage and forest regeneration as the climate changes.

I have an urge to write and write about the wonder of trees and the power of the communication systems but for now I shall await the next survey in the wood on 24th September. Do contact WILD if you would like to join in.

EM FARRELL Parish Councillor

Donate unwanted items and turn them into cash for Wingrave School PTFA



Working with a local company Wingrave School PTFA collect unwanted, good quality items. The items are weighed and a donation made to Wingrave School PTFA based on the weight. Your unwanted items will not only raise money for the PTFA but will also be reused saving tonnes of landfill waste.

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LONG MARSTON CRICKET CLUB

Review of the Season

2022 was always going to be a challenging season following the impact of the pandemic and the merger of the Cherwell Cricket League with the Oxfordshire Cricket Association last year. Whilst promotion and relegation depend on a number of factors, it's likely that our 1st XI will play Division 2 cricket next year and our 2nd XI will play in Division 6, with the 3rd XI remaining in Division 8.

A big positive for the club is the ever increasing contribution of our younger players, who play in all three teams, and the contribution of our female players.

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 have a try-out at winter nets, then the contacts are:

Adult membership enquiries Pete Toovey tooves007@hotmail.com

Junior membership enquiries Sarah Barnes develop@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

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

Scorers and Umpires Wanted!

Have you played cricket in the past? Do you enjoy the game and want to be part of it? We're looking for umpires and scorers for 2023! Umpires need some knowledge of the game, but further training is available, whereas we can provide start-from-scratch instruction for would-be scorers - it's not difficult once you know how, and it's a role that can be enjoyed by anyone. So why not spend your Saturday's sitting (or standing) in the sun with one of our friendly teams at some of the finest and most picturesque cricket grounds in the area. Interested? Please contact chairman@longmarstoncc.co.uk.

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) 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 Chris Bowles at 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**

Borrowed Time 2007-08



Still with 2007-08, and our battle to stay in the Aylesbury premier division. After a good performance at St.Johns we were on the road again, away at Aylesbury Dynamos. This was a tough encounter. We stayed in the game for long periods, with the Dynamos having a lot of the ball. Stuart Lucas scored twice in a well-earned 2-2 draw. His second goal was a typical Stuart pile driver. He hit the bar with virtually the last kick, with another stunning effort but we settled for a point, a very big point.

Team: K. Lavender, G. Wheaton, C. Carroll, S. Maslin, A. Biggs, P. Perkins, N. Holt, J. Roberts, S. Lucas, D. Inns, P. Wheaton.

Back on the recreation ground and the visit of Jakeman Sports. Again we played well, and a 4-2 win brought us three more valuable points. Team: K. Lavender, S. Maslin, C. Carroll, G. Wheaton, D. Hill, N. Holt, G. Bunce, J. Roberts, S. Lucas, P.Perkins, D. Inns. Played 4, won 2, lost1 and drawn 1. That was the end of my reign as I was only temporary. Ken Lavender took over from me on 12th January 2008. He continued to pick up points, between us both we managed to keep the team up. Job done, Ken was the 11th first team manager.

Players are more than just names on team sheets, I have mentioned a few people before. Stuart Lucas was a pleasure to have in your team. He had pace, power and great strength on the ball, he could play anywhere in the midfield or as a striker, where he could score goals. He also had great technique, a top player in my opinion. The Wheaton brothers, Danny and Phil, would light up any dressing room. Very clever, technically gifted, both very quick thinkers and again they could play anywhere in the midfield. Very creative or up-front. I would say to Phil, "are we going to see any of your ticks today?" he would say "of course, Chalkie". You had to let players which had such ability as they have just go out and play. Danny still plays today, he was a sub in this year's Oving Cup Final.

Happy Daze

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)
Junior Fitness Classes 4pm
Tennis Club 7:30pm
Wingrave Community Choir 8-9:45pm

Community Centre
Fitness Farm Gym
Wingrave Park
Methodist Church

TUESDAY

Nup End Coffee Morning: tea/coffee, cake, chat, board games 10am-12noon
Refuelled Coffee Van 10:30am-12:30am
Croquet Club playing session from 2pm
Walking netball 6-7pm
Netball "Fun and fitness" 7-8pm
Art Club 7:30-9:30pm

Methodist Church
Church Street
Recreation Ground
Wingrave Park
Wingrave Park
Methodist Church

WEDNESDAY

Singing Gwen 9:30am-12:30pm
Wednesday Welcome: a Community Hub time 2-4pm
Martial arts class 6-8pm
Bell ringing 7:30-9pm

Community Centre
Parish Church
Community Centre
Parish Church

THURSDAY

Morning Prayers 9:30-10am
Baby Sensory 10am-2pm
Croquet Club playing session from 4pm
Fitness Club 8-9pm

Parish Church
Community Centre
Recreation Ground
Macintyre School

FRIDAY

Tea and Tots 10-11am (in school term time)
Café du Jardin 10:30am-4pm
Wingrave Singers rehearsal 8-9:45pm
WCA Social Evening from 6pm

Parish Church
8 Jenkins Court
Parish Church
Community Centre

SATURDAY

Village Running Group 8-9am
Sat Morning Café from 9am
Junior Netball Club 5-12 years 9-10am (term time)
Croquet Club playing session from 10am
Senior Netball 10am-12noon
Junior Tennis 10am-12:30pm
Wingrave Wasps Football training and matches
Café du Jardin 11am-4pm
Youth Netball 13-16 years 11am-12noon
Adult Tennis 12:30-2pm

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

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	2	0930	Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Lunch	Parish Church
Tue	4	1930	WCA AGM and Council meetings	Community Centre
Wed	5	1000	WI meeting: Harness Horses Past and Present	Methodist Church
Fri	7		Family Friday evening	Community Centre
Sat	8	0845	Men's Breakfast Talk: How can we achieve more balanced media reporting?	Methodist Church
Sat	8	1900	Aston Abbotts Quiz Night	AA Village Hall
Sat	8	1930	Music in Quiet Places concert	Parish Church
Mon	10	0930	Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan:	07813 085211
Mon	10	1500	Friendship Group	Baldway House, Leighton Rd
Fri	14	1430	The Slow Walk: Finding Your Feet Again	Village Green
Fri	14	1930	Village bingo	Community Centre
Sun	16	0930	Local ramble 4-5 miles	Nup End Lane
Tue	18	1930	Parish Council planning meeting	Community Centre
Wed	19	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	21	1930	WwRHA talk: Hughenden Manor	Community Centre
Sat	22-25		Twinning: French families visit Wingrave	
Mon	24-1No		School half term holiday	
Sat	29-30		Wingrave Singers in St Albans Abbey	
Sun	30	0200	British summer time ends	

NOVEMBER 2022

Wed	2	1000	WI meeting	Methodist Church
Fri	4		Family Friday evening	Community Centre
Sat	5	1900	Aston Abbotts Quiz Night	AA Village Hall
Sun	6	1030	The Slow Walk: Walk for Non-Walkers	Village Green
Sun	6	1260	Swingrave dance	Community Centre
Tue	8	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Sat	12	0845	Men's Breakfast Talk: What is the future for charitable work?	Methodist Church
Sat	12	1930	Wingrave Community Choir Autumn Concert	Community Centre
Mon	14	0930	Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan:	07813 085211
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Wed	16	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	18	1930	WwRHA talk: London's Royal Parks	Community Centre
Sun	20	0930	Local ramble 4-5 miles	Nup End Lane
Tue	22	1930	Parish Council planning meeting	Community Centre
Thu	24-26		Pantomime	Community Centre
Sun	27	1800	Advent Carol Service with the Wingrave Singers	Parish Church

Recycling collection: Wednesday 12th 26th October, 9th 23rd November;

Waste collection: Wednesday 5th 19th October, 2nd 16th 30th November;

Garden waste collection: as waste collection.