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## OUR COMMUNITIES ARE STRONG

Life doesn't get easier, does it? As I write the weather is getting hotter and the bills are looming larger. Who knows who will win the duel for the job of Prime Minister or what they might or might not do to help.

We learned a lot during the pandemic about how to care for one another. It's a fundamental part of the Christian message - Love thy neighbour as thyself. We might need to wind up the system again. Can you afford your shopping? Then perhaps pick up an extra item or two for those who can't. Nice warm home? Invite someone in for a cuppa, we all need to stay warm (especially the unwell and the elderly). Friendly company is invaluable to us all.

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There are lots of good people around. Lots of beauty in the natural world. Lots to be grateful for.

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Our Communities are strong, we proved it in 2020.

**Annie, LLM to the Cottesloe Team of churches**

# WHAT'S ON at the Community Centre

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

## 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>
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Wednesday	ZKS Martial Arts	18:00 - 20:00	Ben Babbington 07767 482456	<a href="mailto:zksmartialarts@msn.com">zksmartialarts@msn.com</a>
Thursday	Baby Sensory	10:00 11:15 13:00	Katherine Devereaux 07876 643276	<a href="mailto:northbucks@babysensory.co.uk">northbucks@babysensory.co.uk</a>
Friday	WCA Socials	20:30 - Late	Tony Horne 01296 681418	<a href="mailto:bar@wingrave-wca.co.uk">bar@wingrave-wca.co.uk</a>

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# WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Wingrave  
with Rowsham  
PARISH COUNCIL

## TWELVE LEYS

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that the two memorial park benches on Twelve Leys green have now been replaced courtesy of a donation from Cala Homes and the Parish Council, and installed by the Village Handyman.

More about their story in next month's edition.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Do you want to make a difference to your community? Then what better way to do it than to stand for the Wingrave with Rowsham Parish Council where we currently have a vacancy.

What does it entail? There are regular evening meetings on Tuesdays, usually once a month. You need to be willing to scrutinise planning applications as the PC has a say on which ones within the Parish. But it is a lot more than that. There is scope for you to carve out a role as, for example, the person who builds expertise on matters relating to traffic, to public footpaths, to the current work ecom is doing, or who is taking a lead on the different priorities for S106 funding, putting into practice what villagers said they would like it to be spent on and much more.

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## The MacIntyre School Prom: What a night!



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Students at MacIntyre School in Wingrave celebrated the end of the school year with an amazing Prom night.

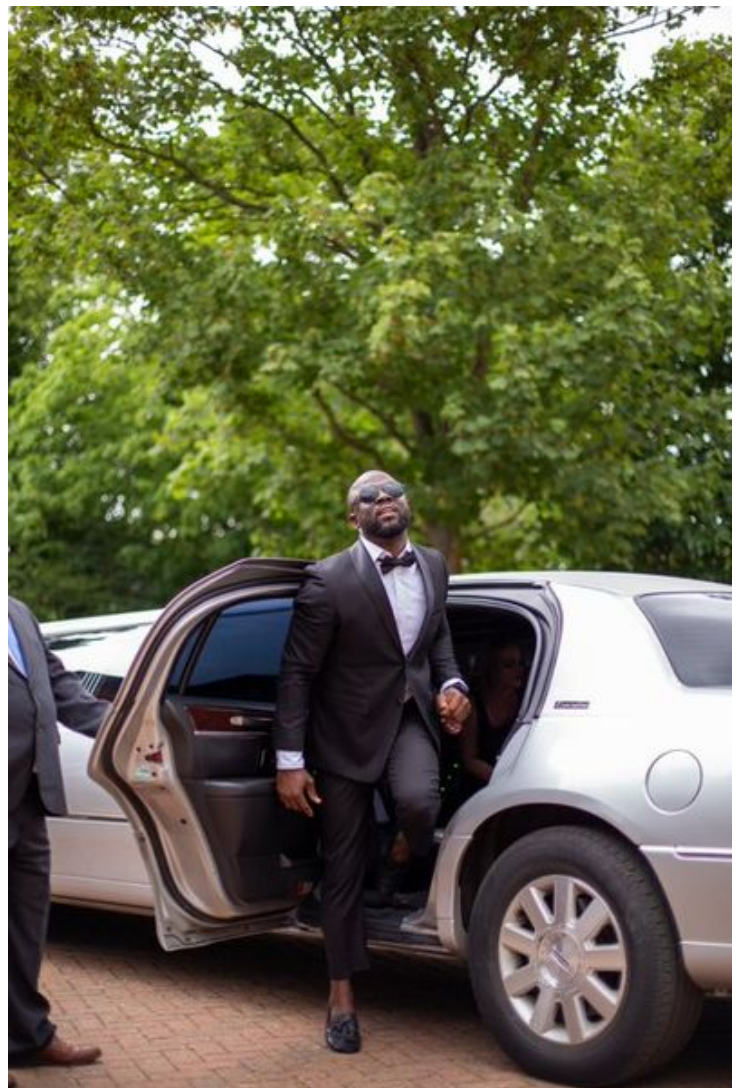
The red carpet was rolled out as the students arrived in style, stepping out of a luxurious limo, premiering their glamorous outfits and posing for photos with friends and family.

The Prom was a night full of fun, celebration and dancing. It also provided the opportunity for students, teachers, and family members to reflect on their time at MacIntyre School and to look forward to their adult lives.

MacIntyre School is a truly special place, providing excellent education and care for children and young people aged between 10 and 19 with learning disabilities and/or autism and complex needs.

Louise Waters (MacIntyre School Teacher) and Hattie Jeffs (Senior Learning Support Assistant) reflected on the night:

“We wanted to ensure that the venue, music, decorations were all perfect, but most importantly to ensure that the students had the time of their lives, and I believe they did. It was great to see everyone dressed up and dancing with their friends and family. It was a special for night for them and we’re glad we were able to contribute to that.”



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## The MacIntyre School Prom

Kate Boyer (Intensive Interaction Mentor) added:

“My favourite moment of the evening included seeing each and every student looking fabulous as they stepped out of the limo, you could see the joy and excitement on their faces. For me, it was a mixture of gratitude being able to interact with such wonderful young people, but also sadness knowing that they’re leaving us.”

The Prom night was a great example of MacIntyre’s DNA in practice with students making their own choices and staff going above and beyond to make those choices happen to make memories that will last a lifetime.

The entire MacIntyre family would love to extend our congratulations to all of the young people leaving MacIntyre School this year and to wish each young person all the best in their new adventures.

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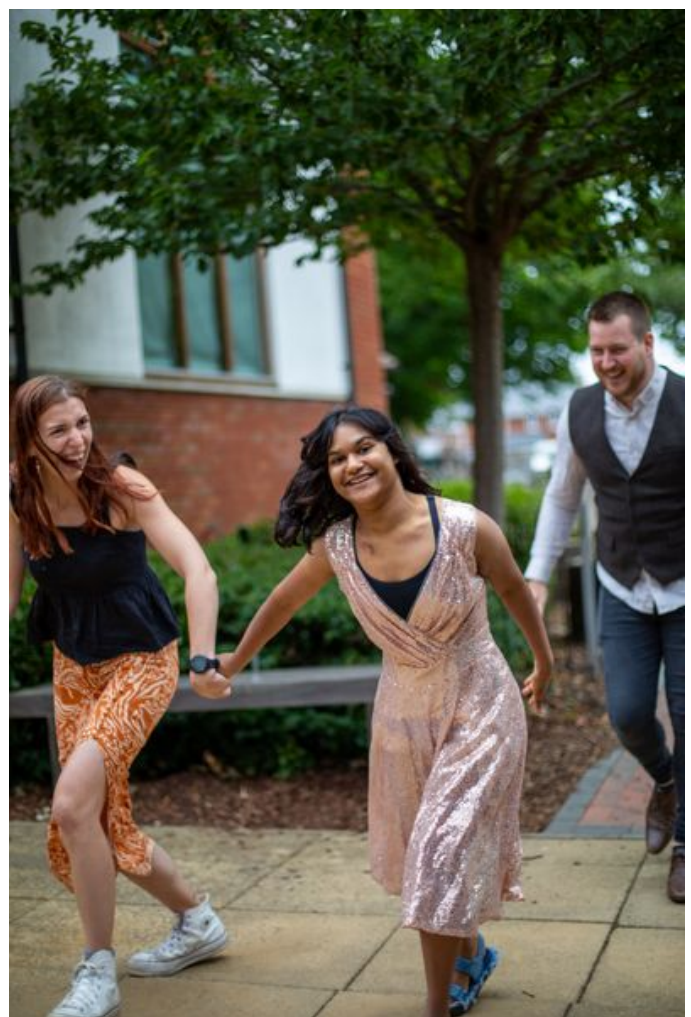
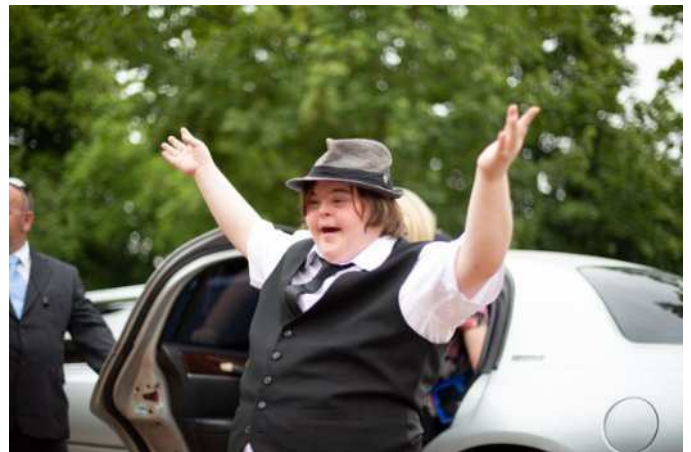
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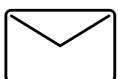
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- October: 21st September
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- December: 16th November

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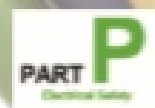
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## WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

Another month of activity on the Croquet Lawn - mallets and balls everywhere to welcome some new players and members who appear to have delighted in the games both before and after the church Cream Teas each Sunday. Good to have you around, keep up the practice! One day you may reach the dizzy heights of our own Paul Gunn. Unfortunately, despite his abilities and efforts, he was unable to make it in the World Championship Qualifiers - apparently playing against the current world champion wasn't easy. We are proud of you Paul.

A selection of Match reports since our last Communique item - good, bad and frustrating, also known as Winning (against Winslow in League Doubles), Losing (against Phyllis Court in the Advantage League Singles) and two Honourable Draws (against Blewbury and High Wycombe). The Advantage League match against Eynsham has been postponed due to a shortage of available players. Many thanks to our hardworking and sometimes overstretched team of players - Rob, Alan, Karen, Chris H, Jill, Chris S, Janette, Lindsey, Richard K and apologies to any stalwarts whose names have been omitted. The season has been hard, for many reasons and your efforts appreciated.

Forthcoming events include our **Annual Bowls v Croquet match on 28 August** and the delightful prospect of hosting **Wingrave WI on 7 September**. Spectators always welcome on these occasions, so do come along and join the fun.

Recent weather conditions have meant that our tag-line has been most appropriate - interesting lawns indeed! Courts have ranged from dustbowl (lawn 4 at Wrest Park), to green and flat (Phyllis Court, who have the advantage of nearness to the Thames and its water) via lawns playing so fast the balls were falling off the edge of the known world with the merest hint of a breath (Wingrave). Challenging for all, but enjoyable each in their own ways. No doubt by the end of the season we shall be once again donning flippers, snorkel and thermal undies.

**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 free offer of **introductory, tester and coaching sessions as and when required**.

For any additional information, please contact:

**Richard Keighley (Chairman, 681235)**

**Chris Harrison (Secretary, 688782)**

# NEWS FROM THE GREEN

So much has gone on this month it's been hard to keep up with it all.

We progressed to the Bucks Plate Final played at Iver Heath and although we kept them at bay for short periods the better team (Stony Stratford) came through. It was a gallant effort by our boys but once again fell short at the last. We will endeavour to win it at some point and it's all good experience.

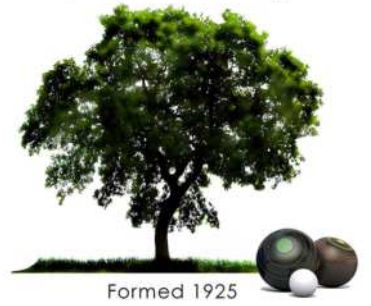


Victory over Amersham in the semi-finals



Finals at Iver Heath

Wingrave Bowls Club



The Final was a very hot Sunday morning at Iver Heath. The green, although regularly watered, was very bumpy and scorched.

In other news, the club competitions are coming to a conclusion in time for September 3/4th. Plenty of friendlies have been played together with Bletchley league matches. The green is taking a bit of a pounding and thanks to some late rain should recover for the rest of the season.

## Monday Roll ups

This regular event is getting more and more popular as word spreads. This year we moved the start time to 16.00hrs and many members find that useful, as do newcomers as they feel they can better practice without a crowd. We then get a second wave around 18:00hrs, by which time the early birds have gone to the bar. By sunset around 20:00 hrs most but the hardy players are enjoying the last of the sunshine and chatting.

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# NEWS FROM THE GREEN

## Tour to Scarborough

It's FAIR to say that our tour this year has attracted the largest number of people to come up t'north. Our friends from Wendover and Wing and ex-members who have moved away join us. All of which makes for a happy holiday with two-wood bowls, spending time with friends and all in all having a jolly good time.

We have already earmarked Eastbourne for next year and will be paying a deposit very soon.

## New clubhouse

Planning has now been approved. So now the hard work starts to raise funds and generally build up the momentum. It will be tough to raise the amount we need but onwards and upwards as they say.

## End of season

Our finals weekend 3/4th September will be the final highlight of the season, although our last final, final match is pencilled in for Monday 26th September. Presidents Challenge; ladies vs Men.

Our short mat season starts in the Community Centre on Monday 3rd October. If you would like to come along and give it a try let one of us know (details below).


## MacIntyre school

You may see some youngsters around the clubhouse soon, they are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh awards and are helping us to maintain the clubhouse, their reward will hopefully be a badge and certificate and an opportunity to bowl a few woods.

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# WILD WINGRAVE

## OUR ANNIVERSARY!

July was the first anniversary of WILD - which started with a walk around the village one balmy July evening with Marcus Militello from BBOWT, looking at opportunities for increasing biodiversity.

Since then thanks to a very committed steering group, and support from the Parish Council and Bucks Community Board we have started work. People who visited our stall at the Fete will know some of this!

Thanks to Linda Waugh and Dave Ginnane for organising the stall and to Alison Marchant for the wonderful game - and prizes.

We do Quadrat Surveys 4 times a year - to monitor insect, flower and grasses in three different habitats - led by Val Godfrey. New volunteers always welcome full training given on the job. NEXT OPPORTUNITY is Saturday September 24th, 2 pm.

**Bird surveys** - informed and encouraged by David Godfrey and John Dowling, some of us go out counting local birds. And are delighted to take along someone who wants to learn more. So, if you have always wondered what that bird in your garden is, get in touch. Good news on the bird front as I write - lots of greenfinches, green woodpeckers, goldfinches have joined the ever present house sparrows, collared doves and wood pigeons in our village gardens this summer. And if you go out on the Rec in the morning, you can enjoy swifts round the church tower, swallows swooping low over the croquet lawn and house martins chasing insects.

**Verges** - we have been changing the management of some verges to seek to increase the wild flowers and attract bees and butterflies. If you know of a verge that could be a candidate, do get in touch.

Slow walks - led by Em Farrell and Julia Samways, a programme of short slow walks.

**Hedge at the Park** - in spring, Paul Blissett laid part of the hedge at The Park. We plan to do more of these as funding permits.

To come - a series of talks to keep our spirits up over winter, subject to our obtaining funding.

**New wild flower areas** - maybe in the new developments as their management committees take over.

A Facebook page is under consideration - watch this space.

**Jan Walmsley - [jwalmsley@wvrpc.org.uk](mailto:jwalmsley@wvrpc.org.uk)**

# SLOW WALKS

On the morning of the 17th August a small group of Wingravians took a slow walk around the village.

Although all familiar with the village, a slow walk brings things to attention that otherwise would be missed. The morning air after the rain was perfect for starting our walk at the War Memorial on the village Green, stopping to identify the saplings [Black Locust] growing under the mature trees. People may not notice at a glance the bench donated by the Czech President and the rosebed commemorating the twinning of Wingrave with La Bouëxière in Brittany.

Sauntering towards the Recreation Ground (Rec), we spotted a small flock of starlings in the sky behind the church. Sadly, the swifts have already left the church tower for Africa and the swallows are on their way, but there are plenty of other birds to be spotted around the Rec including pied wag tails.

Making our way to the opposite side of the Rec, we viewed the impressively manicured bowling green lawn, complete with artificial snakes to scare the pigeons? Round past the pavilion, which is on the cards to be renovated, we made our way across Church Street to Wingrave's large and beautiful parish church, the Church of St Peter and St Paul, dating back to 1190 AD.

Taking a moment to admire the magnificent Monkey Puzzle tree, we navigated the church yard and made our way back to Church Street and wandered down towards the style at Lower End. It is worth a moment to visit the United Reformed Church's graveyard to read the fascinating inscriptions and admire a stand of beautiful sunflowers. Crossing the field to Mill Lane, there is an opportunity to pick up windfall apples and dream of apple pies and crumble.

Our next slow walk is on 1st September at 11.30am. Look out for announcements in the postie.

**1st September, Thursday, 11.30 am, The Silent Walk**  
**14th October, Friday, 2.30 pm, Finding Your Feet Again**  
**6th November, Sunday 10.30 am, Walk for Non-Walkers**  
**17th December, Saturday 3.00 pm, Myth and History Walk.**

All are welcome.

**Julia and Em**

# WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH

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In September we will be welcoming Rev Noreen Daley-Lee as our new minister. She was born in Montserrat and studied Theology at the United Theological College of the West Indies in Jamaica.

After some years in ministry with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas, she went on to serve the Methodist Church in Great Britain as a presbyter in north east London and north Kent, and now has come to the Aylesbury Circuit.

Rev Noreen's first service in Wingrave will be a communion service on Sunday 18th September. Everybody welcome.

## **September services**

There will be three services in Wingrave in September, all at 10am:

Sunday 4th: Brian Stabler

Sunday 11th: Ken Harris

Sunday 18th: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

And on Sunday 25th we will be joining our friends at Cheddington

[www.aylesburyvale.org.uk/churches/circuit-churches/wingrave.html](http://www.aylesburyvale.org.uk/churches/circuit-churches/wingrave.html)

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

**Wingrave Methodist Church, Nup End Lane**



# PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Wingrave with Rowsham

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## Services for September

4 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 12	Parish Communion	9:30 am
11 <sup>th</sup> September  Trinity 13	Parish Communion  Evening Prayer	9:30 am  6:00 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> September Trinity 14	Breakfast Church	9:30 am for 10:00 service
25 <sup>th</sup> September  Trinity 15	BCP Communion service  People's Praise	8:30 am  9:30 am

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

## Every Week

### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

### Friday

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

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.

**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

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#### Leprosy Mission

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#### Churchyard

Please respect the family graves. The churchyard is a special place for quietness and reflection for many parishioners.

#### Weddings

**25th July 2022** The marriage of Kristian Milne and Julia Shand

**30th July 2022** A service of thanksgiving for the gift of marriage was held for Max Abbotts and Tessa Boddington.

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

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# SWIFTS IN THE CHURCH BELL TOWER

On 14th July we carried out our final check of the swift nests in the church bell tower.

6 nest boxes were used producing 15 young. This makes it one of our most successful years since the records began 30 years ago. Our annual records are submitted to the British Trust for Ornithology.

The young have now fledged and with no further contact with the parent birds, they immediately start their southerly migration probably to sub Saharan Africa. The young will remain on the wing until they are ready to breed in about 3 years time.

The adults stay for another couple of weeks to feed before departing. This year they left in the last week of July.

Quote from BTO:-

*"By sleeping with half of its brain at a time, the Swift lives a perpetually aerial life, coming down only for a short period each year to breed."*

We know Mount Tabor House also has a swift colony so we would be interested to hear what level of activity there has been this year. Also it would be interesting to hear of any other swift nests in Wingrave whether or not they were occupied.

Swifts are on the red list meaning there is serious decline in the breeding population, with our 30 year records Wingrave swifts are definitely bucking the trend. Their screech and flight high in our skies have become part of summer in Wingrave.

Further information about the church tower swifts is on a notice board at the back of the church.

Summer is not over.... swallows and house martins are still busy.

**Jane and Andrew Muir**  
[janeandmair@btinternet.com](mailto:janeandmair@btinternet.com)

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## CATS NEEDS A NEW VOLUNTEER

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## NEWS FROM WINGRAVE WI

On Wednesday 10th August 10 members and 7 friends enjoyed an outing to Hughenden Manor. It was a glorious sunny day. We had a short talk by Bernie Knell (a National Trust volunteer), who had been to visit us back in April. Then we went to the cafe for a bite to eat, a couple of people had brought a picnic. After lunch members had a wander round the house. During the Second World War Hughenden Manor was requisitioned by the Air Ministry. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Hughenden Manor. It was too hot to look round the gardens, that will be for another day.

On Thursday 4th August 5 members from Wingrave joined 31 other members from BFWI on a canal trip. The narrow boat was 'Elizabeth of Glamis' We travelled from Cosgrove to Wolverton Wharf and back. We had afternoon tea while on the trip which was very nice. The weather was perfect.

**Mary Shurlock**  
**Wingrave WI Committee member**



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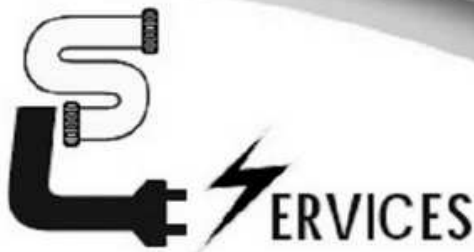
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I'm now hanging up my pink flashing bunny ears for good!  
Thanks again.



**Bron Hughes**

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# COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

## a view from the field

Dear Village folk, what has happened to common sense in our wonderful countryside? Maybe I am too long in the tooth to appreciate the common purpose of harvest and the gathering in of the crops and vegetables that have taken nearly a year to produce.



Who in their right mind lets off these dreadful fire lanterns into the countryside, with burning candles to power the balloon that can come down in a standing crop and could set fire to hundreds of acres of ripe corn or stubble? When they land in grass fields full of stock, that eat the remains through their inquisitive nature and kill themselves with choking or gut problems. Who also would light these dangerous one-time barbecue trays and leave them in the countryside to burn out, which takes hours and is a fire hazard? Surely those supposed to be in power, be it Government or Councils, should show some mettle and bring in rules straight away to stop this nonsense. I only see some, not all, of the supermarkets setting an example. Who in their right mind would venture into our pristine moors, mainly looked after by gamekeepers, and light these dangerous monstrosities, then get up to leave their horrible rubbish and BBQs for someone else to clear up? Sometimes causing fires that destroy hundreds of acres of heather and bush, 350 incidents reported since 1976, the last official drought year, mainly due to arson, discarded cigarettes, barbecues and campfires. Yes, the moors are controlled and back burnt from October to mid April allowing it to burn while cold and damp, to encourage young heather to flourish and feed livestock, red grouse, mountain hares and deer.

Another interesting article in the weekend paper was the increase in agricultural land prices due to financiers and corporations attempting to set off their carbon emissions by snapping up farmland and covering it with forest to soak up carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, to compensate for the pollution that they cause. Not steep rough old derelict land, but grazing land used by sheep and livestock for centuries.

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## COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS

As the President of the NFU stated last week:-

*"In this Country we have prime conditions for food production, yet astonishingly, no government has delivered a clear plan to ensure we maintain even the volumes of food we are currently producing. What we have had are plans to take even more farmland away from production, to plant trees and provide homes for beavers. Why on earth do we not take food security as seriously as energy security?"*

Moving on, I read in the farming press that a farm in Norfolk has lost 1000 semi mature trees as they have had no rain for 8 weeks.

As I write this column on 16th Aug we are in a similar position, I have never seen grown lambs run to the water trough on a regular basis. Most of the swallows have gone to the sunnier climes of South Africa a month early; is this due to dry pastures and lack of insects?

Another column I have read from a leading agricultural journalist states "We have had the third cheapest food in the world here in the UK as a percentage of income, I think this is taken for granted. You pay £3 for a coffee and only £3.50 for a whole chicken!"

Lastly, did you see on Facebook the upset townie, who walked out of his garden to remonstrate with the combine harvester driver, that when passing the end of his newly acquired house and garden in beautiful farmland and countryside, had made dust land on his evening sandwich and it wasn't good enough.

The silly man actually stood in front of the massive combine and made it stop, until a passing lady farmer got out of her car and pointed out that had he bothered to think about his dangerous actions and actually look in the trailer or combine tank, he would see the very ingredient of his mouth-watering foodstuff, WHEAT for goodness sake.

Dear- oh -dear.

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

# WINGRAVE UNITED CHARITIES



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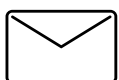
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## FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER TALK PANTOMIME AND MUSIC HALL OVER THE CENTURIES

The first of our autumn talks will be held on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre and entitled 'Pantomime and music hall over the centuries'.

Alan Ruston, author of many books including 'My ancestor worked in the theatre', and a regular speaker on a variety of local history topics will be visiting us for the first time to share some of his expertise in this field, a subject with much relevance to our village.

Wingrave has a great tradition and reputation for its dramatic productions staged by the 'Wingrave Players', over several decades, which happily continues to this day with our annual pantomimes, enjoyed by so many.

If you have not visited us before, talks usually last about an hour, with a short 'Q & A' to follow and the Community Centre bar will be open. Everyone is most welcome to attend (you do not need to be a member of the Heritage Association) and there is no need to book beforehand, just turn up on the evening, £4 on the door.

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When I lived in London I had one friend who baked cakes. When I moved to the country, I thought it would be the same, a rarity. Not so, I have eaten more delicious cakes since I have lived in Wingrave not courtesy of Costa, Café Nero, Patisserie Valerie or Ottolenghi. It has been an unexpected bonus of being a Parish Councillor, from delicious tea cake and macaroons courtesy of a fellow Parish Councillor to the wide array of cakes and delicious biscuits after the WILD surveys. Last, but not least the final enormous, delicious, lush slice of Victoria Sandwich made by Prudence Godwin. In fact, the slice was more the size of a small cake, the portion was so generous.

Phil, Paula Robinson and I found ourselves at Pru's house as part of my journey to find out more about one of the Areas of Responsibility, the Kirby Fund. Fred Kirby left his house to the village in his will. He was born 13th July 1925, along with his twin Jim, and left school aged 14 in 1939. He worked for the Eastern Electricity Board in Aylesbury. He had good green credentials, cycling to work along with his friends. He married Pamela Rickard at the Congregational Church on 14th March 1953.



Councillor Phil Robinson had mentioned that he had met him and I asked if he would tell me about him. He said Pru was the person I needed to speak to. He kindly arranged a meeting, and so we found herself at her house, barely an inch of surface free as she was laying out and arranging folders, files and photographs in preparation for the Jubilee Celebrations of the Heritage Association.

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Despite the enormity of that task she had found the time to write, by hand, a list of all the important dates in Fred Kirby's life, birth, marriage, death, bowls championships, which is where the information above comes from. She had a folder full of information about him including a copy of his will.

Both Phil and I had wondered about whether he had in any way designated what the money left in his will was to be spent on. We discovered it was simply to be spent on 'village projects': a broad a brush as you could wish. He died on 12th September 2013, at the age of 88. The sale of his house raised £323, 068.

In the nine years since Fred Kirby's death £257,655.56 of the original sum has been spent. The Fund set up in his name has been spent on large and small-scale projects: the new playground on the recreation ground, the upgrading of street lighting, the refurbishment of the Community Centre, grants to the bowls club, the croquet club, Wingrave choir, as well as purchasing benches for the Green, the Santa Float and the Community Orchard.

I wonder what he would have made of it all. I asked Pru what he was like as a person because it is quite something to leave your house to the village, not a usual thing at all. If someone doesn't have children, family or loved ones to give an inheritance to, it often goes to a Charity of some kind. Pru's answer was that he was a typical 'village man'. His father had been a Parish Councillor as well as founder member of the Wingrave with Rowsham Garden and Allotment Society. I do hope that he would be pleased with what has been done with his gift so far. There is still some money to be spent. Perhaps it will influence you to leave something to the village in your will.

It sets up an interesting train of thought. I think unexpected money can lead to a freedom of thought, an opportunity to think in different directions. To imagine what would make this village even better than it is already. Would a baby bookshop in a converted ambulance, open for poetry workshops and giving solace in the form of a written poem just for you, or a loved one grab your attention? That is one idea I have had put to me.

S106 funding, which has definite conditions attached has brought up some lovely ideas, from a sensory garden to a play area for young children, to more benches, improved access to the recreation ground, fitness trails and adult fitness equipment, not to mention the two large projects of redoing and updating the Pavillion and the Bowls Club. There should be updates on the smaller projects in the Autumn. You can look up the minutes of Parish Council meetings on the website. If the idea of cake, conversations and although corny, a chance to impact your community for the better, do consider putting yourself forward as a prospective Parish Councillor for Wingrave with Rowsham. I meanwhile am going off in search of another piece of cake.

A particular thank you to Prudence Godwin for her help with this article.

**EM FARRELL Parish Councillor**

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### **So what happened?**

I will never understand why players with the ability and technique to play first team football choose not to do so. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. My first match was against Wendover on the recreation ground. We soon found ourselves 0-2 down, one of the subs was running the line (linesman). I thought the second goal was offside and said so. He then put the flag down and went home (not ideal). I then proceeded as our linesman. Half time came and we needed it. I changed the formation and we began to get a foothold in the game. Phil Wheaton reduced the arrears score, 1-2 game on. Paul Perkins then produced a fine hat-trick, we did concede again but held out to win 4-3. I had taken a gamble and it had paid off. As I walked around collecting in the corner flags Phil Wheaton said to me "You've only been with us a week, Chalkie, and we've actually won!" But it was a good effort all round.

Team -

K. Lavender (GK), J. Roberts, C. Carroll, D. Hill, S. Maslin, P. Wheaton, P. Perkins, G. Bunce, S. Lucas, D. Inns and J. Casemore.

Our next match was away at top of the league St Johns F.C. Top vs bottom, we played very well in this game, making it hard for the league leaders. Phil Wheaton scored for us but St Johns equalised. We had two goals disallowed at crucial times in this match, both for offside. Neither was, in my opinion. Their linesman had been with them for years. Cheat is a strong word, let's say he was keen, very keen. We came away losing 4-1. I said to the players "If you can play like that against the league leaders, then we will stay up".

Team -

K. Lavender, J. Roberts, C. Carroll, S. Maslin, A. Biggs, P. Perkins, G. Bunce, N. Holt, S. Lucas, P. Wheaton, D. Inns, subs - N. Wesley and G. Wheaton.

Next matches Aylesbury Dynamos away  
Jakeman Sports Home

Find out how we did next month.

**CHALKIE WHITE Hon. President**

# REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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

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

## SUNDAY

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

## MONDAY

Wingrave Baby & Toddler Group 9:30-11am (term time)  
Bowls Club playing session from 4pm  
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  
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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# DIARY

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**Sheila Cotton** (681226 sheilacotton@googlemail.com) for Methodist Church bookings

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

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Thu	1	1130	The Slow Walk: The Silent Walk	Rec. Ground Moat Lane gate
Fri	2	1800	WCA family BBQ	Community Centre
Sat	3	1900	Wingrave Wasps Quiz Night	Community Centre
Sat	3	1900	Aston Abbotts Quiz Night	AA Village Hall
Sun	4	1500	Last cream teas	Parish Church
Mon	5		School term begins	
Wed	7	1000	WI meeting	Methodist Church
Fri	9	1000	Tea & Tots starts again	Parish Church
Sat	10	0845	Men's Breakfast Talk: Does Democracy work?	Methodist Church
Mon	12	0930	Weekday Walking Group ramble, contact Jan:	07813 085211
Mon	12	1500	Friendship Group	Baldway House, Leighton Rd
Tue	13	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Fri	16	1930	Village bingo	Community Centre
Sun	18	0930	Local ramble 4-5 miles	Nup End Lane
<b>Wed</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>Copy deadline for Communiqué</b>	
Fri	23	1930	WwRHA talk: Pantomime and Music Hall over the Centuries	Community Centre
Sat	24		WCA Roaring 20's Champagne and Cocktail Party	Community Centre
Tue	27	1930	Parish Council planning meeting	Community Centre

## OCTOBER 2022

Sun	2	0930	Harvest Festival service followed by Harvest Lunch	Parish Church
Wed	5	1000	WI meeting	Methodist Church
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	Rec. Ground Moat Lane gate
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		Twining: French families visit Wingrave	
Mon	24-1No		School half term holiday	
Thu	27	1930	WCA Council meeting	Community Centre
Sat	29-30		Wingrave Singers at St Albans Abbey	
Sun	30	0200	British summer time ends	

**Recycling collection:** Thursday 1st Wednesday 14th 28th September, 12th 26th October;

**Waste collection:** Wednesday 7th 21st September, 5th 19th October;

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