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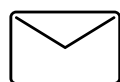
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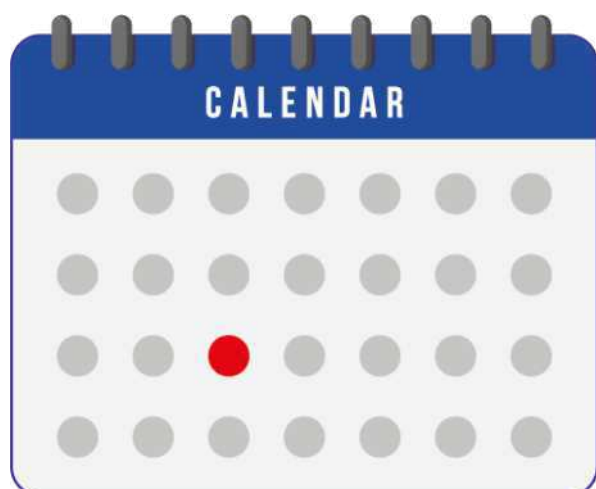
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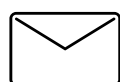
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- March - 14th February
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- August - 17th July
- September 14th August
- October - 18th September
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- December - 20th November



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COMMUNIQUE

Messages from the Production Team

Your suggestions to improve the Communique

Is there anything you think we should be including in this monthly magazine? Do you have any suggestions for how we can improve it and make it more relevant to your life here in Wingrave?

Contact us at communique@wingrave-wca.co.uk

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The 4 pubs of the village

In the November edition of the Communique, James Henderson wrote in his Countryside Matters article about the demise of the Rose & Crown pub. He mentions there were once four pubs in the village. We thought it would be nice to print some pictures of these pubs. So if you have any photos please send them in to us by Wednesday 14th February for the March edition. Email communique@wingrave-wca.co.uk



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To enquire about hiring the Community Centre please contact Sophie Ratcliffe.
Email: bookings@wingrave-wca.co.uk **Telephone:** 01296 910991.

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WHAT'S ON

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

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



When	What	Time	Contact	Email
Monday	Wingrave Baby & Toddler Group	09:30 - 11:30	Marianne Card	wingraveplaygroup@gmail.com
Monday	Short Mat Bowls (1st October to 30th April)	17:30 - 19:30	Nigel Crump	shoot@nigelcrump.co.uk
Wednesday	Singing Gwen	09:30 - 12:30	Gwenneth Brignall	singinggwen83@gmail.com
Wednesday	ZKS Martial Arts	18:00 - 20:00	Ben Bobbington	info@zksma.co.uk
Thursday	Baby Sensory	10:00, 11:15 & 13:00	Katherine Devereaux	northbucks@babysensory.co.uk
Thursday	Qigong & Meditation Class	19:00 - 20:15	Jake Munn	sprint.sage89@gmail.com
Friday	WCA Social Events	20:30 - late	Tony Horne	tony@hornes.plus.com

The WCA organises activities and encourages and helps local clubs and societies to do so. We even offer free use of the Centre on Friday evenings for all local clubs and societies.

If you want to set up a club or society or would like assistance with an event then please contact us!

COMMUNITY CENTRE
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01296 910991

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WINGRAVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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MEMBERSHIP FEES 2024-2025

Membership fees for Wingrave Community Association are now due for the forthcoming year.

Your membership fees help support the association including the costs of the Community Centre, the Communique, Postie and a wide range of events and activities for the Parish as well as giving you a voice in how the Association operates by attending WCA meetings.

This year you can pay your Membership by cheque, by online banking, or by scanning the QR code below.

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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Wingrave
with Rowsham
PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Update on new Pavilion and Bowls Clubhouse

Tender documents are being produced at the moment and building regulation documents have gone in with the development of drawings going well, and we hope that the formal tender process will happen shortly. Our aim is to get the project going in the next year. We are waiting for one last piece of funding, and have reached the second stage of application for the Community Ownership Fund. Thank you to those who have applied and put the time into applying for this fund, getting to this stage is a huge achievement and it is greatly appreciated. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Footpaths Update

Forms for residents in response to CA17 Notice to apply to create Public Footpaths on the Definitive Map.

Cllr Walmsley has produced a map and presented it to the council of the potential paths that could be applied for to be placed on the definitive map. These are currently not officially public footpaths but they are used regularly. The PC are in discussions with landowners and hope to work together to create a solution that will benefit both parties.

Thames Water - Wingrave Sewerage Works - Update - Phil Lees

Phil Lees kindly presented further developments from his dealings with the Wingrave Sewerage works. He will be meeting with the water board and presenting his data. We are not the only village/area that has taken issue with local water companies however we have, fortunately due to his sustained efforts, more information than many. This is a long term activity, there is promise of improvement and the complaint has elevated in status through the company. Thank you to Phil for his consistent hard work on this matter.

Climate Survey - Update on survey - WRAG

Thank you to those who have filled in the survey, we are collating the results and we appreciate the time you have spent completing the form.

WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Grant for approvals

Thank you to those who have applied for grants:

WCA - £5,000 towards Communique costs

Heritage Association - £618 towards storage costs

United Reform Church - £350 towards grounds maintenance.

Enforcement and Planning - Buckinghamshire Council

The container that was on a space of land in close proximity to the A418, has been removed by enforcement. There has now been a new application for a wormery on the same site and this will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

If you would like to comment on any planning application, simply access the portal via the Buckinghamshire Council website under Aylesbury Vale: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

On an ending note...

Thank you to Wingrave and Rowsham for everything you have done in 2023. This is a unique parish that facilitates such a wonderful community spirit. At the point of writing, in the past month alone we will have young people fundraising for the Little Princess Trust (including a significant fundraising haircut), a Santa Float, a Christmas Tree Festival, a Christmas Fair, Art at Wingrave with fundraising for Breast Cancer Now, a collection for the Women's Aid refuge, fundraising for World Challenge to Cambodia, an Advent carol service with the Wingrave Singers, a beautiful village ball, the WCA over sixties Christmas Lunch, Remembrance Day events in both Rowsham and Wingrave, and Christmas Wreath making. This is on top of all of the regular community events we have as a village, run mainly by volunteers.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved in any community event this year. This happy sense of community is driven by people such as yourselves; Wingrave with Rowsham are thankful to have you all.

Contact the Parish Clerk:
info@wvrpc.org.uk
www.wingravewithrowshamparishcouncil.org.uk

WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM WARM SPACES



WARM WEDNESDAY WELCOME

Warm Spaces is open through the cold winter months. We shall be extending the hours of 'Wednesday Welcome' and will be open as follows....

Every Wednesday at Wingrave Parish Church, Church Street
from 12 noon to 4pm

- Come and enjoy a warm space with friendly volunteers to chat to
- Enjoy a bowl of hot soup with bread, hot drinks, cake and biscuits
- There is no charge
- There will be a radio or music if you wish to listen along with puzzles, games, magazines or books
- Transport can be provided, please contact Bev or Gavin to discuss further

If you would like to know more then please contact:

Bev Reekes: 01296 681150 bevreekes327@gmail.com

Gavin Chater: 07894 094965 gchater@WWRPC.org.uk

Visit our website: wingravewithrowshamwarmspaces.org.uk

If anyone in the community feels able to offer help and support in any way, no matter how small to make our "Warm Wednesday Welcome" a success then please contact Bev or Gavin. Thank you.

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We have an exciting programme for 2024 so why not come to one of our meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Church.

Mary Shurlock

BRITISH LEGION

POPPY APPEAL

2023



A MESSAGE OF THANKS



With thanks to Wingrave village and friends for raising the sum of £ 1650.71 towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

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Chris Skidmore
Poppy Appeal
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Omlette, Jacket Potato and Salad
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Please ring either me (01296 688116) or Brian (01296 681470) with your choice of menu please. Also, feel free to ask any of your friends and neighbours to join us. We need your choices by Friday 19th LATEST, remember Julie needs to do the shopping!
See you on the 24th.

Joy Parker 01296 688116

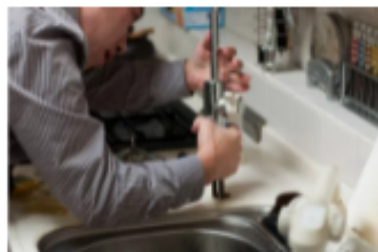
2024 LUNCH DATES - ALWAYS ON A WEDNESDAY

Below are the dates to put in your diaries.

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A THANK YOU FROM IVAN



I would like to thank everyone that sent me birthday cards and messages for my 100th birthday. I was particularly touched by the messages from the pupils at Wingrave school, asking questions such as "what's it like to be 100", "were you in the war", "there must have been a lot of things invented in your lifetime", so I would like to thank the school and those children for their lovely scrapbook of messages.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Lilian Whiting

"To be rich in friends is to be poor in nothing."

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THE WINGRAVE PLAYERS

KING ARTHUR'S CAMELOT

Pants! is the only way I can describe the production of King Arthur's Camelot at Wingrave Community Centre. Pants Pants and more Pants. Pants from the audience, wanting for more and the pants that were thrown so expertly from the stage. "Truly sensational", "A colourful rendition of absolute wonderment", "Pure unadulterated humour"off the scale". Powerful performances from such a young cast delivered far better than DHL, Evri, UPS and DPD put together. Zoe Targell narrated brilliantly carrying us back and forth through legends and mystery.

The tasteful introduction of musical interludes enhanced the whole performance, the lyrics carefully transposed into a logical rhythm of the time. How on earth you blend seventies classics into a legendary time of dungeons and dragons? One would think nigh impossible, but this is Wingrave and what goes on in Wingrave stays in Wingrave. Or does it?

Its safe to say that the writing of Mr Beardmore has an eloquence of satire and old fashioned humour from a by-gone age, how by-gone is up to conjecture, but I consider it hits the spot with all ages. The visual observations of a four legged equine called 'Radish' were apparent with fleet of foot and gestures of almost human intervention, had the audience in raptures and almost brought the house down, in fact it did bring the scenery down, which added to the merriment. That horse will go far.

If a place like Camelot were actually true, one wonders if there would have been so much gaiety and mirth, for it is said to have derived from the dark ages anywhere between 12th and 15th century. What becomes reassuringly obvious is that people of the time would have been happy with legends and fairy stories of this type and it is a true test of time that we can still call refences from that period. Everyone loves a hero. We all enjoy a story of love and mystic wrapped up with good and bad, essentially many productions have those ingredients to engage the audience and take them on a journey. The Wingrave players always deliver and you cant deny their commitment to putting on a show.

THE WINGRAVE PLAYERS

Each year the reviews are seen to praise the kids and this year is no exception, again they sang and performed like troupers. Their tender ages created another illusion amongst the fire and brimstone. Truly exceptional performances by so many individuals. The Wingrave Players are so lucky to have so many talented youngsters and seniors within their ranks and for the audience it fills our hearts with joy to see everyone putting so much effort into a performance. Enjoy a well earned rest on Sunday evening you all deserve it!!

Well done to all those involved onstage, backstage, sound and lighting, bar staff and front of house. Thank you to everyone who supported the event including the sponsors. We look forward to the next one with anticipation.

Nigel Crump



The cast

THE WINGRAVE PLAYERS

Photos from the recent family pantomime King Arthur's Camelot, by The Wingrave Players November 2023



JUMBLE SALE

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Sat 16th March

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Next meeting: 10th February

At this meeting our topic will be:

'Big infrastructure projects: do we need them?'

This group has been going for over twenty years. Meetings are held at Wingrave Methodist Church in Nup End Lane.

It starts at 8:45 am and finishes at 10:30 am and costs £4 for the breakfast.

All welcome (fellas only), no need to book just turn-up.

The topic under discussion is posted locally ahead of every meeting.

If you have any questions please scan the QR code or contact John Cotton: johnwgcotton@gmail.com





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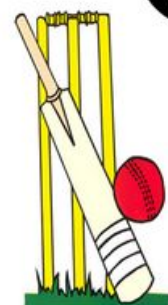
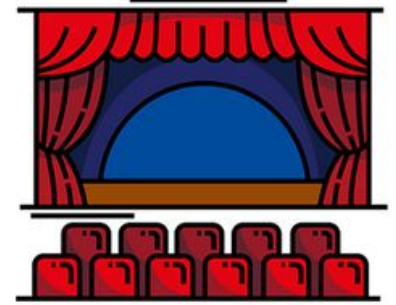
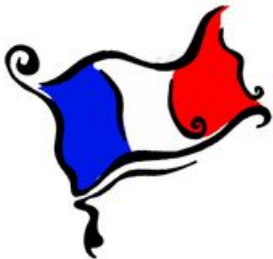


Clubs and Societies Day

Sunday 24th March

Wingrave Community Centre

12 - 3pm



WINGRAVE
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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES DAY



The WCA are pleased to announce the revival of CLUBS AND SOCIETIES DAY on Sunday 24th March 12-3pm at the Wingrave Community Centre. This will comprise of a number of clubs and societies within the Parish and it is wholly supported by the WCA.

It will create an opportunity to see what may be of interest to individuals, but also if anyone has an idea on creating a new club or society. Be it sport related or social. We have a wonderful range of facilities within our parish and maybe the time is right to find like-minded people to join together to create a group. There may also be funding available to get it off the ground.

We already have a number of clubs and societies that have expressed an interest in attending on this day. If you wish to have a pitch (table) not including those who have already been emailed please contact me, Nigel Crump shoot@nigelcrump.co.uk

Nigel Crump

ROWSHAM POPPY COLLECTION

For as long as most of us remember, year in and year out, Rosemary Masters undertook the annual Rowsham Poppy Collection. She was very good at it so it was with some nervousness that Mary Lawrence and I took over from Rosemary this year. We needn't have worried. Rowsham is a generous place and we collected just over £200 or £5 per household.

Thank you Rosemary, Thank you Rowsham.

Mary Lawrence

A PERSONAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Joy Parker would like to send New Year greetings to all friends and acquaintances in the village and to thank them all for their support during 2023.

Joy Parker

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY (all at 10am except where shown)

7th January: David Neville

14th January: Richard Maguire

21st January: Covenant Service led by Rev Noreen Daley-Lee

28th January: David Jenkins

4th February: Paulette Tedd

11th February: Aylesbury Creativity Group

18th February: Peter Baker

25th February: Rev Arthur Cowburn (with Holy Communion)

All welcome!

BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as we look forward to 2024. It's in Him that we live, move, and have our being (Acts 17:28). I pray that you have that awareness of being both His creation and His child.

In ancient Roman religion and Greek mythology, Janus is a mythical god. Janus was the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doorways, passages, duality, and endings. He oversaw the beginning and ending of conflicts. Visually he had two faces on one head; and these two faces looked in the opposite direction of each other. One face looked backward, and the other face looked forward.

WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH

It is orthodoxly thought that Janus is the root from where we get the word January, the name for the first month of the year. But we are not polytheistic; we do not believe in many gods. So, for us, this mythical Janus helps to bring to light some historical and cultural ramifications for the month of January. It is necessary for us to look back and reflect on God's work and Providence in our lives in 2023 and also look ahead for 2024 where we begin and end some things.

My prayer for you in 2024 goes like this:

I pray that the God of the Alpha, will help you to walk in His strength to put an end to somethings. As you press towards the mark, of your high calling, forgetting those things which are behind (Philippians 3:14). God of the Omega help you to end those things within your control that distract and deter you from God's plan and purpose for your life.

I pray that 2024 will be a year that takes you to another level. The God of forward thinking enable you to see within you a gift, ability, calling, vocation, or aspiration that you believe will catapult your life forward. God of the Alpha help you not to worry about how He would manifest that which is within you. But focus on allowing yourself to go forward that is beyond your level of expectation.

I pray that 2024 will be a year for 'increased discipleship'. Allow this year to be a personal commitment to God to magnify your walk with Him through a greater commitment to Christian service, Bible study, ministry participation, personal witness, and stewardship. Allow yourself to give more to God than what we request. Commit to give God more of you in 2024.

I celebrate God's provision over your life and family during 2023, but I'm also excited about God's will being manifested in your lives in 2024. With all that's going on in the world today, we do still believe that your life is in God's control- the Alpha and Omega; and it will flourish and be sustained by His authority! May the Lord do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think (Ephesians 3:20) in 2024; as we raise our commitment to Him both individually and collectively as a Church. Happy New Year! **Noreen**

FROM THE COTTESLOE BENEFICE



YOUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU

Well, here we are in (another!) New Year. When I was a child I always felt New Year's Day to be a bit of let down - by then all the fun was over. Of course, when I was a child, I thought like a child and I reasoned like a child, but now I'm grown up, hopefully my thoughts are more ordered. So, what might we say about the "New Year"?

No doubt we will have said to others, perhaps many times over, "have a Happy New Year"; we say it quite readily even to people we don't really know. In the ancient worlds of which the Hebrew Old Testament and the more multi-cultural New Testament were both part of, words denoted action. That meant you only said something if you intended to follow it through. Yet how many of us actually intend ensuring someone else's new year is happy? Family apart, I'm guessing not really.

It is worth reflecting on this because the Christian gospel makes it very clear that the Almighty does follow through on what He said he would do; which is why John's gospel has at its beginning the stirring phrase "The Word became flesh and dwelt amongst us, full of grace and truth". Word denoting action meaning Jesus coming among us and if we've been anywhere near a church over Christmas we will have heard that passage read. I especially like the notably accurate translation which says that Jesus, the Living Word, encamped among us; meaning Jesus moved about. Everything Jesus said and did tells us of God and His loving purposes for us. His ministry was, is, one of encounter and engagement following through on the great promise of the Old Testament that God does not forget us.

So, as we begin 2024, please don't pack Jesus away with the decorations and the tree; allow Him to grow up and move amongst us.

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SERVICES FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

7 th January	11:00 am	Benefice Communion Service at Wing
14 th January	9:30 am 6:00 pm	Parish Communion Evening Prayer
21 st January	10:00 am	Covenant Service at the Methodist Chapel
28 th January	8:30 am 9:30 am	BCP Communion Service People's Praise
4 th February	9:30 am	Parish Communion
11 th February	9:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Parish Communion Messy Church (at Methodist chapel) Evening Prayer
18 th February	9:15 am	Breakfast Service
25 th February	8:30 am 9:30 am	BCP Communion Service People's Praise

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

Wednesday

12:00 am - 4:00 pm Wednesday Warm Space Welcome. A Community Hub time. Come in for a chat and a cuppa, or soup and bread and cake too. All free. A warm welcome awaits you.

7:30pm Bell Ringing Practice (new ringers welcome).

Thursday

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

Friday

10:00 am - 11:00 am Tea and Tots starts again on Friday 12th. All 0-5 years with their parents and carers are welcome to this informal time of friendship and play. Toys, songs, story and a chat over a cup of tea or coffee.

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

PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Dates for your diary:

12th January 10:00 am - 11:00 am Tea and Tots start again

30th January 7:30 pm PCC Meeting

11th February 4:00 pm Messy Church (at the Methodist Chapel)

14th February - Ash Wednesday - details of services will be in Pew News

31st March - Easter Sunday

Thank you!

A huge thank you to all those who contributed to making the Christmas Tree Festival such a success this year. We raised a total of £2,019.02 This was our best result for many years, well done. We also raised £282.80 for the Children's Society at the Crib and Christingle service.

Our Charities

Aylesbury Vineyard

Please remember those who are less fortunate in our area. We usually take the donations to Aylesbury on Mondays. Currently they need tinned meat products, pasta sauces & long life milk. The need continues to grow, so please give as generously as you can.

Postage stamps

We are collecting used Postage stamps again. Please put your used stamps, with a small border from the envelope, in the box at the back of the church. These used stamps will go to the charity Parkinsons UK.

Streetlight Charity Bookstall

The book stall will open during the second week of January. A big 'Thank You' to all who gave so generously in 2023. Lots of books to choose from, so you can keep cozy all winter reading books.

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Wingrave-with-Rowsham Heritage Association (WwRHA)

Saving the past for the future

FEBRUARY TALK: JOHN HAMPDEN MP - REBEL OR PATRIOT?
FRIDAY 23th FEBRUARY, 7:30pm, COMMUNITY CENTRE

In Market Square, Aylesbury there is a statue of John Hampden, a 17th century Parliamentarian, pointing towards his ancestral home at Great Hampden. Born in 1595 and a first cousin to Oliver Cromwell, he entered Parliament in 1619 and later became the Member for Wendover, at the most politically turbulent of times. As a result of his resistance to Charles I's arbitrary government and his stand against tyranny, Hampden became known as the 'Father of the People' and 'The Patriot' and his statue also stands in the Central Lobby of the Houses of Parliament. Towns in the USA, New Zealand and Zimbabwe have been named after him, including Hampden Park in Scotland and several monuments to him exist in Buckinghamshire, at Great Hampden, Honor End and also at Chalgrove in Oxfordshire. Beth Rogers, Chair of The John Hampden Society will be our speaker and it is sure to be an interesting evening, Hampden's life was certainly momentous.

A reminder that our January talk on 'Ford End Watermill' takes place at 8pm on Friday 26th January, following the AGM which will start at 7.15 pm. We will have a very short break after the AGM, during which time the bar will be open whilst we set up for our speaker to start promptly at 8pm. Everyone is most welcome at all our talks, £4 on the door for visitors or £10 membership for the year, which includes free entry to all 6 talks.

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Linda Hooton

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Puppy Dog

VILLAGE WALKING GROUPS



SUNDAY WALKS: 15th NOVEMBER & 10th DECEMBER

The November walk was led by the writer and started from the Five Bells pub in Weston Turville. The first section was across a large rough field surrounded by houses: criss-crossed by paths and used by dog walkers, a survivor of developers' plans - so far!

We passed the Church and Church Farm, and over a large field heading south towards Halton. The footpath passes close to Weston Turville reservoir, here we took the gravelled footpath and made a circuit of the reservoir, crossing Halton Lane to walk behind houses until we met the line of the railway siding that used to serve Halton Camp, long closed and lifted; it is still marked on the map and runs to meet the Wendover Arm canal at a wooden footbridge.

Our group turned to walk down the canal, using the newly resurfaced towpath for about a mile. We turned off the towpath at the point where it was shut to allow work to continue on the resurfacing project. Turning north we took the footpath back towards Weston Turville, passed the Church again and retraced our route back to the pub.



VILLAGE WALKING GROUPS

A pleasant walk of just over 5 miles, nine people took part. Weather fine but chilly.

Mike Curry led a party of seven on a circular walk from Marsworth Church on the December walk. The weather was very overcast and it began to rain while we were walking.

We crossed the field to Startops End, over the canal to the car park and did a circuit of the lowest reservoir, walking over the newly-completed footbridge over the reconstructed spillway at Tringford. We crossed the road to walk round the upper reservoir to meet the Wendover Arm at the Heygates flour mill. At this point the rain started, we walked to the junction with the Grand Union canal, using the towpath to take us back to Marsworth.

We had a short wait till midday for the Red Lion to open, then enjoyed their ale and a warm open fire. Our walk was just short of 4 miles, conditions were rather damp but we cheered up for the photo.

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If you or anyone you know needs a lift to any fairly local services then please telephone or email me and I will arrange for someone to take them. A small charge may be made to cover fuel.

CATS NEEDS NEW VOLUNTEERS

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A VIEW FROM THE FIELD

I suppose I might as well start the year in trouble with some folks, business as usual! I have just seen the photos of the bike tyre tracks on the Recreation Ground, near and over the football pitch and goal area. Do these lovely little charmers realise what damage they have done and what a state the grass area is left in? Is a "serious talking to" a suitable cure for such wanton damage? I would never have expected to get away with behaviour like this, nor would any of my friends. During my school holidays I was expected to help milk the Jersey cows, sometimes by hand, from the age of ten or eleven, so my mother could separate the cream and make Butter and Cheese for The Bell at Aston Clinton, when they ran a shop next door and later, for Hilda at the Post Office by the Pond! If I wasn't up and ready at 4am ish or just after, the old man would come in and drag me out of bed! I accepted, reluctantly, that this was what was expected of me to help, when I was old enough. I did complain but it never did me any good! I soon learnt! I feel sorry for the lovely people who look after the Rec and willingly put in all those hours to care for it.

I also remember the deep well near Lower Wingbury Farm and the steel windmill that flew round pumping the water maybe half a mile to two huge holding tanks in one of the lofts in the yard that we had the water supply from, not much pressure but probably four or five thousand gallons of water for the family and the cattle and sheep. Also the old man turning off the petrol on the generator in the yard and rushing across the yard to bed before the Petter engine ran to a halt. We went on mains electricity in the mid to late fifties . There is also an inscription in one of the bricks in the yard made by the brickie in 1809, MHI being the initials a local brick layer I am told. He must have built all the stables and the cow sheds and the house. What wonderful memories, I notice plenty of houses were built in Wingrave early to late 1800s with inscriptions on their gable ends .

Lastly I also spent many hours sat on an old Fordson Major filling in three huge holes, pushing soil to level them off. The story goes that they were created by bombs dropped by returning German Bombers that had failed to find Wing Airfield used by the Americans and got rid of these heavy bombs before returning to France . Good job there were only three!

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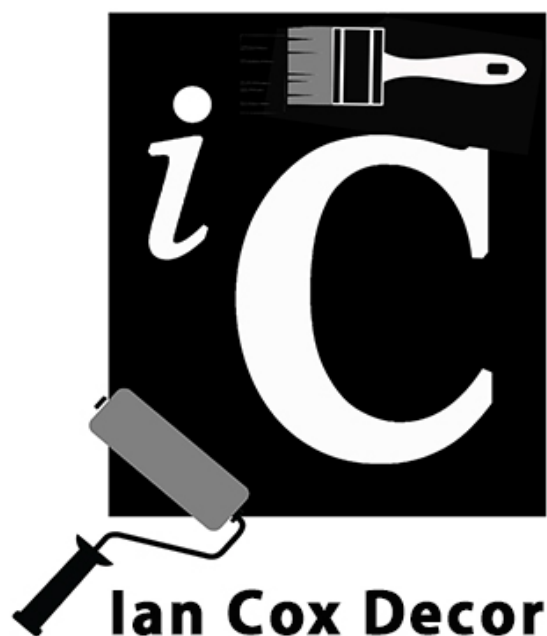
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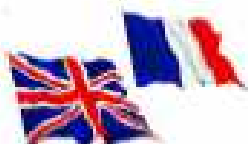
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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

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DID YOU KNOW.....

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DID YOU KNOW.....

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Round like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel
 Never ending or beginning on your postie appeal
 Like a snowball down a mountain, or a carnival balloon
 Like a carousel that's turning, you hope it comes home soon
 Like a clock whose hands are sweeping past the minutes of its face
 And you've ordered a phone from apple, asking where the devil is
 this place?

Like the parcels that you've ordered on the doorsteps you can't find!

Like a trail that you follow from the photos that you've seen
 Down a hollow to a tavern where no one's ever seen
 Like a pub that never opens in a half forgotten dream
 Or the ripped up package edges left upon the village green
 Like a clock whose hands are sweeping waiting patiently for calls
 And the world is all against you, asking if you exist at all
 Like the parcels that you ordered on the doorsteps you can't find!

Songs that jingle on Alexa, words that jangle in your head
 This Christmas has gone so quickly, as another drive you tread
 Couriers walking with no purpose, down a lane that never ends
 Is the sound of van on tick-over parked so adjacent on Wingrave's
 bends?

Pictures taken of a doorstep, with plant beside is wrong
 Half remembered doors or windows, but to whom do they belong?
 When you knew that it was over, you were suddenly aware
 That the image was fading grey, like the colour of your hair!
 Like a circle in a spiral, like a wheel within a wheel
 Never ending or beginning on an ever spinning reel
 As the images unwind, like the circles of your mind
 On the doorsteps you can't find!

Nigel Crump

WINGRAVE BOWLS CLUB



NEWS FROM THE GREEN

Norman Rickard first joined Wingrave Bowls Club in 1977, Ernie Bignell (Bryan's father) was captain then. Being employed by the Aylesbury Brewery Company he was able to help the club obtain its first bar licence. During the following years he grew in experience and ability and managed (on different occasions) to win all the club competitions, including the Ivor Ellis Trophy 6 times. He went to school in Wingrave, Wing and Aylesbury Technical College. He worked for Aylesbury Brewery Company for 27 years until its closure in 1990 and was the Wine & Spirit Warehouse Manager (that was a good job). From the age of 17 he played football, cricket and of course bowls for Wingrave, indoor interests were darts and dominos at the Rose & Crown. He was Captain for a number of years during which they won the Bletchley League in 1987. He also won National honours at EBA level three times in rinks and triples, quite an honour! As club Secretary he over-saw the relaying of the green in 1993, giving them 5 rinks to play on, before then it was only possible to play on 4 rinks.



During these years he was also responsible for running the bar, with help from Alec Bignell and others. Before the current club shirts came about they used to wear white shirts with ties, and even on very hot days the men were obliged to keep their ties on until the Captain spoke the words "gentlemen you may remove your ties if you wish" a little bit different now, for the better I think. He was elected Club President in 2001, following John Goldney, and although not able to play these days he still follows the club closely. He was made an Honorary member in 2022. He has a very happy family life with his partner Pamela, they have been together for over 30 years.

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Festive and new year greetings to all our readers as always.

Thank you for continuing to read our monthly input and taking an interest in our activities - please make 2024 the year that you get off the bench, stop standing on the sidelines and pick up a mallet (available from our collection of useful implements) to set foot on the lawn and join in. Everyone is welcome, the basic rules are exactly that - basic. You will soon get to grips with the strategy (although, let's be honest, some never do...) and if you think of it slightly akin to snooker on grass, you'll have a huge amount of fun!

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

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

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

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WINGRAVE FOOTBALL CLUB

Playing since 1891

DENNIS GOLDNEY



Dennis Goldney was quite simply one of the best footballers and cricketers the village will ever see. Dennis could play virtually anywhere on the football pitch and could seriously affect any match. He said to me 'when you start you usually get put on the left wing and progress from there'. Dennis was a member of the Wingrave team in the 1960's making his debut, around the 1965-66 season.

He was in the successful teams that played in the Premier division of the A.D.L, winning the Marsworth league DIV 2 in 1966. He played in the Marsworth Charity cup final in 1967. He was recommended to play for the Aylesbury and District league and the Berks and Bucks teams respectively. Dennis played in defence, usually behind the centre half, his reading of the game was impeccable, he was always one foot in front of his opponent. A neat tidy defender, never wasted the ball. Dennis was a member of the Committee in the 70s and on occasion he would volunteer to paint the goal posts etc.

Dennis played for the Saturday team against the Dennis Waterman XI on the 15th July 1979. We had some memorable nights and lunchtimes in the Rose and Crown. Den was always good company, a real nice all round chap, who many of us looked up to and respected. A match comes to mind when we was playing away at Bletchely town (Before MK Dons). It was the 90-91 season, we played on their ground surrounded by advertising boards and white railings.

We had a conversation before the match. Dennis had a knock the week previous and didn't want to start. Which was unusual because you never saw Dennis on the subs bench. Dennis eventually came on and what a difference he made. Wingrave played well that day, winning by a 3-1 scoreline. This was typical of Dennis, pure class.

He was also in the only senior Wingrave team to win a football match on French soil. I played behind Dennis that day as goalkeeper. It had a magnificent game against the French. Wingrave's version of Bobby Moore. As said, a great all-round bloke, great company, great footballer. He will be sorely missed by us all, one of the very best.

Chalkie White (hon. life president)

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JANUARY 2024

Sat	13	0845	Men's breakfast talk: USA: State of the Union	via Zoom
Sun	14	1000	Brunch Club	Community Centre
Tue	16	1930	WCA Council meeting	Community Centre
Fri	19	1800	Thai Night social evening	Community Centre
Wed	24	1200	Over 60s lunch club	Wingrave Park
Fri	26	1915	WwRHA AGM & talk: Ford End Watermill	Community Centre
Sat	27	1930	Twinning Quiz	Community Centre

FEBRUARY 2024

Fri	2	1800	Family spud night	Community Centre
Wed	7	1000	WI: Stained Glass demo	Methodist Church
Sat	10-11		Wingrave Singers at Gloucester Cathedral	
Sat	10	0845	Men's breakfast talk:	Methodist Church
Mon	12-19		School half term holiday	
Tue	13	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Wed	14	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	16	1930	Family Bingo	Community Centre
Sat	18	0845	Men's breakfast talk: Do we need big infrastructure projects?	Methodist Church
Fri	23	1930	WwRHA talk: John Hampden MP - Rebel or Patriot?	Community Centre
Wed	28	1200	Over 60s lunch club	Wingrave Park

MARCH 2024

Fri	1	1800	Family spud night	Community Centre
Sun	3	1400	Swingrave dance	Community Centre
Wed	6	1000	WI: The KenSal Duo, singalong	Methodist Church
Fri	8	1930	Family Bingo	Community Centre
Sat	9	0845	Men's breakfast talk:	Methodist Church
Fri	15		Twinning AGM and cheese & wine	Community Centre
Sat	16		Twinning jumble sale	Community Centre
Wed	20	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Fri	22	1930	WwRHA talk: Agricultural Labourers	Community Centre
Sun	24	1200	Clubs and Societies day	Community Centre
Tue	26	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Wed	27	1200	Over 60s lunch club	Wingrave Park
Thu	28		School term ends	
Fri	29		NO WCA social evening	Community Centre
Sun	31	0200	British Summer Time starts	
Sun	31		Easter Day	

Recycling bin collection: Wednesday 17th 31st January, 14th 28th February, 13th 27th March;

Waste bin collection: Wednesday 24th January, 7th 21st February, 6th 20th March;

Garden waste collection: as waste bin collection from 24th January.

