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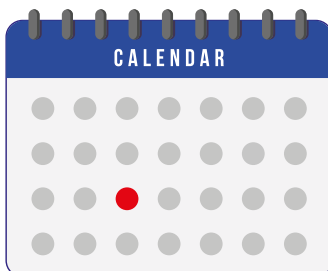
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WINGRAVE AND ROWSHAM DIRECTORY 2024 **CORRIGENDUM**

These corrections need to be made to the Directory delivered to everyone with the March Communique. I will update the version on the WCA website.

Page 5 Social Services

Add:

Smart Choice Healthcare Services Home care agency for care and support services 07983 621024

Page 6 Local Services

Replace Executive Lead with:

Head of Operations Laura Busfield laura.busfield@macintyrecharity.org

Page 9 Garden maintenance and buildings

Lambourne Tree & Garden Services: delete the land line number (682055)

Page 11 Parish Council

Correct the Parish Clerk's telephone number to: 07850 916954

John Hawkes 01296 681022 diary@wingrave-wca.co.uk

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Email: bookings@wingrave-wca.co.uk **Telephone:** 01296 910991

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| 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!

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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.

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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES DAY



The first Clubs and Societies Day in many years took place on Sunday 24th March at the Wingrave Community Centre. It was a busy event with many of the village's clubs and societies represented, displaying items that represent their organisation. Exhibitors and visitors were treated to free tea, coffee and cakes by Cafe du Jardin.

Photos by Nigel Crump



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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM PARISH COUNCIL



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Footpath Report

The Parish Council was pleased at the response to our request for witness statements regarding use of paths around the village which are not on the definitive map of footpaths.

We received 130 completed forms covering the 5 paths in question. These were given to Bucks Council Rights of Way in early February. There will be a long wait to hear - 3 to 4 years - though if a planning application arrives in the meantime it will be prioritised.

Footbridges

The Parish Council has also been pressing Bucks Council to repair 4 footbridges. One has been replaced since we put in our request, and we will keep asking about the others. If parishioners would like to help keep up the pressure by reporting damaged bridges - or other defects on footpaths - this is the web address: <https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside-and-public-rights-of-way/public-rights-of-way/report-an-issue-with-a-public-footpath-bridleway-or-byway/> Every little helps.

Village Walk

A new Village Walk leaflet is almost ready thanks to Chris Harrison and Phil Robinson. Watch this space.

Contact the Parish Clerk

info@wwrpc.org.uk

www.wingravewithrowshamparishcouncil.org.uk

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“Success isn’t about how your life looks to others. It’s about how it feels to you.”

Michelle Obama

WINGRAVE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL



Dear School Friends and Neighbours

The absence of a school article for some time is indicative of how busy (and often chaotic) the school and world of education continues to be. Many factors (good and challenging) are beyond our control and so 'firefighting' in order to make the most of each day becomes the norm, whether that be staff illness, new pupils, or even a broken boiler.

Pupils and subsequently staffing numbers have hit an all-time high in order to cater for the learning and needs of the children in our community and beyond. With school places at a premium across the county, we have still been able to support a few families from out of catchment, however the vast majority of children still come directly from Wingrave and our neighbouring catchment villages, sustaining the importance of our community school.

Not meaning to be quintessentially British, but one factor beyond our control of late has been the changeable weather and this always has an interesting impact on school life. As I type, we are coordinating staff to manage a wet play, yet another sudden downpour makes lunchtime a wash out. Although systems and rotas for such occasions are firmly in place, the children need their fresh air and space to decompress from lessons and we notice the difference when they are stuck inside. Please note this is not just for the sake of a little shower, we are more resilient than that but spending the rest of the day in wet socks and shoes is not pleasant. Interesting that the older the children get, the more adverse they seem to be about weather conditions.

Fun weather fact – worst weather for schools days is wind! This has a transformative effect on the children and their behaviour and seems to heighten levels of excitement and minimise levels of judgement... We have far more accidents and fallouts on windy days.

On the flip side, whatever the weather brings, it does provide many opportunities for learning and of course fun in the puddles afterwards! As the saying goes, 'a little rain never hurt anyone' but of late it does raise questions about climate change and our environment, something we have a responsibility to explore with our children considering short term and longer term ideas to support the planet and generations to come.

Matt Tomson, Head Teacher



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Notable Dates

- 1st Easter Monday (we are closed)
...and April Fool's Day (Ha! Ha!)
- 7th World Health Day
- 14th National Gardening Day
- 15th World Art Day
- 18th World Heritage Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 23rd St. George's Day
Shakespeare's birthday (1564)
...and the day he died, age 52
- 25th World Penguin Day

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On Wednesday 6th March members and visitors had a talk on Mercy Ships. Ken and June Brazier came along and told us all about how it started. Don Stephens was the founder of this charity in 1978. Mercy Ships operates the two largest charity hospital ships in the world to deliver accessible, free surgery and vital medical care for people facing unjust poverty and urgent need. These floating hospitals are staffed entirely by volunteers, who give their expertise for free to treat dental and eye problems, cleft lips and palate, tumours, club feet, childbirth injuries, burns and other conditions. The ships are the most efficient way to bring state-of-the-art hospital services to regions where clean water, electricity, medical facilities and staff might be limited or non-existent. We watched a short film on some of their work. Incredible work.

Mary Shurlock

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APRIL SERVICES

All of our Sunday morning services in Wingrave will be at 10am:

7th April: Rev Dr Hayford Ofori-Attah (with Holy Communion)

14th April: We will be joining our friends at Cheddington (10:30am)

14th April: Messy church at 4 o'clock

21st April: Rev Wallace Edwards

28th April: Ken Harris

Everyone welcome

CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS

I was pleasantly surprised on hearing the prehistoric idiom "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" mentioned in a conversation at a church event a few weeks ago. Like this individual, I grew up with the idea that the saying signifies people have a moral duty to keep themselves and their homes clean. It is an archaic proverb found in Babylonian and Hebrew religious tracts.

The inauguration of the idiom in the English language, in a modified form is found in the writings of philosopher and scientist Sir Francis Bacon. He wrote, "Cleanliness of body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God." John Wesley, the co-founder of Methodism, may have been the originator of the slogan. In 1791, he referenced the phrase in one of his sermons as we use it today. Wesley wrote, "Slovenliness is no part of religion. Cleanliness is indeed next to Godliness."

... WINGRAVE METHODIST CHURCH

However, the general principle behind the practice dates back long before the time of Wesley to the worship customs mentioned in the book of Leviticus. The Israelites were certainly concerned about the concepts of “clean” and “unclean” because a major portion of the Mosaic Law outlines the principles of each. Among the unclean things that God’s people were to avoid are dead bodies and carcasses, eating certain animals, leprosy, and bodily discharges.

But Jesus extended its meaning in a discourse about traditions in Matthew’s Gospel where He challenged the religious leaders, “It is not what goes into the mouth of a man that defiles and dishonours him, but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles and dishonours him.” Initially after hearing the idiom, I didn’t know if that person was only referring to keeping the church clean or something far deeper. Was it just about wiping the floor; the pots and pans; the toilets; dusting the benches; the cupboards? I am not sure! On contrary, the Biblical understanding of this archaic proverb has an inward resolution that modifies or metamorphoses the outward that not only please us but God.

Therefore, shining the cupboards and counter-tops should reflect what is within the heart. Cleanliness is next to godliness refers to our responsibility to have a relationship with God whereby we explicitly recognize Him, listen to what He says, and obey with the goal of the keeping our hearts pure, clean, and assertive to the things of God. We believers must hold to the central reality of our faith, Christ, for He is the source of all our righteousness, holiness, and redemption. I think “Cleanliness is next to Godliness” is not an illusion. How eerily prophetic those words can be!

Rev Noreen

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SERVICES FOR APRIL

| | | |
|------------|-------------------------------|---|
| 7th April | 9:30 am | Parish Communion |
| 14th April | 9:30 am 4:00 pm 6:00 pm | Parish Communion Messy Church Evening Prayer |
| 21st April | 9:15 am | Breakfast Service |
| 28th April | 8:30 am 10:30 am | BCP Communion Service Benefice Communion service at Wing |

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

Each Week:

Wednesday

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Wednesday Welcome. Come in for a chat and share a cuppa with some cake too. Donations only. A 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 – 11:00 am Tea and Tots will finish for Easter on Friday 15th March and start again on 19th April.

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

Dates for your diary:

19th April 10:00 am – 11:00 am Tea and Tots start again.

4th May Gardener's Bring and Buy.

... PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL

News

It is with some sadness that we have learnt that we shall be saying goodbye to Revd Howard and Revd Andrew. Howard is going to be a Priest in the Diocese of Derby and Howard and Joanna will be leaving us to live in Derbyshire at the end of April. Revd. Andrew and Anna are leaving at the end of July. They will be going to live in Berlin where Anna will take up a senior position in the Lutheran Church. Our prayers go with them as God sends them on to these new ventures. Please be reassured that the services will mostly remain the same in the Parish Church until the end of July. Revd. Andrew is working with the Rural Dean Revd. Val Plumb and our Churchwardens, to ensure that as far as is possible the continuity of services will continue after July too.

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 & longlife 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 is proving very popular – come into the church when it is open (10 am – 4 pm) Every penny of your donation goes to help the children in Manila who live on the streets.

Pew News

If you want to receive Pew News emails or hard copy to your letterbox, please contact Sarah Kennedy 01296 681749 or email: sarah@leskennedy.co.uk

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

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First of all, happy Eastertide to everyone. Eastertide comprises fifty days of celebration concerning the Resurrection of Christ, and it is rightly said that this is a celebration of the promise of a new form of life – a new way of being as we are drawn to participate even in the life and the nature of God Himself in Christ. Resurrection is not merely some form of resuscitation, in which life just somehow comes back but otherwise continues exactly how it always had done.

People often remark on Easter as being fittingly represented by the re-emergence of life in the springtime, but this doesn't actually capture the more 'radical' sense of newness suggested by the Resurrection Life, since the new growth of Spring is simply a resprouting of what we are already accustomed to. The word 'radical' comes from the Latin word *radix*, meaning root. Eastertide, in this sense, aims to get nearer to the root of what a truly fulfilling life – one that is actively drawn into the Life of God through and in Christ – actually is. This is the Easter promise of an ultimate renewal of life, known in the New Testament texts as the 'new creation'.

In Christian tradition this new creation is something we are called to explore, and to do so means learning from the lesson of Lent that other things might need to be 'let go of' first. A classic Easter Sunday text is therefore the story of a woman called Mary Magdalene encountering the risen Christ outside the empty tomb. Though she doesn't recognize that it is Christ at first, as soon as she does her first reaction is to cling to Him, and she is immediately told by Christ not to do so, because He, the Son of God, must return to the Father, in order to draw her and others into the Life of God. Like Mary, our journey does not simply end at Easter, nor does it end by clinging to our first conception or partial recognition of the risen Christ. Instead, Easter is the new beginning of a new form of exploration concerning a newly promised transformation of life to come.

A blessed Eastertide to you all.

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Next meeting: 13th April
At this meeting our topic will be:
'Community Energy: power to the people'

This friendly group has been going for over twenty years. Meetings are held at Wingrave Methodist Church in Nup End Lane, HP22 4PX. 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.

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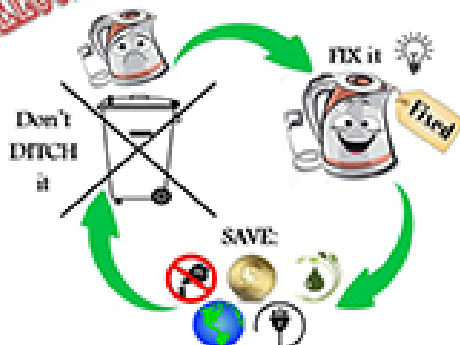
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GREAT WINGRAVE SPRING CLEAN

The annual Great Wingrave Spring Clean Litter Pick took place on Sunday 17th March. I always worry in the days leading up to the Great Wingrave Spring Clean. Will it rain? Will enough volunteers turn up? Will there be enough litter? Will there be enough cakes and biccies? I needn't have worried... this year, more lovely volunteers than ever turned out to litter pick, collecting a staggering amount of litter, including a toilet, wheels and pipes.

And lots of generous villagers filled three tables with the most delicious cakes and biscuits. My thanks to you all, including Macintyre School. To see the children so enthusiastically collecting litter was delightful. One little lad told me it was the "best afternoon ever!"

My thanks to our amazing tea ladies, Sheila Cotton, Mary Shurlock and Anne Urry for their hard work today, and to Sheila and John Cotton for allowing us to use the Methodist Chapel. Thanks also to David and Karen Harnett for organising the bags and their collection. Thank you, Wingrave, for your tremendous support. I feel blessed to be a part of this community.

The Great Wingrave Spring Clean? It most certainly was!

Bron Hughes



... GREAT WINGRAVE SPRING CLEAN



VILLAGE WALKING GROUPS

FEBRUARY WALKS



This February was one of, if not THE wettest on record, so simply trying to keep one's feet dry and avoiding the worst of the mud and puddles was the main thought in planning this month's walks.

Both of February's walks were planned by the writer, I think I can claim a modest success with the Monday walk but a failure with that planned for the Sunday.

Monday February 12th was one of February's better days dry with clear sunny skies .

Our group of seven set off from the National Trust car park at Ringshall, crossing



the B4506 into the Ashridge Golf course. We walked through the woods beside the fairway down to Little Gaddesdon and then picked up the Golden Valley footpath. After about 3 miles we climbed up from the valley towards Webb's Copse and continued on high ground towards Frithsden, turning and going down to the next valley then up the other side into Berkhamsted Common to meet the Hertfordshire Way footpath. We walked north through Berkhamsted Golf Course and out into woodland towards Coldharbour Farm.

A short walk through more woods and over a road brought us to Ashridge College.

We had walked about 7 miles by this stage and the Bakehouse Cafe in the College was a welcome spot to stop for a coffee and a bite to eat. It was warm enough for us to sit outside in the sheltered quadrangle court and

... VILLAGE WALKING GROUPS

enjoy a break before completing the route by walking through the Park, passing the view through the trees to the Bridgewater Monument (Prince's Riding)

This last part added another 2 miles to our walk, passing the Ashridge Golf Course on the public footpath back to the cars. We were able to avoid most of the larger puddles by either working our way round or popping onto the side of the golf fairway if it was clear.

For our Sunday (18th) walk we again tried Ashridge, but avoided the golf courses, walking from Ringshall (a different car park), up to the Coppice and across sheep pasture to Wards Hurst Farm. There were good views here to the north and east past Ivinghoe Beacon. Turning, we crossed the road and walked through the woods of Ashridge Common, picking up the easy track that took us down to the Bridgewater Memorial. From here our direct route back to the cars was through the middle of the woods (Sallow Copse) This proved pretty tough going, plenty of wet and muddy ground after all-night rain which had only stopped as we set off from Wingrave.

This was a fairly short walk of 3½ miles taking about 2 hours. Just four of us walking, and we finished off by returning to the village for a beer in the Sports Club.

Chris Harrison

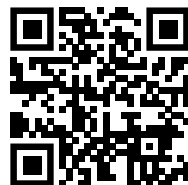


COMMUNIQUE FEEDBACK

Over the last few months the Communique has undergone some design changes – you may not have even noticed – please say you have. What we'd like to know is what articles and notices you find useful, what you think is unnecessary and what you'd like to see in future issues? Please email us and let us know what you think: communique@wingrave-wca.co.uk

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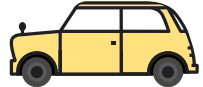
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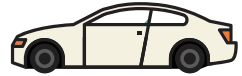
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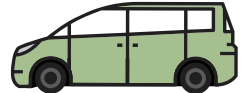
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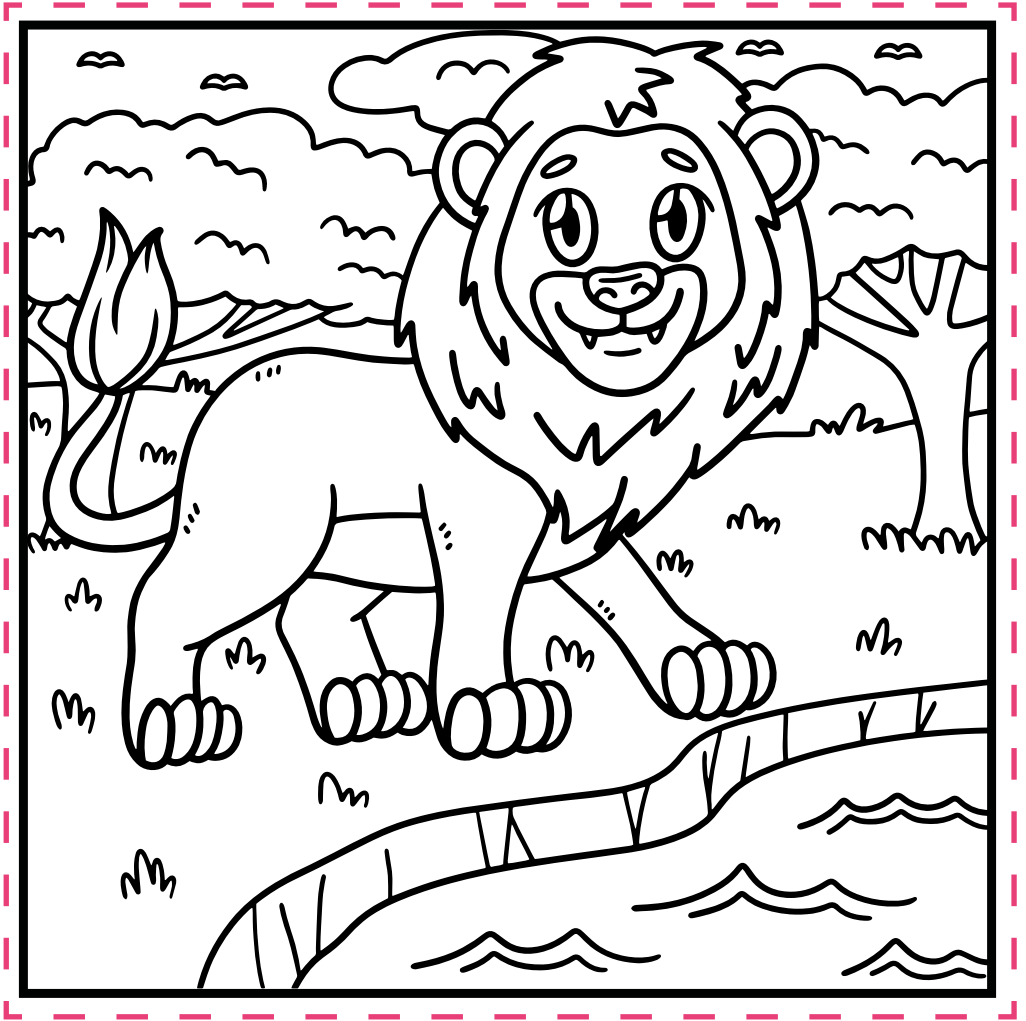
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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB



Established 2006 *“May you play on interesting lawns”*

Our 2024 Club Annual General Meeting took place on Tuesday 12 March and was followed by an excellent buffet supper – many thanks again to Julie for all her hard work. Unfortunately, our Honorary President Ben Jaques was unable to attend this year due to ill health, and he was greatly missed (as well as his wife Christine). All the usual business was conducted, which also involved the election of officers for our coming year. Our Chairman, Richard Keighley has now stepped sideways to take over the reins from outgoing Treasurer, Roy Bradbury (whose constant efforts to balance the books and remind us all to pay up has been much appreciated over the last twelve years – thank you Roy!). The resulting vacancy for a Chairman has been filled by Richard Skidmore. Chris Harrison has agreed to remain as Secretary. Here’s to another good year.

Various trophies and awards were given out, with cups going to Richard S and Jill for winning the Spring Doubles Tournament, (the Autumn event being unfinished due to inclement weather), the Wingrave Community Association cup went to Alan Gray for his win of the Singles ladder, and the Doubles ladder trophy went to Team Gray. Our prestigious Trophy for the Southern Federation Doubles League will now be displayed in the Club Trophy Cabinet! A marvellous effort by all who played throughout the season.

Chairman’s Awards were also presented to Roy and Denny Bradbury for all their dedication to the Ladder league (and lots more besides). They will be continuing to organise the system for this season too, so if you are interested in taking part, let them know. Alan Gray once again stepped up and received yet another accolade as Clubman of the Year. Bravo one and all.

The recent Clubs and Societies Day saw many enquiries about the life of a croquet player and how to come along and join in – here’s hoping that we shall see many of you out and about on the lawn throughout this coming season.

We shall be opening (officially) for business on Saturday 6 April at 10.00 (weather permitting, flippers and snorkels not provided). Everyone welcome, let’s make this a day to remember. Bring your mallets, bring a friend, join in the fun – see you there and let joy be unconfined! It will be good for us to be playing once again, on a regular

... WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

basis, so get ready one and all! The mowers have been serviced, the court has been encouraged and we have fingers crossed that all will be well on the day!

Please note that our Club sessions have changed slightly with play available on Saturdays from 10am, with Tuesdays and Fridays from 4pm, but members have the opportunity to pick up additional play (even at short notice) via our WhatsApp group.

Our qualified handicapper (but no longer Chairman) will be prowling around to check the GC Handicaps of all members (hopefully before the season begins). This relatively painless procedure is available to help with planning for the above Doubles League, Ladder League and Friendlies, so please don't be shy.

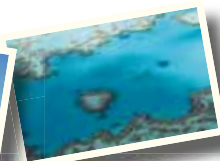
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Club involvement in the Oving Village Cup

Oving village cup semi-final, Saturday 17th Feb 2024 . **Oving 1 - 3 Wingrave**

Record breakers Wingrave broke their own club record in their 131-year history, by reaching the final three years in a row. Wingrave took the lead with a well worked George Morris goal, just glancing in off the post. Oving was never out of this tie and responded with an outstanding goal, from an outstanding player in my opinion, with a shot from the halfway line, catching us all by surprise.

His name is Dance (midfielder striker) you could see that he had played in a higher standard of football. Wingrave never panicked, full backs Ellis and Ted Swadling looked comfortable, David Hedley matching everything the 6ft 6 ins Dance could throw at him. Coggins led brilliantly from midfield. Si Williams caught the eye finding those little pockets from midfield, reminding me of Derek Goodwin from our sixties, seventies, and eighties teams. George Kus scored another well taken goal and sub Will Swadling completed the deal with another neat goal, Wingrave. Broomhead G.K, T. Ellis, Swadling, Hedley, Wright, Si Williams, Heyes, Coggins, Morris, Magnocavallo, Kus. Oving cup record since 2021, PLD 7 won 6, lost 1, G.F 23, G.A 12, Stewkley in the final, Easter Monday '24.

Continuing with myths, legends and stories, the Sunday team from 1975-80 was a real joy to play in. we played very much off the cuff but that was the excitement of it all, attack, attack, attack. If we was closing teams down high up the field, we would bring one out of defence to make five in the midfield. This was never planned, just happened. I suppose its because we got so many players forward was the reason we scored so many goals. We were capable of scoring lots of goals. But we were also capable of losing by lots of goals.

Sunday November 27th, 1977, Dutton Forshaw, home won 8-0, G. Gurney G.K, N. Bonnick (3), C. Ellis (2), and Sprig Bignell (1), five more past Stoke Mandeville winning 3-5 and then another 5 past Mandeville in the January of 78. N. Henley (1), Bonnick (2), Steve Rickard and Chalkie White on target. Lloyds bank came to Wingrave and won 7-1. Team - A. Vizsked G.K, Tarbuck (1), L. Reynolds, N. Henley, G, Gurney, Chalkie, Bonnick, Ellis, Rickard, A. Higgs and R. Dunn.

Long Marston knocked us out of the Oving Cup in 1975 by a 5-3 scoreline, Wingrave fielding only 10 players. A. Frankum G.K, S. Pearson, P. Day, D. Goldney, P. Brinded, D. Goodwin, B. Fleet, E. Greenan, K. Perkins and Bomber Bignell. Andy Frankum scored 30 goals in the 1979-80 season for the Sunday team, the committee bought him a special cup.

**Chalkie White, hon. President
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SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Pilates 9:15 and 10:30am
Wingrave Baby & Toddler Group from 10:00am (term time)
Junior Fitness Classes 4pm
Croquet from 4pm
Bowls 5:30-7:30pm
Wingrave Community Choir 8-9:45pm

Methodist Church
Community Centre
Fitness Farm Gym
Croquet lawn, The Rec.
Community Centre
Methodist Church

TUESDAY

Walking netball 6-7pm
Back to netball 7-8pm
Qiong & meditation class 7-8:15pm
Football training from 7pm
Art Club 7:30-9:30pm

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WEDNESDAY

Singing Gwen 9:30am-12:30pm
Wednesday Warm Space and Welcome 12-4pm
Martial arts class 6-8pm
Bell ringing 7:30-9pm

Community Centre
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THURSDAY

Morning Prayers 9:30-10am
Baby Sensory 10am-2pm
The Hornets girls football (4-11 years) from 6pm
Chi Gong & Meditation Class 7:30-8:30pm

Parish Church
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FRIDAY

Yoga class 9:15-10:15am
Tea and Tots 10-11am (in school term time)
Croquet from 4pm
Wingrave Singers rehearsal 8-9:45pm
WCA Social Evening from 6pm

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SATURDAY

Village Running Group 8-9am
Sat Morning Café from 9am
Junior Netball 5-11 years 9-10am
Croquet from 10am
Senior League Netball 10:15-11:30am
Junior Tennis 10am-12:30pm
Wingrave Wasps Football training and matches
Youth Netball (11-16 years) 11.30am-12.30pm
Adult Tennis 12:30-2pm

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APRIL 2024

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| Mon | 1 | 1030 | Easter Egg Hunt | AA Village Orchard |
| Wed | 3 | 1000 | WI: Stoke Mandeville Spinal Research | Methodist Church |
| Fri | 5 | 1800 | Family spud night | Community Centre |
| Sat | 6 | 1000 | Croquet start of season | Croquet lawn |
| Mon | 8 | 0915 | Wingrave Monday Walking Group walk contact Jan: | 07813 085211 |
| Fri | 12 | 1930 | Family Bingo | Community Centre |
| Sat | 13 | 0845 | Men's breakfast talk: Community Energy: power to the people | Methodist Church |
| Sun | 14 | 1100 | Czech Ambassador inaugurates memorial plaque | The Green |
| Sun | 14 | 1600 | Messy Church | Methodist Church |
| Mon | 15 | | School term begins | |
| Tue | 16 | 1930 | Parish Council meeting | Community Centre |
| Wed | 17 | 1800 | Copy deadline for Communiqué | |
| Sun | 21 | 0930 | Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble | Nup End Lane |
| Wed | 24 | 1200 | Over 60s lunch club | Wingrave Park |
| Fri | 26 | 1930 | WCA Quiz Night | Community Centre |

MAY 2024

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| Wed | 1 | 1000 | WI: Eco-printing, talk & taster - all can have a go! | Methodist Church |
| Sat | 4-6 | | Scarecrow Festival | |
| Sat | 4 | 1000 | Gardeners' Bring and Buy | Parish Church |
| Sun | 5 | 1500 | Swingrave dance | Community Centre |
| Fri | 10 | 1930 | Family Bingo | Community Centre |
| Sat | 11 | 0845 | Men's breakfast talk: The future of the BBC and how should it be funded? | Methodist Church |
| Sun | 12 | 1600 | Messy Church | Parish Church |
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| Tue | 14 | 1930 | WCA Council meeting | Community Centre |
| Wed | 15 | 1800 | Copy deadline for Communiqué | |
| Fri | 17 | 1800 | WCA family barbecue | Community Centre |
| Sat | 18 | | Music in quiet places | AA Parish Church |
| Sun | 19 | 0930 | Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble | Nup End Lane |
| Sun | 19 | 1300 | Clubs and societies invitation bowls challenge | Recreation Ground |
| Tue | 21 | 1930 | Parish Council meeting | Community Centre |
| Wed | 22 | 1200 | Over 60s lunch club | Wingrave Park |
| Mon | 27-4Jn | | School half term holiday | |
| Fri | 31 | 1800 | WCA family barbecue | Community Centre |

Recycling bin collection: Wednesday 10th 24th April; Thursday 9th Wednesday 22nd May

Waste bin collection: Thursday 4th Wednesday 17th April; 1st 15th Thursday 30th May

Garden waste collection: as waste bin collection.

