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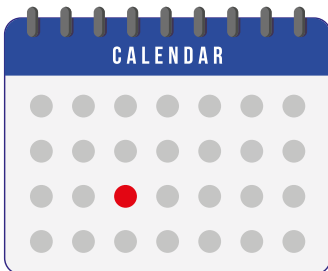
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Email: bookings@wingrave-wca.co.uk **Telephone:** 01296 910991

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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	Yoga with Sam Lees	09:15 - 10:15	Sam Lees	sam@yogawithsamlees.co.uk
Friday	WCA Social Events	20:30 - late	Tony Horne	tony@horne.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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WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM VILLAGE FETE



Fun for all the family
on the first Sunday in July

SUNDAY 7TH JULY 12-4PM

This year's village fete will take place again at Wingrave Park. We are continuing with the traditional fete theme which has been well received over the last few years.

We hope to bring you a fun filled day with Music, Coconut Shy, Classical Car display, Beat the Goalie, Dog Show, Ice cream, BBQ, Games, Bar, Raffle, Splat the Rat, Tombola, Cake Stall, Tug-O-War plus lots more...

The Fete is the annual fundraiser for the WWRSSAL charity that helps keep our sports and leisure facilities maintained for the village.

We would love to hear from anyone that would be willing volunteer to help make the fete day a success. It could involve helping set up/clean up, help run a stall or even be steward on the day. We would also love to hear from anyone willing to donate a prize to the raffle or to sell raffle tickets in the lead up to the fete.

Stalls can still be booked (if you're quick) at a cost of £15, request a booking form from wingrave.fete@gmail.com

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Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held before the full meeting of the council last month. Chair Jeremy Pugh thanked the clerk, councillors and many supporting parishioners for their work in the past year. This parish has been incredibly active in getting many projects completed and going during 2023-2024 including the pavilion project, the adult sports equipment, the green survey, the plaque unveiling and D-Day celebrations to name but a few. The PC would also like to thank Councillor Em Farrell for her work these past three years, as she has recently stepped down from the Council.

We are delighted that both Cllr Pugh and Cllr Chater were nominated and agreed to be Chair and Vice-Chair for the Parish once again.

D-Day Celebration

On June 6th, 2024, Wingrave and Rowsham joined communities across the UK in commemorating the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings. The evening event, held at The Wingrave with Rowsham Sports and Social Club, served as a poignant tribute to the bravery and sacrifice of the Allied forces who fought for freedom on the beaches of Normandy. The event featured a traditional fish and chip supper, a fitting nod to National Fish and Chip Day and the vital role the fishing industry played in sustaining Britain during the war effort. 'The Recollections' played music for everyone whilst Julie and the team kept everyone refreshed from the outdoor bar.

The centrepiece of the evening was the beacon lighting ceremony at 9:15 pm, part of a chain of beacons lit at the same time across the country and the Normandy coast. As the sun set Peter Cooper played the Last Post, everyone observed a 2 minute silence, then, as the beacon lit up, Richard Keighley read out the International Tribute. The flames, reaching high into the twilight sky, served as a powerful symbol of remembrance and a beacon of hope for future generations. With many thanks to Buckinghamshire Council Community Board, the Kirby Fund and WWRPC for funding the beacon and event and to WWRPC and WWRPC

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for organising and running the event. Many thanks to Peter Cooper and Richard Keighley for leading the ceremony, to the Wingrave with Rowsham Heritage Association for the information display about those residents who took part in the D Day Landing, and to Nigel Crump for capturing the event on film. Thank you to Julie Mann and her team for organising the band, fish & chips and the outdoor bar and ensuring we were kept fed, watered and entertained through the evening. Finally a huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped to make this such a memorable event. (Lots of photos on the pages of this magazine.)

Recreation Ground Pavilion update

The works have now started as you will have no doubt seen. Demolition was delayed for just under 2 weeks in June to allow a blackbird to fledge its nest unharmed. Once the demolition of the old building is completed, then the ground works will be undertaken to prep the foundations and services to the new facility throughout July. The superstructure will follow in August and we will provide further updates in next month's article, as work progresses but we are still on track and aiming for a completed new Pavilion by November. Once again we apologise for any inconvenience caused but we will keep the Recreation Ground open for all to enjoy throughout the works programme and look forward to having a new facility to serve the needs of our Parish for future generations.

Nature Recovery Strategy

Cllr Walmsley attended a workshop and will be developing a strategy for the Council. The council agreed that this would be created in draft form by the WILD and Cllr Walmsley, in order to bring it to consultation in future months.

HS2 Funding - Streetlights for Rowsham

The council have resolved to apply for the third tranche of HS2 funding in order to gain further lighting on the A418 at Rowsham. The idea is to apply for the grant to enable further streetlights at Rowsham, to help light the pavement and the road. The Cllrs Barlow and Lawrence are surveying and canvassing the residents to gain vital feedback for the application.

Contact the Parish Clerk:

info@wwrpc.org.uk

www.wingravewithrowshamparishcouncil.org.uk

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

BRETT SMITH of BAS Associates Ltd



I can't imagine the anticipation and excitement you must be feeling waiting for me to explain the day in the life of an accountant . . . although hopefully it's not as dull as you might have first thought.

The working day usually starts (as with most people) by turning up to work, grabbing a drink (I've been told I don't drink enough by my team) and emptying the dishwasher when it's my turn – I can tell I've captured your attention. Then the real work starts.

As an accountant I am a bit of a creature of habit. I'll go through our accounts on Xero first and sort that out. Then through our internal work planning and customer relationship management system to see what's up next, what's happened overnight or come in late yesterday, and any automations that need my attention. That only takes a few minutes a piece unless we have bank holidays or weekends and it takes a little longer. Then it's into the e-mails.

By the time I've got through them we'll have no doubt had an office catch-up about our evenings or weekends . . . whilst there's no football on at the moment, we do have a wide-variety of teams supported and ages of those supporters, so more often than not, there is a little bit of football involved, especially as we build up to the Euros. Probably exactly as you expected so far, but then my day goes a bit all over the place.

Some days I'm able to sit down and crack on with some accounts and tax returns and inform people that they need to pay money to HMRC – what a joy! And for me it can be – whilst the informing people about tax bills isn't fun, getting through a load of "work" and reducing my task list is super satisfying, but most days it's speaking to clients and team members, helping them with taxation and accounts queries. These can range from whether something is tax-deductible or not to the benefits of re-structuring their existing company, but mostly they fall somewhere in between. Fortunately we have an amazing team who handle a lot of the queries from their accounts themselves, but myself and Dawn are always here to help.

... A DAY IN THE LIFE OF

A general working week can have its swings and roundabouts. If I think about a recent week in particular it started by informing 2 separate clients that they had extra tax to pay that they weren't expecting, not through any fault of ours I might add, but something I had to inform them of as a result of historical on-going situations within their business. Then later that same week, I managed to save a client nearly £2,500 on their tax bill (nearly a 15% reduction) just by some basic tax planning. Fortunately for my sanity the bad came before the good, so that week ended on a high, but it can be the other way round.



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WINGRAVE WI

Women's Institute



On Wednesday, 5th June, 13 W.I. members went along to the Bowling Club. It was a cold, dry windy morning. First of all we were given a reminder of the rules and then we were put into teams of four. 11 members took part and enjoyed themselves. The Bowling Club very kindly provided a lovely light lunch.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 3rd July when we have Jackies Mobile Boutique at 10.00am.

The Wingrave WI Team who took part in the Cancer Research 2024 Race for Life event on 15th May, are pleased to report that the total raised is £1,286.00 + £271.25 Gift Aid, that's an incredible amount.

Thank you again to all who donated!!

Mary Shulock

Wingrave Community Association Transport Service aka CATS

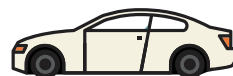
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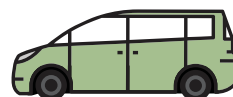


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WINGRAVE SCHOOL



Dear School Friends & Neighbours

I wanted to open by thanking everyone for their patience regarding the additions to our EYFS class this term. The children have had an amazing experience watching eggs hatch in class, but a couple of the cute chicks did then become rather vocal cockerels... It has been a hugely beneficial learning opportunity for the children to see and interact with the chicks through to adulthood however no doubt our immediate neighbours will have been relieved when they were rehoused off-site a few weeks ago.

This half term we face the challenge of running parallel school years by preparing for our new Early Years intake, current classes transitioning and our leavers moving on to secondary school. A great deal of time and thought goes into encouraging our children to see this change as positively as possible – placing staff and organising a thorough handover process between multiple preschools/nursery settings, class teachers and several secondary schools. This year we have taken full advantage of our work with the Buckinghamshire Mental health team to provide assemblies and workshops for our children.

As always, the summer holiday provides the perfect opportunity to complete works on site in the children's absence and this summer is no different. Firstly, we have the second and final stage of our window replacement project in the central courtyard and playground side of the building – this is to address the remaining, now weathered timber frames. We are also completing internal works to repurpose the old IT suite into group/meeting rooms – space always being at a premium when welcoming many specialists, visitors and parents in support of our children and the wider provision of the school. The additional challenge will be juggling a few weeks of the S4A holiday club while this work is completed; however well worth it for the facilities provided to the local community and the additional income for the school.

Wishing you all a pleasant summer, I look forward to updating you in the Autumn term once the dust has settled...

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LAURA KYRKE-SMITH



Labour's Parliamentary Candidate

I am standing to be Labour's Member of Parliament for the new Aylesbury constituency, which now includes Wingrave. I live in Bucks – over near Amersham – with my husband and three children. Most recently I have been working as Executive Director of a humanitarian charity, and prior to that I was a Partner in a consultancy business, and I worked for the last Labour Government. My guiding principle is public service; that's why I decided to put myself forward as the Labour Candidate, and it would be an honour to be your MP and to get a Labour Government delivering for Wingrave.

I've enjoyed talking to residents across the constituency, including in Wingrave. My priorities reflect the challenges and priorities that I hear from you all. I'd like to highlight five points:

First, the NHS. We all know our doctors, nurses and support staff are brilliant, but the system is broken. People are struggling to get GP appointments and they're waiting too long for hospital appointments. Labour will build Neighbourhood Health Centres, with GPs, nurses, care workers, physios and mental health specialists under one roof. We will deliver 2 million extra appointments in the first year of government, and I will ensure that the benefits are felt here.



Second, people are worried about the state of our roads, the traffic and the flooding. Labour will put in place multi-year funding agreements between central and local government, so that the Council can have a planned programme of infrastructure development. We will fix one million potholes in the first year of government, including in this constituency. We will give local authorities more control of bus services, to improve bus routes and help ease pressure on the roads.

Third, I hear a lot of concern for the natural environment, and it's something I really

... LAURA KYRKE-SMITH

care about. One Labour policy that I think will make a real difference is introducing severe fines for water companies and blocking bonuses for their executives, to end the appalling dumping of sewage in our rivers and streams. Labour's rural crime strategy will include a clampdown on fly tipping, by making offenders remove the rubbish they have dumped through Fixed Penalty Cleaning Notices.

This links to a fourth priority, which is safer streets and safer communities. I hear from women who don't feel safe being out at night, and small business owners facing rising shoplifting. Labour will get 13,000 extra police officers on the streets across the country. All communities will have named police officers for people to get in touch with. The police force will have a specialist rape unit to support the growing number of people experiencing domestic violence.

Finally, whether it's parents that I'm talking to, or older residents, people are worried about our children's futures. I know this feeling. Parents can't find nursery places for their kids, schools can't support children with special educational needs or mental health needs, and it can feel impossible for young people to get into well-paid jobs and get on the housing ladder. Labour's policies include more nursery places, free breakfast clubs in every primary school in the constituency, mental health support staff in every secondary school, and improved technical education opportunities.

The polls suggest this election will be very close between Labour and the Conservatives in this constituency, and every vote will matter. If I've missed you on my visits to Wingrave, please feel free to get in touch and I'm happy to talk about my priorities and the work I'll do as your MP.

Laura Kyrke-Smith

Labour's Parliamentary Candidate, Aylesbury

All General Election candidates for the Aylesbury constituency were approached to write an article for the Communique and those who responded have been published in the June or July editions.

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EMMA'S RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Courgette & Caramelised Onion Tart



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Ingredients:

Ready roll rolled puff pastry
1 egg, beaten
50g butter
3 large red onions, thinly sliced
2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
1 large courgette, cut into long ribbons with a vegetable peeler
200g cream cheese

Heat oven to 200C/180C/gas 6. Use a greased baking sheet or greaseproof, unroll the pastry sheet and score 1cm line around the edge of the pastry. Prick with a fork the inside the border you have scored. Brush with beaten egg and cook for 20 mins or until golden.



Meanwhile, melt the butter in a frying pan over a medium heat. Once foaming, add the onions with a pinch of salt. Cook, stirring regularly, for 10 mins until soft. Pour in the balsamic and cook for a further 6-8 mins until sticky and caramelised.

Once the pastry has cooled a little spread on the cream cheese then the caramelised onion and top with the courgette ribbons. Return to the oven for 15 mins then it will be ready to serve.

Recipe created by Emma of Cafe du Jardin

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D-DAY COMMEMORATION

Villagers Remember and Celebrate

D-Day celebrations, What does it mean?.....

It was a fantastic turnout by the residents of Wingrave and Rowsham for the lighting of the D-Day beacon. There were over 1,000 beacons lit nationwide pluming into the night sky on 6th June 2024 to mark 80 years of the brave men and women leaving the UK to be part of Operation Overlord liberating France and then moving into the rest of Europe pushing the Germans back and with Russia pushing from the east It would bring the war to an end. Between 1st September 1939 and 2nd September 1945 an estimated 75 million souls were lost.

One man, Gerald Goldney, who came from Wingrave was just 22 years of age. He enlisted with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He landed on Sword Beach on 6th June 1944, charged with securing the areas beyond the beach to be used as ammunition and fuel dumps. Furthermore, to move into Caen and guard the dumps against enemy infiltration. He was also part of the movement to relieve Holland and on October 30th 1944 he tragically lost his life. He died in a small village called Waspik, but is buried in a military cemetery in Raamsdonk.

For over 148 days Gerald would have been on European soil, never having travelled abroad before and it would have seemed an adventure coming from a small village of just 814 residents (National statistics). He would have walked 609 kms from leaving the landing craft to losing his life (probably from a sniper's bullet). His name sits proudly on the Wingrave memorial. Undoubtedly, he would have been in the same boots and uniform as the day he left England. He would have carried kit and his rifle for 148 days through unknown territory. Every day he would have risked his life, every morning he would have woken with his head full of the sounds of shelling, mortars, gunfire and grenades. Men, women and children dying around him.

There were moments when the firing stopped briefly and then he was back in his village of Wingrave with the sounds of swifts and swallows overhead. The sound of a bumblebee taking nectar from a flower. It was short lived, and the general sound of troop and vehicle movement would once again fill the air. For a young man of just 22 years of age this was reality, a far cry from what he knew back home. At some point Gerald would have joined the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Op-

... D-DAY COMMEMORATION

eration Colin as it was known (The Battle of Maas) started on 23rd October, seven days before he died.

I'm sure he never thought of himself as brave or heroic. He was doing it for the crown, for the liberty and freedom of all of Europe. He must have been very afraid, every sound would have livened his senses, every movement calculated and with care.



The distance Gerald Goldney travelled
between 6th June and 30th October 1944

Thanks to men like Gerald Goldney, we can live in the knowledge that we are free, free to do what we want, where we want and when we want. Our lives have changed and are constantly changing, but we should show tremendous gratitude to those brave men and women who sacrificed their lives so that we could live in a free world.

Nigel Crump

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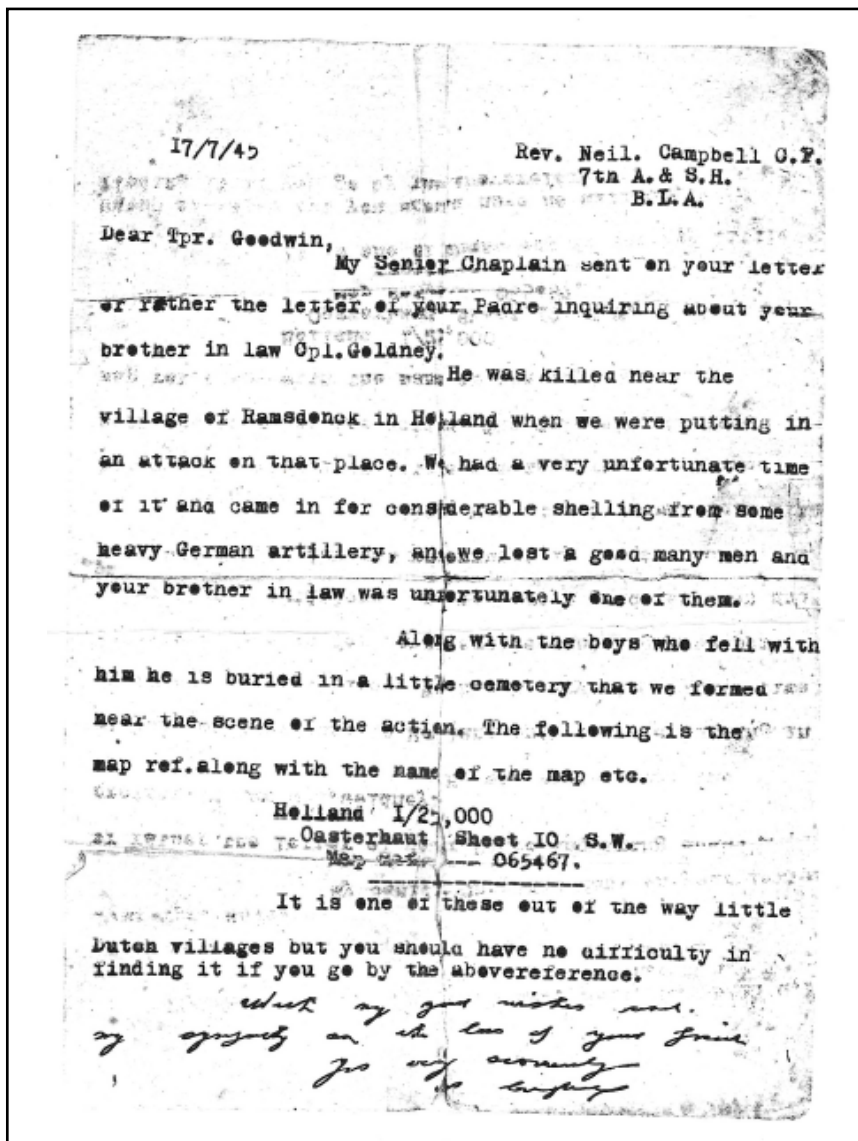


51st High Division, Operation Colin in Holland
Battle of Maas October 23rd 1944



The start of Operation Colin in Holland
Battle of Maas October 23rd 1944

CORPORAL GERALD GOLDNEY



Copy of letter dated 17th July 1945 (8 months after his death) from a chaplain with the Argyll and Sutherland harriers to Gerald's brother in law, Trooper Goodwin. It provides more details about the circumstances of Gerald's death and the location of his first grave before it was reburied.

... CORPORAL GERALD GOLDNEY



Gerald Goldney, Wingrave resident
who died 30th October 1944



Wingrave's First World War memorial with
later additions for the Second World War.



Wingrave Memorial, inscribed with the names of 19 soldiers from the Great War and 4 from WWII: Cecil Goldney, Gerald Goldney, Edwin Irish and Clifford Stevens

D-DAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Mark Bowman, Bernadette McConville-Mallett



The band played throughout the night

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Jeremy Pugh of the Parish Council lighting the beacon



Crowds enjoying the event

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Richard Keighley & Cllr. Peter Cooper conducting the event on the evening



Families enjoying the lit beacon

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Councillor Peter Cooper - sounding the bugle



Wingrave Park on the evening of 6th June 2024

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Fish and chips from Howes fish and chip van



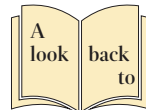
Mark Bowman & Finn (11 yrs)
dressed in fatigues

Last Thursday I experienced our D-Day Celebrations in Wingrave Park with lots of villagers and I am so pleased to say that it was an extremely well organised and enjoyable event. Thank you to everyone involved from WWRSAL members with the Sports and Social Club, in particular Julie, who organised the outside bar. We do need to organise more of these events to get the community spirit going again in our village. The band was amazing, with its repertoire of all the old 1940s and World War II songs to the rock'n'roll era, giving everyone's age away as they all sang along. This event was really well supported by the village and brought to life how the community spirit can easily be rekindled with events like this.

Thank you everyone.

Joy Parker

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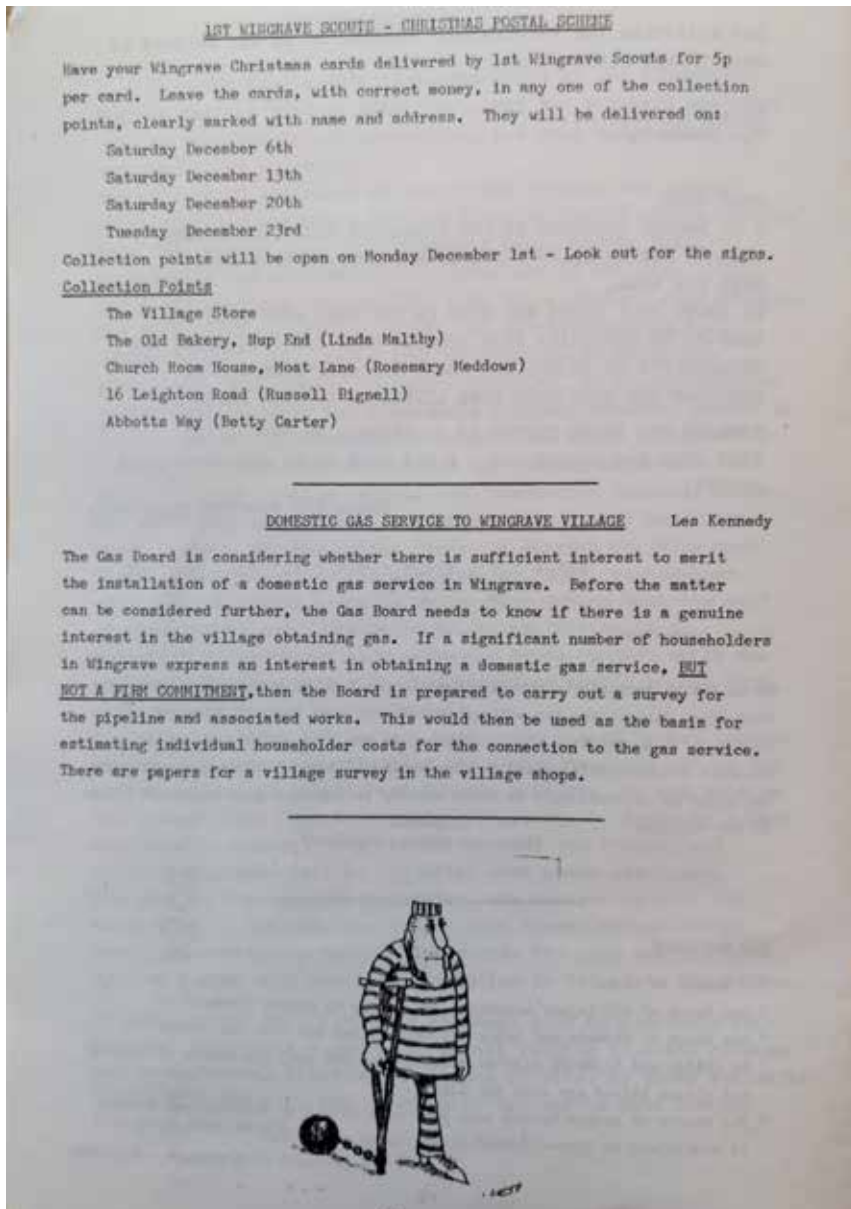


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Looking back at an old edition of the Communique.

Christmas cards delivered by 1st Wingrave Scouts for 5p.

Do you want gas in the village? The gas board is thinkg about it.



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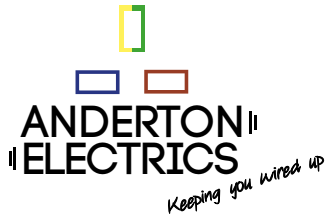


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JULY SERVICES

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

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

14th July: Peter Honeyball

21st July: Steve Kemp

28th July: At Aylesbury Methodist Church (10.30)

Everyone welcome

GOD'S CALLING!

The call of God comes in different seasons of our lives that compels us to change course. Your trajectory might be a medical doctor, accountant, scientist, businessman/woman, musician, teacher, nurse or electrician – the truth is you can be an electric presbyter – all skills are needed on deck. Why not give God a chance?

To each of us the call comes in a particular form but always in an irresistible constraint. The experience is real, as real as the bread we eat or the water we drink. Mine was a silent hush of God's presence, as I sat on the couch – light as a feather his finger touched me. I was assured that it was no longer I in that space, but a phenomenon beyond self and outside self. I was persuaded beyond any doubt that God's call was for me, undeniably unlettered as those who responded to the call 'follow me and I will make you fish for people'.

To each of us the call has its origins in the eternal counsels of God: before Jeremiah was born, he was a thought in the mind of God - "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." (Jeremiah 1:4). The word consecrated here bears its original meaning, 'set apart.' Jeremiah is a predestined man. God also knew you before the foundations of the earth and has set you a part for a purpose. At the tender age of twelve, as I was walking down the aisle of the Bethel Centenary Methodist Church, Montserrat, my uncle-in-law said to me, "Rose you have a voice to be a minister." I was therefore obliged to vis-

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ited him before I started theological seminary. “Rose”, he said, “do you remember what I told you.”

To each of us the call might be scary. Jeremiah was called to the prophetic ministry which is included in the ministry of the presbyter or deacon where we are called to be God’s messenger – God’s mouthpiece. You may think that it is out of your league, unsuitable, or unimaginable but God calls. The prophet trembles before such a lofty call: unlike Isaiah but like Moses he shrinks from this awful responsibility. The Greek renders better: ‘I am too young’. The prophet is probably about 20 years of age: he is God’s chosen vessel and God uses him for His purpose.

To each of us grace specialises. With Isaiah grace is cleansing, with Jeremiah it is empowering. I still recall that Sunday morning in 1998, as I was preaching about the prodigal son, I was endowed with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Throughout biblical history those who responded to God’s call initially felt a great sense of inadequacy, but as Paul says, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

To each of us God’s calling is about God with us- “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, do not be afraid of them for I am with you to deliver you, says, the LORD.” God is projected as bossy here, but God is saying to Jeremiah, ‘I am going to be with you, so you don’t have to worry or be afraid’. Part of the protocol at the United Theological College of the West Indies (UTC), involved leading devotions on a team of four students and a lecturer in the chapel during the week. I was a member of the first team to begin the new academic year alongside the late Reverend Dr Llewellyn Williams, President of the UTC. “Sir, I am unqualified to be part of this team,” I said cowardly to Dr Williams. “I don’t know who you are or where you are from, but one thing I do know, is that you are a seasoned prophetess,” he responded. Reverend Dr Williams was reassuring me that God is with me. One of the most beautiful aspects of ministry is the assurance that Yahweh is with us. You may be feeling unqualified, inadequate and afraid, but God is with you. John Wesley said, “Best of all, God is with us.”

To each of us the task to which we are called might seem insurmountable, but God is with us. The work the prophet is called to do was bigger than himself, is of both destructive and constructive nature. Perhaps we should omit, ‘to destroy and to overthrow’. For this reason, our calling is a vocation – it is not a job. If it was a job many would have already quit. One does not retire but superannuate instead. Yet it is one of the most fulfilling journeys you can embark on.

To each of us, the call of God is progressive. Some of us are satisfied by just being a member but, God might be calling you to be a steward, treasurer, youth leader, children’s worker or making teas and coffees. It all begins somewhere. The prophet Jeremiah is satisfied where he is. He thought he is only a boy and didn’t have the necessary credentials for the progressive activity as a prophet. He thought he is too inexperienced. But the call is marked by provisions: “Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.” God equips those who respond to his call.

I cannot accentuate this enough; the Church needs you more than ever. History teaches us that the church is not sustained by the empty pews but people. There is a seat at the chapel for you. Church is not as scary as you may think. We are ordinary folks who go to the supermarket and pull weeds from our garden. Yet, we are called to join in this extraordinary tradition, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”



PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER AND ST PAUL WINGRAVE WITH ROWSHAM

SERVICES FOR JULY

7th July	9:30 am	Parish Communion
14th July	9:30 am	Parish Communion
21st July	9:15 am	Breakfast Service (for 10am service)
28th July	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.

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

9:30am – 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 the Summer holiday on 19th July and start again on 6th September.

8:00 pm – 9:45 pm Wingrave Singers Rehearsal Time. Wingrave Singers are having a summer break. Rehearsals start Friday 13th September.

Dates for your diary:

8th July Wingrave Village Fete 12 – 4 pm :

The Church will have a stall with the banner 'Church Without Walls' The Streetlight Charity book boxes will be set up and there will be a bran tub for the children. Under the gazebos there will be a few chairs for people to sit and talk and to peruse the books they may like to take on their Summer holiday.

28th July:

The 28th July will be the last Sunday that Revd. Andrew will be taking services. We wish Andrew and

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Anna every happiness as they begin their adventure serving God in Germany. Revd Andrew will be sorely missed as he has been such a conscientious Minister, a fountain of knowledge, and a friend. There will be a Benefice event on the evening of the 28th July at 6 pm for us to bid Andrew and Anna a fond farewell. The event will be in the form of a bring and share buffet and drinks. Soulbury have kindly agreed to host the event (in the church) as we can use the big field next to the church for parking and there will be 60s hit music too. People are welcome to bring garden chairs if they wish to sit outside and the idea is just to enjoy food, drink, music, good companionship and to relax!

OUR CHARITIES

Aylesbury Vineyard Foodbank

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

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 street children in Manila.

Churchyard Matters

Please respect the Parish Church churchyard. This is an important place for many people in the Parish of Wingrave with Rowsham and some people have been distressed recently to find dog mess near family graves. All dogs should be on a lead at all times in the Churchyard and should not be allowed to wander from the footpath. All dog mess should be cleared up and taken to the nearest dog poo bin (at both entrances to the Recreation Ground or at the top of Castle Street).

Wheelchair loan

We have 2 wheelchairs that can be freely loaned for short term purposes. Please contact a Churchwarden to make the necessary arrangements.

Cream Teas

Every Sunday in the Church 3:00 - 5 :30 pm. For £5 you are treated to very generous portions of scone, cream and jam or a slice of homemade cake. Free 'fill ups' of tea pots too. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the Parish Church.

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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Journeying On

We are coming to that time of the year where many people, especially young people, may well be thinking about two different types of journey at the same time. One is short-term and is of course holiday time, a chance to recuperate, relax, explore and perhaps acquire new experiences. The other is longer-term and connected with bigger life goals that might well depend on pending exam results. Both of these journeys involve some form of planning and anticipation, and perhaps also some precautions should things not work out as hoped, but otherwise they are clearly very different. Longer-term journeying requires a deeper sense of orientation and also a heftier degree of stamina to continue to focus on a goal. For many people it stimulates a discipline of enduring prayerfulness. Moreover, it requires discernment as to whether the goal is really the best or most appropriate one for us, and may need nuancing, or in some cases changing more sharply. Some points along the way may well involve crossroads with conflicting signs, or even an apparent choice of slightly different routes to the same overall destination. These require an engaging, prayerful discernment on our part.

As most people reading this will know, the benefice too stands at a key point on its journey forward. The advert for the vacant post of Team Rector following Revd Howard's departure to Derbyshire is, at the time of writing, just about to go live. By the time this article will be read the application deadline will be upon us and shortlisting be due to follow very soon. We pray that we do get a decent number of applicants and that those responsible for shortlisting and interviewing may be discerning in their task.

I am also aware that this will be my last newsletter contribution before my wife and I move out of the benefice. We have enjoyed our time here and wish you all the very best for the vacancy period and what lies beyond. We hope very much that a new Team Rector will be with you before Christmas and a new Team Vicar very soon after that. Thank you to all those who are working on the required process for these appointments, and our prayers and thanks to all who will be covering during the vacancy. May it prove a positive opportunity for the churches in the benefice to discern the next stage together.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer!

Andrew Krauss

Aston Abbotts July & August Diary

Event	Details
Yoga & Meditation Class	Every Wednesday Village Hall 6-7pm
Fish & Chip Van Visits	Wednesdays around 8.15pm Saturdays Approx. 2pm Various areas.
Men's 6.30 Club (Andy Bystra 01296 681690)	Saturdays 6.30pm
Breakfast Cafe	Every Thursday Village Hall 10 - 11.30am except 4th July
General Election	Thursday 4th July 7am to 10pm ID required
Bingo (Pam Dixon 01296 681626)	Thursday 11th Village Hall 7.30pm
Whist Drive (Colin 01296 681343)	Thursday 18th July & 1st August 7.30pm Village Hall
Bus Trip (Colin 01296 681343)	Friday 19th. 10am bus to Aylesbury 30th August 07.40 bus to Aylesbury
Footpath Walk	Sunday 21st 2pm Meet at The Green
Aston Abbotts Fete <i>martyjnjsimpson@gmail.com</i>	Saturday 27th from 1pm The Green, Abbey field, Village Hall and Church. Parking at the Rec'.
Floral Displays	Saturday 27th Church

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MARK'S TECH TIPS

Above all else ... backup your data



Did you know that there is actually a World Backup Day on the 31st March each year!

It goes without saying that backing up data is a thoroughly sensible thing to do but we find it's the thing that most of us don't do..... Backup Mañana!!

Not only does it make sense in case your laptop is stolen, or your hard disk fails, but it also means that you have more options for recovery should your computer become infected with Ransomware, which is a particularly nasty strain of malware.

Ransomware encrypts your files and threatens to delete them if you don't pay a ransom within a certain time period. Cyber Security experts recommend that you shouldn't give in to demands for reasons both ethical and practical (not least because you mark yourself as a possible target for future attacks), but if your files are all safely backed up, you won't even feel tempted to negotiate with them in the first place!

There are plenty of options available if you're looking to backup up your data, all with their own pros and cons. Below I have listed some of your options, but remember, it's always best to have more than one backup to be safe. This is particularly true in the case of ransomware. For example, if you back up your computer to an external hard drive, but leave that drive connected when you are not doing backup, some ransomware will try to encrypt those backups as well, so if you use external drives, always remember to disconnect those backup drives when the backup has finished.

YOUR OPTIONS:

1. USB stick / Flash drive

Small, cheap and convenient, USB sticks are everywhere, and their portability means that they're easy to store safely, but also pretty easy to lose! There are questions about their long-term stability, so should only really be considered alongside other backup methods.

Pros:

- Extremely portable
- Very cheap
- Easy to use

Cons:

- Portability means they're small and easy to lose
- Questions over their long-term stability & usability

2. External hard drive

External hard drives are just what they sound like - hard drives that live outside your computer, meaning they can be plugged in to other computers. Similar to USB flash drives

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but generally of larger capacity and stability, but shouldn't be left plugged into your PC after the backup has completed

Pros:

- Relatively cheap
- Portability
- Plenty of storage space for larger files

Cons:

- Potentially open to problems which lost files in the first place (a power surge or malware/ ransomware)
- Can be dropped & damaged or lost or stolen

3. Time Machine

For the Apple Mac users out there, Time Machine is an option that backs up to external hard drives automatically, and you can use any hard disk for it. Using this method, you'll automatically keep backups hourly for the last 24 hours, daily for the last month and then weekly backups until the machine is full. This is easy to set up to an external hard drive and can be set up to a Network Attached Storage drive (NAS) but this is more involved

Pros:

- Automated, meaning you shouldn't forget to run your backup
- Frequency of backups means you should never be too out of date
- Backs up whole drive, not just the key files making disaster recovery relatively straightforward

Cons:

- Concerns on external drive storage as detailed above
- NAS setup not straightforward
- Apple Mac only

4. Network Attached Storage (NAS)

Businesses tend to backup their files to Network Attached Storage, but this can be setup at homes having multiple computers, the idea has a certain appeal, especially for those looking to save files from more than one source. With prices coming down, a dedicated wireless storage solution is a convenient option which requires less thought.

Pros:

- Automatic backups mean you don't risk forgetting
- Wireless solutions also work with phones and tablets
- Multiple devices with different operating systems can be backed up

Cons:

- Can be expensive
- Can be awkward to set up and maintain

5. Cloud Storage

This is my go-to solution and using this solution alongside one of the others listed above, is the sort of 'belt & braces' approach that I really favour!

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There are plenty of third-party cloud storage options around: free, paid, or free with paid extras. iCloud, Dropbox, Google Drive and OneDrive are big names, but others are available.

Pros:

- Automatic backups and real-time synchronization
- A certain amount of space is usually free & easy upgrades to more space at reasonable cost
- Relatively easy to set up
- Access your data from most places & from most internet connected devices
- Multiple devices with different operating systems can be backed up

Cons:

- Requires an internet connection to work
- You can't 100% rule out their security breaches although assured military grade security is used
- Companies aren't obliged to keep these services around forever

6. Printing

At a first glance, this might sound a really silly inclusion, but while considerably less technically advanced, printing does provide you with a hard copy of your most important documents that will survive power outages, malware threats & other IT irritations, and are easy to store and access even if your computer is out of action for a few days. Of course, it's hard to keep documents up to date this way, and it won't work for video or audio files, but for that novel, you'd be devastated to lose (they say we all have one waiting to be written!), it's certainly worth considering this 'old school' option

Pros:

- A backup that won't be affected by hardware outages, malware or tech headaches
- Impossible for hackers to access

Cons:

- Impossible for certain file types
- Awkward to manage
- Less practical for longer documents
- Not great for the environment

To summarise

However you choose to backup your data, it's smart to consider using more than one solution, at least for your critical files and family photos & videos and please make sure that you do it. Often people don't think about what were to happen if their valuable files were to be lost, until it's too late..... don't be one of them!

Stay safe people!

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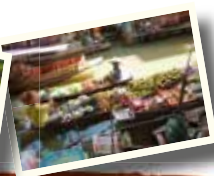


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WILD GROUP

Wild News



The UK government is currently committed to protecting 30% of our land and seas for wildlife by 2030. Whichever party is in power after July 4th must be made to commit to these targets. On the 22nd June a plethora of wildlife groups, including WWF, RSPB, Friends of the Earth, Woodland Trust and National Trust are marching to Restore Nature Now in London demanding that the government invests in nature and develops strong domestic and international nature and climate leadership. We need to recognise that we are a part of the natural environment and learn to live in harmony with our natural surroundings rather than in opposition to it.

In Wingrave the Wild group with the support of the parish council is aiming to improve the natural environment for wildlife. The verge in Mill Lane that we are managing is already developing a range of colourful flowers and we have two more in Church Street which are in their first year. If you have a nearby verge that you would like to be managed for biodiversity, you can contact the Parish Clerk.



Walking around the village at this time of year there are plenty of wild flowers to see including love-in-the-mist, bugloss, valerian, poppies, vetch, orange hawkweed, Queen Anne's lace, ox eye daisies and elderflower. Foxgloves have been abundant and spotted on a local field margin this year, for the first time in a while, were Bee and Pyramidal orchids.

Sadly, the flocks of Linnets that were feeding on field margin wild flower head seeds were lost due to weed killer being sprayed but a few farmland species have been spotted including greater and lesser whitethroat and yellowhammer. The swifts are back in their usual nest boxes in the church bell chamber, the same five boxes seem to be used each year and a White Stork and a Cattle Egret have even been seen around Rowsham. We have reports that at least one of the local hedgehogs is doing well, turning up at his garden feeding station and going off very well fed most nights. Our latest surveys, carried out at the beginning of June found very few invertebrates. This was hardly surprising considering how wet and cool the recent weather had been. Plant life was prolific in the hedgerow and woodland but the meadow, usually full

... WILD GROUP

of plant species, showed only nine species of plant and four of invertebrates. An interesting beetle was found in the hedgerow, a blue mint beetle, which has only appeared in the UK from Europe since 2011. The next survey is scheduled for Saturday 10th August.

If you are interested in joining the survey groups please contact Valerie Godfrey godfreyvire@gmail.com for more info. No experience necessary.

BUCKS ART WEEKS

Thank you

We're here to say a very big thank you for Wingrave's amazing enthusiasm for all things Art during our recent participation in the County-wide Bucks Art Weeks. We have had such amazing footfall from new and previous visitors and so many encouraging and positive comments.



Our thanks to lovely neighbours for helping out with parking spaces and to Julie Pugh for sharing the occasion (One of One Jewellery) during the latter weekend. Huge thanks too for your very generous contributions towards Cancer Research UK – when we have the final amount we'll let you know via the Postie.

For those who perhaps didn't have an opportunity to visit, just get in touch to arrange another time, whenever. Watch this space for a return of Art At Wingrave in November, 22-24th.

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VILLAGE WALKING GROUPS

May Walks



Our Monday group fielded a splendid turn-out of fifteen for their walk on May 13th. Starting from Aston Clinton sports field car park, the route led towards Halton aerodrome before returning to cross the old main road and pick up a path leading north, which uses the 'ARLA' overbridge to cross the bypass. The route continued towards the Aylesbury Arm canal, crossing on the College Road bridge, then on the path that leads towards Puttenham from Draytonmead.. A coffee break was taken in Puttenham churchyard, before carrying on to look at the housing development at the old stables at Rectory Farm. Continuing on the lanes that return to the canal on the east side of the 'ARLA' plant, the group approached Buckland village.

We then proceeded through housing to cross the London Road and return to the cars, The walk was 6.5miles in length and was led by David & Karen Harnett.

The shortage of pubs that open on a Monday, led to the lunch stop at Meads Farm Restaurant which proved to be a good choice.

The Sunday walk took place on May 19th. It was led by Jan Story and we had nine walkers.

The route started near Lacey Green windmill, south of Princes Risborough at the sadly now closed 'Whip' The weather conditions were sunny and fairly warm. We crossed the road and walked down to Loosley Row, We took the footpath through pastures filled with buttercups on the slopes of Callows Hill, passing Small Dean Farm and taking the lane up towards New Road. We crossed a field on the route of Grim's Ditch, then on the east side of New Road, we completed our walk by following paths past the Sports ground and through open fields, before turning north to recross Grims Ditch at Kiln Lane and return to pass close to the Windmill. Length of walk:- 4.2miles.

We returned to Wingrave and enjoyed a beer sitting outside at the Rose & Crown.

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 K indred spirits assemble, when the last ball is bowled
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By **Terry Benwell** – April 1999, Manor Farm, Rowsham.

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COUNTRYSIDE MATTERS



A View From The Field

What wonderful celebrations last Thursday to mark 80 years of the passing of D day. Much credit needs to go to WWRSAL together with Wingrave Sports and Social club and the bar run and organised by Julie. I thought the band was brilliant as well. Thank you all very much.

My father's regiment, the 12th Lancers, landed on Gold Beach on D day, and he lost many close friends, mainly those who had just left or leaving university. He didn't ever really talk to me about those events, so few did. It upset him too much right up to the time he passed away. He bought Upper Wingbury Farm in late 1950 and we moved here in 1953 having rebuilt a crumbling farmhouse that had no mains water or electricity. We used a hand pump to pump water from a Well on the outside of the farmhouse, still working today. It was fed by guttering on the house!! I remember him turning off the house petrol generator in the shed across the yard and running to the front door before the petrol ran out. Petrol bought from Don Richards and his father, from those very tanks and pumps that stand there opposite The Rose and Crown today, the difference being they were hand pumps sometimes turned by my young self and often paid for by petrol vouchers. That's why we had petrol/paraffin Fordson Major tractors on the farm so he could run his Mark1 Petrol Land Rover!! Especially during the Suez crisis when fuel was very short. I had to sit in the Land Rover outside the Rose and Crown because children in those days were not allowed in pubs.

My only other memory of bygone years was 8th August 1963 aged 13. When stacking hay bales in the loft under extreme heat and sent up into the triangle under the asbestos roof of the Crendon Barn - a place were no other person wanted to go, the arrival of four plus Police vans, full of coppers searching for The Great Train Robbers! They made me take all the hay bales out of the top of that barn so they could search it for the money, because they knew the Robbers had passed by, of course nothing was found, but did they help me put back all those hay bales, did they Heck !!!

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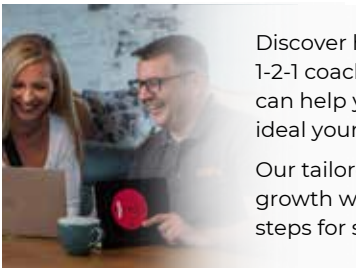
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WINGRAVE BOWLS CLUB



News From The Green

Where on earth has the summer gone? I actually mean, where is it? The cold temperatures continue throughout the UK due the Jet stream sitting below the UK and The Northerly winds sending cold chills straight from Iceland. While the rest of Southern Europe bathes in incredible heat, we are shivering in Buckinghamshire. June is now the new October and don't let anyone remind me of global warming. So, the games continue despite losing a few to constant rain fall, if there is a positive, warmer temperatures and soft rain does keep the green in tip-top condition and saves on irrigation.



Our season is continuing with Club matches and friendlies. Also, we are playing home and away in Bucks Cup. We had a very successful BBQ session, turning over £400.00 on food and over £200.00 on cakes, the cakes and desserts were

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donated by members.

We welcomed the WI on to the green recently and with a good turnout by the ladies, all had a lot of fun despite the chilling wind blowing across the green. Well done ladies you did yourself proud. The cakes went down well with hot tea and a warm smile.

This month also saw the British Gas team descend onto the green. They dutifully painted fencing and enjoyed the hospitality, whilst playing bowls to a high standard. Thanks again to Richard Lowes King for organising.



The Bowls club will be represented at the Village Fete this year but not with Spinning Jenny. We have been asked to help with the cake stall, which we may participate in eating most of them. At least Jenny can rest easy. We've already sold our allocation of raffle tickets so busy putting in the time for the community.

The works across the green on the Joint project Pavilion have grounded to a halt, waiting for specialists to come in and remove the roof. So, no change on that front. We on the other hand have replaced part of the roof above Men's Changing room, enabling us to see a gradual improvement in that department and with the pots out full of flower, they make the place a little more attractive.

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WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB



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

The foundations of Wingrave Croquet Club began way back in 2005, when a group of friends who played the odd round of garden croquet thought it would be an idea to extend their boundaries and recruit others. The resulting first official meeting took place in 2006 when the “constitution” of the Club was established. Many founding members are still keeping the club going and playing regularly. We are also lucky enough, and privileged, to have Ben Jaques as our President. His family are the “Jaques” originators of garden games, and still make and sell these items. Wingrave’s Club having volunteered to assist with a project at National Trust properties to bring croquet to a new audience, Ben was very grateful and returned the compliment by becoming involved with us and playing matches alongside other members when possible.

Originally, we had a far-flung patch on the Sports Park, but the very uneven ground, lack of drainage and hefty footballing footprints led us to seek out alternatives and so, courtesy of the Rec Committee (or WRSAL as it’s now known), we moved lock, stock and several smoking mallets onto the Recreation Ground on a site near to the Bowls Club. From those early days, and with a lot of effort, the lawn is now full size and transformed from its centuries old ridge and furrow. Whilst we pay “rent” on the area, it is worked and maintained by our own members, mowing levelling, scarifying and more to make it an “interesting” lawn.

The Club is affiliated to the Croquet Association, and we play a recognised version known as Golf Croquet (GC) which is a shorter and more straightforward (although equally vicious and strategic) game than the more well-known Association Croquet (AC) - although we do have aficionados of said game. Golf Croquet allows us to have 8 players on the lawn at any one time, which enables more participation and less sitting around waiting.

Membership has fluctuated over the years, for all sorts of reasons. Some see it’s for old fogies, (despite it being played at high levels within many universities), some perceive it as elitist. Wingrave hope very much that neither applies to us!

For several years now a group of members has flown to Corfu to play in the “Annual

... WINGRAVE CROQUET CLUB

Greek Croquet Tournament” hosted and organized by the Croquet Club of Corfu (and they are always happy to see visitors from UK at any time!). We play friendlies against local clubs when programming and weather permit, which means we have not been very lucky in setting up outside games over the last twelve months, not helped by our situation with only one lawn and limited “social” facilities. We do, however, manage to participate in the Southern Federation Doubles league and last year brought home the trophy. This year has (whisper it quietly) been successful so far, we have our mallets crossed. Two out of two wins already and a good showing in the Solstice Cup even though the system meant a lower position than reflected the play.



We have often mentioned our “claim to fame” on the national and international circuit – one Paul Gunn, who used to live here in the village (he is still local however) and had never raised a mallet before being persuaded to give it a try. The bug bit hard and he has risen up the rankings over the years, winning lots of silverware against some seriously talented players at very high levels. Our photo shows him winning the Cheltenham Challenge Cup, and we have just heard that he has qualified to play in the British Open at the end of June (24 matches over four days). If he can come from our humble beginnings – there is hope for the rest of us!

Photo of Paul Gunn (left)

Please note that the information regarding our Club sessions (play on Saturdays from 10am, with Tuesdays and Fridays from 4pm,) may be inaccurate for a while, thanks to the upheavals regarding the Pavilion. At the time of writing, we are having a few difficulties with equipment due to the demolition of the pavilion. It is hoped there will be easier access very soon and our apologies for any inconvenience. We hope this will not deter interested parties from getting in touch and/or wandering past when play is taking place. Normal service will resume as soon as possible. The free offer of introductory, tester and coaching sessions as and when required is still available. All are welcome to join us, and we have mallets available for those wishing to give it a go.

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Wingrave was drawn at home to favourites Long Crendon. We had previously knocked Quainton out and this set us up with a plumb tie against Long Crendon at our recreation ground. As manager I fancied us at home!

During the morning of the match, my car had broken down in Aylesbury. It meant that I might not make it to the game. Thankfully the car got fixed and I was able to take my place on the touchline.

While the car was being mended, I went to the café which used to be in the underground market in Aylesbury. I sat opposite the Long Crendon manager whilst we talked football and obviously the match between our two teams that afternoon.

I didn't give too much away. I could tell that he was very confident as they played in the senior league. I thought this is going to be tougher than you think sir. I really fancied our chances. So, at 2:30, that afternoon we shook hands for the second time that day. There was nothing to choose between the two teams. I couldn't find the weakness in their team. Except their right back did not like anyone running at his left-hand side (our right).

Halfway through the second half, I swapped Darren Springett and Andy Smith over, Smith predominantly right footed, and had bundles of pace. Smithy cut inside twice, scored twice and we won 2-1. Sometimes these things pay off and sometimes they don't.

The team was -

K. Lavender, M. Spinks, J. Roberts, J. Foley, D. Cross, P. Wheaton, P. Perkins, P. Foley, G. Bunce, D. Springett and A. Smith (2) Manager, Chalkie

This was a magnificent day with the team very well supported. We would later meet Wing in the semi-final, only to lose on penalties.

Chalkie White, hon. President
Wingrave Football Club and Oving Cup

REGULAR WEEKLY EVENTS

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SUNDAY

Services are held in both the Parish and Methodist Churches;
see announcements elsewhere in this issue
Cream teas 3-5:30pm

Parish Church

MONDAY

Breakfast, tea, coffee & cake from 10:30am
Pilates 9:15 and 10:30am
Wingrave Baby & Toddler Group from 10:00am (term time)
Junior Fitness Classes 4pm
Bowls 5:30-7:30pm
Wingrave touch rugby from 7:20pm
Wingrave Community Choir 8-9:45pm

Rose & Crown
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Methodist Church

TUESDAY

Croquet from 4pm
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
Men only netball 8-9pm

Croquet lawn, The Rec.
Wingrave Park
Wingrave Park
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WEDNESDAY

Singing Gwen 9:30am-12:30pm
Breakfast, tea, coffee & cake from 10:30am
Wednesday Welcome 2-4pm
Martial arts class 6-8pm
Bell ringing 7:30-9pm

Community Centre
Rose & Crown
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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
Community Centre
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Community Centre

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

Community Centre
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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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JULY 2024

Wed	3	1000	WI: Boutique fashion show and sale	Methodist Church
Thu	4	0700	General election	Community Centre
Fri	5		NO WCA social evening	Community Centre
Sat	6	1430	WARGAS flower show	Community Centre
Sun	7	1200	Village Fête	Wingrave park
Sun	7	1500	Swingrave dance	Community Centre
Mon	8	0915	Wingrave Monday Walking Group walk contact Jan:	07813 085211
Fri	12	1800	WCA family barbecue	Community Centre
Fri	12	1930	Unbound Theatre: Life & Death of Richard II	Sunneyhill Barn, Rowsham
Sat	13	0845	Men's breakfast talk:	Methodist Church
Sun	14	1600	Messy Church	Parish Church
Tue	16	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Wed	17	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Sat	20	1100	MacFest '24 summer fayre	Macintyre School
Sun	21	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Tue	23		School term ends	
Wed	24	1200	Over 60s lunch club	Wingrave Park
Fri	26	1800	WCA family barbecue	Community Centre
Sat	27	0930	Repair Café	Ivinghoe Hub
Sat	27	1300	Aston Abbotts Village Fête	

AUGUST 2024

Wed	7	1030	WI: Trip to Helsthorpe Flower Farm	Crafton
Fri	9	1800	WCA family barbecue	Community Centre
Mon	12	0915	Wingrave Monday Walking Group walk contact Jan:	07813 085211
Sun	11	1600	Messy Church	Methodist Church
Tue	13	1930	Parish Council meeting	Community Centre
Wed	14	1800	Copy deadline for Communiqué	
Sun	18	0930	Wingrave Ramblers' local ramble	Nup End Lane
Fri	23	1800	WCA family barbecue	Community Centre
Wed	28	1200	Over 60s lunch club	Wingrave Park

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