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Gladwyn Hughes 1919–2018



Diane and Rosemary would like to thank all friends and family for their very kind messages of sympathy and cards received following the sad death of their mother.

Gladwyn died peacefully after a short illness on 26 January 2018 at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. The care she received at the hospital was exemplary.

They are also very grateful for the many donations made in her memory, which have been shared between St Mary's Church, Wargrave, and the Stroke Unit at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Gladwyn moved to Wargrave in 1997 to be closer to her daughters, her husband, Douglas, having passed away in 1990.

The decision to relocate from her home in Bognor Regis was not easy as she had lived there for 45 years and had led a full and active life. But she never regretted the move and always said that she felt that she was part of a community. Her final 20 years were very happy because of the many friends she made in the village.

She joined the Women's Club soon after moving and attended St Mary's Church regularly until she gave up driving. Then the church arranged for home visits which she very much appreciated.

As her mobility declined she joined the Pop-In and Luncheon Clubs. Both proved to be a lifeline providing good company with likeminded ladies and gentlemen with outings and other activities to fill her diary.

She always looked forward to receiving her copy of *Wargrave News* and very occasionally found a photograph of herself or her friends within the pages of this magazine enjoying an outing or local event.

A special thank you to all those wonderful volunteers, who, so generously, give their time to enable these village clubs to thrive and provide stimulation and social activity for older residents.

Thank you too, to friends and members of St Mary's Church who have given their time and support to Gladwyn in recent months. You have all made it possible for our mother to feel valued as part of the community until the end.

Wargrave is a very special village and as we have experienced, welcomes newcomers whatever their age.

*Diane Hodges
Rosemary Perkin*

Gavin Royon

26 April 1936– 2 March 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Gavin Royon. A Service of Thanksgiving was held in St Mary's Church on Thursday 22 March. The church was completely full with family and friends.

An obituary will be included in our next issue.

Editorial team

Alan Baird

29 January 1931–23 March 2018

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Alan Baird. Alan was taken ill on Thursday 22 March just after playing his clarinet in church. He died peacefully at the Royal Berkshire Hospital after suffering a stroke. Tessa was with him the whole time. We will include an obituary in our next issue.

The funeral will be held at 2.00pm on Friday 20 April at St Mary's Church, Wargrave.

Editorial team

Friends of the Cemetery

A very generous donor funded Cemetery maintenance work for 2017. This enabled us to concentrate on gaining the donations that will fund the 2018 budget.

To the great credit of the fundraisers, and the donors, we have almost reached our target and the full area should be mown to the same high standard which our contractors, Yeldall Services, achieved over the past 12 months.



Their work was supplemented by the invaluable work of the volunteer maintenance team which tackled the main pathways, the boundary areas and the Gardens of Remembrance.

We must also thank the families with graves that featured irregularities inconsistent with Graveyard Regulations who, over the course of 2017, corrected the situation. In many instances the maintenance team stepped in to assist in clearing and reseeding.

Recently a major development concerning the ground work in preparation for a new Garden of Remembrance has been underway. Soil, excavated over the past two months from foundation pits for the new Church Centre at St. Mary's

Church, was transported to the Cemetery to cover the rubble and foundations of the old cottage which was burnt down by vandals more than 20 years ago, and was quite unsuitable for digging graves.

The new soil has been spread over a 200 square yard area to a depth of 2 feet and will be deep enough to bury caskets of ashes. It will be grassed over and developed as a Garden of Remembrance when the existing facility becomes completely full in around 10 years time.

This is a gentle reminder that we still require donations to ensure that we can complete the maintenance for this year and to continue to be able to maintain the Cemetery in 2019.

Failure to achieve the £3,000 target budget would result in cutting back on the mowing and consigning certain areas of the graveyard to long grass, which was not well received when this happened once before and resulted in the formation of The Friends of the Cemetery.

Many visitors have remarked on the improved appearance of the graveyard as a whole which, at this time of year, is looking particularly pretty with snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils in flower.

When out for a walk take a stroll around this beautiful peaceful haven hidden away off Braybrooke Road adjoining the Chalk Pit Nature Reserve.

To contribute towards this vital work please contact me on 0118 940 2656.

Ann Roberts

Picture Puzzle

Where is this?

Last issue's picture was of the cleared ground next to the Post Office -- it had dahlias last autumn.



Wargrave Heritage Trust presents

Her Majesty Fed an Elephant

**Saturday 14 April 2018,
8.00pm at The Woodclyffe Hall**

What's that all about?

Professional actor James Pellow, returns to Wargrave, with a new comedy written and performed by him.

The title comes from a Court Circular when the Queen opened a new elephant clinic at Whipsnade Zoo and fed a banana to one of the elephants.

The two contrasting worlds of the Queen and the elephant coming together fired his imagination and is reflected in the two characters in his play who share joyful and painful memories.

An outspoken, opinionated lady novelist and a semi-retired theatre cleaner confess a possessive fondness for one particular table in a local coffee shop. Sitting there, they observe and they comment. It would appear that they have never met. Or have they?

Both bear the scars of past experience. Sometimes it only takes a simple act of kindness from an unexpected source to change things for the better.

James Pellow has an impressive range of career credits as a stage and screen actor, writer and broadcaster. He has appeared in the West End and has toured extensively. Come along and enjoy this poignant and witty play.

All proceeds will go towards replacing the clock on the front of the Woodclyffe Hall.

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Wargrave Wolves FC

The Wolves have had a busy time on and off the pitch recently. The March snow and rain has added a bit of fixture congestion as we approach the end of our season, so in addition to our normal mid-week training and Saturday morning games, you might see a few early evening kick offs at the Recreation Ground and Kings Field in the next couple of weeks!

Off the pitch we held a successful fundraising event at Castle Royle a few weeks ago. Local Band, Chop and Change, helped provide the entertainment, and a combination of tickets, raffle and auction prizes meant we raised £3,000. This will go towards the new pitch arrangements and parking provision that we're currently planning with the Parish Council, Wargrave Girls FC and the Cricket Club.

We're aware that when the weather's against us at the moment, meaning Kings Field can't be used for parking for matches; this does lead to extra congestion on Saturday mornings on a number of nearby roads. That's exactly why we're raising money to try and address the problem, alongside the other Wargrave clubs and the Parish Council. We're confident the parking solution will be in place before the start of next season, and apologise if the football traffic has caused inconvenience for local residents in recent weeks.

Back on the pitch, we're off to take half-time penalties at The Madejski Stadium on Saturday 14 April in the Reading v Sunderland game. We've got 30 boys from our u7s and u8s lined up to show the Reading players just how it's done!

Then we'll be holding our End of Season Fun Day at The Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Saturday 28 April. This is both for our existing players - aged 6 to 15, to celebrate their season with trophy and medal presentations, and also to enable new players to come along and see if they might like being part of the Wolves for next season. So if you know any boys that want to be part of an FA Chartered Local Club, with qualified and professional coaching being offered from next season, then come along to The Rec / Kings Field on the afternoon of 28 April. In addition to the fun football we'll have a barbeque, cakes and drinks on offer. Please visit our website for more details; www.wargravewolves.org

Andy Meader

Chairman, Wargrave Wolves FC



Wargrave Wolves' fundraising event at Castle Royle

News from your Borough Councillor



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School Lane Car Park

I am very sorry that I gave the wrong start date in the Wargrave News of an end to Sunday & Bank Holiday (8am to 6pm) and Overnight 6pm to 8am the next day. I gave 1 March and it was actually 2 April.

This was due to a very late change in the traffic order and was after I made my submission to Wargrave News. I believe that I have reimbursed anyone who had relied upon my *Wargrave News* article and were subsequently fined. If not please contact me.

Nevertheless, I am delighted at the change in the parking order; many of you have written to me on this topic.

Petition against Strategic Development on Green Belt land at Ruscombe and Wargrave

Thank you all for signing the petition it was presented at Council by Bob. As it has the requisite signatures from residents of the Borough, it should be debated in Council. This helps to give the cause publicity and prominence.

Roads

I am trying to ease the restriction on parking on the High Street at weekends, to resolve the lorry issue on Milley Lane and the hedges and kerbs on Mumberry Hill, and to help the residents of Ferry Lane. There are still roads prone to flooding in Crazies Hill and Kenton Lane which I am pursuing.

Elections

There are elections for all the parish council seats and an election for Bob's seat on the Borough Council on Thursday 3 May.

Please remember to vote.

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Some walkers observe



(Sometimes called “The Last of the Summer Whiners”)

As John led off on a morning walk with two intrepid followers on Friday 9 March the road was blocked by a police car slewed across it, lights flashing. After a brief discussion the group decided to continue down the High Street as far as might be allowed.

Approaching the Old Post Office it became apparent there had been a considerable incident. A row of fire engines and an ambulance were gathered outside Holly Cottage with several of the engines still in active mode. Barry quickly established that, thankfully, the cottage had not been occupied when the crews arrived. Just as well – the fire damage, especially to the upper floor, was very obvious, even from the road.

After some photographing (many thanks to John Lion for these

photos) and surmising the health walk continued. Of course many possibilities of what had taken place at the cottage were explored en route. How was the blocked road going to affect traffic, trade and bus services etc. ? Would car parkers be booked by the ‘vigilantes’ despite the commotion?

Returning along the High Street a brave driver who had come down

Wargrave Hill was spotted trying to turn left despite the chaos – didn’t get past the Community Police officers! Some fire engines were now wrapping up but it was clear that the cottage would be under observation for some time yet.



As the walkers reached the end of their exercise, reaching the traffic lights, another larger police vehicle turned up. The driver moved the traffic cones and then proceeded towards the fire scene ignoring our cheery “hellos “. On the side of the van was the word FORENSIC .

‘Well’, said John ‘I knew if I kept walking around the village long enough something would happen one day!’

Sefton Hewitt



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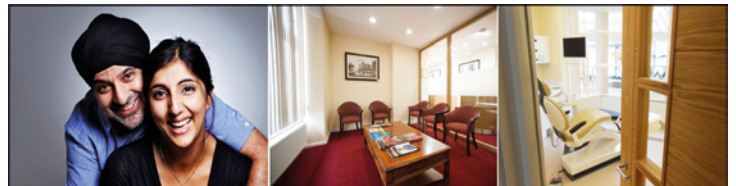
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Ringling Remembers 1918–2018

‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.’

The number of bell ringers known to have died in the first world war now stands at 1,600. Wherever possible, ringers have commemorated them by arranging special ringings at the churches where they are known to have rung. Wargrave bells were rung on 29 December 2017 for this reason.

Alan Regin MBE, the steward of the Rolls of Honour for the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, has visited many of the graves and memorials of ringers who died on the Western Front. He was also instrumental in raising the funds (mainly from current ringers) to install a new ring of English-style change ringing bells in the St George’s Memorial Church in Ypres, Belgium (see photo below).



The church, designed by Sir Reginald Blomfield and completed in 1929, was always intended to house a ring of bells. This was finally achieved in 2017.

The bells were cast in England, and arrived in Belgium on lorries from the first world war.

Teaching the new ringers

I was privileged to be one of the first English bell ringing teachers to go to Ypres in February of this year to start training a local band of Belgians. There were 15 students ranging in age from 20 to 70, some of whom spoke some English and most of whom spoke none, all full of enthusiasm for their new bells and learning how to ring English style. They will be the first – and are presently the only – church in Europe with English-style bells and a local band of ringers.

Jean-Pierre is the founder of the Ypres Bell Ringers Guild and, like the other students, made amazing progress over the five teaching days. We ran three two-hour sessions a day, with most of the students attending one session a day. Teaching did get interrupted most days by a visit from the press or TV, but the Belgians were extremely interested. A couple who had seen us on television travelled 40 miles from Bruges just to see for themselves.

Sunday was a day off from the intense teaching schedule. We rang for morning service, and in the afternoon visited some of the cemeteries and memorials. At Railway Dugout (Transport Farm), we visited the grave of a Cromer ringer whose name had only just been added to the list of ringers known to have died in action. Later, at Tyne Cot, we rang the Ypres handbells next to the memorial of a ringer from Penn, whose two brothers also fell in the first world war.

While at Tyne Cot, we met some visiting ringers from Somerset who recognised Alan and joined us later to ring for the evening service. After the service, we went to the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate. This is a moving and thought-provoking experience. While we were still there, David Willis (a Sonning ringer, now living in the West Country) sent a message with the name of another ringer, killed in action, that he had just found in an old newspaper. Finding his name on the Menin Gate was a sobering reminder of exactly why we were there.

In the evening, teachers and learners gathered for a social get-together and chat, before the final two days of intensive teaching and learning. The enthusiasm and progress of the budding Belgian ringers was an absolute joy, and made all the hard work incredibly rewarding.



In the final session, Liz Millward, the tower captain, seen here with some of the teachers, and the Rev Gillian Trinder, St George’s Church chaplain, rang rounds (the bells sounding in order down the scale) on all eight bells – a truly remarkable achievement after just five days! Both are English-speakers, which made instruction much easier.

Not only do I come away with memories of remarkable achievements by all of the new recruits, but also with memories of a wonderful group of new friends who I am really looking forward to meeting and ringing with again.

‘At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.’

As a part of the national Ringing Remembers scheme, we would welcome new recruits or returning ringers. If you are interested, contact John Coombes on 0118 940 2937 or johnccoombes@aol.com.

*Vinni Sullivan
Bell ringing teacher at St Mary’s Church, Wargrave*

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Many Wargravians will have heard of the Wargrave Luncheon Club, but do you know what we do? How we do it? Would you like to be part of it? We are currently looking for new volunteers and also have space for new members.

Luncheon Club has celebrated more than forty years of providing lunch for elderly people in the village. We meet every Thursday at the Old Pavilion in Recreation Road and, as well as the meal, it is a place for our members to see friends, old and new.

It is run entirely on a voluntary basis, but because we have six teams of volunteers the commitment is only once in six weeks. Each team takes it in turns to cook a home-made main course and dessert, followed by tea/coffee. You don't have to be a cook to volunteer. There are plenty of other things to do on the day – setting tables, arranging flowers, greeting and talking to our members, serving the meals etc. Then there is clearing away - it is always rewarding to see clean plates, but of course, the washing up needs to be done too! It is always good humoured and fun with many new friendships made. If you have a few hours to spare now and again, we would love to hear from you.

Our members come from all over Wargrave and our only requirement is that they be 'elderly'. We have had 22 members on our register, who mostly get picked up from their front door and taken home again by Readibus. Numbers on the bus are limited but some members have their own transport and others prefer to walk. We have a mix of men and women, but we are still waiting for our first couple. The building is 'disabled friendly' with room for wheeled walkers or wheelchairs, and we can cater for simple dietary needs such as low fat and diabetes.

At present members pay £3 for lunch and this mainly goes towards reimbursing the volunteers for the cost of the food they have prepared - although volunteers usually contribute the cost of gas/electricity used in cooking and the extras from the kitchen cupboard. Any left-over cash goes towards the rent we pay for the room. The Parish Council also helps out with a grant that covers some of the rent.

We currently have space for new members with the possibility of transport, so if you or your elderly relative or friend would enjoy a wonderful home-cooked lunch, in good company, every Thursday, why not contact Sue Mackenzie or Margaret Snell for a chat?

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- 2) Puppies have 28 puppy teeth and in teething, 42 new adult teeth have to come through. Ouch... that explains the chewing! Teething can last until they are 12 months of age.
- 3) Being introduced into your home is a key time for puppies, as their natural curiosity can become fearfulness. It is also when lifelong attachments, both specific and general, are made, so now is the time to get them comfortable with new things like cats or children.

What does this mean for you as an owner?

Work with their strong sense of smell. Ask the breeder for a blanket or old toy that smells of their mum and litter to help them settle in and make the transition less dramatic.

Don't rush that first day, allow them to 'mooch' around and explore their new surroundings on their terms. Let them greet new people in their own way, especially children, rather than allow the family to rush towards them. You can never give enough treats at this time! Make their crate or bed a safe space for them, put food treats on it, put toys in there, so that they associate only good things with it. Never use it as a form of punishment.

Find new avenues for their teething, instead of your hand or furniture, and think of it as pain relief for them. You can fill kongs (a snowman-like chew toy) with food and freeze them to ease the discomfort.

Help them build up their 'reserve bank' of resilience to experiences by exposing them to as many different things as possible. Make sure any first experience is a positive one.

Enjoy! Owning a puppy is hard work, but hugely rewarding!

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News from your local WIs



Cockpole Green WI

On Wednesday 21 March President Adrienne Rance welcomed 22 members to our 86th AGM.

The tables were decorated with bunches of daffodils by Anne Whittaker, heralding the welcome approach of Spring

Retirees from the committee were Maureen Rothery (Vice President), Mary Lowe and Jean Stewart. They were thanked for all their hard work over the years and presented with stunning Azalea plants by Mrs Rance.

Re-elected committee members are: Adrienne Rance (President), Barbara Lloyd (Secretary), Maureen Bunn (Treasurer), Anne Whittaker, Selina Avent, Sheila Williams and Nana Davis. Nominees who were seconded to join the committee are: Carol Ellis, Ruth-Mary Vaughan and Judi Rowlands.

Treasurer Maureen Bunn distributed the accounts, which were audited by Michael Porter. Vivienne Northridge was thanked for auditing the accounts for many years. Once a year we hold a Bridge Drive to raise funds for the WI. It was very successful, raising £150 for our chosen charity Parkinson's UK, thanks to the generosity of the players, who bought raffle tickets.

Highlights of the year included a very interesting visit to Hever Castle, excellent speakers and a most successful garden party at the home of Jill Tomlinson, where we sat in the shade to avoid the scorching sun!

After the business was concluded, members settled to enjoy a quiz, organised by Adrienne, which covered general knowledge, history and a Crafty Bakes quiz, for example 'A Peruvian Bear would like this one'. It was very entertaining, as well as frustrating, judging by the number of groans as members racked their brains!

Answer: Marmalade (cake!)

Selina Avent

Mill Green Wargrave WI

A very talented actor, Jonathan Fryer, was our guest speaker on Wednesday 7 March and he gave an inspirational talk on his life in the theatre. He was advised by his father, who had been an actor himself, to embrace the profession in repertory.

One of the most enjoyable things about working in provincial theatre was that usually the plays were long runs and local people would recognise the actors on the street and offer their opinions on performances. It helped the cast feel at home. After National Service in the air force Jonathan went directly into rep acting and stage managing. His job as an assistant stage

manager required him to go around the town borrowing props from local businesses.

Repertory theatre is very immediate. Rehearsals would start on Tuesdays for plays to be performed by the following Monday. In the 1960s and 1970s there was no lottery funding as there is now and rep theatres were lucky if they were granted £50 by the Arts Council so it was important for the theatres to cast their productions carefully and correctly and to manage their ticket sales assiduously.

Throughout Jonathan's talk he regaled us with amusing tales of the actors he had worked with in his long career. He continued with many stories about his and colleagues' experiences talking to WI's and other groups. One particularly funny incident occurred when Colin Tarne (famed for the production of the *History of Denman*) asked at a meeting how much he was to be paid for his WI talk and the treasurer replied, 'how do I know? We haven't counted the raffle money yet!'

There were many references to favourite poems and lighthearted verse in the talk. The following is just a sample:

Wendy Cope Loss

The day he moved out was terrible,
That evening she went through hell,
His absence wasn't a problem,
But the corkscrew had gone as well.

David Mitchell

I flop into our bed with thee,
Ovaltine and Milko,
There we lie in ecstasy,
Watching Sgt Bilko.

In Rules restaurant Jonathan once sat next to Jean Simmons. He was in heaven discussing theatre with her. He continued with humorous stories from the film world from Laurel and Hardy to Ralph Fiennes and told us of the many actors he admired. He thinks the best actress today is Eileen Atkins and second is Kristin Scott Thomas and best actor was the late Denholm Elliott.

The talk ran for a good hour. It could have gone on all night as Jonathan's prolific memory seemed inexhaustible. The vote of thanks was given by Esther Peacock.

Our meetings start at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month. Please do come along.

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Come and join us for a fun singing afternoon for female voices on **Saturday 30 June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Charvil Village Hall**. We will be singing a medley of songs from movies arranged for two-part choir. Movies include *Shrek*, *Enchanted*, *Twilight*, *Slumdog Millionaire* and *Sister Act*. The session is being led by local music teacher and choir director Suzanne Newman and is open to anyone who likes singing! The cost is £10 which includes music and refreshments. To book a place, please contact Suzanne on 0118 934 0589 or suzanneynewman@btinternet.com.

Suzanne Newman

Pop In Club

Steve Turville gave us a most interesting talk one morning about the history of the confectionery firm Mars, where he used to work. The company was started by Forrest Mars in America. He had two sons, Forrest Jr and John, one of whom ran the business in the USA and the other started the European business in the 1930s based in Slough. Steve illustrated his talk with slides and afterwards distributed goody bags filled with Celebration chocolates.

Many members attended the memorial service at Elizabeth Court for Peggy Martin, who was a popular founder member of the club and who attended meetings until fairly recently.

On our outing to the Oaktree Garden Centre we enjoyed an excellent meal and had the opportunity afterwards to look round and buy from the very well stocked centre.

For Easter we made floral arrangements in shades of white, yellow and green which were most effective. We are looking forward to hearing more speakers and we will also hold a bring and buy sale to raise funds for future outings.

We meet every Monday morning in the lounge at Elizabeth Court from 10.00am to 12.00 noon and if you would like to join us please contact Mary Clifford on 0118 940 6846 or me on 0118 940 2267. Transport can be arranged.

Pat Jones

Wargrave Local History Society

Our March meeting began with the AGM, when the past year was reviewed, a new committee elected, and details of the 2018/19 programme given.

Following the formal part of the evening, Society Chairman Peter Halman took members for 'A stroll in the park', the story of England's royal, private and public parks – an illustrated presentation on their history.

Our meetings start at 8.00pm in the meeting room at the Old Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. See the Society's website www.wargravehistory.org.uk/ or contact Peter Delaney on 0118 940 3121 for more information about the Society.

Here is our 2018–2019 programme:

10 April Shire Hall Remembered *Clive Williams*
Clive was the County Secretary and County Solicitor for the Berkshire County Council, and will explain some of its history and operation.

8 May Reading in WW1 *Dr Margaret Simons*
Margaret, a noted local historian, has made a special study of Reading during World War One.

12 June Fairmile Hospital – a Victorian Asylum
Ian Wheeler
Ian is the author of the recent book on the Fairmile Hospital, at Cholsey, which from 1870 until 2003 provided for Berkshire patients with mental health issues.

11 July Local History Visit
This year we will visit the Tudor mansion at *Dorney Court*, parts dating from 1440, and home to the Palmer family for well over 450 years.

11 September Wargrave Theatre Workshop
Joe and Joy Haynes
Joe and Joy will tell us about this now well established part of the village community, founded in 1975, along with the first Village Festival.

9 October Smith's of Reading *Paul Lacey*
Smith's distinctive blue and orange coaches will be remembered by many, and Paul Lacey will tell us of their history.

13 November Old Windsor *David Lewis*
David Lewis will reveal the history of Old Windsor.

11 December Christmas Party

8 January 2019 Twyford and Ruscombe
Audrey Curtis
Audrey, secretary of the Twyford and Ruscombe Local History Society, is author of the recent book about these two neighbouring villages,

12 February 2019 The History and Restoration of the Kennet and Avon Canal *Graham Horn*
Graham will tell us of its history, from its inception to its heyday, its decline, and subsequent restoration.

12 March 2019 Annual General Meeting
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Lifestyle

Physiocare matters... Too good to be true!

The launch of a device promising to cure bad posture naturally caught my eye, and not least because teaching anyone good posture is notoriously difficult. Instructions to 'sit straight' or 'sit up' are often unhelpful, and can even cause problems. In my experience, many of my patients realise this themselves, telling me that although they are aware they slouch, they are unable to sit up straight for any length of time because sitting up is painful and the pain goes only when they slouch!

This reminds me of that wonderful Eric and Ernie sketch with André Previn, where Eric is playing the piano badly and André accuses him of 'playing all the wrong notes', to which Eric replies: 'I'm playing all the right notes but not necessarily in the right order'.

Slouching does cause problems and improved sitting and standing is desirable, but it must be done correctly using the appropriate muscles – and for many people, this is easier said than done.

The device is a biofeedback trainer and is designed to correct your posture and therefore reduce pain and strengthen your core. Its makers say it could even boost your confidence and improve your body language: bold claims indeed! The small gadget is placed on your upper back and connected to an app via Bluetooth, you fill in some personal details such as height, weight and age, and off you go. Every time you slouch, the device vibrates, reminding you to sit up. Is it a good thing? I have my concerns, not least because it may encourage the user to have a stiff back.

Your posture is a product of a number of factors, but the one many of us identify with is sitting all day. Sedentary lifestyles definitely contribute to a general deconditioning of all our muscle groups – not just the core muscles – and slouching therefore becomes the norm.

Regular exercise is vital to help reverse this, and although some people exercise regularly, their chosen exercise is not always the best to help reverse the effects of sitting all day. If you sit at a desk for much of the day, cycling might not be right for you as it promotes a hunched posture. Even walking – something I encourage everybody to do – will only help if you walk tall, as opposed to walking head down, hands in pockets, dawdling along!

If you do sit for prolonged periods, make sure your desk, chair, keyboard and screen are at the correct height. Laptops cause more problems than anything else because, by their very nature, they force you to work with either the keyboard or the screen at the wrong height – and, in many cases, both.

To help reduce the negative effects of prolonged sitting, it is recommended that you break your day into 30-minute chunks. Twenty minutes spent sitting, 10 minutes standing, and two minutes moving or stretching. Take up pilates or yoga, both of which target improving your flexibility, moving correctly and so exercising the lazy muscles, all of which are vital for good posture.

*Elizabeth Jones MCSP HCPC MMAPC
Clinical lead physiotherapist at Physiocare*

Yoga with Josie

Utthita trikonasana (triangle pose)

This pose is brilliant for stretching numerous areas of the body all at once! The ankles, calves, hamstrings and hips are all well stretched and strengthened.

It also provides a lovely stretch for the shoulders and chest. This pose is great for anyone with digestive issues, as it stimulates the abdominal organs. It's also a great stress-reliever.

1. Similar to last month's warrior pose, position yourself with your right foot pointing forwards and left foot at 90 degrees pointing to the side. Your stance needs to be a little shorter this time, though; aim for an approximately 3.5/4ft gap between your feet. Check that the heel of your front foot is in line with the arch of your back foot. Straighten both legs.
2. Extend your arms out at either side of the body and look over your front (right) leg. Reach your right arm forwards, extending and stretching from the hips. Reach as far as you can before your chest starts to drop.
3. From here, tip your whole upper body to the side, bringing your right hand down in front of your shin and raising your left arm straight up to the ceiling. Take your right hand as low as you can before your chest starts to tilt forwards. Use a block for your lower hand if it needs something to rest on.
4. Look up towards your raised arm, squeezing shoulders back and opening the chest. Imagine



*Josie demonstrating the
utthita trikonasana*

that you are trying to flatten your back against a wall behind you. Roll the heel of your left foot down into the mat in order to deepen the hip stretch.

5. Hold this position for 30–60 seconds, breathing steadily and extending the stretch where possible.

6. Repeat the position on the other side, with your left leg out in front.

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Lifestyle

Nutrition with Sarah Hart

Vitamins and iron for children

Do you give your children a daily vitamin supplement? If the answer is no, don't worry; you are not alone. However, it is very important to start now!



The Department of Health recommends that **all** children aged 0–5 should be given a daily supplement containing vitamins A, C and D (we could all benefit from a vitamin D supplement during the winter months). You may have read in the media recently how rickets is on the rise in the UK.

Vitamin supplements are available under the Healthy Start scheme for those with at least one child under 4 (other eligibility criteria apply). Ask your health visitor for details or call the Healthy Start helpline on 0345 607 6823.



It's important to feed your child iron-containing foods every day, too. Iron is used to make red blood cells and is essential for healthy growth and energy. Too little iron can lead to anaemia, which may affect your child's development.

Foods containing iron include red meat, oily fish, pulses, fortified cereals, dried apricots and dark green leafy vegetables.

Vitamin C enhances iron absorption and is one of the most crucial vitamins for your immune system and for healthy nervous system function.

Therefore, include foods such as citrus fruit, sweet potato, peppers and tomatoes, which are high in vitamin C, in meals containing iron. An example of pairing these would be adding fruit such as kiwi or strawberries to fortified cereals or toast at breakfast time, and fish cakes made with sweet potato.



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The Piggott School

It has been a busy term so far, with half term seeing two trips to the USA for students at The Piggott School.

New York

In February, 24 excited students from Years 10–12 set off for the Big Apple along with three equally excited teachers. After overcoming the seemingly traumatic shock of no WiFi in the bedrooms, the students fully embraced the excitement and vibrancy of this wonderful city.

Over the three-day visit, they saw all the main sights and took part in some exciting Broadway theatre workshops. In their first workshop, they had the opportunity to work with a cast member from *Anastasia* – the show they would see later in the week – to produce an impressive piece of musical theatre, before heading off on a fascinating tour of New York's world-renowned musical venue, Radio City Music Hall.

The second workshop focused on creating the opening scene of a Broadway musical, working with one of the cast from *School of Rock*, who they would see live in a spectacular performance of the show that evening.



The group also took in Ellen's Diner, the Lincoln Center (where they caught up with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra during rehearsals) and Central Park. At the One World Observatory, one student cured her phobia of lifts by ascending to over 1,200 feet in under 60 seconds to take in the extraordinary panoramic views of the city.

Killington, Boston



After a tiring 13-hour journey and a quick sleep, the party of 38 sixth-form students and four teachers were ready to hit the slopes of Killington! Skiers of all abilities relished the long but very enjoyable ski days, with everyone making fantastic progress.

Off the slopes, bowling provided much of the entertainment, with some fierce rivalry between teachers and students. For the final two days, the group headed to New York to take in the sights.

Emily Williams

Robert Piggott C of E Schools: PTA news

As Leo Tolstoy wrote in *Anna Karenina*, 'Spring is the time of plans and projects'. Now we are past the inclement weather of March and sledges and thermals are back in lofts and sheds, the PTA does indeed have the following plans and projects afoot:



The summer fayre is on Saturday 23 June from 12.30pm to 2.30pm and is open to everyone. This year,



we have bowed to the will of the pupils, and the ever-popular teacher gunking will return, alongside tug of war, penalty

shootouts, country dancing and much more. If you would like to have a stall, please contact the vice chair, Emily, on 07710 197 899.

A wonderful group of parents headed up by Lindsay Hammersley is busy organising a not-to-be-missed, Henley Regatta-rivalling summer social event for the parents. The date will be Friday 29 June, so please keep it free. Drink, dancing, shorts and flip-flops all intriguingly promised so far.

The start of the year has also seen funds continuing to be raised, which is fantastic and really appreciated:

The recent disco was huge fun and raised a lot of money, mainly from the illicit peddling of sweets. The exact amount is yet to be confirmed but will be well in excess of £500, which is great. Thank you to Sarah Davies and Katie Hodgekins for organising.

The silent auction was also a massive success and raised almost £2,000 in its first year. The PTA would like to give a special thank you to Matt Perowne for all his hard work conceiving and organising it. Further thank yous also go to Kate Smith for helping Matt, local businesses for donating, Emily Harris for advertising and, of course, to all you bidders!

The Robert Piggott Primary Schools PTA

Wargrave Pre-School

Happy Easter! The children at preschool have been having a wonderful time getting prepared for Easter. We had our very own Easter bonnet parade, where really fun creations were shown off to parents. We also had a very successful Easter drawing competition, which saw lots of entries and helped with vital fundraising towards the school.



Wargrave Pre-School children modelling their Easter bonnets

The summer term is fast approaching and the preschool is busy getting the outside space set up and ready for the better weather ahead. We also look forward to May for our Bright Days-funded project, 'Living Eggs', where the children get to monitor and see chicks hatch right before their very eyes.

Wargrave Pre-School is a little gem nestled in the corner of the recreation ground, where children have great fun learning through play and, most importantly, getting ready for school. With strong links to Wargrave's infant school, we can provide a foundation setting for your child that will make the transition into reception class the natural next step in their development.

Here's what one parent has to say: *'My 2.5-year-old son started Wargrave Pre-School in September and had settled easily within the first week. He knows all the staff members' names, and has his favourites! Since September, he has made some lovely friendships and his confidence and language have come on leaps and bounds. We are very lucky to have preschool right on our doorsteps and have nothing but praise for all the teachers and also the committee, who work tirelessly to keep the school running! I would recommend it to anyone who is thinking of sending their children to a local preschool.'*

If you are interested in admitting your child, please do contact our manager Melissa Davies by emailing manager@wargravepreschool.com or calling 0118 940 3127.

Catherine Mun-Gavin



Wargrave Brownies got (a lot of) talent!

Wargrave Brownies have been tremendously busy in recent weeks, completing several badges as part of their ongoing Brownie adventure.

With the posters designed and rehearsals completed, we welcomed parents and friends to a superbly entertaining variety show – our very own *Brownies got talent!* Visitors were treated to an array of performances, with daring gymnasts, accomplished musicians, pitch-perfect singers, magical magicians and rib-tickling comics. The evening was rounded off by a group sing-song and the presentation of Entertainer badges.

The Brownies were absolutely fantastic – running the show themselves and introducing the acts. They showed great courage and teamwork, encouraging each other throughout.



Brownies got talent contestants

Thank you to our friends in the Scouts for lending us their hut for the occasion.

When completing their Cook badge, the Brownies showed a similar level of commitment and teamwork. Working in their Sixes, they made and then iced some delicious biscuits and also planned and made their own light tea. It was a great week for parents too, as the Brownies took on some household tasks such as laying the table and washing up after a meal – a popular badge all round!

Many Brownies joined with fellow Guiding members around the world in the annual World Thinking Day celebrations. Some proudly wore their uniforms to school and a group of 2nd Wargrave Brownies joined other local groups for a fun-filled day of activities. They all enjoyed meeting other Brownies from the area.

The final challenge was to complete the Teddy Bears' Picnic challenge. The Brownies spent an evening on teddy bear-themed activities and games, including making bears out of marshmallows and constructing a den for their favourite bears. There were some very lucky bears housed in some impressive dens!

Congratulations to Amara on completing both her Swimmer and Advanced Swimmer badge, to Emily on completing her Home Safety, World Cultures and Designer badges, and to Jasmine, who completed her Collector badge.

If your daughter would like to join 2nd Wargrave Brownies or if you or someone you know would like to join our team and become more involved, please register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk and clicking on 'Get involved'. Please note that there is currently a waiting list for Brownies.

If you would like any more information, we would love to hear from you! Please do get in touch at 2ndwargravebrownies@gmail.com.

Helen Wallace

Wargrave Rainbows



On 24 February, all the Guides, Brownies and Rainbows in Maidenhead District got together to

celebrate World Thinking Day. We had a wonderful time taking part in various activities, including decorating stones, planting pea seeds, transporting water in pipes and making notebooks from recycled paper. We ended with a big sing-song.

We were delighted to welcome Anu Chadha from Wargrave Dental Clinic to one of our meetings. The Rainbows all had a practice brushing the teeth of some of the furry friends Anu brought with her, and we then discussed which foods were good for our teeth and which were not. Thank you for coming to see us, Anu!



Rainbows enjoying a visit from Wargrave Dental Clinic

This term, we have also completed our Growing Up Wild Under the Sky badge, by looking at clouds and creating our own pictures out of the shapes in the sky, and making homemade kites. We had lots of fun racing about the recreation ground with them.

We're ending the term with an Easter egg hunt in Bowsey Woods, which the Rainbows are all looking forward to. Let's hope the sun comes out for us!

If you would like to join 1st Wargrave Rainbows, please register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk and clicking on 'Get involved'. You can contact the unit directly by emailing 1stWargraveRainbows@gmail.com.

Caroline Dent (Topaz)

1st Wargrave Lumberjack Beavers

We would like to congratulate three of our Beavers – William Copland, Jackson Murray and Joe Ingleby – who achieved their Bronze Awards. We wish them all the best in their new journey at Cubs.



Congratulations to all the Beavers who achieved their Bronze Award

The Beavers worked hard for their My World Challenge badge. The topics this term included helping our community, and learning about the UK and countries around the world.

The Beavers went ahead to help their community by picking the litter up around Wargrave Recreation Ground and Kings Field. They also had a go at Irish dancing, tossing the caber and trying Welsh cakes.

The Beavers experienced Hindu culture in the Diwali session. They enjoyed creating their own rangoli patterns with chalk and finished the session off with Bollywood dancing.

Having enjoyed the dancing very much, they decided to perform dance in the 1st Wargrave Scouts' *Nowhere near Christmas* show at the Woodclyffe Hall. Quite a few of the Beavers suggested that we should do breakdancing in the show, but for health and safety reasons we performed a hip hop dance instead!



Dr Puddy visiting the Beavers

Many thanks to Dr Puddy, one of our local GPs, who came to visit the Beavers.

Dr Puddy kindly brought some real doctor kits and showed us how they work. The Beavers learned about other professionals who work alongside GPs and many useful facts about our bodies and health.

Continuing the fun, and there's nothing that can beat a fire engine! In our fire station crew session, the Beavers discovered some interesting facts about the defibrillator, high-technology gadgets, the hidden biscuit compartment inside the fire engine, and much more.

A massive thank you to the Wargrave fire station crew for their time and effort, and for a fantastic session.

On that note, our Lumberjacks colony is currently looking for people to join the leadership team, to take on roles including regular helpers and uniformed section assistants. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us through our website at <http://wargravescouts.org>.

*Peung Cooper
1st Wargrave Beaver Scout Leader*

Rat control advice

After an influx of complaints from local residents about rats, the Public Protection Partnership (a shared environmental health service provided by three local councils, including Wokingham Borough Council) has carried out a survey to find out more about the problem and offer advice on the best way to deal with it.

The partnership's recommendation is not to use rat poisons that are available over the counter, such as bromadiolone and difenacoum. Research by the University of Reading suggests that the rat population's resistance to these poisons will only increase with their continued use, making the problem worse in the long run.

Dealing with rats

If you do discover rat activity on or around your property, it is recommended that you employ the services of an accredited and authorised pest controller, who can use stronger poisons that are much more effective in eradicating rats.

Preventing a rat infestation

To keep rats at bay, the Public Protection Partnership has the following guidance:

- Look out for rats, their holes, droppings and runs.
- Reduce areas of waste, woodpiles and overgrown areas, as these provide harbourage for rats.
- Keep compost bins as pest-proof as possible as rats can easily access them for food. Stand them on chicken wire or mesh.
- Remove bird feeders and other food sources.
- Ensure that animals such as chickens, rabbits and other pets are kept in pest-proof pens with no access for rats.
- Pest-proof your property – ensure that all climbing plants are at least one metre away from the eaves of the house, cap off any exposed pipes, and fill in any holes in the brickwork.

Report an infestation

Use the online map at <http://wokingham.westberks.gov.uk/ratsandmice>.

*David Allen, Communities and Engagement Manager,
Wokingham Borough Council*

1st Wargrave Guides and Wargrave Rangers

The colder weather we've been having certainly set up the Rangers and Guides for a night of sno-tubing at the John Nike leisure centre. It was a chilly evening and, as it progressed, the slope froze over, so it felt even more like real sno-tubing!

We had great fun dragging the tubes up the slope to slide down again. We went down individually, forwards, backwards, spinning, in pairs, in small groups and, finally, as one large group.

Jessica Revell had decided that the sno-tubing slope was the place where she was going to make her Guide Promise. This meant that Tamsin and Jessica had to come down in a pair with Tamsin holding onto Jessica's tube while Jessica saluted and said her Promise. The Promise was successfully said all the way down the slope and Jessica duly received her Promise badge and Guide necker at the bottom. She will never forget where she made her Promise!



Sno-tubing at the John Nike leisure centre

While the Guides were busy finishing off the SWEBOT STEM challenge with tin foil rockets, parachuting raw eggs and some maths challenges, the Rangers were busy trying to escape from the Escape Rooms in Woodley. This time, each group had a different room, but nevertheless they were a lot quicker and the competition between the two groups was intense!



Rangers at the Escape Rooms in Woodley

Exercising the brain on a Friday night after a long week at school was challenging enough, let alone all the difficult clues that had to be solved.



We also had a fantastic evening glass-fusing. Jackie from Pisces Glass Creations at Moss End Garden Centre came along and brought lots of glass coasters and glass pieces, frit (very small glass chippings) and glass strands.

The girls cut and designed their coasters, sticking the bits on with PVA glue, which melts away in the firing.



Using glass-fusing to create some beautiful coasters

Jackie took the coasters away to fire and we can't wait to see the results. Some of the girls chose to have a really hot firing so their coasters would end up flat, and others chose a slighter cooler firing so that there would be some 3D definition.

If your daughter would like to join in the fun and become a Guide, she does not have to have been a Brownie or Rainbow first. Please email us and we can have a chat about it. At the moment, we do have spaces available in the Guide group. Contact me by emailing tamsinphipps@gmail.com.

*Tamsin Phipps
Leader, 1st Wargrave Guides*

Library matters

Bike racks

Great news: there are no reasons why you can't visit the library! 'Why, Ros?' I hear you ask. Because we now have bike racks at the back of the Woodclyffe Hostel so you can safely arrive on your bike and lock it securely while you choose your next selection of books.

No more worrying about the car park and how much money to put in, or risking the wrath of traffic wardens. Unfortunately, there are a lot of wardens about these days. Be very careful if you do risk parking opposite the library. You'll be okay if you really are just there for under two hours, but several of our local residents have been fined recently. I also gather we have had misinformation about when the evening car park cost is being removed (an April Fool's joke for March...?). Anyway, a big thank you to the trustees for the bike rack.

RBdigital

I completely understand that not all of you can fit in visits to the library (mind you, I still think you are not trying hard enough!) so I just wanted to remind you that there are services you can take advantage of without leaving your home.



In the past, when people have mentioned our e-books, e-audio and e-magazines, I have been rather negative about them, as it was very difficult to set up all the software needed to enable you to access them.

My advice used to be: have patience, sit down with a notebook and write down all the passwords – and when I've helped people in the library, it has often taken three-quarters of an hour or more to get things working. Good news! This has all changed. Go to www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries and follow the instructions for whichever service you are interested in.

Once you have the RBdigital app on any of your devices – whether that's a tablet, computer or even your phone – you can access all

the material from there. I now have everything on my phone (although to access the magazines, it's worth having a larger screen). It really is user-friendly and we have some great magazines available free to library card-holders. So, sign up to join the library if you don't already have a card.

Don't forget that you also have access to *Encyclopaedia Britannica* at home with your library card, which is good news for homework.

I recently had a customer who had all her loyalty cards stored on her mobile phone using an app called Stocard (there are probably several other apps that will do this) and she also had her library card stored. We are now in a position to accept this method of using your library card, so it's well worth looking into, especially if you usually turn everything out of your wallet every time you go on holiday.

As long as the card will scan from your app, we can accept this if you don't want to carry your library card around with you.

Read with Biff, Chip and Kipper (Oxford Reading Tree books)

Do you have any Oxford Reading Tree books that you would be willing to donate to the library? Although we do have a few copies of these books, it would be great to have some more, as many of your children use them at school and it's nice to also be able to borrow them from the library.

A word from Libby the Library Bear

“ Please could you help? We don't seem to be getting many children coming to our Rhymetime sessions at the moment, so I wondered if you could let us know if you think there is a better time when we could hold this session?

We originally chose Monday afternoons as we already had lots of families in the library waiting around for ballet classes, so it seemed to work. But please get in touch if you think a different time would work better for you, and we will do our best to rearrange times if we can.

At the moment, Rhymetimes are on Mondays at 4.00pm. They are a great way to re-learn your nursery rhymes and meet other mums and dads from the village.

There's also Saturday Storytime on the first Saturday of the month from 10.30am. This session includes a craft activity that (vaguely!) matches the theme of the Storytime.



Don't forget that we always have colouring sheets available, largely due to Chris keeping them nicely topped up for us. This gives mums and dads a chance to choose their books, too. ”

Dates for your diary

Amazing Animals activity session

Monday 9 April
10.30am–11.30am
Non-fiction activity session for children aged 7–11. Activity sheets and mask-making. £2 charge.

Star Wars reads activity session

Wednesday 30 May
2.00pm–3.00pm
Star Wars activity sheets and origami craft activities for children aged 4–10. £2 charge.

Regular library events

Crafts & Laughs

First Wednesday of the month
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Coffee and Cakes

Second Wednesday of the month
10.00am to 12.00 noon

Monday Bookworms

First Monday of the month
2.00pm to 3.00pm

Knit Wits

Third Wednesday of the month
2.00pm to 4.00pm

iHelp

Fourth Wednesday of the month
2.00pm to 4.00pm

Storytime

Monday during term times
4.00pm to 4.30pm

Family Storytime

First Saturday of the month
10.30am

Ros and Chris
0118 940 4656

Kiln Green news

Ultrafast fibre broadband seems to be ultra-slow coming to this neck of the woods. Many residents signed up two years ago for Gigaclear's brave new world, but target connection dates have been repeatedly put back. So, when the office of the Rt Hon Theresa May MP responded on 23 March to a pointed enquiry from Wayne Smith, chairman of the newly formed Scarletts Lane Residents' Association, with news that Gigaclear CEO Matthew Hare has confirmed that our local network will go live from the end of August, should we start believing again?

Surely Mr Hare would not dare to mislead the PM? Hopefully not – but Gigaclear's website has been reporting for months that the first customers have already been connected in the Kiln Green/Hare Hatch area, which seems to be at odds with Gigaclear's new August target. Are you one of the lucky few? My enquiries have drawn a blank, so if you are connected or know someone who has been, please drop me an email to dispel my cynicism.

Meanwhile, Scarletts Lane is still bearing the scars of the A4 diversion caused by the sadly fatal accident at Hare Hatch on 5 December 2017. The all-day stream of normally excluded HGVs and other vehicles flattened the verges and spread thick mud along the lane's gutters and into driveways. Jane Hopkins from Wokingham's Borough Council's Cleaner and Greener services wrote to me recently to say that their inspection had found the lane clear of mud (not true – see photo) but that they would consider topsoiling and seeding the verges this spring.

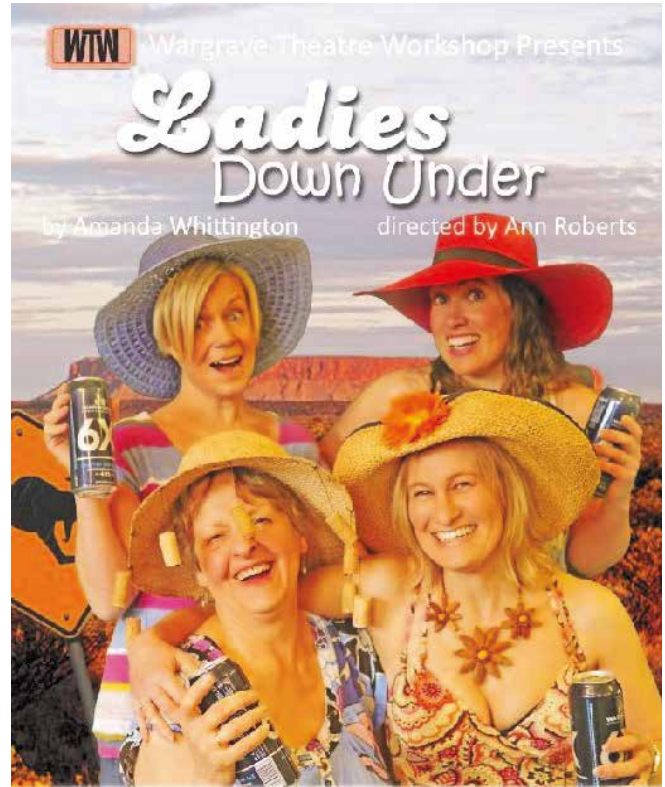


Horse-riders are increasingly concerned that reckless drivers using twisty Scarletts Lane as a short-cut-cum-racetrack are putting horses, riders and pedestrians at risk. Residents have appealed to the Highways Department for some 'Beware Horses' signage.

What else is happening in Kiln Green/Hare Hatch? If you have news, please drop me an email and I will include it here, space permitting.

Simon Chapman
sc@pr100.com

Wargrave Theatre Workshop



9th to 12th May at the Woodclyffe Hall

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An amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books

Here they are again! After hitting the jackpot in *Ladies' Day*, Pearl, Jan, Shelley and Linda celebrate a year later, with a trip to the land of Oz as they find there is more to life than money and fish factories. Indeed, as Pearl discovers, 'life is what happens when you are busy making other plans'.

At first fearful of flying and obsessed with her IBS, Jan discovers passion in the middle of the outback. Gullible but good-hearted Linda struggles with the burden of her newfound fortune, but finally finds her feet in the middle of the Sydney Mardi Gras.

Brassy Shelley has frittered away most of her money on designer clothes and comes to the realisation that she is left with nothing but an empty life. When a kindly Aussie makes her face her fears, she begins to accept that 'living the dream' does not necessarily mean those dreams shown in glossy magazines.

And Pearl, who in *Ladies' Day* declared that she had had a secret lover for seven years, now has her own mountain to climb and reason for going to Uluru.

What promises to be a trip of a lifetime becomes a life-changing adventure for them all. On their month-long trip, they meet a number of Aussie 'characters', including a surfer 'dude', an aristocratic hippie dropout, the fantastic drag queens Koala Bare and Bondi Bitch and then, miles from anywhere, the person who had been the reason for the trip.

If you missed them last year, don't miss them this year: be part of their adventure! Tickets are on sale now.

Ann Roberts



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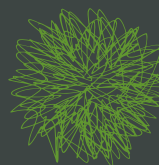


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WUG news

Howgozit?

Despite bad weather – heavy rain and some snow – work on the foundations accelerated at the end of February. This followed over a month's work for the archaeologists in lifting the skeletons found within foundation pits.

The pits have been concreted, the drains and digester for wastewater and sewage installed, reinforcement rods laid out and the concrete foundation slab poured within the shuttering. The slab is now cured and cleared.



The archaeologists have virtually completed their work on the site and will provide us with a report later. The construction work can now commence in earnest to meet the following timescale:

Steel framework installation	2–13 April
Infill and roof framework	23 April–4 May
The large north and west windows	1–11 May
Soffits and boards	2–18 May
East gable end	14–21 May
Side windows	18–25 May
Copper roof installation	21 May–21 Jun

Nick Rule, our architect, anticipates removal of the hardcore track on Mill Green after Easter, with the works area being reseeded and grass restored with the summer weather.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on 0118 940 2497.

Peter Mayes



Why WUG has to keep GWR aware of both the good and the bad

On 22 March, something remarkable happened. It was the first weekday since the beginning of last October when there was not a single cancelled service all day between Twyford and Paddington. That was the first time in 122 consecutive weekdays.

GWR wants to share your excitement, as evidenced by the half-page advertisement currently appearing in *The Sunday Times*. Is this the best – or even a worthwhile – way of spending the revenue collected from your fares?

Henley branch line users met Mark Hopwood, GWR's managing director, on 23 March at a meeting in Henley called, rather unusually it seemed, by Henley's MP, John Howell. WUGGERS made it clear that they thought that Henley branch line services were generally very satisfactory and evening peak-time connectivity had been improved after the strong representations that we – and no doubt others – made to re-time departures to allow for late arrivals from Paddington and the hassle of getting over the bridge to the branch line platform. Occasional problems can occur with ahead-of-time departures from Wargrave and from Twyford, while staff shortages at Twyford can prevent staff being on duty until 11.00pm.

But the main grief is the unreliability and punctuality of services, especially in the peak hours, to and from Paddington. Those of you travelling back from Reading will never benefit from decent connectivity (with odd exceptions) at Twyford, say GWR, because it is just impossible to do so.

The actual situation on the very morning of the Friday 23 March's meeting would seem to be the new 'norm'. Out of the 28 trains from Twyford to Paddington between 4.00am and 9.00am, 16 arrived up to 20 minutes late in Paddington. Of the nine fast services, only four arrived on time at Paddington and another was cancelled altogether. You might have been lucky and the train you caught was OK, but too many folk had a miserable and stressful start to their day.

Hopwood provided the usual litany of forces which make life difficult. He has promised longer trains. There is a prospect that smart ticketing will eventually appear and tickets would be booked and stored on your mobile.

No news, I am afraid, on the 2018 Henley Regatta timetable.

Membership of WUG is free. For more information, contact me.

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Wargrave Words

Snow was on the ground but spring was in the air!

A big thank you to all our brilliant readers, writers and actors! We had such a nice evening of readings and entertainment. Everyone's names went into a hat and each 'performer' pulled out a name after their piece; it was just like drawing a raffle prize! This worked really well and amazingly we had a lovely variety of readings. We are planning to hold another session later on in the year and choose a different theme. Feel free to offer some suggestions and volunteer to read or write next time we hold the event.

Tuesday 24 April – Tempting tasters, St George's Day and Shakespeare's birthday



Okay, so this session has evolved since last month! We would still like volunteers to cook from their favourite cookery books, but we are now going for an English theme, featuring English chefs/cooks to tie in with St George's Day (plus one). 23 April is also when Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated.

Please do get in touch if you are willing to make a savoury dish (even canapés – we may have to pretend they don't originate from France!) or a cake that is suitable for others to have a small spoonful to try. The only

requirements are that your dish is from an English cookery book and that the recipe is as per the book, which must still be in print and available for people to look at on the night. The Sansom Room has a domestic cooker so we can heat things up if needed. It won't give you a full meal, but you will get to sample different recipes from cookery books that you may not have tried.

In between tasting the food, looking at the recipes and talking about our cooks' experiences of using the various books under scrutiny, we will have some readings from Shakespeare's plays and sonnets. So, not only do we need some cooks, but we would also like a few readers, too.



Please get in touch if you fancy being involved or if you just like the idea of tasting the food. Our email address is wargravewords@hotmail.com.

The evening will start at 7.45pm. There will be a charge of £6 to include a glass of wine and to cover the cost of hiring the room.

Persuasion at the Theatre Royal Windsor, Saturday 26 May

Please let us know if you'd be interested in a group outing to see this brand-new play based on Jane Austen's final novel. We plan to go to the 4.45pm performance on Saturday 26 May and can organise car-sharing as needed. Please email wargravewords@hotmail.com.

Wargrave Words team

Bridge in the Sansom Room

Join us for bridge in the Sansom Room. This friendly and welcoming group meets every Thursday from 2.00pm until 4.00pm from September through until June. The cost is £6.50 per session (your first session is free), plus an annual membership of £10. Sessions are tutor-led with prepared hands.

If you are interested in coming along, email me at r.d.fernley@btinternet.com or pop into the library and I can tell you more about it.

Ros Fernley

Wargrave Heritage Trust annual general meeting

This meeting will be held on Thursday 17 May at 8.00pm in The Old Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Wargrave. The Trust is committed to the preservation of public buildings and other structures of historical or architectural importance. All villagers are cordially invited to the AGM to hear about the Trust's activities during the recent past and its plans for the future. For more details contact me on 0118 940 4500 or prh@vinery.co.uk

Peter Holman

Bring a book, take a book!

Book swap event in aid of Sue Ryder

Our book club is holding a book swap on 14 May at 7.30pm in Wargrave Snooker Club (in the Woodclyffe Hostel on Church Street). The event is to raise money for the Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice, which provides such excellent support and care for so many local people.

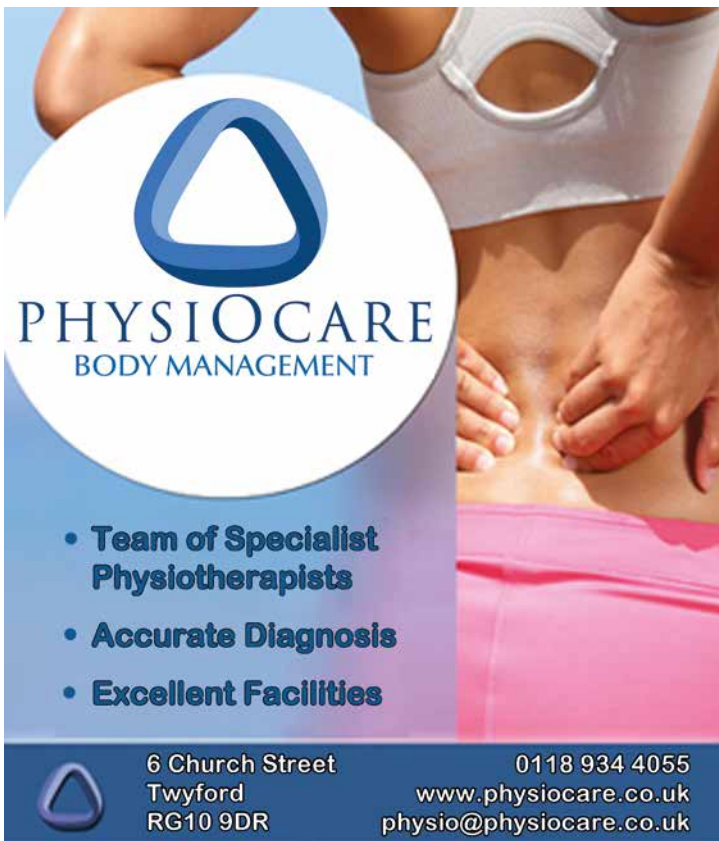
The ticket price for the event will be a £5 minimum donation, plus the donation of a second-hand book that, in true book club spirit, you would like others to read.

In return, you will get a glass of wine and the chance to select another book from those donated to take home with you. Further drinks will be available at the bar. All proceeds from wine sales go to Sue Ryder.

So please join us for the evening to meet readers from other Wargrave book clubs, get recommendations for new books to read and find out some to avoid, stock up on new reading material and raise money for a great cause at the same time!

Please contact me for more information.

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10.30am	8 April	Morning Worship
	15 April	Holy Communion
	22 April	Confirmation Service with the Bishop of Reading
	29 April	Holy Communion
	6 May	Holy Communion
	13 May	Morning Worship

At the 10.30am service, a crèche is available and there are Young People's groups.

The Marriage Course

Good news! We will be running the Marriage Course at St Mary's this year in April. Ten couples have already signed up.

Why would I like to do the Marriage Course? you may ask. Well, some couples do the course to continue investing in their marriage, and others are looking to address more specific challenges. Either way, the course offers essential tools and practical ideas to help you build a relationship that can last a lifetime.

The course is based on Christian principles, but designed for all couples, with or without a church background.

What can you expect?

The course runs for seven weeks. You are seated at your own table for two, and we will provide a meal every week, a practical talk and time for private discussion between you and your partner. You never share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner. Background music ensures that you can chat in complete privacy.

Over seven sessions you will explore:

Building Strong Foundations – Learn to understand each other's needs

The Art of Communication – How to listen and communicate effectively

Resolving Conflict – Develop methods to resolve conflict and disagreements

The Power of Forgiveness – Learn how to apologise and forgive as a couple

The Impact of Family: Past and Present – Explore the impact of your family on your relationship

Good Sex – Find ways to develop greater sexual intimacy

Love in Action – Learn your partner's 'love language'.

We have successfully run this course a number of times in the past and have had great feedback from attendees. Here are some of their comments:

'Surprised how much we enjoyed the course and the chance to stop and talk about things we sort of took for granted, particularly as we have been married for a long time.'

'We didn't enter into the course because our marriage was "in trouble" but since having children it's fair to say we had neglected it a bit. It was great to have a commitment each week to start talking properly again. The content of the course led us to discover new things about each other and to rediscover those we had forgotten. It was a great course; we are tempted to do it again!'

'Like the Christian teachings, the course gives you a good reference point from which to work on your marriage. I think most importantly it teaches you not to take the other person for granted and to think more about what you can do together than what one must do on their own.'

An article on the Marriage Course published in *The Guardian* can give you another view on the course, and can be found at https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2013/dec/28/mission-to-save-marriages?CMP=share_btn_link.

When are we running the course?

From 23 April until 11 June 2018 in St Mary's Church, missing out the bank holiday Monday on 28 May. The only cost for the course is £7.50 each, which covers the cost of the course guest manual.

Would you like to know more or book a place?

If you would like more details or to book onto the course, please contact Salome Laschinger: email salome_laschinger@me.com or text 07855 795 899.

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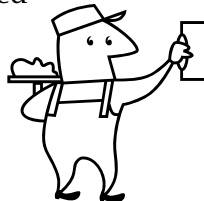
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Twyford Neighbourhood Policing Team update



Spring has arrived and the days are getting lighter and longer, so we thought it useful to pass on some crime prevention advice about securing your windows and doors.

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If you have French doors or a conservatory that has double doors, you can buy a 'Patlock' that locks the two door handles in position. It provides a visual deterrent to any would-be intruders and instant peace of mind for home-owners. The lock works by holding the internal door handles secure so the external handles cannot be operated. This ensures that the door mechanism remains in the locked position, even if the locks are snapped or removed. Patlocks can be purchased from a variety of online retailers.

Remember to shut and lock all doors and windows even when you are in the garden.

For more information about keeping your home and belongings safe and secure, please visit the Thames Valley Police website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk, select the 'Advice' tab and click on 'Protecting your home and belongings'.

Posting personal information on media sites

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime by considering the personal information you share online and through social media:

- Never include details of your home address.
- Wait until you get home from your holiday before posting details about your holiday destination and any pictures.
- Do not disclose any financial information.
- Be wary of posting photos showing you with new purchases of high-value items such as jewellery or watches.
- Be selective with friend requests and only accept requests from people you know.
- Click links with caution as social media accounts can be hacked.

For more information about online security, visit our website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk, select the 'Advice' tab and click on 'Protecting yourself and others' and then 'Cyber crime and online safety'.

Contact us

Please call us on the non-emergency number 101 or email us at twyfordnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. Please note that this

email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters. In an emergency, where a crime is in progress or where there is an immediate threat to life, please call 999.

If you have information about crime or antisocial behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Twyford police station is open on Wednesdays from 2.00pm until 6.00pm and on Saturdays from 9.00am until 1.00pm. It is staffed by volunteers, who are there to answer any queries and pass messages to the rest of the team.

To view information on your neighbourhood team, visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk. You can also follow us on Twitter via @TVP_Wokingham.

Officers now have the ability to create and send Thames Valley Alerts instantly, enabling timely updates on emerging crime patterns. This is a free service allowing you to receive crime alerts and information about where you live. To register, please go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk.

Karen Collins

Wine tasting

On Friday 27 April, there will be an evening exploring delicious South African wine, with a short talk entitled *Jesus – just a matter of taste?*

Do come along to St Mary's Church, Wargrave, from 7.45pm for delicious nibbles and then, beginning at 8.00pm, enjoy a fully tutored tasting from Anthony Barne.

Anthony has over 40 years' experience as a wine merchant and auctioneer. He is a Wine and Spirit Education Trust diploma lecturer and a Decanter World Wine Award judge. From 2010 to 2016, he was the auctioneer at South Africa's leading wine auction held annually at Nederburg Winery.

This wine tasting evening is designed to be friendly and informal, with lots of opportunities to ask questions and seek advice.

No previous experience is required! The cost is £10 a head, which covers the cost of the evening. Tickets are available from me.

Hugh Barne

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Royal wedding special: Woodclyffe Allotments open day



Enjoying the spoils!

Following straight on from next month's royal wedding festivities, the Woodclyffe Allotments will open its gates to the local community for an open day on Sunday 20 May.



Supporting Allotments in Wargrave

Everyone is encouraged to visit, look around, and share some tea and cake with the allotment community.

Allotment-holders will be available to answer any questions you may have and to show you the different plot sizes on offer.

In particular, we have created a share-a-bed scheme for those who are interested in starting with a small space to see how they get on. These can be rented for as little as £2 a year and provide enough space to plant a few things without feeling overwhelmed.

And, later in the year, back by popular demand are the allotment gate table sales, enabling you to sample many of the high-quality fruit and veg grown by our wonderful allotment-holders.

These are scheduled for 14 July and 8 September and will be advertised around the village nearer the time.

For enquiries about getting an allotment or share-a-bed, please contact the parish council on 0118 940 6084 or email office@wargrave.org.uk.

For information about the Woodclyffe Allotment Society, please contact me on 07508 021 084 or email amybattle@icloud.com.

Amy Battle

Wargrave Gardeners' Club gets weaving

Only the hardiest and most determined members braved the cold for our February meeting, but there was a chance to keep warm by joining in the willow-weaving.

Our speaker was Christine Brewster, who many years ago made the switch from IT to weaving willow. Christine uses willow, rather than hazel or ash, and buys commercially grown willow from Somerset.

Christine uses 'brown willow' for plant supports, which has the bark left on it but is dead and dried out, and then soaked in water to make it pliable. That morning, she'd had to break the ice on the troughs to get the willow for the demonstration.

We learnt that willow is grown differently in different areas of the

country and there are different methods for stripping it – which produces the pale willow often used in decorative basket-making.

While talking about willow, Christine demonstrated how to make a support for sweet peas, and some members gave her a hand. It looked most attractive when completed and should last several years in the garden.

Look out for Christine's work on the Henley Arts Trail, on 5–7 May. She can be found at venue 27.

At our next meeting on Wednesday 25 April, Andrew Randall from Randall Farms in Maidenhead will talk about *21st century farm and environmental management in the Thames Valley*.

We will meet as normal at 7.30pm in the Hannen Room.

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Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club

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For adults over Easter, coach Tom Henderson is organizing adult group lessons lasting three hours each (2.00 to 5.00pm) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays during the first two weeks. It is an intensive but fun practice session, with exercises and doubles tactics. For booking or further information contact Tom on 07909 110074 or tom.henderson@gdtennis.co.uk

Membership renewals have been arriving thick and fast and many have signed up for the coming year. The discount date finished on 31 March but we are still accepting new members or renewals at full price. There will be an Open Day on Saturday 13 May this year. Members should also think about signing up for the annual tournaments, for which there is no fee this year. The forms were due in by 3 April but if you contact Paul MacDonald at once, I daresay some allowance will be made. Contact details and a copy of the entry form are on the website.

Meanwhile there has not been so much tennis played due to frosts and surprisingly some heavy snow. Many matches have had to be rescheduled mostly because of rain and it has been frantic trying to get them played before the end of March. Many thanks go to the team captains, who have spent hours trying to find suitable dates and then people who can play. It seems many are away at this time of the year and consequently unusual match times have been set during the week, some in the morning and some even at night. The new season starts almost at once on 7 April and we will be back in the throes once more. One can but hope that the weather improves for as I write it is decidedly chilly, with a freezing northeast wind.

We are holding one of our bigger competitions, the Tomlinson Tournament, on Bank Holiday Monday 7 May, starting at 12.45pm. There will be a sumptuous tea, not to mention a prestigious large trophy to win. By some miracle it seems to be gracing my shelf at the moment but as the pairings are drawn, one can be lucky and get a superb partner so that everyone has a chance to win, even me! We would encourage any member of whatever level to participate, as it is also a pleasantly social event as well as a contest.

For further information on tournaments, events, matches, membership or coaching, please see our website: www.wargraveltc.co.uk

Sue Jones

Wargrave Bowls Club

To adapt an old saying:

Spring has sprung,

The grass is ris,

I wonder where the mower is?

Well that is easily answered. It is in the capable hands of our green-keeper Mike and his able assistants Keith and George. They have been busy over the past weeks preparing our green for the coming season - our first match is on Wednesday 25 April. The green is maintained to a very high standard and, we contend, is one of the best if not the best in the county. It is always commented on favourably by visiting clubs.

Looking over the gate to the green, it appears very flat. It is not, of course, and each rink (lane) has its own playing characteristics. Rink one plays differently from, say, rink five and these can vary slightly week by week. And there is a slope. All this adds to the variety and challenges the bowlers.

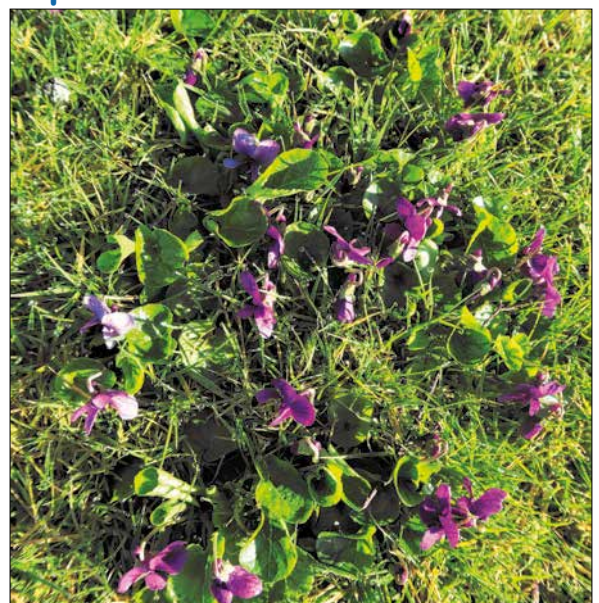
So if you think you are up for a challenge please join us on our open day on Sunday 20 May from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Light refreshments will be available and the bar will be open. If you cannot make this day, you are welcome to join us on a Monday evening (weather permitting) from 6.00pm. All you need is a flat pair of shoes such as trainers and we will provide the rest.

If you have not played bowls before, then here is a chance for you to try your hand.

For more information and to indicate your interest in the open day, please email our club secretary b.s.turnbull@btinternet.com.

David Voller

April Violets



Many thanks to Judi Rowland for this lovely seasonal photo from her garden

Henley Sailing Club invests for the future



After a successful 2017, Henley Sailing Club (in Wargrave!) is looking forward to more of the same in 2018.

Along with all of the usual sailing and social activities that members enjoy, the newly formed Youth Fleet, commanded by Amelia Huby-Green, proved to be a great success with children of all ages getting on the water in 2017. It was fantastic to see the trepidation and subsequent excitement of all those getting used to being on the water for the first time in a multitude of craft, as well as the pride of those honing their skills, putting in perfect tacks and gybes and generally making it look easy.

The club has been keen to encourage young and not so young members on to the water and so has been investing in the fleet of dinghies at the disposal of those without one of their own, or perhaps simply wanting to try something different. Not only has the club added a Topper, a Pico and a Laser, a new safety boat has also been purchased, allowing those who may lack experience to feel confident that advice and help is always close at hand should they need it.

Whatever your age or ability the club has something for you, including a well-stocked bar. We'd love to show you around. Why not come and see us at our Open Day on Saturday 12 May from 2.00pm? There will be plenty of members on hand to answer any questions you have and even take you out for a sail. Don't worry if you want to take it slow; there'll be cream teas and the bar will be open as well.

James Cox



The great outdoors

Cricket Club report

Forget daffodils or Easter or even the March equinox. The indication for some people that spring has arrived is when cricket training starts outdoors.

It's been a protracted winter but at long last Wargrave Cricket Club has commenced outdoor training – Wednesday evenings for adults and Friday evenings for junior and youth players (girls and boys). Anyone new to the village and fancying getting involved in cricket should pop along and join in, or email club captain Neal Robinson (neal@nrcricket.co.uk) who will be happy to explain the set up and how you or your children could participate.

The wonderful new nets and other cricket facilities at the Recreation Ground will be fully utilised over the coming months by club cricketers of all ages and abilities from five-year-olds to minor county players. The Friday evening youth and junior training session in particular has been a great hit over recent years, supported by high quality cricket coaching and the famous 'Alex Hands' barbeque.

This season will also be the first time that Wargrave will field a Saturday fourth team. In addition to its regular three Saturday teams and one Sunday team, a number of friendly matches have been arranged for a fourth team that will provide a great opportunity for new players to have a go and for junior and youth members to get their first taste of senior cricket.

Check out the website for details and social events taking place at the club - www.wargravecricketclub.co.uk.

Looking forward to some sunshine and a great summer!

Jonathan Colbourne

Wargrave Girls' and Ladies' FC - What's in a

Naming of football clubs can be a tricky business. Many dangers are to be avoided; including ridicule and perhaps even worse, offence. But get it right and a name can have considerable positive effects; loyalty, confidence, belonging, identity and more.

In the women's game, particularly in relation to the naming of the top teams, there has been debate about the use of the word 'ladies', as opposed to 'women'. For example, Professor Kath Woodward, Sociologist of the Open University, said when commenting on how important a name was, 'the use of the word ladies suggests physical frailty and need for protection.' There has been comment as to why it is that currently in the Women's Super League, out of 19 clubs 11 are called Ladies and five Women.

Personally, as a coach and father of a daughter who plays for Wargrave, I am proud to be associated with an ever growing sport in which women and girls rightfully get the recognition and respect they deserve, not least as footballers, and it's only right that their part of the sport is gaining greater parity and equality with the men.

It's the naming of individual teams in the amateur game which has given rise to the need for greater ingenuity not least due to the explosion in numbers of players, especially in the women's game.

Wargrave has the enviable problem of having to distinguish between teams because of its burgeoning numbers of players, now at over 300. Though the traditional way of describing the age group of the teams helps, arguably that misses the benefit a catchy name can deliver. It also doesn't answer the problem where you have more than one team in the same age group.

At Wargrave, we have joined those clubs who choose animal related labels to describe some of its teams; counting Lions, Leopards, Sharks, Dolphins and Tigers amongst them.



Leopards star keeper Emily Ryan at the ready



Fun and friendship in the heart of every Leopard



But do such names serve deeper purposes? Does using the names of predators strike fear in our opponents? Imagine for the moment, what gory images you can conjure as the Robins face up to the Hawks! Should the referee bring enforcements when officiating the Panthers against the Lionesses or the Sharks against the Dolphins? Of course not. It's all just good fun. But the use of such names might just serve as part of the ways to foster togetherness, loyalty, friendship and trust between players. Another small way to create the environment in which our players learn, grow in confidence and above all have fun together.

But wait, upon reflection, perhaps I can say that 'our team', the U13 Leopards, are perhaps aptly named. That our players show more than the odd feline characteristic - speed, agility, style, the art of surprise and the ability to walk down tree trunks forward. Or could it be their penchant for lazing long under a shadowy tree away from the heat of the day, venturing out only to pounce on the helpless prey that is a full-time flapjack or sugar coated Haribo.

I suspect that in our case, as in all our teams with predatorial titles, the truth is the name isn't so important after all. It's the players, the sport, the joys, the highs and lows of a team that count. Do you or your daughter have an inner Leopard, Lion or Tiger waiting to roar out? If so, come and join the rest of the Pride here at Wargrave Girls' and Ladies' FC.

Wargrave Girls is an FA Standard Chartered Club and follows the FA Respect Programme.

Ashly Catlin

Coach WGFC U13 Leopards



Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association Spring Show

Saturday 7 April
From 2.30pm
Loddon Hall, Twyford.
Flowers, fruit and veg, handicrafts, domestic, photography, art and floral art, tea and cakes
Entry £1
For info contact Susan Pankhurst 0118 940 2116

WTW present Ladies Down Under

Wednesday 9 to Saturday 11 May
Woodclyffe Hall
Tickets £12 (£10 conc) from Ticketsource
0333 666 333 or
www.wargravetheatre.co.uk

Amazing animals activity session

Monday 9 April
10.30am to 11.30am
Wargrave Library
Suitable for 7-11 year olds; cost £2

Bring a book, take a book

Book swap event in aid of Sue Ryder
Monday 14 May
7.30pm
Wargrave Snooker Club, Woodclyffe Hostel
Entry £5 + donation of one second-hand book
includes glass of wine

Wargrave Theatre Workshop AGM

Monday 9 April
8.00pm
The Green Room, Woodclyffe Hostel

Henley Sailing Club open day

Saturday 12 May
From 2.00pm
Free entry
Henley Sailing Club, Willow Lane, Wargrave,
RG10 8LLI

Her Majesty Fed an Elephant

Saturday 14 April
7.30pm
Woodclyffe Hall
In aid of Wargrave Heritage Trust

Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club open day

Sunday 13 May
1.00pm
WLTC Recreation Ground, Recreation Road, Wargrave

The Marriage Course

23 April for 7 week (missing 28 May)
7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Wargrave
Cost £7.50 to cover course manual
Contact Salome Laschinger at
Salome_laschinger@me.com or 07855 795 899

Royal wedding and FA Cup final

Showing on a big screen
Saturday 19 May
Doors open 11.00am
St Mary's Church, Twyford
Tickets on sale on Monday 9 April from
Floor Store or church office 0118 934 4792
£4 for adults and £1 for children.

Annual Parish Assembly

Tuesday 24 April
7.45pm
Council Offices, Old Pavilion, Recreation Road

Wargrave Bowls Club Open Day

Sunday 20 May
10.00am to 1.00pm
Bowls Club, East View Road, Wargrave, RG10 8BH
Contact 0118 940 3533

Wine tasting

Friday 27 April
7.45pm
St Mary's Church, Wargrave
Tickets £10 available from Hugh Barne
hughbarne@googlemail.com or 07515 488 542

Woodclyffe Allotment Society Open Day

Sunday 20 May
Visit the allotments for answers, tea and cake
More info from Amy Battle 07508 021 084 or
amybattle@icloud.com

This is a selection of non-regular events

Wargrave Charity 10K race

Sunday 10 June
More details next issue

Wargrave Boating Club Open Day

Saturday 21 April 2018 1pm - 5pm



Come down and see what we have to offer

Apart from owning a boat or drinking at The George and Dragon, Wargrave has limited access to the enjoyment of the Thames. Membership of Wargrave Boating Club will provide this benefit at modest cost, without having to worry about river licences, insurance or boat yard charges.

Situated down a track, off Station Road, just before Waterman's Way, our well-equipped Club offers courses in kayaking, canoeing, rowing, skiffing punting and paddle boarding.

All these activities can improve your fitness at the same time. Our annual charges are £140 for a family membership and £85 for single membership. There is a £20 reduction if payment is made before end of April, preferably on or before the Open Day. Members can also take out a canoe, or dinghy and enjoy a leisurely paddle at the weekend.

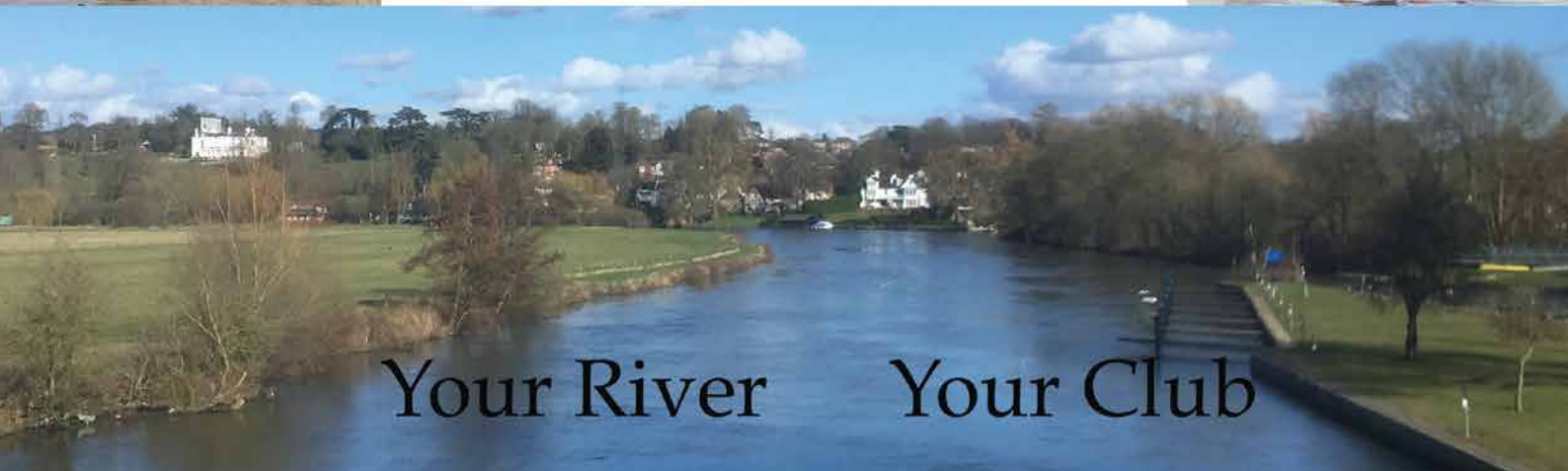
Courses are available costing around £5 per session and so are very reasonable for all the family to enjoy.

Everyone is invited to come down, whether or not you are a member, to find out what the Club can offer you, sign up for courses and enjoy the location.

The RNLI will be present. They will be providing advice on river safety and testing buoyancy aids. A BBQ and Bar will be running which will make the event all the more enjoyable.

We look forward to meeting you!

Contact Sam Barnard, Membership Secretary 07501 444956
membership@wargraveboatingclub.co.uk for more information



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