



Wargrave News

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Wargrave Antiques more than just a business

John Connell has made the tough decision to close his business in the High Street after nearly 40 years of trading.

John originally opened in business buying and selling antiques in October 1979 with Kate Chate. At that time the business was called Mill Green Antiques. The first shop was at the Twyford end of the High Street where he expanded the business into the old Chemist shop next door. John then moved the business and his home to the current shop.

Over the years many local residents will have wandered round John's emporium looking for the perfect little table or bookcase to fill that difficult corner or maybe something to give as a gift.



Interior of the shop



Photograph of John in the shop

John never minded how long you looked around as there was always another treasure waiting to be discovered. Maybe you have also sold some of your furniture to John.

John would like to thank all his customers, many of whom he regards as personal friends. He hopes that he will see them all again very soon. For John the shop was more than just a business and he is sad to see it go but he is struggling to do all the things he would like with the shop and wishes to see it move into its next incarnation.

The shop will be open and there will be a closing down sale where everything will be half price on

Saturday 18 June 10.00am to 4.00pm

Sunday 19 June 11.00am to 2.00pm

The opening on Sunday will be followed by a charity auction at 3.00pm and may include a glass of wine. All remaining items in the shop will be auctioned off and 50% of the auction takings will be donated to the charity Parkinson's UK.

Greg Connell



Sally Castle's picture

Thank you to our distributors



PHOTOGRAPH Some of the Wargrave News delivery team pictured at the distributors' thank you party in May. In the centre of the front row is John Coombes who, together with Mervyn Hardiman, is responsible for organising the deliveries (photo by Sharon Hewitt).

On 12 May a small get-together was held in the Hannen Room to thank the adult distributors who generously give up their time voluntarily to deliver the Wargrave News. Although the children who deliver the magazine receive a small payment, the adults do not. In thanking all the distributors, Chairman and Treasurer Graham Jones pointed out that without them the magazine would not exist!

We would like to say a particular thank you to the Local Larder for both delivering the magazine and allowing residents of Willow Lane to collect a copy from them. Perhaps someone in Willow Lane would like to deliver to 'their' road in future months.

In fact, if anyone would like to join this band of community-spirited people, please contact John Coombes on 940 2937 or johnccoombes@aol.com. We are looking for regular and occasional deliverers.

The editors

Photographs

Our front cover photograph this month was taken by Tony Barker during the open day at the Woodclyffe Allotments (please see article on page 15).

We welcome your photographs for our front cover. Please send your portrait-orientation images to editor@wargravenews.co.uk.

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Gardens open for charity



Sunday 26 June Five Wargrave gardens in Station Road and the High Street, RG10 8EU

Open 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Price £4.00 per adult
(children under 12 free)

- Herons Creek, Station Road
- Orchard Close, Station Road
- Aylestone, Station Road
- 63 High Street
- The Little House, 65 High Street

These five gardens offer interest in a variety of styles and sizes. There are beautiful lawns down to a river frontage, an orchard and a terrace ablaze with colour in pots. All have mature trees and shrubs to enjoy. There are also clipped and shaped yews, a box parterre, water features and much more.

The price includes entry to all five gardens, which are within easy walking distance of each other. A map and entry tickets are available at each address. Teas will be served at Herons Creek.

Sunday 17 July Wargrave Court, Station Road, Wargrave, RG10 8EU

Open 12 noon – 5.00pm
Price £5.00 per adult
(children under 12 free)

Bring a picnic and listen to some midsummer music, performed by 20 musicians, in the lovely grounds of Wargrave Court. Magnificent wisteria climbs the front of one of the oldest houses in the village. There are also specimen trees, shrubs, and landscaped lawns, stretching to a tributary of the Thames. Tea and homemade cakes will be served by our volunteers all day.



Sunday 4 September Jealott's Hill Community Landshare, Wellers Lane, Warfield, RG42 6BQ

Open 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Price £3.50 per adult
(children under 12 free)

This inspirational and multi-purpose garden is used and enjoyed by the local community. Members support each other in horticultural activities and in creating a haven for wildlife across the six acres. Sharing skills and produce is at the heart of the project. Local groups and individuals grow fruit, plants and vegetables and generally enhance the biodiversity. The gardens are a partnership between Bracknell Forest Homes, Bracknell Town Council, Warfield Parish Council and Syngenta.

Guided tours will be led by volunteers. Garden bric-a-brac and second-hand tools will be on sale.

Directions: between Bracknell and Maidenhead off the A330. When entering Wellers Lane from the A330, take the very first gateway on the right, across the corner with Penfurzen Lane.

Sunday 11 September Scotlands, Warren Row

RG10 8QP
Open 2.00pm – 5.00pm
Price £3.50 per adult
(children under 12 free)

These diverse gardens cover 4.5 acres and were created by one family over 40 years. There are both formal and woodland walks with water features and a small lake, perfect for exploring, plus formal lawns and a French parterre box-clipped garden.

Directions: the grounds are in the centre of a triangle formed by the A4130, A321 to Wargrave and A4 at Knowl Hill, midway between Warren Row and Cockpole Green.

Anne Huddart
www.redcross.org.uk

Wargrave Parish Trust – can you help?

Wargrave Parish Trust can trace its origins back to the 18th century, and over the intervening 250 years it has provided help to individuals and families from the village in financial need. The trustees include a local member of the clergy and a healthcare worker who contribute their expertise to the Trust.

In addition to responding to urgent cases of need, the Trust has in recent years delivered Christmas hampers to a number of elderly folk in the village. The increasing number of calls upon the Trust and the reduced income from investments will mean that the number of recipients of hampers will regrettably be lower than in the past, but the charity's main aim is to respond to real pressing need and this has to take priority in the allocation of funds.

With this in mind, the Trust is asking villagers if they would consider supporting this most worthy of charities by making a financial donation or by including Wargrave Parish Trust in their wills. This will enable the Trust to continue its good work beneath the radar in helping folks who are struggling.

Please contact me if you would like to follow this up. For your help we would be deeply grateful.

Bob Austen
Secretary/Treasurer/Trustee
austenrobert@hotmail.com

Consultation

Public consultation is taking place on Wokingham Borough Council's proposed land drainage bylaws, aimed at helping prevent flooding across the Borough.

The proposed bylaws can be read at www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations.

Louise Page



British Legion Wargrave Branch

Summer lunchtime barbeque, Thursday 14 July

The summer barbeque of the Royal British Legion's Wargrave Branch will be held this year at Wargrave Court, Mill Green, RG10 8EU, by kind permission of Dr Verna Houghton. Parking is limited so members attending are advised to park on Station Road or Mill Green and walk to the garden. We plan to start at 12.30pm with the barbeque being served around 1.00pm.

Tickets at £15 each will be available from Tony Elliott, 52 Braybrooke Road, Wargrave, RG10 8DT, telephone 940 2701. You can collect the tickets from Tony personally or send him a cheque with a stamped addressed envelope so they can be posted to you.

There will be a licensed bar for the purchase of wine, beer and bottled water. There will be our usual raffle and contributions to this will be greatly appreciated. These can either be brought on the day or delivered to David Smith, 81 Ridgeway, Wargrave, RG10 8AS. Numbers are limited so please do obtain your tickets in good time and at the latest by 9 July to avoid disappointment.

The Somme Centenary Sunday 3 July, 12.15pm

The Battle of the Somme in World War I began a hundred years ago in July 1916. The Allied attack on the Western Front resulted in massive losses of troops along the River Somme in France. Over 58,000 British troops were killed or badly injured on the first day of the battle. We will lay a wreath at the War Memorial on Sunday 3 July at 12.15pm to remember those who gave their lives in the service of their country. The service will be led by the Reverend John Cook, Vicar of Wargrave. All those who wish to remember the fallen are invited to join the British Legion at the War Memorial on Mill Green.

David Smith
Chair, Wargrave British Legion
940 4752

Wargrave RNLI news

Car boot sale Sunday 26 June

Our car boot sale will be held as usual at The Piggott School on Sunday 26 June from 8.00am to 1.00pm.

Sellers' car entry costs £10.00 and buyers' car entry is £2.00. All proceeds go to support the life-saving work of the RNLI so please come along and join us.

Mayday collection

We want to say many thanks to all who helped or donated to our Mayday collection which raised £1,490.



Michael Porter
Hon Chairman
Wargrave and Twyford RNLI
Branch
<http://rnli-wargrave.org.uk/>

WI bridge drive at Crazies Hill

Thursday 6 October



Calling all bridge players

Cockpole Green WI bridge drive will be held on Thursday 6 October at Crazies Hill Village Hall from 2.00pm. All welcome.

Selina Avent



Classical music concert

Sunday 26 June in Reading

Wargrave resident Giles Wade will be the soloist in a forthcoming performance of York Bowen's Viola Concerto, a lush and passionate work, accompanied by the excellent West Forest Sinfonia.

The orchestra, made up of players from the region, will also perform Bax's *Tintagel* and Saint-Saëns' Organ Symphony.

The concert will be held in the Great Hall, University of Reading, London Road, RG1 5AG at 7.30pm on Sunday 26 June.

Tickets at £15 (£13 for OAPs, £1 for under 18s and students) are available by calling 978 6189 or from tickets@westforestsinfonia.org and they will also be available on the door.



Singing afternoon for female voices

Saturday 10 September

Charvil Village Hall, 2.00 to 4.00pm

We will be singing some great songs by the Everly Brothers, the Beatles and the Beach Boys arranged for two-part female voice choir.

Songs will include *All I Have To Do Is Dream*, *Bye Bye Love*, *Penny Lane*, *Ticket To Ride*, *Help Me Rhonda* and *I Get Around*.

The cost is £10 which includes music and refreshments. To book a place, please email suzanneynewman@btinternet.com or phone me on 934 0589.

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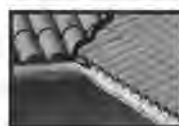
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1st Wargrave Rainbows

1st Wargrave Rainbows have been learning lots of new things this term.

We started off with a visit to Tesco in Henley, where we enjoyed an afternoon of spotting different coloured vegetables, using the tills to scan our shopping and learning about various types of seafood. It was all very interesting.



PHOTO At Tesco in Henley

We had a talk from Cats Protection and found out about things cats like and dislike, and how to greet a cat.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday with the Wargrave Senior Section, and have sent her a very sparkly card. We hope she likes it! We all made crowns and played a funny game with balloons on trays called 'The Queen's Jelly'. It was lots of fun and we are very grateful to the Senior Section for coming along to run our meeting.



PHOTO Our sparkly card

We spent one meeting thinking about children in other countries who don't have running water in their homes. We have been trying our best to save water over half-term and we are collecting coins each time we remember. The money we raise is going to WaterAid to fund a pipeline to a school in Ethiopia. We'll let you know how we get on.



PHOTO Fun with water

The rest of the summer term is going to fly by. We are completing our Roundabout Get Healthy badge by doing lots of sporty activities including a mini Olympics. We are also planning a trip to London to record some of the songs we sing in our meeting.

We have an Adopt a Teddy stall at the Robert Piggott Infant School summer fayre to help raise money for our trip so, if you're reading this before the fayre takes place, do come along and say hello!

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.

We are also looking for Unit Helpers. Your involvement can be limited to coming along each week or every other week to assist with the activities we do, or you can do more and help plan the term's events, or even train as a Leader. If you might be interested, please contact us on the email address above.

Caroline Dent (Topaz)

Learn how to respond to a heart attack



A defibrillator can, if used appropriately and quickly enough, save someone's life if they suffer sudden cardiac arrest.

We now have, thanks to the Wargrave Runners, a publicly available defibrillator mounted outside the Parish Council offices, and we hope soon to have another, mounted outside the Wargrave Surgery. We need more.

Together with the use of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), anybody with a little training can make the difference between life and death for a family member, friend or passer-by.

For every minute that passes between collapse and defibrillation, survival rates from sudden cardiac arrest decrease by about 10%.

We (the Wargrave Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) and the Wargrave Runners) have arranged a training session at the Old Pavilion (behind the council offices on the recreation ground) on Wednesday 6 July. The session, which will take place during the evening, will cover both CPR and the use of and access to a defibrillator.

To book a place, please contact Tony Lloyd (tel. 940 2226 or email tonylloyd25@googlemail.com) or email Dave Moseley on dave@jmoseley.co.uk. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

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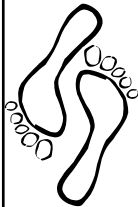
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Yeldall Manor Open Day

Where can you have a fun afternoon for all the family which is also inspiring and uplifting?

Come along to Yeldall Manor on Saturday 2 July from 1.00pm (plenty of free parking) and start your afternoon with a pulled pork lunch (or bring a picnic). Then have a go at the games and activities – this year they are free as a ‘thank you’ to all our supporters – penalty shoot-out, golf, coconut shy, and a Yeldall photo booth. There will be things to buy including wonderful hanging baskets, handmade cakes and craft items. The Coach House will also be open throughout the afternoon, showcasing Chissock Woodcraft and the different services on offer there.

For the youngsters, there will be activities like face-painting and a bouncy castle to enjoy, whilst those preferring something more sedate can check out some classic cars or enjoy a cuppa and a chat on the lawn. It’s a great chance to catch up with friends old and new and learn more about the work of this local Christian drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

At 3.30pm, we move into the marquee for our celebration service. There will be rousing worship and uplifting testimony as well as updates on life here at Yeldall Manor. At about 4.45pm, we will round off the afternoon with a strawberry tea enjoyed on the main lawn.

We hope that you’ll be able to stay all afternoon but, even if you come for just part, we know you will have a great time and hopefully go away inspired.

For more information, or if you can spare an hour to help on one of the stalls, do contact suehedger@yeldall.org.uk or phone 940 1093.

Find us on Blakes Lane, Hare Hatch (RG10 9TA for SatNav).

Sue Hedger



Practise your art for Apple Day!

Wargrave’s Apple Day and Produce Show 2016 will be held on Sunday 11 September at the recreation ground from 12 noon to 4.00pm.

In the run-up to this community event, the organisers have announced two competitions for budding designers. This is a chance for young Wargrave artists to show us all what they can do – and to win very attractive prizes!

Poster competition

You are invited to create apple-themed designs for posters; these designs will be used to promote the event around the village. They should be A5 landscape in size and shape, and as colourful and imaginative as possible.

This competition is open to everyone aged 11 or under. Parish Councillor Marion Pope will co-ordinate entries from the pupils at The Wargrave Piggott Junior School, and all other entries should be submitted directly to Marion herself at 22 East View Road – remember to put your name and address on the back! Closing date is Sunday 17 July.

Scarecrow competition

You are invited to make a scarecrow - or a pigeon-petrifier – of your own design. Be as creative as you like!

This competition is open to everyone, although the judges may give special consideration to younger competitors. To enter, simply come along – in the company of your scarecrow, naturally – to the Apple Day and Produce Show.



The winners of these competitions will be announced at the Show on Sunday 11 September, and there will be lots of other things to see and do for the whole family. So come and join in the fun!

David Mattock

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Wargrave Lawn Tennis Club

May has been a busy month, and such a lot has happened.

Open day: 15 May

This was a fantastic success. We were so lucky as the weather was sunny and not windy. It made a big difference, though one cannot always have such ideal conditions.

It was wonderful to see so many people at the club; over the afternoon about 60 visitors came to take part or see the facilities. Thanks to all the coaches and assistants for organising and enabling everyone to play. Thanks also to committee members for making sure everything went smoothly, from the information offered to the teas and the immaculate condition of the courts.

Several members also came up and played with some of the visitors so they could get a feel for the courts and enjoy some good sessions. Sixteen people joined and took advantage of the special offers we were promoting, though I hope they realise we don't provide such a variety of fabulous cakes and biscuits on a daily basis! Still thinking of joining? Membership is open, plus the offer of a free racket for juniors. Email membership@wargraveltc.co.uk or call 940 3969.

Social charity coffee mornings: 20 and 23 May

These were well attended, and special thanks must go to Eilish MacBean and others for providing the scrummy scones, cakes and biscuits. As most people combined the coffee with tennis, one could feel that the calorie intake was slightly offset... mmm. The event raised £240 for Marie Curie Cancer Care – a good result.

Ladies' friendly: 25 May

On this rather cool and cloudy day, there was a friendly ladies' match against Maidenhead with three couples each and lunch to follow. These matches are designed to introduce members to match play but in a relaxed way.

This match was won by Wargrave 5-1, so well done, the team.

Davis Cup Trophy: 27 May

Readers may have been confused by last month's issue, with the photo of our Tomlinson Tournament cup placed next to the Davis Cup article. Ours is somewhat smaller! Below is a photo of the impressive trophy, with two of our members who also work with Berkshire LTA: Mem Aldridge and Eilish MacBean.



There were many visitors to see the trophy at the Reading University campus and enjoy some coaching from GDTennis. The vice chancellor hosted a reception for the president of the LTA and Berkshire LTA officials. The trophy also went to Bradfield College, where junior tournaments were held to celebrate and promote tennis in the UK.

American Tournament: 30 May

There was a good turnout after last time, with 16 players coping well with the dry but gusty weather, and they enjoyed a good standard of play. Again there were only five ladies, so some of the 'mixed' pairs were not wearing skirts! Organiser Dave Smith devised a complicated arrangement ensuring the ladies swapped partners so that all enjoyed the 'mixed' experience. In the final, however, the pairs stayed together and Colin Johnson and Christine Reid played Paul MacDonald and Linda Nelson. The rest of the combatants watched while tucking in to a great afternoon tea provided by members and organised by Sheena Darke. The final was well fought, with some amazing shots on a par with that other recent tournament in Paris! Colin and Chris won to much applause.

John Coghlan

At the time of going to press, we were extremely saddened to hear of the death of our President, John Coghlan. He has been a great friend to the club. There will be a tribute to John in the next issue of *Wargrave News*.

What's on in June and July?

Charity tournament: Friday 17 June at 9.15am

The next charity event is a tournament that is also open to non-members, men and women. It is in aid of the Diana Brimblecombe Animal Rescue, a charity nominated by last year's winner, Annie Moore. If you'd like to enter, please email eilish.macbean@mypostoffice.co.uk to let us know you are coming. The entry fee is £10 (includes lunch).

HELP REQUIRED: Berkshire School Games tennis finals, Tuesday 12 July, Wargrave Tennis Club

Teams of eight (four boys and four girls in school years 3 and 4) from all the winning primary schools in West Berkshire, Reading, Wokingham, Bracknell, Windsor, Ascot, Maidenhead and Slough will compete in the Red Ball Finals. Teams of four (two boys and two girls in years 5 and 6) from West Berks, Bracknell, Windsor and Slough will compete in the Orange Ball Finals. There will be 86 young tennis players coming to Wargrave Tennis Club to take part. We hope that young leaders who have started their school holidays by 12 July will be able to gain experience of umpiring at this event. It would also be greatly appreciated if any adult members would like to assist on the day. Please let the GDT coaches at Wargrave know if you are available to help.

Members, please note the annual tournament deadlines, which have just been published, and try to get your matches played on time.

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Chalk Pit Cemetery progress

Present Concerns

The response of our appeal to families with graves which contravene Graveyard Regulations has been positive. In recent weeks several graves have been restored to good order. We thank those families most sincerely but many more plots remain to be tackled. Since Oxford Diocese has jurisdiction over our graveyards we necessarily notified the Archdeacon for Berkshire and she has expressed concern. We are trying to contact any families who may be unaware of the legalities. We appeal to everyone involved to fulfil their commitment to the regulations made at the time of the burial. Please call Peter Mayes on 940 2497 if you need help in dealing with a grave or wish to discuss the situation.

Cemetery Lifespan

For the past three years work has been done around the periphery to clear areas of wilderness. This has offered up space for approximately 150 graves. With around four new graves dug each year, the cemetery has capacity for 30 more years. However, year by year more people chose cremation and, on average, twice as many now opt for interment of their ashes. Since the memorial plot only has space for 70 more tablets it may be full within 10 years. Therefore the whole Cemetery area is under review. Recent felling of Sycamores opened up an area suitable for graves or, perhaps, new memorial plots. There's a thought!

And who might fund it?

Peter Mayes, Cemetery Warden

'Friends of the Cemetery'

Early in the year logs from the felled Sycamores were sold in aid of Cemetery maintenance. Following the snowdrops and primroses the grass is growing furiously and demanding mowing. The mild winter spurred a start to the mowing cycle two weeks earlier than expected with the third cut scheduled for the first week of June. There is always work awaiting the contractors. Fortunately new donors have come forward this year and been very welcome.

We must also thank Anthony Preston, who trims the hedges to the memorial plots, and John Fryer's team which keeps the main paths and entrance area trimmed. We need everyone's support to improve the cemetery maintenance whether as donors or as volunteer workers. Please join the 'Friends' and don't hesitate to call me on 940 2656 for information or to discuss our role.

Ann Roberts

Walking the dog in spring

Many thanks to Marc Simmons for this lovely and fascinating photo.



Twyford Singers back British!

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Allotment holders joined forces to share their enthusiasm about allotment holding and growing your own. Many visitors were welcomed to the site and were given the opportunity to share a piece of cake and a cup tea while discussing the merits of home grown fruit and veg. Honey from bee hives that are located on the allotments was also available. As a result of all this allotment love, some new allotment holders were met and welcomed into the WAS community.



WAS showed interested people the different types of allotment space available to rent; it ranges from our very popular share a bed scheme, through quarter and half to whole plot. There truly is something for everyone; a small piece for the first time grower, up to a full sized plot for more experienced hands. And there are always allotment holders ready and willing to share their very own horticultural news and views.

For information about The Woodclyffe Allotment Society contact Amy Battle (07508 021084 or email amybattle@icloud.com)

For enquiries about getting an allotment, please contact the Parish Council (940 6084 or email office@wargrave.org.uk)



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The Wolves: end of season 2015/16

On 21 May, the Wargrave Wolves 2015/16 season finally came to a close.

The football season seems to last longer each year and leaves just three months to pack in cricket, golf, tennis, rowing and Pimms - whoops forgot about the Euros !!!

The day unfortunately delivered football weather, but despite the drizzle there



U8s singing in the rain

was a great turnout from the boys - U7s up to U13s - and parents alike. We have a hardy lot in Wargrave. For an hour and a half the boys managed to play small sided football games through the rain, whilst the mums and dads managed to polish off almost all of the wine and beer and cakes under the gazebos - well done all round.

As outgoing chairman it's been great to see some very good performances from the Wolves across all the age groups this season, including the U12s who have finished 2nd in league 3 out of 7 leagues; a fine achievement for a village with only one team at that age group. The team will be invited to attend a presentation ceremony at the East Berkshire Youth League award night. Very well done boys. Congratulations also to the U10s for returning from the recent Binfield tournament with a winners' trophy.

There are many volunteers that help out in many different capacities - far too many to mention - you know who you are and we are very grateful. Thanks to you, the club continues to thrive and the boys have the opportunity to enjoy their football and the wonderful facilities for sport we have in Wargrave.

Finally I am very pleased to welcome in our new Chairman Andy Meader, who does so much for the club already. I know he will be an absolute asset. I also welcome our new Welfare Officers Debbie Brady and Nicky Barnwell replacing Loretta Bridge who deserves a well earned rest (no chance however - she's sorting all our kit for next season!).



Andy presents Jon with Wolves shirt

We wish all the Wolves boys and parents a great summer.

Jon Colvin

And so to next season, when the Wolves will have 12 teams and over 130 boys. We have however still got space for more players across all the age groups (U7s to U14s), so if you know anyone that wants to get involved with football please direct them to us.

We have some boys that are completely new to football and some who are good enough to train with professional clubs during the week, so whatever the ability and experience we'd love to see them. As a village Club we think it's essential that we offer all boys an opportunity to enjoy their football in a fun, friendly environment, whilst also helping them to become the best player they can be.



Ollie Colvin Club Player of the year

In addition to wanting to hear from new players, we're always happy to hear from new sponsors. We're very grateful to our established sponsors - Charterhouse, Sheeplands, Indzine, Kings Lettings, Martin & Co, The Leather Surgeons, Gardeneer and Talk Talk, but as the Club continues to grow and we develop more pitches and undertake more initiatives such as tours, then any additional funding would be very welcome. In return the Club would be happy to help promote their business as appropriate.

It's great credit to Jon, and the many other helpers behind the scenes, that the Club has grown in just a few years to what it is today. I'll be doing my best to ensure the Club carries on moving in the right direction, and if you have any queries about any aspect of the Club, please visit the website or drop me a line at andymeader70@gmail.com

Andy Meader



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Wargrave Girls' Football Club

On the morning of 21 May the Club held its AGM, Open Day and Presentation of Awards at the Recreation Ground. As is customary with this special day, the weather was lovely and so all the activities took place outside. Over 150 girls with their parents and families turned out to support this event which started with an all-ages tournament. At the AGM that followed the following officers were appointed:

Chairman: Bob Austen
 Secretary: Lucie Matthews
 Registrations Officer: Beverley Eagle
 Treasurer: Danny Malone
 Child Protection Officer: Berni Doyle
 Coaching Advisor: Mat Helsby
 Kit & Equipment: Stuart Edwards and Simon Warren
 Social Secretaries: Yvonne Brown and Rowena McNamara
 Webmaster: Chris Boonham

In his address, Bob thanked the coaches and his fellow officers for their support during another successful season. The Club had learned from the FA that with 210 girls and ladies signed up and playing regular football, WGFC was officially the second biggest girls only football club in the country; a remarkable achievement for a small village in Berkshire. Bob thanked Lisa Taylor who had stepped down as Social Secretary and Steve Cooper who had stepped down as Child Protection Officer, and officially welcomed Lucie Matthews, Berni Doyle and Rowena McNamara onto the committee. Special thanks were given to Martin Woods for his superb husbandry of the pitches and organising the pitch allocation. Bob also paid a special tribute to the Club sponsors - Wargrave Dental Clinic, NatWest, Nuffield Health, Haweli, AMC Computer Supplies, The Abbey Clinic and Eden – a better world of motoring, whose generosity has helped to keep subscriptions low and helped in the purchase of new kit.

On the field, it was a delight to report the success of three particular squads, the U11 Lions, the U12s and the Ladies' 1st Team. The U11 and U12 Squads won their cup finals in a thrilling day for the Club at Thatcham FC on 23 April, and the U12 Squad also came second in their league, a great performance. The Ladies team had another very successful season, winning the Thames Valley Counties Division 1 title in their first year, having been promoted last season as champions of Division 2. To complete a wonderful season of achievement, Coaching Advisor Mat Helsby was awarded the Coach of the Year by the Berks and Bucks FA.

Currently the Club features eight teams in the Berkshire County Girls' Football League and three teams in the Thames Valley Counties Women's Football League, and there is a flourishing Academy. It is likely that there will have to be more teams next year to accommodate all the players. An exciting prospect!

The Club then welcomed the Club President, The Rt Hon Theresa May MP, who once again came to present the awards. The Academy girls started proceedings with a photo shoot to show off their medals and then the awards were presented as below:

Bob paid a special tribute to the retiring coach of the Under 12s Joe Hanley, and he was presented with a departing gift from his squad. Theresa then handed out bouquets to the ladies on the committee and in her concluding speech congratulated all the award winners and the Club on its achievements. Bob presented Theresa with a bouquet and thanked her for her wonderful support for the Club. The morning events ended with a barbeque and all agreed it had been another happy and successful event for the Club.

Bob Austen
 Chairman

Team	Players' Player	Coaches' Player	Most Improved Player
Under 9	S Wakefield	C. Woodman	M. Ryan
Under 10	O. Mortimer	I. Hilditch	J. Hicks
Under 11 Leopards	R. Wetherley-Bates	A. Maston	I. Crowley
Under 11 Lions	F. Clark	M. Barker	C. Smith
Under 12	G. Silby	R. Payne	L. Clark
Under 13 Warriors	Z. Houghton	R. Mortimer	E. David
Under 13 Sparks	I. Boonham	K. George	I. Middlemist
Under 14	Z. Richardson	A. Williams	L. Phillips
Under 16	R. Bateson	A. Weller	A. Mortimer
Ladies' 1st Team	A. Ackroyd	B. Williams	J. Hunt
Ladies' Reserves	M. Arnold	S. Blissett	S. Taylor

Club Top Goal Scorer: F. Gordon
 Club Person of the Year: S. Cooper
 Referees Award (Under 16): I. Devine McGovern

The crisis in General Practice

Dear Wargrave Patients

As your patient representatives on the Wargrave Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG), we are writing to alert you to the problems facing our GP service.

You might have seen media commentary on this as a national problem and wondered how it could affect us in Wargrave, where our surgery has been rated as one of the best in the country for patient satisfaction.

We in the PPG have seen the detail and can report that the pressures on the GP service are real and that they will inevitably risk compromising the high standard that we have come to expect at Wargrave surgery - not suddenly over the next few weeks, but certainly over the next few years.

What are these pressures?

1. Recruitment and retention of GPs

The key to the high standard at Wargrave surgery has been that we have had four long-serving GP partners, highly committed, and prepared to work very long hours. Last year one partner, Dr Boyle, retired, and the challenges of GP recruitment immediately became apparent. The present generation of medical students and graduates are not choosing general practice in the numbers required and are very wary of becoming partners in general practice. The workload, financial pressures and uncertainties of general practice contribute to it being seen as an unattractive career. Many younger GPs are going overseas and older ones are retiring early. This won't change quickly. The Wargrave practice did manage to buck the general trend and has recruited two excellent new GPs: Dr Dan Alton started as a GP Partner in February and is also training as a GP Trainer to develop the practice's capacity to host doctors and nurses in training. Dr Aimee Stocks will be joining the practice for two days a week starting at the end of June and has a particular interest in women's health.

2. Recruitment of practice nurses

Over 50% of the Practice Nurse workforce in England are above the age of 50 (even higher in the Thames Valley) and there is a rapidly worsening UK wide shortage. Wargrave currently has a full complement of practice nurses but the situation across Berkshire is very stretched.

3. Increasing workload

The ratio of patients seeking appointments relative to GP numbers is obviously critical. But with an increasing and ageing population requiring more medical support (so ever more appointments), the workload on Wargrave surgery has risen hugely. (The King's Fund reports average GP consultations up by 15% between 2010 and 2015, but GP workforce has increased by only +4.75% and practice nurse workforce +2.85%).

4. Financial pressure

Put at its simplest, Department of Health and NHS England funding of the GP service has not been keeping pace with inflation let alone the increased workload. General practice funding over the last ten years has dropped from around 11% of the NHS Budget to 6.8% in 2015/16. The new GP Forward Proposals from NHS England promises £2.2 billion of extra funding but much of this will not be in place until 2020. Lack of funding limits workforce, and the development of services

How could these pressures compromise the service at Wargrave surgery?

Doctor and nurse appointments

Our most recent surveys have evidenced very high patient satisfaction with the current appointments system at Wargrave surgery. But can this last? Are we immune from what is happening now in many of our neighbouring practices, where surgeries are re-instituting so-called 'sit and wait' systems, refusing to offer 'slots' on future days, and where patients are having to wait several days (even weeks) for a GP appointment?

Home visits

Our GPs still attend patients at home in extreme cases. However, in the time taken over one home visit, a doctor is losing the opportunity to attend to four or five patients at the surgery. This is bound to lead to prioritisation of home visits for only those patients who cannot attend the Practice.

What are the solutions?

Essentially - over the whole of the GP service - the focus is on making ever more efficient use of stretched resources. It is too early to specify major new initiatives at Wargrave surgery, but the following are typical of what our Wargrave practice is having to consider:



There are things that we, as patients, can do to help make effective use of consulting time. For example patients can measure their own blood pressure, weight, height using the equipment at the self help BP station in the waiting room before going into the consulting room. Patients can have urine samples ready in advance. Be clear about what your priority concerns are.



More GP telephone (or email) consultations. The Practice offers telephone consultation appointments both morning and afternoon. The practice is starting to trial SKYPE / Facetime videoconferencing consultations.



Triage by telephone. Triage means clarifying the nature of the patient's problem and the degree of urgency and guiding the patient to the most appropriate member of the team for their problem. This may be a nurse, pharmacist or even a secretary or specially trained support

The crisis in General Practice (continued)

- ◇ Collaborative working with neighbouring practices to develop services and widen the skills and expertise available to patients.
- ◇ Widening the team to include more voluntary and social care by using volunteers as 'community navigators', whose purpose is to guide patients with particular conditions to the appropriate social services and/or voluntary support groups.
- ◇ Widening the mix of clinical skills and expertise within the team. For example from July Wargrave and Twyford Practices are working with the Royal Berkshire Hospital starting a six month pilot project evaluating the role of a pharmacist in general practice and hospital.
- ◇ Paramedics. Some practices are including paramedics to expand the capacity and expertise within their practice teams.
- ◇ Community Pharmacists. Encouraging patients to make more use of the know-how of local pharmacists in regard to minor conditions.
- ◇ Physician Associates, that is science graduates who have undertaken a two year intensive postgraduate training in healthcare at a university.
- ◇ Increasing our capacity to care for ourselves. Many minor conditions and self-limiting minor infections do not need treatments from a GP or Nurse and will resolve on their own over a short period of time (colds, diarrhoea and vomiting, minor bruises and strains etc). There is very good advice and support available from community pharmacists or on line or on the phone (NHS Choices and Patient.co.uk).

As a PPG our conclusions are:

1. Although many of the above 'solutions' might be considered less than ideal compared with the service we have been used to, we have to be supportive and patient (in the other sense of the word) in seeing how the Wargrave practice develops some of them. We remain sure that our doctors will still try to make the best possible decisions, within the restrictions of limited resources, for the good of the practice and its patients.
2. It has sometimes been suggested that we should 'ask the patients' (e.g. through our local PPG surveys) to give their order of preference for the range of solutions being considered. But people can only answer whether they would prefer a) or b) after an impossibly detailed exposition of what a) or b) mean and how they might be carried out. At the meetings of the PPG with our Wargrave practice we will always endeavour to express a patient viewpoint about planned new initiatives by the surgery.
3. The PPG should continue to carry out local patient surveys (Our Patient Panel now consists of about 1250 respondents) to measure patients' level of satisfaction with their surgery over time and to draw out patients opinions. In the meantime any comments from patients concerning this communication and the issues outlined would be welcomed by the undersigned members of the PPG:
4. If patients feel strongly about the issues raised here about GP recruitment and funding and the wider impact on universal healthcare in the UK, they can of course write to their political representatives (e.g. Rt. Hon. Theresa May MP, House of Commons, London, SW1 0AA).

Wargrave Surgery Patient Participation Group

Wargrave Surgery PPG

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Wargrave Cricket Club



Photo left: Wargrave's own Euan Woods in action; below, good crowds enjoy the day.



Berkshire v. Oxfordshire

What a fabulous day!

All the hard work by various elements of the club paid off as Wargrave hosted this Unicorn Trophy 50 over match on 8 May. Plenty of supporters and villagers enjoyed exciting one-day cricket at its best played on a hot sunny day.

Both sides displayed the skill and athleticism that we normally only see on television. Berkshire batted first and set a formidable total of 257-8 off their 50 overs, Hussain making 78 and R K Morris 52. In reply Oxfordshire were stunned early by losing two wickets in Nugent's first over. However they held on and gradually approached the Berkshire total. Euan Woods bowled well to remove some of the danger, but it all came down to the last ball of the game and Oxfordshire ended up three short!

The day's success was assured by the provision of a perfect wicket by groundsman Martin Woods. Both sides expressed their satisfaction of this and the other facilities provided by the club. We hope more county cricket will come to Wargrave in the future. The good crowd of watchers enjoyed the refreshments, the cricket and the wonderful atmosphere created on the day.



Club news

All sides have now started their league season and are getting into the swing of things, despite the weather once again being far from favourable. Sadly Sunday cricket seems to be less appealing than it was and some fixtures have been cancelled. If you would like to play Sunday cricket please come up to the club and let us know.

First Team scorer required

We are currently on the lookout for a new scorer for our 1st team League matches. This would be a good opportunity for a person with

Forthcoming matches

Saturday	18 June	1st XI	Burnham 2	Recreation Ground
Saturday	25 June	2nd XI	Cove 3	Recreation Ground
Saturday	25 June	3rd XI	Newbury 3	Knowl Hill
Saturday	2 July	1st XI	High Wycombe 2	Recreation Ground
Sunday	3 July	Chairman's XI	Chiltern League XI	Recreation Ground
Saturday	9 July	1st XI	Chiswick & Whitton	Recreation Ground
Saturday	9 July	3rd XI	Finchampstead 5	Crazies Hill

some cricket experience to be involved as an essential 'member of the team' on a regular basis.

Although the role is voluntary, training will be given and appropriate course

Wargrave Cricket Club (continued)



fees would be covered by the club. If you think that this would be for you, please contact Club

Secretary Ken Clark on 966 5977 or email kenclark3@btinternet.com), or just pop up to the club and express your interest.

Facilities - £50,000 National Lottery funding from Sport England

Our most exciting news is that the club has received a major Sport England award to vastly improve its training facilities. This fund has been helping breathe new life into community sports facilities since 2011. It will allow WCC to develop three new full length practice bay nets.

Club Chairman Phil Drew said 'We are thrilled to receive the support of Sport England to further our ambition of providing the best opportunities and safest facilities to promote cricket to all levels and age groups. It is especially pleasing as we can now provide enhanced coaching and practice facilities to more local boys and girls, with thanks to Sport England, Inspired Facilities award and the National Lottery.'

Wargrave is among 148 local sports projects to secure a share of £9 million. The aim of this funding is to help more people have a sporting habit for life. More opportunities are being created for young people to play sport and to nurture and develop their talent. It is hoped that work will begin shortly at the recreation ground and coaches and players at every level are eager to see the project completed and ready for use.

Sefton Hewitt

Loddon District Cub Scout shelter-building competition

*If you go down to the woods today
You're sure of a big surprise.
If you go down to the woods today
You'd better go in disguise!*

*For every cub that ever there was
Will gather there for certain,
Because today's the day the
cubs are building shelters*

*Shelter building for cub scouts
The Loddon district cubs are having
A lovely time today.
Watch them, catch them unawares,
And see them shelter building all
the day*

*See them running all about.
They love to play and shout,
They never have any care;*

Well, you get the idea.



On Sunday 8 May the 1st Wargrave Scout group hosted the first Loddon District shelter building competition with kind permission from Dick Bush to use his copse of trees as the site. 15 teams of three cubs descended on the woods. The competition rules were simple, construct a shelter without tools using the materials available, each team was allowed a tarpaulin and rope. There was a tremendous range of construction, which left the judges with a tricky task. I am very grateful to the Loddon Scout Active Support(SAS) for agreeing to act as the judges; Robin Philips, Clive Boys and Norman Webber as you can imagine the cubs were very impressed when they heard that all the judges were from the SAS.



The shelter building competition forms part of a series of events run by the Loddon District Scout Association that includes groups in Sonning, Twyford, Hurst, Woodley and Earley as well as Wargrave. The cubs compete in chess, swimming, a general knowledge quiz, a scrapheap challenge and air-rifle shooting and points are awarded for each competition and at the end of the year a District trophy is presented. 1st Wargrave Wildcats are the current holders but 1st Wargrave Pumas won the rifle shooting and came second in the shelter building so the competition is close to see if Wargrave can retain the trophy.

The presentation of the trophy for the shelter building was made by Pete Fry the 1st Wargrave Group Scout Leader to Sara, James and Jacq. from the Wargrave Wildcats. The trophy is an original piece of art created by Pete and now sits safely in the Wargrave trophy cabinet. Parents and leaders enjoyed a wonderful afternoon tea arranged by Caroline Atkinson and the Wargrave Scouts to help fund their summer camp in Finland.

We may have had a home advantage, as not every pack in the district has a wood within walking distance but I am pretty sure the other packs will be back next year fully prepared to beat us at one of the Wargrave cubs' favourite activities. So if you go down to the woods today don't be too surprised if there are lots of cubs building shelters, making noise and having fun.

Richard Best

Home Secretary joins in the fun at Henley Sailing Club



On Saturday 21 May Henley Sailing Club once again opened its doors to the public as part of the Royal Yachting Association's 'Push the Boat Out' promotion of water sports. Joining the club members and visiting public on the day was local MP Theresa May who was keen to see for herself what we get up to.

Unlike at the club's Open Day the previous week, the Thames stream was calmer and members, as well as many visitors who had missed out at the Open Day, were able to get a full complement of boats out on the water to enjoy the south westerly breeze. There was something for everyone to try their hand at, from Toppers to Mirrors, as well as local resident Steve

Gent's supercharged National 12 club Topper'. Some were more successful than others, with one unlucky sailor taking a dip in the Thames right on cue for our special guest's arrival!

'What we're all about - trying to have as much fun as possible out on the water with friends'



'It was great fun seeing everyone test their skills around the lap we'd set out in front of the clubhouse and it was a perfect way for everyone to get engaged with what we're all about - trying to have as much fun as possible out on the water with friends', said Adam Sokolowski, the club's training officer.

Henley Sailing Club is located off Willow Lane, Wargrave. For further details see www.henleysailingclub.org.uk

James Cox

Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta swim

The friendly, local open-water swim will take place on Saturday 6 August at 6.30am

Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta's open-water swim returns for its sixth year. It's a perfect opportunity for those wanting to try open-water swimming in a safe environment.

The swim has established itself as a friendly event which encourages participation by all ages and abilities. It attracts experienced swimmers and those relatively new to open water in equal measure.

This year sees the return of the popular 'Go with the Flow' option for those who want to take things a little bit less seriously! Participants will walk the upstream portion of the course before entering the water by the railway bridge. Then

it's up to you - swim 500 metres downstream at your own pace and just go with the flow!

The popular 1,000m and 2,000m options will take place prior to the 'Go with the Flow' swim at 6.30am. The 1,000m course consists of a swim up-stream from just above The St George and Dragon pub to the railway bridge and back. Competitors in the 2,000m swim complete two laps of the same course.

As always, safety is paramount and canoeists from Wargrave Boating Club will escort participants throughout the swim, aided by spotters on the bank. All competitors will be rewarded with breakfast as they take time to recover from their early morning exertions.

Feedback from last year's event was extremely positive, with participants enjoying the friendly and low-key atmosphere. A number of them were trying open-water swimming for the first time and loved the opportunity to take part in a safe and controlled environment.

Once refreshed, swimmers are encouraged to stay for the rest of the day's events. They can sign up for the scratch dongola crews straight after or just choose to relax and enjoy the racing from the enclosure.

Places are limited and registration is now open and accessible from the main Wargrave and Shiplake Regatta site www.wsregatta.co.uk

Michael Crook

QE90

Our centrefold this month shows Tim Hodges' photograph of the celebrations on Mill Green, taken from the church tower.

The photo is available to purchase from Tim's website www.timhodes.co.uk for £12. This price includes postage.

All profits will go to the Wargrave Doctors' Fund, which exists to help needy families, adults and children, in Wargrave. Please support this excellent charity.



The sun shone on Mill Green (eventually)

Many thanks to the Queen's 90th Birthday Party Committee for such an enjoyable and well organised afternoon. They are Andy Ferguson, Bob Austen, Cath Forsaith, Dave Smith, Graham Howe, Graham Jones, Kevin Southworth and Salome Laschinger.

In next month's edition of the *Wargrave News* we hope to show more photos of the celebrations held in honour of the Queen's 90th birthday. Please send us your favourites by the next copy date, which is Friday 1 July.

The Editors

Big birthdays at Elizabeth Court

Meanwhile the Elizabeth Court Queen's Birthday celebrations had taken place on Friday 10 June. Residents met in the lounge and were treated to live entertainment, including a young lady named Michele singing many songs we all recognised. Tables were decorated with Crown and flower centre pieces, made by a group of residents led by Maureen

Heginbotham and the room was full of red white and blue. Guests had to guess the baby – pictures of young Management Team members which raised a lot of laughs and many memories going back over the Queen's reign were shared. The younger generation were represented by Alfie, six year old grandson of the Hurleys, who held the dance floor and

announced the quiz answers.

Also marking a birthday was John Hitchens who celebrated his 101st at the end of May. John was feted by his family, including his niece who came from Canada, on 28 May at a party in his flat.

We have now moved into the 21st century! Following a request from residents, the Committee has arranged for Internet access to be available to all residents in the lounge at Elizabeth Court. Residents are now able to set up their tablets/laptops and surf the net, Skype with far-flung family and do their shopping! Thanks to Martin Smith and Ken Grover for their hard work on this.

Shirley Collie



The Queen's 90th Mill Gr Sunday



70th Birthday Celebration Green Wargrave 12th June 2016



2nd Wargrave Brownies

This term we have been spending as much time as possible outside. We welcomed lots of new Brownies and look forward to showing them all the fun that we have.

We started the term with some skipping practise, and then had an evening of skipping and agility. We took part in a sponsored skip in aid of the British Heart Foundation. We are still awaiting the final count, but we have raised over £200 for this very worthwhile cause. Part of our Brownie promise is to serve our community; raising money for such a worthwhile cause is one way that we can demonstrate this service. The Brownies also achieved their agility badges during the evening.



View of a lock

We spent a great evening at Dinton Pastures, pond dipping. We were blessed with fantastic weather and very clear water in the pond. The girls found much of interest including tadpoles, beetles and leeches. The Brownies were especially fascinated with the caddis fly larvae they found.

If you would like to join 2nd Wargrave Brownies, please register your interest by visiting www.girlguiding.org.uk and clicking on 'Get Involved'. If you would like further information about 2nd Wargrave Brownies or would like to join us as a volunteer, please contact us at 2ndwargravebrownies@gmail.com.



Nets at the ready

We also spent a great evening dodging the showers in Henley. We took the train from Wargrave station and the conductor was very surprised when we asked for 19 children's tickets!

We then walked along the river to the lock. Nigel, the lock keeper, gave us a very interesting talk about the lock and showed us how it worked. We were able to watch a boat go through the lock as Nigel was demonstrating the gates to us.

We have lots more activities planned this term including celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday and an evening of den building and marshmallows at Braywick Nature Reserve.

Fluffy Owl



What have I caught?



Happy train travellers



1st Wargrave Guides

With the longer evenings, we have been able to get out and about more. We had a lovely evening in the woods following trails, fording streams, tying knots and building dens. A reward for tying a knot correctly was a chocolate Freddo. It's amazing how that spurs on the right skills, and everyone got one!



Catherine Abbott teaching Chloe to tie a special knot

We have also completed our Growing Up Wild badges of In the Woods, Outdoor Homes and In an Emergency. Doing these 'Paw Print' badges was great fun and we learned a lot too.



The Caterpillar Patrol takes a well-earned rest

For our Outdoor Homes badges, we also decided to go back in time

and put up one of the green patrol tents that we have. The younger Guides were amazed that we actually used these great big heavy things years ago!



Ella peeking out in amazement that her patrol got the tent up!

The leaders loved the smell of the canvas as it evoked such wonderful memories of Guide camps from yesteryear.

As this is a very special birthday year for the Queen, we spent an evening making scones (from lemonade, cream and flour) and clothes fit for a queen.



Mia enjoying her new clothes and her new royal role

The designs the Guides came up with were very innovative and, of

course, we had to have a royal parade followed by jam, cream and scones for tea!

Our last night before half-term was a very active one, when Reading Superstars Cheerleading instructors came and showed us the basic skills of cheerleading.

The Senior Section, who were outside cardboard-box-cooking, were so interested in what we were doing that they decided to join in too. With lots of shaking of arms, hips, legs and pompoms, the girls gradually learned a routine and they performed the complete dance to us at the end of the evening. As you can see from some of our snaps below, they were brilliant!



Ta-dah!



Kira and Chloe enjoy the cheerleading

If your daughter would be interested in joining Guides, please visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on 'Get involved'.

Tamsin Phipps
1st Wargrave Guide Leader



Wargrave Senior Section

Wargrave Senior Section has had an

action-packed half term so far, trying out all sorts of activities to go towards our Chief Guide's Challenge. This is the second highest award that can be achieved in Girlguiding – second to the Queen's Guide Award.

Our highlight so far has been visiting White Waltham Airfield to experience their flight simulator.



Imogen learning how to fly a plane

It was a lot more difficult than we thought it would be and, thankfully, we never actually left the ground, as a few of us crashed during the flight!



Adele and Saoirse inside the flight simulator

Thanks to the Joystick Club for organising this activity for us.

We have completed the Mission Spectacular Challenge, which is a special badge to commemorate the Senior Section centenary. It involved us lighting fires, toasting marshmallows to make s'mores (a traditional campfire treat), teamwork games and more!



Above: Toasting marshmallows for s'mores

Below: Teamwork games



We also tie-dyed some bags and t-shirts as part of our creativity octant. We were really impressed with the results and look forward to wearing our creations.



Above: Tie-dying our t-shirts

Below: One of our creations... we're impressed, are you?



Saoirse, Adele and Aimee ran an evening for the Rainbows to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. They finger-painted a birthday card, decorated crowns and played lots of royalty-related games. Well done, you three – you did a fantastic job and thank you to the Rainbows for inviting us.

Our last activity of this half-term was cardboard box cooking. We had to wrap the boxes up in foil and then place a disposable barbecue inside.



Aimee and Saoirse cooking pizzas inside a cardboard oven

We successfully cooked pizzas and attempted cakes, but we managed to burn those as we got too carried away with cheerleading so they were a bit crunchy!



Cheerleading!

Our unit is for girls and young women aged between 14 and 26. If you are interested in joining, please email amber.p.owen96@gmail.com or visit www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on 'Get involved'.

Amber Owen

Catch up with Crazies Hill and Cockpole Green

Come on, Eileen... it's time to put your feet up!

Eileen Holmes, retiring headmistress of Crazies Hill School, says she will remember her time here with great fondness. And, one would hope, with great pride, too.

For, during her 11 years as head, she has overseen a period of significant growth, in terms of both pupil numbers and facilities.

When Eileen first joined the school in September 2005, the number of children taught there was in the low sixties, but under her headship those figures grew steadily, peaking at a glorious 100 a couple of years ago and now consistently in the mid-nineties.

This growth in numbers in turn fuelled a growth in working and teaching space. When Eileen arrived at Crazies Hill, the bursar had a desk in the corner of the staffroom, and the secretary's office was in the middle of a walkway. So, she was delighted when, in 2012, she was able to oversee a series of improvements to the fabric of the school. First, a new office area was created, and then the reception classroom was extended so that pupils had a 'fabulous' space for active learning, as well as an attractive outside area all to themselves.

And thanks to the efforts of a fund-raising team at the school, £25,000 was raised to improve drainage and maintenance so that the playing field is now usable for most of the year. Finally, just last year, the school's computer suite was completely refurbished to create a tranquil and inspiring area, well equipped to meet the challenges of the new computing curriculum.

While Eileen is justifiably proud of the school's academic achievements – only recently Crazies Hill was again judged 'Good' following an Ofsted inspection – she is equally proud of the vast range of experiences the school makes

available to its pupils. For her, it's essential that the children should have fun as well as work hard. She insists that it's important that children enjoy learning and she's always delighted to hear the sound of laughter as she walks around the school.

Clearly, for Eileen, teaching is not only a career, it's a vocation. Having studied Music at Colchester, she qualified to teach at Manchester and spent three years in her first post at a private school in south London. Having moved briefly to live in the States with her new husband Brian, she taught at a middle school in Slough on her return for a number of years. She left there when her son Matthew was born and, two years later, daughter Joanna. But she says for her, the desire to teach has been strong and once her children were happily established in their own schools, she started doing supply work which, unsurprisingly, swiftly led to a permanent position at Bearwood School. She spent her last four years there as deputy head, before coming to her final position, here at Crazies Hill.

Chair of governors David Wyatt paid tribute to her commitment over the last 11 years. He said: 'Eileen has led our school through a decade of massive change in education. Throughout that, visitors have always recognised our children as some of the politest, most welcoming and friendly they've seen, and the school has consistently been at the top of the local performance tables. These achievements reflect Eileen's priorities: the children always come first, the school must be at the heart of the local community, and from building a strong community comes the encouragement for everyone to do their best. Eileen cares as much as anyone about the school's continued success; we're confident her successor will carry forward those ideals and maintain her achievements. Eileen isn't retiring, she's changing her lifestyle. We'll miss her, so while we wish her every joy in her future, we hope

she'll come and check on us from time to time!'

As you would expect though, from such an energetic individual, that lifestyle change is going to be far from relaxing for our much admired headmistress. Daughter Joanna is getting married in September and then Eileen and her husband will enjoy a Caribbean cruise as well as lots more travelling during term time – at last. Then, who knows? While she's a keen golfer and also considering charity work, Brian is developing his skills in upholstery, so she fears a fair bit of her time could be taken up with selling the many chairs they've acquired along the way.

Whatever you decide, Eileen, we wish you a very happy retirement!



PHOTO Crazies Hill CE Primary School Head Teacher Eileen Holmes with Elizabeth, Lauryn, Hugo and Harrison and two of the chicks that hatched in Ashley classroom

Hennerton Golf Club

For golfers at Hennerton, last winter was particularly unkind. Wet but mild weather meant the course had to be closed for the best part of three months after muddy conditions were exacerbated by an unprecedented number of worm casts, which made it impossible to bring in machinery to improve things.

But such muddy misery is now a thing of the past, thanks to the introduction of a state-of-the-art golf simulator, which means members – and non-members – can play the

Catch up with Crazies Hill and Cockpole Green (cont.)

game on world-class courses all year round, whatever the weather.

While the top-of-the-range technology in a purpose-built studio can be used for coaching, private practice and club and ball fitting, it can also be used for competitive golf and offers the opportunity to play some of the game's best courses in a 'home from home' environment. The first of its kind in this area, the high-tech swing analyser is billed as the sport's most advanced ball and club monitoring technology and has the endorsement of PGA America. This GC2 launch monitor uses high-resolution cameras to capture up to 10,000 frames per second and a stereoscopic lens that emulates 'human eye' spatial recognition. That means it can measure all aspects of a player's performance and record improvements – or not. It also means that for a mere £25 per hour (£30 for non-members), enthusiasts can play competitive golf in a warm, relaxing environment, pretty much from the comfort of the sofas provided.

Club pro Glenn Johnson said the simulator would offer a new dimension to coaching that couldn't be taught on the driving range. He said it also provided a great alternative in winter months for golfers less likely to go out to play in harsh conditions, and as a quick fix for those time-poor players, who would be able to complete a round in less than half the time it takes to walk the course.

So far, members – who have been overwhelmingly enthusiastic about this new installation – have been playing Arnold Palmer's Teton Pines golf course. By the time we get round to the Ryder Cup in September, they will be able to play as well as offer a ball-by-ball account of the Hazeltine course and, potentially, up to 50 others.

And if this simulator is good enough for Tiger Woods and for

world-renowned coach Butch Harman, who knows where that might lead...



A simulator means mud-free golf at last

Return journey

A photograph in the *Henley Standard* of The Flying Scotsman on a return trip through Twyford, en route from Paddington to Salisbury, evoked mixed memories for Crazies Hill resident Venetia Croxford.

Way back in 1941, she, her mum and her six-month-old sister Jenny boarded the train at King's Cross to visit her aunt Marjorie, who was gravely ill, in Edinburgh. Venetia remembers that the now iconic train was packed with airmen and soldiers sitting on their cases, making it impossible to move around, when suddenly an air raid warning sounded and the train was plunged into darkness: a very frightening moment for an eight-year-old child, who has, thankfully, lived to tell the tale.

Sadly, aunt Marjorie, who was suffering from rheumatic fever that began in her childhood, as it did so often in those days, died just a month after their visit. Fittingly, her coffin was brought home on The Flying Scotsman.

AGM

Last month's Annual General Meeting of the Residents' Association saw the resignation of three members of the committee. Treasurer John Ladd, Secretary and all-round Good Egg Priscilla McNair, and Tess Dixon departed the team for pastures new and were replaced by Bowsey Hill's Graham Tweddle and Crazies Hill's husband-wife combo Sue Robinson and Rick Jones.

Chairman David Noyes also announced that he would be stepping down to the role of treasurer and Dave Smith would take on leadership of the committee. Resident and former committee member Adrienne Rance thanked David for his contribution to the association. Thanks were also recorded to retiring headmistress of Crazies Hill School, Eileen Holmes, who was presented with a bouquet of flowers after providing an account of the academic year.

David gave an account of the association's activities over the last year and highlighted the importance of residents supporting fundraising activities to raise the £1,000 annual maintenance and insurance costs for the green and various verges. He also thanked all members of the committee and reiterated the need for 'new blood' to join the team and contribute to the wellbeing of Crazies Hill and Cockpole Green.

If you are considering joining the committee, please contact new chairman Dave Smith at dave@thesmithy.me.uk.

School news

Summer fayre raises £1,327

Last month's PTA summer fayre – featuring Pimm's by the barbecue – raised £1,327 for Crazies Hill School. Many thanks to members of the PTA committee – Jo Southwell, Cathryn Willemse and Becky Greenham – for their planning and organisation, and also thank you to the staff, parents and children for helping to run the events.

And another thank you!

Crazies Hill Primary received an amazing £1,012.24 (top prize £2,000) for all the *Twyford Advertiser's* Cash For Schools tokens collected. Huge thanks to everyone who supported this initiative.

Tess Dixon

Wargrave Baby and Toddler Group



Summer fun

We've had some great sessions lately with lots of mums, nannies, carers and grandparents coming along with their small charges. The slides and cars are still very popular, as are the glue and stickers. It's lovely to see the children making friends, sharing the toys (mostly!) and taking turns on the bigger equipment.

The craft table will be busy over the next few weeks as we have crowns to make for the Queen's birthday celebrations, quickly followed by Father's Day cards and pictures. We've got lots of stickers, glue, crayons and glitter all ready!

We would like to say a big thank you to Trisha Southworth, who has very kindly been helping us out on Tuesday mornings, which means a much more relaxed and organised session all round!

Over the next few weeks, we have Carozel, Love Viva, Usborne Books and Phoenix Cards coming along to help you update your summer look, buy a few surprises in advance of summer holiday journeys or get organised for birthdays!

Wargrave Baby and Toddler Group is a fun and friendly group run by local parents. We meet every Tuesday morning during term-time in the Scout Hut, next to the Preschool on the recreation ground (plenty of free parking available nearby). Sessions run from 9.30am until 11.00am. Drop in any time! It costs just £2.50 for one child and £1 for each additional child, which includes refreshments. Your first session is free and there's no need to book.

Email us at wargravebabyandtoddler@hotmail.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

Madeleine Murray

Wargrave Pre-School

Sports Day

We are all hoping for good weather on 23 June, as this is the date of this year's Sports Day. In what is always a fun-filled day, the children will take part in a range of activities, and there will also be a race for all the competitive parents – so don't forget your trainers!

Sports Day will take place at the recreation ground next to the pre-school, and siblings and other family members are welcome. Please be aware that the event is subject to postponement if the weather is too bad.

End of term trip and picnic

We'd also like to extend an invitation to all children, parents, carers, and siblings to Wargrave Pre-School's end of term trip and picnic. This will take place on Friday 15 July at Camp Mohawk, from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The end of year trip is a lovely opportunity to have some fun with the children and their families before we break up for the summer holidays. We also have a special presentation, where we say goodbye to our leavers moving on to infant school in September, even though it seems like only yesterday that a lot of them joined us!

Summer reminders for parents and carers

Now the summer is upon us, we'd also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers to ensure that children have clearly labelled sun cream at pre-school, as well as sunhats and sunglasses where needed. This will enable them to safely enjoy the outside area of the pre-school, which is where we all want to be when the sun is shining.

Prospective parents

If you are a prospective parent and wish to secure a place at Wargrave Pre-School, please contact our Operations Manager, Alison Wayland, by emailing info@wargravepreschool.com. Or, if you would like to look around, please call our Supervisor, Melissa, on 940 3127. Our full admissions policy and procedures and all our contact details can be found on our website: www.wargravepreschool.com.

Dustin Handcock

Wargrave 10K race: the winning times

On Sunday 12 June, 409 runners completed the Wargrave charity 10K race. Well done to you all! Look out for the grand total raised in the next issue of *Wargrave News*. In the meantime, we're delighted to confirm the winners:

The first man to the finish was Alexander Miller of Belgrave Harriers, in a time of 33:43. The winning lady was Samantha Amend from Belgrave Harriers, who completed the race with a time of 37:30. Winning Wargrave Runners man was Alex Scott, who reached the finish in a time of 37:29 (12th place overall). The first Wargrave Runners lady was Emma Theron, who ran the race in a time of 46:34.

The 10K committee would like to express huge thanks to all of the marshals out on the course. They play a very important role and many of the runners comment on the brilliant marshal support around the course.

Mandy Doward

WAGs' weekend

For the last 26 years the intrepid Wargrave Adventurers' Group (WAGs) have set off to a different part of the country to have a change of scene and try something new. This year it was Holme Lacy in Herefordshire that 33 of us graced with our presence (!)

Nordic Walking

Holme Lacy is near Hereford, a small medieval town. We stayed in the Holme Lacy House Hotel – a beautiful Georgian Manor House with stunning gardens in which, thanks to Wendy Morley and Mike Watt, several of us had our first experience of nordic walking, and observed the many birds in the extensive grounds. Having sniggered a few times, from the safety of my car, at groups of nordic walkers as they strode along the A4, I was surprised to realize that it is, in fact, very good exercise for the shoulders, back and arms as well as legs!

Hiking

James Forster organised a walk through the beautiful Herefordshire countryside - 11 miles for the hardy, five miles for those who wanted to spend the afternoon at the Mappa Mundi (Map of the World) in Hereford Cathedral.



Here is his account:

'On the Saturday morning and with the sun shining, a party of 24 hikers enjoyed a moderate five mile circular walk from Woolhope with a halfway stop at the 13th century Sollers Hope Church for refreshment. 'Hope' means a small enclosed blind valley and when you look at the hilly landscape in this area it is not surprising that the name appears so often.

After a delicious lunch at The Crown Inn, Woolhope, a smaller yet intrepid party walked a further six miles back to the hotel. The itinerary incorporated a steady climb through Haugh Wood which is an important site for butterflies and, prior to Holme Lacy, the route included an easy and pleasant path along the banks of the River Wye, albeit with an aromatic section alongside a very bright yellow rape field.'

Mappa Mundi

Sheila Williams organised the visit to the Mappa Mundi.



This is what she wrote:

'More than half the Wargrave Adventurers went on an adventure through time in Hereford. A guided visit to the ancient Cathedral took us back to its Norman foundation through being a site of murder, pilgrimage, civil war and, surprisingly, two collapses due to earthquake and over-enthusiastic extension-building. More modern additions included some exquisite interpretive stained glass and tapestries by John Piper; some of us stayed on to listen to the current choir who form part of the renowned Three Choirs Festival. A further modern addition is the award winning building housing the Cathedral's historic chained library and the unique Mappa Mundi. This gem of British History is the first attempt at a map of the world. It has Jerusalem at the centre and is orientated with East at the top. It contains some 1,000 features of interest to the medieval user, such as The River Thames, The River Nile, where to find Hereford Cathedral, elephants, unicorns, the Maze of the Minotaur, etc. OK, maybe some of the items were slightly more fanciful, but they did know which way to head for the Silk

Road and that the earth was not flat, which was pretty good going. The map represents a first step in the adventure of travel and exploration and, fittingly, a copy of it was taken by Tim Peake to the Space Station last year.'



Cycling

David Williams organised the cycling for the WAGs weekend, and this is what he wrote about it:

'A cycling adventure has always been part of the WAGS weekend. We did mountain biking in North Wales, when mountain bikes were a rarity, cycled the Tarka trail in Devon and used dedicated cycle ways in Derbyshire along disused railway tracks. We have even had longer trips cycling the Ridgeway Trail and the South Downs Way. This year we had a gentle cycle along forest trails in the Forest of Dean, having lunch next to a lake. This area featured something called 'Go Ape' - a high wire trail and off road Segways. Our next adventure beckons - are you going to join us?'

Our thanks go to James, Sheila, David and all the other WAGs who took a lot of trouble to organise activities which made the weekend so memorable.

Roll on next year! Where will the WAGs go next?

Ellen Lindsay

Photos by Sheila Williams, David Williams and David Lindsay

The Piggott School Prom

From this:-



The class of 2011 celebrated their prom at Sonning Golf Club. The modes of transport to bring them to the event ranged from working tractors and camper vans to open topped sports cars, Rolls Royce and stretch limousines.

It was hard to believe the same students who had been in school that morning in their 'mess up' uniform could turn from ugly ducklings into such elegant swans. All the boys looked very smart in their new suits and colour co-ordinated ties alongside the girls in their long dresses, blue being very much the colour theme for this season.



To this :-



One group of boys surprised us all by revealing superhero tee shirts under their shirts. Others displayed their talents with karaoke skills. Many took to the floor to dance the night away, oblivious for those few hours that their GCSE examinations started in earnest on the Monday morning, their first

exam being Religious Education. We wish them every success in their examinations and hope that they will return in September, with excellent results, so that they can study in The Piggott School sixth form.

Gillian Maloney

Hare Hatch Sheeplands



The response from Wokingham Borough Council to a freedom of information request has revealed it has only received three complaints over planning issues at Hare Hatch Sheeplands Garden Centre in Twyford.

When asked how many complaints they had received and over what period of time the council replied 'Three recorded since 2013'. Yet it is unable to say who the complaints were from, whether they were a business or individual, or where they lived or worked. In response to those questions it stated the 'information is not held, we are unable to respond. Comments received by email'.

This has angered Hare Hatch Sheeplands' Operations Director, Andy Dicks, who said this week 'Council leader Andy Couldrick has gone on record as saying the enforcement notice against us was issued as a direct result of complaints. Now it seems there were only three and the council can't even tell us who made them.' He is also angry that the council says it has only recorded 206 letters received in support of Sheeplands. He asked 'what about all the other emails and several hundred comments of support made on the petition?'

Mr Dicks pointed out that in response to Hare Hatch Sheeplands' supporters and to the media Mr Couldrick and Head of Development Management and Regulatory Services, Clare Lawrence, have consistently said they had to consider and act on the letters of complaint they had received.

'Does that include a letter sent on behalf of Wyevale Garden Centre by their own planning consultants? Who were the other two complainants and why can't they tell us?' he asked.

'At no point have they ever admitted there were only three. Why react in such dramatic fashion to so few complaints but reject hundreds of responses in favour of the site and a petition that has now gathered 11,000 signatures and is growing daily. Where's the logic in that?'

Mr Dicks said that garden centre owner Rob Scott is convinced the council is set on a course of action that it knows will eventually turn the centre into a loss-making business and force it to close down.

'What do they hope to achieve as a result of that?' he asked. 'A flourishing and successful garden centre will be turned into a derelict, weed infested wasteland with crumbling buildings creating an eyesore and a home for the rats.'

'The council will also cause 100 people to lose their jobs, several one-man businesses to relocate or close down completely, local suppliers to lose income and the community to lose a valuable asset. Is that how a council should behave?'

'I would love to know what they expect to see on our site in a couple of years if they succeed in destroying such a successful business.'

However, Mr Dicks has made it clear that the fight for planning approval goes on. 'We remain open for business as usual,' he stressed. 'We have an appeal against the injunction set for July and an enquiry into the council's refusal to grant a Certificate of Lawful Use takes place in September.'

'Rob Scott is determined to continue the fight for justice and to protect the future of his loyal staff and customers.'

Brian Roach

Wargrave Library

We are endeavouring to resurrect the Knit Wits in the library on every third Wednesday in the month. If you would like to learn to knit, need to rediscover long unused previous skills or just love to knit, then please join us in Wargrave Library from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. There is always tea and coffee available and often the odd biscuit.

We are part of the group of ladies and, yes, gentlemen who decorate the village with the smile-making graffiti during the Village Festival, now only 12 months away. We need to get going if we are to do justice to next year's theme of 'Out of this world'. Aliens, stars, planets; you name it we can knit it!

Please just turn up as we would love to see you.

The Knit Wits



The library is also used for the following activities which you are cordially welcome to join:

Crafts & Laughs - 1st Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Coffee and Cakes - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 9.30am to 1.00pm

Monday Bookworms - 1st Monday of the month, 2.15pm to 3.15pm

Woodclyffe Book Club - 3rd Monday of the month, 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Bridge - every Thursday, 2.00pm to 4.00pm, in the Sansom Room

Knit Wits - 3rd Wednesday of the month, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Rhymetime - every Monday during term time, 4.00pm to 4.30pm, in the Sansom Room

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Wargrave Parish Council

Summary of Minutes of the Wargrave Annual Parish Council meeting held on 16 May 2016. Full minutes can be found on the website wargrave.org.uk.

Present were Councillors Bush (Chairman), Mrs Pope, Cattermole and Luckwell.

In attendance were Mr Hedges (Clerk & Proper Officer) Mrs Quinn (Responsible Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk)

Elections

Councillor Bush was elected Chairman.

Members were informed that there were no new Members for Co-option and it was agreed to highlight Councillor vacancies in the *Wargrave News*.

Councillor Luckwell was elected Vice-chairman. Councillor Cattermole was appointed as Lead Member for Finance for the municipal year

The Chairman and Councillor Mrs Pope would represent the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Action Group.

Mr Peter Whitehead was appointed as Independent Auditor for the municipal year.

Lead members for committees were appointed as follows:

Policy and General Purposes – Councillor Luckwell

Planning & Highways – Councillor Luckwell

Recreation Ground and Open Spaces – Councillor Mrs Pope

Environment – Councillor Cardy

Buildings – Councillor Davies

Matters arising from the minutes of meeting on 3 May

The Clerk reported that the contractor had been contacted for a start date for allotment fences. The Chairman signed the Cricket Club lease for the Sport Pavilion.

Highways

Traffic Management on Wargrave Hill and the A321 – Resident's Concerns

Members were informed about a resident's concern regarding parking in these areas. The Clerk confirmed that the Office had responded and directed the resident to Twyford Police and the Borough Council.

On street parking on Victoria Road outside the allotment entrance

Councillor Mrs Pope reported that an agreement had been reached with a local resident regarding lawful parking in front of the allotment gates for when access to the allotments was required.

Recreation & Open Spaces

Use of Radio Controlled Devices in Kings Field

Members recalled that the restriction in Kings Field for radio controlled devices was for radio controlled planes. It was agreed to monitor the situation, with regard to the use of radio controlled cars, to assess whether further control was necessary. The signage would be updated on the gates to prohibit planes.

Wargrave Cricket Club – Safety Concern Complaint

A complaint had been received from a local resident concerning damage caused by cricket balls in WCC matches. Members agreed that it should be passed on to the Cricket Club for investigation. They noted that the suggestion of temporary nets would likely resolve the problem.

BMX Track – Update

The Clerk reported that a potential contractor had been identified and would be approached for a quote. Councillor Mrs Pope reported that a local business might similarly be worth contacting.

Financial Regulations

Although the Financial Regulations had recently been reviewed, it was agreed that they should be reassessed in light of recent legislative/advisory changes.

Dog Bin Contract – Update

The Clerk informed Members that ISS had confirmed costs of £1560 for this municipal year.

Section 137 Grants

Members agreed that Wargrave residents and organisations should be made aware of potential grants available from the Parish Council. It was agreed to put this information in the forthcoming newsletter.

Borough Consultations

Notification of Consultation: Berkshire Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) – Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead and Help us Plan Future Development in the Borough – Wokingham Borough Council. The Clerk reported that the Office would be on hand to collate responses for the consultation.

Street parties to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday – Wokingham Borough Council.

Duly noted.

Based on original minutes from Marion Woods

Wargrave Women's Club

On the 19 May a group of ladies and some husbands went to the Wargrave Theatre production of *Enchanted April*, which was greatly enjoyed.

On Tuesday 26 July our garden party will be held at the home of Barbara and Richard Lloyd in Tag Lane. Members are reminded to bring a glass, cutlery and plates. There will also be a bring and buy stall.

There will be no meeting in August.

On Tuesday 20 September Mr Peter Haque will give an illustrated talk on West Wycombe Park and the Dashwoods at the Old Pavilion, Recreation Road.

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
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Enchanted April



Any production with the word 'enchanted' in the title had better be good.

In the case of Wargrave Theatre Workshop's recent *Enchanted April*, the play certainly lived up to its name. By curtain call we had been amused, delighted and, yes, enchanted.

Directed by Ann Roberts, the WTW production of Matthew Barber's feel-good play showcased the depth of talent that the village possesses. Not every village can produce a West End star but Wargrave's Adam Linstead brought acting and singing skills honed on the West End stage back to his home community. Relative newcomer Kelly Doward, in her first major role, showed that she too has genuine talent. Another star in the making?

The play starts in a rainy London in 1922. Four women, all strangers, are intrigued by an advertisement regarding a castle to let in Italy. Against the wishes of two of their husbands (played wryly by John Turner and Henry Marchant) they escape to the sunshine and slowly succumb to its warmth. Their host (Adam Linstead) eases them along the way with great charm.

Coldest of the four is Mrs Graves, a widow. This role was supposed to be taken by Joy Haynes but due to a family bereavement she was unable to participate. Instead the director, Ann Roberts, stepped in, learning the lines in under two weeks! It was a joy to see her character slowly thaw. Meanwhile Emma James played socialite Lady Caroline Bramble with splendid imperiousness. When Lotty (Kelly Doward) says she wanted to arrive at the castle early so that she could give Lady Caroline and Mrs Graves the best rooms, Lady Caroline declares with a wave of the hand, 'Oh we've already seen to that!'

Christine Christie skilfully played the last of the four women, Rose Arnott. Her emotional and sexual awakening was a delight to watch.

Perhaps my favourite comic turn was the maid Costanza (Jo Cole). She brought perfect timing to her battles with Mrs Graves. Watching Costanza put a tea tray down with infinite care in front of the sleeping woman only to shout 'Tea!' raised one of the biggest laughs of the night. Phoebe Bryant played Francesca, Costanza's sidekick. Hopefully we'll see her in a bigger role too.

Of course the husbands join their wives in Italy and see their spouses both literally and figuratively in a new light. Fresh starts occur for all. Laughter, warmth, romance; this play had it all. I loved it and from the buzz in the crowd afterwards I was not alone!

Whilst the actors get the applause, let them share the plaudits with the equally hardworking team behind the scenes. Stage direction was by Sheila Williams. Set construction and painting by Sheila, Henry Marchant (versatile chap!), Martin Lorenz and Len Roberts. Lighting was by David Williams and Simon Calverley. Sound was by Alan Fear. Maureen Fennemore led an expert team for wardrobe and props were by Wendy Roberts and Jill Houlton. Peter Hughes produced the posters and programmes. Bob Atkinson and his team manned the bar, and Len Roberts and team took care of front of house.

As ever I was astounded by the contribution both onstage and off that provides such vibrant and well produced theatre for our village. Well done, Wargrave Theatre Workshop.

Graham Wheel

Pop-In Club

May was a quiet month for the club, with two bank holiday Mondays. However we all enjoyed a Sing-a-long with songs from the good old days. A DVD was projected onto the television screen with the printed words and music – so there was no excuse not to join in. It was a good morning, which we would like to repeat before too long.

This month we are celebrating HM Queen Elizabeth's birthday with party and a cake. Members are asked to bring along a small royalty souvenir to talk about. We are also looking forward to our lunch provided by the Stoke Row WI.

There is a full programme planned for the next few months, so if you would like to join us on a Monday morning in the lounge at Elizabeth Court at 10.00am, please contact Ann Holland on 940 3582 or me, Pat Jones, on 940 2267.

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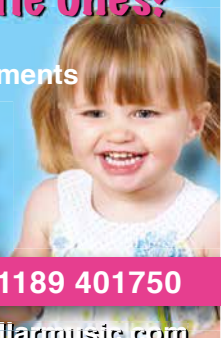
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Summary of the GWR proposals for changes to the branch line services

As many users of the train service will be aware GWR are proposing some significant alterations to the service that will come into effect over the next three years.

There will be three phases:-

Phase one

Phase one will coincide with the electrification of the lines between Paddington and Reading and is expected to happen in May 2017, when there will be an interim timetable for the Branch Line based on the existing diesel trains. The phase will include the following changes: -

Through-services between Henley and Paddington will cease in both the morning and evening rush hours. This is to maximise the opportunity to operate longer, eight-car electric trains on the mainline through to Paddington, so increasing capacity into London for peak services.

Branch line services will be altered so that the current 30 minute interval peak service will occur throughout the day for Henley, Shiplake and Twyford. To allow this to happen Wargrave will move to an hourly service in each direction during the period between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

The 30 minute interval service between Wargrave and Paddington in the morning and return in the evening will have projected journey times of 36-38 minutes, with a change at Twyford. Wargrave currently has 29 station calls in each direction every day. During the time of the interim timetable from May 2017 to Dec 2017 there will be nine calls between 0930 and 1700 instead of the current 10. In December 2017 this will increase to 10 calls towards Henley, the same as now, and there will be an extra morning peak service for Wargrave, bringing the station back up to the current number of calls. Wargrave will not however enjoy the extra stops that Twyford, Henley and Shiplake would have - those stations will have five more calls during the off-peak hours.

Phase two

Phase two will come into effect in December 2017 with a slightly increased service on the Branch Line. The phase will include an additional train that will stop at Wargrave during the period up to 10.00am.

Phase three

Phase three will follow the electrification of the branch line and the introduction of Crossrail services through Twyford scheduled for 2019. (No firm date has yet been published).

Crossrail Services will run every 30 minutes and GWR plan to introduce a 30 minute interval semi-fast service between Reading and Paddington which will run at times between the Crossrail Services. This will stop at Maidenhead, Slough and Ealing Broadway and the branch line trains will be timed to connect with this faster service.

Electrification of the Twyford to Henley line will provide us with trains which are higher capacity (4 carriages), faster in both speed and acceleration and quieter. The Managing Director of Great Western Railway has previously stated that GWR would introduce an all stations 30 minute service on the branch based on these trains. However, we understand that for technical reasons the ability of future branch line electric trains to perform to that standard has yet to be tested. Therefore this remains an open issue between HBUG and GWR but GWR have given assurances that if it is technically possible to move to a 30 minute frequency at Wargrave with an electrified rail line they will do so.

Despite what was published in the Henley Standard HBUG has not made any response to GWR supporting these proposals. We want to understand user views from all the communities served by the Branch based on as full an explanation as is possible of what is proposed.

Michael Porter



GWR needs to come clean . . . and fast. And that's not just its trains

Clarification from GWR is desperately needed (WUG is pressing strongly, believe me) because GWR has issued some very misleading statements as well as failing, so far, to provide enough information on which WUG and HBUG can reach an informed view.

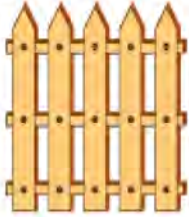
To summarise: WUG is urgently awaiting GWR's response on these points, without which we cannot reach an informed decision:-

1. The proposed May 2017 Branch Line timetable and showing, in addition, its connectivity with services at Twyford to both Paddington and Reading.
2. The passenger usage data GWR keeps quoting, its sourcing and method, for Wargrave (and, ideally for each of the three stations on the line). GWR claim, incredulously, that many trains calling at Wargrave have no passengers boarding or alighting.
3. A copy of the GWR's new Service Level Commitment (or where to locate it online) because GWR is claiming that no formal consultation is now necessary to change the Wargrave service interval from 45 to 60 minutes. (Are there other situations where this could apply?)
4. Clarification on whether the off-peak start time is moving to 9.30am departures from Wargrave from May 2017.

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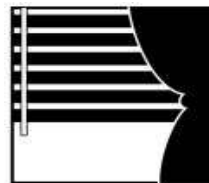
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News from the Women's Institutes

Cockpole Green WI

In April President Adrienne Rance welcomed guest speaker Mike Hurst. The meeting opened with Diane Bush speaking about WI resolutions 'Avoid food waste, address poverty' and 'Appropriate care in hospitals for people with dementia'. Mike then gave a fascinating talk about his time in The Springfields with Dusty and Tom in the 1960s and the history of pop music (derived from the word 'popular'), which surprisingly dates back a thousand years. Mike became a successful record producer and is hoping to re-form The Springfields, the first UK group to have a hit in America. As he pointed out, the Beatles may have led that invasion but they started it!

Mike felt Reading should perhaps be the capital of pop music, since the oldest known musical round with English words, *Sumer Is Icumen In*, was probably written at Reading Abbey in the mid-13th century. *Barbara Allen*, a traditional Scottish ballad dating back to the 17th century, is perhaps the most commonly-sung tragic ballad from the UK which made its way to the New World with the early settlers. America took music to its heart and slaves were instrumental in the birth of gospel singing. *Amazing Grace*, a Christian hymn written by English poet and clergyman John Newton in 1779, remains deep in our hearts. *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*, an American negro spiritual was adopted by the England Rugby Union team as its anthem.

Mike talked about Stephen Foster, credited with being America's first professional songwriter. The influx of immigrants into America bringing their own style of music contributed to the birth of Tin Pan Alley, the New York area where many sheet music publishers and songwriters set up business. Irving Berlin, George Gershwin and Cole Porter learned their song-writing craft there, and it was where Richard Rodgers and lyricist Oscar Hammerstein first collaborated. It seems the Americans took over what the British had started but, thanks to the Beatles, the UK was prominent again by the 1960s. Mike reminded us that nearly all the songs in this year's Eurovision song contest were sung in English. The industry was initially dominated by men, but this changed in 1960s.

Mike, sitting with his guitar on a high, comfy stool kindly supplied by The Horns, created a wonderful musical atmosphere in the hall, finishing his talk by singing his version of the Buddy Holly song *Everyday*.

We enjoyed a delicious tea prepared and served by Christabel Grimmer and Janet Berman and there was an opportunity to buy a copy of Mike's book *Every Song Tells A Story*.

Our meeting on Wednesday 20 July will be held in Crazies Hill Village Hall at 2.30pm when Catherine Samson will talk about Berkshire churches.

Selina Avent

Mill Green Wargrave WI

The Animal Behaviour Business was the subject of an absorbing talk by clinical pet behaviour counsellor Valerie Bennett, especially interesting to those of us with domestic animals.

In her teens a local vet introduced Valerie to three orphaned lion cubs, She spent a magical time helping to rear them, and thus was born her love of animals. She read geography at the University of Oxford and worked in IT for 18 years, but then took an MA in Clinical Animal Behaviour in Lincoln. She now offers home consultations, one-to-one training and life skills for puppies, dogs, cats, horses and rabbits using positive reinforcement methods to help behavioural problems. Valerie says she is rather a late starter in the field but a very enthusiastic and passionate one. She works voluntarily at Stokenchurch Dog Rescue Centre helping with behavioural problems and with a local vet and farmers. She has a cat and a horse; sadly, her dog recently died but she intends to have another.

She explained the principles of behaviour - innate, instinctive behaviour which all animals are born with; learned behaviour from parents and siblings, from experiences as they grow up and from their owners - the 'stay' and 'sit' for dogs, for example. But we can inadvertently train behaviour we do not want our animals to adopt. Barking, jumping up and stealing food from the table are all behavioural problems picked up from owners. The problems most usually dealt with are personality problems: fear of noise or dislike of being left alone, for example. Dogs comprise the largest case load for animal counsellors because we live so closely with them, but rabbits and cats also give problems. Fear, rage and panic are the biggest emotions which can cause animals to misbehave, and finding out what causes these emotions is the key to treating them. Domestic animals must have time to play, space to run around and opportunities to socialise with other animals.

Animals, especially dogs, make visits to hospitals and care homes. Valerie showed touching pictures of animals helping in the treatment of sick and disabled people and of some amazing medical detection dogs being trained to detect cancer and diabetes. During a very extended question-and-answer session, she gave sound advice about pet behavioural problems.

A vote was taken on the resolutions to go forward to the annual meeting in Brighton in June.

Forthcoming events

Guests at our meetings are always welcome: if there is a subject which particularly interests you please do come along.

On Wednesday 6 July Patricia Purcell's subject will be *Tales of the Opera*. On Wednesday 3 August from 2.30pm to 5.00pm we will hold a garden party by kind permission of Philip and Kate Emerton.

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Wargrave Local History Society

Henley's Workhouse was the subject of Valerie Alasia's illustrated presentation in May.

'The poor have always been with us', Valerie commented, and the provision of ways to help them dates back to the Poor Relief Act of 1601. This made it the responsibility of every parish to collect 'a competent sum' to assist the 'lame, impotent, old, blind and those not able to work'. Overseers of the Poor were appointed, who could be approached by the poor for dole, and who were required to collect a 'poor rate' from those who owned land. The Act enabled the overseers to bind poor children as apprentices and to put the able-bodied to work. In 1652, the Henley Corporation bought three acres of arable land 'for the use and benefit of the poor of Henley'. The land was leased to local farmers and the income used to help the poor. As the land belonged to the town, it became known as Townlands.

By 1727, many poor in the town could not provide a roof over their heads and a poor house was set up in New Street. This lasted until 1790, when a larger one was erected on the Townlands, the cost of £1,200 being lent on a mortgage by the owner of The Red Lion. In charge of the new poor house was Thomas Windows – but as he seemed to be letting children out to farmers, he was soon replaced by a Mr Whittaker, who in turn was dismissed for taking advantage of his position.

The national censuses, which began in 1801, revealed an enormous growth in the country, with a consequential increase in the poor. A Royal Commission employed Edwin Chadwick to enquire into the working of the various Poor Laws. He recommended a strict regime be imposed: the able-bodied poor were only to receive relief if they put in adequate work. The Poor Law Amendment Act was passed in 1834 to effect this, with rigid control by Chadwick. The new law required parishes to merge into larger units and so the Henley workhouse had to combine with other parishes.

Workhouses were to provide the poor with accommodation not as comfortable as outside, provide for the indigent poor, nurse the sick and mentally infirm and act as a 'tramp house', where beggars and similar people going from workhouse to workhouse could have a night's sleep. If someone became poor enough to require admittance to the workhouse, the whole family was taken in, with males and females separated and children separated from the adults. A school was set up to train them for occupations such as laundry work or service.

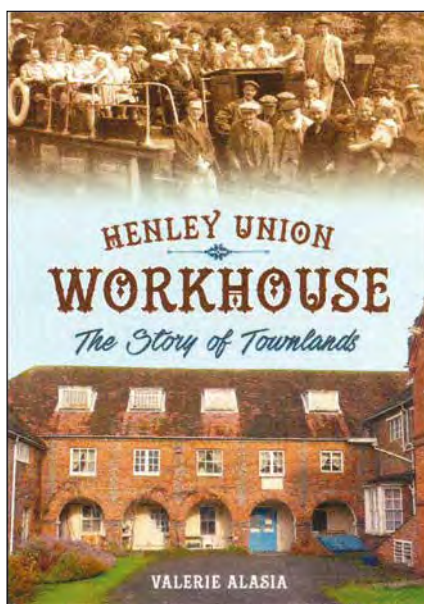


PHOTO The cover of Valerie Alasia's new book, published in May 2016

The workhouse was administered by a Board of Guardians, which met fortnightly at Townlands. Each parish provided one member and the magistrates were ex-officio members, with Lord Camoys as board chairman. A local solicitor was the clerk and an assistant poor law commissioner attended each meeting to ensure the business was conducted properly. Its first task was to appoint two relieving officers (in place of the overseers) and two medical officers. Attention then turned to a detailed study of out relief, help given to the poor not in the workhouse. Out relief might include the provision of coffins. Chadwick had declared that out relief should be discontinued, but in Henley it was never withdrawn.

Each meeting heard from the Master of the Workhouse how he dealt with the inmates. He was responsible for housing, feeding and clothing them and for keeping accounts including the work done by inmates. The master's wife was matron (it was a joint appointment: when a matron died, the master married the assistant matron). The matron had no formal training and was assisted by the pauper women. The first Master at Henley was William Jackson, previously an overseer, who was replaced in 1848 by Samuel Mortlock until 1884. There was a school master and mistress and a house porter who ensured no unauthorised person entered. Vagrants were a problem: those who refused to work in return for a night's lodging could be sentenced to seven days' hard labour in Oxford jail. The number of inmates grew to 350 in 1851: John Martin, Mortlock's successor, reduced this to 91.

Men and women ate separately, and were well fed. They were not allowed to communicate except on Sundays. The separate male and female blocks had day rooms on the ground floor and dormitories above. A school was erected in 1870 for 100 pupils: to utilise its capacity children were taken in from other places at 6/6d (32.5p) each per week. There were infirmaries for men and women: when the NHS was created in 1948 it took these over, leading to the formation of Townlands Hospital.

The surviving workhouse buildings are listed and will become assisted care accommodation. Valerie's book *Henley Union Workhouse: The Story of Townlands* was published in late May. For a fuller account of her talk, see www.wargravehistory.org.uk.

In July we will visit Chawton, once Jane Austen's home. On Tuesday 13 September our subject will be *Wargravians and World War I*. Meetings start at 8.00pm in the Old Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Wargrave. For more information, see our website or contact me on 940 3121.

Peter Delaney

News from your Borough Councillors

Elections

Thank you for your support at the election if you voted for me. If you did or did not please do not hesitate to contact us should you need our support. We shall try to convince you next time around.

An apology to the Coal Yard at Twyford Station

Last month, I wrote 'this review has resulted in the immediate release of the coal yard for an additional 38 places'.



This resulted in a very angry telephone call from my coal merchant, who pointed out that he operates his business from the yard and has a lease from Network Rail, which has neither been under discussion nor has been terminated.

Erroneously, I thought that the coal yard was to do with the railway's requirement for coal. The Coal Yard is where my coal is delivered from. **The Coal Yard has not and is not being closed; it is open for business so please continue to order your coal from them 934 2702 or 07973 473 403.**

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Borough Elections

The result of the elections for Wokingham Borough Council was 48 Conservatives, one Labour and five LibDems.

Internal Elections

Every year, each of the parties has a 'Group' meeting and an internal

election. In the Conservative party, there are only five elected positions, the party's nomination for Mayor, deputy Mayor, the Chairman, deputy Chairman and Leader. The mayor and deputy Mayor are Borough ceremonial positions. The Chairman and deputy Chairman chair Conservative group meetings.

Councillors

I believe firmly that almost everything that Blair (and Heath) enacted has been a disaster. Blair's revision of the local government system from committees to an executive has meant that power is concentrated in very few hands and by paying Councillors, the leader has huge powers of patronage.

The basic allowance of £7,552 is supposed to cover home office and all constituency business and expenses. In addition to which there are special responsibility allowances and fees which can build the amount receivable up to as much as £27,552. If a member is on a pension, these amounts are material and will buy loyalty.

Leader

The leader in the executive system has dictatorial powers. All appointments are made by the leader, who controls the council. If there is a benevolent leader, whose prime consideration is towards the residents it works well; otherwise, it is a very flawed system.

We have had three Conservative leaders since the Borough was formed only one of which has come close to what I would consider as adequate. (The LibDem nearly bankrupted the Council).

The Whip and Group Rules

The Group rules say that members have to vote with the party, effectively agreeing with the leader on all matters. This reduces debate to a minimum.

Milton Friedman coined the phrase 'the tyranny of the status quo', which does not just refer to the fact that human beings are change

averse, though we are. It refers, also, to the way in which a corpus of vested interests grows up around whatever happens to be the established settlement.



There are, of course, a few individuals who put principle first – class traitors to the majority, who respond to incentives. Bob and I may well find ourselves in the small principled group.

Bob Pitts and John Halsall

I am incredibly proud that Bob was unanimously elected as Wokingham Borough Mayor. His focus is to raise the profile of the Northern Parishes and is available through the Mayor's office.

I have decided to concentrate on the Ward but am on the Borough Parish Liaison Forum, the Secure Accommodation Panel and The Piggott Trust.

And finally.....

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Sunday 3 July
Recreation Ground

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by The Revd Canon John Ratings

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