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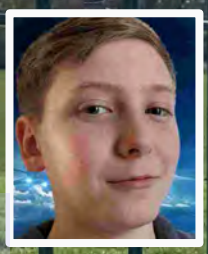
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Howard, on faith and farewell



Rosie, on flowers and foliage



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Iain, on fauna and flora



Neil, on feeding and Fidos



Alex, on farming and footpaths



Margaret, on feeding for foodies



Sally, on fines and feasting



Maggy, on futiures and forecasts

Howard, on Faith and farewell

...and that fabulous fence!

- Coombe Hill and woodland walk, Wendover
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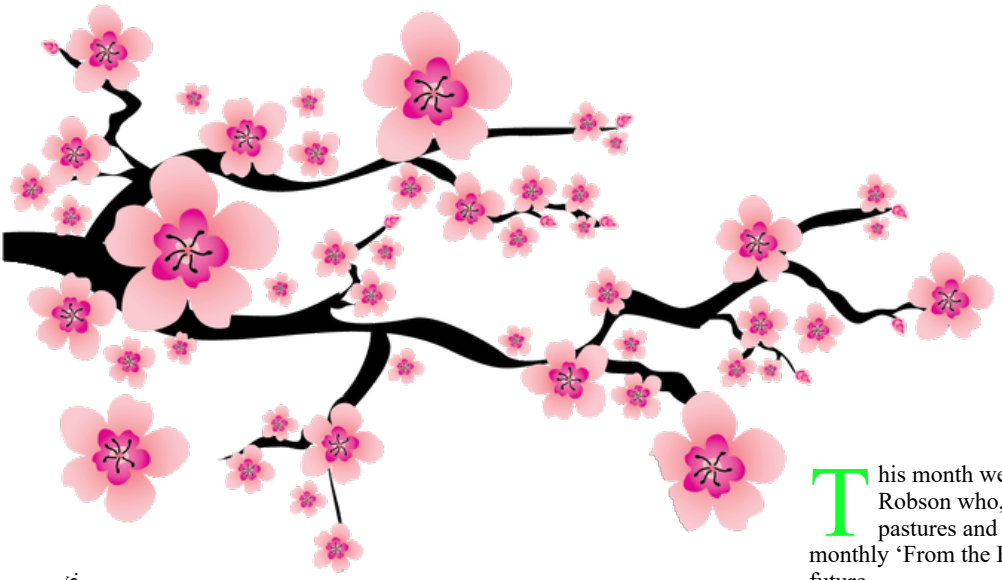
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Cover: the new recreation ground railings.

This month we regret having to bid farewell to Revd. Howard Robson who, with his wife Joanna, departs to Derbyshire for new pastures and parishes. We thank him for his thought-provoking bi-monthly 'From the Rector' articles, whilst wishing him well for the future.

Another note of appreciation goes to our Parish Council, for the excellent metal railings (see cover photograph) that have replaced the somewhat tumbledown wooden fencing bordering the recreation ground. It is very regrettable that, almost before the full length had been installed, one section was criminally damaged and had to be replaced.

Don't forget - if you have mislaid the latest copy of What's On in Wing, you can always read it online by going to: **www.whatsoninwing.info**.

We're always looking for new and interesting content for What's On, so if you have an idea for a contribution, or have pictures, stories, comment or news - all are welcome - just send it to: editorial@whatsoninwing.info.

Best wishes to all our readers from the What's On team.

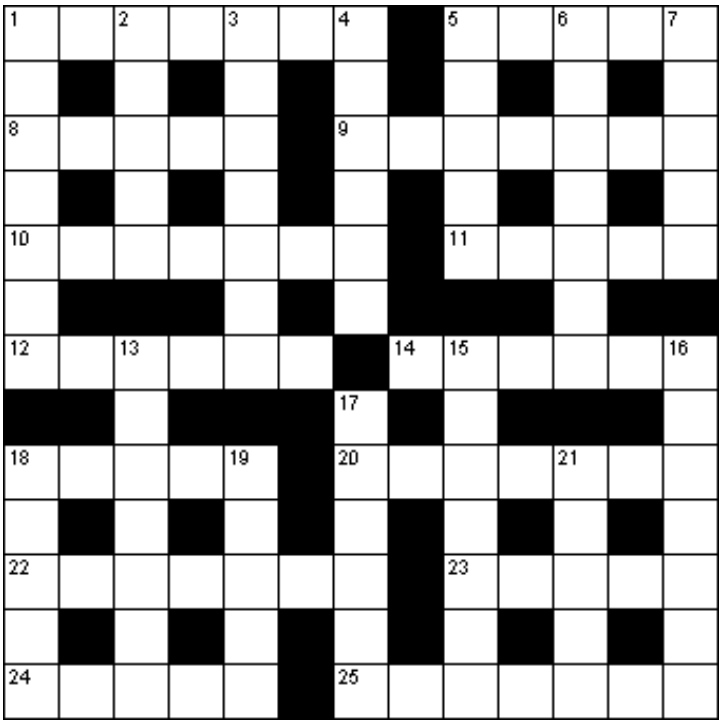
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1 Small kind of kangaroo (7)
5 Rubbish (5)
8 One on horseback (5)
9 Not artificial (7)
10 Dishonourable (7)
11 Hazardous (5)
12 Scarcity (6)
14 Deer's horn (6)
18 Fatigued (5)
20 Withdrawal (7)
22 Midriff (7)
23 Bullion bar (5)
24 Convenient (5)
25 Intellectual (7)

Down

1 Anxious (7)
2 Burdened (5)
3 Gymnastic performer (7)
4 Over there (6)
5 Private instructor (5)
6 Spray can (7)
7 Prickly evergreen shrub (5)
13 Forsake (7)
15 Zero (7)
16 Revolved (7)
17 Alloy of copper and tin (6)
18 Anger (5)
19 Scrumptious (5)
21 Large bird of prey (5)

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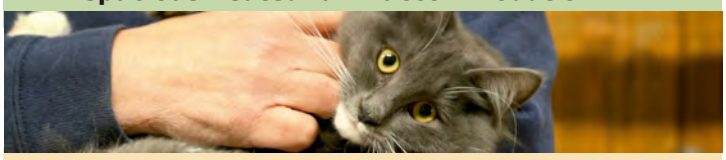
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12	1100	Morning Prayer
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From the Rector



This is a poignant article for me to write, because it is the last article I shall write for our eight village newsletters. During May, my wife and I move to Derbyshire where I shall take up a new post in the church. Although it is fewer churches, it is significantly more people and a combination of rural, urban, estate and schools ministry.

That combination and the breadth of ministry across the Benefice here is the reminder that "church" is not a case of one size fits all; but it is also a salutary reminder that church is equally valid from the formal to the informal. That means that engaging with the various ways of being church is a worthwhile exercise because, who knows, one might suddenly hear, encounter, the same message in a "language" we were not expecting.

Fifty days after Easter takes us to the Feast of Pentecost. That's when the disciples were proclaiming the Gospel and the several nationalities assembled in Jerusalem each heard in their own native language. The account is recorded in the book of Acts. All spoken languages, it is true, but the lesson of Pentecost is that "church" can adopt several and various languages, ways of expression, when it comes to proclaiming the Gospel. Hence, the various service styles in our Benefice from the Book of Common Prayer, Common Worship, Breakfast Church, Messy Church and Brunch Church. And not to forget the services along the theme of Morning Prayer.

From my vicar days in Norfolk, I remember being greatly heartened by a group of octogenarians enjoying Mattins from the Book of Common Prayer who, the week before, had readily taken up percussion instruments to accompany the worship band at Café Church. As the Benefice enters the time to discern a new Team Rector, I encourage you to continue to engage with church and perhaps (maybe?), go to something very different to your usual choice – and not necessarily in your home church.

Finally however, my very best wishes for the life of your several and varied village communities and to thank you for the time we have had here.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Howard Robson

For enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms or funerals, please contact Team Rector Howard Robson (01296) 688593.

PAVILION PROGRESS



Installation of the new electricity cables on the recreation ground.

To be fully functional, our new pavilion needs more electricty than is currently available, and a whole new power supply is what's needed. Electricity moves at 270,000 km/s. The people who provide it move a bit slower than that. However, by the time you read this, the cables will be in place. Our Parish Council is now working hard to overcome UK Power Networks resistance, to connect the cable to an ample supply.

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1. The 1824 Pigot's Directory says, for Wing, that it was in the same Hundred as Ivinghoe and had *'a coach service from Oxford to Cambridge, stopping in Wing every forenoon, Sundays excepted'*. Some 200 years later we think this transport link a new idea, albeit via Winslow!

2. The nearest rail station was Tring. Revd. John Felix was vicar of Wing and the only pubs listed were The Cock and The Queen's Head. The schoolmaster, William Mortimer, was the Registrar for births & deaths in Wing, whilst the Parish Clerk was James Colyer. There were five shopkeepers, one beer retailer, three bakers, one butcher, one maltster, one tailor and a wheelwright.

3. At the time of the first nationwide census in 1841, the population of Wing was 1,042.

Researched and contributed by Graham Banfield

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Country Notes from Canada

by **Iain Malin**





Northern pintail

May is probably my favourite month of the year. Both in Wing and in Alberta the cold weather should have gone, although we can never really say that. It's now mid-April as I write and we have had quite a bit of snow recently. It was the second snowiest March on record. Now it has all gone, with temperatures during the day in the mid teens. This has created lots of wet pools in the fields as the snow has melted. It does not mean our drought is over. On the contrary, the snow may have melted and the water has run into the lowest points, but it cannot drain because the ground is still frozen. The rivers and all permanent areas of water are frozen solid.

These pools have kicked off the migration within the last 4/5 days, mostly involving wildfowl. There are tens of thousands of northern pintail, with a few American widgeon and northern shoveler. The flocks are so vast that at times it's difficult to see the water. Then two days ago, hundreds of swans joined them, turning the patches in the field white like snow. The first were the trumpeter swans, so called because of their call, filled by the slightly smaller tundra swans. Irrespective, they are only passing through as they are all moving further north to nearer the tundra regions to breed. We won't see them again until the autumn.

However, the first sign of the beginning of the migration was the appearance of an odd American robin. I saw my first on 17 March just after I had written last month's Nature Notes. Since that time we have had a lot of snow and they struggled to find food, but in the last five or so days their numbers have grown exponentially and they are now singing in the garden.

Things change very fast here, but the arrival of wading birds that need soft mud will be a few days yet until the ground thaws. Birds take chances to try and secure the best breeding site, but if suddenly we get adverse weather they can be caught out and cannot find food if it lingers. This can cause a lot of deaths, as happened a few years ago with the mountain bluebirds, but the alternative for them is that the nest boxes have been taken if they delay. I saw the first of the year two days ago, but snow is forecast again for Tuesday!!! Hopefully it won't last.



Trumpeter swans

By the time you read this most of the spring migrants will be around Wing, the last to arrive being swifts and spotted flycatchers. I wonder if the swifts are still breeding in the boxes on my old house in Wing. They are in a lot of trouble and declining fast, but a lot of new houses in Aylesbury are being built and incorporating special swift boxes - a positive note at last.

Here we have a way to go as everything is brown apart from the pine trees. There are no fresh green leaves, no green grass and no buds bursting, but we will get to our short summer in the end.

On 2 April the news came through that 'The Boss' was awake and looking for food, hibernation over. He is a large and very famous large male grizzly bear in Banff National Park and is usually the first to be seen. So now we start getting bear reports along with mountain lions, which are being seen far more regularly, but not by me.

Other animals seen this morning when I was out looking were red fox, coyote, porcupine and a young moose which unfortunately had lost a lot of fur, probably as a result of an infestation of ticks. That is a creature which is nothing but bad and I cannot see its purpose on this earth.

Enjoy the month of May and I hope that we can too. The farmers will be seeding if they determine there is enough moisture, but drought conditions will decide. Less food for man and beast, perhaps!

American robin





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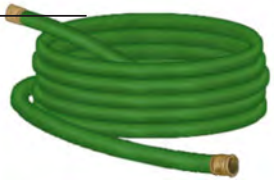
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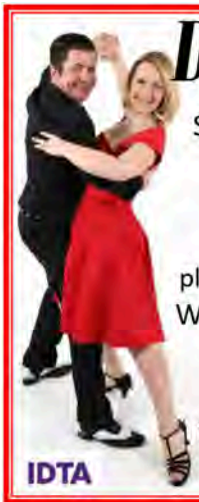
If we are to increase our offer we will need more investment to add to the amount pledged so far. We are working on this, but if you know anyone who you think would be interested in supporting us in returning the Queen's Head to the heart of the Wing community, please let us know at www.savethequeensheadwing.com, or contact Peter Sutton at suttop@aol.com.

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We do everything in our power to help our crops grow, but so much simply depends on the weather!

As I write this article, it seems to have started to rain slightly less with just local showers. And it was nice to see the sun for a whole two and a half hours last Thursday, before the clouds came back and covered it up again!

The sun's energy is vital, providing the light that's needed for photosynthesis, the process in which plants convert light into energy for germination, and the growth of the the plant's stem, leaves and shoots. Solar radiation is extremely important for the growing crops, too. It acts as a regulator and controller of the plant's growth and development, by influencing the assimilation of nutrients.

Without solar radiation, the harvested grains in the wheat plants can become shrivelled and never fill out properly, which is devastating for yields.

So fingers crossed for some more sunshine!





We've come to the end of our calving season it's so nice to see the cows out in the fields with their calves. It's certainly makes life a lot easier on the daily routine.

As the weather improves, many of us take to the outdoors for leisure and exercise. Now that the fields are full of cattle around Wing, I can offer this advice to you all when walking on the footpaths.

- Stay vigilant, especially when entering a field - you may not be able to see the whole field and everything in it.
- Cows are inquisitive animals. If they follow you, stay calm and walk quickly and quietly round the herd.
- Don't get between cows and their calves. Walk round the herd and re-join the path when safe.
- If you have a dog, keep it on a short lead around cows, but release it if threatened by cattle so you can both get to safety separately.
- Lastly, please make sure you shut the gate.

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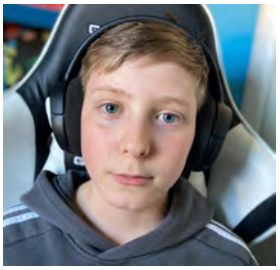
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Free quotations and advice



Are you or is anyone you know interested in gaming? Take a look at this article about interesting video games coming out this month!



What's On in Games?

GAMES REVIEW BY HUGH WOOLLEY

Prison Architect



In this new building and architecture game, players will build a prison to house many prisoners. Players can customise and design their very own prison while managing inmates and making sure they keep locked upland in line. This game will be released on Windows, PS5 and Xbox Series X/S.

Gift



When the main character wakes up he finds himself on a sinking ship. The aim of this game is to escape from the ship. As players progress through the game, waves and more obstacles will appear. On board, there are also other passengers, the main character finds them familiar. It will be released on Windows, Switch, PS5 and Xbox Series X/S.



Paper Trail

Paper Trail is a top-down puzzle adventure about leaving home, set in a paper world. Players must fold and tear their way through a populated paper world. As players progress, there are enhanced folding mechanics. Drag objects, shine lights, and push boulders across the paths created through folding. It will be released on iOS, Android, Windows, Switch, PS5 and Xbox Series X/S.



MultiVersus

In this free to play game, players will be able to fight as iconic characters and try to win battles against other players.. Battlegrounds will be legendary places such as the batcave. This game will be released on Windows, PS4, PS5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X/S.

F1 2024



This year's instalment of the F1 series brings the new cars, styles and drivers of the F1 franchise. Players can take on the real drivers from this year or race against other players online. The game will be released on Windows, PS4, PS5, Xbox One and Xbox Series X/S.



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Health & Wellbeing



By **Natasha Richmond**

By the time this issue of What's On in Wing comes out, it should be Jersey Royal potato season. And personally I think this is something to be celebrated! I love potatoes of all varieties ,but Jersey Royals are special.

Jersey Royals are a unique potato grown only on the island of Jersey in the Channel Isles. Their deliciously taste supposedly comes from Jersey's rich and fertile earth, the gentle climate and historically the use of seaweed as fertiliser, but this is apparently less common nowadays.



To me, they are the taste of the pending summer and they bring with them memories of warm days, light evenings and salady dinners. I could quite easily eat Jersey Royals every day for the entire season that they're available, just on their own with a dollop of salad cream! But being a nutrition consultant, I know that's not sensible (although potatoes are full of fibre, a great unrefined carb, and they help to keep you feeling fuller for longer). So I have them with salad, and some sort of protein, such as chicken, tuna or salmon. And always a dollop of salad cream.



They're so delicious just as they are, I wouldn't recommend messing around with them too much, but you could add a vinaigrette dressing, or a light coating of mayonnaise with chopped chives to turn them into a potato salad. Or have them Greek salad-style with crumbled feta, mint and a drizzle of olive oil. Or maybe with some fried chorizo mixed in for a Spanish version.

Enjoy them while they're around as you can only get them during Jersey Royals season, which is now, so go get some.

See you in the June issue!

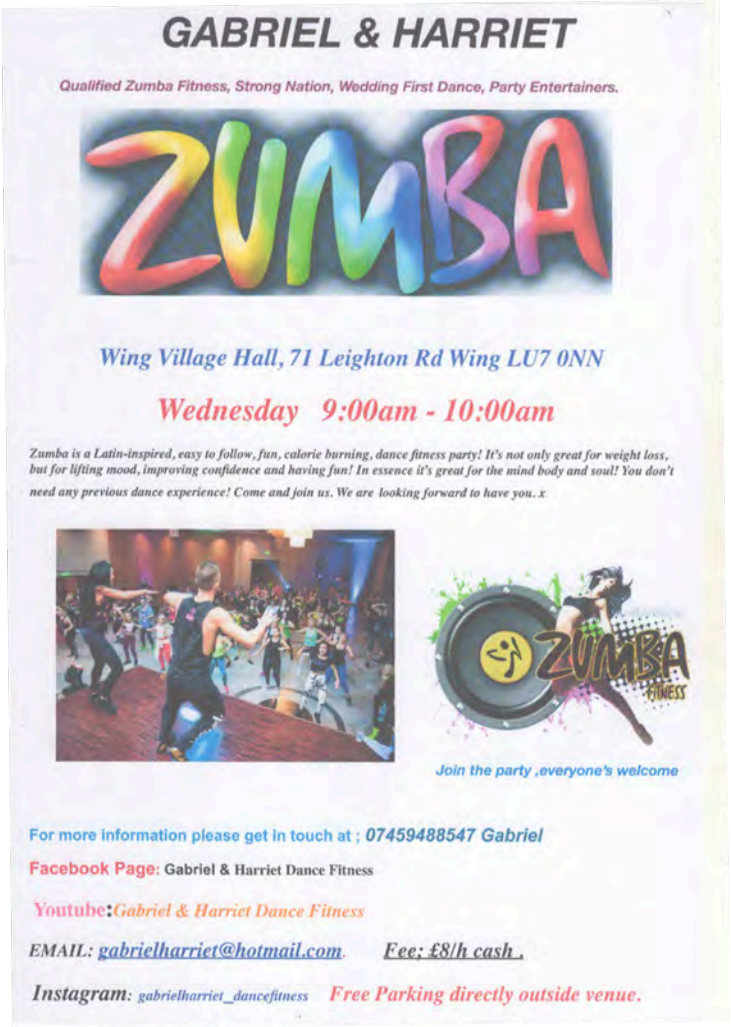
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News from Wing Sports and Social Club

Wing Sports and Social Club recently had its Annual General Meeting and elected its Club Officers and Management Committee for 2023/24.

Nick Hood has been elected President, Gavin Richardson as Vice President, and Chris Lloyd as Treasurer. The new management committee are looking forward to raising the profile of the Club as a community space for all its Wing residents and surrounding villages.

At the AGM, members voted to keep the current subscription rates at £15 for adults and £7.50 for senior members and current club finances were discussed, which has helped us lay out a plan for the upcoming year.

As part of a drive to increase footfall we are introducing promotions such as free pool on a Wednesday, drink promotions during special events and events such as our upcoming Family Fun Day to relaunch the club to non-members.

We have also made a commitment to our current offering of cash bingo on a Sunday, regular entertainment on a Saturday night and supporting our Darts and Pool teams. Look out for regular entertainment, quiz nights and events all of which will be advertised on social media and What's On in Wing.

The Wing Sports and Social Club, a cornerstone of our community for many years, is facing a challenge: declining membership. This friendly club, offering a place to relax, socialise and enjoy a variety of activities, is in urgent need of new members to ensure its doors stay open.

"*The club has been a hub for social events and live entertainment for decades,*" says Nick Hood, at Wing Sports and Social Club, "*but without a strong membership base, it's becoming increasingly difficult to keep things running.*"

The club boasts a large function room, perfect for hosting private events, a well-stocked bar, and a stage for live music. They also organise regular activities like bingo, darts, pool, and games nights, providing something for everyone.

However, with membership numbers dwindling, the club struggles to cover operational costs. 'This could mean cutting back on staff, reducing opening hours, or even cancelling some of our cherished events,' warns Gavin.



The Wing Sports and Social Club is a vital part of what makes our community special. It's a place to meet friends, unwind after a long week, and enjoy some friendly competition. By joining the club, you're not just gaining access to these amenities, you're also helping to preserve a local institution.

The club is inviting everyone in the community to consider joining. Membership is open to all and offers a variety of benefits, including:

- Discounted drinks and food at the bar
- Free or reduced entry to events
- Access to the function room for private bookings
- The chance to socialise with friends and neighbours

If you're interested in becoming a member, or simply want to learn more about the Wing Sports and Social Club, you can contact them at wing_social_club@live.co.uk or visit them. Let's come together and ensure this beloved community space thrives for years to come!

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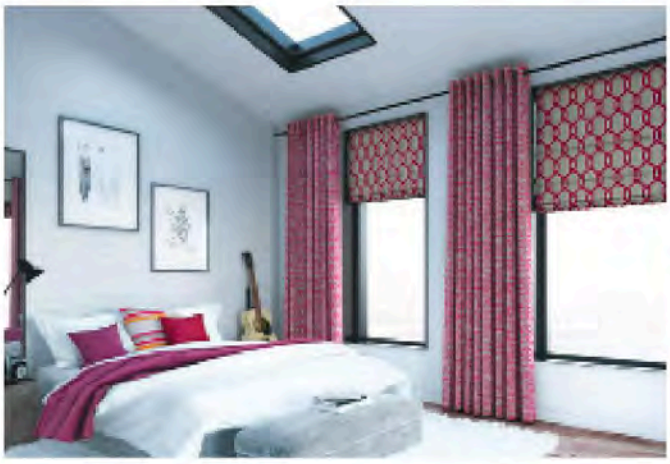
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Wing Parish Council News

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Recreation Ground

The recreation ground has seen several improvements over the past month:

1. The wooden fencing has been removed along the sides sharing a boundary with the A418, and replaced with railings and a gated entrance at the corner near Park Gate. Two of the gaps have been closed due to safety concerns and to make the site more secure.



2. A new gate and fencing has been installed next to the pavilion boundary with the Sports and Social Club.



3. The cabling for the new electricity supply to the recreation ground has been installed up to the boundary, prior to UK Power Networks upgrading the substation at Park Gate. This is currently scheduled for November, but our contractors are applying pressure to have the upgrade brought forward. The kiosk outside the tennis courts is also due to be installed towards the end of April/early May.



Wing in Bloom

Bulbs, planted as part of an environment working party initiative, are blooming around the parish. The planters by Wing Hall and the village pump are also flowering nicely. If you would be interested in helping with wildflower projects and additional planting of flowers around the parish, please get in touch with the Clerk.

Small Grants

Wing Parish Council wishes to support a wide range of local charities and voluntary organisations, whose services or activities support Wing residents and the community. To achieve this, Wing Parish Council has a grant scheme in place whereby applicants are able to apply for up to £1,000. For more information, please email wingparishclerk@gmail.com At the last Parish Council meeting, a grant of £1,000 was awarded to the Football Club towards the maintenance of the football pitch to the required standards.

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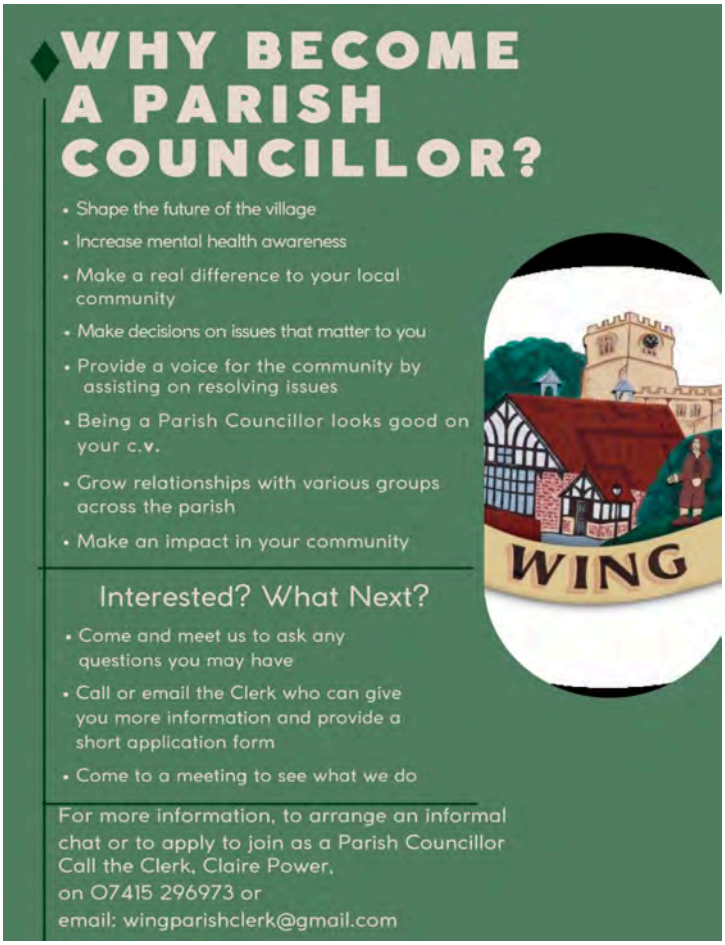
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Deadline for applications: Friday 24th May 2024

Parish Council Contact Information

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If you would like to help the Long Spinney project, there is a group that meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month and the following Sunday. The dates for May are Wednesday 1st and Sunday 5th, and for June it's Wednesday 5th and Sunday 9th. The volunteers meet between 2-5pm. You are welcome to meet them at the container at the entrance from Bewick Green. There is no obligation to stay for the full three hours, as any time you can spare is most welcome.

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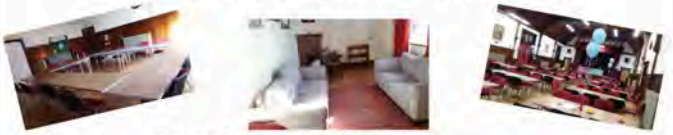


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HARRY'S CHOICE


Here begynneth the Boke named the Assyse of breade, what it ought to wepe after the pryce of a quarter of Wheete. And also the Assyse of Ale, with all maner of Wood and Cole, Lath, Bowde, and tymbre, and the weyght of Butter, and Chese. Imprynted by me Robert Wyer.

Extract from The Book of the Assize of Bread and Ale by Robert Wyer, 1546

The customary ale was being brewed
In the church house or barn nearby,
But no-one expected what then ensued
Or can tell us the reason why
Harry made his choice.

The village prepared for the usual feast
Held at Whitsun in the churchyard.
A Lord and Lady would be picked - at least
That decision should not be hard,
But Harry had a voice.

The Lord of Wing Manor and friends decreed
That they could impose a new fine
On those who apparently disagreed
And mysteriously declined.
Poor Catheryn gave a sigh.

The ale was drunk and the feast carried on -
The money was raised for the church.
Lady Catheryn presided with Lord John
While Harry left her in the lurch.
Did Catheryn find out why?

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Gardener's Diary

By Rosie Richardson
Wing Gardening Club



This is the beautiful flower of the amaryllis bulb, or hippeastrum. The large, fleshy bulbs are usually sold in kits at Christmas time, as they reliably flower indoors once potted up and make great presents. Amaryllis originates from South Africa whereas the hippeastrum originates from Southern America, so obviously like dry, warm conditions. The flowers come in a multitude of varieties – double, single, striped and colours ranging from white to pink. The word Amaryllis means sparkling in Greek, but the name may come from a Greek myth. Amaryllis was a shepherdess who, to prove her love for an uncaring gardener, thrust a golden arrow into her own heart and then trailed blood as she walked past his door. The kits come with a pot, some compost and the large bulb.

Place some of the compost in the bottom of the bowl, which should be just a little larger than the bulb. Place the bulb so that two thirds of the bulb stay above the surface once you've put the remaining compost around the bulb. It needs light and a warm room and water a little until the new leaves emerge from the top of the bulb. Don't let the compost dry out, but also be careful not to overwater and rot the developing roots.

Sometimes the flower stalks grow so tall and top heavy, they might need staking. To extend the flowering period, move the plant to a cooler spot but still maintain light. Once the plant has finished flowering, cut the flower spike at the base. The green strappy leaves will feed the bulb. I then move mine to the greenhouse and keep watering regularly. The leaves will eventually drop off and leave the bulb to dry out while the bulb goes dormant. Keep an eye on the bulb as it will then start shooting some new green leaves. Begin the watering process again and move it back into the warmth of the house in winter and you'll be rewarded with more flowers. A balanced liquid fertiliser after flowering will also boost the bulb.

The plant may produce offsets. which can be carefully removed from the parent and potted on. Again, remember either when repotting the parent or potting up the offsets, the pot only needs to be slightly bigger than the bulb.

May is a busy month in the garden, staying on top of the weeds and cutting back any winter/early spring flowering shrubs. Tender vegetables such as courgettes can be sown now, if they weren't already sown in April. Sow the large seed singly in a pot, 2.5 cm deep on its side so it doesn't rot. Chard, leaf beet and beans can be sown now as well.

Our next speaker will be Christine Carter on Tuesday 14 May and the talk will be on 'Building a Pond'.

There is a coach trip planned to Hidcote House on Tuesday 18 June and don't forget our spectacular Plant Sale which will be on Saturday 1 June 2024 at 16 and 18 Prospect Place. There will a range of plants, a cake stall and a hamper raffle - so come and join us.



Offsets around parent bulb Amaryllis Papillo
(white flowers with green stripes and pink edges)

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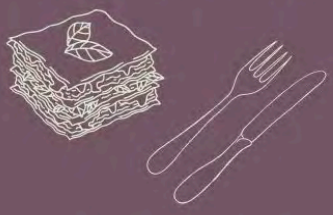
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Codeword solution

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Overstone Combined School's

YEAR 3 ROMAN DAY



The Year 3 children at Overstone Combined School went back in time and, as part of their history learning on 'Why did the Romans settle in Britain?', participated in a Roman Day.

At the beginning of the morning the scene was set. It was 60AD, the Romans occupy Britain, and unrest grows. The widowed Iceni queen, Boudica, seeks to overthrow Roman rule. In her fury, Boudica wipes out whole communities. No one knows where she might strike next. The children were apprentices in a Roman Fort occupied by the Roman IX Legion, completing work on the fort's principal buildings. They were learning from Master Crafts People (our amazing staff and volunteers who were briefed before the day started) how to make wax tablets, metal foil necklaces, pomanders to keep themselves smelling fresh, clay charms, pouches for their charms, mosaics and a Roman game.

As the children worked, news arrived that Boudica is winning important battles, including destroying Colchester, London, St Albans and the IX Legion's infantry. What will happen to the IX Legion? Will the fort be safe?



In the afternoon, there was a celebration of the defeat of Boudica. The children took on different roles within the Roman Fort to celebrate. Some were Roman soldiers, who demonstrated the infantry drills and manoeuvres following commands in Latin. Others were actors and actresses performing two of Aesop's Fables and a performance from a troop of dancers. This was interspersed with a feast consisting of bread, cheese, apple and 'wine' in silver goblets!

History learning was certainly brought to life and the children had the most fantastic day!



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Seasonal Recipes



from Margaret Redler

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Rhubarb Muffins

(Makes 6 large muffins)



Preheat oven to 200°C /fan 180°C/gas mark 6.

Ingredients

- 150gm plain flour
- 1 level dessertspoon baking powder) Sieve together
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 large egg
- Juice and zest of 1 large orange , mixed together in a separate bowl
- 75gm dark brown soft sugar
- 50gm butter, melted and just cooled
- 225gm rhubarb, cut into 1½cm cubes
- 1 heaped tablespoon Demerara sugar to sprinkle on top before cooking

Method

Sieve the dry ingredients once again, into the wet mixture. Add the rhubarb and fold into the mix.

Place the mixture in muffin cases in a baking tin, sprinkle the sugar on top and bake for 25-30 minutes, until they have risen and are golden brown. Remove from baking tin to a wire rack to cool.

Red Pepper & Cheese Muffins

(Makes 12 large muffins)

Preheat oven to 190°C /fan 180°C/gas mark 5.

Ingredients

- 300gm plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon bicarbonate of sodas, sieve together
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Add to dry ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon chopped basil or parsley
- 150gm cheddar or goats' cheese, cut into 1cm cubes
- 1 red pepper chopped into 1cm cubes
- In a separate bowl mix:
- 225ml buttermilk
- 1 medium egg
- 100ml olive oil

Mix without beating until all ingredients are just combined. Spoon into baking cases in a baking tin and bake for 25-30 minutes. They should be just firm to the touch and golden brown. Remove to cooling rack.



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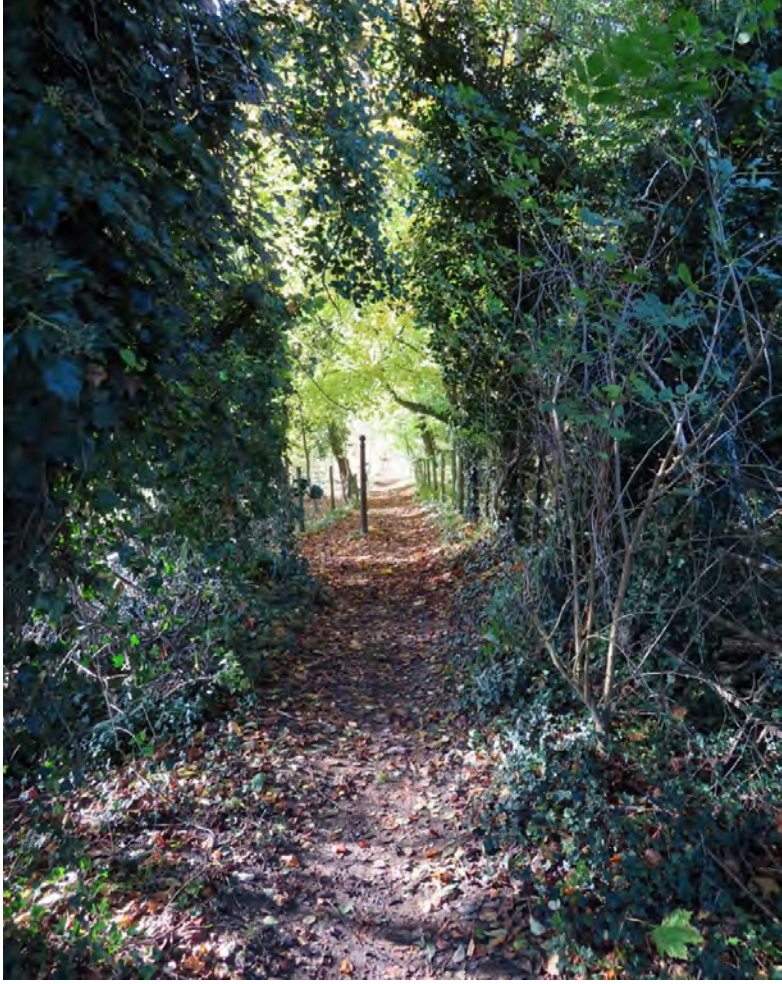
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Coombe Hill & Woodland Walk, Wendover

This is a dog-friendly walk. There are toilet facilities in the car park and there are charges for using the car park.

The walk is mostly through sheltered woodland and up Coombe Hill, the highest point in the Chilterns. At the summit is the Boer War memorial and outstanding views of the surrounding Buckinghamshire countryside.









▶Park at the car park off the High Street in Wendover, which is situated next to Wendover Library.

▶Walk to the High Street and go up the hill towards the railway station, passing the Shoulder of Mutton pub on the right. Go over the railway and road bridges and look for a waymarked footpath on the left.

▶Take the footpath and go over two stiles. Just after the second stile, the footpath is currently diverted due to HS2 construction work – controlled crossing by HS2 staff. Follow the diverted footpath up the hill and over the next stile onto road facing Newlands Cottage.

▶Follow the road up the hill for about 90yds/82m and take the bridleway on the left beside a modern house.

▶Follow the bridleway as it swings to the right, passing a stile marked private and go to end of the field, turning right through a metal gate.

▶Follow the path as it dips and then climbs up the hill (circa 0.75mls/ 1.2km), keeping the wood to the left.

▶As the path flattens out, turn right onto a bridleway and after about 160yds/146m, cross a private drive. At this point the path splits. Take the right hand path, keeping the fence to the right.

▶After 200yds/183m, turn sharp left at waymarker post and take footpath through the wood, following yellow arrows painted on the trees.

▶Follow this path until next waymarker at T junction. Turn right and walk 275yds/251m to next waymarker.

▶Turn left at this waymarker and follow path through short, wooded area to Coombe Hill and NT car park. Go through the gate, pass a picnic area to the right and take the footpath (veering left) and across the plateau up to the monument.

▶From the monument, follow the black Ridgeway waymarker post and descend through a series of gates and flight of steps down to the road.

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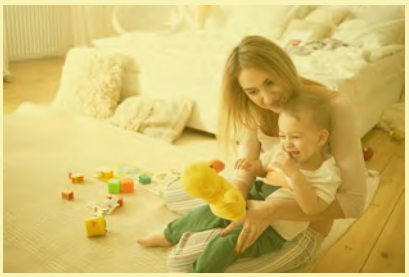
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YOUR STARS

for **May** by *Maggy La Grenouille, MBE*



TAURUS Apr 20-May 20 You are disorganised. You have no sense of time. You are late for everything, and last through any door, into any departing vehicle. You need to change your star sign.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20 This month, you may feel an urge to try a new sport. Join a village team . They need all the help they can get. Gemini cricket - you were born for it!

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22. For Cancerians, life can sometimes simply be too exciting, burning up your famous reserves of calm collectedness. Breathe deeply. Open the packet gently. Carefully.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22 It's Leo-fulfilment month! Yay! Shake that shaggy mane. Bellow that throaty roar. Stretch those wicked claws. But don't let anyone see you - just carry on brushing your teeth.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22 Finding yourself considering a career in politics? Yep. That's what Jupiter is doing to you. So go for it. You can't do worse than the ones at the moment.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22 Be particularly careful around the 22nd. Romance will definitely be in the air. You'll be washed-over with warm tender feelings and daft loviness. Aw.

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21. You're not a Scorpio for nothing. You'll really show that sting in your tail towards the end of the month. Do not, ever, let them have the last word. OK?

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21 Tricky times for Sags. Candebular is about to commendate with Domestos, which means Pantechnicon will go frangibulous on the 15th. 'Owt you can do about that.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19 Workplace worries melt away, as you head for total command of the facts, charismatic meeting presence, and total rightness. Your workmates will really hate you.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18 Feeling as if you're the centre of everyone's attention?Rubbish. MI5 are not stalking you. GCHQ have not bugged your phone. Stop it.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20 It's tough Pisceans, swimming against the current. Leaping up the salmon-ladder of life. But you'll succeed, you slippery thing.

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