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September 2021



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With this issue comes the realisation that the new school year is about to commence. Furthermore, the various societies, clubs and leisure activities - that were a normal part of life for so many before Covid-19 - are about to restart, at long last. Make sure to enjoy the ever-increasing normality and freedom in your lives!

Readers may wonder what this new term might offer, so cast your eyes over the news from some of Wing's societies and clubs (p19) and the variety of regular activities and classes offered at our Village Hall (p30). We hope to receive news from more societies and clubs for next month's issue.

For the past two months WOIW had increased to 32 pages - this month it's a bumper issue and the largest yet! Once again it has been brought to you through the enthusiasm and hard work of our What's On team of some 36 volunteers, dealing with production, advertising, finance and, of course, the distribution on foot to all dwellings in Wing; we are so grateful to them all.

Although this work is all undertaken by unpaid volunteers, printing of our 1,400 monthly copies is expensive, hence we much appreciate the decision taken by Wing Parish Council at its July meeting to grant £150 towards our production costs.

As our sole regular income is from advertisers, any contribution that readers feel able to make towards our costs will be very welcome, This month we thank Richard for his kind donation of £10.

We have been so fortunate to have had interesting and informative 'Country Notes' included each month in WOIW, thanks to the depth of knowledge and experience of Wing resident Iain Malin, who worked for Ascott Estate for 47 years until retiring a few weeks ago. Iain is soon moving far away for, in his own words: '*Bigger and better adventures, new horizons and new challenges.'* We wish him well, hoping that he will find time to provide further Country Notes for us once he has settled in.

Do continue to stay safe and well!

Joyce and everyone on the What's On team.

£10 ANYONE?

Each month we feature a seasonal or topical cover picture taken in Wing, often by one of our WOIW team.

We would prefer to use a photo from a reader, so do send one or more to us (in portrait orientation) and the most suitable one will be used.

The sender of each month's selected photograph (it must have been taken in Wing parish) will receive £10.

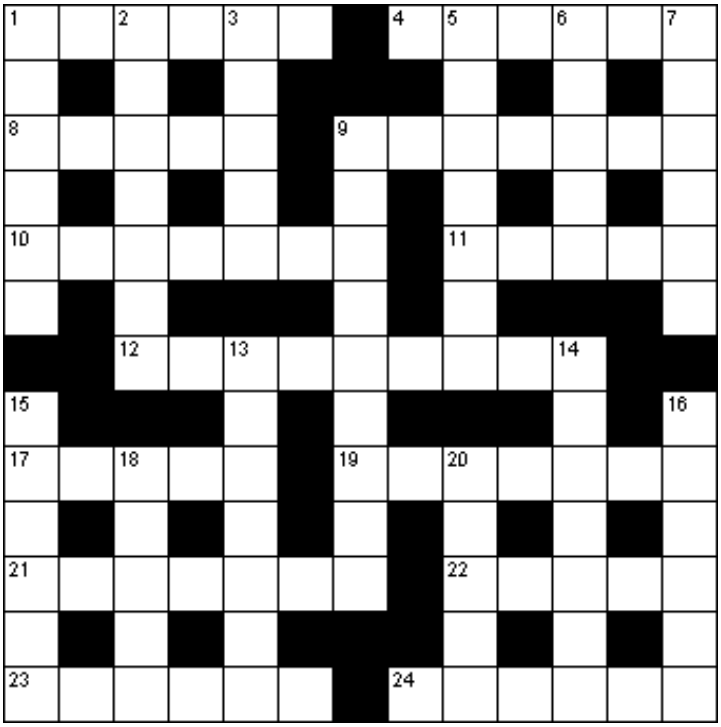
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12	1100	Morning Prayer
19	0830	Communion BCP
	1100	People's Praise
26	1100	Service? To be confirmed

The Next Stage

September is of course the time of the year when the student-aged population routinely moves forward to the next stage – whether the next year group, or a new school entirely, or moving to university, or starting a new course, or whatever else it might be. Once people enter formal working life, however, it is no longer automatically the case that there is a reliable annual landmark at which one is clearly 'moving on'. Promotions, job changes and other key landmark events in life aren't laid down so neatly over time and any changes in direction are often unexpected, which will have been especially true for many over the last eighteen months.

That having been said, it does seem that many people have responded to the pandemic by seeking to find new opportunities moving out of it and to bring back that sense of moving on to the next stage, even though the previous or current stage in question might seem to have been 'inflicted' on us. Finding ways actively to bring in a distinct feeling of 'moving on' and making progress is important to us all in our own ways, not least for mental health, and perhaps it is even more therapeutic if this is gradual but consistent.

Socrates once famously said *"The secret of change is to focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new"*. There is also reference in the gospels to the wise head of a household who brings out of his storeroom treasures new and old. Both of these point to the idea of moving on without ignoring the previous basis upon which any advance or change occurs. Even if we are no longer moving annually onto a new year-group in formal education, the fact never changes that we build new stages upon previous progress, whether our own or that of others, and it might be especially worth remembering that this year.

Andrew Krauss

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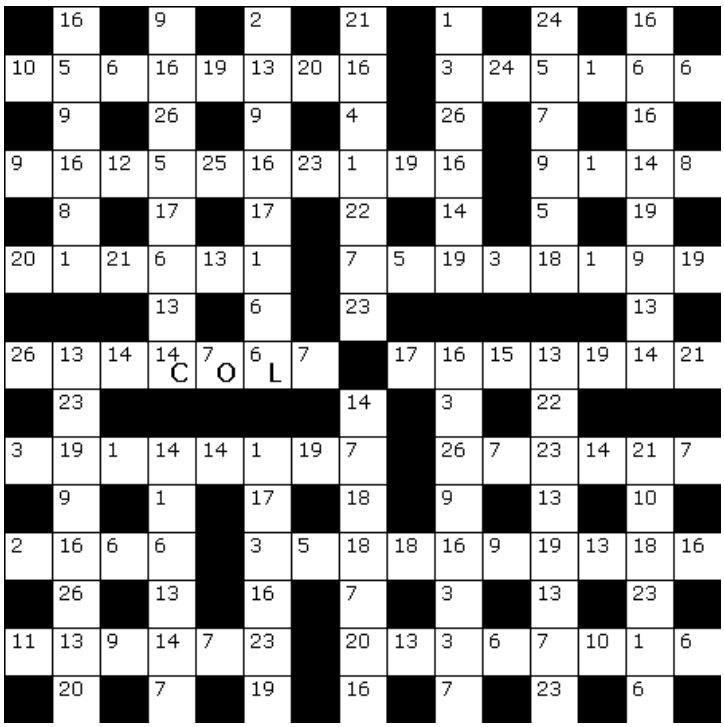
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Sunday 19th September
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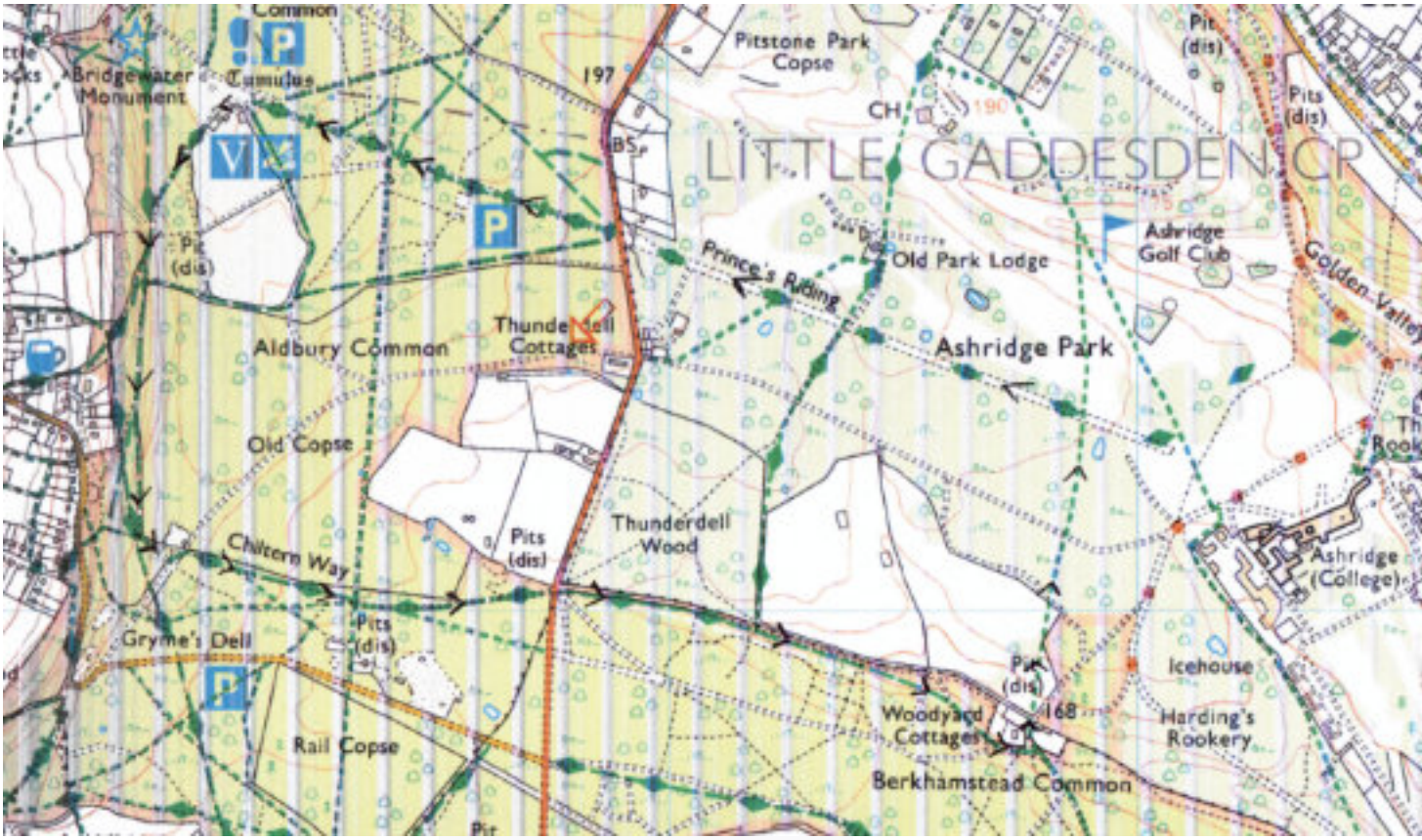
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- Pass the first path on your left and continue to the second on the left.
- Follow this path and continue round a left hand bend past a house.
- Continue on the path nearest the house and straight on through the woods – Chiltern Way.
- At the road, cross over and continue straight ahead.
- Follow the path through the trees, then alongside a field, then, as it bends slightly to the right to a house.
- Turn sharp left past the front of the house to the corner of a field on your left.
- Walk through the gate and across the field between the right hand fence and the two clumps of trees on your left.
- Ahead is a gate back into the woodland.
- Pass through the gate and go straight ahead along the path.
- Walk straight ahead crossing another path and keeping left as a path joins from your right.
- Turn left onto Prince's Riding, a broad grassy avenue between the tree. Ashridge College will be behind you and the monument ahead in the distance.
- Continue along the avenue, crossing the B4506 and returning to the car park.

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Parish Council News

Communication

The Council is currently working on a new communications plan that involves:

- a new Instagram account to facilitate more visibility, and hopefully a wider audience, to the workings of the Parish Council. We will publish the link in next month's **What's On In Wing**, on **Facebook,** and the **Council website**;

- a new layout for the website to make it easier to navigate;

- a quarterly e-newsletter, available on the website;

- online questionnaires/surveys.

Find Activities, Groups and Services Near You

Buckingham Council has an online directory of all groups, activities and services within the county. These are all opening again post Covid, so why not check it out and see if there is anything that interests you. The directory can be found at:
https://directory.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/

Recreation Ground Update

A recent meeting was held with the New Homes Bonus team to clarify the scope of the funding. The working party is now working hard to finalise the revised details and it is hoped that work on the MUGA will commence in the next couple of months.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Many of you will remember the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. To enable a similar event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, there needs to be considerable village support to make it happen. Thoughts so far are for a carnival day, a 'big lunch', beacon lighting. More ideas are required.

If you would like to be involved, please send an email to john.wingpc@gmail.com with your contact details and an ideas meeting will be arranged in the near future.

A Gentle Reminder

Please ensure that overgrowing foliage is cut back along property lines (being mindful of any nesting birds). The Parish Council is responsible for the alleyways, but not for overgrowth from residents' gardens onto alleyways and pavements and therefore we should be very grateful if you would cut it back. If you have any difficulties, please do contact the Parish Clerks.

Gigaclear - Contact Details

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Wing Charities

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A big thank you from the Wing PC to 'Wing Healthy or Need a Hand', who have now stepped down and passed the food bank back to the church. The 'Drop, Swap, Collect' offering started in March 2020 and it was definitely needed and used by so many.

The Community Hub

will be starting on Monday 6 September in the Parish Church. It will take place every Monday between 9.00am and 11.30am and will be a place for tea, coffee, cake and a chat. It will also be an opportunity to meet members of your Parish Council and representatives of Bucks Council, and also to meet the vicar. It's also a place to get advice and to access the food bank. Toys will be available to help entertain toddlers.

Meet the Council: John Lomas - Vice Chairman



John was born and bred in Salford, Lancashire. He attended all the education establishments Salford had to offer from primary, to grammar and university, ending up with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. The degree was achieved as part of a student apprenticeship with the Atomic Energy Authority at Harwell. Towards the end of the degree course he married his wife Maureen, having spent time together at Harwell.

At the end of the apprenticeship, John was assigned to the commissioning of the fast breeder reactor at Dounreay and spent seven happy years on the north coast of Scotland. His first child was born in Scotland but the family soon moved to Warrington and BNFL to help with the design of the reprocessing plant at Sellafield. His second child was born shortly after the move, and they stayed there until the children went to university and he took early retirement in 1998.

John's wife gained a promotion to West Herts College in Watford in 1999 and consequently both moved to Wing in 2000. He joined the carnival committee for their 2001 extravaganza of 'Wing by the Sea' and has been on the committee ever since, being treasurer from 2008 till 2014. John also took up what was supposed to be a short-term assignment for IT support at a coffee factory in Dunstable, but finally decided to fully retire in 2012 after 12 years there.

Whilst preparing the garden at the new house, he was frequently asked to join the bell ringers as they walked to practice every Friday night at All Saints and finally succumbed to their pleas in 2004. He was appointed 'Tower Captain' in 2014, a position he still holds.

As there was no carnival planned for 2013, John was asked to join the Parish Council as he had time on his hands. When the Parish Council took out a 99-year lease on Long Spinney in 2015, John was instrumental in preparing the site for the opening and is a regular helper at the monthly working parties. In 2018 - with the retirement of Lynn as chair - Sarah became chair and John was voted into the Vice Chair position and he's still there today.

Parish Council Information
For more information, news, and updates from the Wing Parish Council, please find us on Facebook **@WingparishCouncil** or visit our website **www.wingparish.org**

Parish Council Vacancy
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ANYONE FOR TABLE TENNIS?



Thanks to a very generous donation of equipment, Wing Hall is delighted to be able to offer table tennis as a new activity. Table tennis is great fun – and good exercise – for people of all ages and abilities. There's no table tennis club, as yet (but who knows?), but the table and net are available free of charge when you hire the Small Hall. It's a lively way to spend time with friends or family, and there's usually a good choice of times when you can book the hall. Just be sure to specify you want the table and net. Bring your own bats and balls!



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- Peppers – 3 of same variety or 6 chillies
- Courgettes - 3
- Potatoes - 3
- Display of 5 different varieties of vegetable

Flowers:
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Gardener's Diary

by Ginny Hollas, Wing Gardening Club



September is a very colourful time in the garden, the season for vibrancy: dahlias, Michaelmas daisies and rudbeckias are all still flowering and the leaves are beginning to colour. There is no better place to see such flamboyance than Waterperry Gardens, not far from Thame. Their long border takes one's breath away with a spectacular display of Michaelmas daisies of all hues, amidst a riot of yellow rudbeckia. Michaelmas daisies (asters) flower from August to October with a variety to suit every garden - they come in shades of purple, blue, pink, white and the bees and butterflies love them.



Dahlia - Happy Single Kiss

The Gardening Club had a lovely trip to Wisley in August and the trial grounds there were full of dahlias of every colour, size and form. I really admire the single ones with very dark foliage and so do the bees, as they are open and the bees can easily collect nectar.

This is the time of year to be ordering your bulbs. It is too early to plant tulips, better to wait until November to do that as they can succumb to tulip fire if planted earlier, but other spring bulbs can be planted from now on. There are some delightful lesser known bulbs you may like to try such as camassia, scilla siberia, sparaxis and snakeshead fritillaria. I have three half barrels I plant up with bulbs, planting in layers so that I get a continuous display throughout the spring. Bulbs need to be planted at two to three times their depth so the bottom layer is usually tulips, then daffodils, scilla, crocus and lastly - nearest the top - the smallest, iris reticulata.

In recent years I have been thinking more about how the garden looks in winter. Green is a lovely colour and there are so many shades and foliage plants can be just as attractive as flowers. I love the dogwoods with coloured stems and pittosporum - the small, silver variety which shines on the dullest days. I bought this from Hardy Cottage Plants, who are coming to the Gardening Club in October. Their talks are always so interesting so come along and join us. They will be selling a good variety of unusual perennials so I will have to make space for a few more!

If you have fruit, vegetables or flowers you are proud of, why not bring them along to our annual produce show on 14 September? You will be very welcome.

Jobs for September

- Collect seeds from perennials and hardy annuals and store in paper bags.
- Put a net over your pond to stop falling leaves clogging it.
- Split your perennials that are not performing well. Take the new growth from the edges and discard the woody middle. Pot up and share with friends.
- Clean out the greenhouse and cold frame ready to have a disease free environment for plants you will overwinter in them. If you still have tomatoes growing, then cut off the trusses and ripen indoors. If you put a banana in with them it will quicken the ripening process, as it gives off the gas ethylene.
- Cut back spent flower heads and have a general tidy up, but leave those that will look attractive through the winter, particularly with frost on them.
- Cover winter vegetables such as brassicas to stop the pigeons having a banquet.

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- Slight kink in her tail also
- She is microchipped

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Autumn Events

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Tea and Toast

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Harvest Festival

Harvest service will be on 3rd October followed by Bring & Share lunch. Harvest donations suitable for the food bank will be welcome.

Diary dates

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Christmas Fayre – Saturday 27th November –

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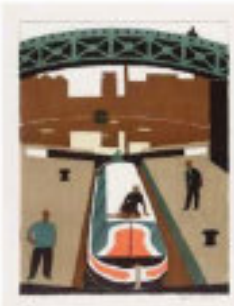
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My name is Richard Clarabut. I've had lots of help in lockdown as people have been kind to me.

I got home one day to find lots of messages saying all the various places I help out in were closing. This was a bit of a shock, but the same for everyone. I feel guilty for not being able to help anyone, but at least I can still go shopping and be safe around others.

I give thanks to all who have kept working throughout. Thank you to all who have helped me personally.

Richard

Country Notes

by Iain Malin



As we run into September, autumn is upon us but often (apart from the last two years) the weather can be better than August. Going back over records, August can be wet when many have booked a holiday. It has not been a good year in general for many of our birds.

Adverse weather in spring caused many problems with birds held up on the continent and arriving late. Many people have noticed the lack of swallows and house martins - and indeed swifts. Along the row of houses where I live, house martins have been very few; they only nest on two houses. Both householders are keen to keep them and hope for a better year next year. Coincidentally they are two of the oldest houses in the row.

House martins do not like plastic soffits and fascias as the mud does not stick to them and they give off an odour. The swifts arrived two weeks late and hence began egg laying late, the young having just left in August rather than at the end of July. I hope the people who live here when I have left will look forward to their arrival and have the pleasure of them as I have, with only a handful of nesting pairs in Wing and as far as I am aware only along this row. Also for the first year that I can remember there have been no yellow wagtail nests on Wing Park.



Yellow wagtail

Moths and butterflies have had a mixed year so far. Speckled woods (a butterfly on the up and extending its range north) are scarce. Hopefully this is only a blip and next year will be better. Common blue and brown argus were also harder to find. On the reverse, marbled whites, meadow browns and gatekeepers are in good numbers.

For those that have been to Ivinghoe Beacon, the sheer numbers of chalk hill blues has been tremendous, with people saying it has been like driving through snow. I counted over 20 feeding on the salts on some fox poo, but they were nearly all males.



Chalk hill blue



Silver washed fritillary

Luckily, this year I have found some lovely butterflies. Silver washed fritillaries - a very impressive butterfly - have had a fantastic year. This large orange coloured butterfly has turned up in some people's gardens, a sight to remember. This is a woodland butterfly as is the other rather scarce butterfly that a friend of mine found.



White letter hairstreak

The white letter hairstreak, as its name suggests, has a white 'W' on its underside, but never settles with its wings open. It was common in many hedgerows when I was a teenager but has declined because of Dutch Elm Disease, elms being the food plant for the caterpillar.

Large elms do not exist around here any more, although suckers spring up from rootstocks and, as soon as they get any height, elm bark beetles move in and introduce the fungus killing the young trees. I have heard that a resistant strain has been found, but how much longer can this butterfly survive.

How much longer can we say 'Hope it is better next year'. With the latest climate report, personally I have not a lot of hope.

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VILLAGE SOCIETY & CLUB NEWS

Wing Hall Snooker Club



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Whilst closed due to Covid-19, we took the opportunity to install 2 new windows and then redecorate - many thanks indeed go to the Wing Hall Trust. We were then able to re-cloth both tables.

New for 2021 - we now have a fridge and a snooker coach who is a snooker player, available to teach snooker to anybody of any standard.

The aspiration for 2021 - we would like to have more people playing snooker from Wing and the surrounding villages. Over 18s can be members and over 14s and guests can play with a member.

We have now set up a booking system to allow members more flexibility as to when they want to play snooker.

For further details please contact David Turner: 07392 482415.

The Wing Singers

With much relief after a very long period of inactivity due to Covid-19, Wing's community choir - The Wing Singers - will be restarting on **Sunday 5 September**, with a rehearsal in Wing Village Hall from 4:45pm-7:15pm.

After such a long layoff, Musical Director Jill Neenan will be concentrating this term on the enjoyment of singing together, whilst re-establishing techniques and skills.

This will be an ideal opportunity for any newcomers to learn with us, so if you have been considering joining a choir, come as a visitor for a complimentary evening and see if we suit you. Before coming please contact Lance Redler (Choir Secretary) on 01296 681286 (or email wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk), and he will explain the Covid-19 personal protection measures that will be applied.

Membership is open to all ages and abilities, no auditions are necessary and members already come from Wing and 24 other towns and villages. Comprehensive details about The Wing Singers are on our website:

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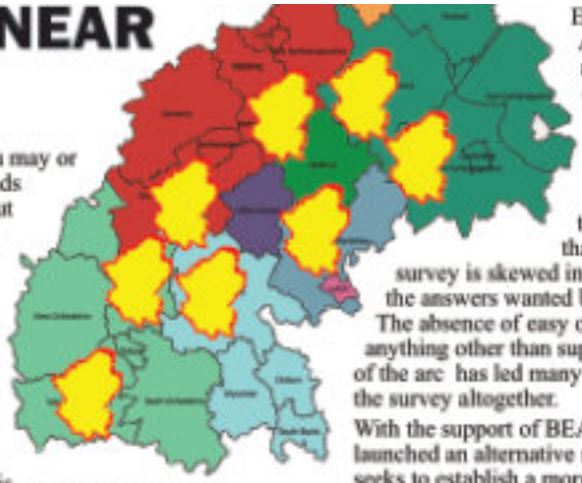
You'll be aware that the government has declared that the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway will not happen. But it has not abandoned its other plans for what they call the Oxford Cambridge Arc.

The Arc will be a new Silicon Valley, with 1 million new houses,for scientists, academics, engineers and workers, their servants and housemaids, their laboratories and factories, along with new industry, schools, hospitals, shopping centres – and the roads need to link all those together.

If a million homes is hard to imagine, think of something like eight new Milton Keynes. The Times newspaper recently described the Arc as the creation of a new Los Angeles linking Oxford and Cambridge.

The plan for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc sweeps aside all the housing commitments made by local communities. It pays little heed to climate change or food production. It pumps billions of pounds into an already well-developed, relatively affluent part of the country – and into the pockets of the developers whose idea this all was. It ignores the need for investment in less well-off parts of England. It defeats the object of HS2.

In case you're worried about the CO2 effect of all this development,or the loss of the countryside we so cherish, especially in the Vale of Aylesbury, the government will reassure you. Their new concept of Biodiversity Net Gain ensures that for every X% loss of nature, the developers must promise to create X+10% of equivalent nature. You may or may not feel this sounds difficult to achieve. But it's easy, if the system allows you - for instance - to define a small childrens' playground as species-rich grassland. How does one calculate and value a unit of biodiversity, you might ask? Well, that is tricky. It needs experts. Fortunately, the Bucks, Berks and Oxon WildlifeTrust, for example, along with other similar guardians of our natural environment, have generously offered to provide consultancy services to the developers. To avoid any suggestion that these independent charities will be doing the developers a favour, they will of course be charging consultancy fees for their services. We need have no worries about their objectivity or their impartiality.



Here's one way to fit eight new MKs between Oxford and Cambridge.

The government has now launched the first stage of a consultation process. It's an on-line survey, which you can find at https://placebuilder.io/futureofthearc

Groups concerned about the arc proposal include the CPRE (Council for Protection of Rural England), Friends of the Earth, STARC (Stop The Arc group), BEAG (Buckinghamshire Environment Action Group), and many, many community-based action groups across the region.

Throughout those groups, there is concern that the government survey is skewed in order to deliver the answers wanted by the planners. The absence of easy options to express anything other than support for the aims of the arc has led many people to ignore the survey altogether.

With the support of BEAG, STARC has launched an alternative survey which seeks to establish a more balanced measure of public opinion on the arc plans. If you're concerned about the proposal, you should consider responding to the STARC survey. If you're not already familiar with the arc ambitions, there's a wealth of good background information at BEAG (www.beag.org.uk) and at STARC (www.noexpressway.org). Both are worth exploring. Scroll down the home page of www.noexpressway.org to find the survey.

If you have regard or concern for the quality of life in our part of the world, the natural environment we live alongside, or the value of your home, or the kind of future you want for your children, you owe it to yourself to understand what the plans for the arc are. If, then, you're happy with the government's plans, fair enough. If you're not happy – say so. Before it's too late.

By Roger Carey, Buckinghamshire Environment ActionGroup

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As we head into autumn, chances are that we will have some warmer weather again, as that's what usually happens when the children go back to school!

But we know that autumn is coming and in my head I start to think of cooler days and comfort foods, and look forward to making things like soups and stews again.

And one of my favourite ingredients to use in the autumn is butternut squash. It's got a delicious flavour, it's a really lovely colour, and it's a great filler-upper too!

Butternut squash is also brilliant to mash with potatoes for a different kind of mash. It's lovely if you add a bit of puréed apple too, and goes really well with roast pork or pork chops.

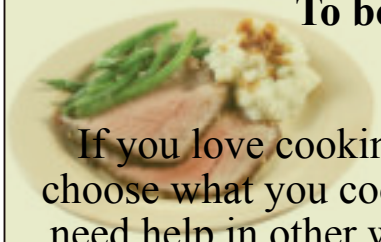
You can also cut it into chunky pieces to put into stews and casseroles. It's so delicious you will be hunting out the orange cubes as you eat!

You can also slice it in half or into wedges and roast it in its skin. The skin is chewy and edible, or you can just scoop out the roasted flesh to use however you like. You can also eat the seeds too.

For a really delicious butternut squash soup, peel and dice one butternut squash, and fry the cubes in a bit of olive oil along with a chopped onion and a couple of teaspoons of smoked paprika. Then add some salt and pepper and a tin of coconut milk, and simmer until the butternut squash is soft. Then blend until smooth. Delicious with crusty bread! Let me know if you give it a try. See you in the October issue!

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We are eternally grateful to an amazing band of volunteer door-to-door collectors, but it would be fantastic to have a few more. If you can cover **any of the Dormer Avenue area**, even if it is just a few houses, we would love to hear from you. Please contact either Sarah or I on the numbers below.

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TALKING DOG with Neil Smith



Medical Detection Dogs

I thought you would all be interested to hear how Medical Detection Dogs, a local charity (www.medical detection dogs.org.uk), is progressing with their scent work to discover if their dogs can detect COVID-19.

Using six of their elite team of scent dogs, they have been undertaking the first phase of the study. They recently announced that with over 90% accuracy the dogs were able to reliably identify when people did, or did not, have the disease. This is amazing.

There were three stages to the study, which took the dogs through a pilot study, a single blind stage and finally the double blind testing. Initially it had to be stablished if COVID-19 had an odour that the dogs could find. Next, the dogs were taken through a rigorous six week programme , during which the dogs were taught the more complex discrimination required for accurate detection. Then finally, the double blind test where both dogs and handlers were working blind. At this stage the dogs had to indicate to their handlers a simple 'yes' or 'no' response to the scent.



The Medical Detection Dogs charity are pleased to announce that their dogs correctly identified the COVID-19 odour up to 94.3% of the time; 92% of the time they identified that there was no disease present.

Over 3,750 people across the UK, including NHS staff, donated odour samples to the study by wearing socks, face masks and shirts which were processed by the research team and used for the training and testing of the dogs. This work also involved a lot of hard work from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

This now means that the dogs can move onto the next phase of the trial, which involves training the dogs to work in public settings.

On Sunday 5 September, from 10.30am - 3.30pm, Medical Detection Dogs are running a fundraising event behind the Betsy Wynne pub in Swanbourne. There are lots of activities for your dogs to do and I will be running a fun agility course for you to take your dogs through. Hopefully you will be able to join us and help to raise funds for this good cause.



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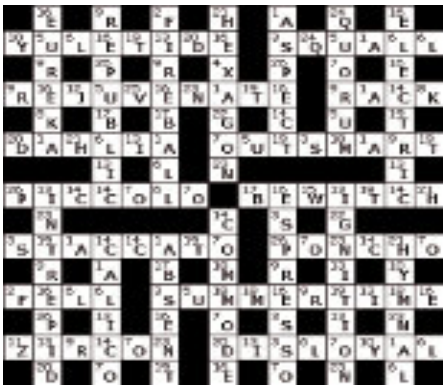
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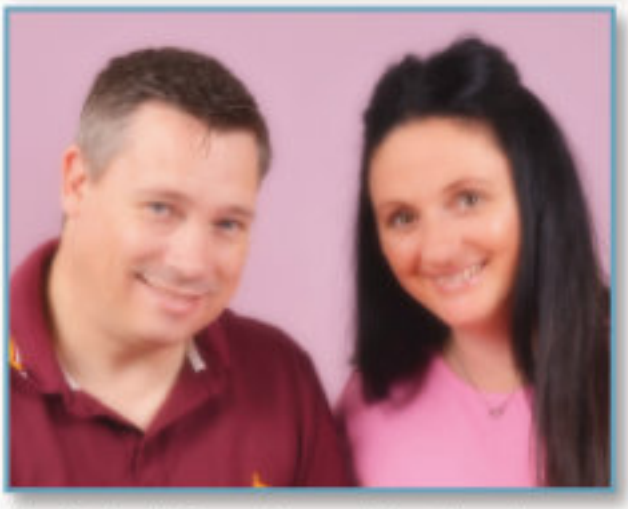
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