

• **Brownlow Memorial Hall** – remember when planning a party or other social occasion the hall makes a wonderful venue. Dates are available for Saturday hire; please contact Janis Harding on 457777 to make a booking.

• **Neighbourhood police surgery dates for 2009** – Come and meet your local PC and PCSO. All are welcome. Have a chat, raise issues of concern or seek crime prevention advice. The first Monday of the month, meeting in Tesco store cafeteria from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm.

• **Green waste** – 30p bags to recycle garden waste are available from the Parish Office.

• **Bluebell Woods** – for those of you who have not already seen the wonderful spring display why not enjoy a walk and see for yourself. There is limited parking at the junction of Nuptown Lane and Hawthorn Lane OS map reference 891 736. Nuptown Lane is a turning off the A330 between Hawthorn Hill and Malt Hill.



• **Community Policing Awards 2009**

Know someone who fits the bill? It could be your community police officer, a special constable, a volunteer or police community support officer. Complete a form online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk/communityawards by 17 April.

• **Volunteers to help with Rainbows, Brownies & Guides** – Interested? Contact Janet Russell janeterusell@aol.com to find out more.

• **Is your road part of the Neighbourhood Watch?** If not, volunteer co-ordinators are needed to receive and circulate information from the Ringmaster police computer system. Contact Margaret Webber on 0845 8505505 for further details.

Make contact with your Parish Councillors for more details of any issues mentioned or help with planning and other local matters

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Going Green

Bracknell Forest Council is working on a strategy to actively minimise climate change. Borough Officers recently congratulated us for being the first Parish Council to produce a draft outline strategy.

We have now formed a working group responsible for communicating how we can best manage the environment and the use of natural resources. The working group is producing an action plan to raise awareness and share ways of efficiently using natural resources and encouraging sustainable consumption. By reducing our domestic greenhouse gas emissions, Warfield residents can still enjoy a good life, without compromising the quality of life of future generations. Look out for updates and articles on our website and in The Wren.

Kerbside News

You can now place all your kerbside recyclables in your big blue wheelie bin. This means that plastic bottles, paper, card, food tins, drinks cans and aerosols can all go in together. As a result some communal recycling bins are being removed from bank sites across the Borough. To order a free blue wheelie bin, visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/abc, or call 352000.

Real Nappy Week Tea Party

Learn how to cut your nappy bills and reduce the waste sent to landfill sites: April 29 10am -12 noon Langley Hall, Holy Trinity Church, The Ring, Bracknell & April 30 10am - 12 noon at The Oaks Children's Centre, Great Hollands

Parish Precept

The Parish Council gets its income from the annual Parish Precept. This year it will be £132,600 a slight increase on 2008/09. As ever, the Parish Council hopes that our residents agree this represents good value for money. During our deliberations, we were conscious of the fact that there will be an increase in the Borough's Council Tax and so we were keen to keep the Precept as low as possible. Once again, the Parish Council will give significant grants to the community, particularly Warfield Memorial Ground and the Brownlow Memorial Hall.

Parish Assembly

**8.00 pm Wednesday,
29 April 2009**

The Brownlow Memorial Hall, Newell Green
(Plough & Harrow crossroads)

Please add this date to your diary. Come along and learn more about what we do on your behalf. We will be presenting 2 awards this year. The Warfield Award will be presented to a resident for an outstanding contribution to the life of Warfield. The Chairman's Award will be presented to a local community group.

We look forward to seeing you.

Northern Parishes Arts Festival

Planning has already started for this year's event which will continue the theme of a family centred arts week during the autumn half-term, 26 October – 1 November. This year we will be extending activities with more taster sessions designed specifically for adults. The Brownlow Hall proved to be an excellent venue for the arts and crafts exhibition and this will be rebooked. The plan is to once again judge the best entry in the show and the people's vote for favourite work will also be repeated. With your support we are hopeful that this year's event will be bigger and better. Anybody wishing to know more about participating or organising arts week activities should contact Janis Harding.

Priory Field The site, owned by Bracknell Forest Council, was transformed in 2006 to help meet growing demand for recreational pitches. Day to day management of Priory Fields is linked to outdoor sports facilities at Westmorland Park. Unfortunately, it is taking some time for the pitches to fully establish. The new drainage system is proving highly effective, but the grass has yet to grow sufficiently. Bracknell Forest Council is liaising with sports turf specialists to address this. For further information, including enquiries about hiring pitches, please contact 354441 or rangers@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Family Cycle Ride – 10 mile circular route through Warfield & Winkfield

It's national bike week so why not join in on Sunday, 21 June. Meet at 9.30 am– 9.45 am at Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row. Certificates will be awarded to those completing the 10 mile ride. Refreshments will be served at the finish. If you can help with marshalling please contact the Parish Office 457777.

Whitegrove Library

Have you noticed that libraries are no longer silent and stuffy? Far from it, community engagement is now the buzz term. In our local library you will find it possible to learn Spanish once a month with the Spanish Hour group. You can join the book club that also meets once a month and share your reads.

Increasing digitisation is influencing change in libraries; you will already have noticed the suite of computers in Warfield library. Have you noticed the Learning Bus parked next to the library? Here you can learn how to use computer technology. Ask at the library about ICT for adult beginners in the Learning Bus. All courses are free.

The BRAP pack return with their book group for young people in their teens. School children might want to pop along on a Wednesday after school for arts and crafts. For 2s and under there is the monthly 'Baby Bounce and Rhyme' sing-alongs and for pre-schoolers, reading time is weekly on a Tuesday afternoon.

- **The Warfield Award** If you wish to nominate an individual, a team or a group please contact the Parish Office 457777.

- **Warfield Village Fete** The Parish Council continues to sponsor Warfield's summer fete which takes place on Saturday, 13 June at Warfield Memorial Ground. See www.warfieldfete.org.uk for further details. Make a note to be there!

- **Warfield Produce Show** will be held in the Brownlow Memorial Hall on Saturday, 18 July.

- **Parish/Borough Councillor surgery dates for 2009** 10.00 am – 12 noon in the Parish Office (Tesco site) 4 April, 2 May, 6 June, 4 July, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November, 5 December.