

Family cycle ride – 10 mile circular route through Warfield & Winkfield

Its national bike week in June, so why not join in on Sunday, 27 June. Meet at 9.30 – 9.45 am, 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.

The People's Museum – free art workshop, Saturday 6 March

Bring along a special object, draw it and help artist Jon Lockhart make a museum! There is no need to book and no experience is required. Open to all ages just come along to the Brownlow Hall, Newell Green 10.00 am – 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm – 4.00 pm. There will also be a chance to handle objects from the Museum of Reading. For further information please call 352000 or visit www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/peoplesmuseum.

Neighbourhood survey results

The results of the annual survey have now been published. 91% of residents said that overall they were satisfied with living in Warfield because of the parks and open spaces, access to nature and the low level of crime. The main concerns were:

1. Level of speeding around the Parish
2. Visibility of police on the streets
3. Amount of litter around the Parish
4. Maintenance of hedges/trees/bushes
5. Dog fouling

These issues are now being reviewed and plans will be developed to help improve them. If you are interested in joining the Warfield Neighbourhood Action Group, the next meetings are scheduled for Thursday, 8 July and Thursday, 14 October from 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm at the Parish Office. Please contact Colleen Healy on 457473 for more information.

Other News

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, 12 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, 24 July.

Parish/Borough Councillor surgery dates for 2010

10.00 am – 12 noon in the Parish Office (Tesco store site)
3 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December.

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 2010 - come and meet your local PC and PCSO. All are welcome. Have a chat, raise issues of concern or seek crime prevention advice. Meeting in Tesco store cafeteria from 10.30 - 11.30 am 3 April, 8 May, 1 June, 1 July, 4 August, 1 September, 4 October, 1 November and 4 December.

Green waste - 30p bags to recycle garden waste are available from the Parish Office.

Bluebell woods - due to the very cold start to the year we are told that this spring's display of bulbs and wild flowers will be spectacular although a month later than usual! For those of you who have not already seen the wonderful display why not plan a walk in early May 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.



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More new homes for Warfield

It has been a while since local housing plans were featured in The Wren. You will recall that Warfield is identified by Bracknell Forest Council as a location for the future development of approximately 2,200 homes. We now know this development is definitely going ahead, however you now have an opportunity to influence where housing, schools, retail, business and leisure facilities are likely to be located.

Public participation

You are invited to attend a local exhibition to give your views and have your questions answered. Venues are the Parish Office (Tesco store site) on Tuesday, 9 March 9.30 am - 12.30 pm and the Brownlow Memorial Hall, Newell Green (Plough & Harrow crossroads) on Saturday, 20 March 10.00 am – 1.00 pm. Please take the time to visit either of the exhibitions and respond to the Borough Council's Site Allocations Development Plan Document (participation document & questionnaire).

Publication

The Council will consider and collate public consultation responses together with other sources of evidence including a sustainability appraisal. The final supplementary planning document and sustainability appraisal are due to be published December 2010 – January 2011.

Parish Assembly

8.00 pm Wednesday, 14 April 2010

**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 two awards again this year. The Warfield Award will be presented to a prominent 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.

Parish Precept

The Parish Council gets its income from the annual Parish Precept. During January the Parish Council set the precept for the year 2010/11. The total precept is to be £132,600, the same as last year. As ever, the Parish Council hopes that our residents agree this represents good value for money. The Parish Council continues to give significant grants to local groups, particularly Warfield Memorial Ground and the Brownlow Memorial Hall.

Good news for our young people

The Parish Council has agreed to contribute £3,400 towards the funding of two part-time youth workers for Whitegrove Youth & Community Centre. If your daughter is still on a waiting list to join Rainbows, you will be pleased to learn the Parish Council has increased Bracknell North Guide Association's grant to £1,070 to contribute towards the running expenses of a new Rainbows unit. Whitegrove Football Club is to receive £1,000 towards promotion and further development. For young people interested in baseball, Bracknell Baseball Club is to receive a grant of £750 towards essential equipment to support and enhance local junior and youth membership. Popular with Warfield families, The 2nd Bracknell Scout Group is to receive £900 towards the cost of catering equipment for a 50th anniversary camp. Recently established AFC Warfield has been granted £500 towards the cost of new football equipment. The Parish Council is also budgeting £2,500 towards the inspection and maintenance of play equipment in the area.

New play equipment at Westmorland Park

Look out for new the play equipment being installed at Westmorland Park. This is an exciting new development for our 8 to 13 year olds. As part of a government scheme, funding to the tune of £1.1 million has been made available to Bracknell Forest Council for new play equipment over the next two years. Warfield Parish has proposed, and had accepted, one site for inclusion in the first year of development and as we write new equipment is being installed at Westmorland Park. The aim is to be ready and available for use from Easter 2010.

From the outset of the project one of the aims was to have more challenging and dynamic equipment to help children as they grow and develop and local 8-13 year olds have been involved in the consultation phase. When asked, top of the wish list for most children was a zip wire and the topography of the site means we can include this piece of equipment at Westmorland Park. Other new items are a rope end swinger which allows lots of children to sit and swing at the same time, a challenging climbing frame made from large poles and scramble nets and finally two trampolines side by side for double the fun. These really enhance the existing facilities at Westmorland Park, and as those cold, dark and wet days fade behind us and spring appears you'll know where your children will be from now on.

Unfortunately, Warfield will not receive any funding for year two of the project due to the lack of suitable sites within the parish. However, a number of sites are being developed on our borders which our children should be able to access fairly easily. We will update you with further information as the projects progress.

Keeping our Green Belt green

The battle continues over the inappropriate development on our Green Belt at Honeywood Farm, Nuptown. Last July we reported that we were waiting for enforcement action at Honeywood Farm because the Borough had refused planning permission and the Planning Inspector upheld this decision. The enforcement has been suspended as the owner of Honeywood Farm took legal action against HM Planning Inspectorate in the High Court. The High Court upheld the Inspector's decision,

however, the owner has applied to the Court of Appeal to be allowed to appeal against the High Court judge's decision. This appeal will be heard sometime later this year.

Moss End Farm and Garden Centre

While many of you may enjoy the retail outlets and facilities at Moss End, there is no planning permission in place for this latest project. Retrospective plans to extend the activities on site have been refused by the Borough, as amongst other reasons, they are inappropriate in the Green Belt. This decision is to be taken to appeal by the site owners. We will keep you posted.

Frost Folly

When you next visit Frost Folly, look out for a new presentation panel showing photos and descriptions of birds you are likely to see in the neighbourhood.



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, 25 – 31 October. In addition to the usual activities consideration is being given to a performing arts event to celebrate local talent. Please make contact to register your interest. The Brownlow Hall continues 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.