

Arts Week: 25 – 31 October

Planning for this year's festival during the autumn half-term holiday is already well advanced. Once again we are offering a variety of professionally organised events in conjunction with Bracknell Forest Council and South Hill Park. Families in particular can look forward to seeing a village hall performance of The Dragon's Daughter, workshops in libraries and a varied selection of favourite daytime art and craft activities. Come along and try something new with your family or on your own. Adult evening workshops will feature: learn how to make decorative fencing for your garden, learn how to take eye-catching photographs or make some Christmas folk art to decorate your home.

It is not too late to enter the Visual Arts & Craft Exhibition to be held in the Brownlow Hall 29-31 October. All work exhibited will be eligible for a prize (excluding professional artists) and once again visitors to the exhibition can take part in a "Public Vote" to nominate the most appreciated artist. An application form can be downloaded from our web site or alternatively visit the Parish Office.

Making a difference

Concerned about the environment but feeling discouraged about what you as an individual can do? Here are some easy and practical ways you can help. By taking the bus, walking, biking or car pooling to work or to the shops you will reduce air pollution. By lowering your hot water thermostat to 140 degrees, turning off lights and electronic devices when you are not using them and switching to ultra efficient compact fluorescent

bulbs, you will make a difference to your energy use. Return your organic waste to where it belongs: the soil! Rather than sending fruit peelings, grass clippings, etc. to the tip, start a compost pile instead. Plant a tree in your garden as trees help by trapping CO₂ emissions, minimising the effects of global warming. Try out a few organic pesticides or fertilizers and see what works for you! By going mostly organic in your garden, you will help to stimulate beneficial soil organisms and create a healthier place for your pets and children to play.

Other News

Whitegrove Primary School summer fete takes place on Saturday, 26 June 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. All welcome.

Warfield CofE Primary School is holding its summer fete on Saturday, 3 July, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. The theme this year is The World Cup.

Parish/Borough Surgery dates for 2010 – 10.00 am – 12 noon in the Parish Office 3 July, 4 September, 2 October, 6 November, 4 December.

Whitegrove Library – closed for approximately 6 weeks for refurbishment from 27 May.

Green Waste Bags – 35p each available from the Parish Office.

Warfield Produce Show – 2.00 pm Saturday, 24 July Brownlow Hall, Newell Green.

Warfield Fete - we would like to thank all the local residents who participated in our Treasure Hunt at our stand. We were privileged to host our new MP Adam Afriyie during his walkabout at the fete.



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2,200 new homes for Warfield

Under the new Conservative/Liberal coalition government there is a growing expectation that councils may not need to provide quite so much housing in the future. We are currently awaiting guidance from the Secretary of State. Any decision regarding future housing numbers will not, however, affect current plans to build 2,200 new homes in Warfield as this forms part of Bracknell Forest's Core Strategy. By having such a strategy in place we are protected from speculative planning applications.

Warfield Parish Council is working to minimise the impact of the future housing development, to secure a carefully planned infrastructure and better facilities than currently exist in Warfield. Bracknell Forest Council will be publishing a consultation document 'Warfield SPD' in July-August and there will be an opportunity for residents to comment on this. Please watch our web site for further details.

Latest new development proposals

Bracknell Forest Council is considering representations to their Site Allocations

Development Plan Document which sought views on potential locations for future development up to 2026. Warfield Parish Council submitted a strong objection to the proposal to build 1400 homes in an area north of Warfield Street. Once Bracknell Forest Council has considered and collated these responses a draft submission will be published.

Calling all budding photographers!

Please send us your photographs of local beauty spots in the parish of Warfield. Photographs will be displayed on the Parish Council web site: www.warfieldparishcouncil.org.uk with each photographer's name.

Bag it!

We recognise that most dog owners clean up after their pets but there is a small minority who continue to cause problems locally, particularly at Westmorland Park and in some of our country lanes. We need your help in finding a solution and we welcome positive behaviour-changing suggestions from local residents – email clerk@warfieldparishcouncil.org.uk. In the meantime, now we no longer have a dog warden, remember to poop scoop. There are only five specially designed bins in the locality so please take your dog mess home and dispose of it there. Dog fouling is a major concern to many people, not just because of the mess it causes but because it can also be linked to health risks including stomach upsets and sore throats.

Chairman's Award

This year the Chairman's Award is presented to the Warfield Fete Committee as a big thank-you for all

the time and hard work that goes into making our fete such a successful social occasion that draws together the community of Warfield.

Warfield Chairman and Vice-Chairman Returned

At Warfield Parish Council Annual General Meeting Councillor Colleen Healy was re-elected Chairman. Councillor Hugh Fitzwilliams was re-elected Vice Chairman for the year 2010/11.

Better Play Areas

It is great to see our young people enjoying the new Westmorland Park play equipment funded by the Playbuilder programme, which is part of a wider, long term agenda to change the perception of play and to emphasise its importance in the local community. The good news is that Bracknell Forest Council has been awarded 'Playbuilder' funding to develop a further site in Warfield. We anticipate a decision will soon be announced as to which site will be selected for the next phase of development, to be complete by March 2011. The site selected will be one that can be easily reached on foot and in safety.

Winkfield and Warfield Family Cycle Ride Sunday 27 June

Come and join us on a 10 mile circular ride through the flat country lanes of Warfield and Winkfield. This year we have included a shortened route more suitable for our younger cyclists. Meet at 9.30-9.45 am Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row, RG42 7PA. Certificates will be awarded to those completing the ride and medals presented to the first 50 children. Refreshments will be available. Thames Valley Police will be on hand to security mark bicycles free of charge.

Keeping our Green Belt green

Warfield Parish Council continues to oppose modified plans to develop Moss End Farm & Garden Centre as these plans still exceed the normal operations of a garden centre and are intrusive into the Green Belt. The Parish Council considers it a priority to protect the local Green Belt and so adheres strictly to Green Belt planning rules. Visit our web site to keep up to date with any new developments at Moss End Farm & Garden Centre and also Honeywood Farm.

