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WHAT'S ON IN WING

April 2026

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- This month's 'Out & About' walk goes to Gibraltar!
- Healthy living, nature notes and farm news
- Choral events to look forward to
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Both our bowls and tennis clubs in Wing are seeking members, as can be seen from their news items on page 19 of this issue. With clubs such as these it really can be a matter of 'use it or lose it'! The tennis club is 100 years old and the bowls club has ambitions to reach that age!

March saw increased activity in our village following Bucks Council's 'Wing New Town' proposal, with two public meetings of concerned villagers. What's On in Wing will endeavour to keep readers informed, such as by the Parish Council's page and our updating comments on page 7, but we can never be fully up to date as we go to press two weeks before the printed copies are delivered to all dwellings and businesses in Wing.

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

**HAPPY
EASTER**



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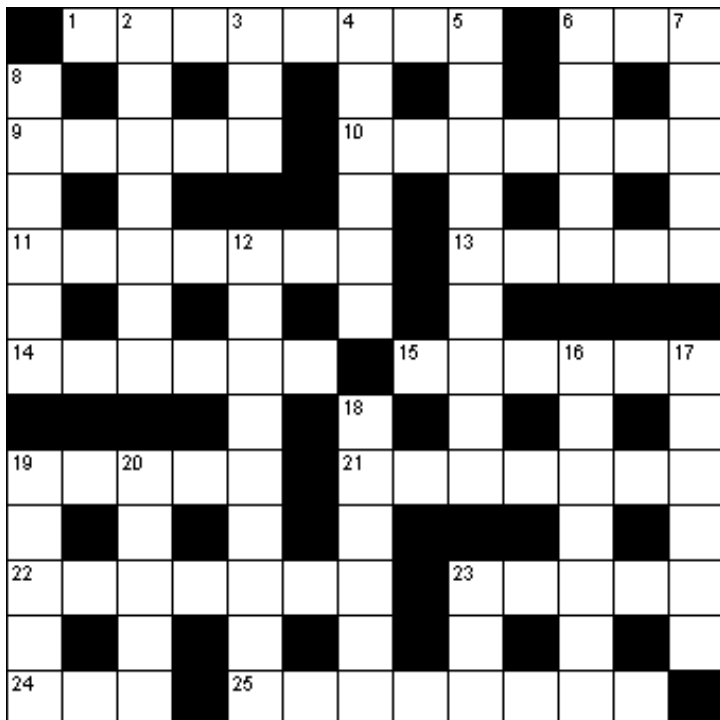
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Quick crossword



Across

- 1 Brothers (8)
- 6 Top card (3)
- 9 Put to use (5)
- 10 Warlike (7)
- 11 Group of soldiers (7)
- 13 Vote into office (5)
- 14 Required (6)
- 15 Magician (6)
- 19 Quarrelled (5)
- 21 Card game (7)
- 22 Stir up (7)
- 23 Fatuous (5)
- 24 Concealed (3)
- 25 French emperor (8)

Down

- 2 Put back (7)
- 3 Plaything (3)
- 4 Gypsy (6)
- 5 Scandinavian language (9)
- 6 Lithe (5)
- 7 Brilliant success (5)
- 8 Occur (6)
- 12 In the red (9)
- 16 Savoury pear-shaped fruit (7)
- 17 Hazard (6)
- 18 Maintenance (6)
- 19 Arrive at (5)
- 20 Eerie (5)
- 23 Sick (3)

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From The Team Vicar



April Services at All Saints Church, Wing		
2	1930	(Maundy Thursday) Holy Communion, followed by stripping of the altars (Rev'd Dom Wright)
3	1400	(Good Friday) Meditation (Rev'd Annie Cooper)
5	1000	Easter Sunday - Holy Communion (Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman)
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19	1000	Holy Communion (Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman)
26	1000	People's Praise (Lay led)

Happy Easter!

Easter is a celebration of new life and hope, in which we are reminded that death and darkness do not have the last word – but life, light and love will prevail. At Easter, the Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and the great joy it brings. In His death, Jesus defeated the power of death and Hell – and at His resurrection, He opened the Kingdom of Heaven to all people. Alleluia!

In the Gospel of St. John, Jesus is often described as a light. Jesus, the Light of the World, is the light who shines in the darkness – and the darkness did not overcome Him. At Christmas, we celebrated how Jesus came into the world – as a newborn baby, shining as a light in that cold, dark stable. At Easter, we celebrate the new life and light Jesus brings, quenching the darkness of death, and shining as a light as He bursts from the now-empty tomb. Indeed, Jesus replaces death and despair with life and hope. Today, we are called to share the light of Christ with other people – and especially with those who need it most.

One way the Church in our community is sharing the light of Christ today is by collecting candles for Ukraine. Since Russia's invasion, about



forty percent of Ukraine's power infrastructure has been damaged, leading to mass blackouts in people's homes and public places – often lasting for hours on end. Candles bring people in Ukraine light in times of darkness – and your unwanted candles (all colours, shapes and sizes, new or old, complete or broken, wax and stubs) can be remade into brand new candles, and then sent to Ukraine. Its a really easy, practical way of helping a country and people in need – all while giving your home or Church a spring-clean, and helping the environment. A win-win!

If you would like to help and support this campaign, I would be glad to receive your candles – please get in touch with me to arrange a pickup, or bring them to Church. I plan to take the next vanload to the candle processing workshop at the end of April. Thank you!

This Easter, may we joyfully accept Christ's invitation to new life and light – and may we share that light and life with others, bringing hope to those who most need it.

Rev'd Will Lyon Tupman, Team Vicar

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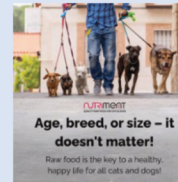
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Housing developments

From an earlier requirement to expect growth demands of up to 10%, Wing has suddenly been asked to take more new houses than it can even begin to support, with demands now coming from local government, central government and speculative developers.

Buckinghamshire Council's plans to sell its land at Chesterfield Crescent continue to advance. At the same time, their Local Plan for the whole of Bucks includes 2,457 new houses on open countryside to the west of the village. On the other side of the village, speculative developers seek to build up to 200 houses on a site fraught with heritage issues. And Buckinghamshire Council warn us that the only source of funding for vital infrastructure, for any of these projects, will be a slice of the developers' profits which they will be reluctant to surrender.

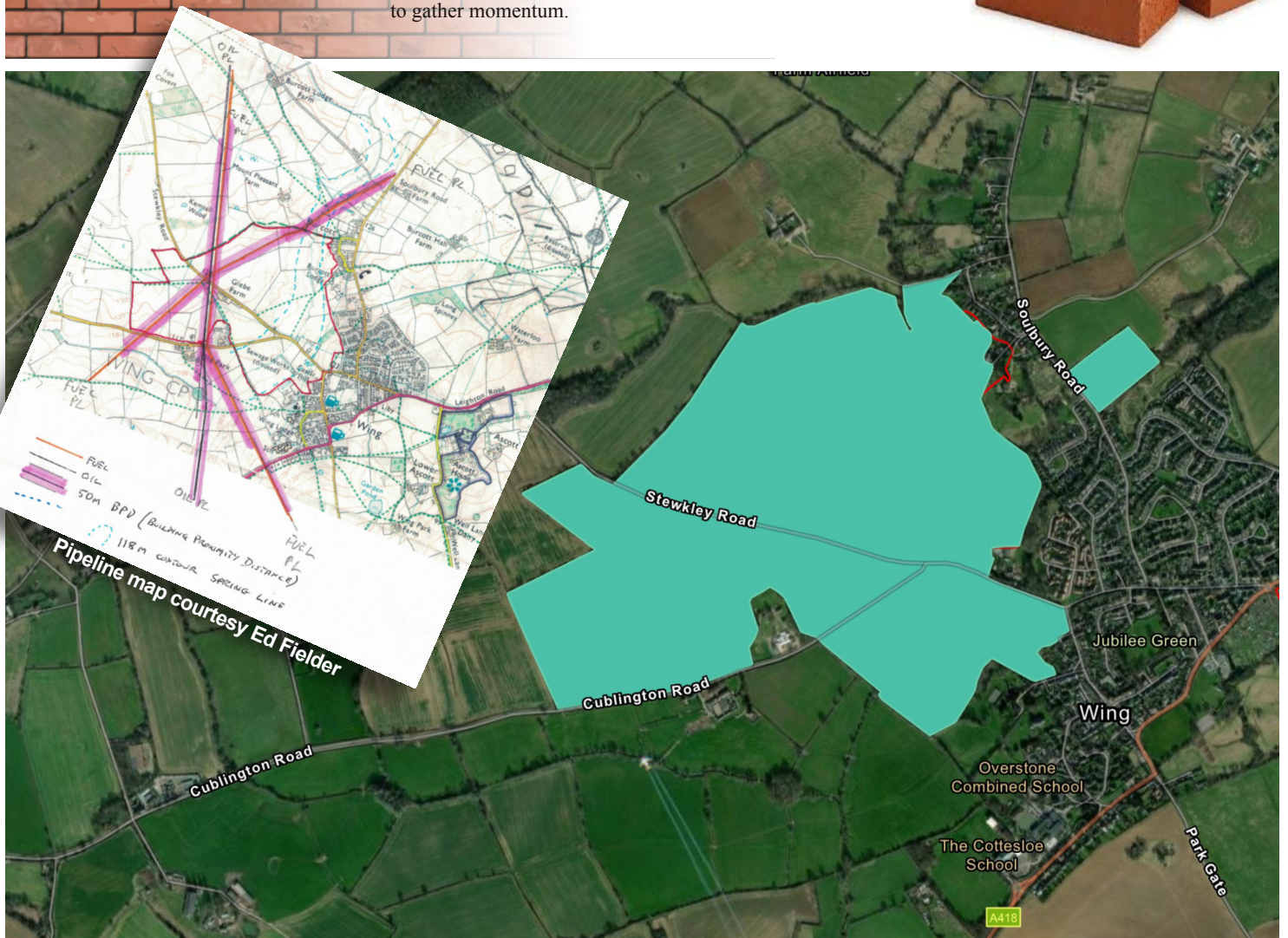
Our village has formed an Action Group, which is now planning its mission to persuade Buckinghamshire Council and central government to reconsider the latest plans for Wing. The group has the unqualified backing of our Parish Council, who will be making their own representations, and the support and encouragement of our Unitary Councillors Julie Ward and Kathy Gibbon. Buckinghamshire Council is itself unhappy about the government's ambitions, which would build tens of thousands more houses than local needs require, and which amount to an undeliverable infrastructure requirement.

Keep your eyes on social media and What's On in Wing, as our Action Group's campaign begins to gather momentum.

Meanwhile, back at Chesterfield Crescent...

Our Parish Council have secured a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council, who have expressed an interest in further discussions about the village's innovative, safe, low-cost plans for cleaning the contaminated site. A university-led programme of a phytoremediation project could transform the site from a potentially hazardous no-go zone to a safe and pleasant green space.

It's not the ready-cash solution that our Unitary Council originally had in mind, and our Parish Council doesn't have the kind of funding that developers might have. But Buckinghamshire Council has environmental targets as well as cash ambitions, and the fact that they have been willing to meet and pursue a dialogue with Wing is a glimmer of hope, for which we are grateful.



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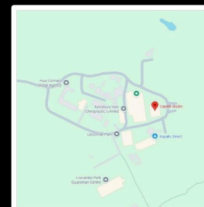
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What made Wing a village will remain its beating heart and soul,
A place to share all the fruits of life, and score the winning goal,
The goal that links all living creatures and justifies their worth -
To survive and know the benefits of this abundant earth.

When the Saxons slept in grubenhouses underneath thatched rooves;
When the Normans thundered by in triumph on victorious hooves;
When misrule brought the Anarchy and a time of great unrest;
When chivalry dictated the deeds of knights who wore a crest;

When seeds were sown and livestock kept for Lords who lived in splendour;
When the Dormers came and bent the rules to their own agenda;
When a Queen visited and bribed an ambassador with game;
When a King stayed long enough to watch a soldier die in shame;

When a Most Accomplisht cook wrote fancy recipes for feasts;
When enclosure changed the landscape laid out for crops and beasts;
When a vicar made a stand to improve the general health;
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When two world wars brought conflict, grief and devastation;
When the aftermath of social change revitalized the nation;
When technology introduced a new form of improvement;
When a deadly global virus struck and curtailed our movements,
Together we coped.

Throughout many centuries of life and death in rural Wing
One fine old building stands proud, overlooking everything.
What made Wing a village - it's all the friendly people who agree
That it's really the most lovely place - that's down to you and me.

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*You can discover more details of Wing's past
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Country Notes

by **Iain Malin**

from Canada



I'm writing this the middle of March, so you would think the weather would be on the up, but I have just come in from shovelling snow yet again. The last 36 hours has brought another 60cm, and for the last three weeks it has been snowstorms every Thursday. First 30cm, then 35cm, that's over a metre of snow in three weeks with some thawing in between. It's now 9.30am and it's -12°C. Next week it's forecast to be +16°C with a 20°C rise on Monday alone. Here there is so much variation and drastic changes in temperature, at times giving people headaches.

Of course with all this snow and temperature changes, the birds that remain are drawn to the garden feeders. At the moment there are House Finches, a sparrow-like bird with the males sporting red breasts and faces. This is a bird which has increased its range from the western United States and Mexico to a lot of urban Canada.

Black-capped Chickadees are always here. This member of the tit family announces it's here by calling its name, usually twice each time - 'chickadee chickadee'.

House Sparrows - a pest here - are bully boys who drive off the other birds, particularly the two types of Nuthatches, the Red-breasted and the White-breasted. The Nuthatches steal a seed like a peanut or sunflower and then try to hide it in a crack of the bark on the cedar tree. Other birds find many of them.



Short-eared Owl



White-breasted Nuthatch

Beautiful Redpolls are now coming. There are large flocks collecting in the countryside where the grain has been loading and some has spilt. They do occur in England at this time of year and I used to get them coming to my feeders in Wing for a few days on their way north to their breeding grounds. The males sport a rosy chest and a similarly coloured patch on the front of their heads.



Redpoll



Then there is the tiny sparrow-sized Downy Woodpecker, so called because of the downy feathers on their backs and underside. Many of the birds here are tame and this woodpecker readily feeds from the hand.

The excitement for me over the past three or four weeks is that I found a Short-eared Owl hunting just down the road, when I returned from a failed attempt to find Snowy Owls. During most winters, Short-eared Owls used to turn up on the farm in Wing. They are diurnal, so hunt during the day and the one I saw was lit by the sunlight at 10.30am. Over the last three weeks I have spent an awful lot of time, practically every day, watching, studying and photographing them and at one point had seven around me. They take no notice of me in the car and on many occasions they were less than five metres away. They can hear through the snow and one I watched was catching mice or voles every 10 minutes. There is an awful lot of food. One I watched was eating a mouse on a fence post. It finished, sat for five minutes to let its food go down, then took off and caught another mouse in two minutes. This happened several times and to see all this in bright sunshine in the middle of the day was amazing. They are still here and I will be out again later no doubt - I cannot get enough!

At this precise time as I was just finishing this, there is a tremendous noise coming down the chimney. A Northern Flicker (a type of woodpecker) is using it to drum, trying to impress his potential mate feeding on the feeder below. Perhaps, just perhaps, despite the heavy snow spring might just be in the air.

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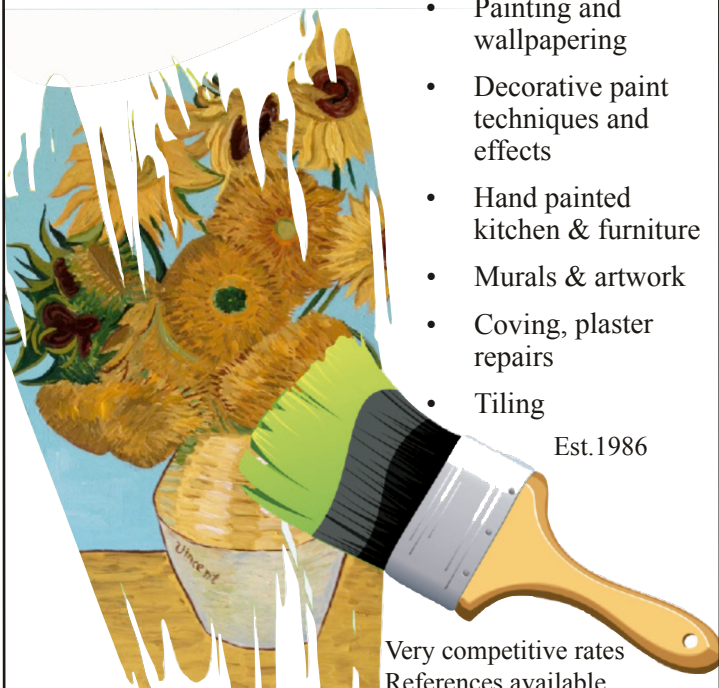
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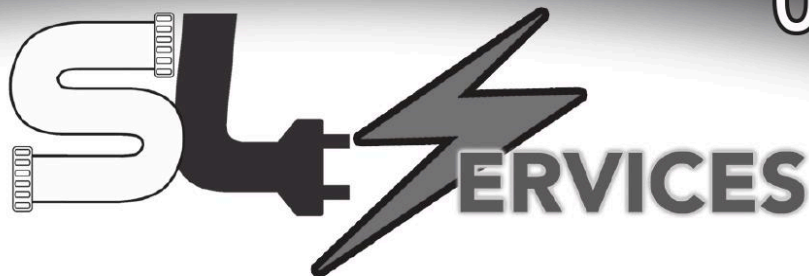
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Springtime is fully underway, and what a wonderful time of year it is. The blossom and daffodils are out, and the grass is growing strongly – great news for lawn enthusiasts and even better for the cows and sheep as the spring flush comes through.

There's a well-known farming saying: 'Grass grows by the inch at night in April and May'. Warm nights really do accelerate growth. Spring grass is an incredibly powerful feed, containing around 18–25% crude protein and about 11–12 MJ/kg of metabolisable energy, while being highly digestible and relatively low in fibre.

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By the time this comes to print we should hopefully have most of our cows calved down, and you may start to see cows out in the fields with young calves at foot. If you are walking along the footpaths, please keep a sensible distance where possible. Cows generally don't mind people, but dogs can worry them, particularly when they are protecting young calves.

The crops are also waking up after the winter, and it's time for us to start looking after them again. We begin with a light spray to keep fungal diseases off the leaves, along with some trace elements to help keep the plants healthy and green.

It is a very difficult time for arable farming at the moment. The cost of production continues to rise and the war involving Iran has made fuel prices rise sharply.

Before the war, the cost of producing a tonne of wheat was sitting at around £200 per tonne.

Today wheat prices are closer to £175 per tonne, meaning that many farmers are effectively producing food at a loss. And we will look to prepare ourselves for even bigger losses as we cannot compete with the larger wheat producers such as the Americas and Eastern Europe.

This year we will be looking carefully at where we can reduce costs. Lower input costs can help cash flow, but they can also reduce yields, so it becomes a delicate balancing act.

The hot topic in Wing at the moment, however, is housing. What do you need to build houses? Land. Farmland.

It came as quite a shock to discover that land I rent, along with land farmed by three other local farmers and owned by the Diocese of Oxford, has been put forward as a potential large development site. If this were to happen, it would mark the end of an era for farming on that land for all of us.

Many people have already raised concerns about the obvious challenges that come with large developments – infrastructure, roads, schools, sewage and services. But one question that is rarely asked is whether food production is considered when these proposals are made, and as a priority in the council and government's eyes it's at the bottom of the list.



Alex Warren



For those of us who farm the land around the village, the fields that many people walk past every day are not just open spaces, but working landscapes that produce food and support wildlife. Farming has shaped the look of this area for generations – the hedgerows, the pattern of fields, and the views across the vale are all part of that long story.

Every generation has seen change, whether it was the arrival of tractors, new housing estates, or improved roads. The challenge now, as always, is finding the balance between providing homes for the future and protecting the character of the countryside that makes this part of Bucks such a special place to live.



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Wing Tennis Club

by Paul Lambert

2026 is a big year for Wing Tennis Club as we celebrate 100 years of tennis in Wing. There have been a few years of little action along the way due to various national and international incidents which made play impossible, the most recent of course being Covid which shut the country down. Tennis however was one of the sports first allowed back when restrictions eased, as players are by nature well spaced, often to keep out of each other's way when playing doubles. Luckily we are mostly accident free and helped by an early call of "yours" either due to proximity to the ball or having no inclination to run after it!

One aspect of reaching 100 is that Wimbledon, our spiritual home, welcomes some members of such aged clubs to visit Wimbledon and four lucky members get to play on the hallowed turf. We will be getting this sorted and hopefully making this happen later in the year.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

We continue to play matches through the winter and the local leagues have recently seen sense and reduced the number of matches to be played. With the weather we have had, this has been needed and, under the management of Becky, we finish the winter season on 8 March and then get ready for the summer season from May. Any who wish are encouraged to play in the matches and represent Wing. Our annual court cleaning will have been completed by Sports Courts when this edition is published. The courts will be in great condition again so we can look forward to many more years before we need any major work. The next most likely project is a nice new paint job! Membership fees are needing to rise a very modest amount for 2026 to help us keep pace with inflation, but we have the cheapest membership in the surrounding area. And we have floodlights free to use by members, if daytime or weekends are restricting.

A date for the diary is 26 April, when we will be holding our season opening event again. We invite anyone with any interest to come over to the club and have a hit. We have rackets so all you need is a pair of trainers (other clothes are required of course). We also have "Pickleball" for people to try if wishing less running about, again equipment is provided and for those with more of an indoor sport persuasion, we have table tennis and table football. There will be a "near legendary" BBQ prepared by Steve once again and drinks including Pimm's (a tennis essential), for those either wishing to take part or just sit in blazing sunshine and be entertained. More info is in the half page advert elsewhere in WOiw. We have a very diverse age range and all standards are truly welcome as we will have things for adults and children on the day and throughout the year. The committee tries to cater for all needs and welcome all who have an interest in this great sport, and we would love to see more people playing or getting actively involved in the club, so don't be shy.

See <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WingTennisClub> or follow us on Facebook.



'In The Ditch' Wing Village Bowls Club

by Salli



The 2026 season will soon be here and at the moment we are busy renewing our membership. Currently it looks like we are going to be down on numbers due to age, infirmity, other commitments and no succession as we are lacking more youthful members. Could it be that this is the last year that Wing Village Bowls Club actually runs as a competitive club and not just a 'Bowls Social' club? It could be, unless we can get some new members from the village to come join us and take up this terrific game.

I expect that many of you were amongst the 6 million who watched the final of the Curling at the Olympics this year and who thought they'd like to have a go at it. Well, you can, as in reality Curling is only bowls, but on ice. Bowls is curling, but on grass. The main principles are the same, there is a curl to each bowl but we call it a bias. You have a target to aim at which we call a Jack. Nearest the Jack gets the point and the more of your team's bowls that are nearest the Jack the more points you get. You can knock the opposing team's bowls out of the way; you can use your bias to get a 'wick' off another bowl to creep into what we call a Head, but in Curling is called the House.

Honestly if you've never tried Bowls then you really should. It's not an old person's game at all, but that is unfortunately the reputation it has. There is no wearing of 'Traditional Whites and Ladies in Skirts' (unless you want to) as we wear team colours and navy trousers. Simple. Most people have flat-soled shoes to wear and, in some clubs, people even play in Crocs. It's a brilliant game for people of all ages and a terrific one for different family generations to play together.

Each year we usually hold Open Days at the beginning and end of May. This year however there is a change, as during the Commonwealth Games in July and August, Bowls England is going to be holding a series of events. Bowls is one of only 10 sports which are taking place as part of the Games in 2026, as Glasgow took over from Victoria in Canada which stood down in 2023 due to the cost of hosting, so keep an eye out for those activities.

Wing Village Bowls Club will not go down without a fight though, so we have entered two teams in the County League on Wednesday evenings and two sets of pairs in the County Open Pairs Championship. What with these matches and all the weekend friendly fixtures, we are going to be well frazzled come September! Still, then I'll be able to relax and think of what a nice setting my lovely detached bungalow will have when the redundant bowls green possibly gets sold for housing.



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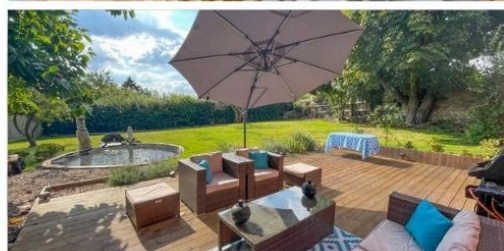
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Wing Parish Council News

It's been another busy month for the Parish Council.

Bewick Green

One housing issue in Wing has been solved:

A lovely new floating duck house has been added to the Bewick Green pond, so hopefully we will see some new tenants in the near future.



Trees:

Approximately 100 tree saplings have been planted in and around Bewick Green, adding to the biodiversity of the area.

Trees planted were: Hawthorn, Silver Birch, Flowering Cherry, Hazel, Dogwood and Rowan, which will provide all-year colour.



'Wing New Town'

The Bucks 'Wing New Town' Local Plan proposal has been a real shock to all of us. There have been a few informative meetings locally, that have been really well supported.

An Action Group is being formed and it is good to see how motivated you have been. Thanks to all of you for getting involved.

The Parish Council's objections to the Bucks Local Plan can be read on our website www.wingparishcouncil.gov.uk as part of the Latest News section.

The Parish Council also met with a councillor from planning and the Unitary Councillors for further clarification and information.

Once all your comments have been considered, Bucks Council will have a further consultation in July.

Other Matters

The Parish Council has also had meetings with:

1. Highways, to discuss several outstanding issues and will keep you updated with any outcomes.
2. Cllr Carington at Bucks Council regarding the ongoing situation with the land for sale in Chesterfield Crescent, which was quite informative.
3. The Neighbourhood Plan consultants regarding the review, which is progressing. All the comments received are being recorded and considered and we will be having a further meeting with them in the near future, to discuss the next stages.

Pre-loved sports equipment available:

Sue Corcoran offers a free supply of sports equipment to the residents of Wing. There is a good mix of things available, from hockey sticks to football boots. To find out more please contact Sue on 07902 364819, or email her at: csue031@gmail.com. All enquiries will be dealt with discreetly.

If you are interested in joining an active and fun Parish Council, please contact the clerk: clerk@wingparishcouncil.gov.uk

The next full Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 28 April, at 7.30pm, in the small Village Hall.

Parish Council Contact Information

For more information, news and updates from the Wing Parish Council, please find us on: Facebook, [@wingparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/wingparishcouncil), or visit our website www.wingparish.org; Instagram [@wingparishcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/wingparishcouncil); Email: clerk@wingparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Gardener's Diary

By Ginny Hollas

Wing Gardening Club



MAKING A HERB GARDEN

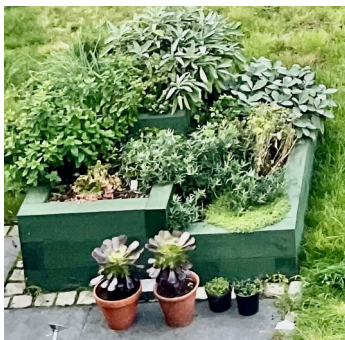
Most of us use herbs in our cooking, even if it is just a sprig of mint for the new potatoes or parsley as a garnish. To buy them in pots or packets from the supermarket is expensive, so why not make a herb garden? Most herbs are very easy to grow and do not need a lot of attention.

Where you plant your herbs is important. You want them to be together and not too far from the house. However, it is more important to choose a sunny spot with good drainage as many of our herbs come from the heat of the Mediterranean, where the soil would be poor. You do not need a large space. Growing them in pots or raised beds is ideal. There are many attractive wooden herb containers to buy but they are very expensive, and they can be made very easily if you are handy with a saw and a drill.



Many herbs can be grown from seeds, though some take ages to germinate. The old wives' tale states that 'the seeds of parsley must go to the devil nine times before they will germinate'! I cheat and buy pots of basil, chives and parsley from the supermarket, harden them off in the greenhouse, then replot the many plants that are all crammed in together. I get a good year's supply at a cost less than packets of seeds.

You can also take cuttings, particularly of perennial woody varieties such as sage and rosemary. I just snip off some semi-ripe cuttings and pot them up. I keep them in a zip lock bag until rooted, to stop them drying out. An easy way is to put cuttings in a jam jar on the window sill, potting on when a good root system is visible.



The Most Widely-Used Herbs

Sage, Rosemary, Thyme, Bay: these all are evergreen, not needing winter protection. They all need well drained soil and a sunny position. They can grow into large bushy plants, so give them space and cut them back after flowering. Good pollinators, bees love them.

Mint: there are many varieties: peppermint, spearmint and lemon, all of which are very invasive and better grown in pots. Do not mix with other herbs or they will smother them. Mint can tolerate shade.

Parsley: a biennial, unfussy plant, happy in sun or shade. The curly variety is hardier than the flat leaf, which has a stronger flavour.

Basil: is a tender plant and grown annually. It needs lots of sun and good drainage. There are many varieties, but the small-leaved ones are the most strongly flavoured.

Coriander: an annual, it bolts very quickly so resow every few weeks from March to September. It is less likely to bolt when not in full sun, though if it does the seeds can be dried to use as a spice.

Chives: these mild alliums are easy to grow, forming clumps that will survive for years. Just cut to the ground every few weeks as the new growth is the best for cooking. Grow from seed or a plug.

Tarragon: French tarragon is the most common, aniseed flavoured, with soft leaves, liking a sunny but sheltered position. Will survive winters if given some protection.

These will give you a good collection to enhance your cooking.

JOBS FOR APRIL (a busy month)

- Sow seeds, but check germination temperature and sow non-hardy varieties indoors or in a propagator.
- Begin hardening off indoor-grown seedlings.
- Weed and mulch beds if not yet done, to keep moisture in.
- Feed shrubs and roses.
- Put in supports for perennials before shoots get too tall.
- Watch out for slugs and snails - they love the new plant growth!

Our next Gardening Club speaker, on Tuesday 14 April, is Amber Hine on 'New Naturalistic Planting'.

Wing Gardening Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month in Wing Village Hall. For further information e-mail winggardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk

Litterpicking

A group of volunteer litterpickers will be meeting at 1000 on Saturday 4 April in the Recreation Ground car park, to spend a while clearing litter from the village. Do join them!



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A special visit for Year 1

On a cold and dull February day, Year 1 received a very special visit that brightened and delighted everyone. Marilyn and Nadia, accompanied by Nadia's beautiful guide dog Leah, visited us from the charity Guide Dogs UK.

The children have recently been learning about the senses in their Science lessons and have carried out many exciting investigations. They were therefore very eager to learn how visually impaired people are supported by guide dogs.

During the visit, the children discovered how Leah helps Nadia move safely outside her home and assists her with everyday activities such as shopping or picking up her children from school. They also learned how much more difficult life can be without the support of a trusted guide dog.

Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to explore a variety of children's books written in Braille. They enjoyed looking at them and feeling the raised dots used for reading by touch.

Marilyn also spoke about the importance of the charity 'Guide Dogs UK' and its work in training guide dogs. She explained that training these remarkable dogs requires both time and funding, and that each dog is carefully matched with a person who needs their help.

The most exciting moment for many of the children came at the end of the visit, when everyone had the chance to gently pet Leah – the happiest and friendliest golden Labrador.

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1 st in month	Bingo		Large Hall	1930 start	Christine Stray	07896 666498
	Library			1400-1630		
TUESDAY	Dance Class (adults)		Large Hall	1000-1300	Adrian Marsh	07906 988880
3 rd in month	Pop-In (Age Concern)		Small Hall	1345-1545	Janet Ratcliffe	01296 720946
Term time only	Street Dance		Large Hall	1530-1830	Kiri Fitzgerald	07988 161043
2 nd in month	Gardening Club		Small Hall	1930-2130	winggardeningclub@hotmail.co.uk	
	Badminton Club		Large Hall	1900-2300	Gary Stevens	07769 074570
Last in month	Parish Council Meeting		Small Hall	1930-2200	clerk@wingparishcouncil.gov.uk	
Term time only	11+ tuition for years 4 & 5		The Snug	1705-1915	Rachel Harris hello@rachelharrisprofessional tutoring.co.uk	
1 st , 3 rd of month	Table Tennis		Small Hall	1830-2300	Zita Pascoe leightonbuzzardttc@gmail.com	07517 018889
	Library			1400-1630		
WEDNESDAY						
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Fortnightly	Lunch Club (over 60s)		Small Hall	1200-1400	Sue Nightingale	01296 682999
	Dance Class (adults)		Large Hall	1830-2200	Adrian Marsh	07906 988880
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	Library			1000-1230		
THURSDAY	Tots Bop		Large Hall	0930-1200	Rachel Kenning	01525 237474
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3 rd each month	Wing WI		Small Hall	1900-2200	Val Fielder	01296 688044
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	Library			1400-1630		
	Table Tennis		Both Halls	1830-2300	Zita Pascoe leightonbuzzardttc@gmail.com	07517 018889
SATURDAY	Library			1000-1230		
SUNDAY	Wing Singers		Large Hall	1645-1915	Angie Varey wingsingers@yahoo.co.uk	07908 653006
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Walk and photos by Arthur Jones

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Dinton, Thame Valley & Gibraltar

From the historic village of Dinton, this relatively flat walk heads towards Eythrope, going through the Waddesdon Estate along the Thame valley before heading back to Dinton via Gibraltar.

▶ Start at the Seven Stars pub (parking on New Road or the pub car park). Walk past the pub (Stars Lane) onto the High Street. Turn left into Upton Road and continue past Dinton Hall and St. Peter's and St. Paul's Church. Turn left on Aylesbury Ring and walk up to the junction with the A418.

▶ Carefully cross the busy A418 and head towards the renovated Dinton Castle (a folly) and take the footpath (signposted Aylesbury Ring) just in front of Dinton Castle. Follow this footpath (along edge of field) to bottom corner of the field.

▶ Cross over footbridge, turn right and walk to gap in hedge opposite. Footpath goes through the hedge and heads to a gap in the hedge across the field diagonally opposite.

▶ Follow the path until reaching Starveall Farm. Just before reaching the farm, go through a gap in the hedge on the left and follow the waymarked footpath (Aylesbury Ring) through the next four fields, until emerging onto a road (Midshires Way).

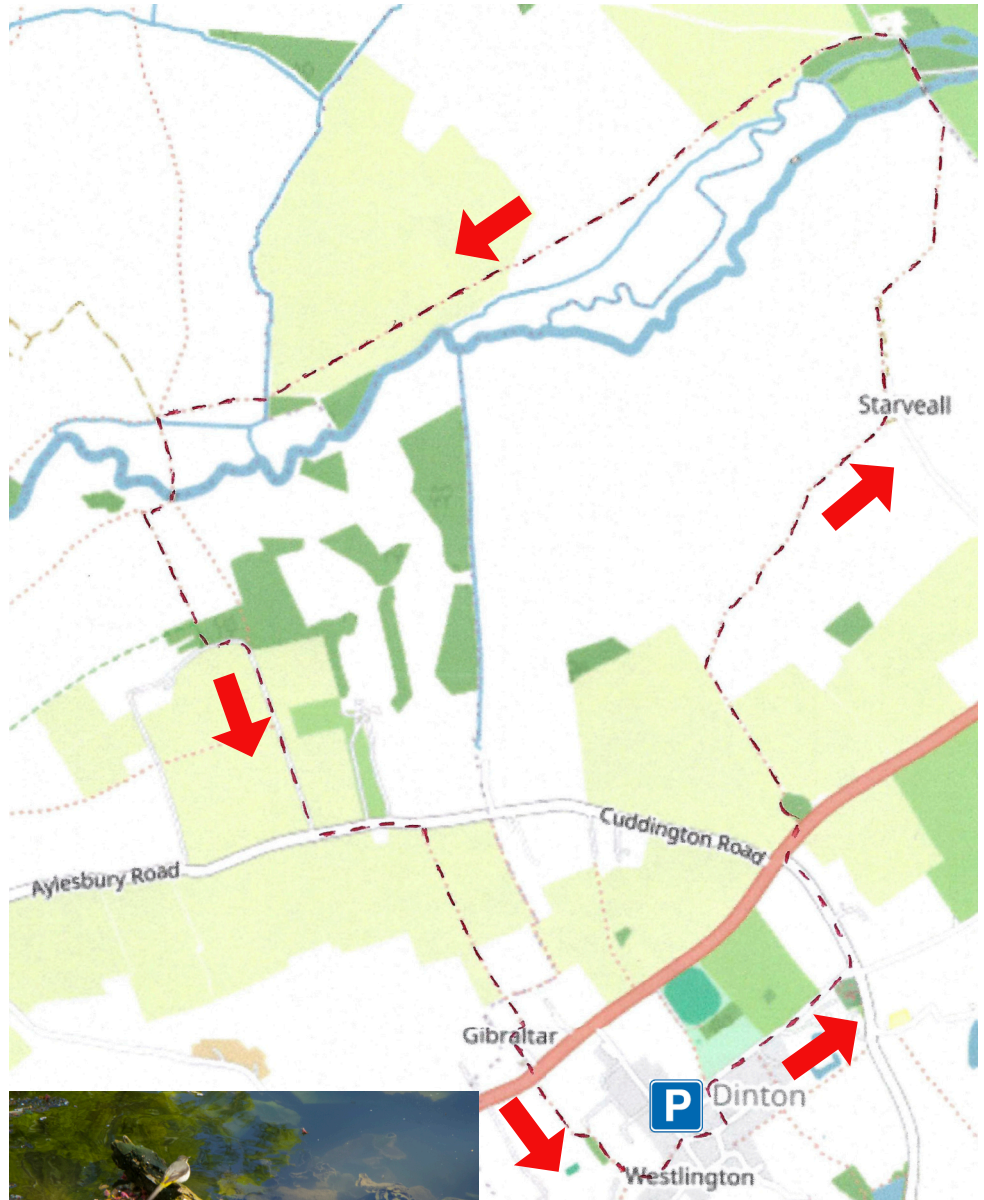
▶ Turn left, go over the bridge and enter the Waddesdon Estate via a side gate, over a second bridge and follow the road as it bears left with an estate lodge building on the right. Where the road turns right, take footpath on the left. Walk for about 100 yards, then bear right and join the wide grass bridleway.

▶ Continue along the bridleway through three fields. In the third field the bridleway goes past a wetland area on the left. Go over the stile and across the next field. On exiting this field, turn left along a waymarked wide track into a grazing field and over a concrete bridge into the next field.

▶ Turn right after crossing bridge and follow path around the edge of the field. At the end of the field the path goes via a small wood and exits onto a side road. Turn left and walk up this road until reaching the busy Cuddington Road. Turn left, cross over the road and walk about 400 yards to take the footpath signposted to Gibraltar.

▶ Walk across the field to the trees ahead. The footpath emerges from the trees into a narrow and fenced pathway by houses, which leads into the hamlet of Gibraltar. Go through the hamlet and up to the A418.

▶ Cross over the road and take the signed footpath that heads towards Dinton, turning left at the footpath junction, heading back to New Road and the start point.



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Seasonal Recipe

from Caroline, Morris of Hoggston, Wing Village Market

Cheesy Toad-in-the-Hole Serves 4

Ingredients

- 140g plain flour
- 3 eggs
- 200ml milk
- 2tsp wholegrain mustard
- 3tbsp oil
- 1 pack Caramelised Onion sausages
- 50g mature Cheddar cheese, grated
- 2 red onions, quartered
- 8 cherry tomatoes

Method

Whisk together the flour and eggs until smooth.

Stir in the milk until the batter is the consistency of single cream, then stir in the mustard.

Leave to rest in the fridge for 30 minutes.



Heat the oven to 220°C fan/gas 9. Put the oil in a large roasting tin and heat for 5 minutes in the oven.

Once the oil is very hot, add the sausages and cook for about 7-10 minutes, then add the onion quarters and tomatoes, spreading out evenly.

Cook for another five minutes, then pour over the batter. Sprinkle the cheese over this.

Return to the oven for 10-15 minutes, or until the batter has risen and is golden brown.

Serve with mash and gravy.

Send us your favourite recipe!

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Emma Wrighton-Ward	May 2008	07877 198591
Ava Stevens	Oct 2009	07908 739798

* The inclusion of a name on this list is neither a recommendation nor an endorsement by the What's On in Wing team.

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N.B. If you would like your name included on this list, please email editorial@whatsoninwing.info with the same information shown above (please only do this with the approval of your parent or guardian).

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YOUR STARS for April by Maggy La Grenouille, MBE



ARIES Mar 21-Apr 19 Destiny is your friend and your foe this month. Try to play both ends against the middle, without getting caught in the crossfire.

TAURUS Apr 20-May 20 Be careful. You could find things going awfully slowly. Check. And check again. Never, ever believe your partner when they say they've put the car on charge.

GEMINI May 21-Jun 20 Planning on planting potatoes this month? (who isn't?) Make sure you plant them eyes down. Or you can't see what you're doing.

CANCER Jun 21-Jul 22 As the fickle flying finger of fate fouls forever your plans, you'll need all your talking-power to explain away this month's huge mess. Good luck.

LEO Jul 23-Aug 22 April is your most romantic month. When you feel that little flutter, sense that fleeting flush, fumble that flicker of eye contact, well, stop it. Check-out staff get that all the time.

VIRGO Aug 23-Sep 22 From the 12th to the 25th, there is little to recommend April. You might want to book into a sensory deprivation tank or at least a darkened room. Either will be more interesting.

LIBRA Sep 23-Oct 22 This is a very Libra moment – as usual, you can see both points of view. On the one hand this. One the other hand, that. A balanced view matters. Oh, for goodness sake!

SCORPIO Oct 23-Nov 21 The problem with Scorpios is that you make people wary, just by being there. You're all nice and friendly, but you just can't resist that sting-in-the tail moment.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22-Dec 21 For you, this month sees Androgeny align with Humous, meaning Polygamy aligns at last with Heptovac. It's so totally cool.

CAPRICORN Dec 22-Jan 19 Gluttony will be a problem this month. As will sloth, envy, pride, greed and wrath. Whatever's left after that should be good fun, though.

AQUARIUS Jan 20-Feb 18 Aquarians love to develop. But if you're thinking of building 2,400 houses in Wing, or even 200, now is not a good time. You could find yourself much unloved.

PISCES Feb 19-Mar 20 Towards the end of the month, you may feel it's time to explore your musical talents. Piano. Viola. Sax. Please don't. Not even the kazoo. Especially not the kazoo.

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