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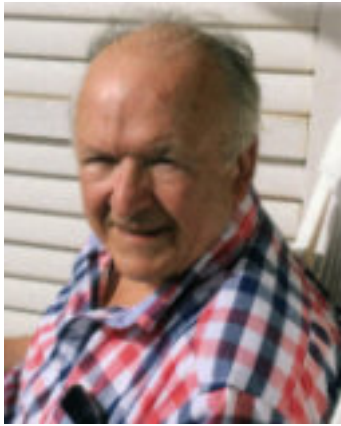
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WHAT'S ON IN WING

April 2023



Watch out - the SIDs are about!



Bob Duke



Canal plans for Burcott



- **Focus on Locals - Butch Baker of the Barron Knights**
- **Proposal for a Burcott arm of the Grand Union Canal**
- **Wing Belles U18s win Berks & Bucks County Cup Final**
- **Gardening in a war zone...**
- **... and Wing WI is 100 this year**



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With King Charles III's Coronation being on Saturday 6 May, your WOiW team wants the May issue to be special.

There aren't so many of us who remember the last Coronation in 1953, so do ask your parents or grandparents what they remember about that Coronation, especially of events that took place in Wing. We'd love to see and perhaps include snippets that you send us, photographs or other items.

We'd also like to print a list of events that are taking place locally to mark the Coronation, so if you are organising something please tell us.

Anything you send should come to: editorial@whatsoninwing.info NO LATER THAN noon on 15 April.



Did it ever occur to you that the Grand Union Canal might be extended as far as Burcott? Just such a proposal is on a later page, but do note that any comments on this proposal have to be sent in very soon!

Many congratulations to Wing WI on reaching its centenary this year.

You will also read in this bumper-sized issue (our largest ever!), the fascinating interview with the long term guitarist with The Barron Knights, villager Butch Baker. Our village is full of such interesting people, as we keep discovering.

Congratulations are due this month both to the Wing Raiders Belles U18s girls' football team for winning the Berks & Bucks County Cup Final, and our village community choir, The Wing Singers, for being awarded second place and Distinction in the annual Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts. News about them both is in this issue of What's On and we would always welcome news of your club, group or society.

Best wishes to everyone from all members of the What's On team.

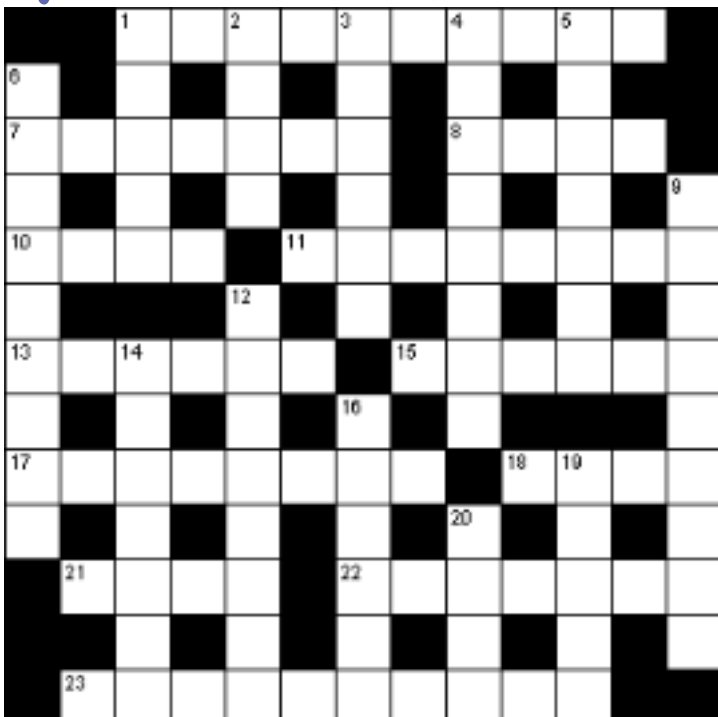
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Quick crossword



Across

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- 7 French castle (7)
- 8 Large town (4)
- 10 Notion (4)
- 11 Precious metal (8)
- 13 Tantalised, bantered (6)
- 15 Rubber (6)
- 17 Former name of Zimbabwe (8)
- 18 Merriment (4)
- 21 Floating platform (4)
- 22 Stretchy (7)
- 23 Pseudonym (3,2,5)

Down

- 1 Male duck (5)
- 2 Masticate (4)
- 3 Russian currency unit (6)
- 4 Habitually silent (8)
- 5 Excursions (7)
- 6 Sacred writings (9)
- 9 Sudden crisis (9)
- 12 Despondent (8)
- 14 Savoury pear-shaped fruit (7)
- 16 Surrender (4,2)
- 19 Supple (5)
- 20 Forbidden (4)

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9	1100	Easter Day Holy Communion
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23	1100	Holy Communion
30	1030	Fifth Sunday Benefice Holy Communion at Aston Abbotts

Easter has arrived though, being lunar dependent, there's always some discussion as to when that will be. Those who compiled the Book of Common Prayer clearly anticipated this, for in its opening pages the Prayer Book has a method by which we can calculate when Easter falls. It is under the heading "A Table to find Easter Day". First it depends on the Pascal full moon, something called a Golden Number and something else called a Sunday Letter. To find the GN add 1 to the year of our Lord and then divide by 19. The remainder is the GN or, if no remainder, the GN is 19. To find the SL add to the year of our Lord its fourth

part, omitting fractions and also add the number 6. Divide by 7 and the SL equates to a letter in the table given. If for some reason, all this proves too difficult, turn the page in the prayer book and there is another table to find Easter with the helpful title of "Another Table to find Easter".

Finding Easter; the compilers of the Prayer Book knew where their faith lay, but others stay in the empty tomb. Perhaps wonder how much force would be needed to roll away the stone or concentrate only on closely folded grave clothes; this is the thinking that stays right there in the tomb, measuring, concentrating on the bare bones, pinning, nailing, everything down. That is not where we find Easter.

Easter is the pivotal point in Christian faith. Not Christmas, not Pentecost and certainly not

over size marrows at Harvest Festival. Easter is when the whole thing becomes true and finding Easter is the point in a person's life when we say I am a Christian; I have moved from death to life, leaving the tomb I am going to stride forth with Christ. The heart that finds Easter knows the new life of forgiveness and trusts in new possibilities. There's finding Easter in community too for no place we happen to be, physically or metaphorically, is outside Christ's power.

It therefore seems to me that the Easter challenge of Christianity is not "to believe that which we can't see"; the Easter challenge is to "not disbelieve that which we can".

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Health Wellbeing

Natasha is a Wing resident,
personal trainer, fitness
instructor and nutrition coach.



By **Natasha
Richmond**

Sleep is an area I have touched on before, but did you know that nearly three quarters of people in the UK don't get the recommended 7-9 hours of sleep per night? And that one in seven people in Great Britain survive on dangerously low levels of sleep, with less than five hours per night?

As well as making you feel tired, lack of sleep can also contribute towards a whole host of other health issues. It can affect your immune system and blood sugar levels, it can contribute to weight gain and muscle loss, it can negatively affect your mental health, as well as cause havoc with hormone levels. Studies have also linked lack of sleep with Alzheimer's, cancer, and a whole range of other serious health issues.

Therefore, sleep is the single most effective thing you can do to make yourself feel better in body and mind, and it should be prioritised.

So what can you do to help yourself?

1. Create a sleep schedule based on your weekly commitments. Try to make sure you're getting between 7-9 hours sleep per night. Work out what time you need to go to bed each night and do all you can to make it happen.

2. Avoid caffeine after midday. Caffeine stays in your system for 12 hours, so try to have your tea and coffee in the mornings.

3. Put your phone/iPad/laptop away a couple of hours before you go to sleep.

4. Have a bedtime routine that you look forward to. Things such as a bath or shower, skincare routine, reading a book and meditation will help you to switch off.

5. Write down things that are on your mind before you go to sleep. They will be there when you wake up, but go to sleep knowing that you will be able to approach them with a fresh mind.

6. Keep your bedroom cool and dark.

7. Avoid sugary foods and drinks a couple of hours before you go to bed, so that your blood sugar levels aren't spiking/dipping near bedtime.

8. Wear something comfy to bed!

9. Do what you can before you go to bed to make your mornings easier, then you won't be worrying about what has to be done when you wake up.

10. Remember that it's ok to sleep! If you're tired, your productivity will be reduced when you are awake. We are all more productive when we are properly rested.

For more advice about sleep, go to www.sleepcouncil.org.uk or search the internet for Dr Matthew Walker, who is the most amazing sleep expert. Sweet dreams and see you in the May issue!

Best wishes,

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1 st in month	Bingo		Large Hall	1930 start	Malcolm Rickard	01296 688428
TUESDAY	Dance Class (adults)		Large Hall	1000-1300	Adrian Marsh	07906 988880
3 rd in month	Pop-In (Age Concern)		Small Hall	1330-1600	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	07787 957623
Last in month	Parish Council Meeting		Small Hall	2000-2200	wingparishclerk@gmail.com	
	Library			1400-1630		
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Fortnightly	Lunch Club (over 60s)		Small Hall	1200-1400	Sue Nightingale Richard Webb	01296 682999 01296 681516
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	Dance Class (adults)		Large Hall	1830-2200	Adrian Marsh	07906 988880
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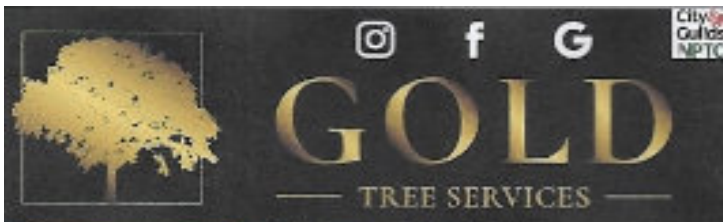
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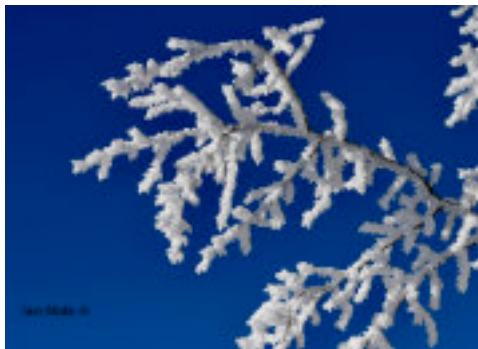
by **Iain Malin**



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With April now here, it's a quarter of the way through the year already! As I write this in the middle of March the difference in climate between Wing and Canada is clearly evident. In Wing, March so far has brought you varied weather, sometimes warm, sometimes wet and some snow and frost. However spring is on its way.



Here in Western Canada, March can be the snowiest month and this has been evident in the past week. Saturday started with more than 30cm of snow and it has snowed every day for the past week. Now it's fog and tremendous hoar frosts, with temperatures around -15°C to -20°C. The aurora borealis has been showing every night but we have been unable to see it, although I understand it was visible in Wing one night.

A drive up into the foothills of the Rockies (about an hour) one sunny day was interesting in showing how wildlife is affected by the severe weather. The rivers are frozen solid so there's no fresh water and the snow blankets everything. You can drive all day stopping to look and listen and not see or hear anything; it's very eerie. However luck was in at one point when a golden eagle soared over me but was

rather high. They are slowly migrating back for the summer.

A couple of months ago I mentioned horned larks. I eventually managed to get a good photo of this elusive bird gritting on the gravel roads along with the occasional white winged crossbills and snow buntings. Still no snowy owls yet.

I also mentioned recently about porcupines. This rodent seems to be quite visible at the moment and I eventually found one on a semi-fallen tree. They are really endearing creatures and not at all afraid. However a short while later I saw another creature you do tend to keep your



distance from. A skunk was playing in the snow just like a puppy, ploughing its nose through the snow and rolling over and over.

At the bird feeder house finches are busy devouring the sunflower hearts. It's really a bird of the towns and cities and has spread from the west right across North America since the 1960s. The females are streaked drab brown birds, but the males vary in colour. Typically they have a reddish head spreading down to the top of the breast and back plus a red rump. This



however is not always the case and is dependent on what the birds have been feeding on. One such visitor to the feeder was orange and another almost yellow, which often confuses novice birdwatchers.

As you go through April in Wing the bulk of the migrants arrive, most noticeably the swallows but please think of us. We also have swallows but they won't arrive until May when there is some food. Although we hope the snow will soon go here it will be towards the end of April before we see much of a change, but then things will happen fast. Birds flock in - they have to take a chance because of the short summer and hence short breeding season.

Hopefully we won't have a repeat of a couple of years ago when a late cold snowy period killed three quarters of the mountain bluebird population. They will take many years to recover from this event.

This reminds me that with the recent cold spell we have heard that the bears have gone back to their dens. They also cannot find any food.



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Gardener's Diary

by Valerie Fielder,
Wing Gardening Club

Gardening in a War Zone

I read that gardening is being recommended as an aid to relaxation and a therapy to alleviate stress. In my experience gardening can be rewarding and enjoyable, but is hardly stress-free; sometimes I feel that I am fighting a protracted war.

For example, since last autumn we have been fighting intermittent skirmishes amongst the indoor overwintering tender plants against guerrilla attacks from several foes, greenfly among the cannas and scale insect and vine weevil among the lemons and olives.

I admit I was ill-prepared for the first onslaught in the greenhouse. I was so concerned with defending against the greatest winter foe, Jack Frost, who threatened the new shoots on the grapevine, that a mouse managed to sneak in under cover of darkness to eat the first tomato seedlings. However I swiftly rearmed with mousetraps, and with the aid of a local cat, regained the upper hand.

With the arrival of spring, new foes attacked, and we were soon outflanked, first by the muntjac, who will eat almost anything, and the pheasants, who enjoy a dust bath in the herb bed, then enemies in greater number. Pigeons and jackdaws will uproot any young plants left outside to harden off, then the slugs and cabbage whites wake up in even greater numbers to start their attack. Previous experience has taught us to be ready for these onslaughts with nets and slug traps.

As spring gives way to summer and we transfer our young crops from the garden to the allotment, across the road, we must raise our alert status to 'heightened', as all these foes lurk there, reinforced by allium leaf miner, carrot root fly, blackfly, and whitefly. So, we put out more nets, in white, black and shades of green, until the allotment resembles a camp site at a rock concert.

We do have some allies here though. The robins, blackbirds, thrushes, and ladybirds join the fight, and we leave a strip of nettles on the headland for the wasps that we hope will prey on the aphids. Our local fox, who strolls through our garden, sometimes in broad daylight, keeps us free of rabbits. He checks every night to see if my neighbours have locked up their hens!

But having fought off all these threats and battled any episodes of drought or strong wind, our largest foe attacks in late summer just as the sweetcorn is about to ripen. I've known a badger strip an entire crop of 50 plants in one night!

Also, during the winter I've found I must keep nets over the spinach beet, Swiss chard and beetroot otherwise the muntjac will eat the foliage,

Of course I haven't mentioned the strenuous exercise, the backache and the split thumbs.....

So relaxation? Freedom from stress? I think not!

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

The Wing Singers

The Wing Singers took part in the Milton Keynes Festival of the Arts Choir Competition on Saturday 11 March. 65 choir members took part and performed *I Will Sing You The Stars* and *The Battle Hymn Of The Republic*. Jill Neenan was MD, Rebecca Izard accompanied us on piano, and Dave Watson played percussion for *The Battle Hymn*. The adjudicator was very impressed by our performance and commented that the choir was terrific, expressive, charming, with good dynamics and a good solo by Dave Varey in *The Battle Hymn*. She awarded us a very close second place and a Distinction.

We are happy to report that profits made from our Christmas concerts, December 2022, have now been donated to the following organisations:

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The Wing Singers is a community choir where everyone is welcome. We meet for rehearsals on most Sundays during term time, in Wing Village Hall, normally 4.45pm – 7.15pm. Membership is open to all age groups; currently, our youngest member is 8 years old and our eldest members are in their 80s. There are no auditions and no musical knowledge is needed. Our repertoire is varied, from popular classics to musical theatre, with something for everyone.

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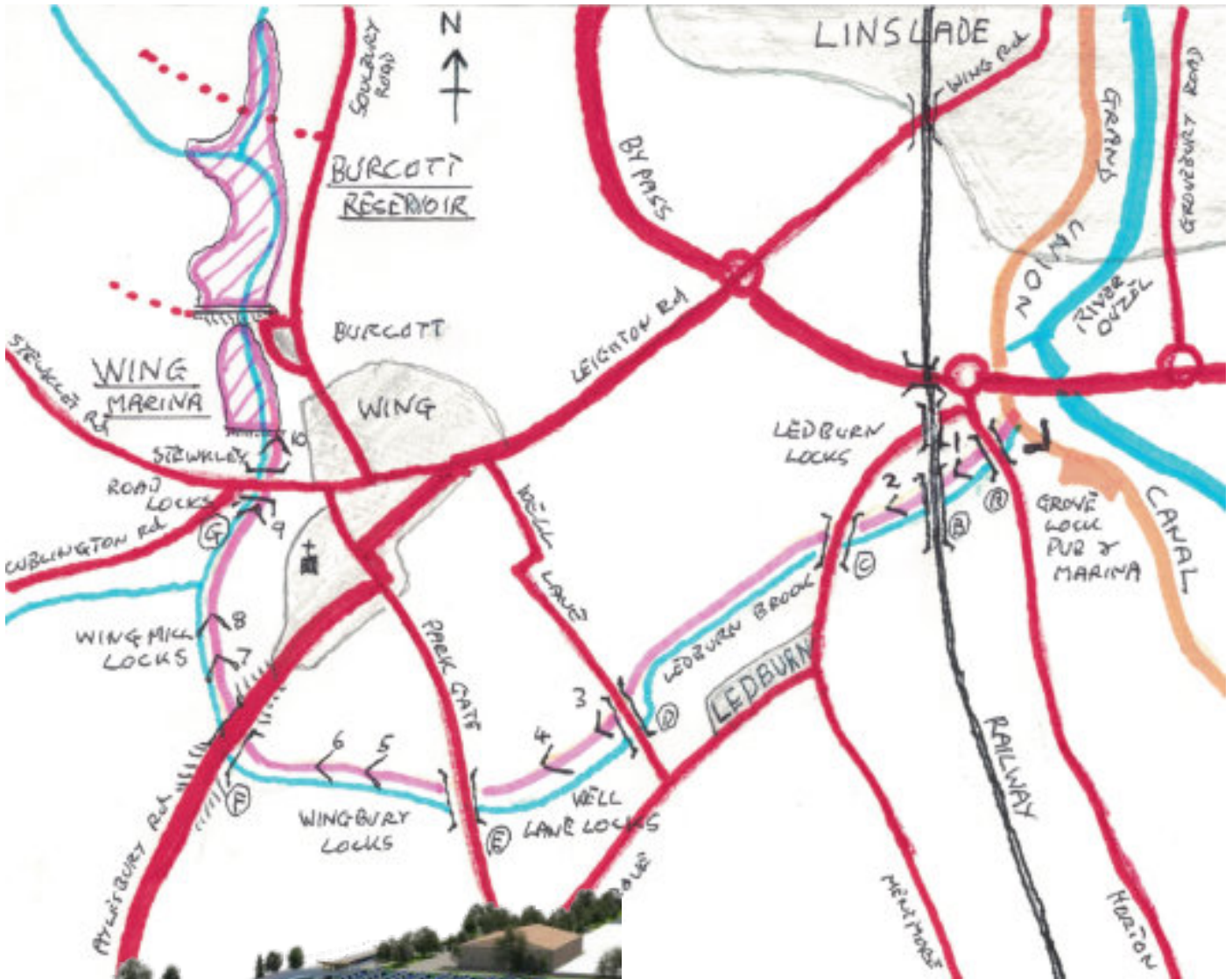
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Bob Duke was born a Dorset boy. His parents ran a guest house in Boscombe, then later in Devon. With a liking for practical things, he left school and began a career in construction and civil engineering. His work took him around the country and he met Chris in Whitchurch. They married in 1975, setting up home in Luton, then moving to Dormer Avenue in 1979. As Bob's family grew with the arrival of Simon and Helen, the family moved to Willow Way in 1987. From a career which began with laying pipelines with William Press Ltd, Bob navigated his career to senior roles in procurement and contract negotiation with Trillium in London, where he worked with the company from its outset to the multi-million PFI contract business it is today.

Bob was a serial Parish Councillor. His first tour of duty with the Parish was in the days of Ted Payne in the 1980s. He returned for a second term in 2018, bringing valuable knowledge and experience in contracts and construction to the knotty problems of the Recreation Ground Project.

Bob had a strong sense of right and wrong. He combined a determination to see things done properly with a dedication to fairness. He knew how to navigate the laws of contracts and local government in order to keep all involved on a safe course towards their objectives. Always the professional, he did so with diplomacy and good humour.



A fellow Councillor at the time, Mark Reynolds, said *'We didn't always agree, but Bob would remain firm in his view whilst respecting mine, a trait that would become the basis of our friendship. He was a dignified and proud man, who practised high principles but had a way about him that meant you would be drawn to him. We became firm friends. When I was elected to the Parish Council, Bob was at the count and he was the first to congratulate me, and when I took up post he supported me in any matters whilst always remaining balanced. He quickly became an ally and we worked well together to achieve a common aim.'*

As he neared retirement, Bob worked on the implementation of major and complex private finance initiative projects – work that called for enormous experience and considerable management skills. Whatever the challenges,

though, Bob was known for his ability to tackle everything that came along with equanimity, resolve, a clear head and a steady hand. *'We are where we are,'* he would say, and *'It is what it is.'*

Bob was a family man, with four grandchildren, and always close to his son and daughter. With Chris, he helped foster some six rescue dogs – never easy work. Bob also had a passion for vintage tractors, an interest acquired when he was a boy on his uncle's farm. He was certainly the only resident of Willow Way to have kept – and run – three such tractors in his back garden. He inherited all of them from his in-laws, who ran a small farm in Ivinghoe Aston. His restoration of a Fordson Major was thorough and painstaking, testimony to his great patience and attention to detail. A highlight of the Bucks County Show was always the vintage tractor parade – organised and managed by Bob, one of the few men equipped with the necessary skills and force of character needed to manage a timed and choreographed procession of individualistic and mostly rather senior men, aboard their even more senior and even more individualistic machinery.

The loss of Bob will be felt by many of us in Wing, and by even more people further and wider away. His family thank all their friends and neighbours for their generous kindness and support.





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Lots of mowing was undertaken to reclaim the meadow and banks, and clearing away of bramble especially around the many clumps of snowdrops (so we can keep the glades bramble free ready for next year).

A small team undertook some repairing and improving a set of steps on the top bank near the wilderness area. The apple trees near the picnic bench were pruned back to encourage new growth and more apples for the coming months.

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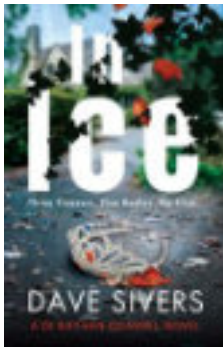
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Seasonal Recipe

from Caroline at Morris of
Hoggeston
(Wing Village Thursday Market)

Steak Salad with Aromatic Dressing

Ingredients:

4 rump or frying steaks
1 tsp Chinese five spice powder
1 tbsp rapeseed oil
100g bean shoots, rinsed
150g mixed stir fry vegetable pack
1 small red onion, peeled and finely sliced
50g toasted pine nuts or unsalted cashew nuts
2 tbsp freshly chopped coriander

For the Dressing:

1 x 5cm piece fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
2 tbsp sweet chilli sauce
Grated zest and juice of 2 limes
2 tsp caster sugar

To prepare the dressing; in a small bowl mix all the ingredients together, cover and set aside.

Place the steaks on a chopping board, season on both sides with the salt, pepper and Chinese five spice powder then brush with the oil.

Cook the steaks under a preheated moderate grill, or on a prepared barbecue according to your preference. Transfer to a warm plate, cover with foil and leave to rest for 2-3 minutes then slice on the diagonal.

Transfer the beef to a large bowl and add the bean shoots, sweet corn, onion and nuts. Whisk the dressing ingredients together and pour over the salad. Toss gently.

Pile the salad onto a large plate and serve immediately.



Send us your favourite recipe!

A monthly recipe has become a regular feature of WoiW. We know there are enthusiastic and capable cooks in Wing, so if you are one, please send us a recipe that we can use. It doesn't have to be 'seasonal' as favourites are always going to be welcome!



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Focus on Locals

getting to know some of the people and personalities of our parish

by Gill Allmark & Nick Dyke

Anyone over a certain age will definitely remember the legendary and humorous 'pop rock' band, The Barron Knights. Well, can you believe we've just interviewed the one and only Butch Baker from the band? He lives in Wing with his wife Chris and their beautiful black Labrador Stan. You will have probably seen Butch and Stan on their daily walks and, as Butch wryly remarks, "Nearly everyone remembers Stan's name more than mine or Chris!" Butch and Chris have three children – Harriet, Andrew and Matthew – who no longer live at home.

Born in Amersham as Leslie John Baker, from an early age he was simply known as 'Butch', the name that has stuck with him ever since. Few people call him Leslie now – just a few family members and one or two others. Butch grew up nearby in Pitstone and, at the age of 11, passed his 11+ test and became a pupil at Cedars Grammar School in Leighton Buzzard.

In 1952, as far as Butch knows there were only three people in Leighton Buzzard who played guitar seriously. Butch started his musical interest early, first learning to play the banjo, taught by his father, a classical guitarist. At first Butch's handspan was not wide enough to stretch to play guitar, but he graduated to it as soon as he could.



On leaving school Butch worked for the Leighton Buzzard Observer, training to be a company secretary. He was friends with Pete Langford and went to London to find fame and fortune playing banjo and guitar. The Barron Knights had started playing as a group and, when John 'Judge' Hopkins left, Butch says the 'suit' fitted him and so, as rhythm guitarist and vocalist for them, he played in his first gig in Hamburg at the Top 10 Club.

The Barron Knights started off as a 'straight' pop group and spent a few years touring in their old Bedford Duple 29-seater 4½ tonne coach and playing in pubs, clubs and dance halls. Barron Antony and Butch were always the coach drivers, though the rest of the group used to fight over who got the front passenger seat (two wide) next to the driver – usually, the band member who had loaded the bass speakers in the rear of the coach where the floor had been removed to gain sufficient headroom! The band fitted out the coach with three sets of bunk beds enabling them all to sleep without the added expense of hotel accommodation. In 1962/3 a replacement coach was required as the original ran out of reliable service after its arduous life. In the snowdrifts of

the early 1960s the band only ever missed one gig – an astounding record.

Their first hit was 'Call Up the Groups' in 1964 and they had three further hits in the 60s before their biggest sales in the 70s with the hits 'Live in Trouble' in 1977 and 'A Taste of Aggro' in 1978. The Barron Knights won the coveted

Butch Baker of The Barron Knights

Nationwide 'Family Group of the Year' in 1978 at the Rock and Pop awards and was the only group ever to tour with both *The Beatles* and *The Rolling Stones*.

Bill Wyman of the Rolling Stones has commented that the Barron Knights was the first group he'd ever seen with an electric bass guitar when he saw them playing at a local performance in Aylesbury in 1961. This inspired him to go home and purchase a similar guitar for himself.

On a visit to Abbey Road Studios, the Barron Knights introduced their session pianist Reg Dwight (known to us all as Elton John) to Lennon and McCartney of *The Beatles*; they had not previously met.

In 1967, the group released the single 'Lazy Fat People', a satirical song written by Pete Townshend of *The Who*. In 1974 they toured South Africa with Petula Clark and by 1977 CBS Records had signed the group.

The Barron Knights also performed Christmas TV specials on Channel 4 in 1983 and 1984 – a mix of sketches and songs with a comedy theme.

In Butch's studio he was proud to show us all his Barron Knights memorabilia and skilfully played several pieces on various guitars to demonstrate his musical genius. On his mini mixing desk he is totally *au fait* with all the modern technology to digitally record professional grade tracks.

Butch finally retired from The Barron Knights in January 2007, replaced by Len Crawley, but music is always his main passion in life, and he plays and records his own numbers in his studio. In late 2007/2008 during their Australian tour Butch temporarily re-joined the group when the rhythm guitarist was unavailable, but only on the proviso that his wife Chris could accompany him. We asked what Butch misses after a



marathon 46 years in the music industry? He replied "The playing and performing are the main things, however I really don't miss all the travelling".

When asked if Butch has any hobbies, he replied "I've had the pleasure of playing quite a bit of golf over the years and still play with old mates who are members of Leighton Buzzard Golf Club, and I do carry out a little DIY and some low-level work in the garden. My wife is the horticultural expert and in charge of all things 'green'."

Butch is still performing locally with the choir 'Rock of Ages', which has 35 choristers and Butch is one of their four guitarists. The choir rehearses every week at St Barnabas Hall in Linslade and performs charity shows locally. They have appeared at many local venues including Carey Lodge.

Butch is a humble guy and a nicer gentleman you couldn't wish to meet. He was both very engaging and enthusiastic throughout the whole interview and it was a real pleasure to learn about his fascinating life story. He reminisced about Albert Lee, Lonnie Donegan, Joe Brown, Joe Cocker, Mark Knopfler...all names of people with whom he had performed at gigs and big celebrations. If we have whetted your appetite to find out more about Butch Baker and The Barron Knights, just type in the search on your computer and the fact-file is captivating.

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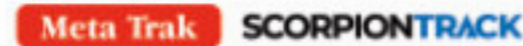
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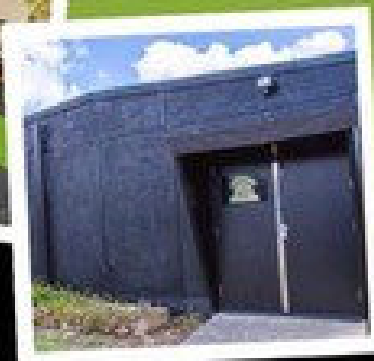
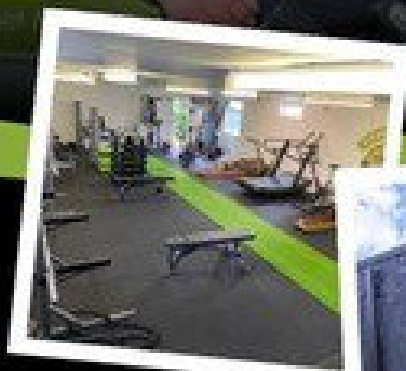
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The council says that HS2 traffic has also been an issue in terms of deteriorating roads and it has got them to start repairing some of the worst affected of the county's roads. Permanent repairs will begin in April once the worst of winter is over.

A new transport contractor is also due to start in April. They are bringing in a special digger, the Pothole Pro, which can work faster and be used to fix a number of potholes in one go.



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100 Years of Wing WI



This year is special for Wing Women's Institute as we are celebrating our centenary. Founded in 1923, the WI in Wing soon became a staple in social calendars of women throughout the village.

The initial meeting was rather interesting. Referred to as the 'Foundation Meeting' it was held on 17th October 1923 and lists Mrs Leopold de Rothschild as the President (the mother of the late Sir Evelyn de Rothschild). At the meeting it was decided that Wing WI would meet on the third Monday of each month; the first being on 19th November 1923 7-9pm. However, every 3 months a meeting would be held in the afternoon (instead of the evening) to allow mothers with young children to meet and bring their babies.

The first official meeting on 19th November 1923 saw a huge number of people attend: 115 in total! The number of people in attendance could be attributed to the fact that Mrs de Rothschild attended as Chair. Mrs Harris read the rules, and Mr Elliot of Cheddington gave a lecture on Canada. The remainder of the evening was spent in tea, songs and games.

Over the years, Wing WI continues to hold dear this first meeting in November, celebrating annually with a special 'party' meeting. Nowadays we share a meal together and arrange entertainment. Much like that first meeting in 1923: songs, food and laughter shared amongst the members.

For the year that followed the first meeting, an exciting calendar of monthly topics was arranged – they were rather different to those of the 2023 programme we have lined up! Topics included: making footstools from treacle tins; a talk on the battlefields of France; entertainment from girls of Aylesbury Borstal institution; and a talk on upholstery. Quite the contrast to the talks Wing has for this year: Birds of Prey, and a story of a 100 mile walk along the River Thames. However, the aim of these meetings has not changed – 'to pride ourselves on being a trusted place for **all women of all generations**, to share experiences and learn from each other'.

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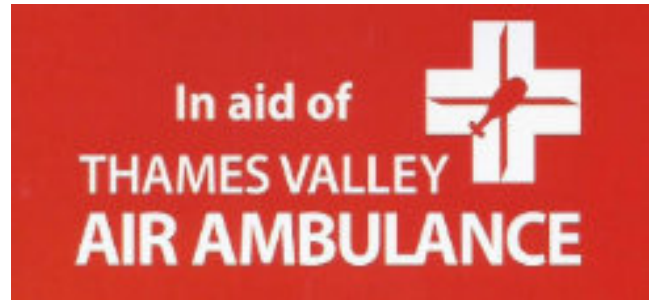


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WING NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REVIEW

Did you know that Wing had a Neighbourhood Plan? It was adopted in 2014 and now needs to be reviewed to make it up to date and more information will be added.



Since 2014, the two new housing sites have been built, including a new play area and a trim trail. Long Spinney has been made into a wonderful natural resource with access for residents via Bewick Green which was once a soggy overgrown field. Finally, the new Multi Use Games Area and Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground are underway. All of these would not have happened without the Neighbourhood Plan, although new houses would still have been built in the village.

We now have an opportunity to carry on improving the environment of the Parish with a new Environmental Strategy (produced by the Greensand Trust) which will look at our wildlife resources and ways of improving species and habitats across the Parish.

A new Design Guide has been drafted by a company called Aecom who have been commissioned to produce this guide and it looks at the special architecture and character of Wing, Burcott and Lower Ascott and sets out design guidelines (known as design codes) for new development such as house extensions. Both of these are being paid for by government neighbourhood planning grant money.



TWO DROP-IN SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL

TUESDAY 11TH APRIL 2023 FROM 3-5PM AND FROM 6-8PM.

(You will only need to attend one session, children are welcome)

There will be an opportunity to hear about the Environmental Strategy from the **Greensand Trust**, as well as seeing the Design Guide document.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AND HEARING YOUR VIEWS!

Wing Parish Council News

Recreation Ground Update



As you can see the MUGA has moved on at such a rate; we've been so impressed with the excellent work that Sports Courts have been doing.

The pavilion is at handover stages and we have been very fortunate to receive a large grant for the internal items and utilities from FCC Community Action Fund. They have provided us with a substantial contribution of a £98,000 grant. They are a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. We are delighted with their help and support over this matter, often going above and beyond expectation for this project.

It wouldn't be the Wing Recreation Ground project without some form of challenge, and the final one for this is the electricity not yet provided by UKPN. There will certainly be a delay on the original plan for a celebratory opening of the pavilion. We are persevering, but as you may be aware there are issues galore in the village with electrics along that stretch of road, so UKPN wish us to change location for the feed and upgrade the substation at the same time. As mentioned, it is a challenge.

Bits and Bobs

This month we have mostly been oddjobbing. There have been a number of incidents of graffiti and defacement at Long Spinney. This was reported to the PCSOs and thank you to Cllr Kellner who removed the offensive graffiti from one of our parish boards. Please do keep us informed, and the PCSOs, if you see any further anti-social behaviour.

Cllrs Lomas and Kellner have placed the new Speed Indicator Devices on the A418 outside Ascott in the 40mph zone and towards Littleworth. We are also on our turn for the MVAS (Motor Vehicle Activated Signs), so the councillors have placed it on the Soulbury Road at Burcott. All these will give us information on the speed and volume of traffic.

A further group of councillors (and volunteers!) have placed a mirror on the corner of one of the paths that has a right angle bend in

it. This was a request from a parishioner, to enable people on bikes or scooters to be able to see whether pedestrians are round the corner, to help prevent any potential collisions.

There was no Parish Council meeting last month as we were not quorate (there were not enough of us to make formal decisions). Apologies to those who journeyed out to see us.

The Neighbourhood Plan needs a review every five years and the team has been working on this a while. Please do come and see us for a consultation about it. There are no house allocations but there is an opportunity to meet Greensand Trust who are extending our green strategy. There will be two drop-in sessions, held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th April 2023 from 3-5pm and from 6-8pm. See the separate article for more details.



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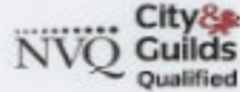




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Wing Belles U18s Win Berks & Bucks Cup!

The Belles' first ever County Cup Final brought them up against Cumnor Minors from the west of Oxford. Both teams were unbeaten this season, with Cumnor top of their division.

Wing started with five in midfield and one up front, to counter the midfield strength of Cumnor.

From the start Wing dominated the midfield and tried to create chances for striker Lil Sanders. After 20 minutes, a midfielder was sacrificed for another forward resulting in Cumnor having more of the ball without creating any chances. The defence were on top with Emma, Emily and Tamsin winning the headers and full backs Izzy, Maddy and Chloe stopping the wingers. If anything got through, Izabella in goal dealt with it. The midfield players of Sylvie, Raicheal, Lily, Phoebe, Yasmin and Olivia made sure the opposition could not dwell on the ball and rushed their passes by closing them down quickly and pressing a high line. Lil and Daisy



Goal scorer Daisy (l); hat-trick scorer/player of the match Elizabeth (r)

in attack were starting to find some space in the final third as they wore the defence down.

Five minutes before half time, Wing had the breakthrough, a loose ball was picked up in

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Sue Corcoran, Sports Editor

midfield and after a couple of one twos, Raicheal Hands fed the ball into the path of Lil who shot left footed into the corner of the net. 1-0 to Wing.

Three minutes later it was 2-0. Defensive midfielder Lily Deeks-Pollard fed a high ball over the top of the defence for Daisy Moore to run onto. From the corner of the box, she shot across the keeper and in off the post to score. 2-0 at half time with Wing in the ascendency.

Cumnor started the second half the quicker and, after Wing failed to clear the ball, had a goal back from a header into the corner of the net. 2-1 and Cumnor were back in it.

Wing replied immediately, winning a corner. Lil took the corner and when the ball came back to her, drilled a right footed shot which went under the keeper and into the net to reinstate the two goal cushion. Wing then took control of the game, limiting Cumnor to a couple of half chances and, with five minutes to go, Lil scored her third when Emma List picked a ball up in midfield and fed the ball over the top of the defence for Lil to run onto and slot left footed past the keeper.

The game finished 4-1 with Wing Raiders Belles lifting the County Cup. Lil Sanders won the Player of the Match Award for her hat-trick.

Every member of the team played her part, followed the game plan and reaped their reward. The team spirit is second to none.

Hopefully more silverware is to come, as they have reached the League Cup Final and are in contention to win the League and remain unbeaten this season.

Chris Sanders, coach of Wing Raiders Belles U18



AVPSAA Cross Country Championships at the Ascott Estate

On Saturday 22nd April 2023, primary school children from over 30 local schools will descend on Ascott House's 32 acre estate, to participate in the Aylesbury Vale Primary Schools Athletics Association's (AVPSAA) Cross Country Championship.

This non-profit organisation, run by volunteers, has been running for over 25 years and enables school children from local schools to take part in both winter and summer athletics competitions.

Claire Munday, Chairperson of AVPSAA said "We are very grateful to the Ascott Estate for hosting the cross country for the second year running, therefore providing an opportunity for local children to participate in a safe and competitive event in a wonderful setting".

Steph Lloyd, Visitor Experience Manager at Ascott Estate, said "The AVPSAA Cross Country Championship is a lovely way to start the spring at Ascott and we can't wait to welcome this year's runners and spectators to the Estate."

The cross-country course is set in the beautiful and idyllic grounds of the Rothschild Estate. The race is 1,300 metres for children in Years 3 and 4, and 1,600 metres for children in Years 5 and 6, both with a challenging uphill section towards the end. The event will be split into two groups based on the size of the

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When was World Book Day? World Book Day in the UK and Ireland is usually celebrated on the first Thursday in March. However, at Overstone Combined School, we opted to celebrate on Friday 3rd March as it adds some fun to the end of the week.

The tradition to celebrate books and reading began in 1995 when the very first World Book Day was held by UNESCO. The first World Book Day in the UK and Ireland took place in 1997.

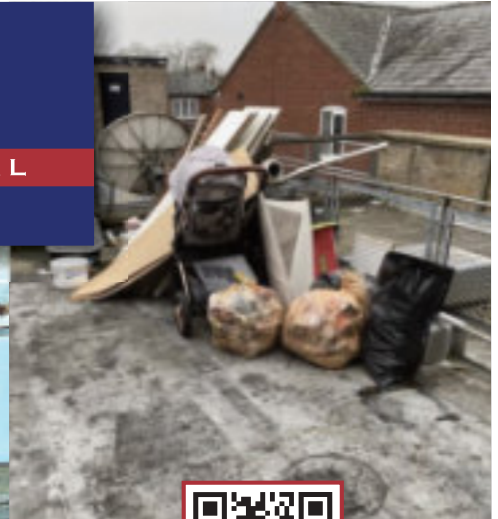
World Book Day is celebrated on the 23rd of April in other countries around the world, but the UK opted for a different date. The reason for this is because, had the UK kept the original date, the event would have clashed with the Easter school holidays. However, did you know that there is a World Book Night celebrated in the UK on the 23rd of April?



How did Overstone Combined School take part in World Book Day 2023? World Book Day is celebrated by schools up and down the country. At Overstone Combined School, we decided to get involved by coming to school dressed as a 'word'. The word could be a noun or an adjective and children and staff could be as creative or imaginative as they liked. The children then met up with their 'buddy classes' and read stories to each other.

Why is World Book Day important? While dressing up is a fun part of World Book Day, that's not the only reason why we celebrate it. The main aim of the day is to encourage children to explore different genres and develop a passion for reading. There are also so many benefits for children's academic and personal development. It can help to expand vocabulary, improve empathy, and increase concentration.

Having a day dedicated to celebrating storytelling lets children have a go at reading and encourages them to explore genres they may never have come across before. In the age of digitalisation, it's more important than ever to encourage children to read and help them see the value of literature.



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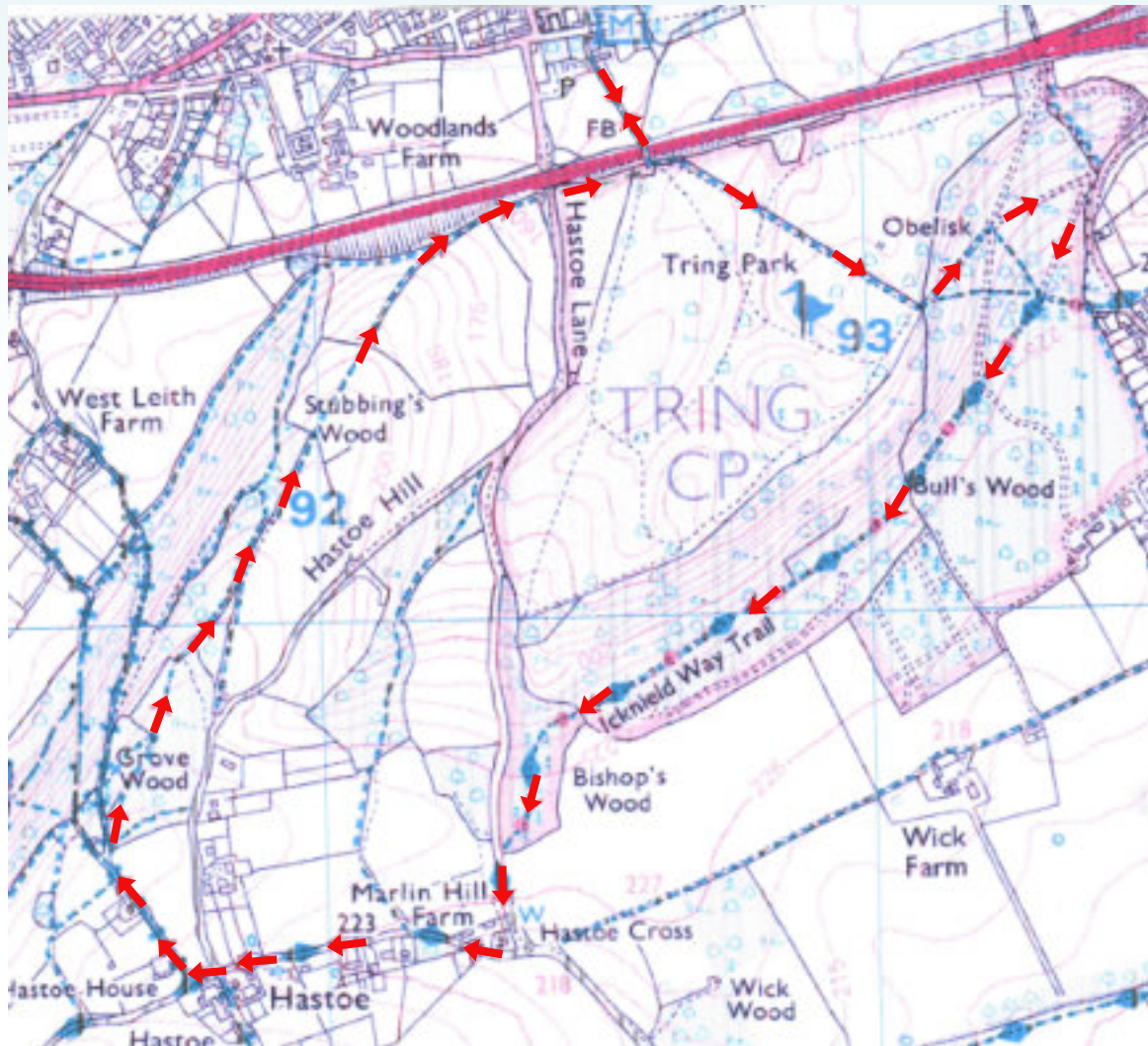
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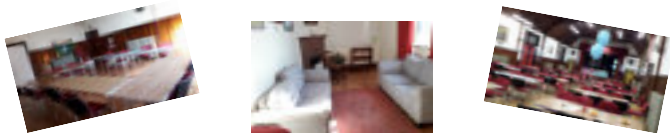
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TAURUS Apr 20 - May 20. Here you go again. You're not called Taurus for nothing, and your bull-in-a-china-shop antics around the 17th will surprise everyone, include yourself. Steady on.

GEMINI May 21 - Jun 20. For you, April will be a breeze, a glide, a doddle, a cinch. Everyone will be considering you, helping you, guiding and supporting you. And if you believe that...

CANCER Jun 21 - Jul 22. It's going to be a money month. But you won't need to worry. Everything that goes out will come in. Or put another way, everything that comes in will go out. Ho hum.

LEO Jul 23 - Aug 22. Tricky times for Leo. Venus has it in for Titus Andronicus, and the resulting misalignment of consternations means a big polyhelion. Don't say we didn't tell you.

VIRGO Aug 23 - Sep 22. Happy days are here again, and long-lost friends turn up out of the blue. How that special coffee mug found its way to the bottom of the garden, only the stars can know.

LIBRA Sep 23 - Oct 22. Librans always take the balanced view, see both sides. But events on the 25th mean things are clear-cut, unequivocal. You're right. Dammit, you're right, *and they know it*.

SCORPIO Oct 23 - Nov 21. Work-related issues come to the fore this month. But there's more to life than work. So shove all those issues to one side, and get on with having fun. Just not at work.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 22 - Dec 21. Family and friends complicate things this month. You may need to make social media decisions before the 14th, including temporarily unliking yourself.

CAPRICORN Dec 22 - Jan 19. Big travel for you! Book your trip, pack your bags, shut the front door behind you, and head for far Gubblecote. It's not as bad as they say.

AQUARIUS Jan 20 - Feb 18. We astrologers disagree about when the age of Aquarius will start, or even if it has started at all. So, for as long as they disagree, you can stop worrying about your age.

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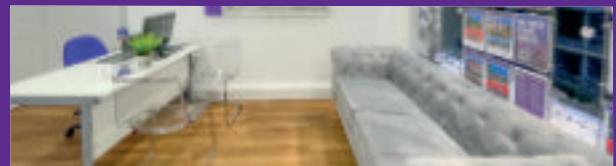


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