



£1, free to Members

Barkham Newsletter

Issue 104 Summer 2013

from the Barkham Village Residents Association

<http://www.barkham.org.uk>

**Could you be our new
Webmaster?
See page 5 for details**

Arborfield Garrison planning application – see pages 4 and 8 for latest news and views

**Next BVRA social event
Family Skittles Evening 5 October
More details on page 11 and in the next issue**

**In
this
issue...**

Quiz	2	Borough Councillor	8	Ramblers	15
Editorial	3	Social	10	Gardening	16
Garrison planning update	5	Church	12	Useful numbers	19
Parish Council	6	Me2 Club	13	Diary	19
Classic cars	7	Local concerts	14		

BVRA Chairman

Can you help please?



The Barkham Village Residents Association's role is "to preserve and enhance the character of the Parish of Barkham as a community". The chairman facilitates this role and specific duties include:

- To chair the Association, Committee meetings (4 per year) and the AGM.
- Co-ordinate actions across the Association's fields of activities.
- Represent the BVRA with outside bodies (e.g. Parish Council, media, the public).
- Recruit new Committee members when necessary.
- Write the Chairman's introduction to each Newsletter.
- Time commitment could be a maximum of half a day per month.

If you feel you may be able to take on this important role in the local community or would like more information, please contact any member of the committee (details opposite).

The Quiz

answers on page 19

I got the idea for this issue's quiz whilst watching the recent Snooker World Championships. Don't worry, there are no questions on obscure snooker players but each question or answer features the colour of a snooker ball. As there are more questions than colours, one colour appears more than once, but there is some logic to this!

1. Who wrote "The Woman in White"?
2. The Red Cross emblem is usually replaced by what symbol in Islamic countries?
3. What is yellow and dangerous?
4. Which folk song includes the words "cast me off discourteously"?
5. What is this a definition of; "the random movement of microscopic particles suspended in a liquid or gas, caused by collisions with molecules of the surrounding medium"?
6. Which bird of prey, extinct in England in the 19th century was successfully reintroduced in the late 20th century and is now regularly seen over Barkham?
7. How is the Sultan Ahmed Mosque in Istanbul more commonly known?
8. What is the correct medical term for "pink eye"?
9. Six countries border the Red Sea (not including the Gulf of Aqaba). Name four of them (all six if you want to be really clever!)
10. Which band, formed in 1968 in Birmingham (and still going today) features guitarist Tony Iommi and an infamous lead singer?

Advertising and Newsletter Contributions

Newsletter articles / contributions for the Summer edition should be in by 23 August. It helps if these can be submitted in electronic form by email to newsletter@barkham.org.uk. They may also be hand written or typed, and should be sent to the Editor, Stewart Richardson, at 342 Barkham Road, Wokingham, RG41 4DE.

For trade adverts, contact Ian Overton by email to treasurer@barkham.org.uk, or call 973 4806. We offer three sizes, 64mm x 54mm at £22, 124mm x 105mm at £52 and 190x130mm at £100, for 4 quarterly insertions.

Distribution of the next issue will take place in mid September.

BVRA 2012/13 GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman: vacant

Stewart Richardson acting
chairman@barkham.org.uk

Secretary: Sarina Martin

19 Silver Birches
977 4065

secretary@barkham.org.uk

Treasurer: Ian Overton

6, Waverley Way
Finchampstead
973 4806

treasurer@barkham.org.uk

Social: Judith Collins

31 Almond Close
977 1579

social@barkham.org.uk

Membership: Jim Butler

6 Sandy Lane
978 3572

membership@barkham.org.uk

Newsletter: Stewart Richardson

342 Barkham Road
979 1914

newsletter@barkham.org.uk

Web Site: vacant

webmaster@barkham.org.uk



Bees and Beekeeping was an interesting talk by John Edwards in March. In April we had Tony King informing us with slides about "Going Shopping with the Victorians". We had a Supper in May of Fish & Chips or Chicken & Chips. Everyone enjoyed an evening of no cooking! Also Mrs Fowkes gave us a talk about Wokingham & District Cancer Care Trust. In June, Gillian Franklin will be talking to us about "the History of Apples".

The meetings take place on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at Barkham Village Hall. For further details, contact Pauline Vestey on 979 1714.

Angela Hands



Editorial

Welcome to the summer edition of the Barkham Newsletter! Can I start by asking any residents who haven't paid their 2013 BVRA subscriptions to please pay your distributor the £2 per household fee as soon as possible. If you don't know the name of your distributor, please contact Jim Butler (details on left). The autumn and winter editions of the newsletter are distributed to paid up households only, of which there were over 650 last year.

As you may be aware, a planning application for the Arborfield Garrison (a large part of which is in Barkham) has now been submitted and the issues are discussed by Laurence Heath of Barkham Parish Council on page 4. This is a matter that will affect all of us and whilst the development cannot be prevented, its effects can be ameliorated by the active involvement of residents in the consultation process.

You will also see that we are looking for a new webmaster as our previous webmaster has had to step down. This is a chance for a local resident to see their ideas applied on to the BVRA website! Whilst the basic maintenance of the site is a routine task, we would encourage people with

ideas about how it may be creatively revamped to come forward. Nothing is off limits!

As usual, we also feature news from Barkham Parish Council, our WBC councillor, St James's Church and various societies including forthcoming musical events.

The quiz this time is loosely based on a game of snooker (but without any snooker related questions!)

If you have any comments (good or bad, but hopefully constructive!) please email me on newsletter@barkham.org.uk.

Stewart Richardson
Editor

Barkham Development Watch email list

As you may be aware, Barkham Development Watch set up a mailing list a couple of years ago, so that residents could be kept aware of plans for potential building developments in the parish. Many Barkham residents registered for our email alert (see below) but we have recently noticed a number of emails are "not deliverable", presumably because the person's email address has changed. If you have changed your email since you registered on the list, can you please send a mail to development@barkham.org.uk with "Mailing List" in the heading or subject line, which will ensure you continue to receive the mails.

If you have not previously registered for the alerts but would like to do so, please send an email as described above.



Arborfield Garrison Planning Application

A planning application has now been submitted on behalf of the MoD. This covers the northern portion of the Arborfield Garrison site which lies mainly within the parish of Barkham. The southern portion is in different ownership and a second planning application for this area is anticipated later in the year. The application seeks outline planning permission for 2,000 homes on MoD land with a further 1,500 proposed for the southern area, with building in phases running through from 2015 to 2028.

As many residents as possible should respond to the application to express their concerns. This is an opportunity to have some influence on what happens. Although come what may, the main development will happen, the community ought to have some influence on points of relative detail. I also think that consortium need to be reminded constantly that local residents have legitimate worries about how the creation of this large new development will impact on the daily lives of the existing communities.

Transport infrastructure is obviously a key part of the application

and one of the main concerns for residents.

- It is unfortunate that the consortium has not shown an Arborfield bypass in their proposals, in spite of the Borough's commitment to build one. This does not seem like a realistic approach to planning.
- Along the Langley Common Road/Barkham corridor, it is proposed to build a new roundabout at Biggs Lane and traffic lights at Barkham Street, Bearwood Road and Edneys Hill. No alterations at Barkham Bridge are proposed.
- There seem to be some odd suggestions intended to improve junctions, e.g. do the junctions at Barkham Street and Bearwood Road really need to be widened? Is there actually the space to do so without infringing on the neighbouring properties, bringing roads closer to houses and removing hedges and other landscape features?
- Commonfield Lane is proposed to be one way (north-bound only).
- An additional access point to the Garrison is proposed on Langley Common Road at the existing (closed) side gate near the tank depot.

The consortium seems to believe that the existing road network can cope, with the "improvement" of many local junctions with traffic lights and new roundabouts. This no doubt is "proved" by the traffic modelling, but it is hardly credible to anyone who uses our local roads, especially at peak times.

The first phase of building is proposed near Sheerlands Road, with the second phase near to Langley Common Road. The housing

density in some areas seems to be excessively high, e.g. the area nearest to Langley Common Road will have one of the highest densities, where there ought to be a lower density "transition" zone on the edge of the development.

Other features shown in the first phase (2015-2017) are more positive and are potentially of benefit to the existing community:

- Part development of district centre, including foodstore
- Existing sports pitches retained/re-used
- Existing MoD gymnasium refurbished and re-used
- Other open space provided including children's play and allotments
- Continued use of the Garrison community centre
- Land for primary school to be made available and school buildings delivered
- Land for secondary school to be made available to WBC and potential start on site dependant on funding position

In view of the scale of the application, it is obviously quite laborious to work through the whole submission. There is a lot of repetitive text and regurgitation of other documents such as the Core Strategy, which makes it hard work finding the real "meat" in the application.

The application is on the WBC website (application number O/2013/0600). As a starting point it is worth looking at the following documents:

- 02 - Design and Access Statement. This gives a general outline of the scheme.
- 03.3 - Highway Plans. This shows plans for the redesigned junctions.

BVRA Webmaster Wanted!

As our current webmaster has had to step down, we need a new webmaster to administer and manage the BVRA website <http://www.barkham.org.uk>

We are looking for someone with skills in the creation and maintenance of web pages to ensure that the site is up to date with current activities of the BVRA including social events and Barkham Development Watch updates. We would also like to “revamp” the site but have no pre-set views so the new webmaster would be able to express their creative and technical skills to achieve this. Given the all-pervasiveness of the internet nowadays there are hopefully plenty of qualified candidates out there in Barkham so please don't be shy - volunteer to help the community in this important role.

Please contact Stewart Richardson (details on page 3) or any member of the BVRA committee.

Thanks in advance!

- 11 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan Report - Doc Ref AGLC HPA DOC 11 - IDP report. pdf . Appendix A (pages 43-46 outline the phasing of the development).

The BVRA Development Watch will circulate more information about how to respond and specific issues to consider. Note that the cut-off date for comments is 21 June 2013.

Laurence Heath
Vice Chairman
Barkham Parish Council.

The Citizens Advice Bureau is an independent charity. We help people to resolve their problems by providing free, confidential and impartial information and advice.

Our year finished at the end of March. We had 4,252 new people come to us for help during the last year and we helped them with around 7,500 problems. The figures indicate that the main problem areas for people coming to us remain as debt and welfare benefits. We helped people with debts totalling over £9.3 million and sent 147 social policy evidence forms to Citizens Advice detailing problems that people

faced where we thought that the law or policies needed changing.

From Barkham we had 71 new people come to us. The estimated cost to the Bureau to help them was around £3,200.

WOKINGHAM
26-28 Market Place
(next to WH Smith), RG40 2AP
public@wokingham-cab.org.uk
www.wokingham-cab.org.uk

Hours:
Mon - Thu: 9.00am - 3.00pm
Fri: 9.00am - 1.00pm

Telephone assessments:
0844 499 4126





News from Your Parish Council

Arborfield Garrison Development

The planning application has now been submitted on behalf of the MOD. Consequently the Parish Council has been very busy with councillors attending numerous meetings associated with the proposed development at Arborfield Garrison. These include steering group meetings with Wokingham Borough Council and representatives of the development consortium, and liaison meetings with neighbouring parishes. In addition we are in the process of reviewing the documents, which fill 3 large boxes.

An exhibition was held at Arborfield Community Centre on 25th & 26th April where residents were able to look at the plans. There was a display showing the draft proposals for 2000 new homes, a secondary school, two new primary schools, a village centre with a range of shops and two smaller neighbourhood centres. The MOD are scheduled to vacate the site in 2015 when the first phase of the development will begin subject to planning permission being granted.

Laurence Heath discusses the application in more detail on page 4 and see also John Kaiser on page 8 for how to access the planning website.



It is very important that residents have their say in what facilities are provided as this will affect you, whether you have children or are elderly everyone needs to have their say.

Barkham Parish Cleanup

A very successful litter pick took place on 24th March, despite the cold weather 35 volunteers turned out. We collected 22 orange sacks of recyclable rubbish, 48 black sacks, 4 wheels, hub caps and numerous car parts. A box of dressing up clothes including a Santa outfit. The worst areas continue to be verges where there is no housing especially Commonfield Lane which seems to be a favourite destination for fly tipping. The helpers were rewarded with tasty bacon rolls and a mug of coffee to thaw out. A big thank you to everyone who helped and especially to Marian Heath for providing the refreshments.

The Parish Council are delighted that a resident came forward to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council, we welcome Mr Shoobridge and now have a full complement of Councillors.

The Sam Hosgood Sporting Endeavour Fund

We were all inspired by Team GB last summer as we cheered our team on and felt proud to be British. A legacy of the Games was to inspire young people to participate in sport and that is why the Parish Council are keen to help any young person who lives in Barkham and is under the age of 18 and is currently representing their country in their chosen sport. If this is you please send your application to the Clerk, the Parish Council may be able to help by means of small grant to assist with your training expenses.

Judith Neuhofer
Clerk to Barkham Parish Council

Wokingham Times

If you have local news or would like your event photographing for the paper, please let me know. My direct line is 918 3023.

Jon Nurse



WHY NOT BECOME A DISTRIBUTOR?

Please come and join our team of distributors for the Barkham Newsletter. We currently require a couple for Hornbeam and Smalley Closes.

So for the opportunity for a little light exercise and a chance to meet your neighbours please call me (Jim) on 978 3572 or e-mail membership@barkham.org.uk

Thank you

We've had a poor cold Spring but the club's activities have been underway for some time. Recently we had the choice of two runs both starting at the same time from Cresswells Garage in Finchamstead on the 21st April. One group went for a 50 mile run through parts of the Surrey countryside while others accompanied our leader David Annets on a shorter run to The Vine near Basingstoke. It was a special open day at The Vyne and the National Trust was allowing free entry to the house, gardens and lake. The weather was bright but cool, good

The following day on this very active weekend for the BAD-CCC, a group drove to the Popham Airfield Fly-In. This was in conjunction with the Spitfire Association. For lovers of historic aircraft, the nostalgic sound of

Restoration appeal and others. It was opened by Uri Geller who arrived with his 1976 Cadillac that was completely encrusted with 5000 bent items of cutlery rivetted to its body. Our club had once again played a major role in the organisation of the event and fielded 60 cars which took up most of the space below the South Terrace. Owners' clubs representing TVR, Jenson, Aston Martin and many others brought the total to some 300 vehicles spread around the outside of the historic building. For the first time new cars were represented by Aston Martin, Bentley, Audi and Ferrari dealers. As usual the weather was kind, some sun, some cloud but no rain. So plenty of picnics as a Jazz band played on the lawn and the Rock Choir sang on the terrace. Various prizes were awarded including to BADCCC member Jamie Garroch for his chromed effect, mirror finished Lotus Esprit (see photo).



enough to enjoy a picnic or the hog-roast with some local real ale.

On the 5th May the club organised a run to the Abingdon Air & Country Fayre. A beautiful hot clear sky day for the flying displays which included the Hurricane and Lancaster from the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight. The great event finished with the Breitling Wingwalkers.

Rolls Royce Merlin engines and low level high speed passes made a superb day out.

Then came Bearwood. The Bearwood College Car & Motorcycle Show, by far the largest local event for the motoring enthusiasts. Now in its 4th year and it's grown still further. Entry was free but charities were collecting for Air Ambulance, the College Organ

For information about our club, its cars, its past and future events please look at our website at: www.badccc.co.uk

Bernie Hicks



Borough Councillor's Report

Arborfield Garrison development

The planning application has been received by Wokingham Borough Council. The application number is O/2013/0600 and can be accessed through the Council's website on the following page:

<http://bit.ly/Azt7Ys>

The reference number O/2013/0600 needs to be typed into the search box.

The application covers the demolition of MOD buildings and redevelopment of Arborfield Garrison and adjoining land for:

- 2,000 dwellings (including 120 units of specialist housing (sheltered housing) and housing within new district centre)
- District centre (up to 9,000 m² (floorspace) comprising a food store up to 4,000 m² gross with up to a further 3,500 m² (gross) floorspace with residential units above and up to a further 1,500 m² floorspace, a transport interchange, village square, car parking, servicing and drop off area.

- Neighbourhood centre to provide up to 500 m² (gross) floorspace with parking/servicing area.
- Secondary school for up to 1,200 pupils including sports pitches, floodlit all-weather pitch, and parking areas.
- Two-form primary school with sports pitch and parking areas.
- Care Home for the elderly (60 bed spaces)
- Associated provision of: Car parking, public open space including sports pitches, informal/incidental open space, children's play areas including multi-use games areas (MUGA), community orchard/allotments, Landscaping/ buffer areas, boundary treatments, new bridleways, sustainable urban drainage systems, including flood alleviation works.
- The creation of two areas of suitable alternative natural Greenspace (SANGS) (in the north-eastern part of the application site and at West Court) including car parking areas, path/walkways, fencing, and associated landscaping.
- Re-use existing of MOD gymnasium to community uses/centre
- New roundabout junction to A327 Reading Road and construction of part of western section of a link road between Reading Road and Nine Mile Ride (including associated pedestrian/cycle ways)
- New roundabout junction to Langley Common Road and Biggs Lane and associated improvements
- Creation of new bridleways within the application site (within SANGs areas and adjacent to Langley Common Road).

There are various other improvements proposed to existing highways as follows:

- Upgrading of Biggs Lane, Langley Common Road, Princess Marina Drive, and James Watt Road to include the creation of cycle ways/footpaths adjacent to existing highways.
- Improvements/enhancements to existing highways and junctions at:
 - A327 and Langley Common Road roundabout and Baird Road,
 - Barkham Road and Barkham Street
 - Barkham Road and Bearwood Road
 - Barkham Road and Evendon's Lane
 - Barkham Street, Barkham Ride and Commonfield Lane
 - Biggs Lane and Princess Marina Drive
 - Finchampstead Road and Nine Mile Ride
 - Princess Marina Drive and Nine Mile Ride extension
 - Biggs Lane (traffic calming measures).

Once the MOD said they were going it was going to be impossible to stop development as the government considers all redundant MOD sites to be all Brownfield land but 3500 houses will take some time to build. With the MOD going around late 2015 and a build rate of 50 to 100 a year I would expect 250 to 500 houses to be built by 2020 this will also depend on the economy and the ability to sell the houses.

One positive is in addition to the existing open space about 50% of the development will be new open space. There will no doubt be many issues with regards the planning application which will need to be addressed particularly

around highways along with an urbanising feel as a result of proposed building heights, loss of trees, community facilities and schools to mention just some concerns.

It is now for the council, local members, Parish Councils, residents and their action groups to campaign for the best development we can and make sure all the issues that a development of this size will bring are properly addressed. [see article on page [n] by Laurence Heath – Ed]

I will be working with the Borough and Parish Councils, resident action groups and residents to ensure the development is of the highest standard and at the same time it delivers the necessary infrastructure and deals with the concerns of residents.

Wokingham Borough Council has one of the best tax collection rates in England

Recent figures released to Parliament show that local authorities in England have failed to collect a massive £2.4 billion in council tax. Ministers have published detailed information on level of tax collection in England.

The total figure of £2.4 billion of council tax arrears across every local billing authority is equivalent to £102 per household. Wokingham Borough Council has the second best collection rate at 99.5% having arrears of just £31 per household.

We take council tax collection very seriously, and as the figures show, we are one of the best performers in the country. It is vital that we all pay our share of taxes and tax collection becomes even

more important when considering the unprecedented austerity measures that we have to go through.

We are committed to protecting our frontline services that we all value and one of the ways through which we achieve this and still make sensible savings is by collecting all the taxes owed to the Council. Having one of the best tax collection rates also ena-

bles us to keep the council tax low as lost tax is ultimately reflected in increased tax bills.

If I can be of any help with regards issues within the Borough please do not hesitate to contact me

John Kaiser
Wokingham Borough Councillor
Barkham Ward
07714192352
john.kaiser@wokingham.gov.uk

Village Hall Secretary Wanted

The Village Hall Committee are urgently in need of someone who could take the minutes at the bi monthly committee meetings as the current secretary will be retiring. It is not an onerous job, all that is required is to attend the bi monthly meetings which are held on a Thursday at the Village Hall at 8.30 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of January, March, May, September and November. If anyone feels they could spare an hour please could you contact Chris Barrows (Chairman) 976 0626 or Judith Neuhofer 979 0296 and we would be delighted to give you more information.

The Village Hall is very well used by residents for parties and many social occasions and we take pride in keeping it in good condition. Many of you will have noticed that the toilets have now been refurbished. In order for the Hall to remain in such good condition it does require a Committee to run the hall.

Barkham Village Hall

Next to St James' Church, beautiful rural setting for weddings, christenings and parties.

From as little as £22/hr for both halls. £25/hr after 6.00 p.m. on Saturday.

Can accommodate 175 guests and now has a new fully equipped kitchen. Plus with the benefit of Lottery Funding a new ceiling and lighting have been installed which can be fully dimmable for evening celebrations.

If you are a group who needs somewhere to meet on a regular basis why not use your local village hall, we have plenty of tables and chairs and spacious car park and grounds for use during the summer. We offer very competitive rates for regular users.

Further information can be obtained from the parish council web site with photographs of the hall plus a calendar with availability. Please contact Judith Neuhofer on 9790296 or email clerk@barkham-parishcouncil.org.uk



Social Matters

When I look back on my childhood I seem to remember long hot summer days and cold dark winter afternoons walking home from school. Perhaps this was not always the case – memories can be strange at times. However all this seems to have changed and winter seems to be going on for ever – will we get any summer this year?

We were very fortunate with the children's Easter Egg Hunt this year - a record turnout enjoyed by over 100 children. They spent their time looking for tokens which they then exchanged for eggs. About 1000 tokens were 'hidden' and over 950 collected and yes, there are about 40 still in the area but no eggs left I am afraid. Maybe they will turn up next year! There was also a raffle of two larger eggs and they were won by Lucy Ellinor and Tabitha Berry and the surplus small ones were bagged and raffled as well. We were lucky that although it was a bright, cold and windy day at least the rain had held off for a few days before so that the ground was not wet.

I was hoping to report on our next planned event – the barn dance but unfortunately we had to cancel it due to the lack of support. It was really a shame to have to do this as a lot of time and effort had been put in by the committee to hopefully make the



evening successful. In the past those who have attended have had a thoroughly enjoyable time and this is the first social event that we had to cancel for many years. I have noticed from recent reports in the local paper that both Finchampstead and Arborfield have held successful barn dances so is there anything you would like us to do differently? Please email me with any comments or suggestions.

Our next social event will be the **Family Skittles evening on Saturday 5th October** again at the Village Hall so please put that date in your diaries **NOW** – tickets to include supper will be adults £8 and primary school children £5 and are available from me. How about getting a family ticket – 2 adults and 2 children for £24.00?

We do need to have village support for the events that we put on – it would be very sad if they were to cease due to lack of interest. If you have any suggestions for future events please can you contact either Stewart Richardson or myself.

May I wish you all a pleasant summer and hope to see you at the Skittles evening in October.

Judith Collins
social@barkham.org.uk
977 1579





St James' Church

When Dreams Come True!
– HBC 2013

Although HBC has been running for over 50 years, some may not have heard about it before, so here are the essentials.

What is HBC? 'HBC' stands for 'Holiday Bible Club' an activity week for children aged 5-14 in the first week of the summer holidays that includes sports, crafts, music and teaching from the Bible. There is also a programme for under 5s and their parents/carers that runs in the morning.

Who runs HBC? It is run by Arborfield and Barkham Churches (including 'Christ Church Wokingham, formerly 'The Church at the White House').

When and where does it happen? This year HBC is from Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July and we are based once again at The Coombes School on their sports field.

How many children go? Up to 350 over the whole week. This may seem daunting, but we have a huge team of leaders who do all they can to make sure everyone has a great time.

What's the best thing about HBC? It depends a bit on what you enjoy, but many people love the afternoon of inflatables as well as our fairground games. Then again, some like trying all kinds of different crafts and others just want to play loads of football. And of course, the music and teaching are brilliant too!...

What's the theme of HBC this year? Our theme is 'When Dreams

come True' and each day we'll be looking at the fantastic story of Joseph.

How can I book my children in to HBC? Simply visit our website www.abch.org.uk which has full details and prices (HBC is very reasonable). You can book places direct from there or you can call the church office 01189760285. We look forward to seeing you!

Holiday Bible Club 2013

WHEN DREAMS COME TRUE

Arborfield and Barkham Churches invite you to a fun-packed week of games, talks, crafts and sports for 5-14 year olds, with a morning programme for under-5s and their parents/carers.

10am - 3pm
Monday 22 - Friday 26 July
The Coombes CE Primary School,
Arborfield

For more information and to book places, please visit:
www.abch.org.uk
or call 0118 976 0285

Let's keep this local charity going for another 10 years!



Me2 Club - a Wokingham Borough charity that supports children and young people, aged 5-19, with disabilities to take part in mainstream activities in their local communities – celebrates its 10th birthday this year. Why not give the gift of regular giving to this local Charity to celebrate?

Me2 Club was established in 2003 to enable children and young people with disabilities to go to local, mainstream activities like all the other children in their communities. Children with disabilities often need one to one support to take part and because the activities couldn't always provide this, the children were missing out. Me2 Club changed that by recruiting and training volunteers, who support the kids to take part, make friends and have fun like everyone else!

Tom, 13, who has Autism, has been part of Me2 Club for 6 years. With his first volunteer he went to gym club but since then has discovered his true passion –acting! Tom and his volunteer Elicia, 19, now go to drama club every Saturday. Elicia supports Tom to socialise with the other children, communicate his needs, understand what is expected of him, learn lines and follow instructions. Without Elicia, drama club would not be possible for Tom.



"I never thought in a million years that Tom would be able to participate in something like that and not just 'be there' but really

be just like the other children and doing everything that they did. This is why the Me2 Club was set up" Tom's Mum

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the charity; they work with over 100 each year. Volunteers give just a couple of hours a week to support a child to go to their local Beavers group, swimming lesson, youth club, sports activity and lots more.

Shiven, 18, supported Matthew, 9, to go his local to Cubs group for a year before he went to university. Matthew has Aspergers and due to this finds social situations extremely difficult. The boys clicked straight away and together took part in everything Cubs had to offer;



"I've had the most amazing time volunteering - I never thought it would be so much fun. When I thought about volunteering I knew it would be a 'good' thing to do, but I never realised how amazing it would be!" Shiven

The charity makes a huge difference to the lives of the children, enabling them to feel independent and just like everybody else "You get to do nice things with your friends. And get nice friends" Josh, 7. It also means a lot to their families; they can drop their child off at an activity and know that they will be safe and supported to have fun - a valuable couple of hours of respite to relax or spend time with other children.

Within the last 3 years the charity has run two further projects

to support their core work. The Weekends Away Project offers all the children the opportunity to have a holiday with their volunteer – often their first experience of a holiday away from their families. The Inclusion Training Project trains activity leaders on various disability topics for free; building on their knowledge and skills to involve children with additional needs.

10 years has seen Me2 Club grow from something very small, supporting a handful of young people, to a successful and established charity making sure children with disabilities are taking part too. 80 children with disabilities take part in weekly activities with their volunteers, Monday through to Sunday all across the borough, every year. That's something to really celebrate!

Let's keep this charity going for another 10 years – set up a regular donation of just £5 a month through local giving for 1 year and you will have supported Me2 Club to train a volunteer like Shiven and Elicia, to support a child with disabilities to take part too.



<http://localgiving.com/charity/me2club>

Emily Radford
info@me2club.org.uk
0118 969 6369
www.me2club.org.uk

TCB June Band Concert No Strings Attached

When: 19:30 on Sat 22nd June
Where: Trinity Church, Earley

Contact Phone: 0118 969 0925
Contact Email:
dave.robson@ntlworld.com
Further Details:
<http://www.trinityband.co.uk>



A Selection of Orchestral Favourites form the theme of this Concert which will feature “*Fanfare for A Common Man*” by Aaron Copland, and “*Overture to Candide*” by Leonard Bernstein. Our special solo feature will be the UK premiere of Derek Bourgeois’ “*Concerto for Bass Trombone*” performed by Jonathan Warburton, an internationally known professional trombone player (see below for details)

Tickets are £10 up to 24 hours before the concert and £12 on the door. Children under 16 years are free when accompanied by a paying member of the audience. Tickets can be purchased from the Box Office or via our website.

Jonathan Warburton
Bass Trombonist



As one of England’s most versatile and busiest bass trombonists on the music scene today, Jonathan is actively involved in a wide array of musical performances. After graduating from the Birmingham Conservatoire with a first class honours degree in bass trombone, he spent two years with the National Youth Wind Orchestra and performed with the National Youth Jazz Orchestra.

A versatile performer, Jonathan plays in several different big bands and is an active member of the British Trombone Society where he regularly performs new material for bass trombone. Jonathan has had over 30 original works written for him by modern composers.

As an educator and leader in the newest concepts of teaching low brass performance, Jonathan has conducted master classes not only in England, but invitations from prominent universities and music conservatories have taken him to the United States, Australia, South Africa and Canada.

Jonathan recently recorded his own solo CD on the Warwick label entitled, “*Moving On*”. Some of his compositions are listed on England’s examination syllabuses. In his spare time he is actively involved in gymnastics.

Our Spring Concert in April was another resounding success, with yet again a capacity audience filling the Old Gym at Wellington, which was just reward for the hard work put in by orchestra members and soloist alike. The young violinist, Jian Ren, had played the Mendelssohn violin concerto with us just over a year ago and stunned us then with his virtuosic ability. We were not disappointed when he joined us again for our latest concert, and his performance of the Tchaikovsky concerto was both beautiful and thrilling in equal measure. It is very exciting as a member of the orchestra, to play such challenging programmes, and it is thanks to the inspiration and enthusiasm of Robert Roscoe, our Conductor and Director of Music that we are able to attract such talented soloists to play with us, and the standard of performance of the orchestra has improved enormously under his baton.



In May we held our annual String Workshop when over 40 players spent a wonderful afternoon playing Respighi’s *Airs and Dances* and John Ireland’s *Concertino Pastorale*, conducted by Robert Roscoe. The *Concertino* replaced the planned *Orchestral Suite* by Frank Bridge which was unexpectedly unavailable, and it was a fascinating discovery –

W T H O R N E ORCHESTRA

haunting and evocative of the immediate pre-war period (it was written in 1939 and dedicated to Boyd Neel). We were delighted to welcome many visiting players as well as our orchestra regulars. Our next Workshop is for full orchestra on Sunday 29th September 2013, 10.15-5.00 at Wellington College when we'll be tackling Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet; see our website for details and to book your place.

The next event in the diary is our Summer Concert on Saturday 6th July at The Old Gym, Wellington College. The programme includes Dvorak's 7th Symphony, considered by many people to be his finest; 'Brigg Fair' by Delius and Malcolm Arnold's exciting 'Tam O'Shanter Overture' based on the Robert Burns poem of the same name. The 20th century composer, Arnold, uses the full symphony orchestra to create a stunning musical impression of the images from the poem. We also welcome another young soloist, Molly Cockburn, who will play the beautiful 'Romance for Violin and Orchestra' by Dvorak.

Advance tickets at £10 will be available from Traveltime in Crowthorne High Street and Bookends in Peach Street, Wokingham, or you can book online. Children under 16 are free as usual.

If you are interested in joining the orchestra and are a competent player, even if you have taken a break from playing, do get in touch or come along to a rehearsal.

We meet at Our Lady's Prep School, The Avenue, Crowthorne and cellists are particularly welcome at the moment. Our



7.45-10pm on Monday evenings in term time and we welcome anyone who would like to join us, subject to vacancies. We are always looking for string players

website has lots more information and contact details: www.crowthorneorchestra.com

Chris Gadsby

The Coombes CE Primary School
School Road, Arborfield RG2 9NX

Saturday
6th July
2013

SEASIDE
SUMMER
FETE

11am-2pm
Come rain
or shine!

Sponge Throw * Plants * Penalty Shootout * Cakes & Teas
Prize Draw * Face Painting * Tombolas * Refreshments * BBQ
Tug of War * Coconut Shy * Bouncy Castle * Plus lots more!

Loddon Valley Ramblers



Everyone is welcome to join us on one of these walks.

Sunday 9th June: Rolling countryside around Beenham, 5½ miles. 10.00, park in field next to Beenham Church, Church Road, (RG7 5NN). Leader – David R. 01344 777890.



A group of Loddon Valley Ramblers fixing signage for the Wokingham Way near Sonning. Photo by Pat Perridge.

Thursday 13th June: Harehatch, Ruscombe, Stanlake Manor and Stanlake Meadow, 5½ miles. 10.30 from Harehatch Garden Centre overflow CP to left of entrance in London Road (A3032) just south of junction with A4 (NOT Wyvale, but opposite), (RG10 9HW). Permission obtained; please patronise their cafe before or after walk. Leader – Barbara D. 0118 934 5506/ 07895 635001 (mobile on day of walk only).

Wednesday 19th June: Summer evening stroll around Arborfield Cross, 3½ miles.

19.00 from the CP of The Bull Inn, Arborfield Cross (permission obtained), (RG2 9QD). Optional dinner at the pub after the walk. Leader – David T. 07899 938397

Thursday 27th June: Swallowfield Park, Thatcher's Ford, country lanes & a literary connection, 5 miles. 10.00 after

parking on Church Lane (off Castle Road), Farley Hill, by the cricket field, (RG7 1UL). Leader – Jane T. 0118 978 4319.

Sunday 21st July: Woolhampton, Aldermaston & Aldermaston Wharf, 5¾ miles. 10.30 from public section of Rowbarge Inn CP, Woolhampton, (RG7 5SH). Start

to Dinton Pastures; permission obtained), (RG10 0TR). Leader – Ellen H. 07715 553979

Thursday 1st August: Bottom of Ridge Wood, up to Great Wood then back through Hambleton Valley, 5 miles. 10.30

from Mill End CP near Hambleton, off A4155, (RG9 6TL). Leader – Alan B. 0118 961 6595.

Sunday 11th August: From Theale, one of the earliest, most historic yet little known routes into Reading, following the ancient Holy Brook & the Kennet & Avon Canal, 6 miles. Linear walk returning by bus or train from Reading – bring bus/rail cards. 10.00 in Sheffield Bottom Lock picnic area (from Theale railway station, drive across adjacent rail bridge and after ½ mile, a canal bridge, to parking area immediately on L), (RG7 4AJ). Leaders – Pat & Daphne P. 07785331375.

Thursday 22nd August: Fields & canal around Odiham, 4 miles. 10.30 from Odiham Wharf

CP at the end of London Road off the High Street, near the Water Witch pub, (RG29 1AL). Leader – David M. 07932 246232.

is very near Midgham railway station if you wish to travel by train (first one from Reading arriving at 10.05). Leader – Stewart M. 07901 514832

Wednesday 24th July: Finchampstead summer evening stroll including a short stretch of the Wokingham Way, 3½ miles. 19.00 in CP of Greyhound

Pub, Longwater Road, Finchampstead, (RG40 3TS). Please book in with leaders by Sunday 21st July if wishing to eat in the pub afterwards. Leaders – Graham S. & Karen D. 0118 973 0540 / 07966 002016

Thursday 25th July: Footpaths & Lanes of Hurst, 6¼ miles. 10.00 from CP of the Wheelwrights Arms, Davis Way, St Nicholas Hurst (opposite main entrance

Arborfield Gardening Association

Well the weather has truly delayed the spring bulbs and seedlings this year, but our Spring Show went ahead as planned despite the display being a little less impressive than usual. Our speaker was excellent though and gave us a very interesting talk on Sustainable Gardening and also his Charity, 'Send A Cow' which helps poor families in Africa by providing a cow (in calf) on con-

dition that it is provided with a shelter over a concrete base to collect the waste for re-use on the soil for cultivation. This not only encourages subsistence agriculture but allows them to trade locally and was a refreshingly positive horticultural story about a part of the world often characterised by despair. See www.sendacow.org.uk for more info.

A privileged group of members enjoyed a trip to Hedsor House, which readers will recognise from the feature film 'Quartet' and many other productions. Not normally open to visitors, a ballot was held for tickets after 5,000 applied online and one of our group was successful and able to take a small party. I hear it was fabulous, so something to watch out for on the Hedsor website in case the chance arises again. Shortly a few members are off to Wisley by coach, and here follows details of our other events in the pipeline;

June 12- 5pm is the Arborfield Village Fete where the club will have a Plant Sale, so do join us. Watch some of our (very talented) members demonstrating Tai Chi, enjoy the Fun Dog Show organised by Barkham's own Lesley Slade or cheer on your pub team in the Tug of War!

Thus 11th July is our day trip to Somerset, so please let me know asap if you're interested so that we can plan the trip.

Hope to see you shortly - let me know if you're interested in any of our events either by email janaheard@btinternet.com or on 976 0243.

Jan Heard

Barkham Sporting Endeavour Fund



Barkham Parish Council invite any young person who is under 18, are Barkham residents and who participate in a sport at national level to apply for a grant, towards the cost of their travel and training.

Please send your details to:-

clerk@barkham-parishcouncil.org.uk

or telephone 0118 9772857

Closing date for applications is 30th June 2013



CJM PLUMBING & DECORATING

Professional, reliable, friendly, local domestic plumber, tiler & decorator

NO JOB TOO SMALL – FREE QUOTATIONS – NO CALL OUT CHARGES

Everything from a dripping tap to full bathroom renewals

Ceramic floor & wall tiling

Interior decorating

Guttering

Fully insured



For more information please contact Chris or Kylie on:

01189 733815 or **07827 914748** email: cjmplumbing@btinternet.com



Rose Carpentry

All types of carpentry undertaken including:

- ▤ Kitchen fitting
- ▤ Laminate /solid wood flooring
- ▤ Custom made storage
- ▤ Fitted wardrobes
- ▤ Door & lock replacement
- ▤ Skirting, door frame & architrave replacement
- ▤ Partitions
- ▤ Fencing

City & Guilds Qualified
Fully insured
References available

Contact Liam on
Mobile: 07825 994 126
Tel/Fax: 0118 976 1960
Email: liamrose_8@hotmail.com

St. Sebastian's Seaside Summer Fair

Sat 22nd June 2013
12:00pm-2:30pm

Please join us for a day of fun in the sun and sand! St. Sebastian's has created its very own beach in Berkshire for your sand castle-building delight. Enjoy a hop on the bouncy castle as well as loads of games, exciting raffle prizes, our very own headmaster in the stocks and sponges, artistic face painting, homemade cakes, fresh strawberries, refreshing ice cream, savoury BBQ, bargain books and much more! It will be a great day out for the whole family. All proceeds from the day will go towards replacing outdated classroom computers. Your enjoyment will augment the children's education.

Where: Saint Sebastian's
C of E Aided Primary School
Nine Mile Ride
Wokingham
RG40 3AT



Sunshine Gardening Services

"Making gardens more beautiful"

For all your gardening and landscaping needs

Rely on an efficient and friendly service

Please call 0118 979 2291
www.sunshinegardening.com
22 Thorn Close, Barkham

French Polishing Modern Finishes

Repair and restoration
of all furniture

Removal damage & Insurance work
Free estimates
All work guaranteed
0118 973 4959
Mobile 0797 375 9091



Attention all computer users!

We know how annoying it is when your PC is running slow, won't boot up, or is infected with a virus. So the next time you are having computer problems at home or at work, call in one of Berkshire's leading computer experts, 1-Fix Limited.



- All hardware and software problems covered
- Evening & weekend call-outs available
- On-site repair, or free pick-up/delivery
- No fix, no fee
- Friendly engineers - No jargon!
- Fully insured - **based in Finchampstead**

Call Craig or Sarah now, on:

0118 926 0084

www.1-fix.com

AM PM Plumbing and Maintenance

Local friendly plumber - All aspects of plumbing

No job too small



MARK OSBORN

WWW.AMPMPLUMBINGWOKINGHAM.CO.UK

TEL: 0118 9788562 - MOB: 07572 110 799

Barkham Diary

11-Jun-13	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
11-Jun-13	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
12-Jun-13	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
22-Jun-13	Refuse Lorry	Junipers	8-11am
24-Jun-13	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
25-Jun-13	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
3-Jul-13	Barkham Ladies Social Club	BVH	7.45pm
6-Jul-13	Coombes School Fete		11am-2pm
9-Jul-13	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
9-Jul-13	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
10-Jul-13	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
22-Jul-13	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
23-Jul-13	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
27-Jul-13	Refuse Lorry	Junipers	8-11am
13-Aug-13	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
14-Aug-13	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
23-Aug-13	Copy deadline for Autumn Newsletter		
24-Aug-13	Refuse Lorry	Junipers	8-11am
4-Sep-13	Barkham Ladies Social Club	BVH	7.45pm
10-Sep-13	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
10-Sep-13	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
11-Sep-13	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
23-Sep-13	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
24-Sep-13	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
28-Sep-13	Refuse Lorry	Junipers	8-11am
5-Oct-13	BVRA Skittles	BVH	7.30pm

AVH is Arborfield Village Hall BVH is Barkham Village Hall
CRH is California Ratepayers Hall

The Quiz - answers

1. Wilkie Collins
2. Red Crescent
3. Shark infested custard (Sorry, ed)
4. Greenleaves
5. Brownian Motion
6. Red Kite
7. Blue Mosque
8. Conjunctions
9. Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Djibouti
10. Black Sabbath (Ozzy Osbourne)

Vicky's Bodyworks present

Body Control

PILATES

'Pilates is the body conditioning class suitable for all abilities and ages'

By improving posture, reshape your body, relieve tension and create a general feeling of well-being. PILATES is medically recommended to help relieve back pain and stress.

Call Vicky on 0118 989 2572

Video & Film Transfers

Do you have video tapes of memories you'd like to keep but worried about tape degradation, broken video player, can't find the camera? Let me put them onto DVD for you for a price of £5 per video. Standard VHS, VHS-8, VHS-C, S-VHS-C, DV tapes. Extra DVD's of the same tape £1 per DVD. Sorry, unable to transfer cine films.

Transfer 35mm negatives onto DVD ?

24 film exposure £2.50,
36 film exposure £3.50

Contact Louise on 07721 419436
or on 01344 449728



Police

Wokingham Police Station
0845 8 505 505

Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

Council

Wokingham Borough Council 974 6000
Environmental health 974 6384
Social Services 978 9800
Trading Standards 974 6400
24hr out of hours 0800 212 111

Wokingham Town Council 978 3185
Citizen's Advice 0844 499 4126
Wokingham Library 978 1368
Job Support Centre 977 0517

Complete Pest Solutions

Call Now For A Fast Professional Service from a locally run business.

- Wasps.
- Rats.
- Mice.
- Squirrels.
- Rabbits.
- Bird and Rodent proofing. **07990814143**
- Rural pest management specialists. **01189761126**
- Member of the BASC.
- Control methods and the safe use of Rodenticides.



Oakley Roofing Services

Hill View House, School Rd, Barkham.

For all your roofing requirements and more...

- All flat roofing.
- Tiling, repairs and new roofs.
- Guttering and fascia.
- Chimney repairs and refurbishment.
- Lead work.
- Insurance work undertaken.

Oakley Roofing's proprietor, Leslie Parker has been in the roofing business for over 30 years and is a member of The federation of master builders, "I believe in having pride in my work and I like to show prospective clients my letters from completed works, after all nothing beats recommendation".

For estimates and advice
01189 761126
07958309583

ARBORFIELD TREE CARE

Hedge & Tree Care

Sectional Cutting in Confined Spaces

Fully Insured / Free Estimates & Advice

all Dangerous Work Undertaken

call Martin on: 0800 0741886



Ratcliffe Duce & Gammer

Solicitors

Need Legal advice for
your family or your business
Contact: Gill Powell
Ph: (0118) 978 3681
86 Rose Street, Wokingham, RG40 1XU

www.rdg-law.co.uk



Bradbury

House & Garden Services

Offering Quality Painting & Decorating Services

Paper Hanging
Internal & External Painting
Tiling - Wall and Floor
Small to medium plastering jobs
Loft Boarding

Garden Maintenance

Grass cutting
Pruning
General Tidy Ups (all cuttings taken away)
Driveway Cleaning

All work considered. Competitive prices and full references available on request. For a reliable, friendly and professional service call...Jon Bradbury

m. 07703 304125 | h. 01189 775 546

e. jibradders@yahoo.co.uk

a. Tangley Cottage, Tangley Drive, Wokingham, RG41 2NY

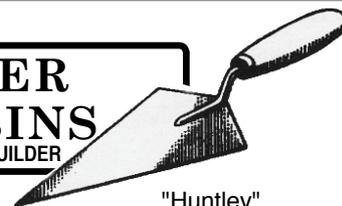


FLORIDA VILLA FOR RENT



3 bed/2 bath Villa bordering Woodlands
Private Pool (heated) with extended deck
Fully equipped with all amenities
Close to Disney. Golf specials for guests
Villa rates: From £375 PW
Tel: Chris on 0118-9775705 or view
www.kissimmeeoodsidevilla.com

**PETER
ROBINS**
GENERAL BUILDER



GENERAL BUILDING
RENOVATIONS

EXTENSIONS
STONE WORK

"Huntley"
Doles Lane
WOKINGHAM
Berkshire
RG41 4EB

(0118) 978 2154