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# Barkham Newsletter

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**We still need a new **Social Secretary** – it would be a great shame if the social events, such as the Quiz, Carols in the Park and Easter Egg Hunt had to cease.**

**Please help – see pages 2 and 12**

**Easter Egg Hunt  
Easter Sunday 27 March 3pm  
Junipers Play Area - see page 12**



**Barkham Clean Up – Sunday 20 March  
See page 9**



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## BVRA Social Secretary Vacancy

As mentioned previously, our Social Secretary Judith Collins is planning to move out of the parish and we need a volunteer to replace her.

Judith and the rest of the Social Committee have organised the various regular social events we hold each year, such as the quiz and the Easter Egg Hunt.

Please consider volunteering to take on this important and interesting role on behalf of the Barkham community. It's a great opportunity to contribute to and be part of the social life of the village. Judith will be happy to provide more details as to what the role entails and to support the new Social Secretary as they "learn the ropes".

Alternatively, if you would like to help but do not feel able to take on the leading role, the Social Committee is always looking for new members and ideas for events so please consider helping by joining the committee.

Judith's contact details can be found on the facing page.

## The Quiz

Whilst we will stay well clear of politics in this publication (national ones at least), I do try to make the quiz themes vaguely topical from time to time. As the question of whether we should remain in the EU and the planned referendum is getting plenty of press as I write, the theme for this edition's quiz is "Europe". 10 questions, each featuring at least one different EU member state (some more than once):

1. In which city is Google's European Headquarters?
2. Which of these countries is a EU member – Norway, Bulgaria, Iceland?
3. What nationality is the footballer David Silva?
4. If you were standing on the Charles Bridge, in which European capital would you be?
5. Two of the states of the "former Yugoslavia" are now members of the EU. Name them.
6. Which country is famous for "Vinho Verde"?
7. Where will the 2016 Eurovision Song Contest take place (clue: this country has won it 3 times, once with a very famous song).
8. What was the name of the Polish trade union, formed in 1980 and whose leader became President of Poland in 1990. For an extra point, name the leader.
9. In Italian cuisine, what is a "Calzone"?
10. And finally, the GCSE Geography question! The Danube passes through (or borders on) 7 EU countries. How many can you name? If you can also name the 3 non-EU countries it passes through please send in your entry to Mastermind!

Answers on page 23

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### Editorial

Welcome to the spring 2016 edition of the Barkham Newsletter! Can I start by reminding residents that the annual BVRA Membership Fee of £2 per household is due so please pay your distributor as soon as possible. If you don't have their details, please contact the Membership Secretary.

Can I also please ask you to consider giving some of your time to helping the BVRA to function? You will see that we have still not found a replacement for Judith as our Social Secretary (or even just to join the Social Committee). Unless we do that, it is likely that we will stop holding any of the social events when Judith moves out of the parish. This will be a great pity but the residents' association is operated by volunteers and so if residents don't volunteer to help, we cease to function!

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

Laurence Heath reports on the Arborfield Green development and also on the threat to Barkham from even more houses resulting from a Local Plan Update. We will keep residents up to speed on this through the newsletter, website [www.barkham.org.uk](http://www.barkham.org.uk) and Development Watch emails (if you're not already signed up for these alerts you can do so via the website). Please make Wokingham District Council aware of your views when they are in "consultation" periods.

Local historian Janet Firth gives us an in depth report on the fact that in Barkham we have the largest known assemblage of stoneware Apollinaris bottles in Britain (soon to go to Reading Museum). Not a lot of people knew that!

Joe Kinnagan reports that the Space Station (complete with Tim Peake) will be passing directly over Barkham at the start of April and is encouraging residents to not miss it.

Thanks also to my regular contributors covering gardening, rambling, church, music and other local societies.

As always, we have a quiz, this time on the theme of "Europe" - very topical as as I write the PM has just announced the date of the referendum!

Finally, if you have any comments (good or bad, but hopefully constructive!) on the contents of the newsletter please email me at [newsletter@barkham.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@barkham.org.uk).

Stewart Richardson  
Editor

On a more positive note, this is a bumper 24 page edition with a wide range of articles. There is news from the Parish Council (including the annual Parish Clean-up on 20 March) which includes some photos of the facilities in the new Garrison development (now to be called Arborfield Green, even though it is mostly in Barkham!) and also from our WBC councillor, John Kaiser.



## News from Your Parish Council

Keep up to date with all the local news and information at our website.

The Parish Council has had a busy month and after much background work has set its budget for 2016 – 17. It has set a budget (precepted) with Wokingham Borough Council for £42,342 divided amongst the 1,200+ households, to operate throughout the forthcoming year. This is a slight increase on last year's figure. Barkham Parish Council uses some of this money to support many charitable organisations that provide services for our residents such as Keep Mobile, WADE, The Village Hall, The Barkham Village Residents Association (which goes towards the publication of these magazines) and a grant to help maintain St James' churchyard which I am sure you will agree is always well kept. For more details of all the grants and to see how the money is predicted to be spent go to the Barkham Parish Council web site Finance page.

### Arborfield Garrison SDL development update

Crest the developer have now named the new development "Arborfield Green" as a result of over 9,500 leaflets being delivered to all households inviting residents to choose one of the five names suggested. Which is an irony as the majority of the 2000 homes will in fact be in Barkham Parish.

Construction at the site is now progressing and the new secondary school is well underway. Members of the Parish Council were given a tour of the buildings that will remain on the site which we had previously not been able to access. The sports hall will be magnificent, there is a large climbing wall that the MOD have left behind, plus badminton courts and many other sports courts. Other rooms will be refurbished for dance studios and gym equipment. The aim is for the school to have access to the sports facilities during the day and for the public to have access in the evenings. Residents will find this to be a wonderful facility and a swimming pool will be built at a later date. See photos opposite.

**See more detailed report from Laurence Heath, the vice Chairman of the Parish Council, in a more extensive article in this magazine.**

### Parish Clean Up

We hope to see many of you helping us to keep Barkham a lovely, clean and litter free place to live by volunteering at our annual Parish Clean Up. This is a friendly morning where you can meet some other local residents. Tasty refreshments will be served at the village hall, so do join us for bacon rolls and homemade cakes after litter picking.

The date of the Parish Clean Up will be **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March**. We meet at the Village Hall from 9.30 – 10.30. Remember to bring gloves and we will provide you with a litter picker and sacks. You don't even have to bring the rubbish back as we will collect it for you. Any families with young children will be given a park or safe footpath so please don't let this put you off. All volunteers will be very welcome

### The Annual Parish Meeting

Why not come to the Parish Meeting this year, it is not a Council meeting but a meeting of the Parish electors. The Parish Meeting this year will be held on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be starting earlier in order that this will encourage more residents to attend, we plan to hold the Annual Meeting at 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. and follow the meeting with normal Parish Council Meeting. Do come along and question your Councillors and Borough Councillor and hear the reports of the activities from the local groups such as the Church, Village Hall and Barkham Village Residents Association.

### Basketball Hoop in the Junipers

We are now waiting for a dry period and for the ground to dry out in order that a new basketball hoop can be installed. The installation will require an area of tarmac to be laid in order that the ball can be bounced, please bear with us as we are doing everything we can to get the basketball hoop installed for the warmer light evenings for you to enjoy.

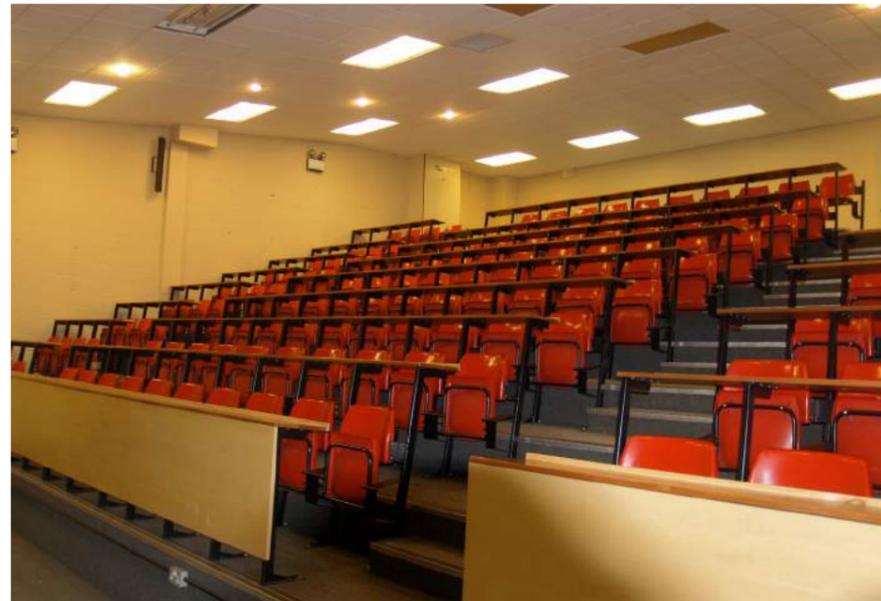
### History Book

We are delighted to inform you that the Parish Council now have a new stock of "Barkham A History". The history book has now been reprinted with a new Foreword which details the REME move of the Garrison to RAF Lyneham. If you are new to the area and do not own a copy of the history book they can now be purchased from the Clerk for £8.50 each, or they are on sale at Henry Street Garden Centre and Barkham Post Office.

Judith Neuhofer  
Clerk to Barkham Parish Council



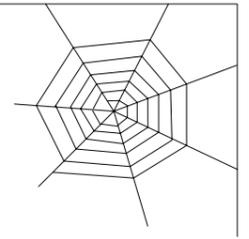
The gym



The lecture hall



The school (under construction)



### Barkham web site

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our website [www.barkham.org.uk](http://www.barkham.org.uk) and would welcome your suggestions.

### More photos please!

We are always in need of attractive images of the Barkham area for both the web site and newsletter, so if you have some interesting photos and would like to share them please get in touch.

Dave Clements

### 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 979 0296 or email [clerk@barkham-parishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@barkham-parishcouncil.org.uk)



garrison redevelopment nearby, some proposals wriggled through the system - the Cala Homes development in Barkham Road being a case in point.

It is certainly indisputable that the country in general and the south east in particular faces a serious housing shortage, owing to a resurgent population increase. Development lobbies have focused on the planning system as being the main obstacle to building more houses, quite unfairly in my opinion. It is cheaper and more profitable for developers to build on greenfield sites. Other factors such as the shortage of skilled building workers and the practice of "land banking" have all played a part. It is not helpful that a substantial proportion of houses are being sold to investors rather than new home owners and this has made it difficult for younger people to even get on the housing ladder.

As a result we are likely to see more urban sprawl across the south east, with large estates being built in areas with inadequate transport and lack of infrastructure - Wokingham itself being a prime example! Gone are the days of more imaginative proposals such as complete new towns which can support a full range of infrastructure and employment opportunities. Meanwhile redevelopment in urban areas, not least London itself, seems to benefit investors rather than would-be residents - when I look out from the train passing Battersea and Vauxhall and see the massive construction sites, I do wonder what proportion of the new apartments will be purchased by foreign investors rather than by local buyers.

### Yet more housing for Barkham? Make sure you have your say.

I had innocently thought that Barkham might have a few years more respite from further major development, as WBCs Core Strategy runs to 2026 and as construction of the garrison site is now progressing. Sadly I have to report that the pressure is on again, as Wokingham Borough, in response to government requirements, has initiated a Local Plan Update. One of the early steps was to invite local land owners to submit proposals for land that they might wish to develop. The closing date of the call for sites was 5 February.

The list of sites has not yet been made public. I could hazard a guess that large parts of Barkham and adjacent areas will be put forward.

We went through this exercise before, in 2008. Many of you may recall the proposals, which could have resulted in virtually continuous development all the way from Wokingham to the other side of Arborfield. In the end, most of these proposals did not materialise as WBC only accepted enough sites across the borough to satisfy its long term building target. Responses from residents paid a large part shaping the final decisions. In spite having the

This time our task in fighting development will be even more difficult, as the government is clearly desperate to build more houses. Various steps in the last few years have been taken to loosen planning rules and the government's new housing bill is likely to loosen the rules even further. Meanwhile, in spite of WBC achieving its own housing targets, it is facing pressure from neighbouring councils such as Reading to take on additional housing as they have little unused land for development.

For Barkham itself, it seems grossly unfair given that we have had to accept the garrison development, with 3,500 houses in the parish or just across our borders, and then be expected to absorb hundreds, possibly thousands, more new houses. All the usual infrastructure problems, not least traffic congestion in Barkham Road and Bearwood Road, will just become impossible.

Once the list of sites becomes public, Barkham Parish Council and the BVRA will make known what sites are under threat. It is essential that everyone makes their views known to WBC, particularly addressing the sites of most concern to them. We will endeavour to provide guidance on how best this can be done.

### Arborfield Green

I was disappointed that Crest chose the name Arborfield Green for the garrison development. While I have to accept that the name seems to have support of residents in the immediate vicinity, it unfortunately perpetuates the confusion that we had with Arborfield Garrison mainly being located in Barkham, not Arborfield.

Preparatory work is continuing on the site. These include installation of services to serve the school site. Archaeological investigations are currently being undertaken across several parts of the site. Building the first houses will start very soon with completions by the autumn.

Crest have advised that they are preparing development briefs during the early part of the year for the new District Centre, the stable block (which is a listed structure) and the area in the vicinity of the cricket pitch and the Moat House (another listed building). Consultations are also imminent with regard to further parcels of housing land, one near to Commonfield Lane and another area adjacent to the A327, south of Tyler Drive.

WBC is in the process of progressing the new Secondary School and the Nine Mile ride extension. The photographs on page 5 show that the new buildings are taking shape while the interim buildings are also being made ready. Although I was not able to participate in the Parish Council's recent visit, I hear reports that the gymnasium is very impressive indeed - it just amazes me that it has been sitting unused for many years, but that is another story! The library block is also in good shape. I anticipate that the gym eventually will be a shared use facility with access by the school and by the public at different times of day. The library block, I am sure, will have a long term future. It would be ideal as a sixth form centre in due course, alternatively it could be adapted as a community centre: the lecture hall could even be converted into a theatre.

A planning application for the western section of the Nine Mile Ride Extension have been submitted. Ultimately this road will form a westward continuation of Nine Mile Ride, and then take an S-bend passing the proposed District Centre before linking with the A327 south of the Poperinghe Way roundabout. The new road will include pedestrian and cycle paths. The Parish Council's main concern is that these are sensibly integrated with properly designed crossings, with controls if necessary. This is especially important as an access route towards the school will be near to one of the bends.

Crest Nicholson have agreed to reinforce the process with contractors in regards to tree felling, after some initial mistakes were made. The Parish Council will be notified following the issue of formal notices to WBC with regards to tree works. A system of marking trees to be felled will be set up, hopefully avoiding future mistakes.

On the subject of trees, Crest have produced a list of proposed street names for the first phase of development, using the names of trees. The initial list had to be pruned (excuse the pun!) to avoid duplicating names used elsewhere in Wokingham: for example Cherry Tree is already used in Elizabeth Park. Also the Parish Council has made the point that names should reflect the new planting, not trees that disappeared. We do not want to see a name such as Willow attached to a road where all the willows have just been felled - I think Crest have taken this point on board.

Laurence Heath  
Vice Chairman  
Barkham Parish Council



### Why the increase in council tax?

Wokingham is the lowest funded authority in the country with regards to the government support grant, a position that will continue over at least the next 4 years. Because of this the work to find savings and extra income will be more difficult than in the past and the assumption was that we would need to find £8M of combined savings / extra income for this year. Late last year the council had reached that target with their budget setting only to find out on the 1st December that the proposed settlement was even worse and which meant another £2M had to be found.

So why was that? Basically the government has changed how they calculated the grant from them which resulted in that extra £2M loss. This meant that one of the key components of that calculation, the Revenue Support Grant, was not reduced by a third as we had expected but reduced by half.

This means the gap the council needs to bridge is made up of 4 key components:

The reduction in the revenue support grant (50%) continued...

... PLUS Inflationary pressures, primarily driven by staff pay rise agreed by the government

LESS any increase in council tax through new houses being occupied

PLUS extra demand for services such as Adult Social Care as we all live longer which, at £2.4M is 64% of the total growth

When you do the calculation you get a total of £10.2M of a combination of savings and income.

The Council has found £5.4M of that combination which left £4.8M to find. The government has recognised the pressures of increased Adult Social Care demands and has allowed councils to levy a specific tax on residents of up to 2%. That would bring in £1.6M of that shortfall and covers two thirds of the extra demand with the balance of £0.8M having to be paid for by cuts or increased income. That leaves £3.2M to find. The maximum council tax increase will also provide an extra £1.6M which left £1.6M to find. The government announcement of the transition fund provides a one-off payment of £2.1M which has allowed us to close that gap.

Whilst this government initiative is good news it is important to realise that these funds are not in the base grant, i.e. it is given once only and then removed for subsequent years. Why is this important? Services have to be funded every single year so any contribution to funding those services have to be there each and every year and not just for one or two years.

The cuts over the full 4 years of the settlement have not changed de-

spite the transition grants which are one-off. This grant simply provides breathing space for the council to allow us to properly plan the changes we need to make in order to balance the books on those two later years. By the time we reach 2019/20 residents will be funding 91% of the cost of running services and the government grant will be reduced by 74%.

There is another key factor which to date has gone unreported. That is the addition to government's calculations which they have called the "generally available funds" or "corespending power".

The government has defined that the core spending power should not change at all over those 4 years. For Wokingham this is £110M. The problem is this process is that it ignores fundamental financial pressures like additional demand or inflation which will naturally push that number up.

All this has resulted in an increase in council Tax of 1.94% plus an addition tax of 2% which is ring-fenced can only be used for Adult social care.

#### Development Watch

Over the last few weeks I have been involved in number of issues in the ward which have resulted in the serving of enforcement notices, injunctions and tree protection orders (TPO) to stop unauthorised development and destruction of much valued countryside.

All reported breaches of planning control will be investigated by the council and all reports are treated in strictest confidence. Where possible; the council will look for voluntary compliance through

removal of the breach, if this is not possible the council will look to enforce using all legal powers at its disposal including prosecutions via the courts at the same time looking to recover the cost incurred in pursuing such cases. The council will provide updates to interested parties although due to the time it can take to resolve some issues it may appear nothing is happening for some time as we have to follow the guidelines and the procedure as laid down by government guidance and legislation which means we must give reasonable time for offenders to comply.

We recognise the importance of pro-actively monitoring development that occurs within the Borough. However, the Council issues approximately 3000 planning permissions every year and these range from small-scale residential extensions to major housing and commercial developments. As such it is impossible for the council to monitor all permissions and relies on the local knowledge of local people and the town and parish council to be its eyes and ears so if something is happening in your area and you are not sure if it is unauthorised please contact either the council or me

All the best

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**BIG**  
tidy up



## Barkham Clean Up Day 2016

Barkham Village Hall on Sunday March 20  
from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Please come along and lend a hand but remember to wear gloves, strong footwear and suitable clothing.

Refreshments, safety vests and litter pickers will be provided.

Just turn up on the day or for further details please contact Judith Neuhofer on (0118) 977 2857 or visit: [www.wokingham.gov.uk/litterpick](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/litterpick)

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Help keep it green!





### Alan's Patch

A warm and wet winter this year so far as I write in mid February. I am so grateful to have been unaffected by the heavy rain and feel so sorry for those less fortunate in other parts of the country. What strange weather we have been experiencing! I mowed the lawn around Christmas time, how bizarre is that? There has hardly been a winter at all and the plants are really confused. The snowdrops are out of course but already the crocuses and daffodils are starting to flower and I heard on the radio yesterday that even magnolias are in flower already!

In the Autumn I built a leaf cage alongside the compost heaps using wire netting and filled it with leaves collected from, mainly the lawn. In a year or two there should be some lovely leaf mould to use on my patch.

I celebrated Christmas Day with the first and only apple I allowed to mature from one of the fruit trees I planted last Spring. It was a Kidds Orange Red and it was absolutely delicious and I look forward to many more of them in years to come.

Early in January I went to the local garden centre to buy my seed potatoes. They had a limited choice as all the varieties had not arrived but I bought a few anyway, took

them home and set them out on my egg boxes to chit in the greenhouse. A couple of weeks later we had a really cold snap and most of them were caught by the frost and were very soggy, oh dear! So back to the garden centre, by now they had the normal full selection and so I now have them all set out again in the greenhouse with a bit more protection this time and they survived the harsh frost last night.

My other problem during this winter was when I ordered some more fruit trees online from a specialist fruit tree grower that I haven't used for many years. Unfortunately one of the trees was broken just above the graft. I was shocked by the supplier's attitude to replacing the broken tree, eventually begrudgingly refunding the cost, so I won't be using them again. Anyway I have planted them and must hope that they survive and prosper as I don't relish the thought of having to contact that supplier again.

In November I planted some broad beans to over-winter, a bit late really, so I wasn't very hopeful. Normally they would grow to a couple of inches before the winter proper starts, however they germinated really well and raced away so rapidly that they are now a foot high. Unfortunately the growth was so soft that they couldn't support themselves so I don't expect much of a crop from them. I've planted some more last week and will follow up with another batch in a couple of weeks or so. I've also planted my shallots.

In the greenhouse my tomato and aubergine seeds germinated well and are growing nicely. I now

have my automatic lights set up to artificially extend the daylight, otherwise they get 'leggy' as they seek the light when in winter there is not a lot of it around! When I look out at night the greenhouse looks quite eerie, a bit like a spaceship coming into land, remember Close Encounters?



So on the menu at the moment are potatoes, shallots, beetroot, carrots, parsnips, spinach and a reasonable range of herbs. I'm not a big fan of brassicas so I grow them very selectively, there are a few cabbages maturing in the greenhouse and will be ready to eat in early Spring.

On looking through the window in the morning a few days ago on a dank, miserable, drizzly day I spotted a family of three roe deer in the field behind us, now that's cheered me up. As long as they are in the field and not in the garden then that's fine!

I wonder what this new growing season is going to have in store for us. By the time you read this we should have reasonably light evenings and I'm really looking forward to them.

Alan Edwards

### British Red Cross Open Gardens

Why not buy a British Red Cross Open Garden season ticket to visit some of the beautiful gardens of Berkshire, Hampshire and Isle of Wight?

Our Open Gardens season offers a rare opportunity for all to explore the secrets of hidden and private gardens. Come along for a stroll and, maybe, a cup of tea and a slice of delicious homemade cake.

Your season ticket will give you entry to over 30 gardens for you to enjoy from April to September this year. For more information about the gardens visit, [www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens](http://www.redcross.org.uk/opengardens). A single season ticket is fantastic value at £20, or buy a couples/family season ticket for £35 for the year. To purchase your Open Gardens season ticket, contact Anne Huddart on: 0118 935 8221, or email: [ahuddart@redcross.org.uk](mailto:ahuddart@redcross.org.uk)

### Finchampstead Flower Club

We meet at the California Ratepayers Hall on the fourth Monday of every month at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. The meeting takes the form of refreshment, time to chat to friends while others stage exhibits before a demonstration of flower arranging. There are usually five different displays all are raffled at the end of the meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome (Visitor's fee £5) For further information please contact. Lis Barrett (chairman) 989 2092.

Forthcoming meetings are:

- April 25th. 'Celebrations' by Keri Harvey
- May Club dinner - venue & date to be advised
- June 27th. 'Sources of Inspiration' by Stephanie Cornell



I would like to thank Angela Hands for writing this piece for so many years. I will aim to maintain her standard.

This year so far we have had two meetings. In January I ran a craft workshop where we did "book folding" and I am pleased to say that some of them are now complete.



This is one I made for a friend's 80th birthday. It looks complicated but everyone managed to try. In February it was our AGM and we also held a silent auction to raise money for the club. The talk at the April meeting on April 6th will be "Launchpad" about homelessness in Berkshire.

We also run social events in addition to the monthly meetings. In January we went for an evening meal to the Tally Ho at Eversley and we also go regularly to the Wokingham Theatre.

We meet at Barkham Village Hall on the first Wednesday evening of the month at 7.45pm. Visitors are welcome so if you are new to the area why not come along and meet us for an evening and then see if you would like to join.

Pam Edwards

### Farley Hill Bowls Club News

We had a Quiz Night on 13th February, and we will be having a Race Night on 12th March. We usually have one social evening during most months throughout the year. We play around 50 friendly matches against other local clubs during our outdoor bowling season, which starts on 20th April this year and runs through to mid September.

Our Open Day will be on Sunday 8th May, from 2.00-6.00pm, when we will also be celebrating 50 years as a Member Club of the Royal County of Berkshire Bowling Association. This is always the best opportunity for anyone who wants to try their hand at lawn bowls for the first time, and to consider joining our club. All you need is a pair of flat soled shoes to protect the green, trainers will do. There will also be a plant sale and some free refreshments, as usual.

If anyone would like to inspect our club facilities at any other time, you will usually find some members there working on the green on Thursday mornings, weather permitting, between 10 and 12 am. We are at the Victory Hall, Church Road, Farley Hill, RG7 1TR.

For further information please visit our website: [www.farleyhillbowlsclub.org.uk](http://www.farleyhillbowlsclub.org.uk) Or, please contact the Club Secretary - Bill Dowling on 01344 772130, or e-mail: [billdowling@talktalk.net](mailto:billdowling@talktalk.net)



## Social Matters

How lovely it is to see the daylight hours increasing and by the time you read this it will be nearly time to change the clocks. So far we have been extremely lucky with the weather (let's hope that I have not put a jinx on that) though we really do need a cold spell to kill off all the bugs. Some of my daffodils were in flower over Christmas whereas some are now just coming into bud – what a strange season it has been.

It seems ages ago that we organised the quiz night, when 16 teams competed against each other for the shield. This time it was won by 'Strangely Strangers' consisting of Chris, Carolyn, Pat, Roger, Steve and Dave. This was their first time of competing and our congratulations go to them on this achievement. Hopefully they will be back in November to defend their title. The quizmaster has said that this will be his last event so if you want this to continue someone (or maybe more) need to come forward to take over the job of the social secretary or join the committee.

At the moment there are only a few people on the committee and although only a small number of events take place each year, they have to be organised in good time. The village hall gets booked up months in advance (which I am pleased to see) so there is no point in leaving things to the last minute



so that is why I have given plenty of notice about my intended move so that hopefully someone will come forward. I have booked the hall for 19th November for this event and will be there whether I am still living here or not.

The Carols in the Park held on the Friday before Christmas, was again a great success and we were very fortunate with the weather. The band again did us proud and my thanks go to them and to the people who helped with the serving of the mulled wine and mince pies – and they were not all committee members. Stewart, Ian and Paul did sterling work with the organising of the carolers from The Woodlands to the entrance of The Junipers Field. It was lovely to see the families enjoying themselves and the dogs that attended were well-behaved as well.

The next event will be the skittles evening in early March which unfortunately misses this edition so I will report about it in the next newsletter.

Easter Sunday at 3pm will see the Children's Easter Egg Hunt in The Junipers where the entrance fee will be 50p as usual. Don't forget the clocks will be going forward on that day otherwise it will all be over by the time you arrive. May I wish you, rather belatedly, all the best for 2016 and I sincerely hope that some-one comes forward to help on the social side? It would be a shame if the functions in the village were to cease.

I can be contacted either by the social email or by phone – please see page 3 for details

Judith Collins  
Social Secretary



## Barkham Survey - Apollinaris bottles – a large number of German stonewares found in Barkham

In 1976 at The Bailiff's Cottage, Barkham, a neighbouring farmer with a digger helped us to clear out our silted roadside pond. Along with the mud out came all kinds of interesting objects, including iron and other metal rubbish mostly agricultural, broken domestic crockery dating to the last 140 years, lawn shoes once worn by ponies when pulling lawn mowers, iron-working debris, fuel ash and a few whole and many broken sherds of German stoneware bottles of a particular type. More were found later across the garden but in lower numbers.

The sherds consisted of necks, handles, bases and parts of cylindrical bodies which had once held naturally sparkling mineral water from the Apollinaris spring in the Ahrweiler area on the west side of the River Rhine. This was well before the days when we were 'archaeologically aware' so we took samples to John Hedges, a potter in Newbury, who analysed for us how he thought they were made; the following are partly his conclusions, but as he was uncertain about some aspects my own observations have been added.

Originally these Apollinaris bottles were slab-made longitudinally in two halves, later pressed together; in the process some round shapes were distorted. The join was smoothed externally and internally by means of a liquid clay finish swilled inside to hide the join. This was however still visible in some of them. The wheel-turned necks, which all have an even circular outward top

'lip', also have one, two or three horizontal grooves impressed on them. We have one or two samples of necks with remnants which show that the bottles were sealed with a cork and this was covered with a metal cap clamped over the horizontal grooves. The literature suggested that these were wired down to prevent the escape of gas. The circular 1cm thick bases were cut and added later as were the 1.5cm thick handles which were attached below the neck, although their position up the side of the bottle varied. Handles were made of a sausage-shaped length of clay, flat on the inner side but rounded and scored on the outer. They



were fixed to the bottle at the top with a ring of clay, but roughly finished at the bottom with one or two thumb strokes.

The bottles were salt-glazed, both inside and out; the resulting external colour was anything but uniform and ranged from a light grey-cream through yellow or fawn with dark speckles, red tones to dark brown and some had varied coloured strips of different shades on the same bot-

tle. Most finishes were glossy, a few others matt. Abrasions and irregularities, thumb marks and little pieces of lead were visible on many exteriors, which contributed to the hand-made impression of these bottles. The interior colours were mostly matt, just a few were glossy and ranged from greyish to fawn to deep orange. Originally a paper label was glued to part of the exterior. There were several sorts of stonewares made in Germany which have been imported into this country since the fourteenth century. However, amongst the ones we have found whilst fieldwalking in Barkham, Apollinaris bottles are quite distinct.

Below the handle of the complete bottles and on a few sherds were stamped 'M' or 'N' and eventually we found others stamped with 'J', 'K', 'O' and 'P'. All but one had a number over this from 1 to 99. We understood that the letters referred to the potting villages where the bottles were made. 'M' it was suggested stood for Mögendorf and N for Norst (John G Hurst, personal communication). Mögendorf is in the Westerwald on the east side of the Rhine where



there were many villages where stoneware bottles were made; Norst I have been unable to find.

On the opposite side of the bottle there was an impressed stamp consisting of two concentric circles around the figure '4' under which was a curved line with an arrow pointing upwards at each end like an anchor. Between the two circles were the words: BRUNNEN-M-Wo APOLLINARIS and below in three horizontal lines: GEORG KREUZBERG/AHRWEILER/RHEINPREUSSEN.

In the 1990s we found documentation in both German and Dutch on the production of mineral waters, generally in Germany, also containing information about Apollinaris which was translated by Joan Morley. It was very informative and well-illustrated; one can now of course find information about Apollinaris on the web.

Georg Kreuzberg discovered the spring in his vineyard in Bad Neuenahr on the west side of the River Rhine in 1851 after he found that some of his vines were growing poorly and that this was due to escaped carbonic acid gas (CO<sub>2</sub>). He was very curious about this and had several shafts sunk to explore its origin. In 1852 a shaft hit upon a strongly gushing spring rich in carbonic acid

at 50 feet. When the spring had been provided with adequate equipment Georg Kreuzberg began a mineral water business. In two decades a yearly turnover of just under two million bottles was reached which was later surpassed; the mark was registered in London in 1876. The name 'Apollinaris' was chosen, as a small chapel dedicated to St Apollinaris of Ravenna a patron saint of wine, was near the *brunnen* or spring.

The importation of Apollinaris mineral water into England was a complicated story which began in 1874 when Eduard Steinkopf, a German living in London approached the Kreuzberg family and set up an import business. After the introduction of the bottle press in 1876, glass bottles began to overtake the production of stoneware bottles circulating on the continent, but from our evidence it appears that stoneware bottles continued to be imported into England as late as 1890. By 1913 the company was producing 40 million bottles, exporting 90% world-wide. There are several references to Apollinaris in literature, for example Jerome K. Jerome *Three Men on the Bummel* (1900).

To compare the numbers and weights of the sherds found in Barkham according to their location I divided the garden initially into 30m x 10m sections; as we found them on most of the dug beds the final assemblage was a 'total collection' of those dug areas. We also found a few in molehills in the adjacent farmyard and one in a ditch between Barkham Manor (the modern one) and Barkham Road. During archaeological fieldwalking in the parish we found one sherd each in three fields out of the 30 walked.

Over the last 40 years from all sources in Barkham we have amassed 641 sherds weighing 34.613kg and seven whole bottles. We have also unearthed six complete large ones holding 1 litre and one half-size for 500 mls. The three sherds from fieldwalking only weighed 43gr. The assemblage was seen by the late John G Hurst (formerly RCHME) in about 1997. He had taken a special interest in stonewares and pronounced that in Barkham we had the largest *known* assemblage of stoneware Apollinaris bottles in Britain, even greater than the collection in The Castle Museum, Norwich. One of our 1990s Barkham Survey team members, the late Barry Parker went to look and found that John Hurst was correct! When The Museum of Reading heard about the assemblage in Barkham the accession committee were very keen to acquire them for the Museum collections, which is why we are working on them just now.

Why then were they found in such quantities in the pond and garden of The Bailiff's Cottage, Barkham? This was formerly Barkham House Farm or Manor Farm (depending on the name given to the house opposite which owned it from 1851 at least). As the nineteenth century censuses showed it was here that the bailiff or farm manager for Barkham Manor lived. It seemed likely that he was given rubbish from the Manor to dispose of and threw it into the Manor Farm pond!

Who was the occupant at Barkham Manor between 1873 and say 1890? It was acquired by John Walter III in 1878 from the Trustees of the Clive estate after the death of Mrs Charlotte Clive in 1874, widow of Mr Henry Clive (French and Firth 2000, 104). ...

...Unfortunately we do not know who was living in the manor house after 1873 for the eight years until it was rented by Lieutenant General William Rickman JP with his family and servants in 1881; he lived here until he died in 1900. So we must presume that he had a penchant for drinking Apollinaris mineral water from the stoneware bottles, but we do not know if the previous tenant did as well.

Today both the source of the Apollinaris mineral water and the brand, now sold in glass bottles, is owned by Coca-Cola which acquired it from Cadbury-Schweppes in 2006.

It is likely that there are other hidden accumulations of Apollinaris stoneware bottles in the parish or area; it would be interesting to know.

The team working with me to prepare the bottles for The Museum of Reading are members of The Berkshire Archaeology Research Group.

Janet Firth (firth@doctors.org.uk)

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Hurst, John G, formerly a member of the Ministry of Works Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments (later English Heritage), a leading authority on medieval pottery, deserted medieval villages and co-Director of the excavations at Wharram Percy. He travelled from Great Casterton, Rutland to see our assemblage of Apollinaris bottles in 1997.

## Space Calling Barkham

Was I the only one captivated by the week of Stargazing Live programmes on BBC2 in January? Tim Peake was settling into his temporary home aboard the International Space Station (ISS). He is the first Briton to be doing a stint there and we were treated to coverage of his spacewalk to replace some electronics, necessary to get the solar panels fully working again. I am delighted that special events are being scheduled into his busy five months aboard the space craft to capture our imaginations, especially those of schoolchildren.



Hopefully it will help attract more of our youngsters into careers of science and engineering.

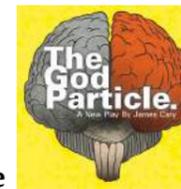
The programmes introduced me to some great websites covering the ISS movements as it orbits the Earth at 17,000 miles an hour, almost 5 miles per second, to complete each circuit in a little over an hour and a half. On a clear night, just before dawn or just after dusk, if the Earth is facing the right way, you can watch the ISS pass overhead with the naked eye. This takes up to five minutes, depending how directly

overhead it passes, and you could be watching it while it travels for well over 1000 miles. Although it is dark on the ground, the craft is illuminated by the Sun as it is 250 miles above the ground, in the same way that we can see the Moon. It was a very clear dot in the sky as I watched it one evening – probably not even over England.

We have a very special moment coming up. There will be a brief conversation between Tim Peake and Professor Brian Cox in the gap between programmes on

BBC2 at 12:00 on Friday April the first. Not only will the ISS be travelling over England at the time, but exactly at noon, it will be directly above Barkham (for less than a second). You may want to set your video recorder to capture the moment if you can't watch it live as I think Barkham will even get a mention. If the sky is clear you could go outside and look up and wave as Tim zooms past, a faint black dot in the daylight.

Joe Kinnagan



### The God Particle

Thursday 28 April 2016

A quantum physicist and a vicar walk into a bar... joining forces to solve a perplexing mystery, they discover the real meaning of faith, knowledge, love and the importance of keeping an open mind.

Arborfield and Barkham Churches are delighted to be hosting a performance of this brand new romantic sci-fi comedy from James Cary, the award-winning co-writer of BBC1's *Miranda*, BBC3's *Bluestone 42* and Radio 4's *Another Case of Milton Jones*.

The *God Particle* is a 75-minute one-act play featuring Rev Dr Gilbert Romans, the new local vicar, and Dr Bex Kenworthy from the Institute of Advanced Quantum Physics. Their meeting produces a big-bang-chemical-reaction

of entirely the wrong kind, but strange goings on in the village of Threepiggs force them to work together and find their common ground.

In a heart-warming, laugh-out-loud way, *The God Particle* takes science and religion seriously, with each challenging the other. The play explores the purpose and practice of both, and how they can come together. It is suitable for everyone, and particularly aimed at those aged 13 and upwards. Amongst others, it will appeal to watchers of *Dr Who*, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*, *Rev* and *The Vicar of Dibley*.

The play has been written to be set in a church building and will be performed at Arborfield Church at 8pm (doors open from 7:30pm) on Thursday 28th April 2016. Tickets are £8 if booked in advance from the church website [www.abch.org.uk](http://www.abch.org.uk) or will be £10 on the door. Do join us for what should be a memorable evening!

### Loddon Valley Ramblers' Walks

For more walks, including some longer ones, visit **Loddon Valley Ramblers Website:** [www.lvra.org.uk](http://www.lvra.org.uk)

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March: Walk to Medmenham Hill Fort, down Ferry Lane to the Thames, then return below Danesfield House hotel with a last view of the Thames 5½ miles 10.30 after careful edge-of-wood parking around triangle between Hollowhill and Pullingshill Woods SL7 2DS (approx) Leader Dougal M 0118 924 1979 or 07719 450283.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March: A lovely walk through Sulham woods, across fields to Little Heath and returning by the River Pang 6 miles 10.00 from Pangbourne station road CP by the village hall RG8 7AN (Free on Sundays) Leader Cathy O 0118 961 9024 or 07940 801261.

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Wander over farm land & gentle slopes (with a few stiles) through Littlewick Green, Shottesbrooke and Waltham St Lawrence 6 miles 10.00 from lay-by on A4 by former Seven Stars PH RG10 9UR Leader David B 0118 934 1084 or 07927 694134.

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March: A leisurely walk over Carter's Hill and Barkham Brook. 5 miles 10.00 CP at Arborfield Pavilion, Swallowfield Road, Arborfield About 200m down the Swallowfield Road from the "Bull Inn at Arborfield". Those wanting lunch there are advised to book ahead; could then park in their car park RG2 9QD Leaders Ricardo & Silvia S 0118 976 1737 or 07846 434861.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April: A challenging roller-coaster encircling NT 'Holies' estate with stunning views from Lardon Chase and Lough Down 6 miles 10.30 from Goring Station CP (charge £2.80) RG8 0EW Leader David T 0118 977 4184 or 07899 938397.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April: A nearly flat leisurely walk around commons and farmland to include Pinkneys Green and Maidenhead Thicket 5½ miles 10.30 from NT free car park on Pinkneys Drive SL6 6QF Leader Ray S 07761 251217.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April: Outskirts of Henley, passes through Gillsmithers Wood and Harpsden 6½ miles 10.00 from Mill Lane CP, Henley RG9 4HB Leader John A 0118 977 4183.



Things are changing again – they always do. From the first of February this year if you are a landlord or a new tenant you need to follow the new rules in the 'right to rent' legislation. Renters will need to prove that they have the right to reside in the UK before they can rent property. You can find out more about this by going to [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) and entering 'right to rent' in the search box.

Money is tight for many people, particularly at this time of year when they are facing the financial impact of Christmas. If you have a problem with paying bills we can help. We have a free, specialist debt advice service which can help you with debt solutions. If you need help with debt, or anything else, please contact us. The sooner the better!

For more information please see [www.wokingham-cab.org.uk](http://www.wokingham-cab.org.uk). If you want to talk to us on the phone about anything you can call Adviceline on 03444 111 306.

You can also email us on [public@wokingham-cab.org.uk](mailto:public@wokingham-cab.org.uk) or drop in to one of our offices:

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# CROWTHORNE Symphony ORCHESTRA

Last season was an exciting one for members of the orchestra as well as the audiences. Our Director of Music, Robert Roscoe, continues to challenge us with some amazing music which a few years ago would have been way out of our league, but we have risen to each occasion and have had some marvellous experiences with many of our concerts attracting capacity audiences. Probably the most memorable evening was when we played the Shostakovich 5th Symphony. It was gratifying to find our audience was also thrilled by this amazing 20th century work.

Our Spring Concert at the Old Gym, Wellington College will be on Saturday 16th April at 7.30pm (NOTE earlier time) and will also feature some 20th century music although the popular 'Swan of Tuonela' Suite by Sibelius was written just a few years before the turn of the century. This has some wonderful atmospheric string music as well as probably the best known solo for cor anglais in the orchestral repertoire, representing the voice of the swan.

Malcolm Arnold's dramatic 'Peterloo Overture' was commissioned in 1968 by the TUC to commemorate the so-called Peterloo Massacre of 1819, when cavalry charged into a crowd of tens of thousands of workers who had gathered in Manchester to demand reform of parliamentary representation.

Aaron Copland's suite 'Billy the Kid' is another popular 20th century work. This is one of the best known works by the American

composer, written in 1938, and tells the story of the infamous outlaw in an almost cinematic way and in a style so different from European musical traditions. We can picture the wide open prairie and scenes from the Wild West with the inevitable gun battle; the incorporation of cowboy tunes and folk songs makes for an enjoyable and lively piece. Copland is wonderfully innovative with his composition bringing a real sense of a young life gone very wrong by the use of conflicting rhythms and harmonies.

Once again we have the privilege of performing with an exception-



ally talented young musician. Our soloist in Benjamin Britten's Violin Concerto will be 19 year-old Elizaveta Tyun who was born



in Russia and currently studies at the Royal College of Music. She is was a string finalist in the 2014 BBC Young Musician of the Year. Britten's concerto, composed when he was just 26, is a lyrical and emotional work but until recently seldom performed. However in the past few years it has become very popular with violinists and audiences alike.

Please note the earlier starting time of our Spring Concert is 7.30pm with doors open at 6.45pm. Tickets are available from Traveltime in Crowthorne High Street and Bookends in Wokingham (£13 in advance or £15 on the door), or can be purchased on-line via our website. Note that the ticket now includes a drink in the interval. As usual children 16 and under are free.

The orchestra welcomes new members, especially strings, subject to vacancies - if you are interested and are a competent player, even if you have taken a break from playing, please get in touch. We have a reputation as a friendly bunch and have members of all ages. Weekly rehearsals are on Mondays in term time from 7.45-10pm at Oaklands Junior School, Butler Road, Crowthorne. Check our website for up to date information on concerts, rehearsals, workshops and more: [www.crowthorneorchestra.com](http://www.crowthorneorchestra.com)

Chris Gadsby

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Conductor – Patrick Allies  
Saturday 2nd April 2016 – 7.30pm (Pre-concert talk by Patrick Allies 6.30pm – 7.00pm)  
Great Hall, University of Reading, London Road Campus, RG1 5AQ  
Tickets £15.00 (£5.00 under 18s and Students)

Summer Concert – Heroes and Villains – Chorus from Musicals and Operas  
Conductor – Patrick Allies  
Saturday 18th June 2016 – 7.30pm  
All Saints' Church, Wokingham, RG40 1UE

Tickets £12.50 (£5.00 under 18s and Students)

The photo shows a picture of our Charity Cheque Presentation from donations we received from our Christmas Concert on 19 December 2015. The first cheque was presented to Wokingham Town Mayor, Councillor Phillip Mirfin who accepted the cheque on behalf of his chosen charity for the year, MacMillan Cancer Support. The second cheque, made out to the Wokingham Choral Society's chosen charity of the year, Headway Thames Valley, was presented to Mr. Stephen Welch, Chief Executive Officer of the charity. Both Councillor Mirfin and Mr Welch then gave speeches of thanks explaining the work that their charities carry out.

This follows a long tradition of WCS making collections at their Christmas concerts for various local charities.



## Come and join us

- Do you enjoy an evening out?
- Do you enjoy eating out with friends?
- Would you enjoy raising money for local charities?
- Do you enjoy rambling so long as there is a pub at the end of the route?
- Do you enjoy winning a game of Scrabble?
- Are you looking to make new friends?

The rallying cry of the suffragettes at the beginning of the 20th Century was to "Come and Join Us" to improve the rights of women. The same cry can now be heard in the 21st Century but this time it is from members of Wokingham Evening Townswomen's Guild who would like to hear from local women who would consider joining this organisation.

The Townswomen's Guild organisation (TG) was originally formed in 1929 when women first won the right to vote. TG has lobbied on national and local issues. It has been a platform for hundreds of women who are encouraged to have ideas and views, develop new skills, campaign on various issues, support each other, become empowered, make new friends and above all, have fun.

Our local Townswomen's Guild would like to thrive but we need new members, but more importantly we need younger women to join which will allow the group to continue in to the next decade and beyond. The Townswomen's Guild is an organisation which has clout and this will boost our group or maybe allow us to form a separate Guild.

If you are the type of woman who would like to become involved and you would like to meet like minded women then we would love to hear from you.

We meet on the third Tuesday in the month at St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Road, Wokingham at 7.30pm. If you don't want to come on your own then bring a friend with you.

If you would like to speak to someone regarding our Guild then please contact Jill on

0118 989 2649 or please come along and see us in action at the Novotel Hotel, Friar Street, Reading on Saturday 9th April commencing at 10.45am.

## WHY NOT BECOME A DISTRIBUTOR?

**Please come and join our team of distributors for the Barkham Newsletter.**

**We currently require a distributor for the section of Barkham Road in Barkham parish beyond Sandy Lane .**

**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](mailto:membership@barkham.org.uk)**

**Thank you.**

## Woodland Copse north of The Shires and bordering Sandy Lane

Some months back the residents of The Shires became aware of tree felling within the plot of land north of The Shires and initial enquiries of the people undertaking the work was that certain trees were being removed because of disease. Work ceased for a period of time and then restarted with the removal of more trees. Further enquiries were made by the residents and they were told that Forestry Commission permission had been granted to fell and remove trees.

Contact was made with the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association and an open meeting took place between residents of The Shires and Janet Firth of WDVTA and Derek Oxbrough of Barkham Parish Council. It was pointed out by WDVTA that trees had been felled that would

have qualified for preservation as veteran trees. Residents were urged to apply for Tree Preservation Orders to be applied to the remaining trees. In addition, if illegal tree felling had taken place then a report should be made to the Forestry Commission at the earliest opportunity.

In January 2016 a letter was sent to Clare Lawrence, Head of Development Management and Regulatory Services at Wokingham Council, outlining the destruction of trees and wildlife habitat. This letter was in turn forwarded to the Service Manager Regulation & Compliance and the Head of Trees & Landscape for action.

Further correspondence was received from the Ecology Officer at Wokingham Council stating that this land is likely to be UK

Biodiversity Action Plan Priority Habitat – Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland. The adopted Wokingham Biodiversity Action Plan 2012-2024 has the target of seeing no loss or fragmentation of woodland from development. He also advised that any suspicion that a wildlife crime may have taken place should be reported to the police. The police and the press have been contacted and the Forestry Commission are scheduled to make a site visit.

This is a salutary lesson to all residents of Barkham of the need to be aware of the rights we have to challenge actions that affect the local greenery and wildlife that make living in the parish worthwhile and pleasant.

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The Quiz - answers

1. Dublin
2. Bulgaria
3. Spanish (plays for Manchester City)
4. Prague
5. Croatia and Slovenia.
6. Portugal
7. Stockholm (Abba with "Waterloo" is the famous song)
8. Solidarity and Lech Walesa.
9. A stuffed/rolled pizza
10. EU countries: Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Romania, Bulgaria, Non-EU: Serbia, Moldova, Ukraine.

# Barkham Diary

20-Mar-16	Barkham Clean Up	BVH	9.30am-12.30
22-Mar-16	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
27-Mar-16	BVRA Easter Egg Hunt	Junipers	3.00pm
28-Mar-16	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
6-Apr-16	Barkham Ladies Social Club	BVH	7.45pm
12-Apr-16	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
12-Apr-16	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
13-Apr-16	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
25-Apr-16	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
26-Apr-16	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
4-May-16	Barkham Ladies Social Club	BVH	7.45pm
10-May-16	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
10-May-16	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
11-May-16	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
23-May-16	Finchampstead Flower Club	CRH	7.30pm
20-May-16	Copy Deadline for Summer newsletter		
24-May-16	Parish Council Planning Review	BVH	7.30pm
1-Jun-16	Barkham Ladies Social Club	BVH	7.45pm
8-Jun-16	Bonsai Club	BVH	7.30pm
14-Jun-16	Dinton Pastures Walkers Group	BVH	7.30pm
14-Jun-16	Barkham Parish Council	BVH	8.00pm
Weekly Events			
Mondays	Pilates Class	BVH	11.30am
Mondays	Dog Training	BVH	6.30pm
Tues-Fri	Barkham Pre-School	BVH	9.00am
Thursdays	Pilates Class	BVH	6.15pm

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CRH is California Ratepayers Hall



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