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from the Barkham Village Residents Association

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Editorial



‘Phew, what a scorcher!’, as they used to headline the tabloid newspapers. I hope you have enjoyed the hot dry summer. It’s certainly had an impact on my garden and the fruit and veg I grow.

On the darker side of the hot summer *Wild about the Coombes* on Page 10 expresses concern over the climate change trend, as does a prophetic article in *35 Years Ago* on Page 11.

The plans for the Solar Farm in the village are on hold and won’t start until next year. See the Dev watch article opposite.

Here you will also read bad news of more development locally.

In the excellent article by Adrian Betteridge, our Ward Councillor, on Page 6, there is an update on recommendations regarding the review of parish boundaries.

He also reports on the new Sainsbury store opening in Arborfield Green by the time you read this magazine.

In June I was invited to the Barkham Ladies Social Club where the speaker was an amputee who told us his fascinating story. I thought it was worthy of a wider audience so I was delighted when he agreed to write an article for

our magazine. I urge you to read it on Page 6 and 7.

I am delighted to report that the Bull has re-opened under new management. I can report that the ale is well up to standard! Speaking to others there they, too, were delighted that we have a village pub again. By the time you read this, the kitchens should be open so you will be able eat there too. See Page 15 for an introduction from Natasha the new manager.

Since the previous issue there has been a lot going on the BVRA social scene. There was the skittles evening in May and the distributors’ barbecue in July and later in the year we will have our annual Quiz Night in October and the Carols in the Park just before Christmas. You can read about these on Pages 12 and 13.

Finally, it has recently occurred to me that it would be interesting to publish an article about the Old Village Hall. Please see my call for information on Page 5.

HELP NEEDED! **Membership Admin**

We are looking for someone to help with the administration of BVRA membership.

Key points are:

- Maintain the contact database
- Manage the payment of subscriptions mainly through the Direct Debit scheme
- Provide distribution lists for each quarterly magazine distribution
- Attend committee meetings

If you feel you could help then please contact chairman@barkham.org.uk

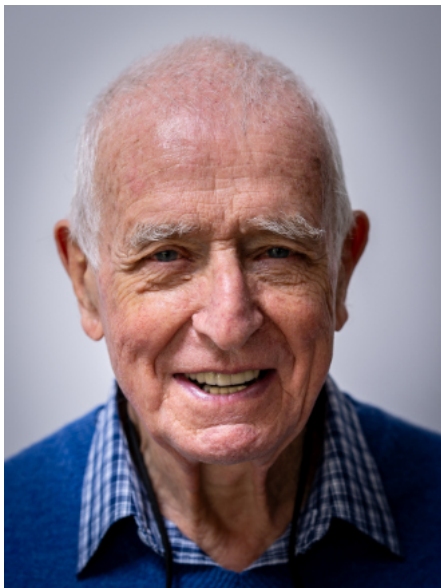
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As you will see in the Barkham Parish Council update on Page 4, Pam Stubbs has retired from her role as Chairman of Barkham Parish Council. On behalf of the BVRA, I would like to record our gratitude for her many years of service to the community. She always had in mind what was best for the village.

DevWatch Update



As yet there has been no reported progress on the draft Local Plan which continues to sit with the Government's Planning Inspectors: hopefully there will be more news on this before too long. When a local plan is in place then that will give Wokingham Council solid grounds for opposing wayward development applications that are outside the Plan.

Since the summer newsletter there have been two disappointing decisions:

- Planning consent for the large Evendons Lane/Blagrove Lane development for 350 dwellings was granted on appeal, and
- The new application for 70 houses on the land off School Road, Arborfield (behind the Coombes School) was granted by Wokingham Council. The development will be accessed by the western/northern end of School Road where the closure of the road as a throughway has now been confirmed

Neither of these developments were proposed in the draft Local Plan. This adds urgency to getting the Plan approved and in place as soon as possible.

Yet another planning application ([251486](#)) has been made for on the western end of Edneys Hill on the paddock adjoining Barkham Road. There have been some seven previous development applications on this land which were unsuccessful. This application is for 16 dwellings (including 6 flats) accessing onto the narrow Edneys Hill which, of course, has no pavements. Needless to say this land was also not suggested for development in the draft Local Plan. If this application were to succeed then it would close the green gap along Barkham Road – and change the character of Edneys Hill which is still largely open land.

The Borough Council have recently announced a delay in starting installation work on the solar farm land. They report that is due to a delay in receiving critical information from the electricity network operator SSEN. So site works are now not expected to start until next Spring. The Council also report that they are investigating an alternative cable route from the solar farm to the substation opposite the Leathern Bottel. This had originally been proposed for coming into Edneys Hill at Mortimer Lodge Farm and then up Barkham Road which would cause disruption. They say that the alternative route (details of which are not yet available) would cause less disruption but is subject to the new route being practicable.

Lastly one of our subscribers drew out attention to some important changes in the written representation appeals process. When implemented - likely to be later this year - the grounds for making or opposing an appeal will be restricted to the reasons given by the proposer or opposer in written representations filed by them when the original

application was made. The intention being to speed up the process.

See:

<http://bit.ly/4lq9gKD>



<http://bit.ly/45HLHYU>



Email Updates

As well as our newsletter we are increasingly using email to keep in touch with members. It is important we are kept up to date with your details. If your details have changed or you aren't getting emails from us, use our member details form on the website https://barkham.org.uk/member_details to advise us.



We will confirm any request you send to us. Also to ensure you receive our emails please add barkham.org.uk to your safe senders list. If you are unsure how to do this, please email webmaster@barkham.org.uk for advice.



An Update from Barkham Parish Council

Changes within Barkham Parish Council

In June, Pam Stubbs stepped down as Chair of the Parish Council after 20 years of dedicated service. She continues to serve the community as a councillor and Vice Chair. At the July Council meeting, Mike Barker was elected as the new Chair. The Councillors extend their heartfelt thanks to Pam for her two decades of outstanding leadership and commitment.

Planning

Barkham Parish Council was disappointed by the recent decisions of Wokingham Borough Council and the Planning Inspectorate to approve applications for the Land North of School Road (WBC) which was an application for up to 70 dwellings and Land Adjacent to Blagrove Lane Wokingham (Planning Inspectorate), for the proposed erection of up to 350 dwellings (Use Class C3) and care home (Use Class C2), with new accesses onto Barkham Road and Blagrove Lane, landscaping and onsite SANG.

Recent applications under consideration by WBC are:

251486 - Land to the East of Coppid Hill

House - Full application for the proposed erection of 16 no. dwellings with new access off Edney's Hill, plus footpaths, car ports, parking, landscaping and associated works. The council objected to this application on the grounds that the proposal is inappropriate and unsustainable, it will cause irreversible harm to the rural character and visual openness of the area and for those very reasons 8 previous planning applications have been dismissed at appeals between 1999-2019. It encroaches into the strategic Green Wedge, undermining its purpose as a buffer between settlements, and the increased pressure on local infrastructure, including roads and services, which are not equipped to support additional development in this location.

251540 - 354 Barkham Road - Full application for the proposed erection of 2no. detached residential dwellings and detached carport on land rear of 354 Barkham Road, along with associated access, landscaping and parking. The Council objected to this on the grounds of access to the land and the

development and environmental impact on the area.

The councils responses are available to see on the WBC planning portal.

Residents are encouraged to remain engaged with local planning matters and can view or comment on applications via the WBC Planning portal: <https://planning.wokingham.gov.uk/FastWebPL/welcome.asp>.

Community Governance Review - Update

The Community Governance Review proposals were published as part of the Wokingham Borough Council papers and presented at the Full Council meeting held on Thursday, 31st July 2025, at 7.00 pm in Wokingham (Agenda Item 27).

Following the approval of Council at the meeting, a public consultation commenced on 4th August and remains open until 13th November 2025. This consultation provides residents with a valuable opportunity to share their views on the proposed changes.

We encourage all community members to take part and have their say. Your feedback will help shape the future governance of our local area.

For more information and to participate in the consultation, please visit the Council's website

<http://bit.ly/3HubYk6>

Arborfield Green Development Sainsbury

The Council is pleased to inform that the new Sainsbury store is due to open on 21st August at 9am

Sports Pavilion and allotments

Work has commenced on the new pavilion, sports pitches and allotments.

New Noticeboards in Arborfield Green

The Parish Council has recently installed two new noticeboards in Arborfield Green. They are located on Biggs Lane near to the Stables Café and in the entrance to the Hazebroucke Meadow SANG. The Council will regularly update the noticeboards with information on Council meetings, local events and information for residents.



History Books

The "Barkham A History" book can be obtained from the Clerk at £8.50 each or from Henry Street Garden Centre. These will make ideal presents for anyone who is new to the area and does not already own one.



Supporting Our Community, Together

We're proud to be actively engaging with and supporting a range of local organisations across Barkham, Arborfield, and Finchampstead. Our aim is to help build stronger connections and improve the lives of people of all ages in our community.

Old Village Hall

How many of you remember the old village hall? It was located in Barkham Street opposite the houses and was demolished in the early 1980's following the construction of our current village hall near the Church.

My recollection is very vague but I think it had wooden walls and a corrugated tin roof with next to no parking on site. Very primitive, and we all were very glad when the new hall was built.

We have the wonderful book *Barkham - A History*, see left, but although that was written after the new village hall was built there is no mention of the old hall that I can see. Understandably, I suppose it wasn't seen as history at that time! So, I would like to publish an article about it in a forthcoming issue and am looking for anyone who remembers the old hall and perhaps the construction of the new and has reminisces that they would like to share.

Please contact me if you have anything you could contribute - stories, anecdotes, knowledge of timescales, history and best of all photographs or sketches.

newsletter@barkham.org.uk

WOKINGHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

COME AND SING WITH US!

We are having an **open rehearsal** on **Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm - 9.45pm** at **The Emmbrook Senior School** which will give a chance for potential new members to come and sing with us.

We rehearse every Thursday evening and give four concerts a year.

We will be rehearsing for a concert in November at **All Saints Church, Wokingham** which will have the following programme:

Handel: Ode for St Cecilia's Day

Bach: Magnificat

For more information contact:
membership@wokingham-choral-society.org.uk

<https://wokingham-choral-society.org.uk>



DO YOU HAVE A HEAD FOR NUMBERS AND A HEART FOR COMMUNITY?

Barkham Village Hall, a much-loved and well-used space at the heart of village life, is jooking for a volunteer **TREASURER** to join its friendly committee. You'll be responsible for overseeing financial transactions, preparing reports, and attending committee meetings every other month.

A full handover and support will be provided by the current Treasurer. This role comes with a small salary.

To find out more, contact the Barkham Village Hall Committee at 07596 554654 or barkhamvillagehall@outlook.com.

Update from our Borough Councillor



As I write in early August, borough council meetings are few, but the work of the council goes on. I'll cover some of the biggest issues in our area in brief.

Development in the former Arborfield garrison, part of Barkham Parish, continues apace. As well as new housing, Sainsbury is almost complete and due to open on 21st August.

Smaller retail units are also being built, the first of which are expected to open next year.

Tennis courts will open this summer, sports pitches are in the process of being re-laid and the pavilion rebuilt. With more sport and leisure facilities recently approved to the south in Finchwood Park, we will be blessed with fantastic sports facilities in our area.

The public consultation on proposals to adjust parish boundaries is underway, including a recommendation that all the new housing in the Arborfield development will move into Barkham Parish, with some of the older MOD housing moving out to Arborfield and Newland Parish. Some alterations to the boundary with Finchampstead Parish are also proposed, all in the name of improving the coherence of parishes. Anyone directly affected by the changes will receive a letter with details of the consultation, and anyone can read the recommendations and give their comments online here:

<http://bit.ly/3HnyM5b>

We have all been disappointed to see approval for additional development in the area recently, most notably the Blagrove development on the Barkham border with Wokingham Town. The background to this is long and complicated but, in short, the latest government housing targets and planning rules set an extremely high bar for the council's planning committee to refuse permission. New affordable and social housing is needed, and I hope that we will get back to a more manageable planning system next year once our long-term plan has completed its government examination.

Improvements to local travel continue. The improved Leopard 3 bus service to Wokingham seems very popular. Speed limit reductions are being implemented to make it safer to walk and cycle, and a number of new pedestrian crossings on their way. There's a lot more needed to improve and maintain our local roads, pavements and cycleways and I have recently taken on a wider role in the council with responsibility for our future transport network.

Finally, the council is appealing to the government to improve its proposals for the future of how local councils are funded, which in their current form could cost Wokingham around £50m over the next 3 years. The council is joining with other councils set to lose money to press the government to find a better way.

That's quite a rapid run-through of some big issues, so please contact me directly if you want to know more.

Adrian Betteridge

Barkham and Arborfield Ward Councillor, Liberal Democrats.
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First Steps

In early 2017 I walked into A&E at Frimley Park Hospital with a right leg infection. Six weeks later I emerged in a wheelchair, without the infection, but also without the leg. I told the story of what has happened to me since then to a wonderful audience at the June meeting of the Barkham Ladies Social Club.

My right leg was amputated below the knee so I had to learn how to walk again and also drive. But before that, I had to rearrange my home to make it wheelchair friendly. Fortunately, it's a bungalow and the rooms aren't too cluttered. Kind family and friends helped rearrange furniture and even in the garden! But the kitchen is really the heart of a home so everything had to be easily accessible.

Many tasks are easier when we're standing but the opposite of easier isn't always impossible! Making a cup of tea or using a frying pan are certainly more challenging from a wheelchair but, with care, can be achieved. Even having lost a single leg, I can support myself at a kitchen counter using a single finger. I don't need to grasp the edge! Different disabilities can develop their own coping strategies.

I thrive on challenges! I have a very positive attitude. I'm also realistic, I couldn't dance when I had 2 legs so I don't expect to gain that skill now! But remember Jonnie Peacock! He wore a blade to win Paralympic Gold in 2012 and was the first disabled competitor on Strictly Come Dancing in 2017.

The hospital Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists had provided daily sessions as soon as I had recovered from the amputation. Exercise routines I

was given then are still a regular part of my life 8 years later. Once my “wound” had recovered, my care moved to St Mary’s Hospital, Roehampton. Rehabilitation was in the Bader Wing, named after the WW2 flying ace Douglas Bader who had lost both his legs after an air crash in 1931. That was great motivation for us when we arrived in the “Walking School!”

I was an outpatient and was taken by hospital transport the 30 miles from Bisley to Roehampton a few times each week until I graduated. They made a prosthetic leg for me. It’s a titanium core with a foot which can bend slightly at the ankle to mimic a real leg and foot. I practiced until they considered that I would be a safe if I took the leg home with me. That was just before my birthday and I was going out with my family for a meal. My physio strongly advised me to ask my driver to bring my wheelchair if there was any chance of having a drink! That seemed sensible so I complied.

My car was an automatic and I had it converted to manual control for accelerating and braking so I didn’t need to use my feet. I had three driving lessons with an instructor. He was older than me and most of his normal pupils would be about a quarter of his age. On my first lesson in his car I’d gone about 100 metres before he told me to stop. I took this as a chance to practise an emergency stop! But no, he opened his door and told me I was too close to the kerb! He was anxious for his car as I was only 1 metre from the edge of the road. I don’t recall having that concern when my children practised in my car.

Limbcare, in Farnborough, is a wonderful charity supporting those with amputations and other limb differences. It was founded

in 2010 by Ray Edwards. He lost all his limbs on Friday 13 March 1987 after developing septicaemia from a scratch. Ray was awarded the MBE by the Queen in 2011



and Limbcare received the MBE for voluntary service in 2015 from Princess Anne. He sadly died in 2024, aged 70. He had been the UK’s longest surviving quad amputee.

Limbcare relies on voluntary donations of cash and equipment. If you see a Limbcare sign by a table at a supermarket, I hope you will stop and donate. Equipment, including wheelchairs are made available to needy amputees in or out of hospital, or sent to Ukraine. You can find out more at www.limbcare.org.

The Limbcare mascot, Speedy, shows amputee Speedy, one of the Prickles, a team of 5 heroic hedgehogs with various limb differences, who are always ready



Limbcare

to help those in need. The Prickles were created by Limbcare and appear in a book for children. The aim is to talk about disability in a positive way, to both disabled and non-disabled children.

Several of us are available to give talks to local groups, including Scouts and Guides, on behalf of Limbcare. We are also invited to visit amputee patients in hospital. It was only after I had been discharged that I first met another amputee and even longer before seeing a prosthetic limb. I feel that meeting a patient can help their confidence develop after such a life changing event.

Frimley Hospital created an amputee support group while I had been in hospital. I became the organiser and we named ourselves FLAG (Frimley Limb impaired and Amputee Group). After COVID we were unable to meet in the hospital and reformed at Frimley Community Centre where we meet monthly. Although we are a social group, with refreshments kindly supplied by Limbcare, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with new and established amputees, their families and friends. I’m certain that the mental health of all amputees is helped by association with others who have lost limbs.

Both Limbcare and FLAG welcome enquiries about amputation and life after amputation.

Angus Lincoln



Thames Valley Police is cracking down on crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in town and city centres this year to support their communities.

We will be increasing police officers' presence and working with partners to tackle urban crime to ensure people feel safe as part of our Safer Streets campaign.

People visiting town and city centres this year will see more neighbourhood police officers on patrol, so please feel free to speak to them and share any concerns.

Launched in July, our campaign *it's that antisocial* is running

alongside all the work being done by neighbourhood policing teams to help the public understand what antisocial behaviour is, how to report it, and the actions we're taking to address it.

Our local policing teams will also be organising days of action and operations to tackle issues such as illegal e-scooters, street crime, shoplifting, and other offences

that affect communities most.

Furthermore, existing Public Spaces Protection Orders may see enhanced levels of enforcement as well as other local issues, alongside our partners.

You can find out your local neighbourhood policing priorities on our website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/area/your-area/>




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St James' Barkham

Finding True Rest in a Restless World

So - summer...! Schools are out, the days are longer, and - even if only for a few weeks - life's pace slows a little. Finally - finally! - a chance to enjoy some well-deserved rest.

Yet - for so many of us - true rest remains elusive. Even when we do manage to switch off the e-mails and actually stop working, our minds keep racing - worrying about the future, the weight of our responsibilities, or maybe that nagging feeling we should always be doing more.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus offers a different kind of rest - one that goes even deeper than a holiday or a good night's sleep. 'Come to me,' he says, 'all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

It's such a simple yet profound invitation. Jesus doesn't say, 'Sort your life out first,' or 'Come to me only if you've got everything together.' He invites the weary. Those who feel very burdened by heavy loads - be they emotional, physical, or spiritual - are welcome too. And wonderfully Jesus doesn't offer more tasks or higher expectations, but rest.

So what kind of rest is this? Jesus offers relief from striving to prove ourselves, from carrying guilt or shame, and from living as though

everything depends on us. He promises life-transforming peace with God. It's not something Jesus expects us to earn (which is a relief, because he says we never could). Instead it's a gift we're invited simply to receive from him. It's a rest that brings true refreshment and real freedom in what is often a very demanding world.

Jesus goes on... 'Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.' Perhaps that sounds a little ominous. Is Jesus simply inviting us to lay down one burden that is too much for us only to replace it with another we will struggle to bear?

It's true that he isn't promising a life free of responsibility. But he is promising a life where we face the challenges that come back under the gracious rule of the One who knows and loves us better than anyone. In his kindness, Jesus calls us back into the life we were always meant to lead and promises to walk with us every step of the way.

David Horrocks



Where in Barkham?

Do you know where this tree trunk, which acts as a barrier across the gateway, is located? I hope it doesn't get moved any time soon!



The Quiz

Given that so much has been happening over the past few months, the theme this time is 'this Summer of Sport'. I hope you enjoy puzzling at these questions!

1. In the Women's Euros football final, which player took the first penalty and hit the back of the net? Why was it disallowed?
2. Which two countries made their debut in the Euros this year?
3. At Wimbledon one tennis player had a family name that with the insertion of another letter turns into the name of a famous tourist attraction in USA. What is his name?
4. Which British female player has a first name that with the removal of one letter makes a famous brand of domestic electronic equipment?
5. What is the name of the runner-up in the Open Golf Championship?
6. After recently winning her first ever tournament as a professional which 21-year-old English player competed in the Women's Open Golf Championship?
7. How many British drivers are competing in this year's F1 Championships?
8. After one player withdrew owing to an injury who was the only Welsh rugby player in the Lions' squad that played in Australia?
9. Which cricketer playing in the cricket test series against India shares the same name as an American president?
10. In the same series which cricketer scored a century in both innings of one test match but missed another owing to a broken bone in his foot?

Neighbours

Ukraine has land borders with seven countries. Obviously one is Russia but what are the others?

Wild About the Coombes

It was with much relief that after several weeks of hot, dry weather, Barkham was finally treated to a worthwhile fall of rain in mid-July. Pleasant though many of us found the conditions, which were more like those that people go jetting off to the Mediterranean for, some found the incessant heat difficult to live with. Gardeners, in particular, may have been distressed to see their plants wilting and worried about the inevitable hose-pipe ban.

Climate change is becoming ever more evident as the years tick by, not just in Barkham but across the world. Extreme weather events are becoming more frequent, as are the breaking of climate-related records such as average monthly temperatures and frequency of heatwaves.

Although some refuse to accept it, or choose not to admit it, climate change is mainly due to human activity. The world is warmed by the greenhouse effect of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Its concentration has risen by a third since the industrial revolution, which started 200 years ago, and is continuing to increase ever more rapidly. This extra carbon dioxide is largely the result of burning fossil fuels - coal, oil and gas. The demand for energy has increased with our population, which is 8 times greater than it was at the start of industrialisation.

Even if we stopped adding to the carbon dioxide, what remains in the atmosphere will continue with its greenhouse effect, raising temperatures further. Sorry if this seems a bit negative but I believe the weather is going to become more extreme, more often, for some time to come before we are able to undo the damage.

So where does the Coombes stand in all this? Woodland plays an important part in reducing atmospheric carbon dioxide. Trees and other plants absorb it and use the carbon for their growth. The dead plants rot into the ground where the captured carbon remains, eventually forming further fossil fuels. So the Coombes is making a contribution towards undoing the damage.

Fortunately, the more intense storms at sea, leading to ever more destructive tsunamis, resulting from climate change, would struggle to affect the Coombes. Higher winds and periods of heavier rain, on the other hand, are likely to lead to trees falling more often.

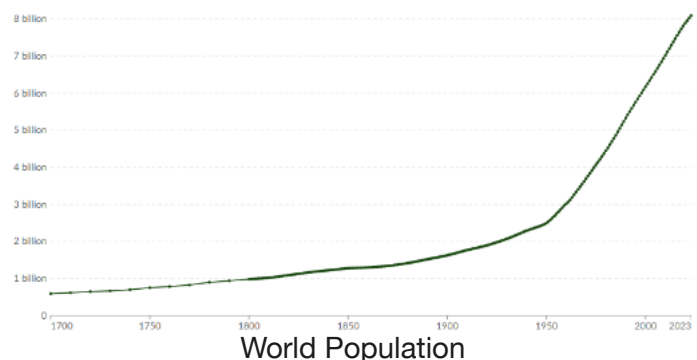
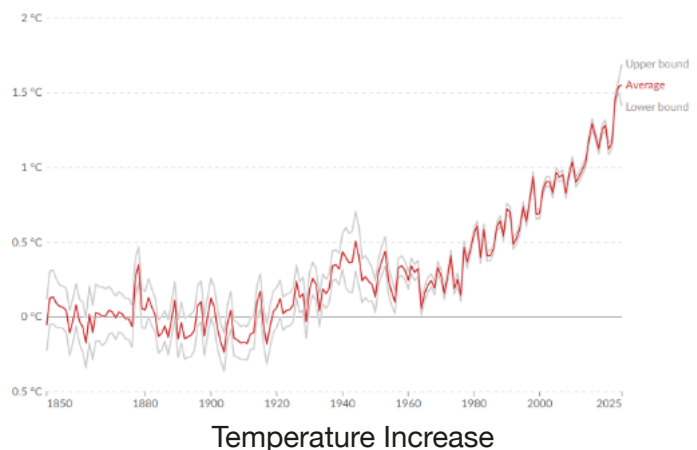
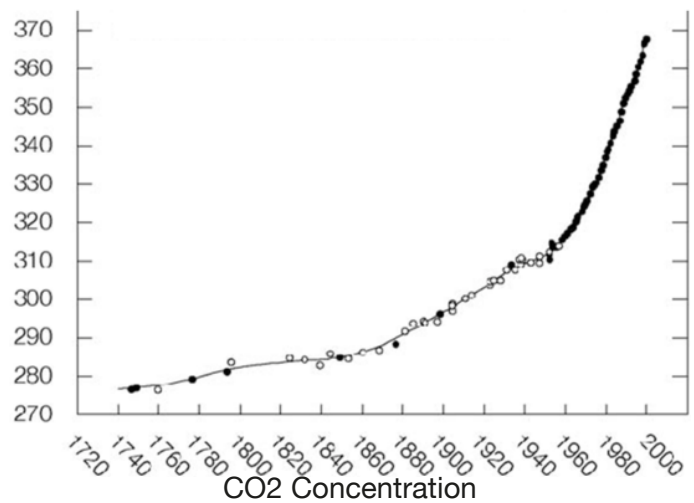
My greatest concern is with the wildfires that are becoming more common and widespread across the world. These release carbon dioxide back into the atmosphere to intensify the greenhouse effect while reducing the amount of woodland remaining to capture

it back.

I hate the thought that longer, hotter droughts than the one we experienced this summer, leads to the Coombes being consumed by fire.

After millennia of evolving as a wildlife habitat suited to its traditional climate, I wonder how the flora and fauna will adapt to Barkham's changing conditions. Will species imported into Britain, for whatever reason, find their way here and colonise the Coombes as rhododendrons have? Will there be palm trees and koala bears? I don't imagine that I'll live to see that much change in our woodland, which is just as well - I rather like it as it is.

Joe Wild



35 Years Ago

Issue 13 comprised five pages on three sheets, stapled in one corner,

still very basic. Of greatest interest to me was an article by *Friends of the Earth*. We were just starting to be made aware of

what we now call climate change. It is interesting reading it and to compare with the article opposite by Joe Wild.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Once again, summer is drawing to a close. As autumn approaches the Annual Meeting of the BVRA will be on the agenda for November at 8 pm in the Hall. The Nomination Committee report will be available from John Adams. I am therefore printing in the October for consideration. The first article covers what changes we can make at home

July saw another Barn Dance, with Parsons Derby Ride eventually hotted up. The arrival of the barbecue everybody enjoyed. The coal, oil and gas burned in our homes and power stations give off carbon monoxide and other gases which contribute to the greenhouse effect and acid rain. By using less fuel, you can help combat these major environmental threats. Some of these measures may cost more initially but the reduction in running costs will save you money, often over very short periods.

Reading through this edition of the Newsletter, it is nice to see contributions from the various organisations in Barkham. I am sure that our Editor will be pleased to hear from any other organisation, or individuals, who wish to provide contributions for printing. Whilst talking about this subject, may I just mention that the siting of a further "rubbish skip" in The Junipers, has been arranged and paid for by the Parish Council as a community service.

Yet again, the BVRA will be making representations on the new application regarding

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FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

Whilst we are all told of the horrors that will happen to our planet if we do not treat it with respect it can be confusing to know exactly what we are supposed to be doing. I am therefore printing in the serial form the advice from the World Wildlife Fund's leaflet "What on earth can I do?". The first article covers what changes we can make at home to combat air pollution and save energy.

On your behalf the BVRA was present at the Appeal last year and gave evidence. Having studied this new application we see no reason to alter our previous conclusion that it should be dismissed on the grounds of road

- Ensure that lights and heating are switched off when rooms are not in use.
- Draught strip doors and windows and make sure you have at least 6" of loft insulation.

- Lag your hot water tank and consider installing cavity wall insulation.
- If you need a new central heating boiler, fit a more energy efficient gas or oil condensing boiler.

- Fit thermostatic controls to your radiators and boiler, and a timer to your boiler to ensure that heat is provided only where and when it is needed. Put your central heating thermostat in the room where you spend most of your waking hours, and set it at around 18-20 degrees centigrade.

- Use compact fluorescent light bulbs instead of incandescent light bulbs. These use only a fraction of the energy of an ordinary light bulb, and although they are much more expensive to buy, they last eight times longer and will save you money because of reduced running costs.
- Buy energy efficient electrical appliances - ask the sales representative for the energy consumption figures.

- Send for the WWF's new booklet "The Greenhouse Effect and You" for more details on how you can play your part in combatting the greenhouse effect. Write to The World Wildlife Fund, expt for Nature, Panda House, Weyside Park, Catteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey GU7 1XR.
- If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Earth please contact Janet McNeill on 328226

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BVRA Social



Well what a scorcher of a Summer we've had in June and a good part of July, with record temperatures and no rain for weeks. The gardens are looking quite sad through lack of rain - hand watering is still not enough! People on holiday at the coast are quite happy though.

Since the last Newsletter there have been 2 events - the Family Skittles and the Distributors BBQ.

The Family Skittles was held on May 17th and attended by 35 people including some teenagers and youngsters. After two rounds of team games the Ploughman's Supper was served, and then followed the 'Killer Game' which got very competitive! Players are knocked out after 2 non-scoring lives are lost, with a choc ice as their consolation prize.

The Winners of the team games were the Hayes Hopefuls, who can be seen in the photo receiving their bags of Skittles.

The player with the highest individual score was our very own Dave Clements with a score of 20, and the two youngsters, Amelia and Oscar, were awarded Junior Champions for the night.

The winner of the killer game was 'last man standing' Chris - very happy to receive his money prize.

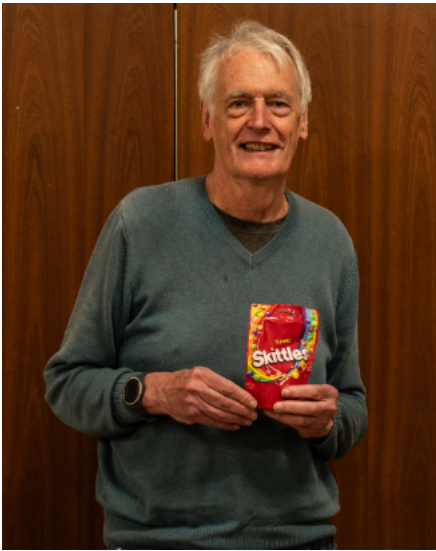


Many thanks to Peter Jay who did all the scoring, and calling the teams for their turn, and to Peter and Lesley for running the bar.

The Distributors' BBQ was held on 19th July and attended by 32 people, and although the weather forecast was a bit doubtful we did manage to eat outside on the grassed area.

We tucked into beef burgers and sausages expertly cooked by chefs Jim, Peter J and Dave, some salads and also enjoyed a glass of wine or two!

This event is when we say 'thank you' to all the wholesalers and distributors who four times a year sort and deliver the Newsletters to residents in and around Barkham. Their time and commitment is



greatly appreciated.

The Social Team have other events booked for later in the year

The first is the very popular Annual Quiz on Saturday 18th October, 7.00 for 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

There is a supper provided, and a licenced bar selling wine, beer and lager.

Tickets cost £17.50 per person and these can be obtained from Gill Powell by emailing social@barkham.org.uk

Teams are of six, but if you don't have a team you will be able to join up with others on the night. Quizmaster Steve and his wife Jan don't ask for a fee, but they are given a donation to their chosen charity each year - the Reading Lions Prostate Cancer Testing Charity.

Then, to round off 2025, there will be the *Annual Carols in the Park* on Friday 12th December at the Junipers Park. The Breakaway Brass Band will again be playing for us as friends and families gather to sing well known carols.

This is a free event but a bucket collection is made for the Band, who very kindly give up their time to play for us.

Meet at 7pm at the junction of the Woodlands and the Junipers, carol

sheets are provided and after the Band and singers have made their way to the edge of the park mulled wine and soft drinks and mince pies will be available. This is always a popular event and a lovely way to start the Festive Season.

We are always looking for more people to join our friendly Social Team, so please contact Gill Powell social@barkham.org.uk if you want more information and feel you might like to join us.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our events - they are always fun and a great way of meeting people if you are new to the area.

Shirley Warner
BVRA and Social Team
Committee Member



“What You Got?” A Detectorist’s History of Barkham - Part 5



There are only so many times Josie could detect in our own garden before we realised that we needed to find more local permissions. As mentioned in my previous missives, it is illegal to search on any land without securing the permission of the landowner, so we are always on the look out for new land that we might explore. We mention our hobby to all our friends and family and, if we’re lucky, it results in us being offered a new field or a back garden to search.

We have spent many hours detecting on fields and gardens in the Swallowfield area as we often find that one permission leads to another when neighbours see the interesting things that we’ve found on a neighbouring property.

At one garden we found a wonderfully eclectic variety of objects; from an engraved thimble dating from the 18th or 19th century which was no doubt gifted to a loved one, to a Daily Mail’s Teddy Tail League enamel badge from the 1930s, to a musket ball, various coins and a handful of children’s toys. You just never know what you will find next!



An enormous ploughed field nearby was surprisingly sparse of good finds...when we discovered other detectorists were regularly allowed to search there it all began to make sense! We were over the moon, therefore, to find the most stunning solid silver William III Shilling from 1696. Once we had registered it



with our Finds Liaison Officer, we proudly presented it back to the landowner who was absolutely delighted to add it to his growing collection of artefacts and coins found on his land.

A field with very inquisitive alpacas revealed another ‘secret pathway’ as once again we discovered item after item all along a definite but nevertheless invisible, line. This pathway must have been the main thoroughfare between the pub and the house as we found coins, buckles, buttons, a watch winder, a thimble and a musket ball as well as many pieces of lead and metal rubbish. It never ceases to amaze us to discover little tidbits of history of the local area just from finding these small everyday items.

A local Barkham resident (you know who you are!) contacted me after

reading the last Newsletter and was after a little advice; his wife had bought him a detector but he was struggling to decipher all the noises and actually find anything. We spent a very interesting couple of hours in his garden and in his neighbour’s adjoining field. We did find an old George II halfpenny dating from 1720-1760. He was absolutely thrilled with that but unfortunately, we didn’t find much else that time but you just have to keep searching!

Despite us insisting there’s nothing left to find in our garden, Josie went back out last week for a couple of hours. She brought in a very dirty piece of thin metal which she thought might be silver...after a little cleaning and a quick silver test (drop some water on to some foil then wrap the object up and rub a little...if it smells like rotten eggs it’s likely to be silver!), we confirmed it was indeed solid silver. It was intriguing to notice that the hallmarks had been completely rubbed off, leaving only the indentations on the reverse side.

This was common practice for some skulduggery; hallmarks were removed so the owner could evade the silver taxes or commit fraud by pretending the silver was older or more valuable than it really was. Yet again we have been educated and entertained by the practices and customs taking place over the years right here in Barkham!

Please do drop me an email if you’re intrigued to know what’s hiding under your garden or field or if you know any local farmers or landowners who might be interested. We will show you everything we find, we are fully insured and we are very tidy. It really is quite incredible to see what’s waiting to be discovered such a small distance away from our feet!

Gaynor and Josie White
familywhite25@gmail.com

Barkham Little Library



Sandy Lane Little Library is a free book sharing box with a simple premise; take a book, leave a book. It's always open and has something for everyone from gripping mysteries and literary fiction to classics and children's stories. Just pop by, choose a book you like the look of, and donate one in its place if/when you can. Be sure to grab a bookmark and leave a message in the guestbook when you visit! It is located at 8 Sandy Lane.

<https://www.instagram.com/sandylanelittlelibrary>



The Bull at Barkham



Hello Barkham!

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new manager of The Bull Inn.

I come from a long-standing background in the hospitality industry, with years of experience running and managing pubs across the country. Hospitality is my passion, and I truly believe in the power of a great local pub to bring people together.

When we first discovered The Bull, we immediately fell in love with its charm, character, and rich history. We saw so much potential in creating a warm, welcoming, family-friendly environment - a true hub for the Barkham community.

Over the coming weeks, we're looking forward to meeting many of you and welcoming you through our doors. We're especially excited to soon launch our new food offering, which we hope will bring something fresh and inviting to your local dining experience.

Thank you for the warm welcome so far - we can't wait to be part of your village life!

Natasha

URGENT APPEAL

Due to rising costs and reduced funding, we urgently need to raise £80,000 to keep our services running in 2025

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Alan's Patch

A crazy, crazy growing season. With all this hot dry weather it's made for a bumper fruit harvest –



apples, pears, strawberries, raspberries, gooseberries, blackcurrants and peaches, plus the stalwart rhubarb! Even my climbing passion flower produced some fruit. Below is the flower and its fruit below. Pity it's not edible or tasty.



Another surprise was plums. I have been growing four plums and a damson tree for about eight years with only a few damsons as a reward in the past couple of years. They have always had great blossom but no fruit. However, this year I was amazed to get an excellent crop of damsons and a few really nice



plums on all four trees. Some were the size of hens' eggs, as you can see! And really tasty, perfect to eat straight from the tree. Not enough for pies or preserves this year but hopefully the quantity of plums will increase now they have figured out how to grow fruit! Plum trees are notorious for taking many years to start fruiting, but I have to admit I was starting to lose patience with them.

I like jam. So, I have been made some raspberry, rhubarb, gooseberry, blackcurrant and damson jam. Shortly I'll be doing some blackberries are nearly ripe in the hedges.

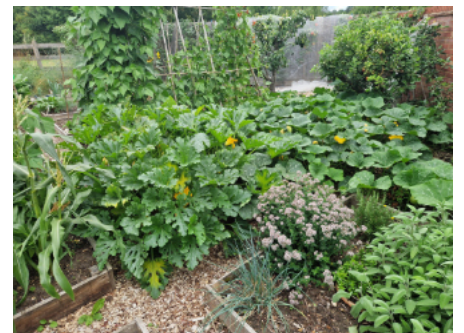
Another successful fruit are the peaches for a second successive year. I am in the middle of processing these into spicy peach chutney - this was a great success last year.

The top surface of soil has been very dry most of this season. In the early part of the year there were easterly and northerly winds that were cool and dry. It scarcely rained from March through June.

Despite watering the drills before sowing, I have had to sow some seeds three times and even then, they have emerged patchily. I suppose I should have watered them more regularly to help them germinate. This has seriously affected the germination of small seeds such as salads, spinach, leeks and Florence fennel although those that made it have done well enough!

In July and August we have had more rain and my irrigation tanks partially filled for a while.

The sweet corn plants are shorter than normal - they hated the cold winds in June but are cropping okay although the cobs are smaller. Also after a slow start courgettes and squashes are relishing the hot, dry weather with a bit of rain. They spread out of their bed across the path and spreading out under an apple tree - a sea of squashes!



The oregano herb in the foreground is covered in flowers and has been a great attractant for the beans and butterflies, including this gatekeeper butterfly.



Beans were also slow to get going because of the cold wind. I have been eating French beans for a few weeks but while the runner beans have grown well there is nothing to eat yet. Borlotti and Cannellini beans are progressing well, to be picked for dried beans for use during winter.

Peas have been cropping well, I have grown them successionaly in four batches.

Potatoes have been great. They could cope with the dry conditions because their seeds (tubas) are large enough and contain enough moisture plus they are planted much deeper where there is more

moisture in the soil.

Carrots and parsnips are doing well despite a slow start with poor germination initially.

The main disaster has been the broad beans which were a total loss because of an infestation of black fly the like of which I have never experienced before. It was such a disappointment because both the Autumn and Spring sowings were growing so well. I returned from being away for a couple of days to find them covered in black fly, and they were doomed! After a few weeks I gave up and dug them out and re-sowed in the hope of getting a late crop but it's a bit unlikely.

In the greenhouse, despite all this hot sunny weather the tomatoes have been very slow to ripen but the cucumbers have been fine. I grow a miniature type which suits my solo life style.

Composting is a dull but essential part of tending my patch. It has been working well with all this heat. Sometimes when I have

removed the cover I have found a grass snakes or slow worm, on occasion, a family of them. Normally they slither off at the back to hide, however this very morning, I pulled the covers off and to my amazement a grass snake must have been trapped in the plastic sheeting and fell to the ground at my feet! It quickly scurried away to hide in the adjacent greenhouse. Unfortunately that was a poor choice as there is no satisfactory hiding place in there so I had to usher it out and into the field behind.

Another dull part of gardening is shelling dried peas to save seeds for next year. These peas are at least 20 generations old!



the Link visiting scheme

As we journey through life, our circumstances change. We may lose a partner, face health challenges, or no longer be able to drive. These changes can make it harder to stay connected, and loneliness can quietly creep in. But even in the toughest times, one thing remains true: friendship has the power to lift our spirits, bring joy, and remind us that we are not alone.

At The Link Visiting Scheme, we believe that no one should feel forgotten or isolated. We match volunteers with older people for regular visits and phone calls - simple acts of kindness that make a

The Power of Friendship in Later Life: Why Reaching Out Matters



world of difference. Whether it's sharing a cup of tea, reminiscing about the past, or just having a laugh, these moments of connection can brighten even the darkest days.

We know it's not always easy to ask for help. Many people feel they should "just get on with it" or worry about being a burden. But reaching out isn't a sign of weakness - it's a sign of strength. It shows that you

value your wellbeing and that you're open to the happiness that friendship can bring.

If you or someone you know is feeling lonely, please don't wait. Get in touch with us. We're here to help, and we'd love to hear from you. We want to make sure no one misses out on the chance to feel connected and we have wonderful volunteers ready to get visiting!

Let's work together to build a community where everyone feels seen, heard, and valued - because friendship matters, at every age.

To make a referral or find out more, visit www.linkvisiting.org or call 0118 979801

Finchampstead Flower Club



Finchampstead Flower Club (FFC) have had a great quarter, with many stunning flowers and inspiring demonstrators.

On National Flower Arranging Day in June, we left roses in FBC for people to take to brighten their day. The event is always popular and this year we managed to coordinate it with the library providing a gardening display!

At our club night in June, Anna

Steven arranged a variety of flowers to the title of “New Horizons”. She used some spectacular containers to display a range of orchids, lilies, lisianthus, roses and more. Members and visitors won 9 different displays in the raffle.

In July, Morgan Douglas Nuth, the internationally renowned arranger and demonstrator, demonstrated a variety of techniques. He kindly donated his containers with his arrangements so that members and visitors could win his visions in the raffle. It also meant that we had readymade receptacles to make another arrangement when his flowers had finished.

Our August meeting will be a workshop for members but on 22nd September Stephanie Cornell will consider “A few of my favourite things”.

If you would like to join us, we normally meet at California Hall on the fourth Monday of the

month, 7.30 for 8pm, £6 per visit to include refreshments.

Please just turn up or contact the chair, Lis Barrett, 01189892092 Elisabeth.barrett.email@gmail.com for further information.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Kriss Turner

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We meet regularly each month and are enjoying a range of different events and speakers with various interesting topics. We've also welcomed some new members to the group recently.

Diane, our Programme Secretary has arranged a varied range of speakers, including in June, Angus Lincoln, an amputee himself, who talked about his Limbcare and Amputee Charity. This was a very informative and moving account of how help is given to those who unfortunately have lost limbs through accidents or infections, and then require support and advice with mobility and prosthetics etc. **Ed:** See Page 6

On 25th June Marilyn, one of our Ladies, arranged a day trip to Rooks Nest near Lambourne, one of the National Open Gardens Scheme properties.

12 of us, including some husbands and friends, enjoyed exploring the extensive natural estate and many formal gardens, and a picnic lunch in the rose garden. A great venue and great weather, and even

greater company!!

In July we had a visit from Tony Lack who gave such an interesting account of the *Life of Bees*. Their hive and colony system is unique and quite complicated and we learnt about the specific roles that the Queen, the workers and the drones all play, and just how important bees are for the pollination of our flowers, shrubs and trees.

He brought jars of his own local honey for sale, which sold very well - most of us like eating Nature's natural food, honey!!

6th August was the date for our annual BBQ, when husbands, partners and friends were also invited. This year we were lucky enough with the weather to be able to eat outdoors, and 33 of us enjoyed tasty chicken drumsticks, beef burgers and sausages, all expertly cooked by chefs Jim, Laurence and Simon. Some of the Ladies provided delicious varied salad dishes too, so many thanks to them and the chefs for such lovely food.

Desserts and cream completed the meal, and a great evening was had by all!

Speakers have been booked for the rest of the year with topics on *Birds of the Ascension Islands*, a children's books author, and the *First Female Police Detective*.

December then completes the year with our usual Christmas Party



Quiz Answers

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2. Wales and Poland
3. Carlos Alca(t)raz
4. Son(a)y Kartal
5. Harry English, an American
6. Lottie Woad, from Surrey
7. Four - Lando Morris, George Russell, Lewis Hamilton and Oliver Bearman
8. Jac Morgan
9. Washington Sundar
10. Rishabh Pant

Where in Barkham?

You will find it along the footpath across the fields from Edney's Hill Farm to St James' Church in Barkham. It is just by the fields where the solar farm will be built.

Neighbours

1. Belarus
 2. Hungary
 3. Moldova
 4. Poland
 5. Romania
 6. Russia
 7. Slovakia
- Ukraine has seven neighbours:

and Secret Santa.

We meet every first Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 7.30 for 7.45pm.

We always welcome new members to join us, especially any new ladies to the area.

For more information about us and joining the group please contact:

Shirley Warner on 0118 9789124 or 07949234085 or by emailing

shirleyannwarner@gmail.com

Shirley Warner (Chairperson)

All Saints Wokingham was buzzing as probably our largest-ever audience and orchestra (and definitely our largest-ever percussion section!) enjoyed an evening of American music, from the rhythms and energy of Gershwin, Bernstein, Copland and John Adams to the haunting serenity of the Barber 'Adagio for Strings'. Rapturous applause for soloist Daniel King Smith and positive comments about the orchestra's sound greeted Robert Roscoe's fabulous and varied programme of music, all unmistakably American. An encore brought a very enjoyable evening of music to a lively conclusion. Thank goodness the temperature was somewhat cooler than the previous few days!

The orchestra is currently taking a well-earned break until rehearsals resume in early September, when we will be preparing for our Autumn Concert on 22nd November, again at All Saints

Church. The programme will include the popular Sibelius 'Karelia Suite' which will be familiar to many. Another work that will probably be familiar, especially the scherzo, is Dvořák's Symphony No 7, which many consider to be his greatest symphony.

Unusually, there will be another symphony in the programme. This is the 2nd Symphony by Elsa Barraine, (1910–99) a 20th century French composer, whose compositions, like those of many female composers of that era, have been sadly ignored and under-performed. It was included in a recent BBC Prom and some members of CSO who were there said they loved the symphony and can't wait to play it! Barraine had an interesting and eventful life both in her musical career, as well as in the political sphere. Both her parents were musicians, and Elsa a child prodigy, entering the Paris Conservatoire at the age of 9, and her composition teacher and mentor was Dukas (of

'Sorcerer's Apprentice' fame). The symphony was composed in 1938 with war threatening, and she was already involved in political life and anti-fascism influenced by her paternal Jewish heritage. Her music reflects both her socio-political views and her religious background (her mother was a Catholic).

Tickets for the concert are on sale, with an 'Earlybird' discount of £3 on offer until 5th October. Details can be found on our website and under-19s are free as always.

The orchestra has about 70 regular members and rehearses weekly on Mondays in term time from 7:45-10pm at St Crispin's School, Wokingham. Our website has information about concerts, past and future, so do sign up for the orchestra's eNewsletter where you will find more about us, our concert programmes and workshops, as well as special offers on tickets.

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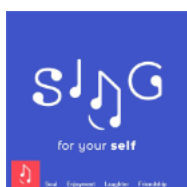
Local singing group *Sing for your Self* held our annual Big Summer Special at Barkham Village Hall on Friday 25th July. Bringing together 120 members of our groups and their guests, we enjoyed a joyful evening of song and friendship. The weather was wonderful, allowing us to socialise outside with our refreshments and mingle amongst our mates as we chatted, ate, drank and then proceeded into the hall to raise the roof!

Our theme this year was *Songs from Stage and Screen*. We sang songs from the 30s through to the 00s, from musical theatre scores to film soundtracks and television theme tunes. From well-known songs such as Edelweiss and Footloose, to the Bond theme *Nobody Does It Better* and the Friends theme *I'll Be There For You*. Spanning the decades and mixing across musical genres allows us to appeal to a wide range of ages and tastes and helps to bring together everyone from older teenagers to octogenarians. Our broad community is central to our groups, being welcoming to all, meeting individual's needs wherever we can and encouraging inclusivity and understanding. Our aim is to send people away feeling uplifted by our sessions and the connections made there, whether they come once a term or twice a week!

Our chosen local charity for our summer's fundraising was The **Link Visiting Scheme**, who we have proudly supported for several years now; their ethos *Life is better with friends* tying in beautifully with our central value of building connections and community. On the night we raised a fabulous £460 for The Link, which will help to fund their work bringing connection to those who are lonely or isolated, through befriending with volunteers and social activities. Marjie Walker, CEO of The Link, attended the evening and was over the moon with the donations: *“The Summer Special was such a joyous, riotous and thoughtful evening and truly reflected the work we do at The Link – bringing people together. Soph's positivity, enthusiasm and kindness just shines through in all she does and we are truly grateful to have her support. These donations will be so valuable.”*

For more information go to www.singforyourself.co.uk or scan the QR code.

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We welcome contributions to this newsletter either on a one-off basis, occasional or regular. We are keen to publicise any charity or events that may be of interest to Barkham residents. Please send them to the Newsletter Editor at newsletter@barkham.org.uk by the deadlines shown below.

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BVRA EVENTS

Quiz Evening - 18th October @ 19:00
Barkham Village Hall

Carols in the Park - 12th December @19:00
Junipers

USEFUL CONTACTS

Barkham Parish Council
2nd Tuesday @ 19:30, no meeting in August
Held at Arborfield Green Community Centre
clerk@barkhamparish.gov.uk

St James Church, Barkham
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Arborfield Gardening Association
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<https://bbandoflowers.org.uk/clubs/finchampstead/>

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Barkham Ladies Social Club
1st Wednesday @ 19:30
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Barkham Pre-School
Tues-Fri @ 08:30
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Bonsai Club
2nd Wednesday @ 19:30
www.berkshirebonsai.co.uk

Brownies
Wednesdays @ 17:00 (term time)

Dinton Walking Group Social
2nd Tuesday @ 19:30 (not June or December)
dintonwalkinggrp@yahoo.co.uk

Dog Training
Mondays @18:30
Lesley Slade 07885 899073

Home Educational Teens
Tuesday @14:00 - 16:00
Paul Bagley
Paulbagley@rocketmail.com

Martial Arts Class
Thursdays @ 19:00
Combat Academy UK
Andy Holmes 07783 206737
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Pilates Class
Mondays @ 10:00 and
Thursdays @ 18:00
Vicky's Pilates 07729 783240

Rainbows
Tuesdays @ 16:30 (term time)

Simply Fit
Saturdays @08:30
Melissa Buckle
melissa@simplyfitberkshire.co.uk

The Sun Room Band
1st, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays @20:00
Keith 07771 974796
keith.hayden.uk@ntlworld.com
www.lemonrock.com/thesunroomband

Sunday Club
Sundays @ 09:00
Julian Bidgood
office@abch.org.uk

U3A Music Groups
Group 1: 2nd & 4th Mondays @ 14:30
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