

application forms are available from the Parish Office or web site. Please note exhibitor application forms need to be completed by Friday, 4 July 2008.

#### Web Site

Warfield Parish Council has given approval for an update of the Council's web site. The site will have a new address [www.warfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.warfieldparishcouncil.org.uk). Should you have any ideas/additions please get in touch with the Clerk. We hope our revamped site will be up and running early in July.

#### Plough & Harrow Crossroads

Many of you will have noticed the traffic lights installed in May at the Plough & Harrow junction. It was with much surprise that the Parish Council found out the work was to take place. For years there have been accidents at this junction and this Council has been lobbying and suggesting improvements. In fact, we promoted the installation of lights about 15 years ago! However, all our suggestions have been ignored. Until now! Without any consultation, the Borough has implemented the junction improvements. We are unsure whether the lights are the result of a predicted increase in traffic associated with the Town Centre redevelopment, or general junction safety and traffic flow improvements. Whatever the reason, it should make the junction safer, especially for pedestrians, who now have crossing facilities. The phasing of the lights was recently adjusted so they operate on vehicle movement rather than timing (or turns). Hopefully this will mark an end to the queues morning and night. Just one note of caution – watch the filters, they operate at peak time only!

#### Warfield History and Heritage

Friday 20 June. Join the Rights of Way Ranger for a Summer Solstice 3 mile evening walk suitable for all the family. Learn about the legends and history of the village, its paths and byways. Meet at 6.30 pm in Larks Hill car park off Harvest Ride, map ref. 871708.

As part of Bracknell Forest's programme of events for Heritage Open Days this year you are invited to come and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and listen to a fascinating talk. 'The Benedictines – why they had such an influence on our area' will be held at the Brownlow Hall on Thursday 11 September at 7.30pm. Numbers are limited so please book your place by calling 01344 354124 or email [heritage@bracknell-](mailto:heritage@bracknell-forest.gov.uk)

[forest.gov.uk](http://forest.gov.uk). In addition, there will be a guided heritage walk around Warfield on 12 September. Further information will be available on our web site nearer the time.

#### The Countryside in Summer

Join the Rights of Way Ranger on Sunday 3 August for a 4 mile family walk around the leafy lanes of the parish. Meet at 11.00 am in Frost Folly car park, Wellers Lane, map ref: 874726. For the more energetic rambler the Rights of Way Ranger will lead a c7 mile walk around the north of the parish on Tuesday 26 August. Meet at 10.30 am in Frost Folly car park, Wellers Lane.

#### Westmorland Park Summer Crafts & Activity Programme

**Saturday 28 June**, 2 - 3.00 pm. Printed flag making, suitable for 6 years upwards, cost £3.50 per family. Pre-booking essential 01344 354400.

**Saturday 26 July**, 11 - 4.00 pm. Paws in the Park, an event for all the family including your dog.

**Wednesday 6 August**, 2 - 4.00 pm. Make your own animal puppets, cost £3 for materials. Pre-booking essential 01344 354400.

**Saturday 16 August**, 10 - 4.00 pm. Ancient trees, a course covering history, identification and monitoring of these precious resources. Free to all but a £10 returnable deposit is required payable to the local wildlife trust (BBOWT). Pre-booking essential 01189 788309

**Wednesday 27 August**, 6 - 7pm at the pavilion, an opportunity to meet the Ranger, refreshments will be provided.

**Dates for forthcoming Council meetings** have been agreed as follows: 18 June, 16 July, 13 August, 17 September, 15 October, 12 November, 10 December 2008, 14 January, 11 February, 25 March, 22 April and 20 May 2009. The precept meeting will be held on 26 November. Please remember all meetings are open to the public.

**Saturday morning surgeries** are held once a month from 10 - 12 noon and provide a good opportunity to meet local Borough Councillors as well as members of the Parish Council. Dates for 2008-9 are: 5 July, 6 September, 4 October, 1 November, 6 December 2008, 3 January, 7 February, 7 March, 4 April and 2 May 2009.



# The Wren of Warfield

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I am delighted to be elected your Parish Council Chairman for another year. I intend to continue to keep up the pressure with the Borough Council Highways Department to work in partnership with them for the installation of vehicle activated signs (VAS) to reduce speeds on our roads. The Planning Committee will continue to object to inappropriate development within our parish and respond to any consultative documents related to development and change within the Borough. We shall continue our quest to find land for allotments, but fear that this may be some time in the future. If you have any concerns or issues, why not attend one of our surgeries, held on the first Saturday of each month, and talk to one of your Parish or Borough Councillors. Alternatively, if you have an interest in your neighbourhood, why not join me at our regular Forum meetings to discuss issues that affect the lives of all the residents of Warfield. Colleen Healy, Chairman

#### Debbie Warner Wins Warfield Award

Debbie gives freely and generously of her time and energy to young people in Warfield. For the past six years she has run the 3rd Warfield Brownie pack where she is better known as Badger. Badger is always present with her Brownies at the Warfield fete and helps to run the Warfield Brownie Fun Day. She frequently helps with Warfield Guides and supports older girls in the Guide movement through the Young Leader scheme for 14 to 16 year olds. At the local St Peter's church, Debbie runs two youth groups and organises a large part of the ever popular non-Halloween party for local children. Debbie has also been a pillar of support for the last six years, to the local toddler group, First Steps, at Whitegrove Youth

and Community Centre. Debbie is Chair of the BFBC Dialogue Group that provides a much needed communication channel for parents of disabled children to talk to social services and be heard. She also sits on a local social services committee that looks into carers' grants. Debbie is the sole volunteer organiser of Magic Art that provides craft and support for siblings of children with special needs and for foster children. She shares her expert knowledge, sources and connections very readily with anyone in need. An inspiration to us all, Debbie breathes life into the local community. Her dedication to the inclusion of people with any disability has made a great difference to local Brownies and the Warfield church as well as the people of Bracknell. Thank you Debbie Warner!

### **NAPS Wins Chairman's Award**

The Nuptown Area Preservation Society (NAPS) received the Chairman's Award for protecting our Green Belt. The award was presented to Will Taylor on behalf of NAPS. Nuptown is the area bordered by Bishops, Hawthorn, Nuptown and Cocks Lanes, which is designated Green Belt and mostly lies within the jurisdiction of Warfield Parish Council. Nuptown contains ancient woodland, Wildlife Heritage Sites and a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The aim of the Society is to ensure that the "Countryside Experience" (varied wildlife, natural habitat, the absence of pollution and access via footpaths and bridleways) is available to riders, walkers, cyclists and other users of Nuptown. The NAPS committee regularly reviews planning applications in the area and monitors the condition of lanes and roads, working to retain the "Countryside Experience" for all users of the area. Occasionally, volunteer work parties are formed to pick up litter and do other tasks. The Society generally meets three times a year, at the AGM, a Summer Picnic and a Christmas Party. Membership is open to local residents.



### **Neighbourhood Policing**

Neighbourhood Policing in Warfield forms part of a wider Neighbourhood Policing approach covering the whole of Bracknell Forest. The Neighbourhood Policing team consists of two Inspectors, four Sergeants, seventeen Police Constables and twenty three Police Community Support Officers. The Parishes of Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield are served by a Police Sergeant and an establishment of two Police Officers and three Police Community Support Officers. This team works under the command of Inspector Pete Carter. While the team is required to work across three neighbourhoods, we are not expected to work alone. The key to successful Neighbourhood Policing is to work closely with the community so as to understand local concerns and know which other resources are available to be called on to support the delivery of policing. My expectation is that the local officers maintain effective networks within the community so a problem solving approach can be taken as opposed to a fire fighting approach. This approach is taken across the borough and by working with our partners such as Bracknell Forest Council and the voluntary sector, crime levels over the last 12 months have fallen by a record 20%; the challenge for us all is to now sustain that reduction in crime and build upon the partnerships so as to tackle the root causes of criminal activity and anti-social behaviour. The key partner in this work is the community itself. Anybody with an interest in local community safety issues, whether it be crime, anti-social behaviour or road traffic issues should make contact with Inspector Pete Carter at Bracknell Police Station. Chief Inspector Simon Bowden  
Local Police Area Commander for Bracknell Forest.

### **Family Cycle Ride in National Bike Week**

Why not join in the Winkfield and Warfield Family Cycle Ride on Sunday 22 June 2008. Meet 9.45 am at Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road, Winkfield Row. You can enjoy a 10 mile circular route through the flat country lanes of Warfield and Winkfield. Certificates will be awarded to those completing the ride and refreshments will be served at the finish.

*Pictures left to right - Colleen Healy presenting the Warfield Award to Debbie Warner; Colleen Healy presenting the Chairman's Award to NAPS Chairman, Will Taylor.*

### **Warfield Produce Show**

Come along to the Brownlow Memorial Hall, Newell Green on Saturday 19 July at 2.00 pm to either take part in or admire the fruits of Warfield. Closing date for entries is 15 July. There is the usual cookery, produce, flowers, flower arranging, wine, photography and crafts sections. There are also 6 categories for various age groups 4 years+, 6 years+, 8years+ and the over 10's. This year's men only cookery section is to make a Victoria sponge cake, a recipe is provided on the entry form. In addition to the exhibits, refreshments and tombola will be available. Presentation of cups will take place at 3.30 pm. Entry forms giving full details of the sections are available from the Parish Office or a committee member.

### **Arts Week: 27 October – 2 November**

Highlights of this year's arts week include a village hall performance. The artist is yet to be confirmed but we are hoping it will be the children's stand-up comic James Campbell. We are planning storytelling in the libraries for younger children and we are also exploring new links with book clubs and writing groups for adults. Ideas for children/family workshops are now being discussed. Currently under review are musical instruments, Halloween costumes, mask making, lantern making, and flag making. Last year's adult sessions were popular so we intend to repeat card making, ceramics and handmade jewellery. This year, we plan to hold a finale on the Friday (Halloween) featuring a procession to exhibit work made during the week at various workshops.

It's not too late to enter the painting, drawing and mixed media competition. Open to all those who live and work in the Northern Parishes (Binfield, Warfield and Winkfield), but not professional artists, the competition will be judged by an independent and respected artist. The theme is Local Space. Entries will be judged in 3 categories ages: 5-11, 12-18 and adult. Prizes and certificates will be awarded for the best works. Works should be no larger than 420 x 594 mm and should be mounted or framed ready for hanging as they will be exhibited at the Arts and Crafts Exhibition which will run from Friday 31 October to 2 November at the Brownlow Hall, Newell Green. In addition, all visitors to the exhibition will be able to take part in a public vote to nominate their favourite work, the result will be declared at the end of the exhibition on Sunday 2 November. Entry and exhibitor