

REMENHAM NEWSLETTER



*Photograph of the poppies at
The Tower of London 2016, by Jenny Law*

SERVICES ST NICHOLAS REMENHAM

Sunday 12 November Remembrance Day

10.55am Act of Remembrance followed by sung Matins (BCP)

Sunday 3 December Patronal Festival

11.15am sung Matins (BCP)



CHRISTMAS SERVICES – ST NICHOLAS, REMENHAM

Sunday 17 December

11.15 said Matins (BCP)

16.00 candlelit service of 9 lessons and carols
followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Parish Hall

Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve

11.15 said Matins (BCP)

21.00 candlelit Holy Communion (BCP) with carols

Monday 25 December – Christmas Day

11.15 children's service with Holy Communion and carols (45 minutes)



Sunday 14 January

Rector's farewell service

11.00am at St Mary's

No service at St Nicholas

Normal services: first, third and fifth Sundays of the month sung Matins (BCP), second and fourth Sundays of the month Holy Communion (BCP) with hymns.

THE CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

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5th Sunday

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Ruth Palethorpe

NORMAL SERVICES

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

First Sunday

11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Second Sunday

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

Third Sunday

11.15am

Holy Communion (BCP)

Fourth Sunday

11.15am

Matins (BCP)

Fifth Sunday

The Rector is happy to visit parishioners and members of the congregation.

Monday is normally the Rector's day off, except for emergencies.

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CHURCH CLEANING

November

Mike Dowsett

December

Penny Whitfield

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ALTAR FLOWERS

November

Charlotte Every

Suzanne Came

December

ADVENT

PARISH REGISTER

Funeral

13 September

John Wright

Marriages

26 August

Russell E Brand and Laura K Gallacher

23 September

Thomas Earnshaw and Emma McCall

30 September

André Ferreira and Zoe Cooper

Baptisms

16 September

Leo Berry

22 October

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PARISH DIARY (See articles for more information)

November

12th 10.55am Act of Remembrance, St Nicholas
13th 2.30pm W.I. Christmas Market, Parish Hall
14th 8.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall

December

3rd 11.15am Patronal Festival, St Nicholas,
Leaving lunch for Father Martyn, the Parish Hall
11th 12.30pm W.I. Christmas lunch at the Flower Pot, Aston
12th 8.00pm Parish Council meeting, Parish Hall
17th 4.00pm Candlelit Carol Service followed by mulled wine and mince pies in Hall
24th 9.00pm Christmas Eve candlelit Holy Communion
25th 11.15am Christmas Day Family Service (45 minutes)

Further ahead

9th February Provisional date for Cricket Club Quiz Night

FROM THE EDITOR

The last issue of the year is usually much shorter than this, but it's been a busy time in Remenham with much to report ! There is also much to look forward to over Christmas.

We are very lucky to live in this wonderful community where over the last two months we have enjoyed the Autumn Fayre, the Harvest Supper and the Remenham Thespians. I am pleased to say that we also have a number of talented photographers in our midst so there is photographic evidence of these events, and I have included as much of this as possible.

The feedback I receive is that you like the photographs and colour pages in the newsletter, but we do need more advertising income to cover the cost. In the New Year we shall be making a concerted effort to extend our loyal group of advertisers. Your help would be much appreciated.

Now for Remembrance Day and shortly after that the excitement of Christmas, with all the Christmas services, mulled wine and mince pies. Then we shall sadly be saying goodbye to Father Martyn and Anne. We shall miss them enormously.

Felicity

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FROM THE RECTORY

Why is it that there always seems to be something to do? Or rather, something that needs doing! Many of us find the non-stop life that we are tending to live not only potentially physically exhausting, but spiritually exhausting too. 'We have no time to stop and stare..' as someone once wrote. And that lack of opportunity to 'stop and stare' is undoubtedly damaging to our spiritual well-being.

Whenever he faces a crisis, and even when he didn't, Jesus was in the habit of 'going apart to pray'. Even he needed to take time to stop and stare, to stop doing what he was doing, to stop doing what other people were expecting him to do, and to take time to be alone with God. You will remember the lovely story of the old man who used to spend hours just sitting in church – when asked what he was doing he replied that 'I just sit here looking at Him, and He just stays there and looks at me.'

I know I'm being very counter-cultural in saying this, but unless all of us learn how to stop and how to just BE with God, then all our other efforts to bring the love of Christ into the world will fail. I find myself increasingly frustrated by some of the younger clergy who think that being a priest is about what you DO rather than what you ARE. They prefer to DO rather than to BE.

Advent is coming, so it's time to take stock - again! And also perhaps to commit ourselves to 'just looking at Him, so that He can look back at us'.

With my love and prayers.

Fr Martyn

NEWS FROM ST NICHOLAS

The biggest challenge facing St Nicholas is that the sad day of the retirement of Father Martyn in January gets ever closer. His last service at St Nicholas will be on 7 January and his last in the Benefice on 14 January at St Mary's; there will be no service at St Nicholas that day. St Nicholas will bid Martyn and Anne all the best for their retirement at a lunch in the Parish Hall on Sunday 3 December. Arrangements are already underway to find Martyn's replacement and we hope to hold the appointment board in July; the Church of England does not move quickly.

The Harvest Supper took place in the Parish Hall on Friday 13 December. We had a record attendance this year with 53 tickets sold. With the stage in place for the Thespians' performance it was all quite cosy but everyone squeezed in and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to all those who came; who cooked cottage pies and apple crumbles; and who helped with the setting up of the Hall and the washing and clearing up. I am pleased to report that the evening made £799.00.

Our thanks go to Lene de Wesselow and Barry Rosier for all their work with the roses lining the path to church from the lychgate. Lene generously donated several new plants in memory of Clare Cridlan, who lived for many years in Remenham Farm. She and Barry have tended them very carefully since the spring and their hard work has been amply rewarded by a wonderful display of flowers during the summer and early autumn.

The next occasions to note are Remembrance Day on Sunday 12 November when we will have our Act of Remembrance at 10.55am followed by Matins. Our patronal festival will be on Sunday 3 December (Matins) followed by the Rector's leaving lunch and then we are into the Christmas Season (see inside front cover for details of Christmas services). We do hope to see many of you over the festive season.

Charlotte Every, John Laing
Churchwardens

LOCAL INFORMATION - PARISH WEBSITE - www.remenhamparish.org.uk

A reminder about the local information available via the website:

- 1. River levels:** you can check these live via the webcam situated at Hobbs of Henley. Either go to <http://www.farsondigitalwatercams.com/locations/henley-on-thames> or click on the link on the website home page.
- 2. Live Traffic News and Notices of Road Works:** The website is publishing a live feed from Highways England of traffic incidents and issues in the South East for those of you who travel our busy roads. This can be accessed by clicking on the "Live Traffic News" tab on the top left hand side of the front page just below the Thames Valley Police Alerts, or via <http://www.remenhamparish.org.uk/live-traffic-news/>. We are also listing any local road works affecting this area by way of publishing any notices.
- 3. Planning Applications:** Any planning applications in Remenham can be found on the Wokingham Website either by clicking on "Wokingham Planning" on the website under "Planning Applications" or via <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/search-planning-applications/>. All Remenham Planning applications are included on the agenda and discussed at the monthly Parish Council Meetings held in Remenham Parish Hall.
- 4. Map of Remenham Footpaths:** See home page

and for website statistics see home page

To contact the website please email hello@remenhamparish.org.uk and to contact the newsletter please email newsletter@remenhamparish.org.uk

From the Editor: *I had to think long and hard about the following article - but given that it is intended to be humorous and that 'Mick' is fictitious, I decided to include it.*

WOKINGHAM COUNCIL'S LOGIC!

I was staggered to read Linda Ashwell's article in the September/October Newsletter, regarding the bulbs being planted along the verges on Remenham Hill. It tells us about the RAG team being told to stop planting by the Council because they did not have £5m Public Liability insurance. What is wrong with signing an old fashioned "Disclaimer" letter. There seems to be a dreadful sense of 'Can't do' coming from the council and we are all paying for this !?!

A similar situation has recently occurred in Wargrave. A house on the High Street (inside the 30 MPH limit) recently redesigned their garden. Along with their new design was a small retaining wall along their frontage, to stop the earth washing down onto the pavement – similar to their neighbours one. At their own expense, they started building this low wall, when along came the man from the Council and told them to stop. He told them that he would object to the wall as it could cause a traffic hazard. So they had to pull down what they had started to build and instead planted Vincia (Periwinkle) to help bind the soil together and stop it washing onto the pavement.

What happens ? Down came the rain and onto the pavement, the soil was washed. The Council then appoints a contractor, who send someone, (lets call him) "Mick wit de Shovel", to clear up the pavement. So, when you have a shovel full of earth; what do you do with it ? Well Mick threw it back up the slope where it came from. There are no flies on Mick! He knows that the rain will wash it down the slope again and he will be employed "wit de Shovel" again next year. The fact that someone had planted Vincia to try to stop this happening is not his problem. Of course, the earth spoil thrown on top of the Vincia kills much of it, making sure of Mick's employment – at your cost!?!

I wonder if this was the same 'Senior Highway Inspector' that stopped our Parish planting bulbs along the verges to brighten the place up in spring? Roll on austerity!!!

*Timothy O'G Roche TD
Remenham Hill*

T'AI CHI

A beginners' T'ai Chi course is now running in Remenham Parish Hall on Tuesday mornings. Doors open at 10.30am for a 10.45am start to a 90 minute session. The cost equates to £10 a class, but do join as a taster for £5. Please ring to check availability - Mark on 07966 253399.

REMENHAM W.I.

October

Our October meeting started with our President Daphne Austen taking us through the business, and reminding Members of our Christmas Market to be held in the Remenham village hall on November 13th at 2.30pm. (*See opposite page for details.*) There will be stalls, wine tasting and a Christmassy tea. All are welcome. Also the Christmas lunch at the Flower Pot, Aston on December 11th at 12.30 for 1pm.

Daphne then took us through the origins of Decoupage, starting with the Nomads, who cut out felt designs to decorate their tombs. Then the Chinese decorated their lanterns with cut outs, and on through Venice, where the Decoupage themes were mainly religious. The French then decorated their furniture. The most famous of all the Decoupiers is Mary Delaney, she did exquisite Decoupage with tissue-like mosaics. There are examples in the British Museum.

Daphne issued us with glue, brushes, special attractive paper, and lovely little treasure chests. All these materials were donated by Hobbycraft. We had great fun, tearing up the paper, gluing away, getting very sticky with lots of chat and laughter. Everyone welcomed a lovely cup of tea, and delicious sandwiches and cake, all provided by Carol Wissett, Jen Terry and June Shelton. Sheila Constantinidi won not only the Raffle but the Art competition as well, not that there were many entries! Pat Sly was presented with a birthday posy. The meeting closed at 5.15pm.

The Bridge afternoon was a great success, and enjoyed by everyone. 12 tables were taken, but sadly 2 had problems and couldn't make the day. The W.I. Committee were fantastic and many helped all day, setting up tea trays and serving and clearing up. All the prizes were donated, both the bridge prizes and for the Raffle. So, over £700 was made. A proportion will be donated to Camp Mohawk, and the remainder to W.I. Funds. Many thanks to all who helped so much, especially W.I. Husbands who backed us up wonderfully!!

Sheila Constantinidi



Local film director and writer, Jo Southwell, has recently been long listed for an independent film award scheme for a film called RUTH. Alongside local actress Nadia Lamin, Jo has developed a new film based on the biblical text of Ruth.

The award scheme is looking for the ability to interpret and become inspired by biblical texts. With her degree in Theology and Media it was a challenge Jo wanted to pursue. If they are lucky enough to move up to the short list, they will pitch at Pinewood Studios. The winning film has the opportunity to travel to LA and pitch in Hollywood.



REMENHAM FAYRE



The Fayre Committee and organisers gathered in the garden of the Parish Hall bright and early on the morning of Sunday 3 September. Everyone was looking at the gloomy grey sky and consulting the forecasts on their telephones. General conclusion was that although the day wouldn't be sunny the rain would hold off until the afternoon – every single forecast lied: it started raining at 1030 and continued relentlessly throughout the day.

Despite the inclement weather which was met with the very British reaction of eccentric rainwear, umbrellas and a “mustn't grumble” attitude, the Fayre was a great success. The bottle tombola run by Sally-Anne and Nicholas Plunket was its usual rip roaring success, the bric a brac was popular and the produce stall, relocated next to the tombola, did well. The dog show had plenty of entries and the children ignored the rain to take part in the races; who can forget the sight of Hugo Laing (no longer a





child) taking part in a 4 legged race with 2 little girls half his height. The tug of war was certainly more exciting than usual given the slippiness of the grass. All these events were enabled by our indefatigable compere Barry Rosier who managed to keep up an unbelievably cheerful and positive commentary the entire afternoon!

There was a good entry for the produce and craft section in the Hall and the WI put on their usual splendid tea and

cakes in the Hall, particularly well patronised as people sought refuge from the wet and the bar and burgers provided welcome sustenance too. The stalls in the garden did less well than usual but thanks to all who resolutely manned them during the afternoon – the guess the number of sweets in the jar seemed to bring out the competitive spirit and made the amazing sum of £82.00. The raffle was also well patronised.

Despite the ghastly weather the event raised its second highest amount of money ever, just under £1,600, so our grateful thanks to all who attended the event, donated produce, bottles and bric a brac and worked so hard to make it a success. Particular thanks to Liz Cope who was the main organizer, and the Parish Hall Committee. The profits will be divided between the Hall and Church.

The winners of the events were:

Dog Show:

Musical Sit - Sally Mowbray with Aster; **Best Trick** - Helen Rosier with Simba; **Best Sausage Catcher** - Noodle; and **Best Village Pooch** - Simon McCall with Merry Go.

Children's Races:

Sack Race - Ava; **3 Legged Race** - (dead heat) Alysia and Gareth and Roxy and Macy; **4 Legged Race** - Ada, Hugo and Delfy.



Produce Show cups:

Class 1-6 Produce -

Jayne Grey

Class 7-9 Flowers -

Charlotte Every

Class 10-14 Cookery and Craft Children

Janette Brown

Dylan Cleaver

*Charlotte Every
Parish Hall Committee and Churchwarden*

See back page for further photographs of the Remenham Fayre, taken by Mark Stevens.

MURDER MOST FUNNY

25 years since the late Peter Sly whipped up enthusiasm for a local amateur dramatic group in the parish of Remenham. Now *Murder Afoot* is their 19th production. It is a tribute to the community spirit of this small parish that it manages to put on productions of such fun and calibre year on year - with a loyal audience in support each time.

Murder Afoot with its twists and turns of plot with the finger of guilt swivelling as fast as a weathercock in a high wind, is not the easiest of scripts. All credit then to director Felicity Rutland whose experience, good humour and attention to detail helped the large cast to put on such a good production. It is never possible to mention each actor by name. One hopes that being part of all the fun of this production of *Murder Afoot* is reward enough. That said, Barry Rosier (*Malcolm Platt - the wayward son*) must be mentioned for his body language and facial twitches alone. The energy of Darrel Poulos (*Thomas Tottering, future son in law*) is enough to make an audience laugh as soon as he appears on stage. As *Murder Afoot* is set in the 1930s there was plenty of opportunity for Angie Emerson (*Penny Platt*) and Louise Binney (*Collete LaMarre, French songstress of dubious moral values*) to dress up to the glamour of the age - an opportunity they both relished, as did the audience. Not an inch of glamour and glitz did they spare - glorious to see.



Happily, it was decided to include a role of *Narrator*, ably performed by Ian Fraser who did his best to keep the audience informed as the murders and confusions stockpiled around the Manor.

Inspector Bullock 2 explains (or hoodwinks?) Colette, Angie, Thomas, the private not personal secretary Miss Noble (perfectly played by the ever professional Marilyn Dudley) and the horrified maid Livia and housekeeper Miss Grimlish (played brilliantly - NOT type-cast, as the plot revealed - by Pru Sly and Sally-Anne Plunket)





Eileen Collins was a white and spooky *Ghost* who rose up from the stage from time to time to forewarn the audience of dramatic events to come (what more!) She is to be congratulated on crossing the river every night (albeit by car) in her nightdress and for her loyalty of some decades to Remenham Thespians. One never mentions a lady's age of course but . . .

Bill Ronald as *Inspector Bullock 2* had the tricky task of delivering lengthy, wordy speeches but he did it and held the audience's ear meanwhile. No easy task. Whether the audience was any the wiser at the end of his speech who can say.

And whose inspiration was it for Nigel Gray to play *Inspector Bullock 1* as a primping, prancing very camp gay? Brilliant and - in these politically over-correct times - made for a very funny interpretation of his role with plenty of chances for him to play up to the role - which he did.



Then there's the Rector, Father Martyn Griffiths. He may be retiring from Church duties but, after his performance as *Dick Drake, the Chauffeur*, he need have no fear of where to next. Without doubt, a career as a chauffeur beckons. And no one pulls a banana out of a napkin with more aplomb than the Rector.

Speaking of aplomb, how did Liz Cope keep her cool as *Prompt* when actors threw in their own witticisms while others whispered 'Where are we?' 'Which line is that?'

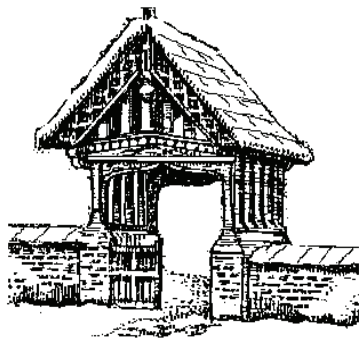
We all know that it takes a team to put on any production - on stage, back stage, front of house - everyone counts but it also takes an inspired seat in the director's chair to make any production work. Director, Felicity Rutland, is to be congratulated for the success of this production. To gather together a raggle taggle of parishioners and guide them through the intricacies of a script such as *Murder Afoot* towards such a fun-filled performance and to sell-out houses every night of their three night run - that was no small feat. More! More! the audience cries. And for next year's production

Bridget Fraser LL.B FRSA - info@barngalleries.com, www.bridgetfraser.co.uk



No Remenham Thespians production would be complete without Anthony West, who insisted on being cast as a murder victim early on, much to the delight of the audiences! And Will Emerson, most competent in his cameo role as the Gardener, must have a bigger role next time!





REMENHAM PARISH COUNCIL AND WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE RECTOR

Very sadly, after thirteen years Father Martyn is retiring as Rector of Henley and Remenham early next year. His last service in the Benefice will be on Sunday 14 January. He has been a staunch supporter of the village over the years and has participated immensely in village events, even to becoming an aficionado of treading the boards. Personally, I cannot thank him enough as pastorally he has been there when needed and has been hugely supportive. I will be one of those who will miss him. I hope you can support the Churchwardens to give him and Anne as good a send-off as we can.

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL WOKINGHAM

Last newsletter I wrote to alert you that sites in Wargrave, Twyford and Ruscombe have been put forward by landowners or developers to the Borough Council for inclusion in the Local Plan Update, which is the Borough Plan for development for 2016 – 2036; most of them are in the Green Belt. The fact that they have put them forward does not mean that they will be built on. I have been unable to receive an assurance that the Green Belt will not be changed as part of the plan process, despite the reassurance of the Green Belt Review, which stated that the Green Belt should not be altered. Indeed, if the Borough accepts the proposition, some five to six thousand houses will be built in Wargrave, Ruscombe, Twyford and Charvil, with the majority being built in Ruscombe. This is extremely popular with some Wokingham Councillors, who vainly believe that it will save their Wards from development. This will detrimentally affect the lives of everyone who lives in the Northern Parishes.

You may think that this has nothing to do with Remenham. However, once the principle of changing the Green Belt for the Local Plan Update is accepted; the next, only four years hence, will make Remenham fair game. To react to this threat, I started the campaign in early September with the objective of protecting the Green belt, the prime agricultural land and the green space between settlements within Wokingham Borough but most particularly within the Ward and the northern Parishes.

We have been very active. I have spoken in person to more than a thousand residents, businesses, parish councils and other interested parties in the last month. There has been good press coverage of our activities. We are just shy of 1,000 followers on our facebook page. We also have 823 'likes'. We are supported by the Campaign to Protect Rural England. We have obtained whole-hearted support from both Parish Councils and Borough Councillors in the northern parishes, of all political persuasions. We have started fund raising and have had a good initial response. We have gained a huge amount of public and institutional support.

We are currently assembling a team of volunteers and professionals, capable of mounting a robust defence. We are building a website to act as the focus of the campaign. We are building a database of supporters and interested parties. We have registered a company "Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham Limited". We have appointed directors, registered for VAT and Data Protection. We are in the process of appointing a planning agent and team, instructing solicitors and Counsel. We will publish another leaflet to garner more support.

To succeed we need your support. Please email the campaign on cprwok@gmail.com or me at johnashallsall@gmail.com or if you do not email please ring 07939 041227. We will keep you informed as to the progress of the campaign. We will ask for your help from time to time. We will guide you as to how that help may best be organised and be most productive.

TRAFFIC

Poynton was a community in decline, divided by decades of anti-social traffic engineering, but was reunited and revitalised by streetscape redesign by Ben Hamilton-Baillie. Poynton is typical of small high street towns in the north of England. It was a mining town originally and eventually became part of the greater Manchester conurbation. The main high street is a major trunk road with a steady stream of North/South traffic. Typical of many UK high streets, the shops struggled and many were closing down. You can see this on *youtube* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vzDDMzq7d0> or searching for Poynton.

Ben visited Henley and cycled around for a day after which he gave some thoughts as to how we may improve our town. His talk was truly inspirational and I commend Stefan Gawrysiak, the Leader of Henley Town Council for setting this up.

Ben is a colleague of Hans Morderman, a traffic engineer in Holland, who pioneered the concept of shared space between vehicles which has overtaken much of Europe but is still very alien to England. The idea is keep traffic moving more quickly, remove traffic furniture and give the streets back to the residents. By doing so, traffic moves more quickly and more safely. I have been advocating this for many years as the only solution for the bridge but it was great to hear from someone who believes that it is both possible and will help the situation in Henley.

LICENSING

Finally there is some action on cumulative impact as an officer has been asked to prepare a report for the Licensing Committee of Wokingham Borough Council to consider a cumulative impact policy for the Remenham area, as part of the forthcoming review of the Statement of Licensing Policy, and seek the views of the ward member and the Parish Council in respect of

this. The policy would have the effect that where it can be clearly demonstrated and substantiated that applications for the grant or variation of premises licences or club premises certificates would add to the existing negative cumulative impact, these could be refused or subject to certain limitations.

SUPERFAST

I have approached Gigaclear, who are currently surveying and producing designs for their roll-out across Remenham. This work includes plotting the optimum deployment approach considering the geography, wayleaves, constraints, surface type etc so we cannot be sure of timescales until this design work has completed.

In the meantime, and maybe therefore, BT tells me that they have brought forward their plans for Remenham.

TRAINS

After extensive lobbying, the half hour shuttle is to be extended to Wargrave in the early new year.

*John Halsall
Chairman Remenham Parish Council
Councillor Wokingham Borough Council*

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REMENHAM PARISH HALL



Normal hire charge: £16.00 per hour
(minimum two hour booking).

Commercial hiring charges by negotiation

The charges include the use of tables and all kitchen equipment except the crockery and cutlery which attract an additional fee depending on requirements. Local residents may hire the tables, chairs, etc for use at their own homes.

For further information and bookings please contact

Mrs Pat Sly, 01491 577925, patsly@tinyworld.co.uk or
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TWYFORD NEIGHBOURHOOD UPDATE

After a very busy summer the team are now busy with many events which include Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day Parades and of course....Christmas!

We will be attending local schools to deliver safety talks with regards to Halloween & fireworks and there will be local crime prevention events in December where the team will be at several locations handing out Christmas crime prevention advice, dates, times & locations to be announced.



There are also a couple of personnel changes – firstly we welcome PC Tracy Mills to the team and PCSO Jessica Howells will be leaving us after two years to start her training to become a Police Officer – she will be missed and we wish her all the best in her new career!

Civil parking enforcement is the name given to transfer of power from police to councils to enforce parking restrictions. Civil parking enforcement commenced across the Wokingham Borough on October 9th 2017.

Wokingham Borough Council will now have full responsibility to enforce the following parking offences:

- Parking on double yellow lines
- Double parking or parking across dropped kerbs
- Parking in a residents parking space without a permit
- Overstaying parking in time-limited bays
- Parking on yellow zig zag markings outside schools
- Parking on verges, lawns or greens owned by Wokingham Borough Council
- Parking in a cycle lane
- Any parking which causes an unnecessary obstruction or that obstructs a pavement

Please report parking issues using the on-line form on the Council's website www.wokingham.gov.uk

Police officers and PCSOs will still be able to issue non-endorsable fixed penalty notices for unnecessary obstruction offences. Police officers can still deal with parking on zig zag lines at pedestrian crossings by issuing an endorsable fixed penalty.

Contact us: Please see display box on opposite page for details of how to contact us.

*PCSO Jackie Daniels
Twyford Neighbourhood Policing Team*

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