

labels and take part in our free competition. Children can also plant their sunflower seeds ready to grow for our tallest sunflower competition. As usual experts will be on hand to help out with any vegetable growing questions you may have!

Budget 2017/18

The Parish Council has set its budget and precept level for 2017/18. Our precept for 2017/18 is £165,348 compared to £154,075 in 2016/17, which equates to an increase of £1.62 per year for the average household.

Our plans for the year include delivering our first allotment site, improving the heating at the Brownlow Hall as well as continuing to support local groups and events. We will also continue to hold our popular family summer of fun event, Vegetable take and grow, Warfield & Winkfield cycle ride and Arts Week.

Parish/Borough Councillor Surgeries

We hold a monthly surgery where Parish and local Borough Councillors are available to discuss any problems and ideas you may have. So, if you have any planning, litter, parking, open space or any other issues, then come along to the Parish Office to meet your Councillors on:

- Saturday 4 March, 10am – 12 noon
- Saturday 1 April, 10am – 12 noon

No need to book or make an appointment, just pop in at a time to suit.

2017
DIARY DATES



With the New Year well underway it's time to start 'saving the date' with a number of events being organised and supported by Warfield Parish Council. Here's a few to get you started with more details of each event in subsequent editions of The Wren:-

2017 DIARY DATES

Big Spring Clean Litter Pick Saturday 4 March

10.30 am – noon meeting at Larks Hill car park off Harvest Ride. Warfield Environment Group led event.

Parish Assembly Wednesday 3 May

7.45pm Whitegrove Community Centre

Vegetable Take and Grow Sunday 7 May

11.30 am – 1pm Whitegrove Community Centre

Warfield Village Fete Saturday 10 June

12 noon – 4pm Warfield Memorial Ground

Family Cycle Ride June (Date TBC)

Likely to be on a Sunday from 09.30 at Carnation Hall, Winkfield Row

Warfield Produce Show Saturday 22 July

2 – 4pm at Brownlow Hall, Newell Green, entries to be delivered to the Brownlow Hall by 10.30am on the day

Warfield's Best Front Garden Competition Judging – July

Launched at the Vegetable Take and Grow event and judged in July. For more details see later editions of The Wren or call into the Parish Office.

Summer of Fun – Warfield Memorial Ground – Friday 28 July TBC

See later editions of The Wren for confirmation of date and times.

Measuring Warfield's Tallest Sunflower – Late August/Early September

Launched at the Vegetable Take and Grow event and judged late August to early September. For more details see later editions of The Wren or call into the Parish Office.

Pumpkin Show – New Leathern Bottle – Sunday 24 September TBC

Warfield Pumpkin Show is a traditional family event, held annually. For confirmation of dates and more information on how to enter see later editions of The Wren.

Arts Week 22 – 29 October

Full programme to be published in The Wren September 2017 issue. If you're able to help out with any of our sessions then we'd love to hear from you; just contact Jonathan at events@arts-week.org.

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New Warfield Development

Land East of Avery Lane (Area 2)

Berkeley Homes are continuing their work across land east of Avery Lane. Construction on the 65 senior living/extra care homes is well underway along with the 58 apartments south west of the Spice Lounge (Three Legged Cross). The first section of the new road linking the Quelm Park roundabout to Forest Road has already been completed and provides access to the new primary school which opened its doors for its first intake in September 2016.



Warfield C.E Primary School, Woodhurst

Construction works on the remainder of this road and the link to Forest Road continue with closures currently in place to enable the development of a new roundabout.

The phase 1 construction near Frampton Bridge is nearing completion with residents in their new Woodhurst Park homes. Works on the east-west greenway running from the development through to Sopwith Road are well underway with further planting due to start soon.

Phase 2 construction is now underway with the development of 94 dwellings and open space off Harvest Ride.

Land west of Avery Lane and east of Maize Lane (Area 1)

Planning applications for sites west of Avery Lane and north of Larks Hill have been received from Harrow Estates, Kitewood and Millgate for the consideration of 213 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping.

Bracknell Forest Council is continuing to talk with developers and land owners over the sites in area 1. Work on the feasibility brief for the proposed Neighbourhood Centre will begin shortly.

Land west of Maize Land (Area 3)

Bracknell Forest Council is continuing to talk with developers and land owners over the sites in area 3 over development of a masterplan for the area.

Warfield Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following a number of resident open sessions at the end of 2016, we finally reach the conclusion of this long journey. At the end of February the draft Warfield Neighbourhood Plan will be reviewed by the full Parish Council. The plan will then be submitted for 'pre-submission consultation' - the formal consultation whereby consultation bodies that all Neighbourhood Plans need to consult are contacted and their feedback requested. This includes the following groups (many more will also be notified):

- Bracknell Forest Council (BFC) planning policy, highways and housing departments
- Adjacent Parish and Town Councils
- Historic England; Natural England; Berks, Bucks and Oxon Wildlife Trust
- Environment Agency; Highways Agency
- Thames Water
- Owners of community facilities named in the policies

- Warfield Residents and community groups.

At the end of that six-week consultation period, the comments we receive will be considered and policies reviewed in the light of all feedback. The Submission version of the plan will then be submitted to BFC for a further 6 week period of consultation prior to independent examination by an examiner appointed by BFC. If the examiner concludes that the plan meets certain tests set down by government, they will recommend that the plan should be put to formal referendum when all residents of Warfield will have the opportunity to vote for or against. If successful, the Plan is then adopted by BFC and will form part of the Council's Planning Policy documents.

Road Works - Forest Road

Please be advised that works to construct the new link road connecting Sopwith Road to Forest Road continue.

In order to construct this link there is a requirement to close Forest Road in order that works can be executed safely. The closure will be in place until April 2017 prohibiting vehicles proceeding in any direction along the B3034 Forest Road between its junction with the A3095 Maidenhead Road (Three Legged Cross) and its junction with West End Lane. The alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure will be via the B3018 Binfield Road, Harvest Ride, A3095 Newell Green and the B3034 Forest Road.

The footpath along Forest Road will remain open during this time but may be diverted to accommodate works.

For more information about this road closure you can contact Berkeley Homes on 01753 784400 or email forestroadclosure@berkeleygroup.co.uk. You can also view details of the closure and the diversion route map at the Parish Office.



Allotments

It has been a while since we have had an update on our new allotment site. The good news is that we are now progressing with the legal transfer of a site on Sopwith Road just off the Quelm Park roundabout. Clearance and groundworks will begin on the site shortly and we will be contacting residents already on the waiting list to discuss the next stage.

Parish Assembly - Wednesday 3 May

The annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 3 May, at the Whitegrove Community Centre. The Assembly is an annual meeting for Warfield residents, giving the opportunity to learn more about the work of the Parish Council and to discuss local issues. We will also have a guest speaker. Full details in the next issue of the Wren.

Warfield and Chairman's Award 2016 - Nominations Welcome!

We are looking for nominations for the Warfield and Chairman's Award which is presented annually at the Parish Assembly to an individual/couple and a group who, respectively, have made a significant contribution to the community in Warfield.

If you know of an individual/couple/group who you feel has made an outstanding contribution over the last year then we'd like to hear from you. Please contact us at the Parish Office by Friday April 7. Presentations will be made at the Parish Assembly on Wednesday 3 May.

Vegetable Take & Grow - Sunday 7 May - Help Required!

Warfield Parish Councils popular family Vegetable Take and Grow event takes place on Sunday 7 May this year from 11.30 am to 1pm at the Whitegrove Community Centre. Once again we are looking for your help, we need volunteers to grow and donate seedlings to the event; we can provide seed trays/pots if required. If you are able to help then please contact the Parish Office.

As well as providing free vegetable and herb seedlings for residents to 'grow their own' there will be the opportunity for children to plant seeds, design plant