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PRESENTS



Celebrating 50 years  
of Wargrave Festival

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# BY WARGRAVE FOR WARGRAVE

It's our pleasure to welcome you to the 25th Wargrave Festival, an event that has been a staple in the community for almost 50 years since the inaugural festival held in 1975. This year's theme is "Gold Fever," and it is a golden anniversary celebrating all that makes up this splendid community.

This year's 19-day festival will feature a host of fun-filled family delights, dazzling formal events, spirited theatre and musical performances and roving culinary delights. It will honour the Olympic year, with many sporting events, and will bring the community together for the wonderfully riotous Wargrave's Got Talent show, as well as the traditional Wargrave Village Parade through the historic village and down to the Village Fete.



To our fabulous sponsors, we are always grateful for your support, and this year, we are thrilled to partner with you for this very special festival. Your support goes a long way to helping us stage the festival. Many local businesses have also put their weight behind the festival by advertising in this programme. We hope you will consider using them for their services.

And finally to you - our devoted community, without the support of this generous village, the Wargrave Festival would not have continued to thrive for 50 years.

We hope you enjoy this special 50 year celebratory programme and we look forward to seeing you in summer!

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR



It is my absolute honour to lead us into the 2024 Wargrave Festival celebrations this June. As we reminisce about the past 50 years of the Festival, we have created a programme of events to reflect and celebrate the golden era.

I am incredibly excited to join the wonderful people of Wargrave in celebrating and partying as Gold Fever comes to town. I look forward to seeing people connect and enjoy themselves at the huge variety of events - as together we mark this very special anniversary of the Wargrave Village Festival.

*Cath Forsaith*

## 2024 WARGRAVE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

The 2024 Wargrave Festival Committee is made up of a group of dedicated local residents from various backgrounds, all committed to giving you an experience to cherish. The Wargrave Festival is a not-for-profit event that embraces the spirit of community, offering a social experience that enhances social cohesion and provides a platform upon which local societies and charities can hold major fund-raising events to benefit the local community. This year's committee includes:

Cath Forsaith (Chair)  
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Joanne Goodman (Sponsorship)  
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### HOW TO BUY YOUR TICKETS

All festival events will go on sale on Ticket Day unless stated otherwise in this programme.  
Many events will sell out early so make sure you're there!

**SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 FROM 9AM**

Scout Hut, Recreation Ground, Wargrave RG10 8BH

Tickets can be purchased online from Sunday 21 April.

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20 APRIL



# WHERE IT *all began in* 1975

## The vision of one man

Many villagers thought he was crazy. The idea of uniting the village from the High Street to Highfield Park. They said it wouldn't work.

The then Vicar, the late Reverend John Ratings, mused in 1974 that a village festival, "[would] be a useful exercise to do something for village unity in the days when our country desperately needs a common aim and purpose. All would be encouraged to take part."

And, that they did - and so a tradition was born.

The festival was deemed a huge success and it was reported that "even the weather had picked up for those few days in early June!" So it was decided that another Village Festival would be held to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.



Left: Revd John Ratings performing the crowning of the May Queen, Christina Tiranti in 1975.

Right: First Festival Programme cover in 1975.



Top: Parade float formerly know as Wargrave Theatre Workshop

Above: Elizabeth French (Wargrave Festival Queen) and Robert Morley in open vintage car .



## Highlights of the first decade

### 1977

Held over 10 days, in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. Highlights were a performance by RPJS, a Boat Club BBQ, a sponsored row, 'Oklahoma' the musical, the Village Ball, and the Village Fete.

### 1975

Held over a long weekend, highlights included a musical performance of 'Oliver', a Village Ball, a Flower Show and an Orchestral Concert. Tickets to some events cost between 50p and £1

### 1981

The "Festival Queen" in 1981 was Elizabeth French who rode in the parade with Robert Morley. There was a pillory at the Fete with Keith Hurley and Chris Shultz. The Parade floats were becoming more elaborate.

### 1979

New ideas were being introduced into each festival. 'Best Dressed Shop Window', the Village Parade led by actor Robert Morley in a horse-drawn carriage, sporting activities and events for teenagers.

### 1985

In 1985 there was a sports day, a mixed open American tennis tournament, an It's a Knockout competition, a mini-marathon, a local history exhibition and an 'Omani Banquet' with the Sultan of Oman.

### 1983

There was a lawn mower race for both ladies and gentlemen, a gymkhana and horse show, and the usual favourites.

**"Unite the community and have fun together"**

Late Revd John Ratings, 1974

## Share your memories and be part of the special 50 year celebration

At the festival this year, we hope to share a treasure trove of the community's best memories of the Wargrave Festival since 1975.

If you would be happy to talk about your fondest memories of Wargrave Festival, please get in touch. If you have any photos or stories from 1975 to 2022, we would love you to share them. Contact us at [wargravefestival@gmail.com](mailto:wargravefestival@gmail.com).



## Shakespeare on the Green A Midsummer Night's Dream, by William Shakespeare



Wednesday 12 June  
Thursday 13 June  
Friday 14 June  
Saturday 15 June

8:00pm | Bar opens from 7:15pm  
Wed & Thur: Adults £20  
Fri & Sat: Adults £22  
Students (18yrs & under) £12

Mill Green, Station Road, Wargrave, RG10 8EU  
Raked, covered, comfortable seating  
Licenced bar before the show and at the interval.

Get ready to be enchanted under the stars as Wargrave Theatre brings Shakespeare's timeless masterpiece, A Midsummer Night's Dream, to life on Wargrave Mill Green. Join us for an evening of magic, mischief, and mayhem, where love takes centre stage amidst the moonlit trees. Nestled in covered tiered seating, enjoy the whimsy of Shakespeare On The Green—a delightful al fresco experience where laughter, love, and a touch of fairy dust create an unforgettable night out. Don't miss the enchantment of an open-air extravaganza that promises Shakespearean charm with a dash of Wargrave flair!

Book tickets on Ticket Day  
and online after Ticket Day at  
[www.wargravetheatre.co.uk](http://www.wargravetheatre.co.uk)  
Ticket Source 0333 666 3366

For further information please see  
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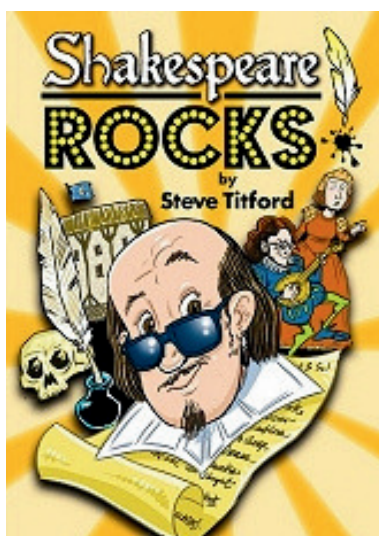
## Wargrave Youth Theatre presents "Shakespeare Rocks!"

WYT are proud to present a musical production about the "GOLDEN" years of Shakespeare.

Aubrey, The Rough Shakespeare Company's pretentious director, obtains what appears to be William Shakespeare's lost diary. Along with his down to earth assistant, the pair decide to embark on an exclusive adaption of the flamboyant Bard's personal journal.

"Shakespeare Rocks!" is a fresh, funny and up to date look at the life and times of

William Shakespeare, with a cast of hilarious historical characters, amusing glimpses into some of his works and how he came 'To Be'. Spread the word... Shakespeare didn't just write... he rocked!



Shakespeare Rocks! - Written by Steve Titford and directed by Chez Annetts.

Friday 14 June - 6:00pm  
Saturday 15 June - 3:00pm  
Tickets: Adult £8 | Children £5  
Mill Green, Station Road, Wargrave, RG10 8EU

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*'If this doesn't engage children and have them eating out of our hands, then nothing will!'*

Book tickets on Ticket Day or online [www.wargravetheatre.co.uk](http://www.wargravetheatre.co.uk). Call Ticket Source 0333 666 3366

**FESTIVAL TICKETS GO ON SALE ON TICKET DAY**

See page 19 for more details

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20 APRIL

## Family Silent Disco



Friday 14 June | 6:30pm-late  
Woodclyffe Hall, High Street, Wargrave RG10 8BY  
Hosted by The Wargrave Boating Club and Wargrave  
and Shiplake Regatta  
6:30pm hotdogs and refreshments for sale  
7:30pm Silent Disco and bar open 'til late  
Tickets: Adult £10 | Child £5  
All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer

'River Rhythms - Silent Disco' a family friendly evening of music, dance and fun! Join us for a unique experience where headphones transform the night into a private dance party! Bar and hot-dogs available. The excitement extends beyond the dance floor with games and activities for all ages. With headphones provided, every member of the family can groove to their own rhythm. Come and create unforgettable memories at the one-of-a-kind silent disco event, with family fun on the dance floor!

The Dolphin School logo features a stylized white dolphin head on a dark blue background. To the right, the text 'DOLPHIN SCHOOL' is written in white, with 'DOLPHIN' in a larger font. Below the logo, it says 'An Independent Prep School for Boys & Girls aged 3-13'. There are two photos: the top one shows a family (father, mother, and three children) sitting on a bench outdoors; the bottom one shows a group of children in a classroom setting, some looking at a book or activity.

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The poster for 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' has a dark green background with a large, detailed illustration of a tree with many leaves. A full moon is visible in the upper right quadrant. The text is white and elegant, with 'Wargrave Theatre presents' in a simple font, 'William Shakespeare's' in a cursive font, and 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in a large, flowing script font.

Wargrave Theatre presents  
*William Shakespeare's*  
*A Midsummer*  
*Night's Dream*

12th to 15th June 2024 on Wargrave Mill Green  
[www.wargravetheatre.co.uk](http://www.wargravetheatre.co.uk)



# Safari Supper

Saturday 15 June | 7:00pm Champagne Reception

Venue: Tree Tops, Church Street, Wargrave, RG10 8EP (champagne reception & cheese course)

Tickets: £28 per couple. Includes: glass of champagne, two food courses (with wine) plus cheese & wine.

Contact: Catherine Lamb 07795 552986 | catherine.wildlamb@gmail.com

Join Wargrave's biggest ever dinner party, meet lots of new people and have a great time.

The Safari Supper is "Come Dine with Me" Wargrave style with the focus on meeting people from your local community and having fun!

The Safari is open to couples (or friends, if you're single) and together you'll enjoy a starter, main course and dessert at three different homes in Wargrave village – one of which will be yours! You'll also host one of the courses, providing food and wine for a total of six people.

You'll know in advance of the event which food course you're hosting and made aware of possible dietary requirements\* (non-meat or non-fish eaters). But to maintain an element of intrigue and surprise, you won't know who's coming to your home until the evening itself.

It's a bit like a merry-go-round! Couples stay together for the evening but are rotated at the end of each food course to meet a new set of people at the next home they visit. Everyone switches venues in the village at the same time so you'll bump into lots of new friends as you walk to your next course.

The Safari starts with a champagne reception. Only then will you find out where you are going for your starter. You'll be told your next destination at the end of each food course. The evening ends with everyone coming back to the starting point for cheese and wine.

As each course will need to be served and consumed within 45 minutes to 1 hour, it's worth preparing delicious dishes in advance that can be served up quickly on the night.

The aim is for this to be a lively, buzzy evening with everyone having a good time and meeting new people from the Wargrave community.



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## Rules of participation

1. You'll be asked to cook for, provide wine and host one of the food courses for 6 people. The course (starter, main course or dessert) will be assigned to you at least two weeks before the event.
2. The home used for hosting must be based in Wargrave Village inside the blue boundary line shown on the map below.
3. The participants visiting your home for the food course will be kept secret until the night of the event. However, you will be told in advance of any dietary requirements\* so you can cater for them.
4. Participants need to be over 21 years of age and permanently reside in Wargrave.
- 5.\*Due to the risks surrounding food allergies and the limitations of other dietary requirements, participants will be asked to take into consideration only the needs of non-meat or non-fish eaters.



**Wargrave Safari Supper**

## Wargrave 10K & Kids Fun Run



**Sunday 16 June | Wargrave Recreation Ground, RG10 8BG**  
**Kids Fun Run Start - 9:15am | 10K Start - 10:00am**  
**Kids Fun Run Online - £5 | On the day - £6**  
**10K Early Bird Prices: Before 1 May Online**  
**Affiliated: £18, Non-Affiliated: £20**  
**10K from 1st May Online**  
**Affiliated: £20, Non-Affiliated: £22, On the day: £25**

Hosted by Wargrave & Twyford Runners and Barnes Fitness, the Wargrave 10K & Kids Fun Run joins the Wargrave Village Festival this year. The 10K starts from the Wargrave Recreation Ground and takes you out towards Crazies Hill, along undulating country lanes and back again. The Kids Fun Run (approximately 1 mile) is all off-road on Wargrave Recreation Ground. Profits from the Kids Fun Run will be donated to the Robert Piggott Primary School PTA and profits from the 10K to local charities. Set yourself a new goal, lace up your trainers and be part of a fantastic running event!

## Historic Wargrave Walk



**Sunday 16 June | 2:30-4:30pm**  
**Meet on Mill Green, near the War Memorial, RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: Adults £3**  
**Accompanying children free**

Learn about Wargrave's fascinating history on a guided walk through the heart of the village. Wargrave Local History Society is again organising this popular event, to include the area around Mill Green and the High Street. For safety reasons in the High Street, numbers will be limited to a total of 80 (in 2 groups) on the walk. The walk takes about one and a half – two hours, and is mainly on made-up pathways. Tickets will be available in advance, or (subject to availability) on the day.

For questions contact [secretary@wargravehistory.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wargravehistory.org.uk)

## Fun on the River



**Sunday 16 June | 1:00-5:00pm**  
**Wargrave Boating Club**  
**Station Road, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: FREE (no need to book)**

Join us for an exciting day on the river, including a treasure hunt by boat and bouncy castle for kids. Everyone, regardless of age or ability, can participate in something.

We will also have a variety of snacks, a barbecue and a bar to keep you fueled up. Bring your family along for a fantastic afternoon at the Boat Club on Station Road,

### COME AND JOIN US FOR SOME RIVER ACTION THIS SUMMER!!

Open every day over the summer holidays, Wargrave Boating Club is an unbeatable and affordable way to entertain kids over the long break!



### A PLACE TO HANG OUT BY THE RIVER

When not on the river, the Wargrave Boat club is a great place to chill-out on the grass lawn, light up the gas BBQ for a riverside cookout or get competitive at table football. Make use of the clubhouse with summer boating, fully equipped kitchen, changing rooms and toilets.

WARGRAVE BOATING CLUB

[wargraveboatingclub.co.uk](http://wargraveboatingclub.co.uk)



# Academy of St Martin in the Fields

Monday 17 June  
Arrive 6:45pm for 7:30pm  
St Mary's Church, Station Road  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

Tickets: £35 Silver Patrons | £50 Gold Patrons  
VIP Tickets: £125 inc. dinner at The Bull PLUS best seats  
Regular tickets (limited view) £25



This year, the Academy of St Martin in the Fields is celebrating the life and legacy of their founder Sir Neville Marriner (1924–2016), and will treat residents of Wargrave with a special 'not-to-be-missed' performance.

After mesmerising audiences at the last three Wargrave Festivals, we are excited to bring you this magical experience and what is sure to be the most glorious performance in St Mary's Church by one of the world's finest chamber orchestras, renowned for fresh, brilliant interpretations of the world's greatest orchestral music.

This year's programme includes Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture, a stunning new commission by British composer Errollyn Wallen CBE, Mozart's Paris Symphony, and Beethoven's Violin Concerto; giving you the chance to hear one of the most famous and well-loved violin concertos performed by world class violinist, Tomo Keller.

Join us to celebrate 50 years of Wargrave Festival with a golden line up of your favourite classical music in this sumptuous evening of music.



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MONDAY 17 JUNE 2024  
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, WARGRAVE  
6.45PM for 7.30PM



Beethoven Violin Concerto (soloist Tomo Keller)  
Mendelssohn 'Hebrides' Overture  
Mozart 'Paris' Symphony  
New commission by Errollyn Wallen CBE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON TICKET DAY THEN, from tickets@pursuitnha.com £125 VIP SPONSORS, INCLUDING DINNER £50 Gold Patrons / £35 / £25





## Snooker Speed Doubles



Monday 17 June | 7:00pm  
Woodclyffe Hostel, Church St, Wargrave RG10 8EP  
Tickets: £15 (inc. first drink free)

## Wargrave & District Snooker Club

Woodclyffe Hostel, Church Street, Wargrave RG10 8EP

The Wargrave Snooker club is probably the village's best kept secret!

The main hall boasts three superb, full-size snooker tables and is unrivalled in the area. Our well-stocked bar provides a comfortable haven for refreshments and operates on a card-only basis for ease of payment.

Our ever popular festival speed doubles tournament offers the perfect way to enjoy a fun, relaxed evening, discover the club and meet new people. This is open to players of all abilities so please either come with your doubles partner or on your own and we will pair you. All equipment provided.

## Golden Art



Monday 17 June | 7:00pm  
Woodclyffe Hall, High St, Wargrave RG10 8EP  
Tickets: £25 (includes materials and glass of wine)

Unleash your inner artist and craft a masterpiece that lasts!

Need a little bouquet to brighten your day? Join us in creating these vibrant Impressionistic-style flowers, inspired by Berthe Morisot's artwork. In just a couple of hours, you'll have your own one-of-a-kind canvas painting bursting with colour. No art skills are necessary, and all materials will be provided, along with a complimentary glass of wine!



## HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

TICKETS WILL GO ON SALE ON TICKET DAY  
SATURDAY 20TH APRIL FROM 9:00AM  
SCOUT HUT, RECREATION ROAD,  
WARGRAVE RG10 8BG

Complete the enclosed order form at home and bring it along on Ticket Day. It will speed things up!

Card payments preferred (cheques accepted). Please note we **WILL NOT** be accepting cash on Ticket Day.

**TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM SUNDAY  
21st APRIL**

For events that have not sold out on Ticket Day, tickets will be available for purchase on our website from **Sunday 21st April**. Visit our website to book tickets to your favourite events. You will also find contact details for most events if you'd like to find out more.



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## Seniors' Summer Tea Party



**Tuesday 18 June | 2:30-4:30pm**  
**Luncheon Club**  
**Hennerton Golf Course, Crazies Hill Road, RG10 8LT**  
**Tickets: £7**

The senior citizens of Wargrave are invited to a Gold Fever themed afternoon tea at Hennerton Golf Club.

Take in the spectacular views while enjoying delicious sandwiches, delightful home-made cakes and enchanting entertainment. There will also be a lucky ticket number prize draw.

This popular event is organised by the Luncheon Club and Pop-In teams, with sponsorship from Wargrave Festival. Transport can be provided for those who need it.

## Festival Folk Club



**Tuesday 18 June | 7:30pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Station Road,**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £12.50**

The Folk Night will feature a mixture of traditional and contemporary music in the charming surroundings of the St Mary's Church Centre. Local band French Collection will once again be appearing along with some special guests. There will be a bar selling beer and wine at Festival prices.



## Golden Beginnings Gin & Rum Tasting



**Tuesday 18 June | 7:00-11:00pm**  
**Wargrave Cricket Club Marquee,**  
**Recreation Ground, RG10 8BG**  
**Tickets: £18**

*'A true friend reaches for your hand.....and puts a glass of gin in it.'*

So be a true friend and buy a couple of the hottest tickets in town this summer and bring your best friends down to the Rec. The gin tasting is returning, with some new gins, along with zero alcohol gin choices. Come with us on a journey to discover a wide variety of specially selected gins from local, national and international producers. For some added sparkle to this year's festival we are adding a rum cocktail table.

Every guest will be given their own souvenir gin glass and 3 tokens, one token for one shot of choice. All festival gins will be paired with a perfect mixer and matched garnish to compliment and enhance your gin experience. Additional gin and rum tokens can be purchased on the night, soft drink choices will be available.

A luxury GIN hamper will be on display on Ticket Day. The ticket prize draw will take place at the Golden Beginnings Gin & Rum Tasting Event

## Butterflies



**Wednesday 19 June | 9:30-11:30am**  
**St Mary's Church, Station Road,**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £5**

A delightful morning for parents, babies and toddlers. This is a chance to relax, meet new families from the village and give your young ones some time to socialise! Come prepared to be spoilt as we treat you to a delicious brunch and lots of craft activities to enjoy with your little ones.

## Pub on the Green



**Wednesday 19 June | 6:30pm - 11:30pm**  
**Venue: Mill Green, Station Road, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £10**

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Following a sell-out first year, Pub On The Green returns to mark the opening night of the marquee and start the Festival party with a bang.

There will be two bars offering a range of traditional and craft beers from the Rebellion Beer Company, along with a cocktail bar to help fuel your dancing. A live band and a banging playlist will soundtrack your evening. Delicious gourmet food will be available from our South African braai to help soak up the beer so there's no need to eat before you come. The Rodeo Bull will be back, this time with prizes for staying on the longest, and we're hoping to have a couple more surprise features on the night.



This event sold out within a week of Ticket Day last time, so make sure you get your tickets early! Numbers are limited to 400 people and we expect to sell out quickly. Wargrave Festival's Pub on the Green is proud to partner with Sheeplands Self Storage.



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## Jazz on a Summer's Night



**Thursday 20 June | Doors open at 7:00pm**  
**Wargrave Boating Club**  
**Station Road, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £15**

This year we present Thane and the Villains featuring Art Themen - Saxophone Pete Whitaker-Organ and George Double - Drums plus special guests Denny Illet – Guitar and Vocals and Martin Shaw - Trumpet.

Make no mistake, this is a superb collective of musicians, each one at the top of their game.

Proceeds from the event will go to The Debt Centre in Henley which also covers Wargrave.

Its aim is to support local people in need and work with them on their route out of debt. A truly worthwhile cause.



So bring a picnic and some wine and listen to the music which will be sublime!

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### TAKE PART IN OUR SILENT AUCTION

In support of our wonderful village societies and committees, we are delighted to be launching the 'Gold Fever 2024' online auction

Find more details on Page 15 of this programme or scan the QR code from April to see the prizes.



SILENT AUCTION 2024

## Bingo



**Thursday 20 June**  
**Doors open at 7:00pm. Eyes down at 7:30pm sharp**  
**Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £8 (includes 1 bingo book of 10 games)**

Eyes down everyone for some great family fun in support of 1st Wargrave Guides and Wargrave Rangers. Will it be two fat ladies or a cup or tea, or perhaps goodness me that gets you calling BINGO to win the cash prizes on offer? Either way you will have great fun.

Everything you need for a great night of bingo will be provided, but the serious bingo players among us may wish to bring their own bingo dabber or pen. Refreshment and snacks available to purchase on the night.

This is a vibrant family event for folks of all ages from 7 to 107. No experience is needed and help will be given explaining each game for the uninitiated. Newcomers welcome!



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**Festival's Festival presents: Ibiza Club Classics**



**Friday 21 June**  
**7:30pm - late**  
**Tickets: £22**

**Marquee on Mill Green**  
**Station Road,**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**

The Festival's Festival presents: Ibiza Club Classics!

50 years ago, Pacha opened its doors for the first time and the iconic Ibiza club scene was born. For one night only, Ibiza is coming to Wargrave in honour of the Festival's 50th birthday. Featuring resident DJs Si Macc and Paul 'Oli' Oakenfold.

Dig out those dancing shoes and get ready for a night of lights and spectacle - come celebrate five decades of partying on the White Isle!

Each ticket includes a free welcome drink! Food will be available for purchase. Please join us for a highlight of the Festival and the biggest party of the summer! All proceeds go to the Robert Piggott Infant & Junior School's PTA.



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### BECOME A FRIEND OF THE FESTIVAL

This year we are excited to invite you to become a Friend of the Wargrave Festival for its 25th Festival.

The Wargrave Festival is such an important part of the fabric of Wargrave. It is brought to you by a small group of volunteers who devote hundreds of hours to provide a platform for local clubs and societies to host events that raise much-needed funds for their work in the local community.

With your loyal support, you will contribute to the ongoing success of the Wargrave Festival which is enjoyed by thousands of people and provides valuable support to many local community groups.

By becoming a Friend of the Festival, you can opt to have your name displayed on our Friends of the Festival page on our website.

**Suggested minimum donations of £10 or more would be gratefully received. Scan the QR code to the right to become a Friend of the Festival.**

### TAKE PART IN OUR SILENT AUCTION

In support of our wonderful village societies and committees, we are delighted to be launching the 'Gold Fever 2024' online auction in association with Superstars Fundraising. Help us to raise funds by bidding on a range of incredible prizes, with something for everyone on offer. Choose from fine dining or adrenaline-fuelled experiences to exclusive artwork and memorabilia, or treat yourself to that luxurious holiday you've been eagerly awaiting. Bidding will be open to all in June 2024, by visiting <https://superstars-auctions.com/goldfever2024>



The auction will finish with a bang at the Festival's Golden Ticket Ball where guests will have one final chance to place the top bid. If you aren't lucky enough to snap up a ticket to the ball, don't despair, you can place your bid on the online platform before it closes!



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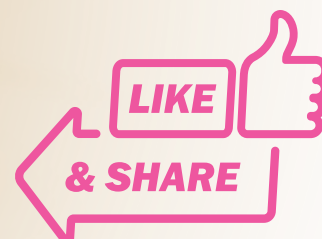
If you love the Wargrave Festival and you want to see it continue, please consider becoming a Friend of the Festival in 2024.

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# WE'RE GOING GREEN

## WE'LL DO OUR BIT. PLEASE HELP US BY DOING YOURS.

Festivals have a big impact on the environment because of the waste they generate, the transport needed to get people to and from events, the energy consumed, the water used, not to mention the food and drink that is often wasted. Let's work together to make the 25th Wargrave Festival the greenest yet and sustainable for many more years to come.

*What we do now will help preserve this wonderful event for the next generation.*

### Our environmental commitment

We are very conscious of our environmental responsibilities, and we are doing everything we can to make the 2024 Festival the greenest one yet. Our focus is on minimising landfill and reducing plastic products on-site, with the aim of eliminating all single-use plastic at the festival.

- Festival bars will only serve drinks in glassware or eco-cups. There will be no plastic straws on-site, and water and soft drinks will only be served in cans or glass bottles.
- We will ask all food vendors and caterers to use biodegradable or compostable packaging.
- We strongly encourage all event organisers and societies not to use single use plastic products at their events.
- We strongly encourage everyone to bring their own reusable water bottles and coffee cups to use with on-site vendors.

### Green Team

A team of young people will once again attend Mill Green events to support our green initiatives. The Green Team is now an established fixture at the festival, and they manage all the waste on site as well as dealing with the huge volume of glass washing that comes with a plastic-free bar. Please help them by using the correct bins when you dispose of your rubbish.



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### Thanks to our Sponsors

All these initiatives have a big impact on our costs, and we are lucky to have two sponsors who share our values in this area. We are pleased to confirm that H'artisan Speciality Coffee Co. and Wargrave Dental Surgery will sponsor the Green Team for the second festival in a row.

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It is a pleasure to support the festival Green Team again this year. At H'ARTISAN we know all about catering waste, recycling and washing up! The Green Team do a fantastic job keeping on top of the recycling as well as managing the glass washing in a plastic free bar.

Sarah Hart - H'Artisan

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Ranju and I are delighted to sponsor the Green Team in 2024.

It's great to give so many young people in the village an opportunity to get involved in the festival and work on such an important and worthwhile element of the events. The Green Team does a fantastic job doing the daily festival clear up and we're happy to support them.

Anu Chadha - Wargrave Dental Clinic

### Four simple ways you can help the environment this festival

- 1 Walk or cycle to events where possible, or use public transport. If you do need to drive, can you lift share with others?
- 2 Bring your own water bottle and reusable coffee cup.
- 3 Use the correct bins for rubbish to support our aim to maximise recycling and minimise waste
- 4 Please help us out keep Mill Green clean. Use the bins provided.



# THE EARLY YEARS OF WARGRAVE FESTIVAL





FESTIVAL AT A GLANCE

# WHAT'S ON

Your 'lift-out' guide to Wargrave Festival 2024

Wargrave Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'	WED	<b>12TH</b>
Wargrave Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'	THU	<b>13TH</b>
WYT presents 'Shakespeare Rocks' Wargrave Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Family Silent Disco	FRI	<b>14TH</b>
WYT presents 'Shakespeare Rocks' Wargrave Theatre presents 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Safari Supper	SAT	<b>15TH</b>
Wargrave 10K and Kids Fun Run Fun on the River Historic Wargrave Walk	SUN	<b>16TH</b>
Classical Evening with the Academy of St Martin in the Fields Snooker Speed Doubles Golden Art	MON	<b>17TH</b>
Seniors' Summer Tea Party Festival Folk Club Golden Beginnings Gin & Rum Tasting	TUE	<b>18TH</b>
Butterflies Pub on the Green	WED	<b>19TH</b>
Bingo Jazz on a Summer's Night	THU	<b>20TH</b>

## TICKETS ON SALE ON TICKET DAY

SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 FROM 9AM  
Scout Hut, Recreation Ground,  
East View Road, Wargrave RG10 8BH

Tickets on sale online from Sunday 21st April

# IN JUNE 2024

TICKET DAY  
SATURDAY 20 APRIL  
SCOUT HUT, RECREATION GROUND  
FROM 9AM

**21ST** FRI

Festival's Festival presents: Ibiza Club Classics

**22ND** SAT

Wargrave Bike Fest & Family Sports Day  
Saturday Night Dance Fever

**23RD** SUN

Wargrave Triathlon  
Go for Gold Festival Tennis Day  
Ramble & Picnic  
Open Gardens  
Songs from the Shows

**24TH** MON

Bridge for All  
Crazies Comedy 4 Kidz  
Crazies Hill Comedy Night

**25TH** TUE

Live Well in Wargrave  
An Evening with Simon Williams

**26TH** WED

Teddy Bears' Picnic  
Quiz Night

**27TH** THU

Wargrave Literary Festival  
Children's Literary Event

**28TH** FRI

Golden Ticket Festival Ball

**29TH** SAT

Wargrave Village Parade  
Wargrave Village Fete  
Wargrave's Got Talent

**30TH** SUN

End of Festival Service & Family BBQ  
Morris & African Dancing  
The BBO Big Band Show

## HOW TO BOOK TICKETS

### BE FIRST IN LINE ON TICKET DAY

Ticket Day will be held on **Saturday 20th April from 9:00am**. There are a few new events to watch out for too that we think will sell out quickly!

**DON'T FORGET TO COMPLETE THE ENCLOSED ORDER FORM AT HOME AND BRING IT ALONG ON TICKET DAY. IT WILL SPEED THINGS UP!**

Card payments preferred (cheques accepted). Please note we **WILL NOT** be accepting cash on Ticket Day.

### BUYING TICKETS ONLINE FROM SUNDAY 21st APRIL

Tickets for most events can be purchased on our website from **Sunday 21st April**. Visit our website to book tickets to your favourite events. You will also find contact details for most events if you'd like to find out more.



TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE FROM 21ST APRIL 2024  
WARGRAVEFESTIVAL.ORG.UK



# THE LATER YEARS OF WARGRAVE FESTIVAL



# FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD

## THIS YEAR AT THE FESTIVAL, LOOK FORWARD TO ENJOYING A WIDE RANGE OF DELICIOUS FOOD

We will be offering a range of multinational food options including:

- ★ South African Braai
- ★ Italian Classic Pizza
- ★ British picks such as Pork Pies and Cheese Boards
- ★ Spanish Paella
- ★ Sausage and Bacon Baps
- ★ Meat & Vegetarian Burgers
- ★ Specialty Coffee and Cakes
- ★ Fruit
- ★ Ice Creams

There will also be a focus on offering various alternatives catering for vegetarians and those who are gluten free.



## BEHIND THE SCENES

### Festival tents & toilets - what's involved?

Festival infrastructure and logistics – or ‘tents and toilets’ as we are affectionately known - deliver the infrastructure for all of the festival events and provide support to the event organisers as they tailor facilities for their activities. This starts well in advance by booking the marquee, seating, toilet block, storage units, waste disposal, fridges and security and collating specific requirements for each event, both those on Mill Green and those held elsewhere throughout the festival. Over the years we have also accumulated a lot of equipment – pop-up gazebos, tables, lighting, power cabling, portable speakers and

amplifiers, fans, plumbing, a glass washer and signage – and developed relationships with local companies who supply additional equipment as and when required.

A week before the festival starts – we begin to build the site on Mill Green in preparation for the first events, move equipment out of storage, plumb in the toilet block, provide power distribution and establish wi-fi where required.

The marquee is installed during the second week of the festival – we build the bar, install the fridges, add additional power and lights, install the audio equipment and stage lighting, and build the stage. We also hang the bunting and the festival banner on the High Street.

During the festival – the logistics team ensure that each event has the equipment it needs, and that the sites are kept safe and secure. We also change the configurations where required after each event. This often can lead to a few late nights – but you can see the fruits of our labour at every event and we can enjoy the satisfaction of watching Wargrave at play.

When all of the events are complete – we disassemble everything and clear the sites back to their former state – usually a three day exercise – as if we had never been there!



**BUY YOUR TICKETS ON TICKET DAY - SATURDAY 20 APRIL 2024 FROM 9AM**

All festival events will go on sale on Ticket Day unless stated otherwise in this programme.

Scout Hut, Recreation Ground, Wargrave RG10 8BH

Tickets can be purchased online from Sunday 21 April



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20 APRIL

## Wargrave Bike Fest



### Cycle the Chilterns

Saturday 22 June  
75km distance £30 | 8:00am (adults only)  
50km distance £25 | 8:00am (adults only)  
20km Family ride: Adults £10 | Child (Under 18) £1  
Start time from 8:30-9:30am & take as long as you like

The Wargrave Bike Fest is more than just a cycling event; it's an all-encompassing celebration of wellness and cycling, with something for everyone, whether you're a seasoned cyclist looking to explore the Chiltern's most rewarding climbs or a family wanting to encourage kids to take on a longer ride than usual. After the ride, refuel your energy with coffee and cake, followed by a tasty BBQ and refreshing beer for lunch at Mill Green. If you're not a fan of lycra, don't worry, there's so much more to enjoy back at Mill Green with a day full of sporting challenges to celebrate the Olympic year! There will be rock climbing, tennis, cricket, rugby and rowing challenges, among other fun activities. Wargrave Bike Fest is proud to partner with British Cycling and Active Silver.

### Family Sports Day

Saturday 22 June  
10:00am-3:00pm  
Entry: FREE  
Mini Olympic Pass: £5 (13 & under)

### Location

Mill Green,  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

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## JOIN THE PACK

### WARGRAVE WOLVES FOOTBALL CLUB

*If you're 5-18 years old, come and play football with the Wargrave Wolves in a safe, fun & supportive environment.*

For further details about the club and how to get involved visit us at the Wargrave Bike Fest and the Wargrave Festival Village Fete.  
[wargravewolves.co.uk](http://wargravewolves.co.uk)





# GO FOR GOLD

FESTIVAL OPEN DAY

**SUNDAY 23 JUNE, 2PM-5PM**

WARGRAVE TENNIS CLUB  
RECREATION GROUND, RG10 8BG

Wargrave Tennis Club are proud to be supporting the Wargrave Festival for their Golden Anniversary. And we hope all members of the village will come and join our Go for Gold Tennis Day.

ADULTS £5 | CHILDREN £2.50  
Ticket includes a free burger.

**New members always welcome**  
wargrave.tc.co.uk

Tickets available on Ticket Day and online from Sunday 21 April  
wargravefestival.org.uk

## Saturday Night Dance Fever



Saturday 22 June | 7:00pm - 11pm  
Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU  
Tickets: Adult £15 | Child £6  
No experience needed.

Join us for an enchanting night of dance, fun and family entertainment. Come and experience the joy of dancing to celebrate 50 years of Wargrave Festival.

You will witness inspiring demonstrations and show dances from talented local dancers. There will also be the opportunity to take part in fun group classes to learn some moves of your own and show off your fancy footwork. If you would prefer to watch and not dance, that is fine too - you can always channel your inner Craig Revel Horwood and offer constructive comments and tips to your friends and family members from the sidelines!

As the night progresses, we'll turn the lights down and the music up so you can lose your inhibitions and dance the night away to the best salsa and Latin rhythms. This is a popular family-friendly event that you don't want to miss.

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## Wargrave Triathlon



Sunday 23 June | 6:30am  
 Mill Green, Station Road, Wargrave RG10 8EU  
 Tickets: Early Bird March/April £55 individual | £70 team  
 May/June £60 individual | £75 team  
 Tickets available only at [www.thewargravetriathlon.co.uk](http://www.thewargravetriathlon.co.uk)

The Wargrave Sprint Triathlon is one of the most anticipated sporting events of the Wargrave calendar. This year is extra special as it celebrates the Golden Anniversary of the Wargrave Festival.



Starting in Ferry Lane, Wargrave, participants will dive into a 750m swim up and down the River Thames. Cyclists can enjoy a scenic 20k route followed by a delightful 4 x 1.25K loop run centred around Mill Green where the spectators cheer you into the champagne finish.

## Go for Gold Festival Tennis Day



Sunday 23 June | 2:00-5:00pm  
 Wargrave Tennis Club, Recreation Ground, RG10 8BG  
 Tickets: Adults £5 | Child £2.50 (ticket includes a free burger). No equipment or experience needed

Go for gold at the Wargrave Festival Go for Gold Tennis Day. Try out a wide range of tennis events for players of all ages and abilities.

Play in a Pickle Tennis Tournament (the fastest growing sport in America); get some free tennis coaching to improve your game; enter the fastest serve competition; or just grab some rackets and play tennis with your friends and family. Golden chocolate medals available for all the winners! BBQ, music and fully licensed bar (thanks to our friends at the Cricket Club).

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## Ramble & Picnic



Sunday 23 June | 12:00 noon  
 Meet outside Ruscombe Church  
 Southbury Ln, Ruscombe, RG10 9UD  
 Tickets: FREE booking required

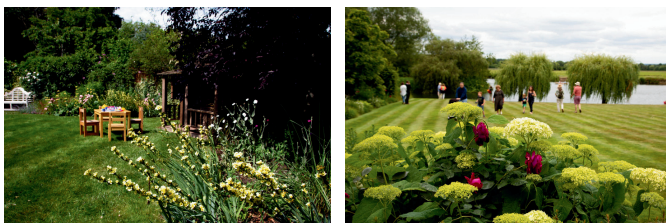
Join us for a lovely 4-mile circular ramble across the fields between Ruscombe and Waltham St Lawrence, roughly following the perimeter of what was until drained in 1820, Ruscombe Lake. Meet outside Ruscombe Church at 12 noon. This ramble will not be suitable for buggies. We shall stop half-way round for a bring-your-own picnic.

## Open Gardens



Sunday 23 June | 2:00pm-6:00pm  
 Around the village  
 Tickets: Adults £5.00 | Under 17 FREE

Wargrave is renowned for its breathtaking gardens, tended with love and care by their knowledgeable and green-thumbed owners. The Open Gardeners of Wargrave are delighted to welcome you to wander around their gardens, enjoying the summer sunshine, brushing against overflowing borders of delphiniums, clematis, paeonies and petunias, fountains of wispy grasses and blousy hydrangeas. Some gardens have ponds buzzing with wildlife, some have clucking hens, some grow vegetables (including the Woodclyffe Allotments) and some provide teas, homemade cakes and a sit-down. Create your own walking tour of the gardens (maps available on the Festival website in April) and discover the hidden gardens of Wargrave and their enthusiastic gardeners.



## Songs from the Shows



Sunday 23 June | Doors open 6:30pm for 7:00pm  
 Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU  
 Tickets: £22  
 Presented by Wargrave Heritage Trust

THEY'RE BACK! ADAM, NADIM, SOOPHIA and WENDY with BEN as MD on piano, LUCY (cello) and other musicians, will again be entertaining you with all the familiar songs from your favourite well-known musicals, such as 'Les Miserables', 'Cats', 'Phantom of the Opera' in which Adam is currently appearing as Monsieur Andre, and many more including some from less well-known shows that you will love, in an unforgettable musical evening.

**Tickets sold out on Ticket Day for the last four Festivals. So don't miss out!**

Pictured right  
 Adam Linstead with  
 Matt Harrop in  
 'Phantom of the Opera'.



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## Bridge for All



Monday 24 June | 2:00-4:30pm  
The Old Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Wargrave  
Tickets: £40 per table of 4 | Single tickets at £10 each will be available to make up ad hoc tables.

If you are looking for a fun filled afternoon, come and join us for an exciting game of BRIDGE and a delicious FULL AFTERNOON TEA. Don't forget to bring your table, table cloth, cards and score sheet. Prizes will be awarded.

If you have any dietary restrictions kindly let us know. Organised by Cockpole Green Women's Institute  
Contact



[cockpolegreenwi@berkshirewi.co.uk](mailto:cockpolegreenwi@berkshirewi.co.uk)

## Crazies Comedy 4 Kidz (and their grown-ups who really should know better)



Monday 24 June | 4:00pm  
Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU  
Tickets: £6 | £20 for family of 4

Why should the grown-ups get all the laughs? It's time for the kids to have some fun with Mark Jones' Comedy Show for Kids...and grown-ups who really should know better.

Join Mark for a show full of stuff, nonsense & silliness, knowing that at any moment he could veer wildly off-script on a spontaneous tangent, take you down a comedy cul-de-sac, & then attempt to reverse out by resorting to childish jokes and silly voices. There will be the opportunity to get up on the stage & tell your best joke in the Make Mark Laugh competition, and possibly the chance to break a world record! Suitable for ages 6 and up. People aged from 84 to 104 must be accompanied by both parents. Or a responsible adult. Or better still, an irresponsible one. Follow Mark on Instagram for the chance to take part in the Make Mark Laugh section of the show: @mistermarkjones

## Crazies Hill Comedy Night - adults only!



Monday 24 June | 7:00pm  
Tickets: £22 inc. complimentary drink

Marquee on Mill Green  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

Come & join us for another evening full of laughter at the Crazies Hill Comedy Night. Get ready to laugh your socks off with some of the best names from the Comedy Circuit. The bar will be open from 7pm and, back by popular demand, Paella by Antonio will be available for pre-order only (Chicken or Vegetarian paella - also suitable for Vegans & Gluten Free) & served from 7:30pm. Please note the show will contain adult humour suitable for those aged 18+.



## Live Well in Wargrave



Tuesday 25 June | 7:30-10:30pm  
 Tickets: £10 inc. goody bag & glass of fizz

Marquee on Mill Green,  
 Wargrave RG10 8EU

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Join us for a fabulous evening of fashion, wellbeing, beauty and pampering! Enjoy a glass of fizz with friends while listening to inspiring talks on health, wellness and style.

Browse the wonderful selection of businesses selling accessories, wellness products, skincare and fashion. Pamper yourself by booking a treatment - Indian head massage, foot and hand massage, manicures, pedicures, reflexology and ear piercing will all be available to book online from ticket day onwards. A goody bag and glass of fizz is included in the ticket price. Wargrave Festival is proud to partner The Little Yoga Studio and Ola Coffee Co. for Live Well in Wargrave.



## An Evening with Simon Williams



Tuesday 25 June | 8:00-10:00pm  
 Woodclyffe Hall, High St, Wargrave RG10 8EP  
 Tickets: £12

Simon was last seen on stage at The Old Vic in the acclaimed *The 47th* by Mike Bartlett, other recent appearances include plays at The Donmar, The National Theatre and *The Bridge*. He is best known as James Bellamy in the 1970s award-winning TV drama, *Upstairs Downstairs*, other television work includes *Don't Wait Up*, *Midsomer Murders*, *Dr Who*, *The Bletchley Circle*, *Sherlock Holmes* and *Poldark*. For the last five years he has played Justin Elliot in *The Archers*. He and his wife, Lucy Fleming are having a great success round the country reading the wartime letters of her parents Celia Johnson and Peter Fleming.

Simon has written two novels and seven stage plays. His latest play *Alone Together* was a big success at The Theatre Royal Windsor last summer.

For questions contact [secretary@wargravehistory.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wargravehistory.org.uk)

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## Teddy Bears' Picnic



Wednesday 26 June | 10:00am-12:00pm  
Mill Green, Station Road  
Wargrave RG10 8EU  
Tickets: £5 per child

Come along to a Teddy Bears' picnic for a fun-filled morning, sure to delight all young children. The ticket price includes a children's entertainer, face painting and story time. Hosted by Wargrave Pre-School, this event is open to all young children accompanied by an adult and a teddy bear.



## Quiz Night



Wednesday 26 June  
Doors Open 7:30pm for 8:00pm  
Tickets: £6

Marquee on Mill Green  
Station Road,  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

The Wargrave Festival Quiz is back again!

Join us for a night of fun and games in the marquee for this perennially popular event. Select your team of (maximum) 6 members and put your collective knowledge to the test for a mix of factual, trivial, cryptic, and gold related questions. Our star quiz master is back to lead the charge and keep you entertained throughout the evening.

As always, the competition will be fierce, but the rewards are worth it! The winners' trophies may be small but the glory and kudos is huge, so come on down and show the village what you and your team have got! Your ticket includes a light mid-quiz snack and there will be a full bar with table service available so you won't be stranded at the bar when the question is asked to which only you know the answer. There will also be a prize for the best team name. Don't miss out! Mark your calendar for Wednesday 26 June and pick up your tickets on Ticket Day.



## Wargrave Literary Festival



Thursday 27 June | From 7:00pm  
Tickets: £10

Marquee on Mill Green  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

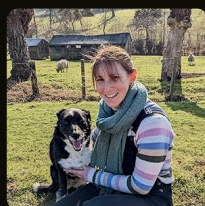
Join us for Wargrave's popular Literary Festival. Come down to the marquee and enjoy a glass of wine (or two) while listening to talks from some fascinating authors. We will have an interview with a prominent public figure, as well as discussions between acclaimed authors. For those interested in writing there will be the opportunity to arrange consultations with a literary agent or an editor. In between the talks, have a browse of the various stalls, including Fourbears Books, library information, and other stalls selling crafts, literary goodies, and stationery. Meet new and local authors – or just enjoy a glass of wine and some delicious sweet treats while catching up with friends.

### WHO YOU'LL MEET AT THE WARGRAVE LITERARY FESTIVAL



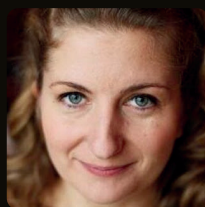
#### Rt Hon. Theresa May

As Prime Minister and Home Secretary, the MP for Maidenhead saw the devastating results of injustice for individuals and the reputation of politicians and institutions. Her book, *The Abuse of Power*, is a searing expose of injustice and an impassioned call to exercise power for the greater good.



#### Kate Wells

Kate Wells is a local author. Last festival she was in our audience, but since then she has signed a five-book deal, and we are delighted to welcome her back as a speaker! She will be discussing her Malvern Mysteries series, in particular, *Murder on the Farm*, and *Stranger in the Village*.



#### Julie Crisp - Workshop

Acclaimed Literary Agent Julie Crisp will be running 1-1 workshops for anyone who is a little further along in the writing process and would like the input of a successful agent.



#### Cesca Major

Cesca Major is a novelist and screenwriter. She has written 14 novels under different names and her books have been published in 12 countries.

She has been nominated for the RNA's Romantic Comedy Award, HWA Gold Crown and the CWA Gold Dagger Award. She currently has TV and films in development with companies including Hello Sunshine, Apple Monumental Television, 42, Roughcut, Sky Studios and the BBC. Her latest book and Reese's Book Club pick - *Maybe Next Time* - is part romance part mystery.

## Children's Literary Festival for Schools



Thursday 27 June | From 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU

A free event organised by Wargrave Festival Committee for Robert Piggott Infant & Junior School and Crazies Hill Primary School

Fiona Barker is the author of numerous picture books for young children. She has written for a range of publishers, and has had her books translated into several different languages. She loves running workshops for children, encouraging their creativity. We are delighted to welcome her to our schools event, where she will be talking about the seasons with students from our local schools. Fiona's recent books include Fox's *Favourite Autumn*, *I Definitely Don't Like Winter*, and *The Big Christmas Bake*.



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# Golden Ticket Ball

Friday 28 June

Friday 28 June | 7:15pm  
Mill Green, Station Road,  
Wargrave RG10 8EU

Individual tickets: £80  
Table of 10: £800

Tickets include a 3-course meal with specially selected wines, live music and a few extra surprises that will leave you dazzled.

Book your golden ticket, dig out your most fantastical accessories and join us at the Golden Ticket Ball - a magical night of wonderful food, wine & amazing live music.

The event will kick off with our waiting staff serving glasses of specially selected fizz as you mingle with friends in the late evening sunshine, serenaded by the beautiful a cappella singers Avenue.

Afterwards, enjoy a delectable three-course meal featuring individual buffet-style summer dishes. The ticket price includes a fantastic selection of red, white, and rose wines, handpicked from The Wine Society especially to enjoy over dinner. Drinks will be available to purchase after your meal. Wargrave Festival is proud to partner Goodall-Smith Wealth Management for the Golden Ticket Ball.

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**MARQUEE ON MILL GREEN**

FRIDAY 28 JUNE | 7:15PM - late

**TICKETS £80**

Enter a world of pure imagination at the Golden Ticket Ball and enjoy a scumdiddlyumptious three-course dinner, entertainment, and dancing. Fashion together your most fantastical accessories and join in this magical celebration of 50 years of the Wargrave Festival Ball.

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Ticket includes Champagne Reception, 3-course meal with specially selected wines, live music and a few extra surprises that will leave you dazzled!



## Wargrave Village Parade



**Saturday 29 June 2024 | 12:30pm**  
**Meet at the top of Victoria Road**  
**Tickets: FREE no booking required**

It's time to start getting your costumes prepared and join everyone in this year's Village Parade. This year's theme is "Gold Fever!", which as you can imagine, provides the opportunity for an infinite variety of costumes, props & designs – The 'Gold Fever!' Parade is a flamboyant, dazzling and glittering opportunity to spread Summer joy around the village! Costume & Prop design is limitless; buy them, borrow them or make them. Be a billionaire \$, a prospector in the American Gold Rush, a glitzy celebrity or rapper or simply design your own way of spreading happiness. Of course, the wackier the designs the better! Both individual characters and team themes are encouraged, so Lone Rangers as well as complete full on parties need to saunter down from all around the village to Highfield Park on Saturday 29th June. Everyone is welcome to this event, from any family, club, society or group, and as always we will be awarding trophies for best individual costume, best team design as well as runner-up prizes. All winners will be announced at the start of the parade.



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# Wargrave Village Fete



**Saturday 29 June 2024 | 1:30-4:00pm**  
**Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: FREE no booking required**

The Wargrave Village Fete is a beloved tradition for families in Wargrave. This year, in honour of our 50th anniversary, we're taking it back to the good old days with some classic games. Along with the usual fun and festivities of the fete, we'll be offering retro forms of entertainment that everyone can enjoy. From Hook-a-Duck to Whack-a-Rat, Hoopla to Coconut Shy, and, for our more daring guests, we invite you to take your turn at Soak a Festival Committee Member in our golden stocks!

There is sure to be something for everyone and we can guarantee you will have a wonderful time.

Any club, society or community member can apply to run your own stall. Email [wargravefestival@gmail.com](mailto:wargravefestival@gmail.com)

## ENTER THE WARGRAVE FESTIVAL BAKE-OFF

Get ready to whip up some gold fever magic for this year's festival fete. For the first time ever, we're hosting a baking showdown for all ages!

### CATEGORIES INCLUDE:

- Ages 6-9 - Iced Cookies
- Ages 10-12 - Cupcakes
- Ages 13-16 - A whole cake creation
- Adults - Homemade jams, preserves and sausage rolls

Entries taken on the day. More details available at [www.wargravefestival.org.uk](http://www.wargravefestival.org.uk)

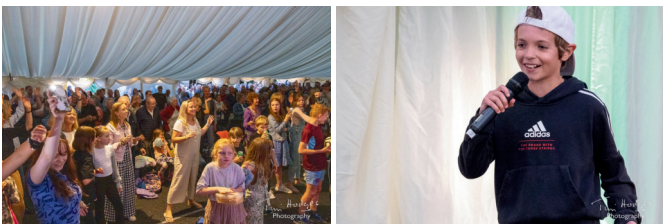


# Wargrave's Got Talent



**Saturday 29 June | 6:00pm**  
**Marquee on Mill Green, Station Road,**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: FREE no booking required**

No Golden Ticket needed at this event - it's on us, the Festival Committee. Come and show your support for our local talent as they compete for your vote, hoping to win the highly coveted Golden trophy.



The ever popular *Within the Blood* are returning with their amazing band to entertain us, and back by very popular demand, flying in on chopper all the way from Puerto Rico... The King Of Disco himself Randy Del Toro alongside world renowned disco percussionist Mucho Bebidas, who will be once again rocking the dance floor till the early hours.



## End of Festival Service



**Sunday 30 June**  
**10:30-11:30am**  
**St Mary's Church, Station Road,**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: FREE (no booking required)**

Join us as we give thanks at the end of the festival for the opportunity to come together to enjoy so many wonderful events and support the vibrant community of Wargrave.

## Family BBQ

**Sunday 30 June**  
**From 12:00pm**  
**Mill Green, Station Road**  
**Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £5 adult, £2 child**

Join us for a relaxing BBQ following the Festival Service, to celebrate two weeks of fun and friendship. A BBQ and delicious selection of salads and puddings will be available. There'll be family games to keep the young and not so young entertained on the Green. Whether you're single or part of a larger family, you are all really welcome.



“  
 We just love Wargrave Festival!  
 There is always a great variety of  
 events to keep everyone happy.  
 So much planning goes into it, and  
 this is evident by how professional  
 the event is run.”

*Roisin & Mark*

“  
 We look forward to the festival  
 every other year. All my friends do.  
 We love whiling away a summer  
 afternoon listening to jazz and  
 dancing late into the night at the  
 festival Ball.”

*Annie & James*

*Tim Hodges*  
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## Morris and African Dancing



**Sunday 30 June | 3:00pm-5:00pm**  
**Lawn of Wargrave Hall,**  
**High Street, Wargrave RG10 8DA**  
**Tickets: Adults £5 (accompanying children free)**  
**Please book a child's ticket**  
**Gardens open from 2:00pm for a picnic**

Come and join us for a lovely afternoon of picnicking and dance on the banks of the Thames in the grounds of the beautiful Wargrave Hall.

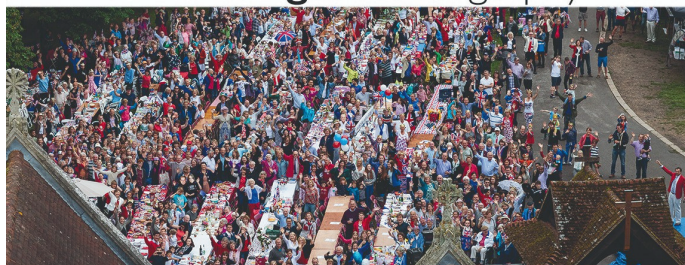
Wargrave Hall's lawns were a popular spot for Morris and traditional dances in the 1930s. Once again, the residents of Wargrave Hall are generously opening up their beautiful gardens to recreate this unforgettable experience. "Mr. Hemmings Traditional Abingdon Morris Dancers" have strong connections to the long line of Abingdon Morris dancers from that illustrious period. They have agreed to perform at Wargrave Hall, bringing their unique heritage to life once again.

Kaleidoscope, a troupe of 6 ladies, are also performing with their improvised modern folkloric fusion of moves from North Africa, the Middle East, India, Spain and the US.

Prosecco and ice creams will be available for purchase.



## Tim Hodges Photography



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## The BBO Big Band Show



**Sunday 30 June | 7:00pm for 7:30pm**  
**Marquee on Mill Green, Wargrave RG10 8EU**  
**Tickets: £20**

We are delighted to welcome back the BBO Big Band. The musicians, originally drawn from Bucks, Berks, Oxon, are professionals, semi-pros and those who have retired from the business. They are drawn together by the infectious drive and swing of the big band sound and their energy and talents guarantee a highly memorable, concluding event to the Festival. If you enjoy the music of big bands such as Count Basie, Benny Goodman, Duke Ellington and their contemporaries you will really enjoy this show.

All profits from this event go to the RNLI.



## Pennie Withers Photography



I'm looking forward to capturing all the fun of Gold Fever. If you've got an event coming up you'd like me to capture, get in touch.

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50km ride - £20 | Registration 8:30am

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(Participants under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult)

Tickets inc. digital cyclist pack, fuel stop (for longer distances) PLUS a free beer/wine/soft drink for all cyclists on return to Mill Green, and includes the Olympic Passport for children - giving access to the Olympic challenges below.



## Something for the whole family

### FAMILY SPORTS DAY 10AM-2PM | FREE ENTRY FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Olympic Passport - £5 (13 years and under) giving children unlimited access to all activity stations including:

- Rock climbing wall
- Cricket skills
- Rugby target practice
- Rowing challenges
- Martial Arts and more...

Other highlights:

- BBQ & Bar
- Cakes & Coffee



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