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Chance to Dance caters specifically for disabled children from 2.5 years old and those that have a physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional, and/or developmental disability.

Dance classes are held in Reading and Bracknell alternatively every Saturday and during the year they run Summer Dance Camps, Dance Days, Trips to the Theatre and other Dance and Glee Classes. Full details are on the web site www.sendanceclub.co.uk.



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Monday 5th to Friday 9th August 2019

Venue: Garth Hill College, Bull Lane, Bracknell. RG42 2AD

Time: 9.30am till 4.30pm

Costs: Start at £50

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN (see website <u>www.sendanceclub.co.uk</u>)

Chance to Dance Stars CIC are also fundraising this year by organising a Summer Ball

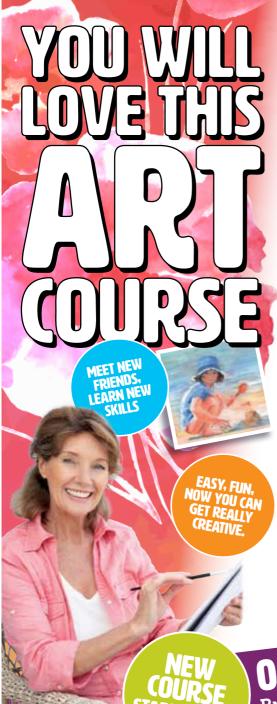
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Welcome to the April update from Warfield Parish Council

VEGETABLE TAKE & GROW Sunday 28th April 11:30am-1:00pm At Whitegrove Community Centre Free family event – open to all Warfield residents!

Our annual Vegetable Take & Grow event, will be taking place once again on Sunday 28th April at the Whitegrove Community Centre. The event is free and there will be plants and seeds to take away and grow in your own home. There will also be activities for children and refreshments.

The event also is the start of our annual tallest sunflower competition, so please come along and pick up your seeds and get growing. The event is open from 11:30am-1:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer to help on the day, or grow seedlings in advance, please contact the Parish Office.

Local Elections

Elections will be taking place on Thursday 2 May to elect members to Bracknell Forest Council and Warfield Parish Council. Lists of candidates standing will be published locally and on the Bracknell Forest Website.

If you need to register to vote or apply for a postal vote, please do so quickly, as the closing date for registration is on 12th April and for postal votes is 5pm on 15th April. **All applications must be made to Bracknell Forest Council.**

Polling stations across the parish will be open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday $2^{\rm nd}$ May.

Local elections are taking place soon

Parish/Borough Councillor Surgeries

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Leisurely – up to 2 miles (1 hour) Moderate – up to 4miles (13/4 hours) Rambler – up to 5 ½ miles (21/4 hours)

16 April - Lakes & Ridges - (M)

A shorter family friendly walk

Meet: at Horseshoe Lake car park, Mill Lane, Sandhurst, GU47 8JW

Main Programme

Booking and pre-payment is required for all our events unless otherwise stated. www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/events

Easter Treasure Hunts (BR)

Solve a series of festive clues to win a chocolate prize!

Morning or afternoon events available (10am-11.30am or 1pm-2.30pm).

Early booking recommended to avoid disappointment. Cost £4 per child. Booking required.



Tuesday 9 April at South Hill Park

Meet: Gazebo on rear field at South Hill Park, Ringmead, Bracknell, RG12 7PA

Thursday 11 April at Lily Hill Park

Meet: Giant Picnic Table, Lily Hill Park, off Lily Hill Road, Bracknell, RG12 2RX

Saturday 13 April - The Big Tree Climb at Westmorland Park (BR)

1 hour slots between 10am - 3:45pm.

Fun for 6 year olds and over. Climb up into the tree canopy and take in amazing views.

Meet: At Oak tree in Westmorland Park, off Westmorland Drive, Warfield, RG42 3QP.

Cost: £20 per climber. Places can be booked at: http://www.bigtreeclimbing.co.uk/contact-us/

Bracknell Forest Natural History Society Talks

Venue: South Hill Park. Talks start at 7:30pm and end at about 9:30pm (Doors open from 7:15pm) Entrance fee for members £1; visitors £3; under 16 free (annual membership £12). No booking required.

April 15 Urban Ecology by Professor Mark Fellowes

For further details about these events visit: www.bfnathistsoc.org.uk/meetings.html or contact Gill Cheetham on 01344 423440

Event Booking

Please pre-book events where stated by contacting the number provided. Events are free unless otherwise stated. Payment can be made prior to the event or on the day. This is non-refundable.

Events may be filmed and/or photographed - please specify if you do not wish to be included in this.

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APRIL FOOLS' DAY

Surprisingly little is known about the origins of April Fools' Day. There seem to be three main theories.

Some attribute it to the 14th Century English poet Geoffrey Chaucer. He told a story where a fox plays a prank on a rooster, who nearly gets eaten because of it. He doesn't refer directly to April 1st but refers to 32 days 'syn March began', which translates as 32 days since March began, i.e. April 1st.

Some believe April Fools' Day started because of events in the calendar dating back to Roman times. The Renewal Festivals were a celebration of the start of the new year, which at the time was around the end of March and the Spring Equinox. As part of the tradition servants could boss their masters around and children could boss their parents around, so the idea of pranks may have come about then.



A rival calendar theory is that at some point people started celebrating new year at the beginning of January, instead of the end of March. Those who continued to celebrate it at the end of March were considered to be fools.

Finally, some people believe it spread to the UK from Northern Europe. There it is known as April Fish Day. It's though this is because there are a lot of fish in

French streams and rivers around 1st April, and they are easy to catch - foolish fish!

So became a tradition to play tricks on people on April 1st too by attaching a paper fish to someone's.

The truth is that probably all of these events have played their part in creating the tradition.

Have fun...and don't get pranked!

By Ian Robbins

How to Hold an Easter Egg Huntl

Easter egg hunts are great fun, but it can be hard to come up with original ideas.

Depending on the ages of the children the hunt can be easy or fiendishly difficult

Here are some ideas

Bunny Bounce Challenge - Set up different activity posts around the garden or park. At each one, the kids need to complete a physical challenge in order to receive an egg. The challenges could include star jumps, hopping, hula-hooping, or doing a silly dance.

Easter Rhyme Challenge - If you're good at rhymes, create a set of rhyming clues that take the children from one hiding place to another until they find the eggs.

Pirate Bunny Treasure Hunt - Create a treasure map which the children have to follow to discover where the chocolate eggs are hidden. Perhaps a paw print or an Easter Egg could mark the spot instead of an X

Easter Craft Challenge - Set up different

craft activities around the house or garden. For each cute Easter craft your child completes, they win a little chocolate egg.

Easter Bonnet Competition Challenge the kids to create
their own Easter bonnets from
craft materials and old hats
(Charity shops are great for
cheap hats). You can give
chocolate egg prizes for the
most creative, the prettiest, the
funniest etc

The Scrambled Egg Hunt This is a great Easter egg hunt
idea for older kids. At each
station leave cards with single
letters written on them, or a set
of plastic toy letters. The
challenge is to rearrange the
letters to spell the word of the
next place to find a clue, for

example 'bath' or 'shed' or 'stairs'. At the final station they get to collect their eggs.

Colour-Coded Easter Egg Hunt - Use a pack of eggs in different colours. Give each child a colour. They can only collect eggs which match that colour.

Bunny Vouchers Easter Egg Hunt Some children can't have chocolate due to
a medical condition, so instead of
chocolate treats, pop little slips of paper
inside plastic eggs. Each slip should have
a little treat written on it for your child to
claim over the next week or so; things like
' go trampolining with my dad', or 'fly a kite
with mummy.

Egg Decoder Hunt - Take apart colourful hollow plastic eggs and put them back together with mismatched colours. The children must work in teams to find the eggs hidden around the garden, take them apart and put them back together with the matching colour. The team with the most colour-matched eggs wins the big prize.

Happy hunting!



By Sarah Davey

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(solution on page 22)



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By Louise Addison

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or rummage on the ground to inspect items. Put some bright bunting up to make it look welcoming. Group similar items together: kitchen items in one area; kids' clothes in another etc. This helps people evaluate what you have on offer quickly.

Make it look like

a shop - People

browse longer in

stores. Borrow or

have to bend over

well-organised

boutiques and

rent tables so shoppers don't

because people often like a walk after lunch. If you live on the same road as a primary school, try a weekday morning to attract people dropping their children off.

Teamwork - Team up with a few neighbours to host a road-full of garage sales. By pooling resources, you could reach a wider range of potential customers.

Advertise - Successful garage sales rely on spreading the word beforehand. Put up fliers or advertise in your local village or Parish magazine (like the one you're holding!). If your village has a Facebook page, list your sale on that.

Put up signs - Simple, bright signs work best. A large arrow pointing the way along with the words 'GARAGE SALE' will do the trick. Remember to remove them afterwards so you don't contravene any by laws.

Prepare - Think about what buyers might need. If you're selling a lot of clothes, is there a screen so people can try things on in private. Is there a mirror? If you're selling electronics or small appliances, have batteries or extension cords handy so people can see an item works.

Have change - Have plenty of coins on hand so you can quickly provide change for customers.

Price It Right, and Offer Deals - A good rule of thumb is to sell items at 10-25% of their original value. People don't look to spend a lot in a garage sale. If you think something is worth £50 or more it might be better to use eBay. Towards the end of your sale, consider posting an 'everything must go' sign and offer deals or bundles. Or have a few paper bags on hand and tell people to fill them with whatever they'd like for £5 or £10 per bag.

Make It a Party - Music entices people to stay longer and spend more. So, crank up the tunes, put out some nibbles and drinks, and make people feel welcome.

Be Comfortable - Wear comfortable clothes, a hat and sunscreen, depending on the weather. Have drinks and snacks handy.

Be Safe - Lock your doors while you're running the sale. Safeguard your money: use a zipped bumbag or an apron with large pockets. Cash boxes can disappear while you're distracted with a buyer. Enlist a friend to help as an extra pair of eyes and hands.

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If the thought of decluttering feels a bit daunting, try to tackle one area at a time. You can start small, with the 'drawer of doom' for instance, working your way up to

the main living areas and your bulging wardrobes. Separate items into store, sell, donate and recycle piles. If you're dithering over something, try packing it away for six months, then seeing whether you've missed it. Just remember to clearly mark the box and set yourself a calendar reminder to go through it again.

You may also want to invest in some better storage. Make the most of unused alcoves and other wasted spaces, and look for multipurpose storage solutions, such as chests that can double up as tables.

When it comes to the cleaning itself, remember to clean from top to bottom, so you don't knock dirt or debris onto clean surfaces.

All that's left is to revel in your cleaner, brighter home. Enjoy!

By Kate Duggan

A Good Read



One Day by David Nicholls

Ah, the hazy days of university. When we are young, with the responsibilities of a family far in the distance, full of potential, with the world at our feet. How many of us sat around

with our friends and thought about what our lives would be like when we were 40. Would we be happy? Would we be married with children? Would we even still be friends?

Dexter and Emma are both studying at Edinburgh University and on following their graduation they spend the night together. Both have dreams and plans and they wonder what their lives will be like in the future. This night marks the beginning of their friendship. A friendship that is revisited in the book every 15th July for 20 years.

This is an interesting format for a novel: one chapter for each day. We see nothing of what happens in the intervening 364 days and are left to deduce what happened from the text. Will their lives turn out as they hoped – will Emma improve the world as she wanted to on that first 15th July?

Life, it is clear, never quite turns out as we planned. As joy and tragedy play out for the reader, we are reminded that events have a habit of not asking us for permission first and taking us down a different path.

Heidi by Johanna Spyri

There are some books that remain forever imprinted on our memories and often those strongest memories are the ones of the books we read as children. We may not remember the details but there is something special about sitting, curled up as a child, and allowing ourselves to be transported to another world, away from homework, parents, and annoying siblings.

One such novel is *Heidi*. Few who have read it can forget young Heidi being dragged up the hill by Aunt Dete to be left with her grandfather in a small house near the village of Dorfli. Or the moment that her hard-hearted grandfather gives little Heidi his own bed, showing a small level of affection for his orphaned granddaughter. How many of us will have longed to run freely across the Swiss Alps with Peter and his herd of goats? And of course, there is that magical moment when the fresh mountain air helps the sickly Clara to walk again.

Sometimes lost among more modern 21st century books, perhaps now is the time to introduce this loveable young heroine to your children?



By Willow Coby



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Spinach and Feta Frittata

A healthy, tasty brunch



and continue to cook for a further two minutes until softened.

Add spinach and parsley (or basil) and cook, tossing often until spinach is fully

wilted and any water released by the spinach has cooked off. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, beat eggs and milk with a whisk until mixed together. Don't overbeat. Add feta, and season with salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over spinach then gently stir with a spatula to release the spinach from the bottom of the pan so that the eggs are in direct contact with the surface of the pan, so they cook quickly.

Cook until the eggs are almost totally set (this takes 10-12 minutes), reducing heat to prevent burning. Place pan under the grill for a couple of minutes, until the top is set as well, keeping a close eye on it so it does not burn.

To release the frittata from the pan, loosen edges with a spatula. Place a dinner plate over pan, and holding plate firmly flip the pan over so the frittata releases onto the plate. Serve warm.

Preparation time: 15 minutes Cooking Time: 15 minutes

Serves 4-6 Ingredients

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 medium shallot, finely chopped (about

2 tablespoons)

1 medium clove garlic, finely chopped (about 1 teaspoon)

1 (5-ounce) bag baby spinach

1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh flatleaved parsley or basil.

Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

10 eggs, beaten 1/4 cup milk

3/4 cup (about 3.5 ounces) crumbled feta

Method

Preheat the grill. Heat olive oil in an 8inch pan over a medium high heat. Add chopped shallots and cook for 2-3 minutes beginning to soften. Add garlic

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They may look a little underwhelming with their crinkly green skin, but avocado-lovers know that the fresh creamy flesh is simply delicious and a perfect complement to

eggs, smoked bacon, griddled chicken...I could go on.

The avocado pear turns out not to be a pear at all, but a berry. It also turns out to be pretty much the perfect food.

They have a reputation for being 'bad' and high in

calories. It's true that a medium-sized avocado contains 30g of fat (as much as a quarter-pound burger!) but an avocado's fat is mostly monounsaturated fat (that's the good kind).

Studies have shown that avocado eaters are less at risk for metabolic syndrome, which also puts them at less risk of type-2 diabetes and heart attacks.

Avocados contain folate, an important

nutrient for pregnant women and infants, and interestingly have also been shown to slow and possibly reverse memory loss in Alzheimer's patients.

> If you are weaning your baby, avocados are a great first food because of their soft texture, and nutritional benefits, like healthy fats for brain development.

Avocados are high in carotenoids so offer skin protection against aging caused by UV damage.

They also have anti-inflammatory properties, which is good for people with rheumatoid arthritis but also because inflammation has been linked to Alzheimer's, heart attacks, strokes, diabetes, and cancer.

So, check out the avocados on the supermarket shelf, and treat yourself to some green 'n' creamy goodness.

By Kath McLean

Garden View

This month - Open your garden



It might seem a somewhat daunting experience but opening your garden to the public can be very enjoyable. Many people get the bug and open their gardens year after year. Most people start by opening once in a

This month I'm going to talk about The National Garden Scheme. This wonderful initiative gives garden-lovers unique access to more than 3,500 exceptional private gardens in England and Wales. It also raises money for nursing and health charities through admission fees, teas and cake. Beneficiaries include Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

By opening your garden to visitors, you'll give people a great day out, and raise money to help those in need. Even better you'll connect with a community of likeminded garden-owners, all passionate about their beautiful gardens.

Is your garden worth visiting?

Do friends and family wax lyrical about your plot? Do neighbours ask for advice and cuttings? Do you sometimes wish you could show other people the result of all your hard work? If you answered yes to these questions, then it's very likely other people would love to see your garden too.

year, but many go on to open twice a year, to show off their garden in different seasons.

You don't need a big garden. There are some tiny plots in the NGS. What matters is quality, character and interest.

NGS will support you all the way with their network of helpful, friendly volunteers. Initially you'll be visited by one of the team during the season you feel your garden would look best.

And if you don't feel as though garden is worthy of being part of the scheme, why not visit open gardens in your area to gain inspiration, hints and tips, make new gardening friends, and raise a bit of money for charity.

Happy gardening.

By Rachael Leverton

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By Rachael Leverton

What does a Tree Surgeon do?

Tree surgeons plant, maintain and perform hazard assessments on trees. They prune or cut down trees where necessary. It can be a dangerous job, involving the use of power tools, a lot of climbing and working at height. Yet surprisingly anyone can call themselves a tree surgeon!

So it's up to you to research the company or individual carefully before hiring them.

What qualifications should you look for?

The National Proficiency Tests Council (NPTC) is part of the City & Guilds group and is the governing body which issues certificates of competence for tree surgeons. As a minimum, any tree surgeon you hire should hold the following certificates:

CS30 – Maintenance of the chainsaw, on site preparation and basic cross cutting

CS31 – Fell and process small trees

CS38 – Climb a tree and perform aerial rescue

CS39 – Use of a chainsaw from a rope and harness

First Aid at Work

You should ask if the tree surgeon works to British Standards, and see if he or she can name the relevant ones. The two main British standards for tree work are:

British Standard 3998:2010 Tree work. Recommendations

British Standard 5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations

It's also worth asking whether they have any other qualifications - like a relevant degree, additional NPTC certification, or whether they are a member of the Arboricultural Association (AA), the Tree Care Industry

By Ian Robbins

Association (TCIA) or the Royal Forestry Society?

The difference between an arborist and a tree surgeon is education. The International Society of Arboriculture has developed a certification program and testing that gives the individual the the distinction of being called a Certified Arborist. The responsibility of being a Certified Arborist means maintaining the educational credits every year. These are highly skilled and qualified individuals who care about trees.

Any contractor should provide you with a free quotation, in writing. This should break down exactly what's included in the price. For example, does the final price for the job include the hire of any equipment, stump grinding, taxes, and the clearance and disposal of waste?

They will also be able to demonstrate a thorough understanding of how the law applies to their job.

Take a look at the equipment your chosen tree surgeon brings with him to the job - and how he uses it. In particular:

Any worker should be wearing the right personal protective equipment. This should typically include a helmet with visor and ear protection, chainsaw boots and chainsaw trousers. Anyone working up in a tree should be wearing - and using - a harness and a rope.



REIKI

Reiki is a form of complementary therapy commonly referred to as energy healing. It has been around for thousands of years but it's current form was first developed in 1922 by a Japanese Buddhist called Mikao Usui. It is



The transfer of energy takes place while the hands are held over the patient. During this time, the practitioner's hands may be warm and tingling. Each hand position is held until the practitioner senses that the energy has

said to involve the transfer of universal energy from the practitioner's palms to their patient.

Some controversy surrounds Reiki, because it is hard to prove its effectiveness through scientific means. But many people believe it works.

The word 'Reiki' means 'mysterious atmosphere, miraculous sign.' It comes from the Japanese words 'rei' (universal) and 'ki' (life energy).

The idea of Reiki is that is channels energy from the practitioner to target and work on the energy channels of the patient. According to practitioners, energy can stagnate in the body where there has been physical injury or emotional pain. If not released these these energy blocks can cause illness. By improving the flow of energy around the body, practitioners say they can enable relaxation, reduce pain, and speed healing.

Reiki is held in a peaceful setting. The patient will remain fully clothed, and sit in a comfortable chair, or lie on a table. The practitioner places their hands lightly on or over specific areas of the head, limbs, and torso using different hand shapes, for between 2 and 5 minutes. The hands can be placed over 20 different areas of the body. If there is an active injury, the hands may be held just above the wound.

stopped flowing. When the practitioner feels that the heat, or energy, in their hands has abated, they will remove their hands and place them over a different area of the body.

Sessions can last 15-90 minutes. The number of sessions will vary, depending on what a client wishes to accomplish.

According to practitioners, the healing effects are mediated by channeling the universal energy known as qi, pronounced 'chi.' It is the life force energy that some people believe surrounds all of us. Reiki experts say that while this energy is not measurable by modern scientific techniques, it can be felt by those who can tune in to it.

Reiki is said to induce deep relaxation, help people cope with difficulties, relieve emotional stress, and improve overall wellbeing. People who love Reiki describe it as 'intensely relaxing.'

Reiki is used to help treat many conditions including: cancer, anxiety, depression, and chronic pain.

Patients report feeling better after a session. Research from Cancer Research U.K. says that one reason could be that the therapist spends time with them and touches them. This is soothing for patients who may be overwhelmed by invasive therapy, fear, and stress.

By Louise Addison





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