



Happy Valentine's



Welcome to our February edition of the Wade newsletter and hope you are all having a good new year so far?

As this is a great month for getting things sorted, we'd like to ask you to keep us posted on any personal detail changes and we'd love to have your email address if you are not getting these newsletters or invoices online. The newsletter is easier to read on-line, and we are helping the environment too! Please get in touch with Elaine in the office with any updates.

This February we've Valentine's Day on 14th and we have the start of the Chinese New Year on 10th February. As always, we will have a fun filled February at Wade so have a look at our activity schedule and lunch menu to see what days you'd like to come in and join us.

Other things in this edition of the newsletter are:

- A trustee update from me!
- A brilliant and informative interview with our new centre manager Emma.
- 5 things you could do in February.
- And some exciting new dates for your diary.

As always please let us know if you have any feedback about the newsletter or there is anything you want us to cover.



Trustee News:

From Karen Mahony (One of our new trustees)



Great to hear last month from Carol & Chris about some of the historical changes to Wade however as I was not around at that time so I thought I would focus my update on some of the new things happening at Wade.

So, what is new at Wade?

- **New trustees** - Sallyanne Steatham and I are your new trustees - thank you for voting us in at the AGM last November. Sallyanne has been doing lots of events planning and I have been doing the newsletter and getting to grips with how we can apply for grants to support Wade's budget.
- **New centre manager** - Emma Hamilton joined us at the start of January. I had a great time getting to know Emma and hearing all about her background, her life and her initial thoughts about Wade. See the article overleaf and meet her great team.
- **New activities** - We have new activities for 2024 - Sing for Your Self becomes a regular activity and we'll be bringing more animals into the centre to say hello.
- **New interiors** - We have some new chairs, gaming tables & some new artwork for the newly decorated lounges.
- **New photos** - We have new photos of all our Wade staff and trustees - we'll be making these visible on our notice boards and making sure we give you a copy of these in a future newsletter. They are very professional and make us all look amazing!

Introducing our New Centre Manager – Emma Hamilton & her Super Team.



Tell us about you?

I grew up in Reading and now live in Woodley with my husband Luke and three girls (11,7 & 18 months old). Family time is the most important thing to me, and Luke and I are a great team.

Where have you worked before?

I have worked in care since I was 18 and spent most of my career at Purley Park caring for adults with learning difficulties. It was a difficult decision to leave but I knew with a young baby I needed my job to be nearer home. I took a maternity cover role with the council and then spotted and applied for the Wade role.

How are you finding Wade a few weeks in?

I am really happy. Wade is such a wonderful place. The members are lovely to chat to and the care team are a phenomenal bunch. I love the varied days and there is so much going on you never get bored!

What has surprised you the most about Wade?

I have been blown away with how everyone at Wade goes the extra mile to make things happen. From the staff, the trustees and the Friends of Wade everyone cares so much.

What are some of the new things you'd like to introduce to Wade?

I'd like to introduce a members questionnaire so we can really understand what activities and things our members like and dislike. That will help us build on the great work we are doing and ensure we cater even better for different member needs and abilities.

Who makes the best cup of tea in your team?

They all do!

Our Great Wade Team

In this month's newsletter Emma introduces us to some of her team. For the next few newsletters, she'll introduce you to more until you've met the whole team.

Introducing Our Catering Team

Ronnie Stanley (Chef)

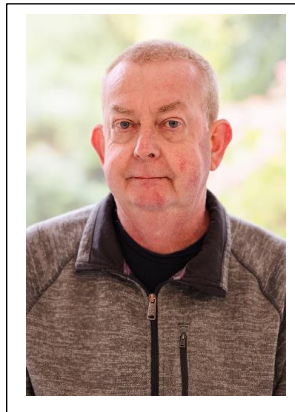
Julie Curtis (Chef)



Introducing Our Transportation & Centre Maintenance Team

Andrew Nibbs

Chris Walker



February's New Menu

We love Ronnie & Julie's lunches they always serve up a great healthy and nutritious two course lunch and this month is no different.

Please tell your friends about the best lunches in Wokingham as now we have all our lounges open, we can start to look to increase our membership.

February's Member Activity Calendar!

You'll be pleased to see that the Friend's of Wade are putting on a fun skittles night in February – that should help raise some good funds for our centre. If you can come or encourage your family and friends to support us please do.

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| 1 st February | Hairdresser | Appointment Needed |
| 6 th February | Tai Chi | AM |
| 7 th February | Tai Chi | AM |
| 8 th February | Hairdresser | Appointment Needed |
| 12 th February | Tai Chi | PM |
| 14 th February | Valentine Flowers | AM |
| 14 th February | Sing for Yourself | 1:30 |
| 15 th February | Hairdresser | Appointment Needed |
| 20 th February | Tai Chi | AM |
| 22 nd February | Hairdresser | Appointment Needed |
| 23 rd February | Skittles Evening | 7:00pm |
| 28 th February | Sing for Yourself | 1:30 |

To book Hairdressing appointments please call 01189787025

We do have appointments with the Chiroprapist please call for 01189787025 availability

Week 1 (29th Jan—2nd Feb)

Monday
Hunters Chicken

Tuesday

Fish Pie

Wednesday

Roast Beef

Thursday

Sausages

Friday

Savoury Mince

Week 2 (5th Feb—9th Feb)

Monday

Fish Fingers

Tuesday

Roast Chicken

Wednesday

Chicken Casserole

Thursday

Lamb Cobbler

Friday

Toad in the Hole

Week 3 (12th Feb—16th Feb)

Monday

Cottage Pie

Tuesday

Sausage Casserole

Wednesday

Scampi

Thursday

Beef Pie

Friday

Roast Gammon

Week 4 (19th Feb—23rd Feb)

Monday

Sausages

Tuesday

Tivotdale Pie

Wednesday

Roast Pork

Thursday

Chicken Casserole

Friday

Fish & Chips



5 Things to do in February.....



1. Declutter
2. Prepare for lent (often easier to give something up for 40 days rather than a new year's resolution!!!)
3. Check your 2024 finances.
4. Plan for Valentine's!!!
5. Watch the primroses and snow drops grow.



Wade Charity Shop News



Valentine's is in the shop this month but think the teddy in the window will be sold quickly!

Wendy and team are now planning their Mother's Day & Easter windows.

Upcoming Events for Your Diary



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Day Care Centre
Join us for a fun
SKITTLES EVENING



Friday 23rd February
7.00pm for 7.30 start

at Wade Centre
40 Reading Road, Wokingham

Tickets £7.00 pp 

There will also be a raffle

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Contact secretary@wadecentre.org.uk
Call 0118 978 7025

Friday 23rd February – Skittles Evening

- A great competitive event for us where you can bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Friday 22nd March – Members & Families Thank You Tea (2.30-4.30)

- More details to come next month on a special thank you tea party.

We Wokingham In Need (WIN)

Every month Sue Jackson and the team at WIN provide Wade with some great entertainment for our members. (See Sue pictured below next to the Mayor & our Patron Lucy).

At our January trustee meeting Sue came to talk to us all about the great work WIN is doing across the town helping many charities and putting many smiles on faces. Thank you Sue and to your excellent team. We love your support and dedication to connecting our community.



Friday 19th April – New Member's Open Day (12-3pm)

- More details to come next month on an event we are planning to highlight the Wade Centre to new members.

Thursday 25th April - Fashion Show

- An exciting evening of fashion and fun and you'll see some of the Friends of Wade and Trustees doing the modelling!



FASHION SHOW

An exciting evening of fashion & fun hosted by Travelling Trends

A ladies night out with a difference! As well as a live CATWALK SHOW, there is ample time to try on & buy this season's High Street & Branded fashions. All at bargain prices!!

Thu. 25th April 2024
7pm for 7.30pm
Wade Day Centre
40 Reading Road
Wokingham RG41 1EH

You can book your seat by email to secretary@wadecentre.org.uk or call WADE (weekdays 10am-4pm) on 0118 978 7025

Includes a glass of Wine/Juice & Nibbles

Ticket Price
£ 10
Must be bought in advance



www.travellingtrends.com

Friends And Supporters of Wade

At our January meeting the Friends of Wade have starting planning the 2024 calendar of events – I am pleased to say the summer fair and Winter fairs are in the diary along with a cinema night and a few mealtime feasts! Watch this space and thank you to our loyal band of friends who help to find new and fun ways to raise funds for our members and centre.

If anyone would like to join the Friends Of Wade please speak to someone in the office who can get you connected with the team.