# February 2025 Newsletter





## Loving February at Wade

February is traditionally a month when love is in the air and some of us may get secret valentine's cards!

At Wade we get so much love from many people and businesses and luckily we get it all year round and not just in February!

Did you see the wonderful Barkham Hookers Hatmas Tree that was brought to Wade in December for our members, trustees and staff.

Here is the one of the hats I got and I later discovered it was knitted by Sue English, one of our devoted Friends of Wade!



# Thank You for the hats from all at Wade

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all of those who give us support and love throughout the year. There are too many to thank individually but each newsletter we've thank those that support us.

The thank you list for this month.

- Wokingham in Need love helping us fund and source entertainment
- Holt School love helping us serve our meals and work in our shop
- **Gray's Farm** love to provide fruit & vegetables to us for free
- **Morrisons & Zappas** love to help provide us with raffle prizes and collection
- **Malcom** who produces all our event posters. He

## Our Patron's Update: Lucy Zeal



## **About Lucy**

- High Steward of Wokingham (since 2018)
- Deputy Lieutenant of the Royal County of Berkshire (since 2021)
- High Sheriff of the Royal County of Berkshire (2019-20)

It has been an honour to have been the Patron of Wade since 2021 and to witness the growth of this incredible Day Centre which is such a vital part of our local community.

I am proud to have seen these changes and together the trustees and staff have created a place where care, support, and companionship flourish, making an enormous difference in the lives of so many.

The beginning of a new year is always a time for optimism and my role as Patron is to support the work of Wade. I am constantly inspired by the hard work, dedication and compassion of the staff and indeed everyone involved in the centre.

I am delighted to welcome Elaine as the new Centre Manager, whose leadership will no doubt bring fresh ideas and exciting new initiatives.

As we look forward to 2025, I am full of confidence, as there is much to look forward to.

## Patron's Update continued.....

For our members, Wade offers a safe and welcoming environment where they are supported, encouraged and made to feel valued.

There is a full programme of engaging and fun daily activities and of course the beautiful garden to enjoy.

Special events are planned for 2025, including the VE Day celebrations in May and the inaugural Gala Dinner later in the year.

Additionally, we have our annual fundraising events, which everyone enjoys and which bring us together to celebrate what makes Wade so special. It's going to be an exciting year and I am more committed than ever to supporting Wade in every way I can.

But none of these things happen by themselves and Wade is fortunate to have such a dedicated team of supporters. Whether through volunteering, donations or simply spreading the word about the Centre, your support makes a real difference. With your help we can ensure Wade remains a valued resource for our community.

I would like to conclude by thanking the members, staff, trustees, friends of Wade and the volunteers for your continued support.

Keep up the good work.

Lucy.

New Wokingham Businesses that are promoting our Wade our fund-raising events.

Bill's Good Food & Coffee#1 - thank you x





## Wendy's Wade Charity Shop Update

I caught up with Wendy - our Wade shop manager - this month and asked her what was new in 2025 about the Wade shop?

This is what she had to say..... We've had a **busy start to 2025.** We've had plenty of people giving us charity donations – some of good quality and some not so good. It's important we get just good quality since Wade has pay for disposing of any rubbish!

We do have **new shop signage** this year and we have put up new stickers to promote sustainability and to encourage buying second hand to help the environment.

It is important Wade is not only helping our members but helping achieve a **better environment** for the Borough.



The **shop window planning** is going well and this month we've had a January get fit window and we've a lunar new year celebration and Valentine's Day window to come.



I know in 2025 my shop team of staff and volunteers will continue to focus on doing a great job helping Wade raise funds for the operation of our day care centre. A big thank you to them all.

## February's Lunch Menu

Look below at our great new menu for February. Please remember to book with the office.



"Also remember <u>if</u> you must cancel lunches please do this by 11am on the day or we'll have to charge you £8.25 for the lunch as it would have been prepared. Thank you for your understanding".

Elaine - Our New Centre Manager

## February's Activity Timetable

Book now to take advantage of what is planned for you in February. We know you'll particularly love the valentine's flowers session with Carole. Our members made such beautiful creations a few weeks ago so looking forward to seeing the next ones.



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## FEBRUARY 2025



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## **MENU**

Week 1 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb – 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	Week 2 (10 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb)	
Monday	Monday	
Shepherds Pie	Fish Pie	
Tuesday	Tuesday	
Hunter's Chicken	Cajun Chicken & Rice	
Wednesday	Wednesday	
Toad in the Hole	Meatloaf	
Thursday	Thursday	
Fish in Parsley Sauce	Roast Pork	
Friday Friday		
Roast Beef	Turkey Schnitzel	

Week 3 (17th Feb – 21st Feb)	Week 4 (24th Feb - 28th Feb)	
Monday	Monday	
Roast Chicken	Frittata	
Tuesday	Tuesday	
Sausages	Fish & Chips	
Wednesday	Wednesday	
Chicken Casserole	Sausage Casserole	
Thursday	Thursday	
Beef & Ale Pie	Mediterranean Chicken	
Friday	Friday	
Fishcakes	Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie	

### **ACTIVITIES FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

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3rd February	Movement to Music with Coral	11:15AM
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Tai Chi	11:00AM
5 <sup>th</sup> February	Sing for yourself with Soph	1:45PM
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Skittles Evening – Tickets available 01183045865	7PM
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Movement to music with Coral	11:15AM
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Tai Chi with Mo	11:00AM
12 <sup>th</sup> February	Flower Arranging	2:00PM
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentines Celebrations. Singer Anna Nightingale	РМ
17 <sup>th</sup> February	Music to Movement with Coral	11:15AM
19 <sup>th</sup> February	Creative MoJo	10:30AM
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Community Kitchen	

We do have appointments with the Chiropodist and the Hairdresser please call for 01189787025 availability.

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Please do check our website for updates.

## **Upcoming Events for Your Diary**

- 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Skittles Evening
  - £8 for a fun night of skittles.
  - Bring your own drinks & snacks.
  - Call the office for your tickets.
- Wednesday\* 26<sup>th</sup> March Quarterly Member's Forum -11am
  - \*All Quarterly Member's Forums are on different days so we can get as many members to be able to attend as possible.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April Wade Fashion Show at The Edinburgh Wool Mill
- 5<sup>th</sup> May Wade at the Wokingham Lion's May Fair
- 6<sup>th</sup> June Wade & Homestart Golf Day
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Quarterly Member's Forum
   11am
- 28<sup>th</sup> June Wade summer Fair
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Quarterly Member's Forum - 11am
- 11th October Wade Gala Dinner

# New Wade advertising Campaign

**Launches** We're partnering with Wokingham Today to promote our services and events with an aim to bring in new Wade members.

Our first advertorial will cover what Wade is all about. Free copies will start to be available at Wade.





# **Wade Day Centre**

40 Reading Road, Wokingham RG41 1EH Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm for 7.30 start

Tickets £8.00



secretary@wadecentre.org.uk 01189 787025 Free Parking at Masonic Hall (opposite)
Charity No. 1178937

## Join The Wade 150 Club Lottery in 2025

