



We'll meet again......

We are so pleased we did meet with Sue Jackson and the Wokingham In Need (WIN) team again for the 80th anniversary of VE day. What an event and celebration of an amazingly special day. To make it even better we had the sunny weather!

It was great to welcome so many friends and guests to Wade and to experience the wonderful entertainment treats we were kindly afforded by WIN. Here are just a few photos of the event as a reminder for those that were there and to show you if you were not.







Chairperson's Update: Philip Mirfin



What are Philip's responsibilities?

- To identify and manage the roles of each trustee towards Wade's objectives and in line with the Charity Commission requirements.
- To develop income streams for our Centre and Shop to benefit our members.
- To create collaborations with other charities and organisations to benefit the Centre & Shop.
- To be line manager to the Centre Manager.

A Message from the Chairperson – 6-Month Update Dear Members, Families, and Friends,

As we pass the halfway point of the year, I'd like to thank you for your continued support and involvement. The past six months have seen great progress, heartfelt celebrations, and exciting developments across Wade.

One of the standout moments was our **VE Day celebration**, which was both well-attended and deeply moving. It was wonderful to see so many members and supporters come together to mark this historic occasion. The atmosphere was full of warmth, and we were reminded again of the strength and spirit of our community. A special thank you to our staff and trustees who helped make it such a success.



Chairman's Update continued.....

One key learning for future events is to seat members more centrally in the garden to ensure they stay warm and have a clear view of performances—an important consideration that we'll take forward.





Behind the scenes, work is progressing on the **medical room**. Julie and her team are fully behind plans to adapt the space for emergency and podiatry use. We're also working with Orchard builders on an updated quote, which will include a dedicated wastewater sink – improving hygiene and convenience. In addition, a suitable NHS-style day bed has been identified to enhance care options for members.

Following a productive meeting on the gardens and outdoor spaces, several improvements are under consideration, including an updated evacuation point and plans for the Sensory Garden. You'll hear more from Fiona on this soon.

We're also exploring new ways to improve how we work and support our members. I recently attended a talk on the role of AI in the charity sector, and I was struck by the potential it holds. My thanks to Karen from Art4Wokingham for the invite and for the innovative work she's already doing on our behalf.

Looking ahead, we have a fantastic few months in store. Our **Golf Day** on **June 6th** is shaping up nicely with 15–18 teams already signed up. On **5th July**, the **Wade Summer Fair** returns—a brilliant family event not to be missed. And, of course, we're looking forward to our **Golden Wade Gala Dinner** on **11th October**—a night to celebrate Wade's legacy in style.

Here's to a bright and busy second half of the year. Warm wishes,

Philip Mirfin - Chairperson, Wade

Meet Wendy our Shop Manager.

Wendy gets quizzed this month. Wendy has been at Wade for 10 years this month! Congratulations Wendy from all at Wade.





What are your passions?

Wendy: I'm a keen gardener and am always out in the garden when I can. My biggest passion is travelling. I've just been to Bali, Singapore and Bangkok, at Christmas I'm off to Thailand and next April I am going to Japan to see the cherry blossom. I can't wait!

Do you have any pets?

Wendy: Yes, I have 2 tortoises and cats.

Why did you come to Wade?

Wendy: After many years managing big stores like Woolworths and WHS I decided I wanted to work closer to home. Wade was perfect and I knew the previous manager so when the job came up I knew I had to apply.

Anything else you'd like us to know?

Wendy: Just to say that we feel we have such a great charity shop here at Wade because it is an independent shop for local people. Come and pay us a visit if you have not been recently.

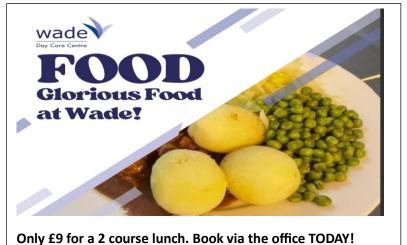
Wendy with some of her team of amazing volunteers



New Lunch Menu for June

A classic collection of tasty lunches from your 5*star chefs. Please invite your friends and family to lunch with us too. Book with the office.





Activities in abundance for June

We saw some superb artwork from our members this month. This piece is stunning and everyone did a piece to contribute to this fitting celebration for VE day. Keep up the creative work everyone!



3 rd June	Coffee Morning at Sonning Gardens	10am
4 th June	Creative Mojo	10:30am
4 th June	"Sing for yourself" with Sophie	1:45pm
10 th June	Seated exercise & Yoga with Tara	10:45am
11 th June	Tai Chi	1:30pm
12 th June	Butterfly Buddies	10:30am
24th June	Seated exercise & Yoga	10:45am
25 th June	Tai Chi	1:45pm
26 th June	Butterfly Buddies"	10:30am
Awaiting for June	Movement to Music	Dates TBC

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Dates for your Diaries

- 6th June Wade & Home Start Golf Day
- Thursday 26th June 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.
- Wade Summer Fair now Saturday
 5th July
- Tuesday 23rd September –
 Quarterly Member's Forum 11am
- 11th October Wade Golden Gala Dinner & Dance at Bearwood Lakes
- 21st November Wade Christmas shop event starts
- 29th November Wade Xmas Fair

June's Thank You's

- Knead (the new pizza restaurant in Peach street due to open soon) for a £250 donation.
- Our Care Manager Julie for starting to do some superb social posts on Wade and increasing the awareness of what we are doing. See some of the lovely posts she's done to the right.
- All our Friends of Wade for manning our stall outside Tesco.



