



Welcome to October !!

We have a lot going on at the Centre between now and Christmas. Today is International Day of the Older Person which we will celebrate with some fun games and activities proving age is just a number. On the 8th October Oktoberfest is coming to Wade. We will celebrate with some of our favourite oompah band songs and maybe a small glass of beer with our turkey schnitzel. If you have any lederhosen hiding at home, please feel free to wear them in. We then move on to the spooky spectacular of Halloween. We plan lots of arts and crafts to decorate the Centre. We may need to go and collect some conkers to keep the spiders away. I am sure Ronnie will dust off the Wade cauldron and stir us up a lovely dinner and some spooky cakes to have with our afternoon cup of tea.

In November we will respect Armistice Day and acknowledge 2 minutes silence as always. We will read a poem written by one of our late member and all take a few minutes to reflect.

Our Christmas Fair will take place on the 28th November. This is always a lovely day filled with mulled wine, mince pies and lots of cakes. We do need your help to make this a success, and we will be asking for any unwanted gifts or donations we can use in our raffle or tombola. We can only accept new or unopened items for this event.

Our Christmas Dinner will be the 10th December. If you attend the Centre on a Thursday, you will automatically be added to the list to attend. If you do not attend on a Thursday and would like to book your place, please call Julie on 0118787025 or email Julie@wadecentre.or.uk.

Places will be open to spouses at a cost of £15.00

Goodbye & Good & Good Luck Mandy

Mandy will be leaving the Centre on Friday 2nd October. We all wish her lots of luck in her new job.



October 2026 Newsletter

With new members attending Wade here is just a little insight into how Wade came to be.
Information is from Wokingham Virtual Museum

Jean Marjorie Davy

Jean was noted for her quiet charm, determination and dedication to public service. She also had a talent for organising and motivating people.

A native of Staffordshire, Jean nee Clayton came to Crowthorne in 1937 with her first husband, Charles Baker (1907-1951), a master at Wellington College whom she married in 1937. They had three children: Gillian, now Mrs. Houghton (b. 1943), Francis (b. 1944) and Peter (b. 1946). After Charles's death she moved to Wokingham and married Colin Davy (1903-1962), a local solicitor in 1953.

In 1955 she started the Wokingham and Bracknell Society for Mentally Handicapped Children. A year after Colin's death, Jean became a Magistrate in Bracknell, serving on the Forest bench until 1985 and as chairman for four years. When Jean was Mayor, she created her brainchild—Wokingham and District Association for the elderly (W.A.D.E.). In 1968 she launched an appeal for £50,000-£60,000 to equip a day centre for the newly-created W.A.D.E. Welfare Centre. She then turned the Town Hall fire station into a W.A.D.E. charity shop with £200 of council cash. In February 1971 WADE meals on wheels commenced and, after more tireless lobbying, she and Alfred Skedgel arranged for WADE to purchase a council property on the Reading Road called Little Court. In May 1974, after much renovation, Little Court was officially opened as a day centre for the elderly which daily looks after approximately 80 elderly Wokingham residents. A plaque to commemorate the founding of Wokingham and District Association for the Elderly by Jean, was unveiled at Little Court on the 4th April 1986 by Major John L. Wills, High Steward of Wokingham.

In addition to her civic duties, Jean was chairman of the governors at West Mead special school for handicapped children; chairman of Keephatch Junior School; a governor of Holme Grange School.

Jean's years of service to the community were recognised in February of 1981 when she was awarded the M.B.E.

Jean finally retired from public life in 1986 and moved to Haddenham in Buckinghamshire to be nearer her grandchildren. She was made an Honorary Freeman in 1986. A few months later she underwent surgery for a brain tumour and on the 19th of February 1987 she died at the St. Michael Sobell Hospital House Hospice in Oxford. Her funeral was held at All Saints Church in Wokingham. Davy Close, off Carey Road was named in her memory.

WADE DAY CARE CENTRE REGISTERED CHARITY 1178397

October Activity List 2026

1 st October	Celebrate International day of Older People!	All Day
5 th October	Tai - Chi	13:45
6 th October	Kevin & his Trumpet!	13:45
8 th October	Oktoberfest at Wade!	All Day
12 th October	Tai -Chi	13:45
13 th October	Seated Exercise-yoga	10:30
14 th October	Movement to Music	11:15
15 th October	Butterfly Buddies	10:30
15 th October	Kevin & his Trumpet!	13:45
19 th October	Tai-Chi	13:45
21 st October	Movement to Music	11:15
26 th October	Tai - Chi	13:45
27 th October	Seated Exercise- Yoga	10:30
28 th October	Movement to Music	11:15
28 th October	Flower arranging	13:45
29 th October	Butterfly Buddies	10:30
29 th October	Halloween Dance show	13:45
30 th October	Halloween Spooktacular!	All Day



Event's coming up at Wade



Skittles Evening Fundraiser

Friday 9th October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Join us for a fun evening of Skittles at

Wade Day Centre

Tickets only £10.00 per person in advance

Bring your own drinks and snacks

Mystery raffle!

For tickets - please contact

Elaine@wadecentre.org.uk

0118 304 5865

Free Parking at Masonic Hall (opposite)

Wade Day Centre, 40 Reading Road, Wokingham, RG41 1EH
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Christmas Wreath Making

Friday 4th December, 7.00pm

Or

Saturday 5th December, 10.30am

Raise funds for WADE and have fun at the same time! Make your own Christmas Wreath at WADE Day Centre

Tickets only £35.00 per person

Includes all materials, a drink (hot chocolate / mulled wine), mince pies and shortbread

**** Places are limited ****

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES DIRECTLY TO WADE

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More information will follow but please keep the date free and pop along to support us.

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