



VILLAGE

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

View

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT IN THE PIAZZA

This year's Christmas festivities at Watermead get's off to a flying start with a Carol Concert on Saturday, December 17th in the Watermead Village Piazza. The concert commences at 6.00pm with music from the Chinnor Silver Band, who will be playing throughout the evening, and finishes at 7.30.

Santa Claus

One important visitor to the concert will be Father Christmas, hopefully with a sackful of goodies for the children. He will be in the Piazza

throughout the concert before he has to fly back to the North Pole, so make sure all the children are there to wave him on his way!

Mulled Wine

The evening will be a splendid way to herald in the Christmas season and there will be lots of good cheer with the Mulled Wine and hot mince pies available to help keep you warm and get into the Christmas spirit - literally! Don't miss out on this festive occasion, come along and enjoy yourselves.

Seven Swans a Swimming...

More a case of 34 Swans a swimming on the lake at the end of November, our ever-vigilant swan - poor old Henry - had his work cut out trying to see them on their way, but however hard he 'puffed himself up' into his He Who Dares Wins pose he finally had to admit he was outnumbered. He tolerated the situation with the odd display of domination just to let them know they were on his territory. As the weather has been so mild recently, it has allowed all wildlife the extra time to feed up for the forthcoming winter. Once the colder weather arrived and the ground freezes they are unable to forage for food, so any help you can give during this time will be of great assistance. Any food you give, be it bread, corn, wheat or pellets etc, please ensure the birds have access to water, especially if the lake freezes over as in recent years. You can throw food onto the ice as long as it is near an opening (dry bread is hard for the birds to digest so throw this into the water). The swans, ducks and geese congregate together during this time, keeping an area of ice free, and they remain there as they are also protected from predators. The harsh weather also brings casualties, so if you see any wildlife in distress please inform someone as soon as possible - St Tiggywinkles have always come to our aid and I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and wish them all a merry christmas and a happy new year.

Well that's all for now folks, it's been an eventful year - on and off the lake - but we are growing as a community along with our 'feathered friends', so all that remains is to wish you all a very merry christmas and a happy, peaceful new year. Let's hope it's a good one!

Linda Jones

Linda Jones, who writes our regular wildlife feature centred on Watermead, has had one of her splendid wildlife photographs used on the cover of this years Waterfowl Yearbook, published by the British Waterfowl Association. Well done, Linda. Ed.

YOUR VIEW

They said it would never last, but here we are with the SECOND issue of Village View!

The response to the first issue has been terrific - lot's of feedback and ideas for the new year - and with your help we hope to go from strength to strength. Don't forget, we welcome any items of news, views, events and happenings concerning Watermead and it's residents. Short stories, articles, photographs, anecdotes - all are welcome. We will also hope to include Classified Ads and Lost & Found sections, plus a village Trade Services listing in future issues, so all you local plumbers and handy-men - give me a call!

We decided to put out a 'christmas special' to keep you up to date with all that's happening over the holiday season (don't forget the Carol Service on the 17th - be there!) and to give us a chance to say thank you for all your support in the various matters raised on your behalf by the WVRA. Without your support the Watermead Village Resident's Association could not carry out all the good work it does now and our village might not have it's enviable character. The 'world' outside now knows we're a force to be reckoned with so let's keep it that way!

All that's left now is to wish you all a very, very Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

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CHAIRMAN'S BRIEF

A brief 'Brief' this issue, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I have no fresh developments on the nightclub to report, although we expect a further application soon. Lakeside

Land Limited, our own property company, is now up and running. A big thank you to the many people who have responded and bought shares. Negotiations with the receivers are continuing. If you haven't already bought shares please chip in, as every little helps. Don't forget the Carol Concert this Saturday (December 17th) at 6 o'clock, in the Piazza. This is a rare opportunity for our community to get together. See you there. Again, a Merry Christmas everyone.

Michael Shrimpton

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Early Christmas Shopping

While you are buying your christmas gifts there will be others who will be getting theirs through various means, especially burglary and theft. Please be extra vigilant over the christmas and new year. Children, please watch over all those 'new bikes', ask Santa to bring you a lock and chain with the bike - and don't ever leave them unattended anywhere.

Beware! Burglars About

Unfortunately, during the end of November and the beginning of December, Watermead was the victim of burglars. An attempted burglary was followed 2 weeks later by a successful burglary in the same road and another, during

occasions entry was gained by breaking a downstairs window. Please keep your eyes peeled - especially during the day, and don't let those people spoil our christmas. Remember, if in doubt - DIAL 999

Co-ordinator Required

Sadly, the co-ordinator for Swan Close has moved away. If there is anyone who would be interested in taking over please contact Mike or Sandra on 20956

As a final note, due to the success of the Neighbourhood Watch, Watermead has had a relatively low crime rate in 1994, let's keep it that way for 1995.

On behalf of all the co-ordinators, we would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas.

WATERMEAD WI

Ladies, don't forget that all our meetings are held at the Watermead Village Hall - next door to Avanti's Hairdressers - and are held on the first Thursday of every month. Some of the events planned for 1995 include BBQ evenings, a day trip to France, Patchwork & Quilting sessions and a trip to Beatties. January 5th is our next social evening where we have a splendid buffet and wine which makes it an ideal time for new and prospective members to come along and meet us. And don't get the idea we're your average WI, our ages range from the mid twenties to the very young Sixties and we tend to get a bit silly at times, so come along and enjoy yourselves - you know it makes sense!

FIGHTING FUND

Don't forget it's not too late to contribute to the fighting fund if you have not already done so - and many thanks to those residents who already have. The fund will be professionally administered and all monies will remain separate from general WVRA funds. All accounts will be published in Village View. Cheques should be made payable to Wilkins Solicitors.

YOUR COMMITTEE

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COMING EVENTS

Carol Concert

Saturday 17th December,
6.00 to 7.30pm

Watermead Village Piazza. Chinnor Silver Band, Father Christmas with kiddies presents, Mulled wine and mince pies.

Pub Quiz Evenings

Every Monday from 8.00pm
Watermead Inn.

Good Prizes - Good Fun!

Cricket Club AGM

Watermead Village Hall, 7.30pm
January 15th 1995.

NEED A BABYSITTER?

Mature, reliable lady is available for baby sitting. Ring 397530.

WATERMEAD CRICKET CLUB

The AGM will be at the Village Hall, Sunday, January 15th 1995, at 7.30 pm. Anyone wishing to join the club is welcome to come to the AGM - membership is just £25 a year, or £30 in instalments of £10 from January to April, when the season begins. Social members are welcome and a programme of social events is planned for 1995. We could still do with a scorer, perhaps a retired cricket lover who would like to be involved in the game. Now we own the ground the Club's future is secure and looking good. Indoor coaching starts in January, details will be announced at the AGM. The 2nd XI's season starts on Sunday April 30, First XI's (League) fixtures will be allocated by the Midweek League nearer the time. The 2nd XI plays to a club friendly standard with the emphasis on enjoyment of the game - we welcome players new to the game or those who may be a little rusty. Once you've seen me bat you won't worry about your own playing skills!
Michael Shrimpton