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March 2020 Church Services

Sunday 1 March	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Bishopstone Liddington Hinton Parva
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Wednesday 25 March	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough
Sunday 29 March	---	No Service	No Service

Please note Wednesday Services are now held in St Andrew's, Wanborough, not The Vicarage

Details of Church Services correct at time of going to press. They can also be found at www.wanborough.info

Copy date for the Lyden is 14th of the month prior to publication

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

In New York it was easy to see the buildings and the sites, only to notice the differences between that city and where we live, or perhaps have ever lived. Meeting up with a local girl whose husband was a patent lawyer made such a difference in terms of colouring in! Getting to understand the people and the ways of that city made the visit more than a trip to see the sights only previously seen in pictures. It was like the difference between seeing a picture of an orange and holding, squeezing, smelling and tasting an orange.

With jam packed diaries and the constant rush to satisfy employers, employees, customers and family, I wonder how much of life is more like looking at the picture of an orange rather than experiencing one. A significant number of people, having suffered a heart attack or some other significant event in their lives, have found themselves re-thinking their approach to life and to those around them. And, a number of us met a guy recently who gave up his international corporate life to develop what is now a very successful winery. He now has the kind of family time that simply wasn't possible before.

The thing is, we don't have to wait to face calamity to understand who we are and what we might be called to be. Until the 1980's Life Coaches didn't exist and it doesn't take much thinking to ask, how did humanity manage to exist beforehand? There has been a lot of wisdom throughout the whole of our existence and Thomas Leonard, the guy attributed to being the first Life Coach, put a lot of this wisdom together in a way that enabled him to make a living out of it. To be honest, if he can then we can. Skills are one thing, habits another but working out what is at the very core of our being that gives rise to our thoughts, words and actions is another thing entirely.

This year we will be thinking about those who had faith in a cause, along with those that were simply conscripted to that cause, that led to VE Day. Faith too can be like looking at a picture of an orange rather than holding, squeezing, smelling and tasting one. Turning up to church on a Sunday can also become a bit like going for the weekly shop. It's when we do a bit of homework before we go to New York that we have a better chance of getting the most out of the trip. The same is true of faith. This Lent we are going to run two opportunities to do a bit of homework, and in the company of others that aren't so sure.

Starting on the week beginning 2nd March, at 9.30am on Monday mornings we will be running the Alpha Course with bacon rolls and coffee available at the Royal Oak, Bishopstone; and at 6.30pm on Wednesday evenings at St Andrew's we will be running a short version of the Alpha Course called 'Alpha Express'; and you don't have to be CofE to attend! Whether you know a bit, a lot or nothing at all you are very welcome to spend time sharing views and listening to others' on questions like 'Is there more to life than this?' and 'How can we have faith?' to name but a few. And as something to do for Lent, it's got to be whole lot better than giving up chocolate!



With best wishes and prayers,

Bill

If you have anything that you would like our village prayer group to pray for please telephone 790088 or email villageprayers@gmail.com

Lent Lunches 2018

As in previous years, Lent Lunches will be held around the area to raise money for local charities. All are welcome, not just churchgoers, and we hope that you will be able to support at least one if not more of these lunches. Come along and see old friends and make new ones. All lunches (except where stated) are held on a Wednesday, at 12.30pm, and cost £5 per person.. Just turn up on the day, you will be very welcome.

4 March: Hazel Cook, Canons Cottage, Church Row, Hinton Parva SN4 0DL

11 March: Myra Binks, The Vicarage, 19 Church Road, Wanborough SN4 0BZ

18 March: Roz Boot, Bishopstone Village Hall, Bishopstone SN6 8PW

25 March: Lorna Ford, Warrens Farm, Liddington SN4 0EB

2 April: (Thursday) Sue Gorelle, 18 Church Road, Wanborough SN4 0BZ

8 April: Mrs Hasmig Topalian, Arax, Orchard Close Wanborough SN4 0AN

The Alpha and Alpha Express Courses

As mentioned in the Vicar's Letter, The Alpha Course will run on Mondays beginning on 2 March through to 1 June, 9.30am at The Royal Oak, Cues Lane Bishopstone, with Bacon Rolls and Coffee. The Alpha Express course will run on Wednesdays beginning on 4 March through to 3 June, 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Wanborough. All are welcome.

Wanborough Farmers' Market

The next Wanborough Farmers' Market and Community Cafe will be held on Saturday 21 March, 9am to midday in Wanborough village hall. As well as the usual stalls, Karen will be there with her sausage rolls and Scotch eggs, and Ken will be outside with his fish, including delicious organic Shetland salmon. He will also be there on Thursday afternoons 3-5pm - phone him on 07590 979 194 if you want to order. For more information about the market contact Sue or David Birley on 01793 790438 or sbirley@gn.apc.org



This month's Community Connect Coffee Morning will support The National Deaf Children's Society. Did you know.....?



- There are over 50,000 deaf children across the UK.
- Due to lack of support, on average, deaf children in England achieve a grade lower than other children for each in their GCSEs.
- Deaf children are 60% more likely to experience mental health problems compared to other children.
- Deaf children are over twice as likely to be abused as other children.

• More than half of all existing Teachers of the Deaf are expected to retire in the next 10 to 15 years.

Come to the Farmers Market and Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday March 21st for your local produce, free tea, coffee and home-made cake – and an opportunity to donate towards this life changing charity.

Huge thanks to all who donated to Headway in January – you raised over £240 for the Swindon branch!

Wanborough Churchyard Clear-up

The next Wanborough Churchyard Clear-up session will be on **Saturday March 21 at 10am till about midday**. All welcome, especially families and newcomers to the village. There will be brush to clear, a bonfire to make if wind and weather are suitable, also ivy to clear, etc. Do bring snowdrops 'in the green' if you'd like to plant them - add to the existing ones which look great ! Any queries contact David Birley on 790438

Liddington 100 Club

The winner for January is Mr J Coppen and receives £50. Congratulations,
Caroline Tams



Wanborough Parish Council

Footpath & Village Maintenance

All hedge cutting in the village is now complete. Parish Council carried out additional cutting on Pack Hill, at the top of Kite Hill and at the Callas Hill junction to help improve visibility and to cut back the hedges that were starting to encroach onto the road.

The Handyman has been spraying pavements to clear the moss which has become quite bad in certain areas. This should help make the pavements less slippery. The product he used is harmless to children, pets and wildlife, and uses natural ingredients, making it kinder to the environment than conventional chemical-based product.

The grass cutting contractor will commence cutting around the village from mid-March subject to ground conditions

Parish Council are looking to plant a wild flower meadow in the area near the storyboard near the Church and to the left of the footpath leading to Church Meadow. Cowslips, primroses, ox-eye daisy, foxgloves, cornflowers and violets will be planted and we will see how well they take. If this is successful we will look to see if there are other areas within the village where similar planting can be carried out; if there are any areas that residents feel would be ideal for this then please let us know.

If there is anything that you feel needs to be done around the village, then please report any maintenance issues to the Parish Clerk by either e-mail clerk@wanborough.info, by using the "Maintenance Report" on the Parish website www.wanborough.info, or alternatively text, ring or WhatsApp on telephone number 07588 769829.

Village Litter Picks

Many thanks to all volunteers who were able to come and help with one or more of the three litter picks that were carried out during early February; it was great to see you all. The three areas that we targeted were Pack Hill, Wanborough Road and Foxhill, clearing litter from the highway verges. It was unbelievable how much rubbish had accumulated over the last few months: there were 15 bags

collected from Pack Hill, 13 from Wanborough Road and a staggering total of more than 30 bags from Foxhill.

Precept and Budget 2020/21

At January's Parish Council meeting it was unanimously agreed to increase the Precept from £77.46 per year (Band D) to £89.09 per year (Band D) an increase of £11.63 per year. This increase is higher than previous years, but with ever increasing demands on the precept it has been difficult to keep the increase as low as previous years.

The main capital project planned for 2020/21 is to replace some of the older play equipment at the Lower Recreation Field. The multi-play unit and slide, swings and spring animals are all starting to show signs of wear and were highlighted in the recent RoSPA inspection report as in need of replacement in the near future.



Planning Update

An outline planning application has been received for the southern section of the Foxbridge site, which has been allocated as one of the New Eastern Villages within SBC's Local Plan 2026: S/OUT/20/0160 - Foxbridge - Outline planning application for 370 dwellings and Local Centre

There will be a separate application for the northern area and we are expecting to receive notification for this very soon, but this had not been received at the time of writing. The total housing expected for the northern area is 330 dwellings, giving a total of 700 for both.

As this site has been allocated in the Local Plan it is difficult to prevent development, however it is important to submit comments on what is being proposed. Parish Council has already highlighted their concerns about the number of proposed access points onto the Southern Connector Road and that there should be no access direct onto Wanborough Road. Other areas to consider are flooding, with the close proximity of the Lyden Brook, and access to facilities such as schools, doctors etc.

Parish Council will be considering the application at their next meeting on Monday 24th February 2020; please check the Parish website for updates on this.

If residents wish to send their own comments then they need to send them to SBC using e-mail to sbcadc@swindon.gov.uk by the deadline of 11th March 2020.

Minor Highways Improvements

Further to Parish Council's article in January's Lyden listing possible minor highways improvement proposals for the village, we have received a number of positive responses, especially for double yellow lines along the edge of Church Road, from Southdown to the Church, to prevent cars parking near the sharp bend. In addition there's support for looking at the feasibility of implementing additional parking within Warneage Green. Parish Council have sent these details to the Ward Councillor, confirming support from residents requesting that he adds these to his "Member's List" to SBC Highways. We will now have to wait and see if SBC Highways will consider our proposals. It has been a long and slow process for Parish Council having first written to raise their proposals back in October 2018; hopefully these will start to move forward and we will be able to provide an update soon.

There are currently two vehicle activated signs (VAS) within the village, one on Kite Hill and one on Callas Hill. These signs are now about 10 years old and, since installation, technology has improved and there are better updated versions available. Parish Council have therefore allocated money within their budget to look at updating these signs and possibly looking to see if it's possible to have signs that can be moved around the village to different locations. There is also an additional advantage with some signs, as they can record statistical information such as the number of vehicles, including the number speeding, which will be useful to confirm any increase in traffic numbers on a particular road.

Hooper's Field Project

As part of a Wiltshire FA scheme, an experienced grounds man has recently carried out an inspection of the sports field at Hooper's Field to provide advice and report on areas they feel could be improved. The report will also identify any possible funding options available to us. It was good to hear some positive comments from the grounds man, especially in relation to the maintenance carried out over the last few years.

Parish Council are expecting to receive some draft plans for the Hooper's Field expansion project soon; once they have been reviewed Parish Council will arrange an opportunity for residents to view them.

Regular updates from Parish Council can be found on their website www.wanborough.info, and by following them on Facebook. The next Full Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 23 March 2020; everyone is welcome to attend.

Ward Councillor Update from Gary Sumner

Next Ward Councillor Meeting :- Saturday 28 March, 8.30 - 10am at Wanborough Village Hall

WARD news and other surgery dates at www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk



Junction 15 M4: One of my roles at the Borough Council is that I am the Deputy at the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership board when the Council Leader can't attend. At the January meeting I had a critical pitch to make for £3m to assist in a shortfall of funding to deliver the much needed Junction 15 improvements. I think most people would agree it's urgently needed. Against three bids from Wiltshire I am pleased to say the pitch was successful and we secured the much needed £3m contribution to delivering the scheme to start this summer.

Back at SBC we had to re-allocate a further £4.8m of funding to complete the overall £17m funding requirement. It will create a dedicated additional lane to the A419 southbound to help London bound traffic and will reduce congestion seen daily on the A419 and A346 Marlborough Road. This congestion is harmful for the environment and a brake on Swindon in terms of jobs and housing delivery. Works will commence June of this year.

Climate Change: As your Borough Councillor I was proud to be the one to propose a Motion at the January Council meeting to make Swindon Borough Council (the organisation) Carbon Neutral by 2030. My motion eventually received 100% cross party support and gives an important indication of our ambitions for the Borough. I sit on the cross-party Climate Change Working Group and have made some significant contributions to our proposals.

Forest Meadows Scheme: I was delighted to launch a joint scheme with 'Wiltshire Wildlife' this month which will improve biodiversity and create/enhance a range of habitats across 12 sites in the Borough and over 170 hectares. I am also hoping that we can secure additional land in the 'New Eastern Villages' area for additional tree and wetland habitats.



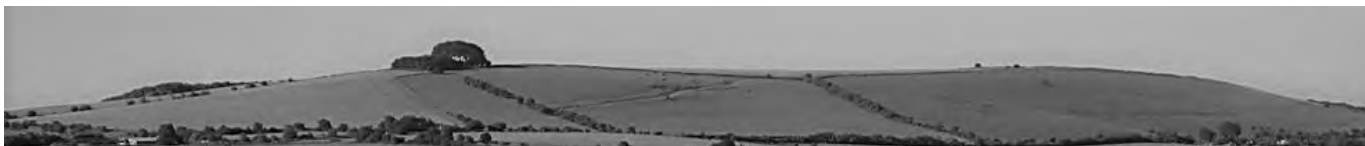
In Wanborough: I carried out a big prune of the overgrown corner by Callas Hill crossroads which has improved the visibility when using the junction from Church Road looking downhill. If anyone is interested in joining me in our 'Clean & Green' efforts I have some hi-vis jackets and we can tidy other areas that will make a difference to where we live. Give me a call or email?



Please note this month's Ward Surgery meeting is at the earlier time of 8.30 -10am on Saturday 28 March

Please call me on 790814 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Liddington Parish Council



VE DAY – 8 May 2020 – an apology

The Parish Council would like to apologise for the misleading comment made in last month's edition of the Lyden Magazine. Unfortunately there was a misunderstanding during a conversation held about commemorative events being arranged. As Wanborough are organising a large event, discussions are currently being held for Liddington Village to join them.

Flashing Speed Signs

No objections have been raised by Swindon Borough Council to the five proposed sites that have been identified by the Parish Council for a moveable flashing speed sign to be used. The Parish Council have selected the preferred supplier and are in the process of finalising the arrangements and would hope to have it installed and working within the next few weeks.

Facebook

The Parish Council now has a Facebook page. Please search for Liddington Parish Council and like the page to join in the conversation about all things local to Liddington.

Parking Issues

The Parish Council asks for consideration to be shown when parking in the Village, especially with regards to access for emergency vehicles. No parking is permitted in Church Road when using the Village Hall, playing field or visiting the Church.

Contacting The Police

Unless an emergency, when 999 should be used, all incidences of crime or anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police using 101. It is now possible to use their online reporting tool which can be found at www.wiltshire.police.uk and select 'report'.

Spring Village Clean Up

The next Village clean-up will be on Saturday, 4 April 2020, meeting at Jubilee Gardens at 09.30am for a couple of hours. We will be doing the usual tidying, litter picking, cutting back overhanging shrubs alongside footpaths; in fact anything you think will make our village look better and looked after.

The Parish Council is concerned about your safety so please wear appropriate clothing, strong sturdy shoes and protective gloves. You will be provided with a high-viz tabard and a litter picker on the day.

All volunteers are most welcome to join us.

The next meeting of Liddington Parish Council will be held on 4 March 2020 starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend **Val Curtis, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council**



Thanks from Judith

Thank you so much to all of you who turned up to support Melanoma Focus at the last Farmers' Market. The magnificent total of £320 was raised, which has raised my total so far to over £1000. I still have over 100 miles to go to reach my target of 1000, so if anyone else would like to contribute you can find my JustGiving page at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Judith-Evans19. Many thanks again everyone and especially the Community Connect Coffee group for your support and delicious cakes!

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World War 2 Memorial

Following on from last month this is the third article providing details of those mentioned on the World War 2 memorial.

William Robert Poole

Service Number: 919400

William Poole was born in 1916 in Wiltshire. His parents, Francis James Poole who was born at Lydiard Tregoz (Tregooze) was a farm labourer in 1911 and Elsie Jane Poole who was born at Broad Blunsdon, married in 1912. Francis moved with his work on farms and by 1939 he was a cowman on a dairy farm living at Mount Pleasant Cottages, Horpit with his wife, eldest son Walter, William and a third child.

William enlisted as a private in the 5th Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders and was a casualty of the Battle of the Falaise Gap when he was killed in action on 20th August 1944. He was buried near where he fell close to Saint-Pierre-sur-Dives and was later reburied in the St Desir War Cemetery in Calvados, France.

William's parents had moved to Coombe Cottage, Little Hinton when his mother administered his will on 27 March 1945.



VE Day 75th Celebration

Friday 8 May 2020

A family event for the whole community
at St Andrew's Church & Church Meadow

During the afternoon

Everyone welcome

Keep this date free in your diary



The event will be held during the afternoon of the Bank Holiday, starting with a Church Service at St Andrew's Church, followed by a celebration on Church Meadow. Residents are welcome to arrive at any point during the afternoon, bring a picnic, or purchase food while you are there.

There is a lot of planning going on at the moment for this celebration. To give you a taster of what has been booked so far: Helen Halfhead's string trio will be playing, as well as "Sweethearts", three lady singers performing songs from the WWII era. We are also in discussions with another band who will hopefully confirm soon, as well as activities for children, hog roast, beer tent, and an historic display in St Andrew's Church. More details next month.

If you would like to be involved and able to help then please contact Angela Raymond on e-mail Clerk@wanborough.info, or come along to see us at the Farmer's Markets in March and April where we will have a table display.

Quiz

Friday 27 March at 7pm at Wanborough Village Hall



To raise funds towards the village's VE Day 75th anniversary event we are holding a quiz. We are delighted to have secured the service of quizmasters Martin Hook and Mark Hitchmough for this event, so an excellent evening should be on the cards. Tables are available for teams of up to six people and there will also be a cash bar. Chilli con carne or vegetable lasagne, to be served at the half-time interval, is included in the price of £10 per head.

Tables are expected to fill up fast and there is a limit of 14 teams, so if you would also like to reserve one, please put the date in your diary and contact Angela as soon as possible at clerk@wanborough.info

The Wanborough Village Trail launch and celebration

Between now and 14 March we are hoping that the final elements of The Wanborough Village trail will be put in place. This includes: 3 benches made using wood from trees felled in the Lower Rec, 2 new fingerposts directing walkers between the village and The Ridgeway National Trail, and replacement signs for our protected verge. A large amount of data has been prepared and is in the process of being loaded onto the parish website, www.wanborough.info. This information is a starting point for us and will be added to over time. If you know something about a subject that is not covered and you would like to make a contribution, please let us know. The four natural history databases on the website are an aid to those interested in identifying the plants, birds, trees and animals in the parish. If you find something not listed, please take a photo and send it in.



The launch is the culmination of 2 years hard work for the project team and the formal handover of infrastructure to the Parish Council. The Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire, Sarah Troughton, is our guest of honour. Sarah will be unveiling the dedication plaque and cutting the cake for us. **Everyone is invited to join us for the celebration**, so put the date in your diary as we hope to see you there.

Anita Basevi

Circular Walk

The Coombes – Hinton Parva

This is a 7 mile circular walk starting from the car park behind Hinton Parva Village Hall. It is a challenging walk but the scenery is beautiful and I would highly recommend wearing sturdy walking shoes. The route takes you along part of the Ridgeway National Trail. You should be able to spot red kites, buzzards, kestrels and other farmland birds.



1. Park behind Hinton Parva Village Hall; the car park is owned by the National Trust. From the car park proceed through the pedestrian gate into The Coombes. Keep left and follow the bridleway up the hill, and as you reach the top enjoy the views across the meadow; there is a bench at the top if you need a rest.

2. Continue straight on, through the gate ahead. Horses might be exercising on the gallops to your left so keep dogs on a lead. The path carries on between two hedges then, when you reach a gate, walk down the path between the two fences until you reach the road.



3. Carefully cross the road on a slight diagonal to the right and pass through a gate signposted "To Ridgeway" and carry on walking up the hill until you reach The Ridgeway path.

4. Cross straight over The Ridgeway path at this point and walk straight on along a grass path. As you walk along the path on the left is Charlbury Hill. Continue on this path to the top of the hill, passing a round covered brick reservoir on your right and then carry on down the hill. Halfway down, the M4 motorway will come into view and then you pass a large barrow on your left.

5. At the bottom of the hill you will see a tarmac road, turn left and walk down the road away from the motorway.

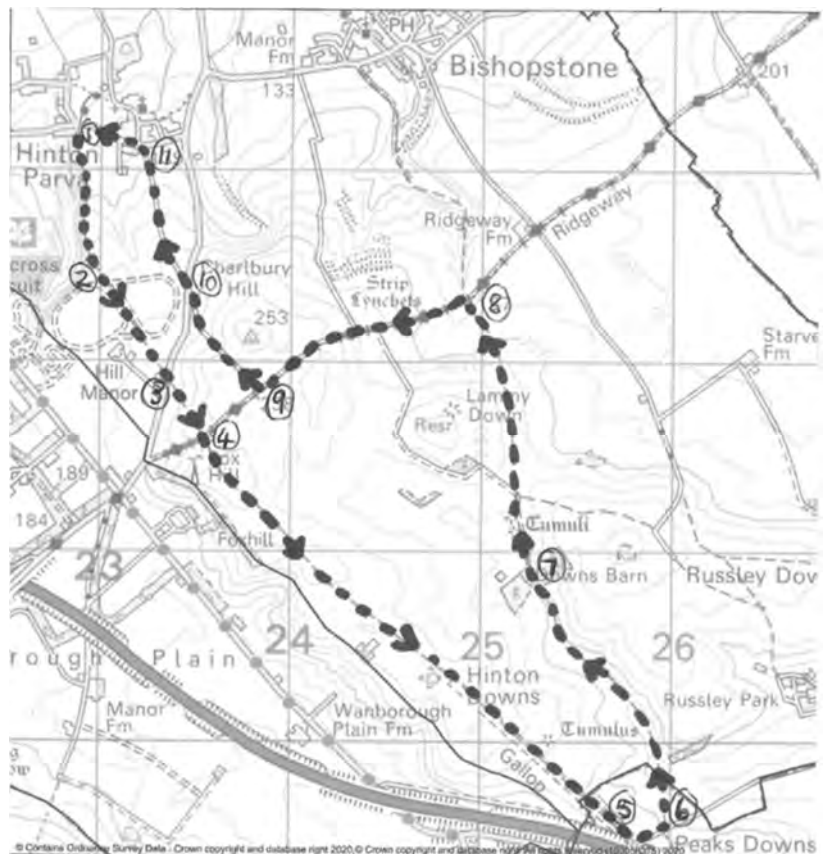
6. When you reach a "public bridleway" sign on your left, turn left and continue along the track until you reach a cattle grid. Look out for buzzards and skylarks singing in the spring.

7. Continue along this track through the bottom of the valley until you reach a group of barns and outbuildings. Do not follow the track around the barns but continue straight on, over the grass, keeping the barns to your left and go through the gate ahead. Follow the field edge, keeping the fence and then the hedge on your left. Carry straight on at the next junction, ignoring the track to the left which heads off up the hill towards a copse of trees.

8. When you reach the junction with The Ridgeway at the bottom of the hill turn left onto it. As you turn left you will notice a small coombe to the right of you, leading to Bishopstone. Walk along The Ridgeway up the hill.

9. Continue up The Ridgeway until you pass Charlbury Hill on the right. Just past the hill turn right onto a tarmac road. This road takes you past the entrance gate to Charlbury Hill, where you can make a detour up to the trig point on top.

10. When you reach the end of the road downhill, then head across the main road to take the lane signposted to Hinton Parva and continue down the hill. When you reach the end of this road turn left and continue back to the Village Hall car park.



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The Wanborough Show Society, Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 22 August 2020

One of the most rewarding things about running the Flower and Produce tent is chatting to entrants and visitors at the show; one lovely lady told me last year that she feels the show is very special in the life of the village, bringing people together as a community despite the background of division in the country at that time. It's heart-warming to know how much our visitors love the show, and see it as a celebration of the things in life that we all love – those simple acts of planting, growing, perhaps cooking or baking, and creating beautiful floral art or homemade crafts. I would urge you to enter as much as you can this year in the spirit of supporting your community; sadly some classes were not well supported last year, and may have to be withdrawn in future.

As we look out at our gardens and start to see them come to life, we begin to ponder what we could grow this year. We thought it might be a good idea to help you and persuade you to perhaps enter something new in the great Wanborough Flower and Produce Show.

Vegetables and Fruit

Many of the vegetable and fruit classes will remain the same; we want to recognise our traditional growers who have been supporting the show for many years. We do have new entrants in the 'traditional' growing categories, and it was fantastic when last year's basket of mixed vegetables was won by someone new to Wanborough. Almost anyone can grow tomatoes in a grow bag, and peas, beans and herbs are so easy to grow – why not have a go, or encourage a younger relative to enter some this year?

Flowers

We know that late August is not the best time for all flowers in the garden, which is why the Schedule for the Flower classes relies on relatively few varieties. This year, for a change, we're throwing open a class for a 'big bunch of flowers picked from your garden'. This won't be judged on the arrangement of the flowers, but on the Schedule requirements (think the number and quality of the blooms). Once again, there will be a tallest sunflower competition, another one to encourage children to enter perhaps? These *do* need to be grown from seed, so you may want to think about sourcing your giant sunflower seed soon. Again, there's lots of advice on social media to get them growing super tall.

Mobile Garden Competition:

Last year we had a no entries in this class, but it's a class we would love to keep, as entries in the past have been unusual and really imaginative.

You can create a living garden in the confines of any wheeled conveyance about the size of a wheelbarrow, some past entries have included prams, bikes, and kitchen trollies! It must contain living plants and any other added materials to fit the theme. The theme for 2020 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII - War's End.

Hanging Basket or Planter: There is also a competition for the best hanging basket or planter in the Parish; this was introduced by our Parish council to encourage residents to make the villages even more beautiful by displaying beautiful baskets/planters outside their homes. These should be planted by the resident, you can't buy professional/garden centre ready made baskets or planters, but it is OK to use bedding plants, you don't have to grow your plants from seed. There are loads of fabulous ideas on social media, why not take a look, and have a go at winning the Parish County Trophy with your best creation. You do not even have to bring it to the show, we will judge it in situ.

Photography Competition: The photography competition is always very well supported, and looks fantastic in the tent on the day. We try to keep the classes as open to interpretation as possible, but the Celebrations class in particular may inspire some to take some photos at Wanborough village celebrations of the 75th anniversary of VE day. The classes will be:

Changing seasons

Tiny garden visitors

Food

Celebrations

We hope we've sparked some inspiration – please do enter something in the show. If you have any worries about entering, please call Sue on 07743816973. **Sue and Phil Spreag**

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In case you missed it :-

Wanborough May Day Fayre: Sunday 3 May 2020 –

PLEASE VOLUNTEER 2-4 HOURS HELP BEFORE EASTER IF YOU CAN.....

Before the fayre weekend arrives there are other tasks that it would be really helpful to have some other volunteers involved with please: requesting and collecting raffle prizes; checking the prizes and stall equipment; sorting through all the books; organising the park & ride arrangements and many more. I'm working this year and have less time to allocate to all these preparatory tasks so if you could offer a couple of hours over 3-4 weeks in March please do get in touch and we'll find something that won't takeover your life (promise!) but that would make a huge contribution to getting the fayre ready to go.....

The fayre is scheduled for Sunday 3 May this year to allow villagers to enjoy the VE day celebrations on the bank holiday Friday (see other article by Angela Raymond).

Because of the day change the time available to prepare all the stalls and tentage is greatly reduced so please can as many families as possible please volunteer to help man stands on the day or set up the stalls / tents on Friday 1st Saturday 2 May. Without help I will just not be able to get the fayre ready this year.....

Wanborough Scarecrow Trail: Sat April 25 – Sun 10 May

Michelle McSweeney is kindly overseeing the list of scarecrows this year. We still have spaces around the trail so please make early contact with Michelle (michellemcsw@gmail.com) if you'd be willing to make and/or host a scarecrow this year. The theme is The World of Nursery Rhymes and Children's Songs. If you're looking for costumes or props we have a selection in a loft to browse. We will be running our usual tea and trail sheet sales gazebos and will be looking for volunteers on the Saturdays and Sundays (and Bank Holiday Friday) please to fill the rota to ensure all the trailblazers from in and outside the village can enjoy refreshments whilst taking part in this popular activity.

Thank you in anticipation to the 100+ families and villagers who give their time to make these community events possible and successful. Please volunteer if you can to spread the load as much as possible. Proceeds from both these events will go to the Wanborough Community Trust for allocation to local projects and groups.

Tessa Lanstein: tessaannlanstein@gmail.com; 07795 057420

Do you have a local project that needs funds? We may be able to help.

Wanborough Community Fund started out several years ago when a small group of people took on the reins of running the May Day Fayre, Scarecrow Trail and Quiz nights. The idea of this organisation is to run local community fundraising events to raise funds for local projects / activities / groups. The Fund covers Wanborough, Liddington, Hinton Parva and Bishopstone, as many of the supporters for our fundraising events come from all areas of the Benefice.



Through a grant application and allocation process Wanborough Community Fund will support local groups / activities as funds are available. This new organisation is registered with the Charity Commission as Wanborough Community Trust and is now able to allocate funds through an application process.

With funds in our account now we are keen to start the application and allocation process so groups/projects/events can benefit from the fundraising many of our villagers have been supporting for the last few years.

The types of projects that have already shown an interest whilst we've been waiting to secure Charity status are: Liddington Bells replacement project; Wanborough local history storyboards project; scout group coach transport to International Jamboree; annual event for senior members of the community; bi-annual event for junior members of our community. There will be many more... perhaps a feasibility study for the setting up of a community shop/café; other local groups needing funds for equipment / clothing etc.

Once registered, applicants will make a presentation to the Trustees to secure some or all of their requested funds for their particular application. Conditions will be attached to completing the projects and spending the funds in a timely way; we will ask for a completion report so we can publicise and promote the projects /activities/events and encourage more members of the community to support our fundraising efforts each year.

So...do you have the start of an idea for a community project / activity? Are you involved with a local group that needs funds for a specific piece of equipment or activity?

Visit https://www.wanborough.info/wanborough_community_fund.html for more information including our Grant Awarding Policy.

Email wanboroughCT@gmail.com expressing an interest to apply for funds from Wanborough Community Trust and get the ball rolling... an application form will sent to you.

Whilst we are happy to chat with people as their early thoughts turn into more concrete plans we will not be able to make application requests on behalf of others; individuals need to be passionate enough about their idea that they can bring it to the decision making table and then execute its delivery. *Wanborough Community Trust*

255th Anniversary of Dobbin Day

The 13th February marked the 255th anniversary of the Dobbin Day service which is held each year in St Andrews Church. It is the oldest annual event held in the parish and includes the distribution of bread to those attending the service. There was a good turnout again this year including The Reception and year 6 pupils from Wanborough Primary, parents and residents. The service was lead by the year 6 pupils, who gave us a reading, then explained the history of Dobbin day for us all. The service ended with the distribution of loaves then both year groups stood to sing to an appreciative audience, "Do The Dough", a song that tells of bread making which included lots of actions. After the service, as is tradition, an afternoon tea was hosted at The Vicarage by Bill O'Connell.





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Barry Hillier on behalf of The Old Boilers

Wanborough Tennis Club

There are some nice days ahead, so make the most of them and come to the club to enjoy fun, fresh air and exercise and daylight when you can. It's so beneficial to our mental health!

Do sign up to play in the Summer League matches if you'd like the opportunity to take part in more competitive tennis. Matches start towards the end of April and continue until the beginning of August.

Chiseldon Local History Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 18 March at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Cross Church Hall, Butts Road, Chiseldon, SN4 0NJ, when David Badcote will be presenting on "Discovering medicines from the Ancient World to the present".

Humankind has sought ways to cure illnesses throughout history. In the Stone Age, knowledge on which herbs and plants could help with ailments or soothe fevers was discovered by chance and handed down through the generations. Records of prescribed medicines have been found for the Sumerians, Chinese Han dynasty, ancient Greece and during the Islamic Golden Age. Many bizarre beliefs about the workings of the body and the causes of illness appeared through the centuries and resulted in treatments which varied in effectiveness from helpful to toxic and all points in between. Modern science has enabled a greater understanding and has fuelled the growth of the pharmaceutical industry and development of vaccines, antibiotics and many other drugs. Come along and find out what an "ancient pharmacist" might have recommended for your condition and what the consequences could have been.

Meetings are free to members, but there is a £3.00 charge for visitors. Why not join us? Membership is still only £10 per year. For details of this year's programme of talks and events, please visit: www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk

Elaine Jones (01793 740784) Keith Parsons (01793 741346) Email: info@chiseldonlhg.org.uk

Swindon Symphony Orchestra

Swindon Symphony Orchestra's next concert is on Sunday 29 March, 7.30pm at St. Joseph's College, Ocotol Way, Swindon SN3 3LR. Programme: Tchaikovsky - Romeo and Juliet Overture, Korngold - Much Ado about Nothing Suite, Sibelius - Tempest Suite No 1, Walton - Henry V Suite.

Concerts sell out so advance booking is advised. Tickets are available from any orchestra member, through the 'Contact Us' page on the website swindonsymphonyorchestra.org.uk, in person at Swindon Central Library, or online through WeGotTickets (see website).



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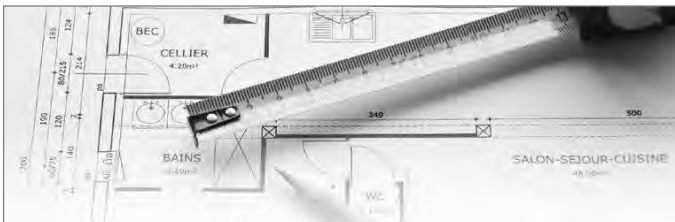
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12 Beaches

There's a beach for everyone: from the stunning sands of Latin America, to the beautiful British coast, onwards to the Mediterranean's best beach, and then down to a Pacific island paradise. Here's the recommendation for May to August.

MAY – Praia de Lopes Mendes, Ilha Grande, Brazil

Just three hours south of Rio de Janeiro, Ilha Grande is a small island home to the jaw-achingly beautiful Praia de Lopes Mendes. To get to the beach is quite an undertaking, but well worth the effort – you have to hike through Atlantic forests thick with hummingbirds, butterflies, tropical flowers and waterfalls with Pygmy and Holy monkeys running everywhere. With sand as white and as soft as flour, the beach of Lopes Mendes is irresistible. The island was discovered in 1502 but today preservation is the word with roads only existing in the island's main village.



JUNE – Whitehaven Beach, Whitsunday Islands, Queensland, Australia

Whether you arrive by sea-plane or boat, Whitehaven Beach has oh-so-white sands, rainforest and crystalline waters. It's on a tiny, wild island, part of the 1,250-mile long Great Barrier Reef. The sand is 99.89% pure quartz and you can swim with 1,500 types of multi-coloured fish and observe humpback whales on their annual migration. Seventy-three other islands await discovery, some deserted and ideal for a very intimate and secluded day in the sun.

You can camp on some islands but always remember the advice of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority: "take with you photos and memories, and leave behind only bubbles". Base yourself on the mainland at Airlie Beach Organic B&B, with massage, yoga, meditation and organic meals. They sell original art and crafts made by local Ngabo and Gia people.

JULY – Oxwich Bay, Gower Peninsula, Wales, UK

You have to look to Wales for our most beautiful beach in Britain. Soft, sandy Oxwich Bay, framed by woodland and overlooked by Penrice Castle, could come straight from an Enid Blyton story. With its Arcadian beauty, in summer Oxwich is an ideal place for safe swimming, a walk on the sands or through the nature reserve with its 600 species of flowering plants.

The Gower, lying west of Swansea, was Britain's first Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and this year is the 50th anniversary. A footpath leads from Oxwich to St Illtyd's Church, reputedly haunted by a half-man, half-horse creature and further along, the coastline is dotted with castles and ancient monuments and many unspoilt bays.



Nearby Swansea is a city that has reinvented itself in the past 5 years with a thriving local food scene showcasing the region's rich food heritage: laver bread, cockles, Welsh black beef, and sea bass jostle.

AUGUST – Guludo Beach, Quirimbas Peninsula, Mozambique



Possibly the most beautiful beach in Africa – Guludo beach bewitches: fine, white sand lapped by the Indian Ocean and fringed by wild African bush. This is a true, barefoot paradise where you can snorkel the reef and observe humpback whales (Jun-Oct).

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