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November Diary

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Defibrillator Familiarisation Liddington	28 Oct	7
Marlborough Artists Exhibition	1/2 Nov	9
Tree Planting Pack Hill	5 Nov	8
Liddington Parish Council Meeting	6 Nov	7
Singing in Wanborough	9 Nov	24
Christmas Wreath Workshops	14/15 November	15
Farmers' Market and Café	16 Nov	5
VE Day Working Party Meeting	18 Nov	6
Chiseldon Local History Meeting	20 Nov	19
Wanborough Primary KS1 Disco	22 Nov	9
Ward Councillor Meeting	23 Nov	8
Wanborough Parish Council Meeting	25 Nov	7
Bishopstone Craft Fair	28 Nov	15
Pop Up Prosecco	29 Nov	14
Aldbourn Band Xmas Concert	6 Dec	15
Marlborough Concert Orchestra	7 Dec	15
Old Boilers Christmas Shopping Trip to Salisbury	14 Dec	15
Carols Round the Tree	18 Dec	15

November Church Services

Sunday 3 November	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Bishopstone Liddington Hinton Parva
Wednesday 6 November	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 10 November Remembrance Sunday	10.30 10.30 10.30 10.30	Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service Remembrance Service	Bishopstone Wanborough Hinton Parva Liddington
Wednesday 13 November	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 17 November	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Hinton Parva Wanborough Bishopstone
Wednesday 20 November	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 24 November	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Wanborough Hinton Parva Liddington
Wednesday 27 November	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Church

Details of Church Services can also be found at www.wanborough.info

Copy date for Lyden is the 14th of the month for following month

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

A 1024MB Memory Card walks into a bar. The Memory Card spots a piano, sits down at it and starts playing some incredible music. After a number of songs, the Memory Card gets up and the bar goes wild with cheers and applause. The bar owner was incredibly impressed and runs up to the Memory Card and says, "Buddy, you were INCREDIBLE! If you come back tomorrow, I'll split the night's takings with you!" "No can do..." says the Memory Card. "I'm limited to one gig!!!" A man and his family walk into the same bar. The man's youngest child sees a Native American sitting under a sign stating "World's longest memory". The child walks up to the man and decides to see if what the sign says is true. The child asks, "What did you have for breakfast 30 years ago?" The Native American states, "eggs." The child states that the native could have just made that up, and then leaves. Years later, when the child returns with his own family, he sees the same native at the bar. Walking up to the old man, and using the native american word for hello, he says "how?!" The Native replies, "scrambled!!!" Remembering is something that easily escapes so many of us when we are in front of an examination paper, and is all too present when we have done something wrong. While people with good memories are not well liked in casinos, the stories of our past can help to stop us from repeating some of its mistakes in the future.

The son of the train driver that died as his train was derailed, was eventually healed of the trauma of losing his father, by sitting in his father's drivers seat and holding the levers that his father would have held when the accident took place. Self talk is a technique used across the sporting spectrum and is based on the knowledge that we become what we spend our time thinking about. Getting painful memories into a better place can help us all. Because there is no difference between bearing a grudge or being a racist, discrimination of any kind only serves to diminish both ourselves as well as the person we are either targeting or ignoring. Many of us have been encouraged to remember a line or two from our Bibles. Both to help us through a difficult patch, and to help us as we give thanks when things have gone well. It's the same Good Book that provides us with the memory of God's promises for our ultimate destiny. People may have laughed as they gathered around the graves of Micah and Isaiah, saying 'So, where is your Messiah now!' But an old couple called Simeon and Anna remembered God's promises and stuck with them. They were rewarded not only with meeting Jesus, but by holding in their arms the Creator of the Universe in the form of a child.

Precisely because His much promised first arrival came true we can also rely on the promises that His second coming will happen too. Like those who have prepared for anything, from war to the birth of a child, we too are called to get ready. We do so by care and hospitality, kindness and encouragement. The season of Remembrance is an opportunity to give thanks for the sacrifice made by others for the peace and the stability that we enjoy today. Helping those who have survived conflict also honours the memories of those who didn't. We always feel better when we are met with appreciation if not thanks, and in the same way God wants us to be as welcoming and hospitable, especially with those we disagree with, as we would wish Him to be with us when He comes again. It's then that we discover our True Life in God.



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

Service of Remembrance



To all the villagers of Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva, old and young, church goers and non church goers. There is a simple service of remembrance at St. Mary's, St. Swithin's, All Saints and St Andrew's churches on Sunday 10 November at 10.30am.

Come and pay tribute to the brave men and women who gave their lives in the many conflicts around the world, especially those whose names are on the Roll of Honour inside the churches. You are invited to bring a photo of your loved ones, not only those who died, but also those who fought and survived. All experienced the horrors of war, many returning with horrific injuries, their lives changed forever. We would also like to remember present day forces who face dangers with peace-keeping units abroad.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Remembrance Poppies

If you missed the opportunity to view the display of textile poppies created by Anita Basevi last year, you have the chance to go and view them this year. They will be in St Andrew's church on Remembrance Sunday, and available to view by appointment with the vicar for the following two weeks.



The Harrow Hideout

Have you visited the new coffee shop at The Harrow? Located in the bottom bar, it's open Monday to Saturday, 9am - 3pm. You'll find hot and cold drinks, pastries and snacks, and a lovely atmosphere. You can also order your daily newspaper to pick up. Watch this space for further developments.

Farmers Market and Community Café

Saturday 16 November, Wanborough Village Hall, 9-12

I recently read an article about how to support local communities – and thought it was a good advert for our very own Farmer's market.

It mentioned the health benefits of eating locally grown produce, the positive effect on the economy of

supporting local growers and producers, the advantages of knowing the people behind the products, personalised customer serviceand even mentioned the benefits of eating raw local honeys, which are thought to help battle allergies. Wanborough Farmer's Market has all of that! We have a new stall - Michelle from Brinkworth will be selling Scotch eggs, sausage rolls, quiches and cakes using her own free range stock. Come and try!



In addition, you can catch up with friends and enjoy free tea, coffee and home-made cakes at the Community Café.



Each month there's an opportunity to donate to a local charity, in November it will be Prospect Hospice. Prospect offer unparalleled end-of-life care services for people in Swindon, Marlborough and north east Wiltshire. Their vision is for excellent, personalised and compassionate care for everyone affected by a life-limiting illness.

In September, we were able to donate almost £300 to Pennyhooks Farm, a centre which wonderfully supports adults with autism. They were overwhelmed by your generosity. So come along on November 16 – we'd love to see you there! More information on the Farmers' Market 01793 790438 or sbirley@gn.apc.org

Blue Cross Quiz Night at Cross Keys

Thanks to everyone that came along to the quiz night in aid of the Blue Cross in October. A great night was had by all, and around £620 was raised for this brilliant charity.



Wanborough Parish Council

Footpath & Village Maintenance

Parish Council are interviewing possible applicants for the position of Parish Handyman with the aim of appointing someone to start by the beginning of November, further details to follow.

If you wish to report any footpath and village maintenance issue to the Parish Council this can be done via the parish website or by e-mailing the Parish Clerk. If you click on "maintenance report" on the website there is a clear summary and list of all the village maintenance that Parish Council are responsible for.

Monthly Parish Walk



The final monthly walk of the year was held on Saturday 21 September. It was a glorious sunny day which was perfect for taking in the spectacular views, spotting local wildlife and enjoying the countryside around us.

We started outside The New Calley Arms pub before walking up The Hollow to Foxhill, joining

The Ridgeway path, walking down Bishopstone Coombes to the village. After stopping for refreshments in the Royal Oak pub, we set off again towards Hinton Parva and across the fields back to the High Street in Wanborough. The walk is almost 8 miles long and is highly recommended if you haven't done it before. The walk is also included within the "Wanborough Circular Walks" book walk, number 10, for those who have purchased it. The next organised walk will be in the spring, so keep an eye out for details.



Bus Service No 47 to Sainsbury's

Did you know that you can get bus 47 to Sainsbury's in Stratton? Bus 47 leaves at 14.25 each day (Monday to Saturday) from the Church Road bus stop, opposite the top of Kite Hill (shown as Calley Arms on the bus timetable), and arrives at Sainsbury's in Stratton at 14.55. The return journey leaves at 16.00 giving you approximately 1 hour to shop, before arriving back at Church Road at 16.27.

The service uses a 16 seat mini-bus and is funded by West Berkshire Council. We are lucky to have the service running through the village to help complement the current limited service to Swindon.

Hooper's Field Expansion Project

At the last Parish Council meeting on 23 September, Parish Council agreed a detailed specification to go out to tender for architectural drawings for the expansion and improvement of Hooper's Field. The aim is to discuss all tenders received at the next meeting on 28 October. Once detailed plans have been drawn up, Parish Council will hold a consultation with residents, before submitting an application for planning approval. More details to follow.

75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day

As indicated in last month's article, the Parish Council are looking to arrange an event in the village to mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day on the 8 May 2020.

Parish Council have put forward a couple of suggestions, such as a new parish war memorial and commemorative seats, but in addition to this we are looking to see if there is interest in holding a celebratory social event for the village to mark this day. If you would like to be involved in a working party, an initial get together will be held to discuss ideas on Monday 18 November 2019 at 7.30pm at The Harrow pub; please come along if you want to be involved.

If you wish to discuss further please contact Angela Raymond (Parish Clerk) on 07588 769829 or Tessa Lanstein on 07795 057420.

Lyden Magazine

Finally, a reminder that if you wish to receive a soft copy of the Lyden magazine, rather than a hard copy, each month from January 2020 then please complete and return the consent form (available to download from the Parish website www.wanborough.info) to the Parish Clerk (clerk@wanborough.info) by the end of November 2019. In order to help with the administration it would be appreciated if consent forms could be sent to the Clerk as soon as possible.

The next Full Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 25 November 2019; everyone is welcome to attend.

Liddington Parish Council



DEFIBRILLATOR FAMILIARISATION SESSION

A Cardiac Arrest Response Seminar has been arranged on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at 6pm in the Village Hall and all residents are welcome to attend. The Community Heartbeat Trust will be demonstrating the use of defibrillators and explaining how the equipment works and its benefits to the community in saving precious minutes in the treatment of sudden cardiac arrest. The more people that know how to use the portable defibrillator installed in the Village, the more chance there is of saving the life of a victim of Sudden Cardiac Arrest. No special skills are required, just your willingness to play an important role in the event of a medical emergency.

Everyone is welcome to attend, so please come and join us.

COMMEMORATIVE OAK TREE

Unfortunately, the oak tree that was planted in the playing field earlier this year to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1 has died. A replacement tree has been ordered and should be delivered and planted in early December.

KEVIN MCNAMARA – Interim Chief Executive, Great Western Hospital

Kevin McNamara attended the October Parish Council meeting to give a verbal update on progress that has been made and the plans currently being discussed for the future. He started his presentation by sharing a chart that showed the different areas that are inspected by the Quality Care Commission and where individual areas ratings had improved from 'requires improvement' in 2016 to 'good' in 2018. The overall rating remains as 'requires improvement' so there is still work to be done. Accident & Emergency is still an area of concern, as it was designed to support 48,000 attendances per year when it first opened in 2002, and figures for 2018/19 show that there were around 90,000. This was not helped by the issues at the GP practices that were administered by IMH, as that had created a 20% increase in visits to GWH from the affected practices, with a total of 30,000 patients registered.

The hospital has recently been awarded £30m from the Treasury, which is effectively an loan as it has conditions attached to it, for improvements. Plans for the future include an Integrated Front Door bringing together the Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre as a more joined up environment for people arriving to hospital as walk-ins or via ambulance. This integration will improve patient flow and help to reduce wait times. Integrated Rehabilitation Services – 5.5 hectares of land to be purchased for expansion and development of a unit designed to offer intensive rehabilitation to patients. that integrates services across primary, secondary and community care. Also a new Private Patient Facility – a stand-alone unit for privatised, personal care to patients which will allow beds in the main hospital to be freed for NHS patients. The current private patient unit contributes £1.2m to hospital funds which is a significant amount.

The next meeting of Liddington Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 6 November 2019, at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are more than welcome to attend.

Val Curtis, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

Ward Councillor update from Gary Sumner:

Next Ward Councillor Meeting :- Saturday 23rd November 9-11 at Wanborough Village Hall

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

Ridgeway meetings give me 2 hours each month when I can talk to you personally. We genuinely get to have a proper chat! This has taken me back to the time when spending time with residents and listening was an important part of Village meetings.

Over 40 residents attended my September meetings.

RIDGEWAY WARD - The Big Issues of the moment:

RURAL SUPERFAST BROADBAND: We are having increasing issues with 4G Broadband and I have been having regular meetings with UK Broadband (now Three). Complaints have come from Wanborough, Bishopstone, Wroughton, Chiseldon and beyond. I have a meeting tomorrow with Three (as I write this, to find solutions).

As a champion of getting this system going I'm personally sad that residents are having issues (I've been a user since 2014) and I want to see the existing system fit for purpose (as residents across all of the rural areas have recognised my leadership on 4G, they are also asking me to lead on future options and I want to ensure I've covered and future proofed alternatives. I'm also talking to BT and will update you via Facebook and my website in the next couple of weeks on progress.

TREE PLANTING at Pack Hill – 5 November: We will be planting the final 1,000 trees at the SBC owned land at Pack Hill with Woodland Trust and Nationwide staff. I've again invited Wanborough Primary School who will be sending a class. **I need to know if you would like to come so that I can arrange meeting times and staff. Please call or email me before the 5th (790814)**



FLOODING: In the absence of local flood group meetings and as the Cabinet Member responsible I've contacted the **Environment Agency** to arrange a meeting to discuss flooding and land-owner's responsibilities. I'm arranging a meeting at the Civic Offices in late November together with the **Wanborough Anti Flood Group** to try to get things back on track. **I will update on Facebook and my website.**

HIGHWAYS: It would really help me going forward if you could let me know what your priorities are – is it speeding, rat running, visibility or parking?

Separately I will be able to bring forward some schemes soon to start to deal with current and future 'rat running' which would slow traffic through our villages. Once I have draft plans I will organise an event to share what's being considered.

I've had positive site meetings with Parish Councillors, residents and Highways in Bishopstone & Liddington and some improvements they want are likely to happen.

I hope to see you on 23 November or you can call me on 790814 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk



Wanborough PTA News

As the evenings draw in, the rain pours, and thoughts turn to pumpkins, ghosts and witches the PTA held their AGM. We were pleased to see so many new members sign up to join the PTA for what looks to be a fun filled year of community fund raising.

Looking back at the last academic year we reflected on the fabulous range of events held that resulted in a massive £13,487 being raised for the children and school. A few of the highlights include Discos & Film nights £2,500; Quiz night £1,200; Fete & Sports day £4,000; May Day Fayre £2,000 and Christmas cards and Tea Towels £1,000.

All this meant that we were able to donate £8,884 to the school - £1,400 to improve the Reception class area, £5,000 in curriculum support as the school struggles with decreasing budgets, an iPod and docking station, stop watches, marvel comic subscription, paint (and painters) to spruce up the physical environment of the school and £1,800 for four large colourful gazebos which given the heat of the summer were not taken down, offering shade to all at a variety of events, and at lunchtimes.

Mr Drury thanked the PTA, pupils, teachers and parents for their fantastic support and contribution towards the school. He also gave an update on the conservatory replacement and plans for equipping and using the new space.

We also took the opportunity to thank every single person who attended one of our events, had a drink, volunteered their time, made a donation, ate a hot dog, had their face-painted etc., Mark Woodman and the PTA committee (especially our stalwarts who stood down after multiple years of service), all the fabulous businesses for their fete donations, especially Atwell Martin, Richard James, Trevor Hawkesford & Primary Homes & Lettings for their generosity and finally Nationwide & Vodafone for £1,200 in matched funding donations.

Our goal for the year is to raise £10,000 to support the school in purchasing “new tech” especially new laptops and iPads. Look out for news about the current IT provision and why this ambition is important, along with details of donations we’ve already made to the school in next month’s update.

Our first event of the year will be the Key Stage 1 disco, on Friday 22 November. An opportunity for the very youngest in the school to don their best party clothes, and boogie on the dance floor. Importantly it’s a fantastic opportunity to welcome the new parents to the Wanborough School community and create lasting memories for the children.

Finally, we’ve been busy laying out the plans for the year of putting the “fun” into fundraising. With many “old favourite” events as well as hopefully some new ideas in the pipeline. Here’s some dates for your diaries:

24 January - Film night
1 February - Quiz Night
3 April - Easter bake sale
15 May - KS2 party
17 June - Sports Day
20 June - Summer Fete (tbc)

A copy of the AGM slides, details of the new committee and our latest news can be found on the PTA page at www.wanboroughprimary.org Plus don’t forget to like our Facebook page to stay up to date and in touch.

Marlborough Artists Christmas Exhibition

Works from a wide range of artists, including some local to our area will be on show at the social centre in Avebury on Friday 1 and Saturday 2 November between 10am and 4.30pm both days. Entry is free. All welcome - why not go along and find yourself a unique Christmas gift?

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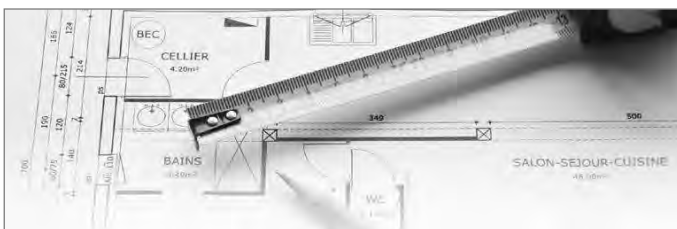
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Tel: 07582 612778 Email: lornazumba@hotmail.co.uk

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Hooper's Field Pavilion, Wanborough
Tuesday 6.30 - 7.30pm

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Wanborough Playgroup News

October has been a busy month. We managed to make the most of any dry weather by exploring the garden and the play area, collecting conkers and leaves to explore back inside the hall.



The children enjoyed activities connected to the "Dear Zoo" story where they made pens for the animals using dough and lolly sticks. Great problem solving was used to make sure the animal they had chosen would fit in the pen they had made. They used zoo animals to make animal prints as well as sequencing the story, sorting the animals by type and size and did lots of counting.

"A very busy spider" story saw us outside hunting for spiders and their webs. The children enjoyed various activities from sorting bugs by colour and type, using tweezers to pick up bugs (in our home made

spider web), making spiders and weaving spider webs.



Our Committee are busy organizing our Festive Pop up Prosecco evening which is being held on 29 November. We look forward to an evening of prosecco cocktails and a festive music quiz. We thank everyone who has bought tickets which will raise valuable funds for us.

We are a pre-school which offers 2, 3 and 4 year old funding. Places are available for children aged 2 until school age depending on availability.

If you would like to find out more about what we do why not come and have a look round or look at our facebook page @wanboroughpreschool. Telephone number: 790428. Email: wanboroughplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk

Sarah Ingram, Playgroup Supervisor

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Thank you for all who came along and supported this event, held in Wanborough Village Hall Saturday 21 September 2019. We enjoyed good company, food and entertainment.

Special thanks to Dick and Julie Mattick for arranging the quiz, Roz Boot for selling the raffle, Tony Robb for tending the bar and Brian Slade for giving his time to come and sing for us.

Also we received kind and very generous donations for Raffle Prizes from local businesses, The New Calley Arms, David Lloyd Gym, Ramsbury Brewery, Barnes Coaches, The Cross Keys and The Brewers Arms - well done to all who won any of these great prizes.



Wanborough Tennis Club News

Please would all members opt in for the Wimbledon Ballot as soon as possible (lta.org.uk) otherwise our ticket allocation for Wimbledon 2020 will be considerably reduced.

Come and join us for our Christmas Social on 5 December at the Harrow. Ticket £12 to include a hot buffet. You can sign up at the Clubhouse or contact Helen Halfhead (halfhead@btinternet.com). Ticket money to Helen please.

We wish Becky well and say goodbye to her, temporarily, as she goes on Maternity leave, but welcome her sister, Lauren in the meantime.

Junior Club News

Congratulations to club members Amelia and Jacob who have been selected for County training this year. A great achievement!

Well done also, to Callum, Henry, Evan & Lewis who represented the club in the recent team challenge event. Wanborough hosted 4 other clubs and our boys came second overall.

October half term dates: 30/31 October & 1 November 10-3pm. £20 per camp; £35 for 2days or £50 for 3 days. 10% reduction for members.

Christmas Wreath Workshop - Thursday 14, or Saturday 16 November , 10am - 12.30pm

Come and join us in a fun morning creating your own Christmas Wreath which will look perfect on your door over the festive season. We will use a wire ring to make our designs which you will be able to recycle each year!

There will be foliage to use but if you have any favourites from your garden or hedgerow then that is fine. The only thing you are required to bring is a pair of secateurs, everything else will be provided for you to complete your design. Refreshments will be available during the morning.

The cost of the workshop is £20, all monies raised will be donated to St Andrew's Church and St Andrew's Flower Club.

If you would like to attend either date please email me at susiekimber@aol.com or call 01793 790786 (evenings only). Cash payable on the day. We look forward to seeing you. **Sue Gorelle**



BISHOPSTONE CRAFT FAIR

...is on Thursday 28 November from 6 pm to 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

As well as the usual favourites there will be some new and different stalls ranging from original crafts to home/locally made produce.

A great opportunity for Christmas Shopping, and there could be a special visitor!

For any further information please call:-

Chris Thomas on 01793 790106.

Or email littlecot2010@hotmail.co.uk

Carols around the Christmas Tree: Wanborough Village Hall: Wednesday 18 December 6-7.30pm



Come and join other families / friends as we sing a few carols around the Christmas Tree whilst enjoying a minced pie and mulled wine. We'll also be selling hot dogs and hot chocolate and I'm sure some home-made cakes will be on sale too. We'll have organ accompaniment and song sheets so you don't need to know all your carols by heart – bring a torch to read the words!!

No entry fee and all welcome whatever the weather: we'll move indoors if it's raining.....hope to see loads of you at the event to spread plenty of Christmas Cheer.

Proceeds from this event will go to 1st Wanborough Scout Group. If you need more information please contact Tessa Lanstein on 07795 057420

Aldbourn Band Music for Christmas

The **Aldbourn Band** achieved their highest-ever ranking when they were awarded ninth place at the 167th Annual British Open Brass Band Championships in September. Competing against some of the world's finest bands, they delivered a stunning performance and improved their ranking from 13th place last year.

After a busy autumn the band will be performing their annual concert of '*Music for Christmas*' in Holy Cross Church, Chiseldon, on Friday 6 December, beginning at 7.45pm. Tickets cost £10.00 (Children under 14, £2.50) and are available by telephoning (01793) 741146 or 790756. **Colin Wilkins**

Marlborough Concert Orchestra

Marlborough Concert Orchestra's Winter Concert will take place on Saturday 7 December at 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church, Marlborough

Programme:

Schumann - Cello Concerto in A minor (soloist Caterina Isaia from the Yehudi Menuhin School)

Khachaturian - Adagio from Spartacus Suite no. 2

Sibelius - Karelia Suite

Tickets on sale at Sound Knowledge, Hughenden Yard, Marlborough and on the door - adults £10, students £2

A nice way to WINE away an afternoon.



The Old Boilers (Wanborough Beer Festival) organised their first trip to a Vineyard near Devizes in October. It started well, thanks to Jon and Anya at the New Calley Arms with a breakfast buttie and a drink. Then by coach the party arrived at a'Beckett's Winery in the village of Little Pannell near Devizes. Our host was Paul Langham who quite a character, not only an expert in growing the grapes and making wine, he was also a local historian with many interesting stories to tell.

As we listened to some enlightening facts from Paul, we looked over their stunning 11acre sight of vineyards and orchards, over sweeping chalk escarpments, within easy reach of the Salisbury Plain. A most beautiful part of Wiltshire. Then It was time for wine tasting:

The first white wine to try was a 2013 Lynchets Vintage (this was the wine I took home!). Followed by a 2015 Seyval Blanc – Chalk Hill. Up next a 2018 unsmoked Chardonnay – Two Degrees West. Then it was time to taste the award winning 2018 Cuvée Victoria English Sparkling Wine.



What followed was a 2018 Rams Cliff Rosé . Then their brand new red, Pinot Auxerrois. I have to say there wasn't a single wine I didn't enjoy. To cap it all, was a chance to sample their Cider & Perry – Apples and Pears. The weather was autumnal but as we sat on the farmhouse patio supping wine the sun did show it's face.



A visit to the market town of Devizes followed where there was an opportunity to sightsee or visit their many artisan shops and magnificent hostelrys. The final stop was back at the New Calley Arms for light refreshment. A good day was had by all and time now for the Old Boilers to contemplate what event can they organise for the village next? (Hint: See next page) **Barry Hillier**

Find what you are looking for at Je Cherche

Wanborough resident Sue Pearson is turning her passion for antiques and vintage into her job with the opening of her shop *Je Cherche* in Marlborough. We asked Sue what we'll find in the shop;

"There is a mixed selection of items – jewellery, things for the home, things to wear, little treasures you can pass on. The occasional small piece of furniture. What I love is that you will find something special, that you know you won't see anywhere else, and that has a history.

"I hope people will pop in on a regular basis, as there will always be different items coming into the shop, to replace what has been sold, and to keep it fresh and interesting. I've tried to have a good variety of things without making the shop too crammed!"

The shop is on trend with the move towards more sustainable living,. "People are definitely more conscious about reusing and recycling. I've been pleasantly surprised by the wide range of age groups popping in the shop, including young couples buying for their first home"

You can find *Je Cherche* at 2, The Parade, Marlborough (next to DIY Rainbows and opposite The Bear)



The Old Boilers

Christmas shopping and sightseeing trip to Salisbury

Come with the Old Boilers for a Christmassy Trip to Salisbury to visit the Christmas Fayre



Come with the Old Boilers for a Christmassy Trip to Salisbury to visit the Christmas Fayre on Saturday 14 December

Authentic German-style wooden chalets in Salisbury's Market Place will be home to traders from across the country selling their finest products. From traditional festive foods to hand-crafted gifts, the fayre will be a chance to experience unique Christmas shopping. Whilst listening to the programme of live music and enjoying festive treats in the food and drink quarter, the fayre will provide a vibrant and atmospheric



place to sit back and relax.

There is a plethora of interesting places to visit including, The cathedral and Cathedral Close, Mompression House and Arundells, former home of Ted Heath. There are also a number of Christmas events running around the town at this time including an ice-rink and lots of welcoming hostelrys including the Haunch of Venison and The Wyndham Arms. For more information visit - <https://christmasinsalisbury.co.uk>

Coach will leave the Village Hall at 10am and Church Road Bus Stop at 10:15am. Returning from Salisbury a 4pm. Tickets are £13.00 (including transaction fees).

Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers/t-ggvjdy> (or use the QR code)



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1st Wanborough compete in annual District Trash Trophy.



Saturday 5 October saw 9 Scout teams and two Explorer teams from all across Swindon, compete in a 9 mile Incident Hike in and around Ramsbury. The event requires scouts and explorers to hike carrying suitable emergency equipment (tent, survival bag, billy & burner, first aid kit etc) ensuring that they are dressed for any weather and have suitable equipment should they end up hiking in the dark (which often happens when more teams across the district enter!)

The route requires the Scouts to use 3 key pieces of equipment for navigation – a compass, map and of course a route card. As they navigated their way around the course (our team were spot on with this unlike some others!) they encountered 6 bases along the way that tested their first aid skills, communication skills as well as some good old creativity.

We entered a very young team – all 4 joined the Scout section this September, but they were amazing. I accompanied them (from a safe distance behind) and they showed good resilience and teamwork. Indeed, out of 4 accompanied teams they came first and they came third overall,

achieving just 7 marks less than second place and 8 marks less than the overall winners. Not bad for a novice team up against many seasoned Scouts who have done this event before as well as DofE.

Jack Lott, one of our new scouts and a member of the team has written his version of the days events:

Before the Trash Trophy began, I felt a little nervous about the distance we were going to walk (just under 9 miles) and the challenges at the bases. We started at the hall in Ramsbury where all of our equipment we were supposed to carry was kit checked. We then planned our route using an OS map of the area and grid references on a route card. Our team was Ralph, Charlotte, Nicola, me and Ziggy (our Scout Leader) as well as Callie the dog! Using the map we set off to Base 1 at around 12.45 and our first activity was making Mickey Mouse ears because the theme was Disney. Then on to Base 2, we started on our snacks at this point to keep us going because it was a bit steep at this stage! At Base 2 we had to answer questions about first aid. Our walk took us down loads of footpaths and past lovely scenery which was very colourful. After Base 2 we walked on to Base 3 where we had to guess the toys in the box (linked to Disney too - my favourite was Eeyore!). It was quite a long journey to Base 4 and we had to encourage each other to keep going as our feet were getting tired. We also had to watch out for Callie's long lead - I had to jump over it once! At Base 4, each member of the team had to pass on information using the Chinese whisper technique to help someone (me) draw the image that had been given to us. Then it was the longest part of the walk - to Base 5. This bit of the walk was the hardest because it was uneven, and our feet were sore. We had been walking about 5 hours at this stage. At Base 5, we had to listen to Disney songs and guess what movie they were from as well as answer questions on a sheet. The distance between Bases 5 and 6 was the shortest. Base 6 was the best because we had to decorate cookies. I decorated mine as a lightsaber and had eaten it before I got back. At 6.10 pm we arrived back at Ramsbury Hall. I think we all felt happy because we had completed the course, we could eat our emergency rations and let our feet relax! It was really fun but if you are not good at long walks then this might not be for you!

The rest of the team have added their thoughts!

"It's was tiring but lots of fun", says Charlotte Mytton, whilst her sister Nicola said, "It was great. There were loads of fun activities to do."

The last word goes to Ralph Davies. "I really enjoyed the whole event, but two of the best bits were taking my boots off at the end and the hot chocolate once we had made it all the way round. I'm new to the troop so going on a 9 mile walk was a good opportunity to get to know some of the other Scouts. The time whizzed by!"



Cub Camp at PGL



Over a very wet but not too cold weekend in September 15 cubs from 1st Wanborough Scout Group joined forces with another 39 cubs from Swindon Ridgeway District at PGL Liddington. Cubs enjoyed the Giant Swing, Raft building and Kayaking, Problem Solving and a Sensory Trail during the daytime. In the evenings, cubs played a wide game in the woods in the dark and had a campfire, singing lots of songs, many of them action ones, which required some concentration after a busy day adventuring!

Cubs were accommodated in dormitories, rather than tents, this time around, and enjoyed hearty meals from the PGL canteen. Several were homesick on the first night but then didn't want to go home by the time Sunday lunchtime came.....Leaders find it's always the same pattern! All the cubs are looking forward to their Summer Camp next year as another opportunity to get some nights away and have fun in the outdoors.

If you have a child aged between 6-12 years who would be interested in coming along to a couple of taster sessions at Beavers, Cubs or Scouts please get in touch. As Bear Grylls, our Chief Scout says "Join the Adventure and Learn Skills for Life!"

Tessa Lanstein, Group Scout Leader. Tel: 07795 057420 / Email: tessaannlanstein@gmail.com

Chiseldon Local History Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm in Holy Cross Church Hall, Butts Road, Chiseldon, SN4 0NJ, when Nick Humphries will be presenting on "Chedworth Roman Villa".

Evidence for the first stone structure at Chedworth Roman Villa dates to the 2nd century AD. Over the next two centuries the villa was extended and improved, reaching its heyday in the 4th century AD. During this time Chedworth Roman Villa was a place of wealth, luxury and comfort. Imagine stunning mosaic floors, extensive bath house rooms and features made of marble so precious it was usually reserved for the imperial family. Shortly after this period of wealth and decadence the villa was abandoned. The Roman Empire officially pulled out of Britain in 410AD. Chedworth fell into disrepair. The roof fell in, trees grew up through the mosaic floors and soil from the surrounding banks buried the buildings.

A chance discovery by a gamekeeper in 1864 led to Chedworth being unearthed by James Farrer. Local archaeologist Welbore St Clair Baddeley raised enough money by public subscription to buy Chedworth Roman Villa and pass it to the National Trust in 1924. Ever since then the Trust has worked hard to understand more about the villa and protect it for the future.

Meetings are free to members, but there is a £3 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

Chiseldon Museum

The museum has closed for the 2019 season. It will re-open again in April 2020. This year's season was very popular with new displays on the severe winter of 1962/63, Chiseldon Camp in the interwar years, and maps of the area through the ages. The winter gives us an opportunity to review what we have in the museum – watch this space for new additions for next summer. Elaine Jones (01793 740784) Keith Parsons (01793 741346)

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MADRID - 32 hours in the City



I have recently come back from visiting friends in Spain. Within this we took a City break to Madrid.

Jumping on the morning train from Alicante we were just 2.15 hours away from our destination. Sit back relax and take in the scenery - the huge expanse of fields all delivering fruit and veg, with much heading to us here in the UK.

The punctual train pulled into Madrid Atocha station and here we opened our google map app to locate our hotel.

Within 15 mins we are at the hotel all checked in and armed with our map highlighted by the helpful receptionist ready to take on the City.

First stop the Plaza Mayor to soak up 400 years of history. This fabulous old square was full of life.

From there we walked to the "Food Market" Plaza de San Miguel. This famous food venue was heaving though we did manage to squeeze in a celebratory drink and tapas. If you can walk around this hall there is plenty to feast upon!

As you wander through the streets taking in the sights of the busy pavement bars and restaurants you get a real buzz of the City.

Final stops of day one were the Royal Palace of Madrid and the Cathedral. Sitting on the Cathedral steps with musicians playing was very atmospheric.

Returning to the hotel we had a 1.5 timeout to recharge ready for the evening sights and sounds. Heading out you just thought where have all these people come from. The pavement bars were packed. We finally found an old bar to sit in and enjoy a well earned drink before heading back to the hotel for a good nights sleep.

Day two - up and ready we enjoyed a good breakfast to fuel the day.

We had already planned a rough route for the day with the first stop being the Botanical gardens which still had so much colour. Then we took in a beautiful church followed by a walk up to the Bernabeu Stadium home to Real Madrid. This is a pretty long walk but again you get to see so much more than hopping on the Metro. Stop as often as you like there is no rush.

The stadium tour was great fun and in my opinion well worth the 25 euros entrance fee. You get to see the changing rooms, sit in the dugouts and experience what it is like to be on the team coach arriving for a match.



After the tour we decided to find somewhere to eat before heading back to the station for the 8pm train back to Alicante. What a great 32 hours and so worth the effort for a whirlwind break.

Although it is cold in the winter there are often many bright sunny days where it is warm enough to still sit outside. The weather is best in the Spring or Autumn and the crowds a little less. Personally I would not think about going in July or August when the weather would be uncomfortably hot.

Where to stay - there is something for everyone here from luxury to small family run boutique hotels.

Local Laws and Etiquette - you must carry your passport with you by law and maybe asked for this when paying by a debit or credit card.

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It is Worth Fighting for in the World of a Robin

Our garden has always been a place of respite for me. I am not a particularly good gardener but I love the space and peace I find there. We currently share ours with 8 chickens. I get no greater pleasure on a sunny morning than having a cup of tea with the girls happily sharing the space as well. With my increased interest in wild birds I have become fascinated by the numerous species that also share our garden, many of which I was totally unaware of until recently.

The chickens have always been happy to share their patch with our robin, who is a bit of a bruiser, the female robin that lives next door and a pair of blackbirds. In fact, these friends are even allowed to share the chickens' food. But woe betide the magpies, rooks and wood pigeons, who get chased away at any opportunity.

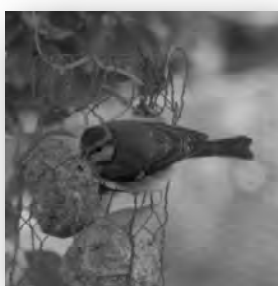


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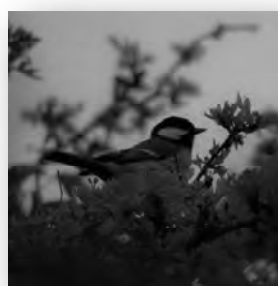
One sunny morning in October I had the chance to stand out and enjoy the sunshine with the girls to find that war was being waged around us. The local robin population had all decided to converge and fight over the territories in our garden before winter set in. This involved much shouting, bouncing around on branches and some aerobic dive bombing. Watching the action with me were the family of blackbirds, babies now a bit more grown, some great tits, some blue Tits, a wren and a blackcap, the chickens took no notice at all! As the fight wore on a referee turned up, resplendent in his black, white and red outfit, a greater spotted woodpecker flew in, cast his eye about and took off again. Along with him went the aggressors leaving behind our robin, to strut his stuff around the borders of our garden for a little longer. **Anita Basevi**



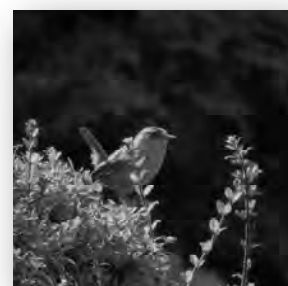
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Great Tit



Wren

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Liddington 100 Club

The winner for September is Mandy Klapish - congratulations.

Family Announcements

Nothing to report this month. *If you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, special occasion or want to send a message of thanks, let us know and we will add your message here. Send messages to Lydenannounce@gmail.com*

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3 November	No Service		
10 November	18:00	Evensong	M Sumner
17 November	10:30	Family Communion	T Robb
24 November	08:30	Holy Communion	T Roddy

Lesson Readers and Sidespersons needed for St Andrew's

Would you be willing to be a Lesson Reader or Sidesperson at St Andrew's, at any service please? Helpers have become very few, so it would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please contact Terry Roddy on 01793 791354

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Dec:	The Kosidowski Family	The Kosidowski Family
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Feb:	Volunteers please	Volunteers please
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St. Andrew's Flower Rota

- 01 November – Sue Gorelle
- 09 & 15 November – Jane Robb & Jane Archer
- 22 November – Maggie Errington & Jane Robb
- 29 November – Lyn Uzzell, Kay Cullimore & Jane Robb

NB. Advent Sunday 01 December – no flowers during Advent

- 20 December – all available members to decorate church for Christmas

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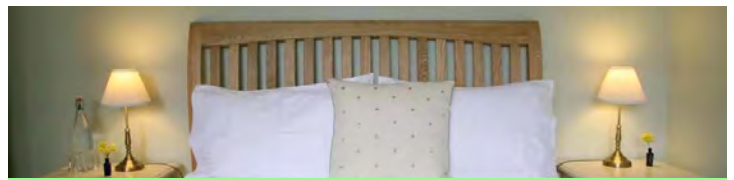
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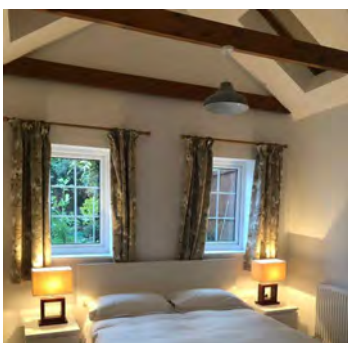
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