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December Church Services

Sunday 1 December	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Bishopstone Liddington Hinton Parva
Wednesday 4 December	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 8 December	08.30 16.00	Holy Communion Christingle with Scouts	Liddington Wanborough
Wednesday 11 December	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 15 December	10.30 16.00	Holy Communion Carol Service	Wanborough Liddington
Wednesday 18 December	19.00	Midweek Communion	Wanborough Vicarage
Sunday 22 December	08.30 10.30 18.00	Holy Communion Family Communion Evensong	Wanborough Hinton Parva Liddington
Tuesday 24 December Christmas Eve	15.00 17.00 23.30 23.30	Crib Service Christingle Service Midnight Mass Midnight Mass	Liddington Bishopstone Wanborough Liddington
Wednesday 25 December	09.30 11.00	Family Communion Holy Communion	Wanborough Hinton Parva
Sunday 29 December	16.00	Carols and Mince Pies	Hinton Village Hall

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

Copy date for the January Lyden is the 7 December, to enable distribution before Christmas

Vicar's Letter

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Happy Birthday! I say this as today is the birthday, in other words the first day of the rest of our lives. I make no apology for mentioning the fact that we are fast approaching another Birthday, it generated the Season of Christmas, and we approach this with some sense of anticipation. Preparations will be one thing, time with friends and family another and the time leading up to this great festival can all become a bit of a roller coaster. Recently, I was in the company of a girl brought up on a farm, who shared with me her childhood memories of going to school with girls whose parents were in the armed forces.

What always made her giggle was the rivalry that existed between the armed forces concerning the sharing of port. There are those who believe that the decanter should not touch the table (those who like to keep the sediment in suspension?) and those who keep the decanter in contact with the table (as an initiative test?). However, one thread of custom seems to be consistent: port is always passed to the left, or clockwise round the table. Apparently, there are no good grounds for believing that this has anything to do with the port side of a ship being on the left.

Tradition has a sense of reliability if not dependability about it. Dragging the newly elected speaker toward his chair in the House of Commons is another that was visited recently. This particular tradition was based on the fact that it was the speaker's job to share what the House of Commons had to say with the Monarch. If the Monarch did not like what they heard, the speaker would forfeit their life as a result. Christmas on the other hand is a tradition built on the birth of a child to poverty stricken parents. Go to many a maternity unit and this is still an everyday event.

While the hope that accompanies a child born in the United States is that they have the potential to become the President, the birth that took place on Christmas day, in Bethlehem around two thousand years ago, was none other than the Creator of the Universe in the form of a child. Along with Christmas comes Christmas Movies, and some TV providers have a complete channel dedicated to these. Of course the forerunner to this was another great Christmas tradition, that of the pantomime. Pinocchio is a regular and is being shown in Gloucester and Didcot this year.

As we know, Pinocchio was a child much wanted by his maker, who had to learn to be the best that he could be. Jesus was born so that we can rediscover our Maker, and grow into becoming the best that we can be. Our recent Confirmation Classes highlighted the point that we do so through our relationships. Jesus came to restore our relationship with our Heavenly Father, and its by knowing and understanding how much we are loved by God that we begin to recognise love increasingly, both within ourselves and others.

The thing is, God's love is free and unconditional, in other words, there is no one that Jesus will ever turn away. His mercy is so enormous and unfathomable, we just have to give it a go. Given time it increases into a joy that cannot help but grow our experience of God's love still further. And before we know it we are giving birth to Jesus into the lives of those we meet without even knowing it, and this is our True Life in God.
Merry Christmas!!!



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

Farmers' Market and Community Connect Coffee Morning



Come to Wanborough Village Hall on Saturday 21 December between 9am and midday for the final Farmers Market and Coffee Morning of the year. What better way to support local producers and to buy your meat and veg (including Christmas sprouts), milk and eggs (etc) for Christmas and maybe pick up some Christmas cards and gifts too. In the car park you should find Ken the Fish with his van. Ken is really keen on sustainable fish (the fish might not realise it, but you know what we mean?) so come along and treat yourself to some organic salmon, for example.

Don't forget you can enjoy a free tea, coffee and piece of homemade cake with friends. In October, over £280 was raised for Swindon Night Shelter, helping the homeless on the streets of Swindon. Thank you to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning and gave so generously.



When a crisis strikes a family with children, its effects can be devastating. Many of us would turn to relatives and friends for support, but some families can be really isolated with nobody there to help them. Stabilising families before they reach a breaking point is key to reducing the number of children who need to go into care. An award-winning charity, Safe Families has benefitted over 6000 children since it was launched in the UK in 2013. Safe Families provides Family Friends, Host Families and Resource Friends to help while parents get back on their feet. So in December come along and learn more about this amazing charity which we will be supporting with your help. For more information on the Farmers' Market contact Sue or David Birley on 790438, sbirley@gn.apc.org

Christmas Present Wrapping Service



(Picture for illustration only)

Hello, I'm Monica and I am fourteen years old. I live in Wanborough and I'm going to be at the Wanborough Farmers Market on Saturday 21st December to provide a Christmas present gift wrapping service as my first business venture. You can bring your Christmas gifts along on the day and I will gift wrap them for you while you browse the other stalls and do some shopping or relax with a coffee and cake at the Community Cafe. There won't be a fixed charge for the service, but a donation will be most welcome! I will be sending 25% of my profits to the Wiltshire Air Ambulance charity. Thank you in advance for your support and hope to see you on the 21st!

Help Scarlett with her Fundraising !

Hello, my name is Scarlett Payne. In January 2020 I'm going to Nepal for 3 months to support local children with their education. Over the Christmas period I'm hoping to raise some money towards my fundraising goal of £1500 to support the charity I am working with (VSO) by doing some gift wrapping and dog walking. If you are interested in having your Christmas presents wrapped for a donation to my charity or need your dog walked as it gets colder, please don't hesitate to text or email me on 07776306813 or Scarlett.payne16@gmail.com. I have 2 dogs of my own so I am confident with any well behaved dogs. I am based in Bishopstone but I'm happy to travel to you. Many thanks.

Wanborough Tennis Club

Winter League matches are well under way, despite the weather.

A reminder that we are having our Christmas Social on 5 December, 7.30pm at the Harrow. If you'd like to come, please sign up at the club or contact Helen Halfhead (halfhead@btinternet.com). Tickets are £12 to include a hot buffet.

Finally, our congratulations to Becky and Neil on the safe arrival of baby Stanley.

Carol Services

Liddington

This year the Benefice carol service is at All Saints Lyddington at 4pm on 15 December. Come and listen to the story of the birth of Jesus and sing all your favourite carols between the readings. The church bells will ring out over the village to welcome you in, and the beautiful sound of the hand bells will ring inside the church during the service.

The choir hope the church will be full of people to help them fill the building with the joyous sound of voices raised in song. **Please note the time is 4pm, perhaps making it easier for families and elderly people to attend.**

Hinton Parva

On Sunday 29 December there is an informal carols and mince pies service in Hinton Village Hall at **4pm**. Hazel Cooke will accompany us on her accordion. Everyone is welcome

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 mince 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

Christmas Coffee, Cake and Chat - with music!

Special treat on December 12 at our weekly coffee morning at the Harrow!

The ladies who run the monthly singing group in the hall, are coming to sing for us.

This is going to be a great treat and I am very excited and grateful that they are giving up their time to come. I do hope as many people as possible will pop in between 10am - 11.30 am.

Try not to just dismiss the coffee morning as something you would not enjoy - just come and see, it's only a couple of hours out of your day, bring a friend or someone you think might like to meet new people, and you might be surprised!

Please join us on the 12th to listen and enjoy the coffee and cake!!

if you need a lift please ring Lorna Naseem on 01793 791206

Christmas Event at Liddington Village Hall

Christmas in Liddington at the Village Hall on 13 December at 7:30 with (once again) the Bristol University Madrigal Ensemble for an evening of wonderful singing. Seasonal poetry with Maurice Spillane and (of course) a visit from Father Christmas with presents for children. Raffle and Bar. Tickets include a glass of mulled wine, mince pie and nibbles.

Tickets £7.50. Children under 12 free. Contact: Kay Archer 01793 790738, Matthew Bowman 01793 791401 or Alison Babbington 01793 790031

Aldbourn Band Music for Christmas

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

Festive Fun for all the Family - Celebrate the Christmas Season with RWBO

Royal Wootton Bassett Orchestra are holding their popular Christmas Concert on Saturday 14 December . Starting at 7.30 pm in St. Bartholomew's and All Saints Church, Royal Wootton Bassett, the concert will include a wide range of well known Christmas music. Featuring an interesting arrangement of the Christmas poem "'Twas the Night before Christmas" as well as Vivaldi's Magnificat and other classics. There will also be singalong carols.

Cantanti Community Choir, who are also based in Royal Wootton Bassett, will add to the festive cheer in front of the Christmas tree.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available.

Tickets, £8, are available on the door, from members of the orchestra or choir or by emailing contact@rwbo.org.uk

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Wanborough Parish Council

Footpath & Village Maintenance

Parish Council are pleased to welcome Stuart as our new Village Handyman. Stuart lives locally and hopefully you will see him out and about in the village.

Over the winter months the Village Handyman will be clearing the footpaths that become slippery due to leaves, cleaning signs and cutting back hedges. If there is anything that you feel needs to be done then please report any village 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, alternatively text, ring or whatsapp on telephone number 07588 769829.

Fly-tipping

There has been a noticeable increase in the amount of fly-tipping around the Parish. Parish Councils are now responsible for removing "boot sized" dumpings and with a rise in the number of dumpings this results in an increasing cost to the Parish to be met out of the annual Precept.

Any fly-tipping larger than "boot sized" is still the responsibility of SBC to clear.

Remembrance Service – St Andrews Church

Bob Biggs (Chairman) attended Wanborough Remembrance Service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday 10 November and was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of residents of the Parish to remember all those who lost their lives serving their country.

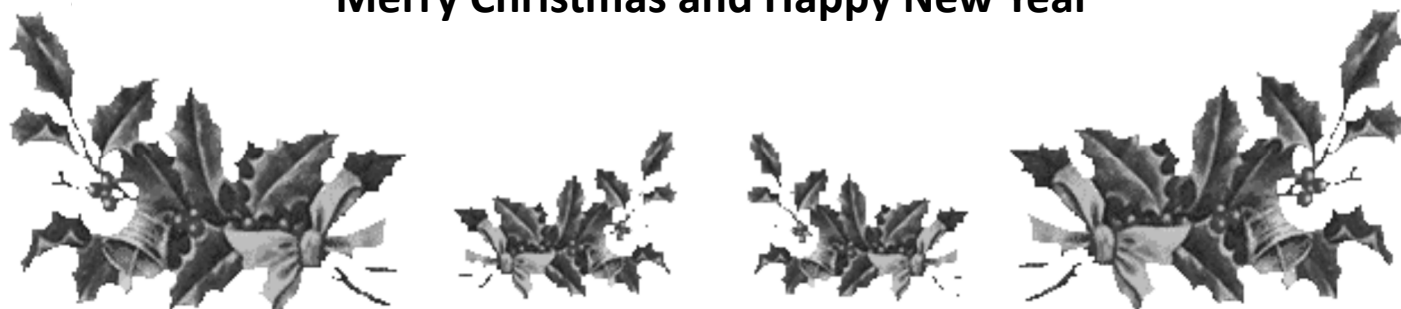


Budget 2020/21

During December Parish Council will be preparing and working on their budget for 2020/21, with the aim of formally approving it at their January 2020 full council meeting. With the ever increasing cost demands, as a result of the additional work being passed to parishes, it remains a challenge to keep any increase as low as possible.

The next Full Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 16 December 2019; everyone is welcome to attend.

**Parish Council would like to wish all residents a
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**



Liddington Parish Council



Village Clean Up

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the Volunteers that turned out to help at the Autumn Village clean-up on Saturday 19 October. It was a huge success with lots of rubbish removed and overgrowth cut back. Hope everyone can see the improvement. We look forward to you joining us again in the Spring.

Defibrillator Familiarisation Session

Thank you to all that attended the Cardiac Arrest Response Seminar on Tuesday 29 October 2019 when the Community Heartbeat Trust demonstrated the use of defibrillators and explained how the equipment works. The Parish Council has received numerous positive comments about how useful and informative the session was.

Flashing Speed Signs

The Parish Council is currently consulting with Swindon Borough Council's Highways team to install a moveable flashing speed sign in Purley Road. Four sites have been identified which means that regular users of the road will not become accustomed to the location and therefore ignore the speed signs. We will keep you updated on any progress made.

The next meeting of Liddington Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 4 December 2019, at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents are more than welcome to attend.

Val Curtis, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

Need a great stocking filler?

The book of Circular Walks in and around Wanborough is still available to purchase from the Parish Clerk, Anita Basevi or at The Harrow Inn. Over £600 has been raised to support the Wanborough Storyboard and trail so far.



Thanks from The Village Inn

Phil and Ann would like to thank all customers old and new alike for the support over the years and for a lovely evening on their retirement from The Village Inn and to thank you all for the lovely presents and cards received. We wish you all a very happy & healthy future. **Phil & Ann**

Liddington 100 Club

The winner of £50 for October is Ella Bizley - congratulations Caroline Tams



BISHOPSTONE POTTERY OPEN DAY AND CHRISTMAS SALE

Sunday 15 December, 10am - 4pm

We are opening our doors again to offer you the chance to buy that last minute Christmas present and to visit our working pottery. There will be a variety of our locally made, exclusive, hand-thrown decorative ceramics on show and for sale. We specialise in raku and slipware pottery. Great Gifts

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Ward Councillor update from Gary Sumner:

Next Ward Councillor Meeting :- Saturday 14 December 9-11 at Wanborough Village Hall

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

The biggest news of the month was that we have got the full £30m funding to deliver the Southern Connector Road:

SOUTHERN CONNECTOR ROAD – A bypass for Wanborough: I was delighted that just before the dissolution of Parliament, Robert Buckland and Robert Jenrick (the Secretary of State for Housing) were able to announce that we had got the long awaited funding to deliver this important road which will take traffic from the New Eastern Villages to Commonhead (by-passing Wanborough). You will know that as your local councillor I have been committed to seeing this delivered since I was elected in 2016. It's finally happening and at no cost to Swindon to be completed in 2021.

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: I'm 90% certain at the time of writing this that the final Consultation on the Swindon Local Plan will commence before Christmas for 8 weeks. There remain three sites in Wanborough (Hewers Close, Kite Hill and Ham Road (by the doctors)) and I will share details and encourage a proper discussion about the site consideration and worthwhile comments. Remember this is NOT a planning application but if accepted in the adopted plan this will carry considerable weight. In the last consultation no Parish guidance was provided but I would encourage you to come to my Ward meetings to get practical advice.

RURAL SUPERFAST BROADBAND: It is considered essential to how we live, shop, work and play that we have fast and reliable broadband. **I'm on the case to deliver options for Wanborough. I have been working on the existing 4G and improvements have been made.**

TREE PLANTING: We planted over 5000 trees plus 500 wild-flower plugs this year at Manners Wood on Pack Hill on land acquired by Swindon Borough Council as part of the mitigation for the New Eastern Villages. We did this with The Woodland Trust & Nationwide Building Society staff plus Wanborough Primary School pupils. At the final of the three plantings we also had some residents join us. Incredibly rewarding and the Woodland Trust are including this in their target to plant a million trees to help offset climate change.

HIGHWAYS: Consultants have now been appointed to design and implement plans to help minimise 'RAT RUNNING' through Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone. I will arrange for information to be shared with residents at my December or January Ward meetings.

Can my family and I wish you all a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

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



Wanborough PTA News

This month sees us kick off our fundraising events with one of our favourites; where we invite the very youngest to don their best party clothes, and to get down and boogie as we hold our Key Stage 1 disco. If your child is in Key Stage 1 there are still tickets available, you can find further information and download the booking form from the school website.

Donations to the School

Following the PTA's AGM in September we are delighted to confirm that we have been able to donate nearly £14,000 to the School. With school budgets increasing stretched every single penny really does make a difference. Here are details of the donations that we hope will make a difference to the education and wellbeing of the children:

-Curriculum Support (including software purchases)	£5000
-Furnishing for our new Special Educational Needs Facility that replaces the old leaky, cold and draughty conservatory	£3000
-Reading corners improvements in all classes to help instill a love for books and reading	£2000
-Reception class play equipment	£700
-Headphones	£200
-Personal, Social, Health and Economic curriculum support books	£300

It does not stop there though and this academic year we would like to raise even more money. In particular the school has requested help to improve the Information Technology equipment. Currently, even with only half of classes using computers, pupils have to share laptops. This slows development of IT skills and makes teaching more challenging than it needs to be. So, we've agreed a goal to raise £5,000 to buy more laptops and iPads for the school. Watch out for more details and how this will support the children's learning over the coming months.

Bags2School

We have been working with Bags2School for a number of years, raising over £1,000 thanks to the support of the community, and we hope this could offer you the solution you need, whilst raising much need funds for your local school. We are looking for donations of unwanted adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts and handbags.

If you wish to donate some items and would like to receive a bag, or would like assistance in getting your bag(s) to the school please email contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org, or you can fill any other clean plastic bag. Don't forget to ask friends and relatives to have a sort through as well. Bags2School will be collecting our donations on **Monday 2nd December at 9am**. Please bring your bag on the day and place on the grass area to the left of the school office (or the bike shed if wet).

If you have any unwanted soft toys that are in a "new" condition for the "adopt-a-teddy" at the school fete please place them in a clean plastic bag outside the office. For more information on Bags2Schools or for further information on what is and isn't suitable for donation please email contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org

Easyfundraising

Did you know that when you shop online you could be raising much needed funds for the PTA? Our link with 'Easyfundraising' has so far earned £1,043 in donations; and at this time of year with internet shopping we feel this could be even more with your help. With over 4,000 retailers participating it really is *easy*. All you need to do is download the app or open the 'Easyfundraising' website; select the retailer that you wish to purchase from and shop as usual. Your basket will be the same price and the PTA will receive a donation. Currently we have 37 people signed up, imagine how much we could raise if the entire community signed up! Plus if you use this link we will receive a £5 bonus donation for every support who signs up using your unique referral code. <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wanboroughprimary/?invite=UXYA85&referral-campaign=s2s>

Corporate Donations, Company Community Incentives, Match Funding

We are currently also looking at how we can benefit from company donations and/or match funding for employees volunteering, we already benefit greatly from the incentives given by Nationwide, Vodafone and BP. We are asking the local community to look into whether their organisation offers any community incentives/grants/donations which we could apply for? If you are aware of any schemes please let us know by emailing contactpta@wanboroughprimary.org

Upcoming events

24th January - Film Night	1st February - Our Famous Quiz Night
3rd April - Easter Bake Sale	15th May - Key Stage 2 Party
17th June - Sports Day	20th June - Summer Fete (tbc)

Our latest news can be found on the PTA page at www.wanboroughprimary.org Please don't forget to find us on Facebook for all our latest news and to stay in touch Wanborough Primary PTA.

Bash Out the Old Boilers and Ring in the New, this Christmas

Some of you may remember a weekend in April 2018, basking in sunshine at the New Calley Arms sampling 20 cask ales and 10 ciders and perrys. Wanborough's first beer and cider festival. Or the second beer festival, earlier this year, which was somewhat colder.

They were fund-raising events for St Andrews Church and the local community. St Andrews was in need of a new boiler & heating system. Both festivals were considered a great success and significantly enabled the Church to raise the remainder of the funds to cover the work.

The Old Boilers, formed back in 2017, were delighted to see the work carried out during November this year. It all started with a new stone roof over the boiler house. Then the existing system was flushed through and drained. There was however nowhere for the water to go, so the boiler house soon became flooded and had to be pumped dry.

The old twin boilers were very heavy and there was no choice but to break them up to remove them. Although the boilers were dated 1996 Heating Engineer "Digger" as he preferred to call himself, compared the network of cast iron pipe-works throughout the church basement, as something similar to, the cast iron pipe network at Lacock Abbey. Consisting of two quite different pressure networks, believed to be of Victorian construction.

Two wall mounted boilers were installed and connected to a heat exchanger in the church to control the temperatures. There was one challenge remaining at time of print of this magazine, there is **no water supply at St Andrews**, so the new boiler and heating system would have to be refilled with water, manually.

Barry Hillier on behalf of the **Old Boilers**.



Out with the old...



...in with the new!

The Old Boilers

Christmas shopping and sightseeing trip to Salisbury

Last few tickets remaining - don't miss out!

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)



Wanborough Playgroup News



November saw us looking at different shaped squashes, conkers, leaves and Autumn changes. The children enjoyed examining items with magnifying glasses and sorting them by type, colour and shape. The children weighed items and worked out which was heavy and which were light. As you can imagine the squashes got quite bruised with all the examining! After 2 weeks the children noticed that the squashes were becoming soft which led to lots of questions and wondering what they would look like inside. They were fascinated by the textures and different sized seeds which they happily kept in the hope that we can get them to grow in the garden once the spring comes. The children decided that the squashes should be put in the garden for wildlife to eat.

We have started practicing songs for our Nativity which we will be doing 2 performances i.e. our rehearsal to Reception Class from Wanborough Primary School and our main performance to family and friends. Our children will be accompanied by Lorna Davies plus a band of year 6's playing guitars, a ukulele and drums. We are also excited about visiting Wanborough Primary School to watch a rehearsal of the Reception Class Christmas Show.

At the time of writing we are looking forward to our Festive Pop up Prosecco evening which is being held on 29th November which consists of a evening of prosecco cocktails, mocktails and a festive music quiz. We thank everyone who has bought tickets and donated raffle and auction items which will raise valuable funds for us.

Dates for your Diary

Playgroup Nativity – Wednesday, 11 December at 10.00am

Jumble Sale – Saturday, 1st February at 11.00am. Slips will be coming through your door in early January with when donations can be dropped at the hall.

Sarah Ingram, Playgroup Supervisor

Tel:790428. Email: wanboroughplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk. More info see ad on pg 21

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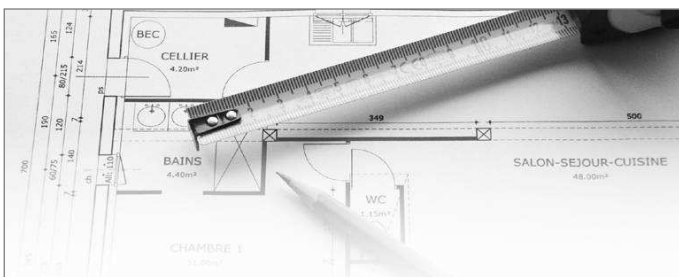
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times of the year you'll find varied climates; the north can experience very cold temperatures with snow in destinations like Sapporo, whereas the south will have you wandering in the warmth of the sun in places like Osaka.

Japan is actually very comparable to the UK when it comes to costs. In main cities like Tokyo, you may find it is a little more expensive than in the quieter, more rural areas. Restaurants and bars may be slightly more costly but not extortionate. If you head outside of the cities, you'll find that prices are lower for things like food, drink and shopping. However, Japan as a whole is definitely budget friendly

It can be quite unnerving travelling to a new country even if you have visited Asia before, but Japan is a very welcoming place, making it easy to travel around. No matter what part of the country you are visiting, we will always ensure that you have every detail you'll need to make your way from place to place. If you've never travelled to Japan before, the language barrier may be a little daunting, however, this is never a major problem. Often, signs are displayed in the Roman alphabet and the locals are always happy to help if needed.

Japan offers an abundance of incredible culture, sights, cuisine and history with every turn displaying something new. Whether you fancy a bustling city break or a relaxing rural experience, Japan has it all. If it is your first time travelling to Japan, we can recommend taking the 'Golden Route'. Covering all of the iconic places from Mt Fuji in Tokyo to the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto, the Golden Route is perfect for first time travellers. However, if you'd like to head off on a more in depth adventure, we can recommend journeying to more off the beaten track destinations, for example Takayama and Shirakawago.

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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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Feb:	Volunteers please	Volunteers please
Mar:	G. Hayes and L. Barnes	Volunteers please
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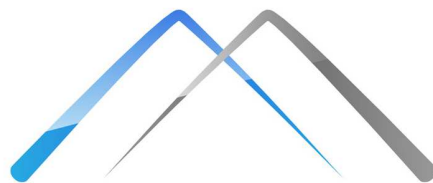
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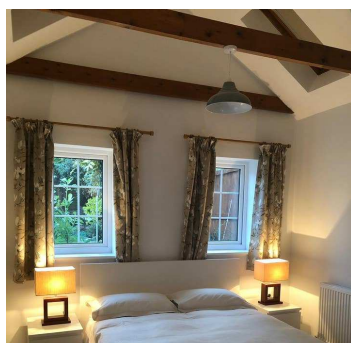
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