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### PCC of the Benefice of Lyddington, Wanborough, Bishopstone & Hinton Parva

The Rev'd Bill O'Connell has resigned as priest in charge of the Lyddington and Wanborough and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva Benefice, with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. We would like to thank him for his ministry here over the years, and wish him well.

During the vacancy, the Diocese of Bristol will support the parishes so that services and pastoral care will continue led by the Reverend Sandy Railton, and we are grateful for the help of so many volunteers in the communities. A new office email has been set up for all of the parishes:

[villagechurches@gmail.com](mailto:villagechurches@gmail.com)

Please use this for queries about worship or for any pastoral care needs.

Sarah Sumner, Gill Brown, Tom Cripwell, John Lowry and Alan Taylor

PCC Vice Chairs and Church Wardens of the Benefice of Lyddington & Wanborough and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva

### *Church Services February 2021*

|                                        |                                          |                |                      |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| <i>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</i>  | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</i> | <i>10.30am</i> | <i>All Saints</i>    |
| <i>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</i> | <i>Sunday next before Lent</i>           | <i>10.30am</i> | <i>St. Mary's</i>    |
| <i>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</i> | <i>Sunday of Lent</i>                    | <i>10.30am</i> | <i>St. Andrew's</i>  |
| <i>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February</i> | <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>     | <i>10.30am</i> | <i>St. Swithun's</i> |

#### **Please note**

**All Church Services are cancelled during Lockdown, please keep a look out on social media or website for an update as to when services can resume.**

The annual Dobbin Day Church Service - Cancelled

*Find out about the Dobbin Day Service on page 4*

## *Dobbin Day Service*

An annual Church Service that is usually held in February each year but unfortunately has had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The only other known reason for the service having to be cancelled in previous years is during wartime.

Dobbin Day is a very special annual service, the longest running tradition and unique to the village of Wanborough. The service celebrates the life of 18th Century rich land owner William Stanley, owner of Warneage Manor, which used to stand in Upper Wanborough. Mr Stanley left £50 in his will, a huge sum when he died in 1745, requesting that this be used to distribute bread to the poor in the Parish at a service at Wanborough Church near to the date of his death in February each year.



## News from the Bell Towers

Despite churches remaining open for public worship during the latest lockdown, the bells of Wanborough and Liddington have fallen silent again. The areas that we ring from are not large enough to observe good social distancing in these difficult times, and the ringers are doing as advised and "Staying at Home".

There were only two services in church over Christmas, both at Wanborough, on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Social and Christmas bubbles allowed 3 bells to be rung on Christmas Eve and 4 bells on Christmas Day. On New Years Eve only token bells were rung before midnight following which the 12 bongs of midnight were chimed. This is not the way ringers usually celebrate at this time of the year, but it was the best we were permitted to do.

## Wanborough Handbell Ringers

Sadly, due to coronavirus, public performances of any kind were not permitted, and all of this year's handbell activities were cancelled. There were no practices, no "Ringing round the Wards" at GWH and Prospect, no "Ringing round the Pubs", no church services, and for the first time in over 30 years, we were unable to collect for our nominated charity.

Nicky and Tony Pullan.



## *We Remember*

**Grace Waldron** passed away peacefully at the Great Western hospital on the 21st of December. Grace will be remembered for being the local milk lady for many years and also for her time working at Wanborough Primary School. She will be sadly missed by family and friends.

## Important information for residents during Covid-19 Lockdown 3

With the reintroduction of the national lockdown in January 2021 the network of supporters for those in need in the parishes of Wanborough and Liddington have been re-introduced. These supporters have stepped forward to offer assistance if you need help getting food, medication or you are isolated and would like someone to talk to

### Wanborough Village Supporters Group

The local Co-ordinator for **Wanborough**, Rachel Chevis, has said that the network of supporters has not changed from last year. Therefore, please contact the person whose details you were given in April 2020, or one of the admin team, Dion Dean, Susan Chapman or Rachel Chevis. Rachel keeps a master copy of all the Wanborough local supporters, so if you need a reminder of their details or you have moved to the parish and don't know who to contact, please send her a text. Her contact details are telephone 07717 173577, email [cropinthecountry@gmail.com](mailto:cropinthecountry@gmail.com)

### Liddington Village Supporters Group

Each resident of Liddington should have received a postcard through their letterbox advising of who your local contact is if you need any support during this latest lockdown; please do not hesitate to call upon this supporter for anything like getting shopping, posting mail, collecting prescriptions etc if you cannot leave the house yourself. There is also a Whatsapp group called Liddington Chat for those who would like some virtual company throughout these potentially solitary times. Please ask your supporter to add you to the Chat Group if required.

If you have not received your postcard please make contact with the Village coordinator (Clare Stuart-Brown 07766 001593) so we can get you "hooked up" with your local supporter.

*Please don't be afraid to ask for help, together we can get through this. Stay safe everyone*



### Wanborough & Ramsbury Doctor's Surgery - Update

The last few weeks have been very busy at the Surgery. As you are aware we were stood up as an approved Covid vaccination site mid December and started with our first clinic on 18th December at Ramsbury Surgery. You will have seen in the media there have been many changes since the vaccination programme started and we have had to make adjustments along the way. Of course, the changes to the second dose scheduling has caused great upset and unrest amongst many patients.

Vaccine deliveries are somewhat adhoc and very little notice is received. Please be reassured that all patients will be contacted as and when you become eligible to receive the vaccine. Please do not ring the Surgery as this is blocking our phone lines and at times preventing our receptionists from making outgoing calls to book in patients for their vaccinations.

We are promised that the vaccine deliveries will improve over the next couple of weeks so hopefully we can then push ahead with the vaccination programme. Please continue to follow all government guidance and stay safe.

If you become aware of any patient struggling to collect their medication during this period of lockdown, please let us know we will always find a way to get medication to a patient.



The next Wanborough Farmers' Market **should** be on Saturday February 20<sup>th</sup>, 9am-midday Wanborough village hall. However, we cancelled January and at the time of writing are expecting to be still under lockdown on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please check the village website [www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info) or contact Sue or David Birley on 01793 790438 [sbirley@qn.apc.org](mailto:sbirley@qn.apc.org). Please also see the website for Ken's Fish as he should be at the village hall on Thursdays, 2.30 to 4.30. You can contact him on 07590 979 194.



## Wanborough Parish Council

### Latest Services update – as at 16<sup>th</sup> January 2021

We confirm that with the current covid-19 regulations the position with the facilities and services is as follows:-

**Play Areas – Open:** The Handyman will continue to carry out weekly checks on both play areas but we cannot clean all equipment on a regular basis. It is therefore important that all users use hand sanitiser before and after using the play equipment. If the play area is busy please come back at a different time.

**Public Open Spaces – Open** for everyone to enjoy and take their daily exercise.

**Litter bins –** Our contractor will continue to empty all village bins on a weekly basis, we would appreciate if the bin is full that you please take your litter home.

**Allotments – Open:** You can go to the allotments as your daily exercise, but please ensure you keep your distance from other allotment holders.

**Hooper's Field Pavilion, Car Park, Tennis Courts and Football Pitches – All closed:** Local residents can still use the open space for their daily exercise.

Parish Council continue to work throughout the lockdown, meetings are held via Zoom and all agendas, etc can be viewed on the Parish website: [www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info)

### BT Telephone Box – Church Road

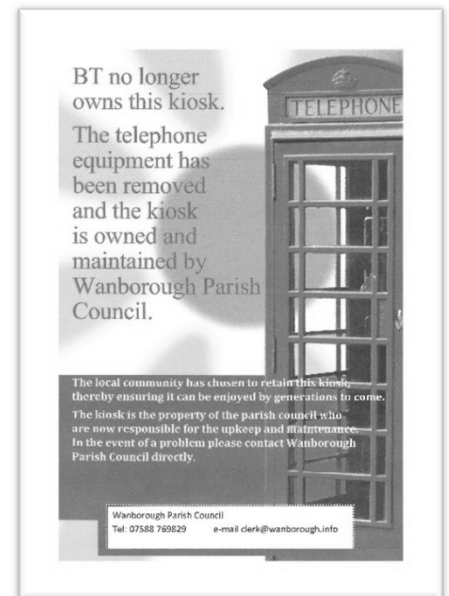
BT have now officially transferred the BT telephone box on Church Road to Parish Council, which is good news. A poster is now displayed in the box confirming this.

BT have provided us with comprehensive guidelines on how the telephone box should be maintained, including providing details on the exact paint to be used to ensure that the colour remains the same.



The telephone box is a listed building so the exterior cannot be changed in any way, but we are now allowed to alter things internally and can use the box to the benefit of the community.

As a result of the article last month we have had some volunteers come forward, as well as someone with another suggestion for what the box could be used for. We are still looking for further volunteers, so if you are willing to spare a bit of time to join a “Working Party” to look at options, gain costs and to monitor the box going forward please get in touch to let us know if that are interested in being involved: (clerk@wanborough.info) or speak to Jason Swinburn.



## **Village Maintenance**

The Village Handyman continues to work throughout the lockdown and is doing a great job carrying out the weekly checks of the play areas so that they can remain open during the latest lockdown. He is also carrying out regular litter picks, clearing footpaths and general maintenance around the village. If you see him out and about please say hello from a distance.

Parish Council recently went out to tender for the Village Grounds Maintenance Contract and Hooper's Field Grounds Maintenance Contract. We confirm that Idverde were appointed as our new contractors at our meeting in December. Idverde are a well-established grounds maintenance and landscaping company who have recently set up a branch in Swindon. They carry out grounds maintenance for many Wiltshire Parish Councils and also North Swindon Parish Council and have come highly recommended to us. We look forward to working with Idverde from April this year.



Parish Council have recently asked a local Arboriculturist, Certhia Consulting, to carry out "Tree Survey" of the condition of all the trees on land owned by the Parish or land that the Parish Council are now responsible for. As part of Parish Council's insurance this survey is carried out every three years.

The tree survey identifies the condition of all trees, the work required to maintain them and the priority of the work required. This survey provides information that can then be used to ensure all trees are maintained safely within areas that the Parish Council are responsible for.

Parish Council are currently looking at the work that is recommended to be completed within 3 months; you may see our tree surgeon carrying out this work over the next few months prior to the spring.

We carry out our own checks around the village to identify any maintenance that needs doing. However if there is anything that you feel needs urgent attention around the village, then please report any maintenance issues to the Parish Clerk by either e-mail [clerk@wanborough.info](mailto:clerk@wanborough.info), by using the "Maintenance Report" on the Parish website [www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info), or alternatively text, ring or WhatsApp on telephone number 07588 769829. Please do not use Facebook to report maintenance issues as the Parish Clerk cannot keep track of these.

## **Dog Fouling problems**

This perennial issue has been raised again by members of the public, in relation to the appalling state of the open spaces particularly at Church Meadow around the play area, Hooper's Field, Woodland Trust and Lower Rec as a result of people exercising dogs.

If you are exercising a dog, it is not acceptable to just ignore what it has left on the grass or path. You would not like to step in it, so why leave it for others to do so? Please try and remember to take a bag with you on your walk, pick it up, bag it and bin it. If for some reason you do not have a bag to collect and remove it, would you at least please kick (or flick, using a stick) the offending material into the undergrowth, so it is out of the area used by children and adults.

The practice of putting it in a bag and then hanging it on the nearest tree or gatepost is also unacceptable, as the waste cannot then naturally rot and the festoon of bags is unsightly.

There is no "them" to clear it up afterwards, so please take it home and put it in the waste bin. If the problems continue, it may be necessary to ask the Borough Council dog wardens to patrol the area.

## **Hooper's Field Draft Plans Consultation**

Many thanks to everyone who submitted their feedback on the Hooper's Field expansion draft plans. We hope everyone had the opportunity to view the plans either by visiting the display on the external wall of the pavilion at Hooper's Field or by viewing them online. If you still haven't managed to see them, they remain available online if you still want to look.

A summary of all the feedback we received will be available to view on the Parish website ([www.wanborough.info](http://www.wanborough.info)) from the beginning of February.

We are currently working with the Architect to finalise the plans, with some slight amendments as a result of the feedback received. The final plans are due to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January and, if approved, will mean we can submit a planning application to Swindon Borough Council soon afterwards.

As you can imagine the process to get to the planning application stage has been a long process and has taken several years including:-

- Carrying out a feasibility study;
- Carrying out consultations with residents including two questionnaires;
- Consulting with all user groups and sports clubs;
- Liaising with external bodies including Swindon Borough Council, sporting associations, etc;
- Visiting similar facilities to gain their feedback and experiences.

There is still a considerable amount of work to be done, but hopefully you will soon all see the benefit that this proposal will bring to the village.

## **Village Litter Picks**

Many thanks to all volunteers who gave up an hour of their time to pick up litter around the village on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. People collected rubbish separately in different areas of the villages, to ensure adequate social distancing.

The litter pick was carried out in conjunction and to support "Keep Swindon Tidy" campaign (<http://plasticfreeswindon.org/activi.../keepswindontidy/day/>). Mostly bottles and cans were collected, but there were also a number of discarded masks around the bus stop on Rotten Row (Kite Hill end).

Unfortunately we are unable to carry out any further community litter picks until after the end of the current lockdown. We will let you know when this is possible, hopefully early in the Spring before the undergrowth starts growing again



## **Finance**

### **Precept 2021/22**

Parish Council are currently working on the budget proposal for 2021/22; they had a finance committee meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January to carry out some initial discussions, including reviewing the current year budget and spend. We are due to make a final decision on the Precept for 2021/22 at our meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January and we will confirm details in next month's Lyden.

### **Grants**

Did you know that every year Parish Council allocate a budget for grants to local clubs, organisations and charities to help support them? In the 2019/20 financial year Parish Council gave:

£600 to Wanborough Village Hall towards the maintenance of the building;

£950 to St Andrew's Church towards the churchyard maintenance;

£260 to Ridgeway Link, however this charity has unfortunately now closed, so some of this grant has been returned.

£100 to St Andrew's Church flower club;

£632 to football clubs to purchase new goal posts for Hooper's Field;

£120 to a local resident who was making face coverings during the pandemic;

£300 to Wanborough Primary School for the George Gibbs' prizes.

If there are any local clubs, organisation and charities who would like to apply for a grant from the Parish Council then this can be done from April 2021 (the next financial year) by contacting the Parish Clerk, details shown below.

### **Church Road – Highways improvements**

The second formal consultation for the highways improvements at Church Road is now complete. SBC Highways Officer has confirmed that they received two objections and one letter of support. The objections received were mainly in relation to the double yellow lines along the lane up to St Andrew's Church. Parish Council have confirmed that they fully support the scheme, which they proposed a while ago, and hope that now the consultation is complete this will soon be implemented with the support from Swindon Borough Council.

### **Next meeting**

Parish Council continue to hold all meetings virtually via Zoom. Residents are welcome to join, submit questions and listen to meetings. Zoom meeting ID and password are shown on the agenda or you can contact the Parish Clerk if you wish to join. The next meeting is due to be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.15pm.

Parish Council can be contacted on **07588 769829** or e-mail **[clerk@wanborough.info](mailto:clerk@wanborough.info)**.

## Ward Councillor Update from Gary Sumner

**My next Ward Surgery at 10am 30<sup>th</sup> January will be via Zoom (you'll need the Zoom app on your phone or tablet).**

**Open the Zoom app and enter the following:  
Meeting ID: 961 4274 0633 - Passcode: 072719**

**Gigabit Fibre:** We have (at the time of writing) reached 83% of required pledges. I am hoping to organise a Zoom meeting with a fibre provider who will be able to provide more details on the likely monthly costs and commitments. My website is regularly updated and if a meeting can be arranged, I will add the information there.

**Redlands & Wanborough Road:** I have raised safety concerns with the proposed junction to Redlands and as part of that I had suggested to Officers that a 30mph limit on the Wanborough Road is more appropriate. They agreed and said that this is something they would support. Wanborough Rd will have new junctions with Lotmead & Redlands and will be cut in two by the Southern Connector Road. A pavement will be constructed and the road narrowed, so a 30mph limit will be the best outcome. Construction starts soon.

**Nearby Highways Schemes:** You will no doubt experience some inconvenience as you travel beyond the village this year. There are nearly £90m of Highways upgrades being carried out in East Swindon now, including Junction 15, White Hart, Gablecross, Oxford Rd (Nythe Rd) and Piccadilly (Covingham) as well as the Southern Connector Rd described below. This is because we have been incredibly successful at gaining Government funding and much must be spent within specified dates. At all times there will be suitable diversions posted, but on a positive note we will have a vastly improved road network, many years ahead of the homes being planned.

**Southern Connector Road:** This £30m bypass goes from Commonhead to the New Eastern Villages (NEV) and crosses the road between Poplars and Redlands. It has been designed so that the residents in the NEV cannot turn into Wanborough Road from the East. It includes cycle paths and 3.5km of new hedgerows and tree planting.

**Construction starts early 2021.**

**Village Roads:** I've continued to get highways to sweep roads of leaves & clean pavements where moss has made them slippery. Please let me know of any problems you spot.

**Wanborough Traffic Calming:** I was pleased to be able to sign off the £340,000 funding for the first Phase of this important scheme (subject to full council approving the budget) which is included in the Capital Programme budget for 2021/2022.

**Please call me on 01793 790814 or email me:  
gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk**

Ridgeway Ward website: [www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk](http://www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk)

### Liddington 100 Club

Happy New Year to all my members

The winner for December is Lionel Smith

Congratulations



## **Liddington Parish Council**

### **PRECEPT FOR 2021/22**

At the January meeting it was unanimously agreed that the Precept would need to be increased by 5 % for 2021/22 to maintain the level of service that has been achieved since the transfer of services from Swindon Borough Council in 2017. Our aim has been to carry out works and maintenance where it is most needed and we hope you have seen an improvement. This increase will mean that the annual precept for a Band D property will be £64.37, a rise of £3.07 per annum. The Parish Council will continue to make every effort to ensure that the precept is no higher than is necessary and remains prudent and self-sustaining.

### **ANGUS MACPHERSON, Police & Crime Commissioner**

Angus Macpherson joined the Parish Council meeting on January 6<sup>th</sup> via Zoom as part of the obligation to communicate with as many community groups as possible during the current consultation into the Police Precept for 2021/22. He explained that Constabularies across the country had received a settlement of £636m from the Government. However, included in the calculation was the assumption that a further £15 per annum per Band D property would be achieved by an increase to the Police Precept. He wanted to recruit a further 49 Police Officers and retain the current 132 PCSOs across the County. To achieve this an increase in the current Police Precept was needed.

If you would like to comment on his proposals the survey can be found on the Wiltshire Police website, <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/my-office/opcc-news/January2021/policing-precept-2021>

### **SPEED SIGN**

A speed enforcement operation had taken place on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020/1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 with speed checks on specific roads around Swindon. The Police had chosen to target Purley Road due to the evidence provided by the data from the speed sign that the Parish Council had shared with them. The Police have since informed the Parish Council that a number of drivers were spoken to with some receiving fixed penalty notices for travelling at excess speed. The Parish Council will continue to keep the Police informed by regularly sharing the data captured by the device.

### **HORSE TROUGH, THE STREET**

The Parish Council is still looking for a volunteer(s) to maintain the horse trough on The Street. The costs of any plants purchased would be reimbursed, subject to receipts being submitted. If you could help please contact the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors

### **OPENREACH FIBRE BROADBAND**

Please remember to pledge your voucher for the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme to enable the provision of faster broadband in Liddington.

The next meeting of Liddington Parish Council will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 starting at 7pm using Zoom.

If you would like to join the meeting to watch and listen to the proceedings or raise an issue, the Zoom joining details will be included on the agenda. Alternatively any comments or questions can be sent to the Clerk, [parishclerk@liddington.org](mailto:parishclerk@liddington.org) or telephone 07989 647438. Any points raised in this way will be answered in writing and in the minutes

**Val Curtis, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council**



## Stay local for fast track Covid Testing

With the introduction of need for a negative Covid test result within 72 hours for any of us lucky enough to be able to leave the country, I am mindful that I don't know how to access a fast-track covid test. When out doing our daily permitted exercise recently we choose to walk to Liddington and back. Luckily, we didn't need a test to cross the Lydenbrook and wander round Liddington. However, we did happen to pass a sign on Ham Road that piqued our interest though, Racoo Screening! In my world of clay, it would have been spelt Raku and involved a kiln, so on the return journey I decided to investigate and found two people in a gazebo looking very cold.

It turns out that we have our very own Covid rapid antigen testing centre. I have checked out their website and found the following:

Racoo provide a rapid antigen test service at their Swindon 'drive in' facility. A 'sample collection & consent' form is completed with you which details name, DOB, date, time, passport number and results. This information is also emailed to you on a personal document which can be printed. They claim:

- Results in 10-15 minutes
- CE marked test device
- Sensitivity of 93.7%\*
- Specificity of 98.8%\*

Cost of the service at £60

\* From manufacturer documentation

To book a test or find out more visit the website at [www.rocoo.co.uk](http://www.rocoo.co.uk)

If you are one of those lucky people off to foreign parts, let me know and I will come with you. I quite fancy a month somewhere sunny please!

Happy travels, even if it is only to Sainsbury's, other supermarkets are available. Stay safe and well everyone.

Anita Basevi

## **1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scout Group – new joiners / waiting list open**

Despite the pandemic 1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scouts has managed to continue some form of scouting throughout last year: some via zoom and virtual camps and other sessions face to face which was lovely. The start of 2021 has seen us back on zoom again and we appreciate that this is not everyone's favourite, especially after a day of online home schooling!. However we are keen to get back up and running with normal scouting as soon as conditions / legislation allows and to this end we are opening our doors for more new starters / waiting list joiners to get in touch now so we have your details ready for when normal service resumes. The following sections are available:

- Beavers: Tuesday 6-7pm for 6-8 year olds
- Cubs: Thursday 6.30-8pm for 8-10½ year olds
- Scouts: Wednesday 7-9pm for 10½-14 year olds

1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scouts does not just cover Wanborough; families from Liddington, Hinton Parva, Bishopstone, Badbury Park, Liden and Covingham are all welcome to join us.....

The scouts website: [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk) has lots of information for parents to find out more about what scouting offers. The programme of activity includes indoor and outdoor activities all aimed at providing fun and learning that help to deliver skills for life. We are happy for youngsters to attend for a trial period before committing to the Group so why not get in touch and signup for getting involved in the summer (hopefully!). To register your interest please head to 1<sup>st</sup> Wanborough Scouts website: [1stwanborough.org.uk](http://1stwanborough.org.uk) and complete the "join" form. Alternatively send an email to [tessaannlanstein@gmail.com](mailto:tessaannlanstein@gmail.com) with child's details.

## **Wanborough Community Trust: May Day Fayre & Scarecrow Trail cancelled for 2021**

It is with a heavy heart that Wanborough Community Trust and the small event organising group have made the decision to cancel the Scarecrow Trail and the May Day Fayre for 2021. We desperately hope the pandemic situation will allow these events to run in full technicolour in 2022 and would welcome volunteers to step forward to help to be part of the organising team for next year's events. I am moving out of the area this month and although I am happy to stay involved with these two great events into 2022 (and support the new organising group as much as they need), it would be impractical for me to try to organise from my new base in Shropshire!! Please would some new volunteers step up to the plate and offer their services to keep these wonderful traditional events on the local calendar. Please get in touch by email to [tessaannlanstein@gmail.com](mailto:tessaannlanstein@gmail.com) or respond to requests for help when they appear in the Autumn via Lyden magazine / facebook etc. Thank you.

The Wanborough Community Trust grant application process is still in operation and has some funds still "in the pot" so if, as we emerge from social distancing there are groups or projects (from across the Benefice: Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone & Hinton Parva) that could be (part) funded by the Trust please do not hesitate to review the grant criteria via [Wanborough.info/Information/Wanborough Community Trust](http://Wanborough.info/Information/WanboroughCommunityTrust). If you think your idea meets the criteria please forward an initial email to [wanboroughCT@gmail.com](mailto:wanboroughCT@gmail.com).

Finally the Trust is seeking 1-3 new Trustees to join the team: 3-4 meetings a year providing a governance overview and grant application review panel are the main responsibilities so please volunteer your services or make enquiries via the Secretary, David Halfhead: [halfhead@btinternet.com](mailto:halfhead@btinternet.com). The Trust covers the Benefice of Liddington, Wanborough, Hinton Parva and Bishopstone so you don't have to live in Wanborough to volunteer!!

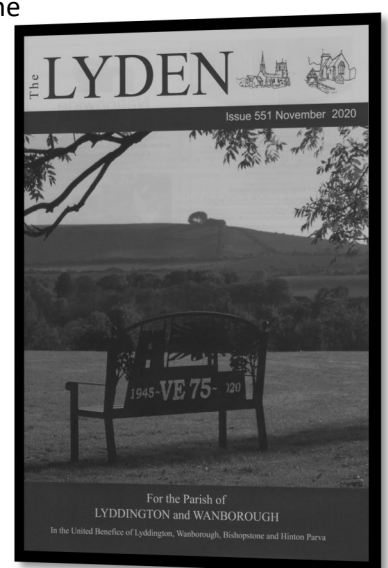
### **A hello to, and farewell from, the Lyden Magazine Production Team**

It is with great pleasure that the magazine production team welcome Lorna Naseem to join us. Lorna has volunteered to manage advertising for us and is already helping to attract new advertisers for us. If you would like to advertise please contact Lorna via [Lydenadvertising@gmail.com](mailto:Lydenadvertising@gmail.com) for information and prices.

Due to personal circumstances Andrea Jerome has decided to stand down as editor for the magazine. This is a huge loss for us. Andrea has been editor for over 5 years and central to creating the colourful magazine we receive today. Her ideas and creativity have made a massive difference to the content and layout, most notably the fantastic cover we now have. She has been central to negotiating prices for printing and managing our advertisers until Launa took this aspect on. She will be greatly missed at our meetings having inspired content from us all. We shall miss her and wish her well.

The production team, when fully staffed, is made up of 7 people. We are a friendly bunch of volunteers who work together to support one another in managing, producing and overseeing distribution an informative and interesting parish magazine to Liddington and Wanborough residents. If you are interested in joining us, please contact us via [Lydenmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:Lydenmagazine@gmail.com).

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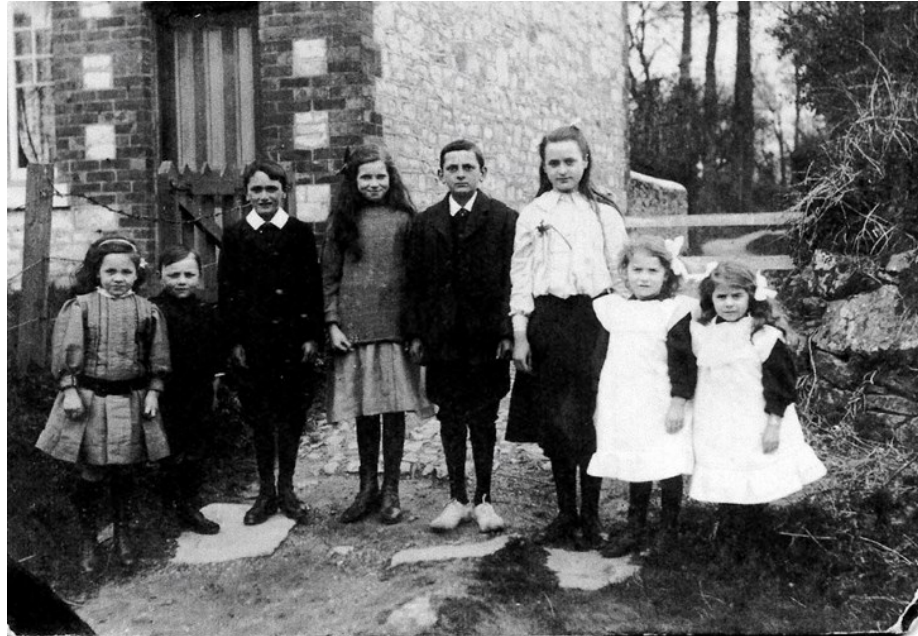
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***Front cover picture this month - by Vinny Warner - Clump of trees on Liddington Hill***

# History of Wanborough

## Wanborough Village Pound

In pre-Enclosure times Wanborough and many other villages had a village pound, where stray animals were impounded until their owners paid a fee to have them released. In 1672 one Abraham Brind was brought before the manor court for 'a pound breach', that is unauthorised removal of his animals. He was fined 20s, a considerable sum in those days. Wanborough's pound, or 'communem parcum de Wanborough' as it is described



in Latin in the manor rolls, occupied an area of what is now the Lower Recreation Ground. Part of the sarsen stone wall which surrounded the pound still survives alongside Chapel Lane. A few years ago the Parish Council cleared the undergrowth from around the wall so it could be seen.

Praeter House, which stood on the corner of High Street and Chapel Lane, was the site of the local butchers together with slaughter house, it backed

onto the village pound. Conveniently situated to deal with those stray animals unclaimed by their owners.

"Dame" School at Dolphin Cottages 1910s – pound wall to right



Praeters House in  
1947

To the right a picture of Wanborough Pound at the Lower Rec as it looks today, go and take a look when you are out on your walk.



*Brian Clarke*

**Wanborough Birds**  
**Photographs by Anita Basevi**  
**In memory of loved ones lost**



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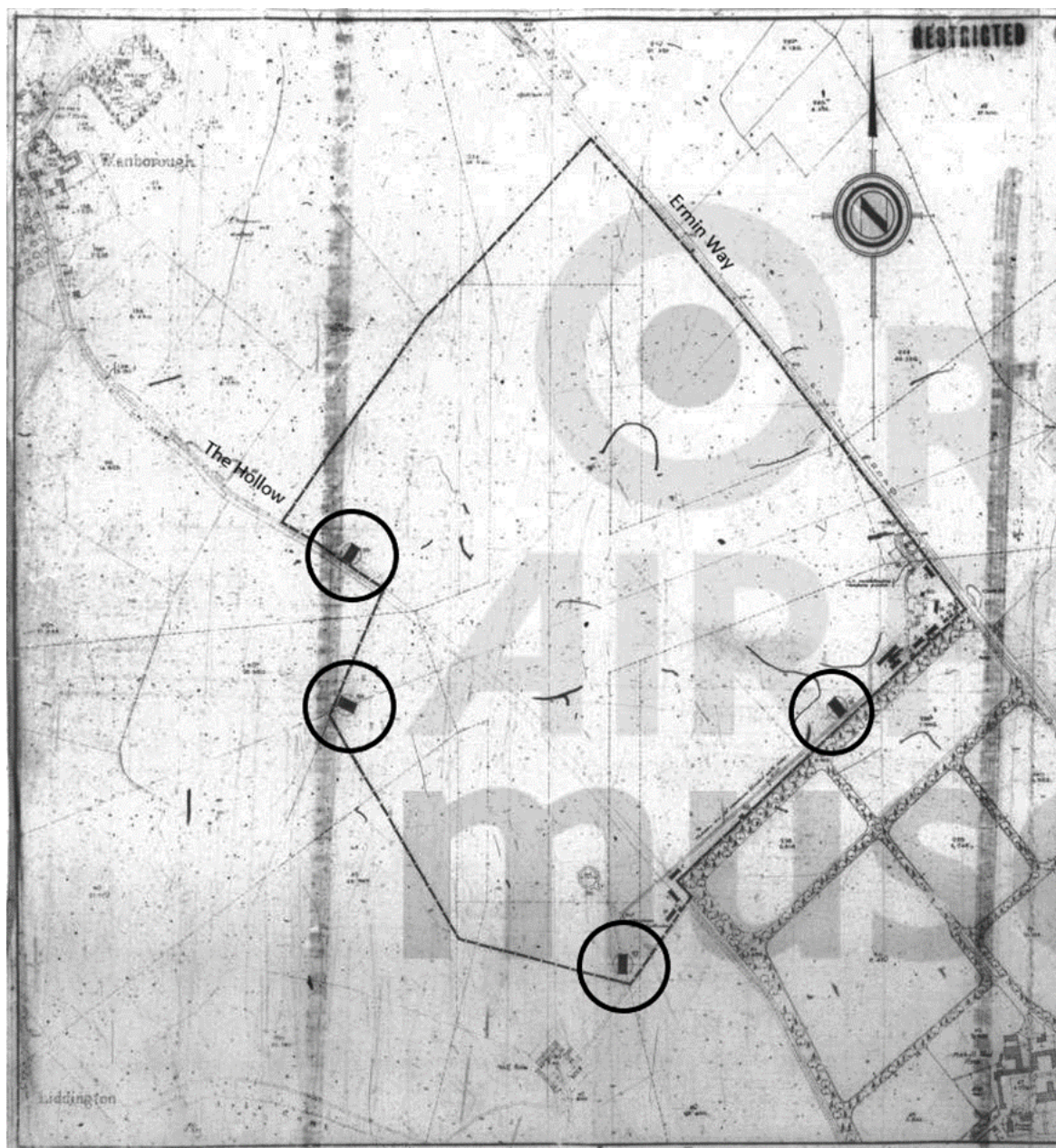
Between 1941 and 1946 the RAF used the fields on Wanborough Plain as an airfield, initially by Flying Training Schools for day and night landing practice and later to train glider pilots.

This extract of a plan drawn in January 1945 for the Air Ministry shows The Croft in the top left and King Edward's Place (now PGL) at the bottom right corners. Although the original plan is now in poor condition it is just possible to make out two runways, one approached from the west over Liddington and the other from the south directly over Hill Farm. The surface of the fields needed a lot of preparation; The Hollow was closed and hedges removed, which is probably the reason for the absence of any large or ancient trees at the top of The Hollow and along Ermin Way.

The airfield reverted to agriculture when the RAF departed and some of the buildings, like the four hangers circled on the plan, were used for storing farm equipment. Over time the ravages of rust meant many of the metal structures, including the hangers and the fuel storage tanks, were removed and now there is no visible trace of the airfield and its buildings, although the concrete bases of the barrack blocks and armoury in the west corner may have been used as the base of the present stable yard.

Today, as you walk up The Hollow and reach the open fields, only the ghost of RAF Wanborough remains. Please get in touch if you have any photographs or stories to tell about the RAF airfield in Wanborough.

Dave Hayward



## **Wanborough Playgroup News**



January saw England going into another lockdown. The difference this time being that Playgroup, as an Early Years setting has stayed open to all. We continue with our rigorous cleaning and personal hygiene requirements and routines to keep us all safe and well. The children continue to sing "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" for their handwashing song as in the words of one child "Why sing Happy Birthday when it isn't anyone's Birthday!"

**Extended Hours:** Playgroup is now open until 2.30pm on a Monday and Wednesday. It is great to have more time to focus on their next steps and development.

**Jumble Sale:** At present due to Covid-19 restrictions we are not able to run this annual event or do any fundraising which would mean people gathering in large numbers. Fingers crossed we will be able to hold events such as the Jumble Sale and Prosecco Evenings as well as Sports Day and a Leavers Service later in the year.

**What have we been up to?** So far in January we have been enjoying more of our "Rhyme Bags", experimenting with colour mixing, describing textures, looking at size and capacity and moving in different ways to music. We have also walked along the High Street looking for letters and numbers and observing the holes that have been dug by the Gas works and looking at their vehicles. The playing field and Village Hall garden are great places to let of steam and look at the natural world.

Looking ahead to next September we are extremely low in numbers. For us to plan ahead and for Playgroup to survive we would ask you to register your child as soon as possible. If you would like to register your child to start this academic year or anytime after that please email: [wanboroughplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wanboroughplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk) or message us via our facebook page @wanboroughpreschool or call us on 07444 352687.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions we are unable to show prospective parents around the hall or accept children for shared care with another pre-school/nursery at this time. Our facebook page @wanboroughpreschool has photos of the different areas and descriptions of recent activities.

Stay safe.

**Sarah Ingram, Playgroup Supervisor**

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## **Ron Kent**

Joan & family would like to thank many people who sent cards and messages with lovely words of condolence and who turned out on the High Street to pay their respects on the day of his funeral. A special thanks to all his old allotment friends who waited at the allotment gate to say goodbye to him.

## Looking forward to a Holiday

Well what a week that was! January is always a busy time for booking holidays and I wasn't sure what this year would bring but Wow.... It seems you all want something wonderful to look forward to! I've also been working with some customers last week on changing their existing bookings due to depart in the next few weeks and giving advice to other customers who needed reassurance..... the service you receive after booking is more important than ever in these strange and ever-changing times and I will always be here to advise and take care of you and your precious holiday plans.

I even made a booking for December 2022 so there's lots on sale to choose from for next year as well as this year..... my top selling destinations so far this month have been:-

-  The Maldives – great offers with room upgrades
-  5\* Safari in South Africa for 2022 – this offer has tempted many
-  Lapland for December 2022 – yes many of you booking an amazing Christmas treat for next year
-  Iceland short break – the Northern Lights are waiting
-  Beach/Sun in a variety of destinations across the globe

Please do contact me to chat through potential holidays or maybe a query you have - I'm here to help.

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## Shrove Tuesday - 16th February 2021

Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated in many countries across the globe. It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent (Ash Wednesday). During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. The exact date of Shrove Tuesday changes from year to year, but one thing says the same – it's always 47 days before Easter Sunday.

Pancakes are connected with Shrove Tuesday as a way to use up rich foods such as eggs, milk and sugar, before the fasting period of the 40 days of lent.

### Prefect Pancake Recipe!    **Method**

- |                          |                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 100g Plain Flour         | 1. Put 100g & pinch of salt in a large mixing bowl                                                                                     |
| 2 eggs                   | 2. Make a well in the centre and crack 2 eggs in the middle.                                                                           |
| 300ml Milk               | 3. Pour in about 50ml of the milk and mix, slowly add the remaining milk as you mix until you have a batter.                           |
| Pinch of salt (optional) |                                                                                                                                        |
| Oil for frying           | 4. Heat up the frying pan with some oil, ladle the batter into the fying pan and cook on both sides. Don't forget to flip your pancake |

### Pancake Toppings

The traditional well known pancake topping is lemon and sugar but here are a few other ideas:-

- ♦ Bananas and chocolate chip
- ♦ Maple syrup
- ♦ Fruit (Blueberry, strawberry) and cream

How do you like yours??



*Yummy*

*Enjoy Everyone*



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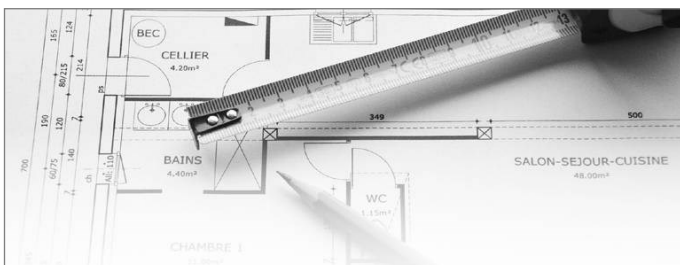
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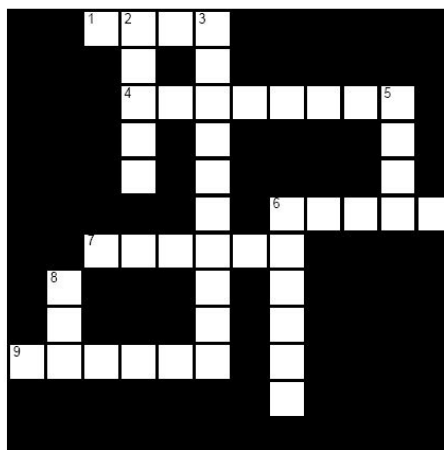
### (A tongue in cheek note from a resident)

It has come to my notice that a considerable number of new houses have appeared in Green Lane. As far as I am aware, there has been no public consultation, no planning application nor permission for these.

Some may say that, as these are so small, there is no harm done but that is beside the point. It is evident that Elf & Safety regulations have not been met, for example, many are only accessible via ladders! It is inevitable that, before long, we shall be seeing pixie-lated signage such as 'Gnome Sweet Gnome' for sale and there will be even more of these structures goblin up the countryside.

This makes me fairly angry

A Resident



#### Clues Across

- 1 Mardi \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 festive celebrations called \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 number of days in Lent
- 7 use up your \_\_\_\_\_ and eggs
- 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Tuesday

#### Clues Down

- 2 some towns hold pancake \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 'Lent' comes from an old word meaning \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ is the time to prepare for Easter
- 6 flip pancakes in a \_\_\_\_\_ pan

## The Joke Box

A little light humour to cheer you up

- ♦ A recent study proved I shouldn't try to add unnecessary rooms to my house!
- ♦ I used to be obsessed with population statistics.....but I've come to my census!
- ♦ Sometimes I wonder what happened to the people who asked me



for directions

- ♦ Due to new EU trade laws, Greece has ceased all production of Humus and Taramasalata, looks like they could be in for a double dip recession!
- ♦ FOR SALE: Racing Geese, call me if you want a quick Gander!
- ♦ I asked my young child to refill the herb and spice jars and they got into a right muddle. No issues yet, but I guess the Thyme is Cumin!

Keep smiling all!  
The Village Joker

## St. Andrew's Church Wanborough

The Church is currently offering limited services, we will resume printing cleaning details and Sidespersons' roster etc when normal patterns resume.



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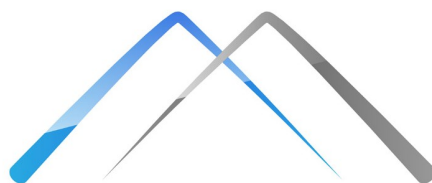
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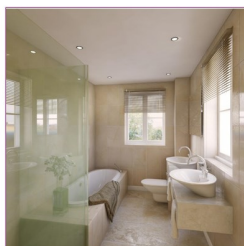
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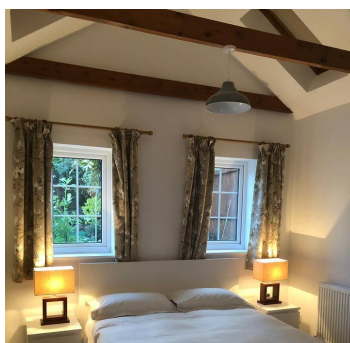
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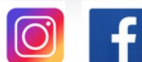
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