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Dear Friends,

It has been a strange but inspirational summer. Lockdown eased a little and then we had a virtually audience free Olympics in Tokyo – but certainly not audience free from afar thanks to Television coverage. How encouraging to see athletes, from all sports, congratulating and commiserating with others from many different countries.



The Olympics were closely followed by the Paralympics, and I am sure that I am not the only person to be amazed at the athletes achievements. I am also certain that I was not the only person moved to tears on several occasions.

Now, as I write this we have the news of Emma Raducanu winning her first Grand Slam Tennis Title, having entered as a Qualifier.

What a wonderful summer boost – and may the spirit of joy, friendliness and acceptance, as well as awe and wonder, that we have seen, continue in our daily lives.

So what do we learn from the achievements of this summer? What do we take with us into the future? I hope and pray that we have all learned the lesson that all people are equal, despite nationality, upbringing, physical or mental impairment. In the eyes of God each one of us is precious and unique, with the ability to reach our full potential.

I hope and pray that we have learned the lesson that people from every nation can come together in a spirit of friendship, acceptance and peace – that language and nationality are not barriers when there is goodwill and respect.

I hope and pray that the readiness of people to offer their time freely for the good of all, will encourage us all to look around at our own communities and be ready to offer our time, talents and resources to help and strengthen our life together.

May each one of us be inspired by this extraordinary summer season, that in turn we may 'inspire a generation'!

With love and prayers

Sandy

Revd Sandy Railton: 01793 814162/07867 525641

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Church Services October 2021

Benefice of Lyddington and Wanborough and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva

Our churches are OPEN for the following services

Sunday 3rd October 10.30am Harvest Festival at St Swithun's Hinton Parva

Sunday 10th October 10.30am at All Saints' Liddington

Sunday 17th October 10.30am Harvest Festival at St Mary's Bishopstone

Sunday 24th October 10.30am Harvest Festival at St Andrew's Wanborough

Sunday 31st October 10.30am Patronal Festival at All Saints' Liddington

Sunday 7th November 10.30am at St Swithun's Hinton Parva

HELP! - GOOD FOLK OF WANBOROUGH - HELP!

St. Andrew's Church is in desperate need of a rota of cleaners to keep our beautiful church 'spick and span'.

TASK: Dusting and Hoovering

TIMES: Once a month

Equipment provided

Please come forward and offer a few hours of your time, the more names put forward the less often your turn will come and lessen the load

Please give your names to:- Sandy Railton 814162 , Sarah Sumner 790814 , Gill Brown 07771 600162

We look forward to hearing from you!

I would like to thank all the parishioners and other for the kind sympathy that you have shown towards me and my family for our loss. We are very touched by your support. Mary would have appreciated the esteem in which she was held. Once again, thank you all

Bob Biggs



Wanborough Farmers' Market

The next Wanborough Farmers' Market and Community Connect Café will be on Saturday 16th October, 9am to midday in Wanborough Village Hall, High St, SN4 0AD. No reason at the time of writing to suppose there'll be any problems but keep an eye on www.Wanborough.info for updates, or contact Sue or David Birley on 790438, sbirley@gn.apc.org

News from the Church Bell Towers

Church bell ringing has returned to near normal at Wanborough and Liddington. There are no restrictions on how many bells we can ring, or numbers of ringers in the tower, and I am pleased to say that last month we rang 6 bells at Liddington, and all 8 bells at Wanborough for the first time since March 2020, and what superb sounds those bells made. The ringing rooms in each church are quite small, and we continue to wear facemasks whilst ringing and use hand sanitiser as we ring different bells. So our ringing is near normal, but we continue to take precautions.



Sunday service ringing takes place twice a month, and practice nights are on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays at Wanborough, and 2nd and 4th Fridays at Liddington, both starting at 7.30 pm. We have two weddings to ring for, one later this month and in December.

We are always looking for new bell ringers, especially if you are a lapsed ringer who hasn't rung for many years. Ringing is a bit like riding a bike, you never lose the basic skills, and after a few pulls on the rope, it will feel like you have never given up. If you are interested in returning to ringing, please get in touch with me.

We look forward to ringing for those special occasions later in the year, Remembrance and Christmas, which we were prevented from doing last year.

And finally, who would have guessed that our new installation of bells in Liddington has now been there for five years in late October 2021. I'm sure we will ring to mark the occasion!

Tony Pullan, Tower Captain.

01793 790904

tony@wanboroughringers.org.uk

Wanborough - St Andrew's Church - Clean up

After a Covid break of 2 years, the next Wanborough Churchyard Clear-up session will be on **Saturday morning 10 am till 12 midday on October 23rd**. There are paths to clear, ivy to trim, etc. All are welcome especially families and newcomers, even just to look round the lovely Churchyard.

David Birley



Coffee Morning

Coffee mornings are held on a weekly basis at The Brewers pub starting at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome to attend, no need to book just turn and we look forward to seeing you there.

Many thanks to Paul and Amy at the Brewers for hosting us.

Dates for your Diary

In next month's Lyden, as everything returns more to normal, we would like to start a list of future events in the village. If you have anything planned over the next 6 months that you would like the date kept free please let us know by e-mailing **lydenmagazine@gmail.com**.



Wanborough Parish Council

Village Maintenance

Grass cutting around the village open spaces will finish by the end of October, or sooner if the weather results in very wet ground conditions. Our contractor's next job is cutting back all the hedges that we are responsible for and hopefully this will all be completed by the end of November. Over the autumn months we will be carrying out inspections of the footpaths to see what can be done during the quiet months to improve them. Please note that leaves fallen from trees are not cleared unless they are likely to cause a hazard such as making a footpath slippery, otherwise they are left to mulch where they fall. The next

Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee meeting is on Monday 4th October, if you have anything that you would like raised at the meeting please let the Parish Clerk know.

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, by using the "Maintenance Report" on the Parish website 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.

Village Litter Picks

We plan to hold some more litter picks as follows:

Thursday 30th September - Lower Wanborough - Meet at Hooper's Field at 10am

Friday 1st October - Upper Wanborough - Meet at Calley Arms at 10am

Saturday 2nd October - Foxhill - Meet next to the Bus Stop at 10am

Please come along and help keep the village looking tidy. All equipment will be provided, you just need to wear clothing suitable for the weather conditions.

Look forward to seeing you all.



Community Footpath Walks



We had a lovely final walk of the year on Friday 3rd September. We walked up The Hollow where there were lovely views across to Liddington Hill and the newly harvested fields, also showing everyone the area of verge that is protected, along The Ridgeway, passing the Burj, down The Coombes to Hinton Parva, and back across the fields to Wanborough. The weather was glorious making the views just amazing.



Many thanks for everyone who joined us for the walks it was lovely to see you all and hope you all enjoyed them. We plan to hold some further walks in 2022 and will confirm nearer the time. Hopefully we will also be able to re-introduce refreshments.



The Beanlands Pond

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have offered to prepare a plan and drawing of the pond area confirming what we need to do to restore The Beanlands pond. Once this is received the next stage will be carrying out the work.

We are therefore looking for some volunteers to help with the clearance work around The Beanlands pond. Initially there will be a considerable amount of heavy duty work, cutting back overgrown shrubbery, digging out silt within the pond area etc so if you have the tools to be able to help do this then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Once the heavy duty work is completed we would like to get more residents involved in maintaining the pond with the aim of bringing more wildlife back to the area so that it can be enjoyed by all.

Wanborough Allotment Competition - Presentation

On Saturday 11th September the allotment competition presentation was held. Cllr Bob Biggs, along with the judge, Jo Baker, presented certificates, prizes and trophies to all prize winners.

It was a lovely day and it was great to see so many allotment holders. Afterwards allotment holders got together for a bbq to celebrate their achievements.



Wanborough Road

Swindon Borough Council (SBC) currently have a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Wanborough Road out for consultation. The proposal is to change the speed limit along Wanborough Road so that it's 30mph along the whole stretch from Merlin Way, Covingham to Wanborough.



The consultation period ends on 6th October and you can submit your comments either in support or to object by either:-

- Go onto SBC's website www.swindon.gov.uk and search on TRO's. Then go to "stage 2 public consultation" and there will be a list of all TRO's currently out for consultation. Search down the list until you see Wanborough Road and click on the link which takes you to the online form to complete. **Or**
- Email SBC Highways - highways@swindon.gov.uk - quoting reference - ST&I/TRO/Wanborough Road.

Parish Council have been asked to give their comments in relation to the proposed "Street Lighting Scheme" for Wanborough Road. Parish Council unanimously agreed to object to street lights along Wanborough Road as they felt this would urbanise a historic rural road, plus visually join Wanborough to Swindon. It is important that we do everything we can to keep Wanborough's separate identity as a village.

In addition Cllr Dave Hayward, Cllr Bob Biggs and Cllr Joe Smith had an on site meeting with SBC Highways Officer to discuss the location of the proposed build outs / chicanes, look at the location of field entrances, discuss drainage / flooding and look at the allotment access and security, plus to re-iterate Parish Council's objections to street lighting. We have a number of action points from the meeting that we will continue to discuss with SBC and provide updates as and when we receive them.

Hooper's Field Pond Restoration

Wiltshire Wildlife contractors have successfully completed the clearance and re-instatement of the pond at Hooper's Field.

Contractors arrived early on Tuesday 7th September and with perfect ground and weather conditions they were able to complete the work in two days.

Wiltshire Wildlife have confirmed that work went really well; the pond has been cleared and re-profiled; the base is a very good clay and is holding what little rainfall we've already had. The pond was completely dry during excavation so it will take some time over winter to fill to capacity.

The area has been fenced in with stock fencing to prevent dogs accessing it and disturbing the wildlife. Some vegetation was left in situ to ensure the view from the sports pitches looked similar and to provide some protection for the pond itself. All cut vegetation has been piled into the eastern area and will be left to essentially grow over and decompose naturally, also providing great overwintering habitat for invertebrates and amphibians. Any excavated spoil has been re-profiled around the pond edges.

Although these sorts of works, never look great immediately after, some time over winter will allow the pond to fill with rainwater and 'green back up', with the surrounding vegetation recovering and filling in.

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will be back for a visit in Spring to take an eDNA water sample to test for the presence of Great Crested Newts and see how the pond is doing.



Planning

SBC's Local Plan Review 2036

Further to last months Lyden, we confirm that Swindon Borough Council have extended the deadline for this consultation and it is now due to close at 5pm on 7th October 2021.

At the last Parish Council meeting the Local Plan Review 2036 was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to object to the inclusion of the site allocation off Hewer's Close (the field on the corner of Rotten Row & High Street) and have raised a number of concerns in relation to the site allocation off Kite Hill. In addition Parish Council raised concern in relation to the impact of the New Eastern Villages on the village now that the phasing of the development has changed considerably with developments in the south (Redlands) coming forward first. SBC's Local Plan should take this into consideration and assess the impact of the change in phasing on the village, especially as it's such a large strategic development site.

A copy of Parish Council's letter and submission can be found on the Parish website, www.wanborough.info.

We recommend that residents submit their own comments to SBC and this can be done by:-

1. Going to SBC's website, www.swindon.gov.uk, search on "Local Plan Review 2036" which should then take you to the page where there is an online form to complete and submit, or
2. E-mail your comments to forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk or
3. Post to the following address

Swindon Borough Council Planning Policy
5th Floor, Wat Tyler House
Beckhampton Street
Swindon, SN1 2JG

Inlands Farm - Science Park - Planning Inquiry Update

The second part of the Inlands Farm Planning Inquiry took place on 7th & 8th September. On Tuesday 7th a roundtable discussion took place on matters raised by National Highways (formally Highways England). National Highways raised a number of concerns in relation to phase 2 of the proposed development and the impact on Commonhead Roundabout and M4 junction 15 slip roads. In addition a discussion took place on the objection raised by the Environment Agency in relation to the additional discharge into the river.

On Wednesday 8th September we heard closing statements from all parties, SSPG, Swindon Borough Council and the Applicant (Wasdell).

At the end of the two days the Inspector confirmed that he would be visiting the area unaccompanied on 16th September and accompanied on 17th September. A representative from Wanborough Parish Council attended the accompanied walk around the village and was able to point out some of the key locations that would be affected by this proposed development.



The Inspector has confirmed that he is aiming to make his final decision on the application by the end of November 2021. We would like to thank everyone who has been involved in the inquiry, a very strong case has been put across to the Inspector and we hope that he will dismiss the case based on all the evidence that has been provided to him.



Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 25th October 2021 at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend following the current government guidance.

Angela Raymond, Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council

Do 100k Your Way and support Prospect Hospice



Whether you are a regular Rambler, a seasoned swimmer or even a reluctant runner, Prospect Hospice has a challenge for you.

Set yourself a 100 kilometre target and either run, walk, swim or cycle – the choice is yours.

You can do the challenge at a pace that suits you, over a few days or a few weeks and in the location of your choice.

Get the whole family involved and you could clock up the kilometres on the daily school run, in your lunch break or even walking your dog. If you're used to running longer distances, why not complete park runs or half marathons?

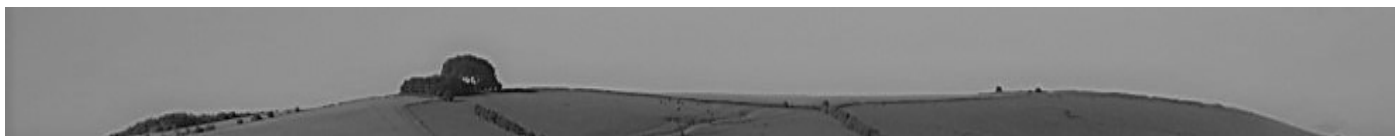
You don't have to do the challenge outdoors. Perhaps you prefer the exercise bike or treadmill at the gym or at home - it's up to you.

You will have until 31 October 2021 to complete the distance. All we ask is that you raise funds to enable the hospice to continue caring for patients who are terminally ill and support their families.

When you complete the challenge you will receive a medal and certificate for your fantastic achievement. If you can raise a minimum of £100 in sponsorship we'll also reward you with a Team Prospect T-shirt.

Registration is £10 per adult and £5 per child or dog.

To register visit the website at <https://www.prospect-hospice.net/fundraising-support-us/challenges/100k-your-way/> or email fundraisingandevents@prospect-hospice.net or call 01793 813355.



Liddington Parish Council

ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council have now signed the lease for the allotments at the September meeting.

In the last year, the allotments have undergone an immense amount of work, with the pruning of community fruit trees, collecting of waste and rubbish across the site, the cutting down of 2 very large bramble patches and strimming and levelling the site. We are also in the process of securing a large water tank for plot holders.

As nature inevitably takes its course, we are looking for some help and support to continue to tidy what has regrown since the last clear up so that we can offer acceptable plots to new plot holders.

If anyone is willing to help lend a hand on the weekends of 16/17th or 23rd/24th October, we would be very grateful.

Please contact Lauren Hyatt on lauren.hyatt76@yahoo.co.uk to confirm your availability.

We look forward to welcoming any help and support from the community to help get this project off the ground.

SECOND DEFIBRILLATOR

The telephone box has been repainted and now has a fully functioning Defibrillator installed with instruction poster above the machine. Liddington Parish Council would like to thank Mr. Goeffrey Hale for his enormous assistance in painting the kiosk and restoring it to its former glory.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meeting of Liddington Parish Council will be held on 6th October starting at 7pm in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend, following current Government guidelines.

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council



Liddington Telephone Box

A huge thanks to David Lomax and Geoff Hale for their excellent restoration of the telephone box in Liddington, the home of the new defibrillator.

It is much appreciated, Will, Jade, Arthur and Annie at the old post office.

Liddington 100 Club

Our Liddington 100 Club will be running again from October 2021 to September 2022. Our monthly raffle is drawn on the first Monday of every month. With a monthly prize of £50 to the lucky winner.

Annual membership costs just £12 per person. To join, simply contact Caroline Tams ctams1@icloud.com for a subscription form. Register your 2021-2022 subscription by 20 October 2021.

Liddington 100 Club

The winner for August - Mrs S Dixon - Congratulations.

Caroline Tams

News from Church of All Saints - Lyddington

We've started to plan a few community events - a coffee morning on the first Monday of every month, children's fancy dress, wine tasting and Burns Night to name a few.

We're looking forward to celebrating Christmas with Midnight Mass at All Saints on the 24 December 2021.

For more information, please visit our facebook page – Church of All Saints, Lyddington or follow us on Instagram [Liddingtonparish](#).



Churouse the Mouse and his friends

I am Churouse, All Saints Lyddington's Church Mouse. I've made a promise to Saint Gertrude and I'm truly sorry if this feels rude. To ask is my finest attribute. So I'm asking you to contribute. To the work of All Saints in our parish. Your help, of course, our greatest wish. The saying is 'as poor as a Church Mouse'. All Saints is poorer, so I'm visiting your house.

Churouse the Mouse and his friends are on a mission to help raise funds for All Saints Church, Lyddington. Churouse and his friends are waiting to be rehomed and can be found in our parish churches on Service Days.



Or you can adopt a mouse by making a small donation to the fundraising committee of All Saints Church. Get in contact with Gaynor Halls at gaynorhalls@btinternet.com.

Liddington Calendar 2022

We will be producing a 2022 calendar to raise money for All Saints. We are looking for seasonal photos of the church, and the village and its surrounds. Particularly walking during lockdown. The best ones will be selected and used in the calendar. More details can be found liddington.org, [@churchofallsaintslyddington](https://facebook.com/groups/liddington), instagram.com/liddingtonparish

Children's Fancy Dress Party

Saturday, 30 October 2021 – 4-6pm at the Village Hall, Liddington

SAVE THE DATE

Help us celebrate Halloween with a fancy-dress party, with prizes for:

- Most imaginative
- Scariest
- Under 5
- Under 10

Draw a pumpkin and colour it in competition - bring your pumpkin drawings to the party to win a prize!



Dates for Diaries

Sunday 31 October - All Saints Patronal Festival

Saturday, 26 November 2021 – Wine Tasting Evening 6-10pm

Saturday, 4 December 2021 – Decorate the Tree and Meet Santa

Announcement

Saturday 29 October 2021

5th Anniversary of the Dedication Service of the new peal of church bells, 6 bells, tenor bell weighing 8-2-11 cwt, at All Saints Church, Liddington, by the Bishop of Bristol, Rt Revd Mike Hill.



Your Borough Councillor update - Gary Sumner:

Ward Surgery is 9 – 11am 30th October at Wanborough Village Hall.

White Hart Closure: The closure of this busy junction is extended for up to four more weeks due to the effect of the high water table and installing a geo-grid system to reinforce the new road. Contractors are working 6 days a week, 12 hours a day to try to recover lost time and we anticipate being able to open the Merlin Way access to the A419 later in October. My apologies for this inconvenience.

Diversions are signposted but via the A419 from Commonhead we will still be able to access Sainsbury's and the A420 (the difference being that we will have to travel to the Honda junction and back South to get onto the A420).

I would thoroughly recommend signing up for the NEV (New Eastern Villages) newsletter as this is a regular emailed newsletter which updates you the road schemes including White Hart, Wanborough, Commonhead, Southern Connector Road etc. Go to: www.swindon.gov.uk/newsletter

The Marsh closure: It is now necessary to close the access to The Marsh from the Pack Hill end for the duration of the Southern Connector Road scheme **(to August 2022)**. Access to all properties will be maintained from the Burycroft end and access to field entrances will also be maintained.

Wanborough Road changes: A Traffic Regulation order has been submitted to reduce the speed limit from Wanborough to Covingham to 30mph. In the next year or so the road will change dramatically with a new priority junction going into the Redlands Grove development, a few hundred yards further along a new signalised junction with the Southern Connector Road (where you see the hedges removed) and in between each of these the road will be narrowed and a pavement added, as well as traffic calming in terms of 'build outs' installed. We have met with officers as I am extremely uncomfortable with the concept of street lighting the whole road, however a final decision is awaited. This is one of the negatives of 'connectivity' and proximity to Redlands. **The latest update on the Wanborough Traffic Calming Scheme is that SBC are finalising terms and conditions for the scheme designer.**

Local Plan Consultation: You now have extra time to share your views on the Draft Local Plan. **The Regulation 19 consultation period has been extended, and the consultation on the Draft Local Plan 2036 will close on Thursday, 7 October 2021 at 5.00pm.**

It has come to our attention that there was error with one of the email addresses we provided for responses to the Local Plan. The correct email address **forwardplanning@swindon.gov.uk** can be used to send us your feedback in addition to other methods described below. We understand only a small number of residents have been affected by this error, but if you have recently made a representation to this process that has bounced back, please resend your comments to the above email address. **Any comments sent to the correct email address will have been received and will be reviewed.**

Gigabit Fibre: Our scheme is 'in build' and I recently met the project team. The Pack Hill closure to progress fibre into the village wasn't required and is now installed. There are works on Purley Road and Commonhead under way and within the village you will see Openreach at work installing new telegraph poles and underground cables. More details on roll out and expected dates as soon as I can. If vouchers haven't arrived please tell me and I'll pass onto Openreach.

M4 Junction 15: The works are scheduled to complete mid October.

New Eastern Villages: Outline planning permission has been granted for 1,550 new homes on land at Great Stall East, just south of the A420 (Shrivenham Road) to the east of Swindon.

The planning application for the development, which was submitted by Capital Land Strategic Planning, will also deliver a new primary and secondary school, a site for a Park and Ride, as well as a sports hub.

Community facilities, a local centre, open green space, allotments and walking and cycling improvements will also form part of the development.

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

Ridgeway Ward website: **www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk**

Beating The Scammers By Becoming Online Savvy

A man in his 90s from the Chippenham area was scammed by a bogus police officer who convinced him to withdraw £2,000 from his bank account and hand it to a fraudster courier who came to his home address.

This story is not uncommon. Fraud represents a third of all crime reported in the UK, and as we read every day in the news criminals are continuing to find new and innovative ways to extort money from people - whether that is in person or online.

Technology has never been better, and fraudsters have never been smarter, so as part of our summer Click or Call campaign, we are highlighting cybercrime and fraud. Cybercrime is a common method used to scam people out of money. They target victims using phishing emails in hope that you will open an attachment or click on a link to compromise your electronic device and gain access to your personal information, passwords and account details.

Obvious signs of phishing include:

- Misspelling and bad grammar within the email
- Addressing you as “customer” or by your email address, rather than using your name, and links that lead you to sign into personal accounts.

Always double check the email address that has sent the email, there could be a slight change to make it look like a supplier you regularly deal with or it could be spoofed, and the real email address is hidden.

Please talk to your elderly relatives or neighbours so they continue to be aware and take some time to stop and think and talk to someone they trust before transferring any money or sharing bank details. Police officers and banks will never cold call residents in this way and ask for card or bank details.

There are some simple steps you can take to help protect yourself from these types of crime:

- Depending on your bank, the security questions they ask may be different, but they’ll never ask you to authorise anything by entering your PIN into your phone.
- Never send money abroad to a person you've never met or to anyone you don't actually know and trust.
- Likewise, never agree to keep an online relationship a secret. This is a ploy to get you not to tell your family and friends, who'll see the scam for exactly what it is.

If in doubt – check it out! If you think you have fallen victim of fraud, please call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk. Alternatively, please report online using the form on our website www.wiltshire.police.uk or call us on 101.

Message Sent By

Shea D'arcy (Police, Communications Officer, Wiltshire)

Lyddington Art Group

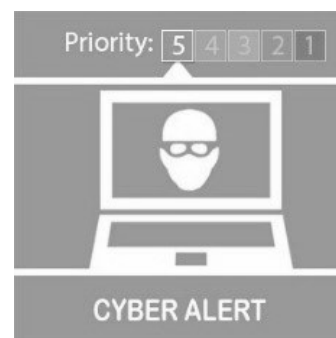
Lyddington Art Group are meeting again, at Liddington village hall.

Every Friday afternoon between 2 and 4.

Refreshments will be provided.

£ 4 per session .

For further information ,or to join to , please contact Kay Archer on 01793 790738.



Coffee Morning at the Farmers' Market

It's been so good to be back with our teas, coffees, cakes and goodies for you to enjoy over a chat and catch-up with friends at the Farmers' Market. For those who've never been - do pop along to the Village Hall in Wanborough between **9-12 on October 16th**, we'd love to see you! A small team of us offer refreshments to all who come; we don't charge but there's an opportunity to donate if you want, to a different, local charity each month.



In October we will be helping keep Thamesdown Hydrotherapy Pool afloat! (not many people realise that this too, is a charity!) Hydrotherapy can relieve pain, help with rehabilitation and offer many benefits for many conditions, spanning all age groups and all disabilities whether permanent or temporary, such as Arthritis, Asthma, Brain injuries, Cerebral Palsy, Multiple sclerosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Spina Bifida and many more. The Pool has been providing Hydrotherapy for the people of Wiltshire and further afield since 1979 and sees an average of 700 visitors every week. For more information visit www.thamesdownhydrotherapypool.com

We look forward to seeing you - **Jo Pearce**

Singtastic are back in Wanborough



Singtastic



After a long break from singing indoors, changes to covid restrictions mean the Singtastic can now return to bring harmony to Wanborough Village Hall having had a series of successful outdoor events at Sheppards Farm. Singing sessions for the coming months are as follows;

- 16th October – Wanborough Warblers 14:00 Wanborough Village Hall
- 30th October - Wild Singing at Sheppards Farm
- 13th November – Nourishing Harmonies 14:00 Wanborough Village Hall
- 27th November - Wanborough Warblers 14:00 Wanborough Village Hall
- 11th December - Wanborough Warblers 14:00 Wanborough Village Hall
- 19th December - Wild Singing at Sheppards Farm

The Wanborough Warblers began singing together in 2018 following the request for an 'Introduction to A Cappella Harmony Singing' workshop by several members of the village. It was such a success that they immediately began meeting monthly on Saturday afternoons & welcome all voices with no auditions or solo singing and as everything is taught by ear, no need to read music!

Nourishing Harmonies You can expect more chanting and fewer long songs and a little more group improvisation; extended periods of singing the same phrases yet even more encouragement to try out new ones too. We want to you to be able to immerse yourself in the whole group experience without being distracted by complicated lyrics or melodies.

Wild Singing is your opportunity to sing, outdoors, in the wonderful landscapes of Wiltshire. As well as singing, there will be time to connect with nature, either by enjoying a short walk, or simply finding a private place to sit and listen to the birds, the wind in the trees or just to soak up the peace.

All sessions cost £15. To book your place and for payment details please contact Vicky Sweeney at: vickysingtastic@outlook.com or call 07593833943

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Wanborough Show



It was mid-July when the Coronavirus restrictions were lifted, and with 5 weeks till show day the committee decided to go ahead with the show. We felt, as a group, that the residents of Wanborough and Liddington deserved a celebratory event after the previous 18 months and knew that we could provide this. It would be a different Show this year, but with a lot of hard work from the committee and our helpers we succeeded in organising a show that we can be proud of.

Unfortunately, this year the weather gods let us down and after a dry but indifferent few weeks, we were greeted with weather warnings and forecast rain. This duly arrived around midday and whilst not torrential was steady and hard for a couple of hours, no doubt, putting many off from attending.



Fine Weather for Ducks



Despite the very wet weather, the show was well supported with a good display of interesting vehicles. Villagers are always pleased to see Saracen armoured vehicles and steam engines based at Lotmead Farm. This year the steam show included a working threshing display. The farming and building industries were also featured with a modern day state of the art Hi-dromek digger and some classic tractors. We also had some brave riders take part on scooters and motorbikes, undeterred by the disappointingly accurate forecast of rain.



We delayed our start till 1pm in the hope of it clearing but it was still raining when we went ahead with the vehicle parade in the main arena. A fine collection of vehicles representing different ages of the motor car including a 1914 Stanley Steam Car, a 1929 Burnham Austin, a 1951 "traction avant", (front wheel drive) Citroen, some classic American 1960 Fords and a 3.8 litre, V8 twin McLaren capable of doing 0-60mph in just 3.1 seconds.

The popular winner of the Wanborough Show "Favourite Vehicle" Award for 2021 was a 1932 Vauxhall Cadet owned by Roy Sansum, whom many will know as a previous landlord of the Black Horse pub.



The rain continued but the hardy residents of Wanborough and Liddington still came to the show, although our gate numbers are well down on 2019. The free attractions sponsored by The Old Boilers and Primary Homes and Lettings weren't able to operate in the wet for safety reasons. However when the rain eased later, they proved very popular with both the climbing wall and the 'Last Man Standing' attracting lots of enthusiastic children (And a few adults).



The arena events proceeded with the Paws for Thought Dog display team giving a fantastic show of Dog obedience, training, and agility. Many of the dogs on display here were rescue dogs which makes it all the more remarkable when you consider what they have experienced. We saw tricks and races, and superb trust and bravery when the dogs jumped through flaming hoops.

Following the Dogs were the Mobile Bike Events BMX stunt team, fortunately by this time the rain was easing and an enthusiastic crowd of boys and girls watched in awe as we saw massive ariel tricks performed by the riders. Some of the jumps were over 30 feet in the air and included spins, dismounts and reverse somersaults. All in all, it was a stunning display and much appreciated by our small crowd.



Our regular tug-of-war competition had fallen victim to Covid with the pubs only recently reopening they were unable to organise teams which was a shame. We were also unable to stage a flower and produce show due to the short time in which the show was organised and the non-availability of key volunteers. We did have a children's arts and crafts show and this was well supported.



Elsewhere, In the tea tent & bar we had Stevie & Jaz entertaining us with a fine mixture of Latin jazz and popular music washed down with tea, coffee and cake provided by Sue Ripley and team also Beer and Wine from the bar. Next to the tea tent was the Fun Dog Show. Many thanks to Sally Rowley (Walkies of Wanborough) for sponsoring and running this event. Unfortunately, this fell victim to the weather with few entries and some classes were unable to run. We hope that those brave souls who did enter, enjoyed the event and will come back next year for a rerun.



Ultimately this year's event was badly impacted by the poor weather, competing events and people taking last minute but long overdue holidays. Ironically by 4pm the sun had peeked through, and the early evening was pleasant and warm. 4-5 hundred of you braved the weather to support us for which we thank you. I would also like to thank all our sponsors especially Lawson Demolition who have generously supported the show for many years and our hardy band of helpers who braved the wet to help on the gates and in the car parks. Without your efforts we could not have run the show and the committee are very grateful to you.

The committee were determined that the villages would have at least one community event this year and although we made a substantial loss, we believe that it was worth it because it gave us all the opportunity to meet each other and catch up much like we would normally. Next year, show day will be Saturday the 20th August, mark the date in the diary now!



Help Wanted for next years Show

A number of our long serving committee members are planning to step down at the AGM in January. We need volunteers to take on committee roles and help to organise the Spring Horse & Dog Show and the August Show. If you would like to know more about what is involved in running the show please email info@wanboroughshow.org and one of our committee will contact you.

The Jack Smith Trophy

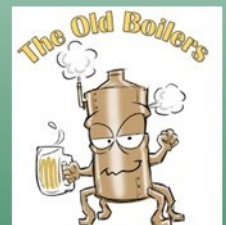
This year the Jack Smith Trophy was awarded to Angela Raymond for her tireless work as Parish Clerk. Often going above and beyond the role itself, her efforts make a real difference to the village. Angela is involved in many aspects of village life, organising, helping, and taking part in many events, all for the benefit of the community. Thank you, Angela.



Wanborough Show would also like to thank our Sponsors

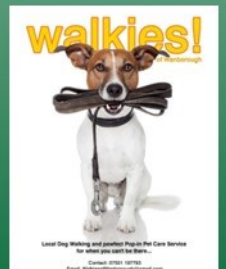
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Winter help for hibernators

The vibrant autumn colours are emerging as we move into the hibernation period for our wildlife. Before you engage in your seasonal tidy-up, stop and think about vulnerable hibernating wildlife such as bats, hedgehogs and amphibians who need protection from the harsh weather and predators. They may be seeking out a quiet wild area to create a warm shelter for the duration of the winter.

Bonfires and avid autumn gardening with power tools can pose major threats to garden wildlife. If you come across a ball of leaves you've probably found a hedgehog's winter nest, so put the nest and some of the material back to safety and think about how many slugs your prickly friend will eat in the spring!



Pile small logs or bundles of sticks and leaves into quiet parts of the garden or consider buying a wildlife habitat. A hedgehog house, sited with some weather protection and inviting leaves at the entrance, should increase the chances of getting a tenant for the winter. Hedgehogs also need a good store of body fat to sustain them for the long hibernation period, so provide a good quality specialist supplementary hedgehog food, and of course water, but avoid putting out milk which will make them ill.

Bats can be seen and heard in the night sky in the autumn, well before Halloween. They don't make roosts themselves but seek crevices where possible, but these are not always available. Adding a bat box located high up with a clear flight path in would do just the job and they devour thousands of midges each night for you.

You may not be aware of the frogs and toads in the undergrowth who are looking for a safe place in which to await the spring. Undisturbed areas of long grass, damp vegetation and logs are perfect shelters so be gentle with your digging.

Information shared from The Butterfly Conservation Wildlife Blog. <https://butterfly-conservation.org/>

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DIY Block paving – A recipe for success!

It will be no surprise to some of you that I have taken on a new home improvement project to see me through the summer. Due to the removal of our much-loved trampoline and a muddy path through the lawn each winter as we access the chickens, this year the project was a block paving patio and path. Here are my key learning points should you want to have a go yourself!

1. Planning the project - It will take far longer than you expect. Especially if you are using a spade, trying to run a business, keeping your home clean, managing a distant parent and live with chickens.
2. Useful equipment - a turf cutter gets a thumbs up. A whacker plate is much quicker than a plank and sledgehammer, however if you have Rheumatics or RSI get someone else to do it for you. You are going to need a block cutter and someone that is happy to use it for you, I guarantee this. If offered a digger just say yes. Gardening knee pads are not up to the job and leather gloves are essential.
3. Materials delivery – Be very, very nice to delivery drivers. If they like you, they will leave the cubic meter bags of hardcore at the top of your steep sloped drive! If offered help to shift 20+ barrow loads of wet cement for your new summer house base in 10 minutes – say yes and make sure any wheelbarrows offered have fully inflated tyres! DO NOT seek chicken assistance – see below
4. Helpful assistance – Chickens are very helpful at refilling the holes you have lovingly dug with the soil you carefully piled up for later use. They like leaving permanent footprints in cement, decorating the new patio and path with a layer of dung just after you have swept up. Dung dries solid – be warned!
5. Getting the job done – when laying a path and patio you need to consider level, flat, following the lay of the land or the rustic finish. Three involve bits of string and spirit levels, the other involves a serious amount of skill and creativity – I am a creative person, I will say no more!
6. Professional help – unless you are obsessed with DIY, I am not, or totally and completely stupid, some say I fit this category, there are many good reasons to get a pro in.



I have now completed the task and am pleased with my efforts. I am not offering my skills to others so don't even think of asking, my knees and hands will never forgive me. Next years DIY project will involve taking myself to a spa and a few lazy lunches. The only holes I plan on digging will be to put plants in!

Anita Basevi

Roasted pumpkin soup recipe

- 1.5kg edible pumpkin
- Olive oil
- 1 teaspoon dried chilli
- 1 tablespoon coriander seeds
- 1 large onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 carrot
- 1 stick of celery
- 1 litre hot vegetable stock



1. Preheat the oven to 170°C/340°F.
2. Halve the pumpkin and remove the seeds (you can keep these for roasting), then chop into wedges.
3. Place the pumpkin on two large baking trays and drizzle over a little olive oil.
4. In a pestle and mortar, grind the chilli and coriander seeds with a pinch of salt until finely ground.
5. Sprinkle the spices over the pumpkin with some black pepper.
6. Roast the pumpkin for 1 hour, or until soft and slightly caramelised at the edges.
7. Meanwhile, roughly chop the onion, garlic, carrot and celery.
8. Heat a lug of olive oil over a medium heat in a large saucepan then add the vegetables and cook for 15 minutes, or until soft and sweet but not coloured.
9. When the squash is ready, add to the pan with the hot stock. Blend with a stick blender, adding a little more water if you like a thinner consistency.

SSPG - Inlands Farm Planning Appeal.



Stage 2 of the Inlands Farm Planning Appeal Inquiry took place on the 7th & 8th of September, with the first day covering submissions by National Highways (formally Highways England), and the objection raised by the Environment Agency regarding additional discharge into the river. The final day was the opportunity for the all-important final summations by all the parties, including SSPG's advocate John Moe who skilfully presented our closing statement.

This statement is set out below and covers 5 key areas of specific objections and evidence and concludes that the Appellant has not shown a compelling case to justify overriding the many local and national planning policies for such a proposed development on this specific site.

After the close of the hearing, Paul Griffiths for the Planning Inspectorate, followed up with two further visits: independently on 16th September, and then accompanied on 17th September. Our thanks to everyone who kept their objection banners and placards well displayed all around our area, including key points of visibility from the adjoining AONB, Hinton Parva and Ridgeway.

Please be advised that the Inspector has given an estimated date of the end of November 2021 when he thinks he will be able to confirm his decision on the case.

Our Closing Statement. 8th September 2021

Background & Introduction

South Swindon Protection Group represents **the** views of 1700 residents in Swindon, many of whom would be personally affected by this proposed development.

Although we are fully supportive of Wasdell and their desire to expand their successful business, the residents of South Swindon believe this development to support their ambition is the wrong place, and threatens to undermine the Swindon Local Plan, which protects the setting of the AONB and could be accommodated on already available alternative sites in Swindon, in much shorter acceptable timescales.

Specific Objections

SSPG specific objections and evidence encompassed 5 topics covered by this inquiry.

Compliance with Use Classes Order

The first objection is Compliance with the Use Classes Order. From our evidence, given by David Harling, we have shown for the proposed Phase 1 building that:

- The storage and warehouse usage of 66% of the available space is way in excess of any other evidenced B1c site
- The storage and warehouse space has not been proven to be required purely to support the production processes, and includes storage of finished products for customers as admitted by the Appellant
- The Phase 1 development is replacing existing Wasdell Swindon facilities that are primarily of B8 use class
- The Appellant's architect described the building as B8 in their Design and Access statement (CDA-2)

Science Park Viability

The second objection is on Science Park viability. From our testimony, given by Dr Malcolm Parry, we have shown that:

- The Appellant is unable to show evidence of investment in R&D, with no expenditure demonstrated, no patents held or applied for, no IPR allowance on their balance sheet, and no indication of number of staff engaged in R&D
- The testimony provided in the Statement of Case and the Proofs of Evidence is not backed up with factual data on The Appellant's credibility for anchoring a Science Park, and was admitted to being unchallenged by Turley's expert witnesses
- The percentage of scientific and engineering staff for phase 1 is stated as no more than 6% of workforce, throwing into question how effective the Appellant could be as an anchor company
- With over 60% of the proposed site given over to two large factories (compared to the national average of 19%), no comparable science park with such a high percentage of industrial use could be identified

- Consequently, the proposal looks more like an industrial park with outbuildings
- All allegedly comparable science park sites listed by the Appellant were EITHER city-based OR were closely connected with universities and research laboratories. None of the comparators were standalone, green field developments.

Economic Impact

The Third objection is on Economic Impact. From our evidence we have shown that:

- The Appellant's growth projection of 10% per annum would mean that it would take over 9 years to increase headcount from 600 to 1300 for Phase 1, even without efficiency savings implied by Appellant's proposed investment in AI and automation
- It would take over 13 years to increase the number of production lines from 16 to 54 given the growth projection of 10%
- Appellant has stated that they plan to attract 550 science park jobs, with no more than 80 scientific and engineering roles in Phase 1, which appears to be highly optimistic
- Evidence for employment needs was provided by Wasdell themselves and despite being more than double the expected density for the use class and building space it was not challenged by Mr Amos and no justification or evidence was sought to verify Wasdell's claims
- No evidence was produced that the benefits claimed for the Swindon Science Park are unique to the Inlands Farm site, as the Appellant has stated they would be prepared to relocate to another site outside the region
- This development could potentially damage the regeneration and growth opportunity of Central Swindon by ignoring the Swindon Borough Local Plan (CDF-1), and the Swindon Town Investment Plan (CDI-3) - accelerating a hollowing out of the town centre
- No evidence was given by the Appellant, or the interested parties who had submitted letters in support of the SSP, of any specific benefits to co-locating in a cluster
- If insufficient occupancy is achieved for the SSP, there is a high risk of drift in usage leading to a re-purposing for potentially more lucrative housing or other development uses without the stated benefits of the Science Park

Principle of Development

The Fourth objection is on Principle of Development. For this:

- The Appellant has provided no compelling evidence for the unique nature of the Inlands Farm site to achieve the stated benefits of a Science Park
- The Appellant has admitted their failure to comply with several planning policies, including SD2 and NC3 of the adopted Swindon Borough Local Plan 2026 and National Planning Policy Framework

Alternative Sites

The Fifth and final objection is on Alternative Sites. For this:

- No evidence was presented to justify the Appellant needing to own the freehold for the land
- Existing local sites were shown to be available and suitable, including the Old Honda site (with more space likely to be freed up by Panattoni) and Great Stall East
- Wasdell have stated that they could and would relocate to another site on another part of the country if planning permission was not given for Inlands Farm, thereby refuting themselves the assertion of no alternative sites
- If the construction took place in one of the designated development sites, the allowable use of taller buildings would substantially reduce the footprint from over 35 hectares to less than 20 hectares as less mitigation would be required
- The case for co-location or "clustering" at the SSP could not be made; in the interest of sustainability it would make more sense to spread but closely locate this development across 2 or 3 sites of the many available within Swindon

In summary, SSPG believe that the Appellant has not shown a compelling case to justify building the proposed development at Inlands Farm as it fails to comply with many local and national planning policies. We therefore request that the decision to refuse permission be upheld.



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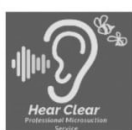
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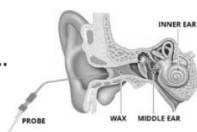
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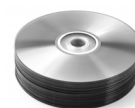
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Nature Rambles

October

Although Jefferies is usually called a 'nature writer', it is a term that doesn't really do him full justice, nor give us a very clear picture of what he wrote about. Although wildlife and the environment were central to everything he wrote about, he was just as interested in the people who lived in the countryside as the birds, flowers and animals. The following passage from 'The Amateur Poacher' paints a perfect little picture of the sort of cottage that would be found all over the area in Jefferies' day, with little hints of life, such as how well the dairy buckets were cleaned.

"One October morning towards the end of the month, Orion and I started to beat over Redcote Farm upon the standing invitation of the occupier. There was a certainty of sport of some kind, because the place had remained almost unchanged for the last century. It is 'improvement' that drives away game and necessitates the pheasant preserve.

The low whitewashed walls of the house were of a dull yellowish hue from the beating of the weather. They supported a vast breadth of thatched roof drilled by sparrows and starlings. Under the eaves the swallows' nests adhered, and projecting shelves were fixed to prevent any inconvenience from them. Some of the narrow windows were still darkened with the black boarding put up in the days of the window tax.

In the courtyard a number of stout forked stakes were used for putting the dairy buckets on, after being cleaned, to dry. No attempt was made to separate the business from the inner life of the house. Here in front these oaken buckets, scoured till nearly white, their iron handles polished like silver, were close under the eyes of any one looking out. By the front door a besom leaned against the wall that every comer might clean the mud from his boots; and you stepped at once from the threshold into the sitting-room. A lane led past the garden, if that could be called a lane which widened into a field and after rain was flooded so deeply as to be impassable to foot passengers."

The Jefferies' farmhouse was a three-storied brick building, and you can still see it on the Marlborough Road as you drive into Swindon. It was actually quite new when Richard Jefferies was born, and despite its size originally had a thatched roof and wooden slats instead of glass in the upper floor windows to let air flow through. At one end it has what looks like a traditional rural cottage attached to it but in fact, the cottage, which is still thatched, is much older than the house. And if you ever visit, remember to clean the mud off your boots – there is even a besom propped up inside the door to help you.

Nature Rambles are musings on the words of Swindon's Victorian nature writer, Richard Jefferies, by Dr Mike Pringle, Director of the Richard Jefferies Museum. For more information: www.richardjefferies.org

Photograph: the thatched cottage at the Richard Jefferies Museum, of indeterminate age.



The Joke Box

A little light humour to cheer you up

- ♦ Can you guess what's literally the most misused word in the English language?
- ♦ I recently saw an animal lining its sett with sticky tape, lolly sticks and wire coat hangers.....it must be a Blue Peter Badger!
- ♦ Going on a date tonight with a lady who works at the local abattoir.....She is a stunner!
- ♦ I won't spoil the ending of the film 'Marley and Me' for anyone, but I'm about to watch the sequel. It's called 'Me'.
- ♦ Me: Well, I've had a really good month, apart from 'newpussycat'
You: (Go on, fill in the blank, see if you can do it!)
Me: Whooooa aaa whoooooaaa!

Keep smiling all!
The Village Joker



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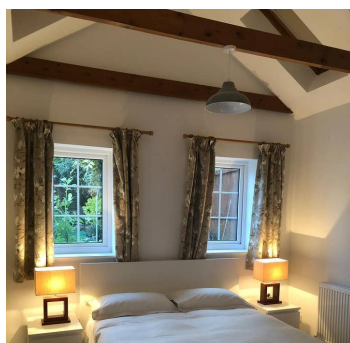
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