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The Lyden Magazine – May 2023



Dear Friends

By the time you read this we will be fast approaching the Coronation of King Charles III and all the associated celebrations of that great and historical event.

We will also have passed the significant date of 23rd April – St George's Day. George, Patron Saint of England. It is his red cross on a white background which is the national flag of England and part of the Union Jack, the national flag of the United Kingdom.

It was also a great day for Wanborough, as St Andrew's Church opened its doors for worship after the work of replacing the roof and associated work inside the church. Collectively, we have to say a huge thank you to Tony and Nicky Pullan for all the work they put in overseeing the project. A work well done. Thank you, also, to the builders, cleaners, organ tuners and all who turned up to clear the church of years of accumulated 'bits & pieces'!

We will have another opportunity to celebrate the completion of the work when Bishop Viv, the Bishop of Bristol, comes to lead our Service of Blessing on Sunday 4th June at 10.30am. It will be good to have a full church for the service and there will be refreshments afterwards.

Back to the beginning of this letter! We look forward to the Coronation Procession and Service, the Concert and all the other planned events, including having Street Parties, and taking part in volunteering projects in the local community, as part of the Big Help Out initiative.

Whether you are watching on TV, on Big Screens, or lining the streets in London, I wish you a joyful time of celebration.

On the Sunday following the Coronation, 7th May, there will be special prayers for the King in our service at 10.30am in St Swithun's Church, Hinton Parva. The service will finish with the National Anthem. Everyone is welcome.

A Prayer for the The King

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
Bless our Sovereign Lord, King Charles,
And all in authority under him; that they may order all things
In wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name,
And the good of your Church and people;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for the Royal Family

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless, we pray, Camilla the Queen Consort,
William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales,
And all the Royal Family.
Endue them with your Holy Spirit;
Enrich them with your heavenly grace;
Prosper them with all happiness;
And bring them to your everlasting kingdom;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

With love & prayers

Sandy

Rev Sandy Railton - contact details can be found at the back of the magazine.

Church Services May 2023

For the Benefice of Wanborough, Lyddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva

Full details of Church services can be found on the following website www.achurchnearyou.com

Date	Time	Church
Sunday 7 th May 2023	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sunday 14 th May 2023	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington
Sunday 21 st May 2023	10.30am	St Mary's Bishopstone
Sunday 28 th May 2023	10.30am	St Andrew's, Wanborough

If you are planning to get married in any of our Churches this year please be in touch with Sandy as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary - May 2023

Date	Event	Time	Location
Weds 3 rd May 2023	Liddington PC meeting	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Friday 5 th May 2023	Wanborough Scarecrow Trail finishes		Wanborough Village
Sunday 7 th May 2023	Park Yoga	9.30am	Hooper's Field Sports Field
Monday 8 th May 2023	Wanborough Street Party – King's Coronation	2pm – 7pm	High Street, Wanborough
Wed 10 th May 2023	Bishopstone Gardening Club	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Thurs 11 th May 2023	WI	7.30pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall
Sat 13 th May 2023	Annual Plant Sale	10am	Bishopstone Village Hall
Monday 15 th May 2023	Wanborough PC Annual Assembly	7.30pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 20 th May 2023	Wanborough Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 20 th May 2023	Wanborough Horse & Dog Show	9.30am	Ridgeway Stables
Sat 20 th May 2023	Plant Sale	11am	Liddington Village Hall
Monday 22 nd May 2023	Wanborough PC meeting	7.30pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 27 th May 2023	Ward Councillor Surgery	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Monday 29 th May	Wanborough Beer Race	12.30pm	Starting from Calley Arms

Save the Date - Future events in the Benefice

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thurs 8 th May 2023	WI	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Fri 9 th & Sat 10 th June 2023	5 th Wanborough Beer & Cider Festival		Calley Arms Pub
Sat 17 th June 2023	Liddington Summer Fete		All Saints, Liddington
Sat 19 th August 2023	Wanborough Show	12 noon	Church Meadow

If you have a village event that you would like to advertise so that we can all save the date e-mail details to lydenmagazine@gmail.com.

Dying Matters Awareness Week from 8-14 May 2023

Dying Matters Awareness Week takes place this year from 8 to 14 May, led by Hospice UK's Dying Matters campaign. Throughout the week, people across the country will come together to encourage communities to get talking about death, dying, and grief. The theme of Dying Matters Awareness Week 2023 is 'Dying Matters at work'.

At Prospect Hospice, there will be an interactive display in the Heart of the Hospice cafe which everyone is welcome to contribute to. The display will ask different questions on the topic of death and dying, such as 'What do you want people to wear to your funeral?', encouraging us all to think and talk about death, and helping to break the taboo that surrounds it. There will also displays in our charity shops and at Swindon Hub.

Keep an eye on Prospect Hospice's website and social media for news and updates. If you would like to get involved with Prospect Hospice's Dying Matters Awareness Week, please contact larahill@prospect-hospice.net.



Front cover picture

Front cover picture - Photo of All Saints' Church, with all the lovely primroses, taken by Lorna Naseen. If anyone would like their photo to feature on the front page please e-mail them to lydenmagazine@gmail.com



Wanborough Farmer's Market

Following a really good market in April, we invite you to May 20th for another fun morning!

Busy Bee local honey, Fabulous fruit local jams and chutneys, Cakes by Trish, Helen Browning all kinds of goodies and vegetables grown just up

the road! Just to mention a few!

If there are any traders you would like to see, please just message me.

It was good to see so many people having free coffee and delicious home cake and spending time relaxing and chatting, a very social affair.

We hope to see you next month.

Contact Lorna - 07903 210505 or Lornanaseem@aol.com

Community Café - Farmer Market

This month at the Farmers' Market, we'll be supporting the charity CALM; it is run by the families of children who have been diagnosed with cancer or leukaemia, all of its members have personal experience of the illness and the strains cancer can put on family life.

CALM offers a support network that can provide a listening ear to families, as well as emotional and financial support. In the early days after diagnosis, a child may need to spend time receiving treatment at one of the specialist regional cancer hospitals, such as Bristol, London, Oxford or Birmingham. While many of these locations provide family accommodation, the cost of travelling, parking and eating quickly mounts up.



Throughout the year various social activities and day trips are organised for the children and their families, giving them the chance to meet socially, share experiences, and gain emotional support.

So come along on **Saturday May 20th** for coffee or tea, with a slice of home-made cake – we don't make a charge for this but if you'd like to, you can donate to this incredible charity.



Post box toppers

I would like to say a big thank you for all the lovely comments I have received for my post box toppers.

These are the first I have made. The project started as a helping hand for my daughter who wanted to make one for her local post box in Highworth. She was finding the small knits somewhat daunting, never having knitted anything other than blanket squares and a couple of chunky jumpers (which I finished for her!). However, she did complete a really nice Spring topper, all her own work, and I am very proud of her for doing so.

Knitting demonstration pieces for her became somewhat compulsive and I managed to knit a bag of topper bits with nowhere for them to go so I thought, why not make one for Wanborough, and these were the result.

I very much enjoyed putting them together and am so pleased that they have been enjoyed by the villagers. By the time you read this, Coronation ones should be in place.

Jane Pattison.



Procession of the cross that followed the Good Friday Service at St Mary's Church, Bishoptone.

Picture taken by Nigel Race.





Wanborough Parish Council

Village Maintenance

The broken bin on The Beanlands open space next to the school has now been replaced. Please note that this bin can be used for both general waste and dog poo bags.

Parish Council have approved the installation of a new dog bin at Springlines Meadow, this has been ordered and will be installed next to the footpath from Springlines (between 4 & 5 Springlines).

To report any village maintenance issues to the Parish Council by:-

- E-mail - Clerk@wanborough.info
- Mobile - 07588 769829, you can ring, text or send a WhatsApp message.



Village Clean up

A big thank you to all the volunteers who came and helped at the community litter pick on Friday 14th April at Foxhill and Sunday 16th April in Wanborough village. A massive 29 bags of rubbish, plus other large bits and pieces were collected.

Always shocking the amount of rubbish collected from the verges around the village but it's thanks to all the volunteers that help keep on top of this and keep our village looking nice and tidy. Details of the next litter pick will be advertised in the Lyden, Facebook and our website.



Well done to all involved.



Hooper's Field Sports Facility



FREE Outdoor Yoga Sessions
every Sunday

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Open to people
of all ages,
backgrounds
and abilities.




Hoopers Field, SN4 0AN
Sunday 7th May - 17th September
9.30am - 10.30am

No need to book, bring a mat or towel.

 www.parkyoga.co

Wanborough Park Yoga

Good news, following the success of the trial session back in September 2022 we are pleased to confirm that Park Yoga is going to be a regular weekly activity at Hooper's Field from Sunday 7th May 2023.

This is a free activity open to all, every Sunday at 9.30am to 10.30am. No need to book please just turn up with a mat or towel.

As this is an outside activity there may be occasions when the weather is so bad that a session is cancelled. This will be communicated via Wanborough Park Yoga facebook page so please follow the page to keep updated.

Other sport at Hooper's Field

The football season has now ended, with the Cricket fixtures starting from the weekend of 6th May 2023.

Bowls green has now opened with a full schedule of social and competitive matches.

Tennis courts are open all year round with many social activities for all throughout the summer months (please see article on page 18)

Car parking outside Wanborough Primary School

We would like to remind everyone to park considerately along The Beanlands during school drop off and pick up times. We have recently seen a picture of a car parking across the pavement, completely blocking access for pedestrians. This not only makes it difficult for pedestrians but is also creating a dangerous place for children walking to or from school.

Park & Stride

To help reduce the number of cars parking around the school, Parish Council have agreed that the car park at Hooper's Field can be used for "Park & Stride". Please park your car in the car park and then walk your child to school from there. It's not far to walk and a great way to gain a bit of fresh air before the day at school. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Annual Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly is due to be held on Monday 15th May 2023.

Please come along, listen to the annual reports from the Chairs of each of the committees and the annual report from Bob Biggs (Chair of the Parish Council), and ask questions on anything you wish to raise to the Council. This is your opportunity to put forward ideas you have, raise concerns or any other matters.

Refreshments will be served at the start of the meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Full Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 22nd May 2023 at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. This is the annual meeting where officers are appointed onto committees and the chair and vice chair are elected for the coming year.

Annual Assembly - Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm at Wanborough Village Hall

All residents are welcome to attend and raise questions during public questions near the start of the meeting.

Angela Raymond, Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council Parish website - www.wanborough.info

Wanborough Roads Action Group (WRAG)

The Wanborough Roads Action Group was formed by residents following a packed public meeting in January. The Group has formed various teams to look at the different problems facing residents.

In the past few weeks, one team has contacted the senior officers of the various developers and contractors working on the SCR and Redlands Grove. So far replies have been received from Buckingham (SCR), Vistry (Phase 1 of Redlands Grove, marketed as Bovis and Linden) and Bellway (Phase 2 of Redlands Grove), but no response has been received from Conlon (contractor for Wanborough Road works).

The response has been disappointing – the usual excuses about archaeology, unknown services, redesign requiring permission from Swindon Council – and now there is even a suggestion of one project blaming the other.

While that team considers a response, another is preparing a questionnaire and petition to find out further details of the impact this is having on residents. Please complete these to demonstrate the level of problems. It will be coming to your door soon.

More Road Closures? More HGV's?

Plans have recently been submitted for the remaining section of Wanborough Road from Redlands to Covingham. The proposal is to reduce the road width from 7+m to 5.5m and include a 3m wide footpath and cycleway.



It has been suggested that the Southern Connector Road will be open to site traffic for this work and for Lotmead housing. BUT it has also been confirmed that SBC is unable to enforce Site Traffic Management plans and Vistry have indicated that they consider "it is a very small percentage [of site traffic] that get it wrong".

With the possibility of many more years of HGVs following sat nav, like this lorry at Pack Hill and one stuck at The Marsh, WRAG also has a team exploring ways to ensure Wanborough roads are designated NO SITE ACCESS.

As well as completing the questionnaire and signing the petition, WRAG has a Facebook page and can be contacted by email at WanboroughRAG@outlook.com.

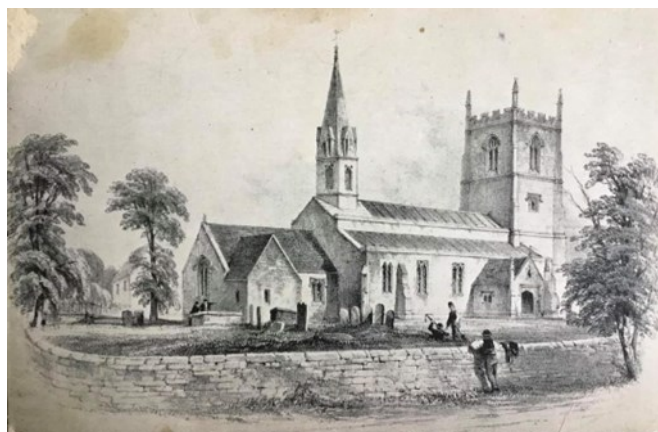
Wanborough
Roads Action Group



Wanborough St Andrews Church Roof FINAL Update

Since June 2022, I have tried to keep you all informed of the progress of Wanborough Roof Project. I have received many comments and thanks for the updates in the Lyden, and as the Roof Committee bring the Project to a close, this is probably my last contribution to the Lyden Magazine on this subject, but others might write about church services and fund raising events, in the coming months. I would like to thank everybody who has supported and contributed to the Roof Project.

Following receipt of the final account from the main contractor, we have now removed various contingencies and can report that the Total Roof Project Costs should fall to **£220,000 (gross)**. Income from grant applications, donations and fund-raising continues to be received, which have reduced the shortfall to just over **£36,000**.



Recent fundraising has been successful. First the Community Café at the March Farmers Market kindly offered to donate the charity contributions to the Roof Fund and many people signed up to the Sponsor a Tile Campaign, this amounted to £500 approx. Following on from that, the sell-out Quiz Night raised over £1,800. **The Roof Committee extends their thanks to all who worked so hard in organising and supporting these fundraising events. It really has been wonderful to see the Village pulling together for the church, and having such a fantastic time too.**

The church was professionally cleaned just before Easter, and the organ was due to be serviced and tuned after Easter, with the first church service taking place at Wanborough on St Georges Day, Sunday 23 April.

Sponsor a Tile Campaign

The "Sponsor a Tile" campaign is being wound down, but it is not too late to show your support for the Roof Project. Final donations will be accepted until **15th May 2023**. The support for the campaign has been quite overwhelming, and Roof Committee members are delighted with the support of over 130 donors raising over £7,200.00.

All donations to the Roof Project will be recorded on a Framed Document to be mounted in church.

- Please scan the QR code here to access the online giving portal.
- Alternatively, pop your form and cheque or cash through the Roof Coordinators letter box at 2 The Beanlands. Please make cheques payable to "PCC Wanborough St Andrews No 1".



Record of Donors

A permanent record of all donors will be mounted in church.

This framed document will list all the names of those who have supported the Wanborough Roof Project.

Final date for donations – 15 May to get your name on the record.

Other Fundraising efforts

The roof may be complete but fund raising to pay for it will continue for many years to come. There is the small matter of repaying a loan secured from the Diocese of Bristol.

The Roof Committee would be very pleased if you can support the following in aid of the Church Roof Fund:

Easy Fund Raising

Wanborough Church has been set up as a beneficiary on the easyfundraising web site. Where you purchase goods online, be it your weekly shop, a holiday or something else, a contribution can be fed back to the church appeal without any cost to you, if you first register on the link below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/standrewschurch-wanborough/>

Saturday 19 August

The ringers will be opening the church tower for Tower Tours on Wanborough Show Day.

If anyone else is able to arrange a fund-raising event for the Roof Project, it would be most welcomed, whether large or small.

Wanborough St Andrews Church Roof FINAL Update (Continued)

Service of Blessing

To celebrate the completion of the new nave roof

Sunday 4 June 2023

10.30 am: Family Service and Scout Parade

Followed by refreshments and a chance to meet Bishop Viv

The Bishop of Bristol, Bishop Viv will preside and preach at the service.

Please support Wanborough Church

Make a donation in aid of the New Roof

More information about this is available from the PCC Treasurer:

E-mail: standrewswanborough.treasurer@gmail.com

Donations can be made by cash or cheque

which should be made payable to "PCC Wanborough St Andrews No 1".

The PCC Account details for online banking are: Sort Code 30-98-41 and Account No 00316459

Please donate by Gift Aid if you can.

Using this tax favourable method, the Roof Project will be able to claim back from HMRC 25p for every £1 donated

Quiz

A fun packed evening was held at Wanborough Village Hall; with 16 teams entered it was a sell out event.

Well done to Quiz team winners "Raising the roof"; Kate Spurdell, George Spurdell, Pete & Alison Mills and Judith Evans. Closely followed by team "Scrambled Eggheads" in second place.

The quiz & raffle raised just over £1,800 towards St Andrew's Church roof appeal, which is just brilliant, thanks everyone for attending and supporting this event.

Special thanks to quizmasters Martin Hook & Mark Hitchmough for a fab quiz, everyone really enjoyed themselves.

Many thanks for all those helping behind the scenes, cooking food, serving refreshments, selling raffle tickets, setting up and tidying away: Gemma, Kim, Pam, Marcus, Angela, Nicky and Richard a great team effort.





Liddington Parish Council

LIDDINGTON VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the Volunteers that turned out to help at Village clean-up on Saturday 25th March 2023. It was a huge success with a lorry load of rubbish removed, including dumped car parts! Hope everyone can see an improvement and look forward to you joining us again at the next Village clean-up.

ALLOTMENTS

Liddington allotments welcome people from Liddington and the surrounding Ridgeway villages to come and take up a plot.

We have had new plot holders join last year at Liddington providing them with successful harvests which is fantastic news. There are still plots available. prices are charged from April and range from £50 for a whole plot, £25 for a half plot or £12.50 for a quarter plot. There is a water tank on site to obtain water from.

We are very fortunate to have wonderful views here too. We have a community orchard of apple, plum and greengage and have also added to this with more fruit trees last year including pear trees. Plot holders are welcome to harvest from these. If you are interested in giving home grown fruit, veg or flowers a go, even if you want to start off small with a quarter plot, then come and join our welcoming community here. The site is a tranquil and relaxing space and we look forward to increasing our community here.

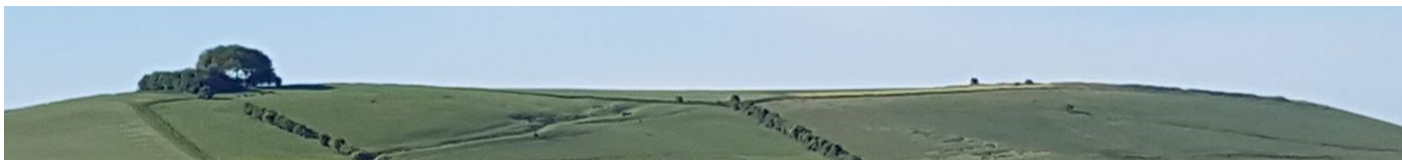
Please contact parishclerk@liddington.org for further information as to arrange being shown around the site.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 3rd May 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend.

Please note the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.30 pm in the Main Hall. The remainder of the meeting will be held upstairs in the Committee Room, this being the majority of the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend as observers, if residents cannot negotiate the stairs, please give the Clerk 48 hours' notice so alternative arrangements can be made.

Alternatively, if you would like to raise an issue or ask a question, please contact the Clerk, via parishclerk@liddington.org

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council



Liddington Village Hall Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning

Saturday 20th May from 11:00am – 1:00pm



Come and buy new plants for the garden and coffee and cake with friends

- ❖ Ornamental and vegetable plants
- ❖ Great low prices
- ❖ Plant donations from 10:30am
- ❖ Contact Caroline Wilson on S. 790676 or Matthew Bowman on S. 791401 for more details

Or just come and have coffee and cake in the sunshine and meet up with village friends

All proceeds to the Village Hall.

Liddington Annual Plant Sale

and Coffee morning

Saturday 20th May from 11am to 1pm

Additional details shown on the poster or contact

Matthew Bowman

on behalf of Liddington Village Hall

07976 693747



Liddington 100 Club

The winner for March is Olivia Leppard . Congratulations Olivia . Caroline

Liddington Summer Fête

We are excited to be holding the Liddington Summer Fête again this year on Saturday 17th June. This is a great chance to come together as a village and enjoy a traditional, fun afternoon in the sunshine.

If you would like to be part of the enthusiastic team, or can donate things to help, this would be really appreciated. In particular, we are looking for:

- Donations of bottles for the Bottle Tombola (wine, fizzy drinks, toiletries, sauces – anything in a bottle) and donations of anything chocolatey for the Chocolate Tombola. Both can be brought to Sarah Poppleton at The Old Rectory, Church Road any time (contact poppleton94@yahoo.co.uk)
- Donations of cakes for the Cake Stall, scones for the Cream Teas and Raffle Prizes – to Mandy (contact Mandy.klapish@btinternet.com or phone 01793 791396 to let her know). All can be brought along on the day please.
- An hour of two of your time on the day to help run the Bar or help on the BBQ or help with the Cream Teas – contact John Mathieson (johnmathieson@btinternet.com)
- An hour or so helping to direct cars/carparking duties on the day (contact John Mathieson again)
- Help to set up the marquee the day before (John Mathieson is gathering the team together).

If any local businesses or crafters/makers would be interested in showing their wares, we still have space for a few more stalls. Please contact Mandy on 01793 791396 for details. In addition, if anyone or a group would like to run a plant/produce stall, it would be very welcome.

We hope everyone will have a fantastic time on the day (17th June), and the success of it will help to raise funds for our beautiful village church, All Saints, which currently faces significant repair costs. So let's come together to make this a brilliant event for the whole community to enjoy!

Sarah Poppleton



Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update - Gary Sumner:

Ward Surgery is 27th May 9-10.30 at Wanborough Village Hall.

Southern Connector Road:

Works are proceeding well for a summer completion with considerable tree planting, the bridge over the Liden Brook going well and this will be the future route for all of the construction traffic for both Redlands and Lotmead. When completed this will make 'Manners Wood' (left of Pack Hill going down) more accessible. Hopefully the pupils from Wanborough Primary School will be impressed to see the trees we planted growing well.

I'm also sure that the cycle route and pavement from Commonhead to Wanborough Road will be popular which will join up with the new pavement along Wanborough Road. There will be updates forthcoming on the archaeological works and findings.

The connection to Commonhead will include a new pedestrian crossing across the slip road and signals are being installed to aid access onto the Commonhead roundabout.

20mph zones:

I supported the Beanlands/Magdalen Road 20mph zone primarily for the safety of school children and younger residents. The school are also supportive and part of the signage will include (at my request) signs designed by the school children to remind us why it is there. This will now lead to a formal consultation before implementation. The High Street traffic calming had already reduced average speeds to 24mph, so I am not in favour of proceeding with a 20mph scheme there and this was discussed with the Parish Council. That will now not go ahead. Part of my recent Ward walk with the head of Highways was also to look at issues like the narrow pavement on the corner of Church Road from Ham Road which is dangerous to pedestrians – particularly those with push chairs.

Road & Highways issues:

I am pleased that potholes have been filled on Kite Hill, Church Road, The Street (Liddington) and Pack Hill, but this replicates roads all around both the Borough and surrounding Wiltshire, Berkshire & Oxfordshire Roads. On Kite Hill I have requested additional work and Highways are looking at a more comprehensive scheme to remedy the issues with the road surface. I had Highways out again which stopped the spring water flooding down the road by jetting the gulleys and that will be monitored.

Gigabit Fibre Update:

At the time of writing I am promised a further update in the last week of April so will update my website upon receipt.

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

Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

BISHOPSTONE WITH HINTON PARVA WI

As many of you may know, the late Queen Elizabeth II was a member of Sandringham WI and was in fact their President and always attended the January meeting. The National Federation of WI's asked individual WI's to mark what would have been the Queen's 97th birthday in April.

We were fortunate at our April meeting to be joined by Sarah Troughton, His Majesty's Lord

Lieutenant of Wiltshire and a newly appointed Companion to the Queen Consort. Sarah lives in Wanborough and was appointed to the post of Lord Lieutenant in 2012. This was the first time that Wiltshire had a female in this role since the post was originally created in the 16th century. Sarah is His Majesty's personal representative in Wiltshire and her first and foremost duty is to 'uphold the dignity of the crown'.

Sarah explained that she undertakes some 150 engagements a year across the whole of Wiltshire. These may include the planning, welcoming, and escorting of Royal visitors to the county, participating and supporting British Citizenship Ceremonies and working closely with the Armed Forces. Sarah has also been busy planting trees as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative.



Some of our members shared their royal anecdotes. Maggie Simons recounted how she met The Queen at The Royal Albert Hall at the WI Centenary celebrations and found herself telling Her Majesty that she couldn't remove a rolled up banner from the cushion on which it was placed.....not many people get to say 'no' to the Queen! Clare McGlashan shared her experiences of attending a WI garden party and, as any good WI member would, commented on how delicious the cakes were. Beryl Bell was delighted to attend a garden party honouring the work she had done for the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Judith Evans's husband Huw was awarded an OBE for his services to education and they were both thrilled that it was the Queen who gave Huw the honour.

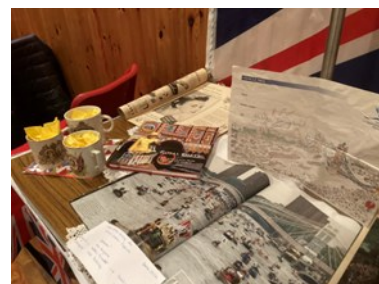
Lots of members contributed to a display of royal memorabilia with photographs, magazines, books and Coronation mugs. It was a lively fun evening, and we were very grateful that Sarah could join us to make it even more special.

Future dates:

Thursday 11th May at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Hinton Parva village hall. **Sue Birley** is giving us a talk on **'Travels with my Brompton'**.

Thursday 8th June at 7:00 p.m. **Annual Handicraft and Flower Show at Bishopstone Village Hall**. Everybody is welcome to come along to this and to see the entries in all the different classes which vary from a 'Floral Exhibit in a Kitchen Utensil' to a WI favouritethe Victoria Sandwich. There will be a presentation of various cups and trophies, and a fun auction as well as a raffle. Refreshments will be available and admission is free.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or just finding out more please contact janatwan@icloud.co.uk



Wanborough Beer Run 2023

The 2023 Wanborough Beer Run is scheduled for the Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 29th May at 12:30pm.

This year, the start & finish will be from the New Calley Arms and as usual, participants will also visit The Plough, The Harrow, The Brewers Arms and The Cross Keys on route.

Looking forward to seeing all the runners, walkers & spectators out enjoying the event and our great village pubs.

More information, including entry details to follow in the coming weeks from your local Village Pubs and Wanborough Beer Race Facebook page.

Mike Kent





Wanborough Street Party

To celebrate the Kings Coronation

Monday 8th May 2023 2pm to 7pm

Please join us for a village street party on Wanborough High Street, between The Harrow and The Plough Inn.

All residents from Wanborough Parish are welcome to attend.

At the time of writing we can confirm that we have a magician, Mad Pete booked for the children's entertainment starting at 2pm, plus facepainting.

False Gods, Steve Thompson's band will be playing live music from 4.30pm

Food and refreshments will be served from the local pubs, or if you prefer bring your own picnic. Tables & Chairs will be set up along the High Street, or you can also bring your own.

Fingers crossed for some dry weather and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Look out for further information on the Parish website www.wanborough.info and our Facebook page

Please note that we have applied to Swindon Borough Council to close a small section of the High Street and letters have been sent out to all those within the closure area.

Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

There will be limited parking on the High Street, so anyone who is unable to walk too far, please use Hooper's Field for parking on the day.

Any questions please e-mail Georgia Wheeler (assistant@wanborough.info) or Angela Raymond (Clerk@wanborough.info)



Wanborough Scarecrow Trail - Finishes on Friday 5th May 2023

If you haven't already, there is still a bit of time remaining for you to complete the Wanborough Scarecrow Trail. Completed trail sheets need to be posted to "The Old Post Office" on the High Street before 8pm on Monday 8th May 2023.

Winner will be drawn / announced at Wanborough Village Hall at 7pm on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

We will aim to publish the answers along with the winners in June's Lyden, plus they will be available on the Parish website www.wanborough.info.

Thank you to our sponsors for providing prizes as follows:

1st prize: £150 Amazon Vouchers - Richard James Estate Agents

2nd prize: £100 Marks & Spencers Vouchers - Nationwide Property Lettings

3rd prize: £50 Gardening Voucher - Bellway Homes Ltd

Favourite Scarecrow prize: £50 Hobbycraft vouchers - Bellway Homes Ltd

Children's Activity Sheet - £50 Smyths Voucher - Bellway Homes Ltd



Happy Gardens !

Words & illustrations by Jane Pearson (Garden Designer)



Hi Folks! This month, I thought it might be useful to introduce you to gravel gardens because they really suit the Mediterranean-style- drought tolerant planting that I mentioned in my last article and need little, if any watering.

Gravel Gardens

I'm going to jump straight into the pro's and cons before you decide whether this style of garden is right for you!

- On the plus side: Gravel gardens (once established) are low maintenance, need little watering or care and encourage wildlife. They really suit a sunny, well-drained spot, especially if it has sandy or gravelly soil that hasn't been improved - think of those awkward spots full of builder's rubble, neglected rockeries or perhaps close to a house wall where little grows, or where the removed base of an old shed or patio used to be, this could be the planting solution you're looking for. It's also fun to watch where the plants decide to travel to! Plants such as Cistus, Santolina and Phlomis thrive in gravel and provide an abundance of nectar and pollen for our visiting insect friends.
- Gravel gardens can be a little bit needy for the first few years until the plants are established and have grown large enough to suppress other unwanted plants. You will need to weed for a growing season or three, even with the use of landscape fabric (more on that to follow). They're also not suited to rich or clay soils or areas with a high-water table. Lastly, the plants can sometimes have a mind of their own, so if you like everything ordered, this style might not be for you!

Beth Chatto was a great proponent of gravel gardens and ahead of her time as both a horticulturalist and designer, her famous Gravel Garden in Colchester was created on a former car park, it's never watered and is a sight to behold. View it at www.bethchatto.co.uk or on my web site <https://janepearsondesign.com/blog> where you will find a link.



It's easy to make a gravel garden:

- Choose a sunny spot with well-drained soil.
- If you don't want your plants to self-seed then lay landscape fabric over your soil and cut crosses to insert each plant root ball (without doubt this method is tidier, but here's the spoiler, given time, weeds will still germinate in the gravel but your specimen plants can't multiply to crowd them out, which seems a shame). I'm currently in the process of pulling up inherited membrane from our own front garden to let everything spread.
- Order your gravel: Bulk bags hold around 1 cubic metre which should cover about 20 square metres laid at 5cm depth.
- Choose local gravel, it's often cheaper and is more likely to match your surrounds.
- Visit my web site for a selection of suitable plants or call me to have bespoke plant lists with care instructions made- just for you- Then plant up and water sparingly until everything is established, sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!

Gravel Garden Hints & Tips

- To stop small new plants becoming swamped by gravel, plant them into a small mound to raise them slightly above the gravel's level.
- Avoid using limestone chippings if you want to grow acid-loving plants.
- To blend in nicely, try to match the gravel's colour with other paved or stone structures in your garden.
- Choose medium rather than fine grade gravel (20mm or more) It's easier to walk on and cats won't mistake it for kitty-litter!

Gardening tasks to do in May.

- Check for nesting birds before clipping your hedges!
- Lift and divide overcrowded clumps of daffodils and other spring flowering bulbs.
- Mow lawns but please consider leaving some areas uncut for wildlife.
- Open greenhouse vents & doors on warm days
- Get your hoe out and hoe off weeds.
- Earth up potatoes and (note to self!) promptly plant any remaining.
- Hold off planting out summer bedding until the end of May, however tempting the sunshine seems, it's still possible to have late frosts.

No-Mow May!

Take part in Countryfile's #NoMowMay and see your lawn spring to life with flowers, bees, and other pollinators.

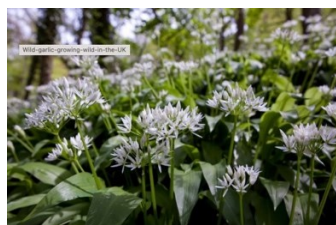
The Countryfile web site suggests that "Gardeners, councils and landowners across the UK are gearing up for No Mow May, letting their lawns, verges and grasslands grow freely to give nature a boost. It's not too late to take part this year – any break from your routine mowing will enable bees, butterflies, and other wildlife to get a much-needed boost this spring. All you have to do is resist the urge to cut the lawn during the month of May. Last year's results showed that gardeners who took part reported up to 250 species of plants, including Wild Garlic wild strawberry, declining Orchids and the meadow flower snakeshead fritillary, flowering within the grasses." The lovely editor might even print your 'No Mow' photo's?! Last year my partner gave it a try and left unmown strips of grass in our long but narrow lawn, to our delight we discovered orchids. Try mowing pathways or glades through your lawn and leaving the rest. The possibilities are endless!

Happy Gardening! And remember if you need further advice, please don't hesitate to contact me to arrange a friendly consultation.

Next month; Green roofs



Wild Orchid in uncut lawn



Wild Garlic

Bishopstone and District Garden Club

At our meeting in April we treated our members to a Wine and Cheese Evening, much enjoyed by all including our speaker Paul Green from Greens Leaves Nursery in Newent, Gloucestershire. They specialise in unusual and rare plants, all raised in the nursery and Paul brought along a large selection to show us. He explained the virtues of each variety, its size, shape, colour, care, hardiness and the best location to plant it.



We also learned why so many of us lost plants during last winter. It was not so much to do with the actual temperature as the rapid change from mild (14 degrees) when they were still growing, to well below zero (-10 degrees) for a sustained period. Apparently those evergreens with larger leaves are more likely to be affected. Not surprisingly many of us went home with a selection of plants fill those gaps and Paul was happy with a much lighter load in his van at the end of the evening!

DIARY DATES:

Wednesday May 10th 7pm in Bishopstone Village Hall

Lizzie from "Oak and Furrow Animal Rescue Centre", Cricklade. She will be explaining the work of the centre, an independent branch of the RSPCA based in Cricklade, providing rescue/rehabilitation for a wide range of injured wild animals both large and small.

Saturday May 13th 10.00am to 11.30am in Bishopstone Village Hall.

ANNUAL PLANT SALE Please bring any plants for the sale to the hall from 8.30am

Marion Peck



THE THIRD NORTH WESSEX DOWNS WALKING FESTIVAL



The Festival will include over 25 walks taking place across the North Wessex Downs and all in celebration of this stunning landscape. The varied programme will include family-friendly, evening and weekday walks with opportunities for you to seek out wildlife, history or culture, visit a farm or simply soak up the views from the top of the downs.

Our welcoming and knowledgeable guides will bring alive some of their favourite places as you explore more of the landscape around you. Be one of the first to hear when bookings for the festival open by signing up to receive the North Wessex Downs emailed newsletter at northwessexdowns.org.uk/walking

SAVE THE DATE!
2nd - 11th June 2023



North Wessex Downs Walking Festival 2022 Jones Mill



WELCOME BACK TO THE WANBOROUGH SPRING HORSE AND DOG SHOW - Saturday 20th May

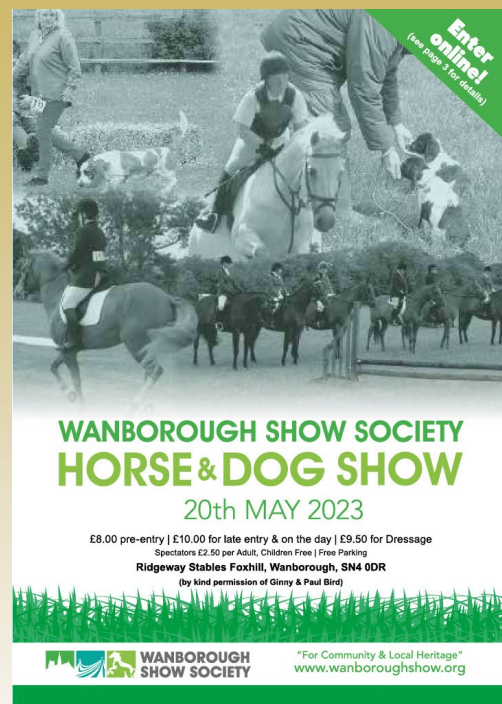
After three long years we are now able to take up the reins and get the Spring Horse & Dog Show back up and running. For many of us, one of the enduring and most pleasant aspects of village life is seeing horses around the area. They conjure up fond memories for some and spark interest in a new generation, having been intertwined so closely with us for centuries.

Thus, what better way, than to spend the day with us on Saturday 20th May at Ridgeway Stables on the road from Wanborough to Foxhill. Spectators of all ages are most welcome; we have on site refreshments and a Dog Show that you can enter on the day. We are extremely proud of our show for being friendly and inclusive, welcoming to inexperienced riders and horses, yet catering for those further into their riding career. We like to support smaller organisations and are affiliated to the Side Saddle Association, the Veteran Horse Society and the Concours d'Elegance of Great Britain and hold qualifying classes for their Championships, plus are happy for side saddle riders to compete in all classes. This is definitely something not to be missed.

We are, as always, happy accept offers of help from horsey and non-horsey people, as well as interest from future sponsors and advertisers. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours helping before the show, setting up the showground the week before or on the actual day, please drop us a line. No particular skills are needed, just a willingness to help and a good sense of humour.

We hope that you will join us and like so many in the past, enjoy your day out. This show is a not for profit and held by us for you! To keep updated check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/wanbshow>

Sue Ripley (Chair)



If you have any enquiries or need further information, please contact:

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E: wanboroughhorseshow@outlook.com

Mrs Rachel Chevis
Entries Secretary
Address: 44 Church Road,
Wanborough, SN4 0BZ
T: 07717 173577

PLEASE NOTE:

Dressage times available on 17th May by e-mailed (if we have an e-mail address for you), on-line, on Facebook or by phone between 7.00 and 9.00pm from Gill on 07980 123174.

2023 Entry Fees

Entry fees for all classes except dressage are:

£8.00 pre-entry
£10.00 for late entry and on the day

Entry fee for dressage is £9.50 with pre-entry by Sunday 14th May.

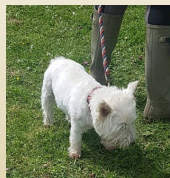
Enter on-line at
www.equoevents.co.uk
or by post to the Entries Secretary
(see details to the left).

The Wanborough Spring Companion Dog Show

You can enter the Dog Show on the day from 12 noon.

14 different classes to choose from (details shown on poster to the right).

All entries are £2 per class - Look forward to seeing you there.



The Wanborough Spring Companion Dog Show

(To be held under Kennel Club Regulations)

*Kindly sponsored by Drove Veterinary Hospital.
Find out more about Drove from their advert on the opposite page.*

Entries from 12 noon

Judging starts – 1:00pm

Ring 1. Judge: Sue Norris (Molestream)

£2 per Class

- Class 1** A/V Puppy 6-12 months
- Class 2** A/V Sporting
- Class 3** A/V Non – Sporting
- Class 4** A/V Open

Best pedigree dog in show will now be judged.

- Class 5** Best Veteran (over 7 years)
- Class 6** Best Crossbreed
- Class 7** Junior Handling (6-16 years)
- Class 8** Prettiest Bitch
- Class 9** Best Rescue
- Class 10** Best Movement
- Class 11** Handsome Dog
- Class 12** Dog in Best Condition
- Class 13** Most Appealing Eyes
- Class 14** Dog the Judge would most like to take home

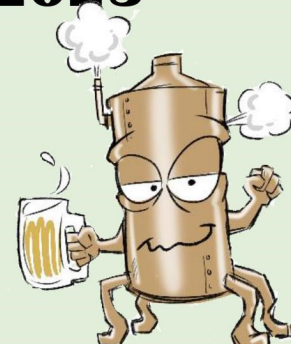
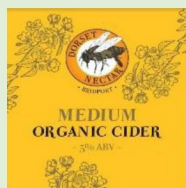
Rosettes to 6th place, Best in Show, Reserve Best, Best Puppy

RULES: No CC Winners, No bitches in season, No Reserve CC Winners, No Junior Warrant Winners (pedigree classes only)

Enquiries: Ken Fry T: 07584 390114 E: kenneth.fry1@gmail.com

The Old Boilers - Beer & Cider Festival 2023

Just to whet your appetite for the forthcoming beer and cider festival in June. We would like to tell you about the ciders we are sourcing this year.



Lilley's (Somerset) – Passion fruit Martini (4%) A crowd-pleasing combination of vanilla and passion fruit with a hint of lime mixed with crisp Somerset cider. Delightful passion fruit sweetness, with a subtle aroma, and taste of vanilla.

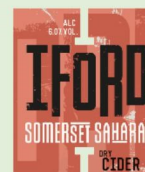
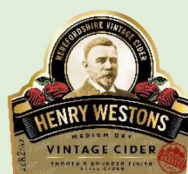
Dorset Nectar (Bridport) - Medium (5%) A smooth, elegant cider with a hint of oranges. The glamorous star amongst Dorset Nectar's award-winning ciders.

Thistly Cross (East Lothian) – Scottish Fruits (4%) Hand picked strawberries, elderflowers and blackcurrants make this cider blush. It's floral, fruity, and Scottish to the core.

Cotswold cider Co. (Oxfordshire) – Yellow hammer Carnival (6%)

A Medium cider with full tannin, cloudy. Full of bittersweet goodness with a finish that keeps on giving.

Sandford Orchards (Devon) – Ginger Cider (4%) Fresh pressed ginger route and the finest Devon cider creates this wonderful versatile blend. Zinging and refreshing, a great food pairing for spicy dishes, and an outstanding cocktail ingredient.



Henry Weston's (Herefordshire) - Vintage (8.2%) Slowly matured, spending time in oak vats in Herefordshire to deliver a still, smooth, and rounded flavour.

Snailsbank (Herefordshire) – Very Perry (5.1%) A fruity medium perry with a complex yet balanced flavour only found in real perry. Made from Stinking Bishop perry pairs to make a top quality, award winning perry.

Dudda's Tun (Kent) – Bone Dry (5.5%) A clean, crisp, and full-dry cider made from Katy and Bramley apples. Refreshing to the end.

Pulp (Herefordshire) – Rhubarb & Strawberry (4%) A cider twist on a classic dessert, fresh rhubarb juice and the sweet, crushed strawberries blend exceptionally. Must not grumble, we love a bit of crumble! Just ask for more of this humble pie!

Iford, West Country (Somerset) – Somerset Sahara (6%) A fresh pressed modern West Country dry cider. Still and with a hint of fresh apple and a classic bittersweet cloudy backbone.

We hope that has made you thirsty. By the time you read this, Paper tickets costing £10 will be available from the New Calley Arms, Just ask at the bar. Online tickets are also available at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers> (Although there is a 50p transaction fee here)



Wanborough Beer race

The Old Boilers would also like to announce that they will be supporting the Wanborough Beer Race by sponsoring and providing a pop-up beer stop outside of the Cross Keys for the Beer race whilst the pub is closed. The race is an important event in the village calendar and we strongly believe that we must ensure that they don't die out through lack of support. We hope this is a one off and the Cross Keys will re-open and be serving Food and Drink once more in the not too distant future.

Going Public in a Poem

When novels are written in the first person, readers do not assume that the author is the narrator. It's not like that with poetry. The default is the poet writing about the self, which requires honesty and bravery. The love poem is wonderful, the break-up poem can be cruel, ragged relationships are sensitive territory. There is danger in the highs and the lows.

It might be safer writing about trees and flowers as they don't bite back. I don't, because people fascinate me. It's the same with Hannah Linden, my friend, who has just published a wonderful pamphlet, "The Beautiful Open Sky" (V Press).

Hannah helped with the Poetry Swindon Festival for many years. We shared privacies as you do. Hannah's privacies have now morphed into poems - a tough childhood when parents split, father died, mother remarried to a man who disliked Hannah. It's been a roller-coaster, challenge after challenge. Hannah endured, never bent and her poems are a testimony to the positive.

Several poems stayed with me. This one about her mother's solution to an argument:

I felt Mum's silence in the car,
the negative pull until I was a black hole
sucking everything into my void,

except her. She sat on the edge of Nan's
spare bed. *You will never come home again.*
I am a half-circle. I am an apple falling
from the tree.

And the positivity of these lines in another:

You have to keep faith in the kindness of other people who
are still strangers
but who might become makers of a draught of air that is the difference
between success and a crash.
Don't think of the mangled bones at the bottom of the mountain. Think
of the beautiful open sky.



Hannah Linden

To purchase Hannah's pamphlet (£7:99 including UK P&P) message her: <https://twitter.com/hannah1n>

www.mauricespillane.co.uk

TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

WTC renewal and membership packages is now open. We are now running a rolling 12-month subscription so people can join any time throughout the year.

Becky is running camps for Juniors on 30 May, 31 May and 1 June. Camps will run from 10-3pm with optional drop-off from 9:30am. Member's day rate is £23; non-member's is £25. Book your spot directly with Becky.

Subject to numbers, we will be running a new Beginners Group Coaching session for adults; perfect for those who are new to tennis. The session will run on Wednesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Please contact Becky directly on beckyprince@live.co.uk for pricing and booking details.

Junior Updates: Well done to Lowri who recently represented Wiltshire at 9u county cup in Southampton, great achievement. Also Nathaniel and Samrihdi have been selected to represent Wiltshire at the upcoming 8u county cup event! We recently hosted 36 juniors from neighbouring clubs for a day of friendly competition. The children were aged between 8-18, and some really great tennis was played at all age groups.

Social: Please note that the Saturday Social Tennis 6 May has been cancelled due to the King's Coronation!

50:50 Lottery Club will start running from July onwards!! The aim of the Lottery is to raise additional funds for WTC's Floodlight project (new floodlights to go on Courts 3 & 4), whilst at the same time give participants a chance to win cash prizes in a monthly draw. We require a minimum number of participants to run this, so we are asking for your support. The lottery is open to the entire Wanborough community, so you do not have to be a member of the Tennis Club to participate. Please check out the Lottery Page on our website <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub> for additional details and application form.

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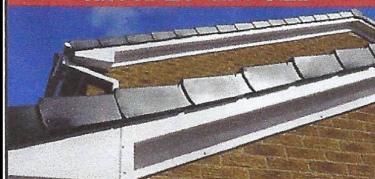
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Some Confessions of an Antiques Dealer

1965. The era of Pounds, Shillings and Pence. None of which I had when I decided to reject the idea of a cozy office job and embark instead upon a very probably precarious career as an Antiques Dealer.

I had agreed to rent a shop from Bristol City Council and there was living accommodation provided above the shop. My parents, although aghast at the idea of their only son setting out on such a perilous course, nevertheless were willing to give me £150 to enable me to buy a car. I chose a green mini van - economic, especially as petrol was priced at 5 shillings a gallon! Added to which there was plenty of room in the back for my purchases.

That was the extent of my parent's commitment; I think that they thought that sooner or later I would come to my senses and abandon the whole plan. Everything seemed stacked against me; the shop I chose was on the wrong side of town, but I assumed that my reputation for finding and selling fine and rare antiques would draw them in from far and wide! I was wedged in between a fish and chip shop and a pub, so not ideal neighbours!

There were other downsides to my venture; no money, practically no stock and no idea what I would sell and no knowledge of Antiques in general. My initial interest was in Pottery and Porcelain; my friend Ken who first encouraged me to have a go at the business used to take me around central Bristol and point out the sites where the pottery and porcelain manufacturers existed in the 17th and 18th centuries. We would stop at likely places where pottery and porcelain shards could be found. These included churchyards, especially after a rainstorm, or just holes in the ground where work was going on or excavations where buildings were being demolished. In this way I learned to look for different types of pottery. Hand painted earlier Delftware or the later transfer printed wares.

All this along with visits to the relevant areas of Bristol Museum and I would soon develop a basic knowledge. But where would I start in my search for stock? I had a few things that I had acquired when I was rescuing the interiors of derelict Georgian houses from the bulldozers, but hardly enough to fill the shelves of my shop. Anyway, regardless, I took the plunge and opened my almost empty shop. Early visitors included two burly members of the local East Bristol mafia; they informed me that if I paid them £1 a week they would make sure that my window glass wasn't broken. I declined their offer but my window remained intact!

Not a good start, and before long I came to realise that some other source of capital was needed if I was to continue. So with all this in mind I marched into the Cooperative dairy in Kingsdown and applied for a job as a milkman. I was accepted, and thus began my long days and nights. I would get up at 4am, get to the dairy, load up and be away by 5 am. If I ran, I could complete the round by 10am, just in time to open my shop by 10.30am. As I was also fond of downing a few pints and partying in the evenings, this really was burning the candle at both ends. But it was the swinging sixties, after all!

Another early visitor to my shop was a man from the Council who informed me that I had to close on Wednesday afternoons otherwise I would be breaking the law. So I decided to close on Wednesdays and use the time to go in search of suitable stock. At first I didn't venture beyond the Bristol city boundary in my search. When vast areas of the city were being demolished in the slum clearance schemes of the 1960's, a great number of junk shops would spring up all around the town and they would sell unwanted bric a brac for next to nothing. Other places I visited were scrap yards; my favourite was in the almost completely demolished Barton Hill area of east Bristol. A real life Steptoe and Son set up, with a horse and cart and always an enormous fire in the fireplace, stoked up by the small kids with the aid of some gigantic bellows. The family always welcomed me in, although they were curious to know why someone with such a posh accent would want to venture into Barton Hill!

Amongst other things I would buy brass and iron beds from them and also all brass ones. I preferred the brass and iron ones because I soon learnt that they sold better than the all brass ones. I think this was because there was less brass to polish. Anyway, the brass ones were more expensive at £3 each and the brass and iron ones were only £1. I painted the iron white and polished the brass and when completed I could sell them for £12 each. So, gradually, I would fill the shelves, turn the back room into a basic workshop and furnish my tiny flat upstairs. I was beginning to see a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, although I was absolutely exhausted by the end of the day.

I felt that my crazy decision to go it alone may possibly be about to pay off. Now all I needed were some regular customers, hard to find in this area of Bristol. I was starting to notice an increasing number of immigrants from the West Indies and after that from India and Pakistan. One of my first customers was a West Indian lady who introduced me to the art of haggling, something that was unheard of in my very middle class upbringing. There was definitely a clash of cultures here, as she insisted on haggling for each penny. I eventually became accustomed to this method of trading and I felt that maybe I had begun to break the public school mould that I had been brought up into. I saw that I was benefitting after engaging with different ideas and cultures and was learning to appreciate their diverse viewpoints. As to the search for treasure, in the next couple of years I would travel a bit further away from Bristol in the hunt for affordable and saleable stock, so the country salerooms beckoned, but that's another story or two!!

Tony Yole Smith 2023

Not so much an adventure...

Well, we didn't see that coming! I was gently cruising down to the Easter holidays when the daughter in Law and Hockey star fell badly during a practice session and broke her pelvis. I don't know about you but in my hockey days I concentrated on running up and down the pitch in the opposite direction to avoid any contact with the ball or other players. But not the daughter in Law, she's right in there fearless and determined to the end which led to a week in Southmead hospital Trauma Centre recovering after 4 hours complicated surgery and then having to learn how to use crutches.

Our Easter plans changed radically as they did for all the family. Holiday plans had to be deferred, support with children upgraded, and visits and days out cancelled.

But I digress. We managed to have friends to stay one weekend and Irish family on another weekend so lots of cooking, wine drinking and entertaining and all that led up to my birthday. A wonderful occasion as everyone came together to celebrate being together. I must admit It is my favourite gift in the world is having all five grandchildren together for a couple of days. Oh, and the renewal of my National Theatre at Home annual subscription.

Part of the weekend included going to the Maze at Bourton on the Water on a packed Easter Saturday. The sun shone, the maze is well managed, and my eight-year-old grandson cracked the Kit Williams puzzle. It was lovely listening to him explaining how to solve it to crowds of bemused adults! I can highly recommend a visit to this educational and beautifully planned maze, especially if you have an eight-year-old in tow.

We also got out on our first bike ride of the season, well actually, of the year too. The weather was kind, but the roads; what can I say? The potholes and damaged verges are not only dangerous for cars, but they can also be lethal for cyclists too. Riding through Wanborough and Liddington feels like cycling on forgotten back road in South Africa.

At Big breakfast Plus we were delighted to appoint a new Service Co-Ordinator, Wayne, who started with us just two weeks ago and has already got the job fully in hand. Wayne came to Big Breakfast Plus as a volunteer, then once we learned he had been a chef became a paid cook before getting this job. Talk about an exceptionally long interview process. For me as a trustee it is great to be able to stand back more from being too operational. However, I still love my volunteering stints which I can do in the school holidays. It's great to join any of the teams delivering breakfast to hungry people in Swindon and to enjoy the friendship of our volunteers. Fundraising is the biggest issue for us. It costs £56,000 a year to provide our service so an incredibly special thank you to all who helped me raise a splendid £175 for my birthday Facebook Fundraiser. We also raise funds by recycling used ink cartridges. So, if you have any to dispose of, please let me know. They are a surprisingly useful source of funds.

We finished this month with a return visit to the Wyvern to see Alistair McGowan and Jasper Carrot, an entertaining and lighthearted show in two halves. We went because our first date back in 1975 was to a Jasper Carrot concert and to be honest not much has changed with his routine except he's lost all his gorgeous curls. Though to be fair I suspect there will be very few men who had luscious locks in the seventies still sporting them now.

Final update on the daughter in Law, she has more tests x-rays and a MRI at the end of May. Hopefully, the results will then enable her to start weight bearing. It is a long haul. recovering from such an injury; however, no car driving,, no not allowed to work till September and she will miss next season's hockey.

Now wondering what next month will bring.

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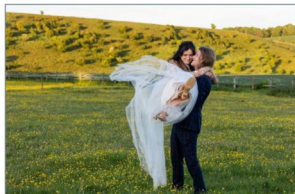
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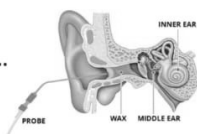
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Our dates for May are as follows:

7th May we welcome Mike Cocklin as our guest preacher and on the 21st May Lou will be preaching on Psalm 124

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- ♦ I spent £2,000 this week at a reincarnation seminar, oh what the hell, you only live once.
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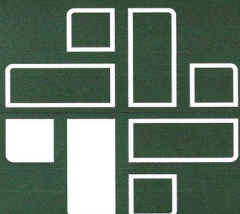
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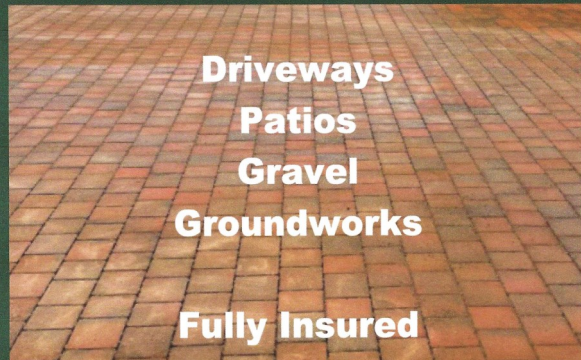
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