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Dear Friends

It is always interesting, the move from September into October. September is a good time for new beginnings. A new term has started, the children are back at school, or perhaps starting school for the first time. And it was a new beginning for me personally, as I moved into the Curate-in-Charge role in Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva, at least until the post is filled permanently.

And so as we move into October, we move from the excitement of new beginnings to the regular routine of normality. How long does it take for that to happen? The cries of “I got the job!” turn to groans each morning when the alarm goes off. The joy of the first game of the season gives way to the realism that the team isn’t good enough again, with a dejected “There’s always next year” added in for good measure.

Of course, October also sees the nights really begin to draw in, the heady days of summer shifting into the cooler nights of autumn. I don’t know about you, but it is the time of year I find the hardest.

How do we keep spirits up as the enthusiasm of September fades and the prospect of another winter looms large? Perhaps all we can do is look for the joy in the little things. They’ll be different for each of us, but whether it’s a quiet night in with a bottle and a good book or the chance to catch up with an old friend not seen for some time, or the beauty of a misty morning or a twilight walk, I pray we may each find those little things that keep us going.

An Autumn prayer:

O God of Creation,

you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

Remind us to take time to rest.

Renew in us the wonder of your creation.

Show us again that it is you who give us the breath of life.

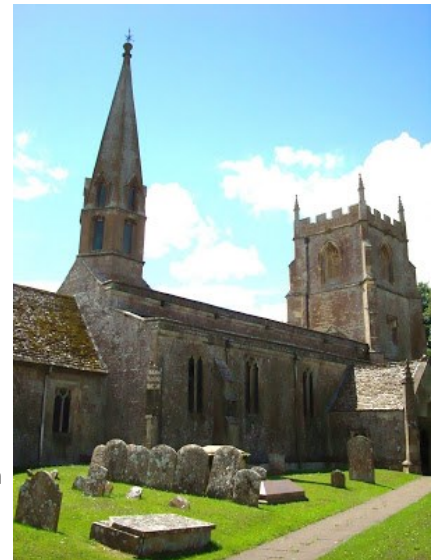
Amen

Kind regards

Revd. Chris Hunter

curate@wroughton.com

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Church Services October 2023

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

Date	Time	Church
Sunday 1 st October	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sunday 8 th October	10.30am	St Andrew's, Wanborough
Sunday 15 th October	10.30am	St Mary's, Bishopstone
Sunday 22 nd October	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington

Dates for your Diary - October 2023

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 4 th October	Liddington Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Liddington Village Hall
Mon 9 th October	WPC Footpaths & Village Maintenance Committee	7.30pm	Hooper's Field
Thurs 12 th October	WI – Bishopstone & Hinton Parva WI	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Fri 13 th October	Gardening Club Quiz & Chilli	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sun 15 th October	Fundraising event (see page 20 for more details)	2pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 16 th October	WPC Hooper's Field Committee meeting	7.30pm	Hooper's Field
Sat 21 st October	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 23 rd October	Wanborough PC meeting	7.30pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 28 th October	Ward Councillor Surgery	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 28 th October	All Saints' Church, Halloween Party	4.30pm	Liddington Village Hall

In addition to the above dates

Wanborough Coffee morning every Thursday at 10.30am at The Brewer's Arms

Bridge Club every Friday evening at 7pm at Hinton Parva Village Hall

Freedom Church 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month

Save the Date - Future events in the Benefice

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 15 th November	Gardening Club	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 18 th November	All Saints Church - American Supper		Liddington Village Hall
Sat 25 th November	The Old Boilers – Winchester Christmas Markets	9.30am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 9 th December	All Saints Church – Xmas Bazaar		Liddington Village Hall

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.

News from the Bell Towers

The months following the summer holidays are always a popular time for visiting ringers, and this year is no exception. The superb peals of bells at Wanborough and Liddington plays host to the following visitors:

- Saturday 7 October: 2.30 - 3.15 pm at Wanborough, and 3.30 - 4.15 pm at Liddington. Ringers from Bradford on Avon.
- Friday 13 October: 10.00 - 10.45 am at Liddington. Ringers from Steyning, West Sussex.
- Saturday 28 October: 4.00 - 7.00 pm at Liddington. Ringers from Milton, Oxfordshire ringing a full peal of 5040 changes, in just under three hours.
- Monday 13 November: 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Wanborough. Ringers from the Swindon Branch will be practising.

Ringling continues by local ringers for Sunday services, and for practices on Friday nights, 7.30 - 9.00 pm. Practices at Wanborough are on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays and at Liddington on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. Practices for new recruits are by arrangement, at a time to suit.

The towers are always looking for new recruits, and if you have ever thought about what it involves, and/or giving it a go, you might like to have a look at the new short 9 minute video just released, being an introduction to bellringing - Go to YouTube and type in "Discovering Bellringing".

Lapsed ringers contemplating a return to the tower would also be most welcome.

Tony Pullan, Tower Captain 01793 790904

WANBOROUGH FARMERS MARKET

WANBOROUGH VILLAGE HALL

COMMUNITY CAFE

9AM-12
THIRD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH
FIND US ON FACEBOOK

The Farmer's Market on Saturday the 16th of September was great with so many new stalls on offer. A few pictures from the day, with special thanks to Ben Bryant (Guitarist) playing for us at the market.



The next farmer's Market & Community Café is on Saturday 21st October 2023 from 9.30am.

Trader's include Mei's Homemade Asian Gourmet Sauces, Sewing Allsorts. Busybee Honey, Trish cakes, Wanborough Herb Nursery, Mitchmakes, Helen Browning's Organics and Pete's Artisan Bread



Look forward to seeing you all there.

Lorna Naseem 07903 210 505

Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next months Lyden, this could be anything from a local news update, details about an upcoming event, something you have done, or about a hobby you may have or anything you think will be of interest, then please e-mail your contribution to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the following month. (by 14th October for November's magazine)

Lydenmagazine@gmail.com

We are always keen to hear from you.

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WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council's Update – October 2023

New Parish Councillors

Wanborough Parish Council has now co-opted new councillors onto the Parish Council, introductions will be made in next month's edition of the Lyden.

Park Yoga



Park Yoga on Hooper's Field has now finished for 2023. Bonny will be running some trial sessions starting Sunday 22nd October at 9:30am in the Village Hall up to Christmas, weekly on Sundays alternate mornings (9:30) and afternoons (14:30), which the parish council have made a contribution to get this off the ground. Please note there will therefore be a small charge to participate. All you need is a towel or mat – everyone is welcome.

You can register your interest for the new sessions (which will be provided for at a cost to cover Bonny's time and hall hire). Bonny can be contacted on her mobile - 07725 811774 or www.bonnyprim.com/contact. If the sessions are a success, Bonny will continue to offer sessions throughout the winter until Park Yoga resumes once more in May 2024 in Hoopers Field.

Road works at Kite Hill

We have been informed that the Kite Hill closure for roadworks which was scheduled to take place at the beginning of September has now been moved to October half term, commencing on 23rd October.

In the meantime, whilst investigating the drainage issues, it has been discovered that Wales and West Utilities (WWU) have drilled through the pipes from the surface water drainage system which has contributed to the flooding issues we have been experiencing. Unfortunately, this means that WWU and the drainage contractors are working simultaneously to redirect the gas main away from the drainage system to ensure that the anticipated 4-week schedule of work is completed before SBC undertake the carriageway resurfacing which will be for a week commencing 23rd October.

There will be quite a bit of disruption whilst the works take place, and the parish council have received apologies for the disruption to us all.

Hooper's Field

CCTV is being installed, having been agreed by the council in December 2022 and will be installed at the beginning of October. We are pleased to note that the LED floodlights have now been installed at the tennis club which have been part funded by Wanborough Parish Council.

Allotments Competition

The annual allotment competition has been held once more this year, with judging taking place in July and August for the best kept allotment for all allotment holders, and the best kept new allotment. Presentation of both prizes took place on 9th September and the prize winners in each category are as follows:

Ron Kent Best Kept Allotment

1st – F4 - Sheila Hackeborn
2nd – A1a/b - Freddie Day
3rd – E2a/b – Dominic Montauro
Highly Commended
D7 – Keith Bishop
E5 - Jan Winstone

Best Kept New Allotment (allotment holders who have taken on an allotment in the last 2 years)

1st – B1b - Mark & Anna Sore
2nd - B4 - Roy Sansum
3rd – C3a - Julie Webb

Trophies and a gift voucher were awarded to the winners in each category, and all winners and runners up were also presented with a certificate. Well done to all who participated – the standard was once more very high this year and the judges enjoyed seeing all your hard work!

If you are interested in becoming an allotment holder, please do contact the Clerk for further information at clerk@wanborough.info

Footpaths and Village Grasscutting

The parish council is aware that a number of local footpaths have become overgrown over the summer months. Our contractor is dealing with the cut backs on a weekly basis – please bear with us as we do so, and please do report any issues with footpaths and village maintenance to the Clerk. We will add it to our list and ensure that it is dealt with.

Additionally, we are about to undertake a tendering process for the next year's grasscutting. We understand that there have been historic issues with our current contractor, which we have raised complaints about, and this will be taken into account when looking at who we invite to tender over the coming months. The grasscutting schedule finishes at the end of October, and if you are dissatisfied, please do let me know.

Parish Council Update

Wanborough Parish Council would like to thank Angela Raymond, the previous Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for her outstanding and dedicated hard work and contribution to the village. We would like to wish her the very best for her future endeavours. Wanborough Parish Councillors are very pleased to announce the appointment of Sarah Hardwick as our new Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. Sarah is being onboarded by our Locum Clerk, Julie Flenley over the next few weeks but will be available on 07588 769829 and clerk@wanborough.info.

Sarah lives in the village and will be working from Hooper's Field on set days of the week. At the minute, she is liaising with our

village contractors and handyman to work on a schedule to tackle the overgrown footpaths in Wanborough in advance of the winter months.

Sarah is really looking forward to working for you all in the village, if you see her out and about, please do introduce yourself to her!

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 23rd October 2023 at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.

Julie Flenley – Locum Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council.

Parish Website www.wanborough.info

Clerk's email clerk@wanborough.info

Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update - Gary Sumner: Ward Surgery is 28th October 9-10.30 at Wanborough Village Hall.

Southern Connector Road: The contractors building the £40m road went into administration in September which has now caused some difficulties. I am being updated regularly by the Head of Highways and subject to legal and insurance 'sign off' The Marsh should be opened initially whilst the opening of Southern Connector Road still awaits completion of the traffic lights at Wanborough Road and some other relatively minor landscaping and remedial issues alongside the road. Swindon Borough Council are fortunate that the road construction is complete and assessed as fit for purpose following a road safety audit.

Wanborough Road:

Following the demise of Buckingham it is now for Conlon to complete the missing section of pavement from Southern Connector Road to Covingham. They must complete the drainage designs for this but will look to complete as soon as possible. There is a planning condition that camera monitoring of the use of Wanborough Road should be implemented ready for first completion at Redlands Grove and I have reminded officers at SBC that this is important – as is the completion of the pavement (both are planning conditions on the development).

Kite Hill: In the spirit of 'you couldn't make it up' the drainage works on Kite Hill have uncovered a huge error by Wales & West utilities who laid the new gas main in 2020. Apparently, they laid it through the SBC drainage causing the repeated leaks and now (having admitted liability) they are working to move their pipe and make good the damage caused. The road will close for 2 weeks from 18/9 from Church Road to The Beanlands and will then re-open until it is closed again for 1 week from 23/10 to resurface from the top down to Jenner Close.

Ham Road: The closure for utility works to serve the new houses next to the GP's surgery has been delayed due to the closure of Kite Hill and will now NOT take place in October half term. A sensible decision which means no clash with Kite Hill closure.

20mph zones: I met with the team leading on this and we are looking to try to get a re-design for Church Road / Kite Hill scheme. This attracted 6 comments in the public consultation with 4 against (albeit one person commenting doesn't live in the village) and I believe there is danger to pedestrians from speeding at the top of Kite Hill and on Church Road where people cross the road by the GP's and the Church so we will organise a 'workshop' so that residents and the Parish Council can also be involved in designing something which isn't 'urban' but which serves a much needed purpose for the safety of villagers.

Gigabit Fibre Update:

I'm hopeful that this scheme to deliver fibre to our villages should be complete by now.

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

Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

SWINDON FILM SOCIETY screens the best new film releases from around the world as part of a programme of films shown between September and April each year. Our films are screened on Wednesdays at 7.45pm at the Arts Centre in Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon. The guest price is £10 per film, discounts for members are available.



Utama

Wednesday 4th October

In the Bolivian highlands, an elderly couple have been living the same daily life for years. During an uncommonly long drought they face a dilemma: to resist or succumb to time and the elements.



The Blue Caftan

Wednesday 25th October

Halim and Mina run a traditional caftan store in one of Morocco's oldest medinas. Their relationship is turned upside down by the arrival of a handsome new apprentice.

Full details of all this season's films can be found on the SFS website: swindonfilm.org.uk



Liddington Parish Council

Saturday 7th October - Meet at Jubilee Gardens



Cleaning Playground equipment
Litter picking
Hedge trimming
Tidying communal areas of allotments

9.30am - 11.30am - Look after Liddington



*FREE refreshments
at Village Inn for
all helpers!*

Hi Viz jackets, grabbers,
Cleaning materials & waste
bags will be provided

Look forward to seeing you
there!

Thanks to a generous donation from North Wessex Landscape Trust we are pleased to confirm the new platform for the Millennium Compass and Trigpoint on Liddington Hillfort has now been completed! Our thanks to Joe and Johnny of Cotswold Dry Stone for a great job.



Allotments available!

Contact the Clerk: Parishclerk@liddington.org

Would you like to have a say in how your village is looked after?

The why not consider joining us on the Council? Contact: parishclerk@liddington.org or speak to Clive, Gordon, Andrew or Barbara. Our next meeting is Wednesday 4th October, 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Public session at 7pm

Laura Evans, Clerk to Liddington Parish Council

Liddington 100 Club

The winner for. August is Monica Dale - congratulations

I will be sending out new membership forms before the end of September please ask friends and family if they would like to join as there is a prize of £50 every month which will come in very handy at the moment . Caroline

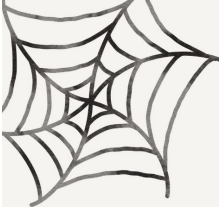
Liddington Village Hall has recently invested in new chairs and so we are offering the old chairs to anyone in the local community who would like them .There are about 30 chairs in total, but whatever quantity you would like we are happy to let you have. The chairs are very sturdy, wipe clean and stackable.

If you would like to discuss or arrange to collect

please contact

Matthew Bowman on 07943 279638





childrens
Halloween
PARTY

OCTOBER 284.30 - 6.30PM

Liddington Village Hall

Entry £5



A visit to the Records Office at Chippenham

One thing that is clear reading the Liddington Church Minute Book for 1936 and 1937 is that the problems that confronted the church then are not dissimilar to the ones facing it today, even if the monetary values have changed. In fact, it is striking that two major problems were getting a new Vicar and fixing the boiler while throughout funding to support the upkeep of the church and do good works was a perennial problem.

William Baker Pitt was the incumbent Prebendary and Rector and had held these posts since 1882, although he had spent a short period serving with the Church Army in France in 1916-7 during the First World War. He was still in post having passed seventy-eight years of age when severe bronchial disorders led him to decide to retire.

The problem of finding a new Vicar was solved much more quickly in 1936 than has been the case today. Having decided to retire due to his failing health Prebendary, William Pitt at a meeting on the 2nd March 1936 read from deeds his authority for appointing a Rector for the living of All Saints. Despite this, he was open to ideas from the members of the council as the Minute continued *no suggestions were made and it was left to Prebendary William Pitt to appoint his successor as it was the general feeling of the Council that he would do his best for the spiritual welfare of the Parish.*

By the next meeting of the Council held on 14th April the problem had been resolved the relevant Minute recording that William Pitt *had offered the living to Rev Francis Fishponds of Bristol who had been highly spoken of by the Bishop ... pleased to report Mr Francis had accepted.* The Minute went on to say that no date had been set for the induction but by the meeting of the Council in July the Rev Francis was in post and taking the Chair.

It was at this meeting in July that the Rev Francis's wife was appointed for a three year period as the Diocesan representative on the Council, replacing Mrs Pitt, who having gone to Bournemouth with her husband had resigned the position. Francis Fishponds became the new Rector but the position of Prebendary disappeared.

The following year saw the Boiler problem crop up. Having contacted a firm in Highworth, the Council learnt this would cost £39 (less two and a half per cent for cash). The Council discussed how to raise the funds and besides putting a list for subscribers in the church door several members of the council agreed to do house to house collections in the village. Although these efforts were fairly successful and the Diocesan council donated £5 funds the total needed had not been reached. The August 1937 Council Meeting saw a Sunday collection devoted to the Boiler Fund rather than the Farmers' benevolent Association, a decision taken by 7 votes to 4.

Cash problems becoming evident is reflected in the Account Book of the period.

In 1931 this had just seen a weekly entry of money raised and money in the account to a much more detailed breakdown by 1935. By this time the amount taken from each of the three Sunday services held at Liddington every week is meticulously recorded. Money was still being found to finance a Children's Outing although the fact that exactly what this would be was dependent on finances shows money was hard to come by. A special meeting held on 18th August decided on a trip to Bournemouth. This was made possible by the Bristol Bus Company that made buses available for just £7 each while an anonymous donator agreed to cover the whole cost of the Childrens' teas.

The last financial problem, I am sure he himself would have said was totally unnecessary, was how would the church commemorate their now, sadly, late Vicar William Pitt. He had retired to live in Bournemouth where it was hoped the sea air would be good for his health but alas, he died there on 21st November. His body was brought back to Liddington. His funeral service was conducted there on the 25th of November by the Bishop of Malmesbury followed by interment in the graveyard

The November 1936 meeting, held on 30th November contains a Minute reading *desire to place on record their most sincere appreciation and grateful recognition of the devoted work of the late Prebendary Pitt as Rector of the Parish and wish to express their very deep sympathy with Mrs Pitt and her family.* How he was to be remembered was recorded more briefly *question of a memorial was held over.*

A following meeting heard that a deputation sent to Mrs Pitt heard that she had no suggestions to make and it was eventually decided that an oak frame around the Vestry door would be installed with an inscription to show it was in his memory. Strangely, I don't think I have ever noticed this although to me, with so much stained glass and the organ having been donated by William Pitt or his family, to me the whole church is his memorial.

His own grave was restored and rededicated courtesy of Swindon Town F.C. on the seventy fifth anniversary of his death in 2011, a hundred years after this Club, which he had founded in 1889, when he was Curate at Christ Church, won the Southern League Championship for the first time

Dick Mattick

Week 14: Waste and Recycling Update

Date: 05.09.23

With all the recent waste & recycling problems across Swindon, Chris Watts (SBC Borough Councillor) has issued the following statement.

In my previous July update I focused on the challenges with driver shortages, elevated sickness levels and the unreliability of the aged and obsolete fleet of wagons that are end of life. The summer holidays further impacted the service with general staffing levels not being sufficient to accommodate minimum expected holiday entitlement. This year's additional bank holiday, and a request that drivers and loaders avoid taking holiday later in the year when the roll out of the new food waste collection is implemented in the autumn, further pressured the service over the summer.

The challenge over the last six weeks has been to avoid succumbing to political pressure to implement expensive knee-jerk short term actions that do little to address the financial and structural deficits and only serve to deflect officer resources and attention from the task of implementing meaningful medium and long term solutions, whilst working to introduce the food waste collection later in the year.

It should be noted that whilst the waste and recycling service has been under pressure, it is because of the hard work and dedication of the loaders/drivers, mechanics and back office staff/officers, that the service has largely kept pick-up delays experienced to one working day and up to two working days at its peak. There has been a slight uptick in collection errors but that is mainly and understandably due to the introduction of new teams and utilising drivers from other Council departments.

As the summer holidays come to an end we believe that we will see an increase in available personnel coupled with the introduction of new wagons, as they are delivered, that should see the service back on track by the middle of September.

By observing the systems under pressure over the last 6 weeks we are able to ascertain what works well and where we need to be to resolve the weaknesses in the system. This can be listed as follows:

Vehicles

Issue: The current fleet of wagons is past its best, regularly breaking down and difficult to source bespoke parts. There has been a two year project to supply a replacement fleet, that will include food waste collection, due to roll out in the late autumn. It could be argued that the timing has ensured that the Council has extracted the maximum value out of the current fleet but it still remains that this has been a major contributor to the issues experienced this summer.

Resolution Short Term: Delivery of the new fleet has just started and we have taken the decision to commission two of the new wagons into service early. This has been a useful exercise this early in the process as several teething issues were identified and resolved with the new wagons. We can only bring the refuse wagons into service at this early stage as the new recycling wagons are bespoke to the new collection system to be rolled out. We currently have three expensive leased vehicles in the fleet that we would seek to discontinue at the earliest convenience on deliveries and commissioning of the new fleet. This saving can be utilised to secure additional staff.

Medium Term: By the end of the year all new wagons will be in service and we will see an improvement in reliability and resilience and a much-reduced risk of vehicular failure.

Long Term: In order to meet the Borough Council's Net Zero obligations, the new fleet will need to be replaced with electric vehicles (EV) by 2030. This option's appraisal is underway as this will require a full restructure of the Waterside depot infrastructure to accommodate an EV fleet.

Staffing:

Issues: As stated above, systemic personnel shortages, recent historic national HGV driver shortages and elevated sickness have all had an effect on the service delivery this summer. Staff positions are too rigid and lack flexibility to be able to be proactive when shortages occur. The Council has previously contracted in a central temporary staff agency, based in Milton Keynes, that handles relationships with all other agencies. This has placed an additional layer of bureaucracy and delay in the temporary staff engagement process.

Resolution Short Term: Last month, the proposed position of Hybrid Loader/Driver had been passed through Human Resources and subsequently advertised internally resulting in several applications. These positions will provide the much-needed flexibility and allow for a proactive response to resource issues, particularly with drivers. Whilst we employed three new drivers last month, this just covered drivers leaving through natural churn. We re-advertised driver positions and have had 14 applicants with 9 assessments taking place this week. We will still seek to draft in drivers from other departments if the needs arise, but this does have a negative knock-on effect to other services.

Medium Term: Hybrid Loader/Drivers operatives to be put through HGV training, induction and brought into service whilst working directly with a local staffing agency to build up a bank of pre-inducted temporary loading staff that can be called upon when needed.

Long Term: Build a flexible workforce that can be pro-active to challenges whilst ensuring that the hierarchy is restructured to allow progression routes and training for staff.

Other issues that have been highlighted are:

improvement required on the back-office systems that will allow better communications when rounds are dropped (medium term)

Review of In-cab systems to improve comms and route management (medium term)

Budget:

As stated previously, the desperate state of the Borough Council finances is proving to be challenging. The budget set by the previous administration had catastrophically failed within weeks of the new municipal year starting. In our first meeting as the new Administration at the end of May 2023 with senior officers, we were warned that the budget already projected an £11,000,000 in year overspend. This was adjusted up to £15,000,000 weeks later on further scrutiny. It is a legal requirement for Councils to set a projected balanced budget, but the level of risk built into the last budget has led to this unprecedented position that we now face. The lead member for finance is working hard to bring last year's budget in line but this remains in a position of high risk.

Reasonably, residents have asked why the service is reducing across the board when Council Tax has risen, and the tax base has increased. The answer is that the borough has three income streams through Council Tax, Business Rates and Central Government Grant CGG. Since 2012 the austerity has reduced the CGG from £45,000,000 to approx. £4,000,000 and this has precipitated a year-on-year budgetary deficit that has required cuts when the borough is increasing in size coupled with recent high inflation. All being equal, with inflation and growth, the CGG should be £60,000,000 a year to equate in real terms to 2012 budget levels.

The Council annual revenue budget is £160,000,000 and debt is £400,000,000 that has a cost of £7,000,000 a year to service.

Update from Cllr Chris Watts, SBC Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

How to report a missed collection to Swindon Borough Council (SBC)

Go to SBC's website www.swindon.gov.uk

On their main home page there is a list of services that SBC provide and one of the options is "Bins, rubbish and recycling" as the main heading with a choice of options underneath. Click on "report a missed collection". This will then take you to a page where they provide a report of the rubbish collected on that day along with a list of roads which have been missed and when they will be back to collect.

In addition at the bottom of the page there is an icon to "report a missed waste or recycling collection"

Once you have clicked on the icon it will then ask you to complete a form confirming where you live and what hasn't been collected.

[Bins, rubbish and recycling](#)

- > [Your collection day](#)
- > [Book a visit to the HWRC \("the tip"\)](#)
- > [Report a missed collection](#)

[Report a missed waste or recycling collection](#) >



Keyless car theft

Keyless car theft – also known as relay theft – is relatively simple. With a relay amplifier and a relay transmitter, a thief can detect whether the car has keyless entry. Working in pairs they identify a house with a car parked nearby and one person stands by the car with a transmitter, while a second waves an amplifier around the perimeter of the house. If the car key is close enough the amplifier will detect its signal, amplify it, and send it to the accomplice's transmitter.

This transmitter then effectively becomes the key, and tricks the car into thinking the real key is nearby. The thieves can then open the car, get in and drive away.

The whole process can take as little as 60 seconds and can be completed in near silence

TOP TIPS TO AVOID KEYLESS THEFT

To avoid keyless car theft remember **DISTANCE, SIGNAL, STEERING WHEEL**.

- **KEEP KEYS A SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE CAR:** Keeping keys far away from doors and windows. This will minimise the chances a thief will be able to find and amplify the key's signal and is general good practice.
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- **STEERING WHEEL LOCK:** Consider using a steering wheel lock, a driveway parking post, or even a wheel clamp



Wilts & Berks Canal Trust - The Eastern Swindon Route

The Wilts & Berks Canal Trust is restoring the 50 miles of canal from Semington to Abingdon with its side branches in a programme to create benefits for local communities, wildlife and leisure while recognising and restoring our heritage. See our website for more information www.wbct.org.uk.

It was recognised back in the 1990s that it would be impossible to restore the canal through all of Swindon and so the grand scheme for a southern and eastern bypass was conceived. The first part of it has been built in Wichelstowe. 25 years later we are still working to develop the scheme. Here we focus on the eastern section from the crossing of the A419 near Junction 15 of the M4 to the railway line near Acorn Bridge on the A420 – a distance of 7 km.

The route selected from the options follows the Liden Brook valley for the central section and passes through the planned New Eastern Villages development of about 8,000 homes. In principle this route is protected against development by the Swindon Local Plan policy. Any other scheme which gets planning consent first takes priority over our plans except for the limited protection afforded in the local plan so we must fight hard to retain a viable and affordable scheme and eventually get our own planning consent. In the design stage we have assessed many landowners' schemes, objected to some developments, negotiated with developers and participated in two public inquiries to protect the route. One inquiry resulted in a good, reserved corridor through the proposed Lotmead Village and the other resulted in a refusal of the development which meant that the canal was not forced into a very poor and expensive route. We still have more to do.

In 2015 we presented a scheme to the borough council and parish councils that integrated the canal with flood protection for the area, which is notorious for flooding. It was rejected and each developer now must deal with their own flood risks without an overall plan. Since then a small engineering team of local volunteers has been developing the current scheme. Its detailed alignment has been changing due to the introduction of the Southern Connector Road which runs close by, the developers' plans for their new villages, the need to avoid newly discovered Roman archaeology and various other constraints. The current horizontal alignment is, we hope, finalised.

The alignment starts from a tunnel under the A419 and as it heads North and East it passes under four important roads, proposed new roads and a few farm accesses, and then crosses over several streams while avoiding the Roman remains and minimising damage to the local ecology. The southern section is partially within an AONB. The developers of the new villages prefer to locate it on the periphery of their schemes within a green corridor but this usually means it is close to or in the flood zone thus making it more difficult to build.

The canal position and level is fixed at the ends, by the tunnel under the A419 from Badbury Park and the existing canal near Acorn Bridge. We want to keep the levels down to pass under the roads without having to raise them, which is very expensive and disruptive, although we expect to have to raise The Marsh road by more than one metre. The route must pass over the watercourses whilst meeting Environment Agency requirements for clearance which tend to push the canal upwards. We already need 11 locks between the two ends and do not want to have to introduce any more.

We have three options for the stream crossings and water levels in the pounds which range from the lowest levels with some watercourses passing in and out of the canal to the highest in which the main Liden Brook is crossed on an aqueduct. We also have to consider the sources of water and how it can be managed efficiently. The engineering team is studying water resources for the whole canal but this scheme will need to contribute to the capture and storage of water in wet periods because it is so close to the summit pound. We need to engage with the EA and the local flood authority to agree on the solutions but that is easier said than done.

The Wilts & Berks was built at minimum cost so usually the waterway is narrow with a restricted towpath. We are building a modern canal for widespread use by the public and must make it safe and accessible to all. This means higher standards all round for new build sections. A minimum width of three metres for the towpath with a safety verge either side will permit use by walkers and cyclists. In urban areas or elsewhere if high usage is expected it may be wider. A proposal to make this route a national cycle path between Swindon and Wantage might also require more space. Connections to other paths and roads require accessible gradients needing more space. Slopes of cuttings and embankments will be less steep to meet modern engineering standards.

We can expect to see waterside planting of species to support wildlife and will need to provide more environmental



improvements with hedges, trees and other planting. Support for local wildlife will mean creating habitats and pathways along and across the canal for land animals and aquatic life. A complicated calculation is needed to demonstrate meeting the minimum acceptable biodiversity gain required by planning regulations.

We continue to protect and develop the route with the aim of getting an outline planning consent to protect the vision of a complete bypass around Swindon. There is much to be done, and pots of money to be found, to just get to that critical point.

In the new villages the canal will be a key feature winding through the green spaces to greatly enhance the attractiveness of the nearby homes. Despite this the trust gets little or no support from the village developers who are commercial housebuilders. This contrasts with the landowner-driven development at Wichelstowe which is proving so successful. In our consultations and discussions with the public we get a great deal of moral support. That is not going to pay the bills but the vision keeps us optimistic that it can be done. You can support our efforts by joining the trust.

Rod Hacker



Not so much an adventure more a series of BIG SHOUT OUTS

Well, what with my second granddaughter in London being diagnosed with a brain tumour it's been a pretty weird time and hard to concentrate on anything. However, before all the family drama started, we did have a simply wonderful time at the Wanborough Show. Wasn't it great? so much to see, in the ring, in the displays, so many stalls with beautiful items for sale, yummy food outlets, popular bar complete with the excellent Jazz duo and the magnificent displays from Wanborough gardeners and cooks in the Produce Tent. **Big Shout Out** to Sue Ripley and her team for bringing it all together. Even the weather behaved.

Big Breakfast Plus had a Soft Toy Tombola, face painting and games stall at the show and it provided us with a great opportunity to talk about what we do in helping to feed the hungry in Swindon. Thanks to your generosity we raised £333.30 for us to spend on food. We are very lucky to have weekly donations from Berkley Farm/10 Green Bottles and from Helen Browning Organics, but we still need more than 250 breakfast eggs a week these days.

I had a babysitting date with the two youngest granddaughters on Thursday 24 August and ably assisted by another well-known Wanborough granny honoured the Thursday Coffee morning with our presence at the Brewers. What a lively crowd and such delicious cakes much appreciated by our little ones! It was at the coffee morning we learned there was a **Big Shout Out** for dear Lorna Naseem who has been recognised for her extraordinary contribution to Wanborough life. She had been presented, of course to her surprise, with the Jack Smith trophy at the Wanborough Show given by Jack's wife Pam and daughter Claire. Without Lorna's efforts I doubt the Farmers Market would survive, or the coffee mornings be so successful. – And look how she has transformed the Lyden magazine to a much-anticipated monthly read!



We had a wonderful week's holiday in the south of France for the last week of August where we gathered with our children, their partners and the five glorious grandchildren in a beautifully appointed villa, marvellous views up in the hills and a pool to beat all expectations. It was so good we are hoping to save up enough to repeat the experience next year.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Open Garden plans for Big Breakfast due mid-September, so you'll have to make do with the attached picture. I'm delighted however that we will be at the Farmers Market to talk about Big Breakfast on the third Saturday of either October or November. Special thank you to Janet Hamshire and the volunteer team

at the community café for inviting us again.

As I'm writing I heard the news that London granddaughter has returned to her home from hospital just four days after enduring nine hours of surgery. So, I'll finish with another **Big Shout Out** this time for Great Ormond Street Hospital, known locally as GOSH. It's an extraordinary, dedicated children's hospital possibly the best in the world employing the most dedicated staff in the universe.

Until next month...

Charlotte Mannion

Charlottesmannion2020@outlook.com

TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Winter Group Tennis:

We are happy to announce Becky's Winter Session Schedules:

- Toddler tennis Mondays 10-10.30am. £5 per session
- Ladies Coaching Mondays 2-3pm
- Adult Doubles Coaching Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm
- Adult beginners Wednesdays 7.30-8.30pm
- Cardio Tennis Fridays 9:30am

Please contact Becky Watts directly on 07716 094 225 or beckyprince@live.co.uk for pricing or to book onto any of these sessions.

All Junior sessions are listed on our Website: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub>

Winter League:

The Winter League is due to start soon. Please contact the captains (Gordon Heywood or Angela Raymond) if you would like to play matches. Note: All players in the League have to be LTA Advantage members and registered with the club they are playing for.

Save The Date:

13th December is the tentative date for the 2023 Tennis Club Christmas Get Together, so block your calendars for what will be a great fun evening. Full details and final confirmation will be in the November Lyden.



Wanborough Junior Football Club

Lots of excited footballers for the start of the grassroots season and what a start it has been! The village football club now have 12 teams playing in the North Wilts Leagues with over 190 players training week in week out.



Our partnership with Swindon Town FC Community Foundation continues to thrive, as they welcomed over 100 people representing the club, for a matchday experience for Swindon's home game against Walsall.

The package not only included a training session at Foundation Park, a dominos pizza lunch but also a match ticket to watch Town win 2 – 0 at the County Ground. A great day out was had by all and the club now has our own England Flag too!

During the trip, STFC also presented the club with a signed Swindon Town shirt for us to auction.

If you would like to be placed a bid in the auction, please email secretary@wanboroughwasps.com.

If you have children interested in joining the club, or would like to support the club in any of the following areas: -

- Coaching
- Committee roles
- Sponsorship

Please contact us via email secretary@wanboroughwasps.com.

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WANBOROUGH SHOW REPORT

Well! the day started off fair, and stayed all day, sunny, not too hot, and not too windy couldn't have been better especially as the forecast had been grim.

The general response from all that I've spoken with, was that it was a great show, and they had thoroughly enjoyed it. The Childrens' entertainment went down well along with the Wildlife Display as did the Falcons, (I'm sure it's part of the act for 1 to disappear) and Steve Colley amazed all with his tricks.

Ken's Marvellous Dog Show was well supported and enjoyed by all including many regulars, lots of rosettes handed out to happy owners. The Produce Tent had the most entries for 5 years, which has cheered me no end, we had 16 New Exhibitors and in total 489 entries overall, All sections were up on last year maybe because the weather wasn't so hot and fierce.

Vehicle Display drew many admiring comments, the variety of vehicles being on parade in the central arena went down well.

Thank you, all for your support, we will be back again next year. Again please note that without the support of a willing bunch of volunteers it couldn't happen. It must also be mentioned that without the tremendous support from our sponsors the show would not have had the Free Climbing Wall, or the Surf Simulator for the Kids, (many adults would have liked a go as well, I am sure). We are really happy that we were able to provide entertainment that didn't cost a fortune in these days of rising prices and that we were able to maintain the gate prices as last year.

If you would like to give feedback, or help with either of the shows next year please, please contact me, the number is in the Lyden, I will pass you on to the appropriate teams, your input is needed and appreciated.

Sue Ripley

Wanborough Show - Children's Section

2023 was my first year running Wanborough show children's section, and what a learning curve it was! I had a wonderful time, joining the committee, meeting and working with the other members and taking on the mammoth task of the children's classes and tent. I really enjoyed putting together the classes for this year. We, on the Wanborough show committee want to keep our village show alive and thriving whilst bringing it to the modern age, keep it fresh and make it exciting for all those who take part. We want to reach the community and get as many people involved as possible.

The show day itself was fantastic. The weather was wonderful, the attendance was brilliant, and I hear the acts were amazing! I, myself, did not leave the tent all day as I was manning the children's section, and would love some help next year so that I could pop out and enter my dog in the dog show! (Please!). I loved seeing all the children's crafts, and am so grateful to Wanborough Primary for doing some of our classes in school so that we had great numbers of entries in Finger Print Fish, Mosaics and Crowns fit for the King.

What we would love to see next year is MORE, we want to see more entries in each class and more uptake. We want as many children involved as possible. We want that tent to buzz with activity and creativity. So what I would really love is input and help:

- ◆ Do you have any ideas for children's classes that would get more children involved?
- ◆ Do you have an hour or two to help set up or keep an eye on the tent on show day?
- ◆ Do you run a children's group or class that could get involved?
- ◆ Do your children want to get involved next year but don't know how to?

Get in touch! All ideas are welcome to help keep our show and children's tent going strong. The children are the future, and we would like to keep that future as creative, imaginative and environmentally conscious as possible. Wanborough show is just a small way in which they can showcase those talents.

Beth Hoye





Wanborough Show

Loveday & Loveday Perpetual

Highest points in Section

Jack Newson Perpetual

Second Highest points in Section

Greatfield Nurseries

Best exhibit in Sections

N J Dowden Perpetual

Best Ve

Wanborough Herb Nursery Perpetual

Best Herb

Ashley Roberts Perpetual

Best Flo

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Roy Kent Memorial Challenge

Highest points

Jean Kent Perpetual

Best Vase o

JR Bell -

Best Exhibit f

Trish Emms Perpetual Challenge

Best Exh

St Andrews Flower

Best Exh

Church Meadow Perpetual

Second high

Wanborough Show Cake

Best Fruit

Jubilee Perpetual Challenge

Best Exhibit in Arts

well done to all

How Trophy Winners

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Adrian Dent

Sections A, B & C (Veg, Fruit & Flowers)

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Susan Dent

Sections A, B & C (Veg, Fruit & Flowers)

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Adrian Dent

Sections A, B & C (Veg, Fruit & Flowers)

Perpetual Challenge Plate - Adrian Dent

Vegetable in Show

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Adrian Dent

Collection in Show

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Jane Whitaker

Flower in the Show

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Susan Dent

Peas or Sweet Peas

Perpetual Challenge Cup – Heather Coventry

Dahlia Exhibit

Perpetual Challenge Plate – Adrian Dent

Flowers in Section C (Flowers)

Perpetual Challenge Plate – Susan Dent

Perennial Flowers

Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Trish Newman

From a New Exhibitor

Perpetual Challenge Plate – Angela Raymond

Exhibit in Cookery

Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Liz Leckie

Exhibit in Floral Art

Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Trish Newman

Best points in Cookery

Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Katie Blake

Best Cake in Cookery

Perpetual Challenge Trophy – Jane Pattison

Arts and Crafts - Classes 86-98

All our prize winners





Bishopstone and District Garden Club

What a great day at the Garden Club Annual Show!. An abundance of entries for all the categories creating a wonderful display of fruit, vegetables, flowers, plants, floral art plus all the cookery, preserves, crafts and photography. The children came up trumps with all their artworks, so many it made the judges job very tricky to decide winners. The result - a hall full of delights and refreshments for all who came to browse and check out the winning exhibits. With the trophies awarded for the various classes it was time for people to glean what they wanted from the remaining exhibits (for a donation to the club of course!)

Well done to all those who entered, it couldn't have happened without you, and a big thank you to all the helpers and especially the judges.

We hope to see you all again for next years event plus any friends and neighbours you can encourage to take part - more competition is always welcome!



Diary Dates

Friday 13th October Quiz and Chilli Supper Night in Bishopstone Village Hall

Come and join us at our annual Quiz Night, this has become an ever popular evening of fun, good food, plenty of playful rivalry and banter! Enjoy a wonderful Chilli Supper (vegetarian option available) and an amazing selection of Home Made Puds. Prizes for the winning team and the lowest score as well as some great Raffle Prizes (cash only)

Everyone is welcome so get your team of six together, decide on your name and book your table. If you haven't got a team just let us know and we will find you one. Bring your own drinks and nibbles

£12.50 per person. Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start.

Please book in advance for catering purposes from Chris Thomas 01793 790132, Sue Dent 01793790246 or Marion Peck 01793791001

See you all there.

Wednesday 15th November in Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm : Jane Pearson Design : 'Room with a View Practical Workshop'

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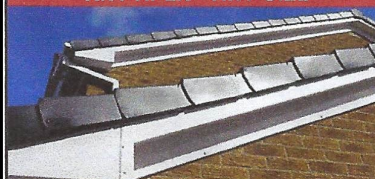
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Wanborough Primary School

It has been a hot start to the new year academic year at Wanborough.

Reception: We welcomed 29 new children to Wanborough, many of whom have siblings at the school. Our topic has been 'All About Me' with a focus on settling in, rules and routines. We have learnt about feelings and discussed who's in our family.

Year 1: Our topic is Australia. We are learning about the location, climate and animals. In Science we are learning about the seasons, in Art we have been studying Aboriginal Art, and in English we have been focusing on descriptions in our writing and Performance Poetry.

Year 2: Our topic is Hot and Cold Places. We have been learning about Tinga Tinga Art and the artist Edward Saidi Tingatinga. In Music we are focusing on rhythm and pulse and in PE we are learning dances from different countries.

Year 3: Our topic is Anglo-Saxons and we are reading the classic book 'Beowulf the Brave'. In Art we are learning about Christopher Wren – his style of art and famous buildings. In Science we are learning about forces and magnets.

Year 4: Our topic is Romans – we are learning about the founding of Rome, its location and the importance of the Roman Army. In Science we are exploring states of matter – solids, liquid and gases.

Year 5: Our topic is Road Trip USA. The class book we are reading 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have been learning about Andy Warhol in Art. In Science we are learning about Earth and Space, identifying and classifying planets.

Year 6: Our topic is Britain at War looking at WW1 and WW2, focusing on Life in Britain. Year 6 have been looking at rationing and recipes as well as making their own burgers. In Art we are studying Monet. In Science we are looking at Light and Electricity.

Music: The genre of music we are listening to is Country Music. In Singing Assembly we are practising Harvest songs.

Clubs: At Wanborough, the teachers and teaching assistants put on a variety of clubs at lunchtime and after school. This term the clubs are Tuck Cookery, Sewing, Gardening, Mini-Movers, Football, Zumba, Board Games, Mindfulness Colouring and Yoga.

Young Carers: We now have 15 Young Carers in the school who help care for either parents, siblings or other family members. We hold regular, fun Young Carer sessions which include, cooking, playing games, treasure hunts and craft.

If you would like any more information about Wanborough Primary School please take a look at our website www.wanboroughprimary.org

Rachel Hingley

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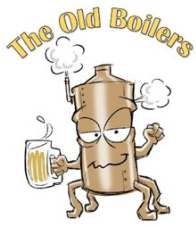
We moved to Kite Hill in 1986, then to Rotton Row in 1996 and have never left since. A lot of you have known us Hunts for many years and many of you also already know that our family had a particularly tough time last Christmas and New Year when our newly born grandson, Benjamin was taken seriously ill.

We're so happy to say that we are now in a much better place and Baby Benjamin is doing well, defying all the odds, a true little fighter!

Our son Robert and his wife Abby are so incredibly grateful for the support they received at Bristol Children's Hospital. This has inspired Rob to undertake the challenge of walking the 87-mile Ridgeway National Trail in 3 days, he is aiming to raise £5000 through sponsorship and our fund-raising afternoon. The money raised will fund vital life-saving equipment to give babies like Benjamin the best chance of not just survival but to live a normal happy and healthy life. The difference this additional equipment will make to the hospital is substantial and truly life changing, and we would be so grateful for any support received.

Kindest wishes

Linda and Tim Hunt



Winchester Christmas shopping trip 2023

On the 25th November the Old Boilers will be repeating our highly popular Xmas shopping trip to Winchester Christmas Market in the grounds of Winchester Cathedral

Taking place from 17th November – 21st December, Winchester Cathedral's Christmas Market is renowned for its bustling atmosphere, stunning location and handpicked high-quality exhibitors, which attracts visitors from around the world each year who come to shop at the pretty wooden chalets, situated within the historic grounds.

The wooden chalets are inspired by traditional German Christmas Markets, and combined with the festive lighting, the sound of Christmas carols and the aroma of mulled wine and cinnamon drifting in the air, visitors will be transported into a festive setting to purchase their Christmas gifts and take in the atmosphere.

For those in search of an authentic Christmas experience, the Cathedral is at the heart of the City's celebration, with its many Christmas services, carol concerts, and other events.

Coach will leave the Village Hall at 09:30am and New Calley Arms at 09:35am. Returning from Winchester at 4pm. Tickets are £11 (including transaction fees). Tickets available from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/the-old-boilers> (or use the QR code here).

John Basevi



Short story - Thursday Morning

"She doesn't like cake," said the child in pink. "I know she doesn't. She's my sister"

The smaller child, smiling through crumbs, was holding a fistful of cupcake, and licking purposefully at the thick layer of icing on top, picking her way through the hundreds and thousands in bright, bright colours.

Such a pity they'd forgotten the plain biscuits in the Tupperware container, thought the granny. All the other essentials were heaped under the pushchair: books, drinker, wet wipes, but the emergency biscuits had of course been left on the kitchen table in the rush to be ready.

Well, not exactly a rush, since this day had already been unwinding itself since the six o'clock buzzing of the alarm, but if not rush, then confusion, let us say. Or chaos. Still, all seemed calm for the moment: two children silenced by sugar, and two grannies gratefully sipping coffee, wondering whether either of them dared leave these dangerously kicking little legs, to go and chat to grownups in the real world.

Yes, one could go, and one could stay. Sticker books, after all, might last for five minutes. Or even ten with persuasion and the right encouraging noises. "Oh that's BEAUTIFUL!" And in an emergency, the pack of coloured post it notes and two wax crayons would surely come in useful.

They did. They came in very useful. It was a spelling lesson, of course, thought the granny who sat there, in charge. "We could each have a name badge!" she said brightly.

"Got one", said the pink child. "Look".

"Well perhaps we could make one for everyone else then. Look, here's a nice lady"

And even better. This smiling lady's name has only four letters. Success.

The clock ticks. Giggle giggle. Scribble scribble. Stick stick. The waiting granny now looks like a Christmas tree, decorated in bright post it squares. Pretty patterns crayoned on them. Or were they words? Were they the same words as on the two sticky squares waiting face down on the chair, a booby trap for the other granny to sit on?

Take a moment, grannies everywhere. It is a delusion if you think you will keep a six year old child quiet and content with letters and spelling, and names. What a child in the first flush of joy in writing REALLY wants to do is to write a rude word over and over again and then collapse into delighted giggles.

The post it notes were such a good idea. Remember to bring them next time. And never mind the biscuits. We know what children want.



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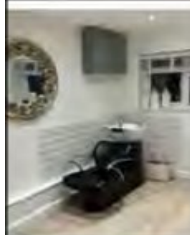
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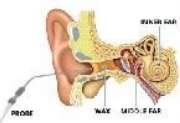
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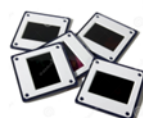
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