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Dear Friends

This is a busy time for the churches in the benefice. First of all, we have the service for All Saints and All Souls, which will be at All Saints, Liddington, on Sunday 29th October at 10.30. The next big event is Remembrance Sunday, which will be at St Andrew's, Wanborough, at 10.30 on Sunday 12th November. Both of these are always significant moments in the life of the church and of a community, so it will be great to see lots of people at these special services.

The other notable thing happening currently in the benefice at the moment is behind the scenes but it is still very important. We currently have two PCCs (the Parochial Church Council is the body responsible for making sure a church is running properly!) across four churches but are exploring coming into one, responsible for Wanborough, Liddington, Bishopstone and Hinton Parva. It means fewer volunteers needed to fill positions and the opportunity to share resources and collaborate.

As we're already doing this in lots of ways, it makes sense to streamline this, too. Please be aware, we are still only exploring this, it has not been decided yet!

The catch is that we need a name. We can't use anything with Ridgeway, because that is already taken, and the same goes for Icknield. We are currently looking at options that include "The Villages" but no decision has been made. United Villages sounds like a football team, while Villages Unified sounds like a maths term! If you have a suggestion, or would like to contribute to the discussion, please either email me (curate@wroughton.com), talk to a church member or come to the service on a Sunday to chat with us. We are gathering ideas until our next joint PCC meeting, on the 27th of November, so that is how long you have to come up with a great idea!

Kind regards
Revd. Chris Hunter

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01793 814987

A prayer for times of change:

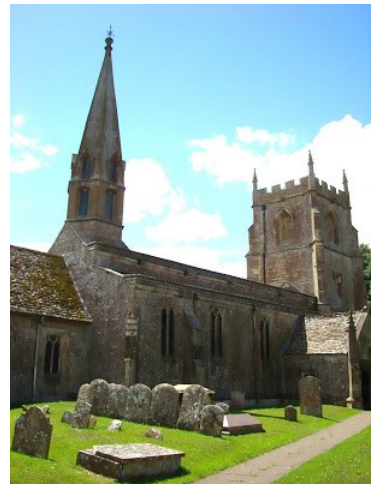
God, who is unchanging:

Help us when new things come our way.

Give us patience with what we don't understand,
give us wisdom to make good choices
and give us courage not to look back
thinking of what might have been.

We ask this in your holy name.

Amen.



Church Services November 2023

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

Date	Time	Church
Sunday 29 th October	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington
Sunday 5 th November	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva
Sunday 12 th November	10.30am	St Andrew's, Wanborough (Remembrance Sunday)
Sunday 19 th November	10.30am	St Mary's, Bishopstone
Sunday 24 th November	10.30am	All Saints', Liddington



The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, Bishop of Bristol, is delighted to announce that Revd Steve Paynter has been appointed as the next Rector of Lyddington and Wanborough, Bishopstone with Hinton Parva. Bishop Viv says: *"I am delighted that Steve will be the next Rector of Lyddington and Wanborough, Bishopstone with Hinton Parva. He brings a wealth of experience from his ministry in London, where he has worked with all ages and connected with the community. I know that the villages will give a warm welcome to Steve and Jennie."*

Revd Steve grew up in Hampton Middlesex, studied Physics at Bath University before teaching in Wellsway School, Keynsham, for four years. He studied theology at Trinity College, Bristol, before being ordained in 1989. He served his curacy in Nailsea and then moved to Farnborough in Hampshire before taking up his post as the Vicar of the Parish of Ealing.

Steve says: *"I look forward to joining the communities of Lyddington and Wanborough, Bishopstone with Hinton Parva in their worship and service of God, to begin to get to know them and find out what God is doing among them, and through them, and where that might lead us in the future. Just as these communities formed around sources of fresh water flowing from the Downs, so I pray that our ministry may open up new channels for God's life-giving Spirit to flow into these places and its people."*

Steve's special interests are mountain walking, cycling, sailing, bee keeping and virtually all things to do with the natural world. He has served as the Creation Care Lead in the Willesden Area of London for the past few years. He is married to Jennie and has four grown up sons: Jono, Dan, Matt and Luke and one enchanting granddaughter Lily.

Dates for your Diary - November 2023

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 1 st November	Liddington Parish Council meeting	6.30pm	Liddington Village Hall
Mon 6 th November	All Saints Coffee Morning	10.30am	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 15 th November	Gardening Club		Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 18 th November	All Saints American Supper	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Sat 18 th November	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 18 th November	Quiz night	7pm	Hinton Parva Village Hall
Thurs 23 rd November	Craft Fair	6pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Sat 25 th November	The Old Boilers, Winchester Xmas Market	9.30am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 25 th November	Ward Councillor Surgery	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 27 th November	Wanborough Parish Council Meeting	7.30pm	Wanborough 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
Sat 9 th December	All Saints Church – Xmas Bazaar		Liddington Village Hall
Friday 15 th December	Christmas event (Madrigal Singers)	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 20 th December	Community Carols around the Xmas Tree	6pm	Wanborough 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

For various reasons our numbers dwindled recently. Recruitment in October produced one new ringer, but we could have done with at least 3 or 4 more. The recruitment board has been outside Wanborough Church recently, and a recruitment session was held at Liddington recently. If anyone is interested in learning to ring, this is the time to come along and have a go. Contact me, Tony Pullan, to arrange your belfry tour, see what is involved, and have a first handling session. These can take place at Wanborough or Liddington churches.

In addition to our regular Friday night practices, visiting ringers and extra seasonal ringing by local ringers in November are as follows:

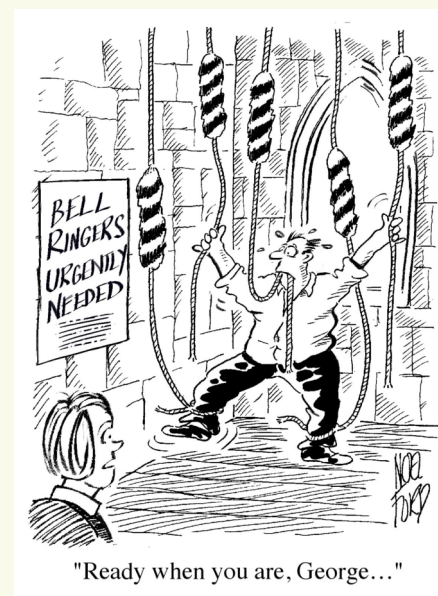
Monday 6 November: 6.00 pm at Wanborough. A quarter peal by a local band

Sunday 12 November: 12.00 noon at Wanborough. A quarter peal to mark Remembrance Sunday

Monday 13 November: 7.30 - 9.00 pm at Wanborough. Ringers from Swindon Branch will meet here to practice

Thursday 30 November: 7.30 pm at Wanborough. Special ringing to celebrate St Andrew's Day

Tony Pullan
Tower Captain





Wanborough Farmer's Market

We are looking forward to the Farmer's market on the 18th November. It's nearly Christmas and a good chance to pick up some interesting items for your gifts. Tracey Baker Stewart a well known, amazing artist will be attending to draw your portraits, what an idea for a gift .

Mei's Homemade Asian Gourmet Sauces, will also be tempting us with her wonderful dumplings, cooked to order !

Hinton Marsh Farm with their local meats and Helen Browning Organics, will be offering their lovely products and organic vegetables.

Pete's Organic sourdough (bring cash) with his, still warm from the oven, bread, alongside Cakes by Trish, Vicmakes Macrame, Paul Karpinsky, artist, are all coming and many more.

Check them out on Instagram or better still come and meet them in person and all the other traders.

Parking available at the Harrow who are also serving breakfast.

Ben Bryant our wonderful local guitarist will be providing the perfect background for your shopping and your coffee and cake.

Look on our Farmer's market Facebook page for details of all traders who will be attending .

Look forward to seeing you on the 18th November.

Lorna Naseem

07903 210 505 or lornanaseem@gmail.com

Community Café - Farmer's Market

Every 10 seconds, Samaritans responds to a call for help - not only for the moment of crisis, they're taking action to *prevent* the crisis.

They are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure. They offer listening and support to people and communities in times of need. In prisons, schools, hospitals and on the rail network, Samaritans are working with people who are going through a difficult time and training others to do the same.



Every life lost to suicide is a tragedy, and Samaritans' vision is that fewer people die by suicide. That's why they work tirelessly to reach more people and make suicide prevention a priority. The Swindon and District branch has around 110 listening volunteers and around 20 support volunteers who live and work across our area – from Faringdon, Lechlade and Cricklade to Marlborough, Devizes and Pewsey and all the surrounding areas in between.

And we'll be supporting them at the monthly Coffee Morning on November 18th.



Come for coffee, cake, chat, connection - and support our local branch of Samaritans.

****(And if you would like to be part of the Coffee morning team, please, please get in touch with either Lorna or myself – we could do with an extra hand from time to time!)*

Thanks,

Jo Pearse (07780718880)

We all know the expression 'good samaritan', referring to someone who has gone the extra mile to help a person in distress. The term derives from the story told in the bible about a man who'd been robbed, beaten up and left for dead by the roadside. Passers by avoided him until a stranger took pity on him, showed compassion and helped him by getting him to a place where he could recover. So that's where the charity 'Samaritans' got its name...

Dog Fouling

Dog fouling - whether loose or bagged is offensive, disgusting and a potential hazard which seems to have increased substantially in Wanborough, especially on grassed areas be it public or private.

Nine out of ten dog owners clean up after their dog but clearly there are a few that don't, especially late at night when walking their dog in the dark.

There is no such thing as the dog poo fairy so please be thoughtful and pick up after your dog.

Resident from the village



New Parish Councillors

At the full council meeting on 25th September, two new Parish Councillors were co-opted. We are pleased to welcome Debra Maslin and Martin Rowley to life as a Parish Councillor. We thought this would be a nice opportunity to allow Debra and Martin to introduce themselves to you and explain what has motivated them to step forward and take on the opportunity of the Wanborough Parish Councillor role:

Debra Maslin

My name is Debra Maslin and I moved to Wanborough in 1984 with my family to live in my husband's family home on Kite Hill. We brought up our 2 sons here and apart from a period of travelling I have never wanted to leave the village.

After a great deal of thought I decided to seek co-option onto the Parish Council. This decision was made after the 2 years of disruption we have been and continue to suffer due to the commencement of the NEV and the construction of the SCR. I feel village life has been eroded and wanted to try to restore our way of life. Also, to ensure villagers' thoughts and wishes are listened to and acted upon.



Martin Rowley

I was born near Ealing, and raised in Maidenhead, Berkshire. I went to school at Desborough School in Maidenhead completing sixth form and A levels. I then declined an offer to attend Leeds University preferring to go straight out to work.

My career was pre-dominantly in the telecoms industry. Initially at BT and then with Vanderhoff Plc. After Vanderhoff there was a short spell in retailing, again in telecommunications and in 1992, Trevor Grove and I formed Comec Voice & Data Ltd which we ran successfully for 30 years until we sold the company to investors, just prior to Covid.

I am married to Sally and we have lived in the village for approximately 10 years now. I have two adult daughters one of which is a midwife at GWH.

Being a great advocate of keeping Wanborough a village environment for as long as we can, in the past few years I have raised the money for Olive's bench at Hoopers. Raised the money for the defibrillator at The Plough and Trevor and I personally donated the defibrillator for Foxhill.

I passionately believe the Parish is not making the most of the assets at its disposal and feel we could do so much more with my contribution and support.

Highways

Swindon Borough Council have notified us of temporary road closures due to take place in November in the village. At time of submission of this article the dates are:

Notice of temporary road closure – The Marsh, Wanborough

This Order is being introduced for OPENREACH works and will impose a restriction on driving on The Marsh at the junction with Burycroft. Traffic to be diverted via High Street, Church Road, Pack Hill, The Marsh and vice versa. The Order comes into force on the 9 November 2023 for 12 months, but it is anticipated the works are taking place on the 9 November 2023 between the times of 9:30 to 15:30 hours.

Notice of temporary road closure – Rotten Row, Wanborough

This Order is being introduced for THAMES WATER works and will impose a restriction on driving on Rotten Row between Orchard Close and College Gardens. Traffic to be diverted via Kite Hill, Church Road, Un-named road between Church Road and Callas Hill/High Street Junction and High Street. The Order comes into force on the 8 November 2023 for 6 months, but it is anticipated the works are taking place on the 8 to 11 November 2023.

Notice of temporary road closure – King Edward Road, Wanborough

This Order is being introduced for OPENREACH works and will impose a restriction on driving on King Edwards Road between the junctions of Ham Road and the Ridgeway. Traffic to be diverted via Ham Road, Church Road, Callas Hill and the Ridgeway. The Order comes into force on the 13 November 2023 for 6 months, but it is anticipated the works are taking place on the 13 to 15 November 2023.

Hooper's Field

By the time this is in print the CCTV should have been installed at Hooper's Field. This will hopefully act as a deterrent but will also assist with any issues should we have the misfortune to be targeted at the Pavilion.

Footpaths and Village Maintenance

Our Village Handyman continues to work his way through cutting back the village footpaths. This time of year, as the growing

season comes to an end he will be focusing on preparations for winter including leaf clearance. Kite Hill being one of the key footpaths to be cleared of leaf matter. Please do continue to report any issues with footpaths or any village maintenance issues to the Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors.

Church Meadow Playground Fencing

The fencing has now been installed around the play equipment at Church Meadow. This should eliminate the issue of dog fouling by the play equipment which was a commonly reported issue.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Monday 27th November 2023 at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend.



Sarah Hardwick – Clerk to Wanborough Parish Council.

Parish Website www.wanborough.info Clerk's email clerk@wanborough.info Clerk's telephone number 07588 769829

Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update - Gary Sumner:

Ward Surgery is 25th November 9-10.30 at Wanborough Village Hall.

The Marsh: It was a relief to see The Marsh opened on the 6th October after a two year closure. I've been contacted by residents already about whether restrictions can be put in place to stop HGV's using it as a cut through and I've agreed with the Head of Highways that additional signage is put on Wanborough Road and Pack Hill to remind delivery lorries heading to Redlands Grove that this is not the permitted route. Deliveries to businesses within The Marsh would of course be allowed.

Southern Connector Road: There should be a separate SBC statement in this issue [page 13] to update residents as I have had numerous meetings with the Cabinet Member for Highways and the Head of Highways on the difficult situation following Buckingham Group entering Administration.

Liddington Village Clean Up: About 15 of us spent a productive morning, cleaning road signs and clearing overgrown brambles blocking the view of signs. We cut a hedge alongside Purley Road blocking the pavement, cleaned the pedestrian crossing safety bollards, cleared litter around the village and were then given tea and bacon rolls by The Village Inn which was very welcome. Thanks to all those who joined.

Wanborough Road: I have requested a programme of works so that both the Parish Council and I are aware of what to expect in terms of traffic lights and time to complete the works. I spoke to the Streetworks Manager and he agreed that the previous practice of having lights up whilst no work was being done was excessive and he told Conlon to remove them and to notify myself and the Parish when they are to be up.

Kite Hill: Drainage and gas pipe works have been completed and by the time this edition is delivered Kite Hill will have been resurfaced from the top down to Jenner Close.

Ham Road: There will be a couple of days of road closure in November for some Thames Water and Openreach works.

The Hollow: Road closure for Openreach 13th to 15th November.

The Marsh: One day closure 9th November for Openreach to connect premises to fibre.

Rotten Row: Closure from 8th to 10th November for Thames Water to connect a new house.

Refuse/Recycling Collections: It seems to be that not a week goes by that I'm contacted by residents about missed plastics or garden waste. The council made a statement in the last issue and gave guidance about reporting missed collections, however as they have been so sporadic residents will often find they can't report after 48hrs. Let me know if this happens and I can contact the waste managers directly to resolve.

Gigabit Fibre Update:

I've had confirmation that the works in Liddington and Medbourne Lane are complete and that they are in the commissioning phase so by time of publication they will be able to order service.

Police Drop in at Wanborough Village Hall: I booked the village hall on the 27th September and a number of residents joined for advice on crime (very low in the villages), video doorbells, faraday pouches for car keys, leaving a light or two on at home when you're out (particularly in the winter) and locking vehicles, garages and sheds. I also asked them to join the regular coffee mornings (which they did) and they will drop in for my Ward Surgeries when available. They had also done a Speed-watch session on Wanborough Road with 50 cars stopped and given words of advice including 17 who got tickets.

Please call me on 01793 790814 or email me: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

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Liddington Parish Council

LIDDINGTON VILLAGE CLEAN UP

The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers who turned out to help at the village clean-up on Saturday 7th October 2023. The sun shone and about 15 volunteers spent a couple of hours collecting rubbish, clearing and cleaning and cutting back vegetation – followed by bacon rolls and coffee at The Village Inn!

A big thank you to Adam and his team at the Village Inn for kindly donating the refreshments to those volunteers who helped on the day.

We hope everyone can see an improvement and look forward to more joining us again at the next Village clean-up. Here are some before and after photos to show some of the hard work that took place on the day;

Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 1st November 2023 please note the earlier start time of 6:30pm, this is now the new meeting start time going forward, in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Please note the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.00 pm in the Main Hall.

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



**Saturday 25th November
from 7:00 p.m**

@ Liddington Village Hall

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Live music with Ode & the Bepops

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"American Supper"~ Licensed Bar

+

Raffle



Join us for an evening of live music and dancing with Ode & the Bepops (of village fête fame).

Plus we'll be hosting an "American Supper" (as it's Thanksgiving time!!)
(This is where you bring some food to share with others. When you register we'll organise with you what to bring.)

Entry by ticket only: £10 per adult / £5 per child; 20% discount for family of four or more.

All proceeds go towards the maintenance of All Saints, Liddington.

For tickets & more information:

email: american.supper@btinternet.com Tel: Mandy 791396



Liddington Village Hall

The Village Hall committee would like to hear from villagers with suggestions for village events at the Village Hall. We are keen to widen the range of events to attract as many people as we can to attend events.

The Hall is looking for someone to take over the role of booking administration. Bookings are made via an online app and so some knowledge of using software will be helpful. Anyone who might be interested and would like to know more, please email lvhbooking@liddington.org for further details and to discuss the role.

Finally, a date for diaries. The Village Hall Christmas event, which will include the Madrigal singers from Bristol University, will be on Friday 15th December starting at 7pm. Tickets will be available from mid November,

Matthew Bowman (Chairman)



Liddington 100 Club

The winner for September is Margaret Goldie - congratulations Margaret.

I am now sending out requests for 2023/24 memberships therefore if you are not already a member and would like to be please email me and I will send you a membership form. Please ask your friends and relations as there is a £50 prize every month. Caroline

Lyden Magazine - Subscriptions

A reminder for all residents living in Liddington Parish, next year's subscriptions will be due for payment very soon. Please note the annual charge is £12. Many thanks

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Wanborough Primary School

This month, the children have taken on a sponsored walk / run around the running track to raise funds for Julia's House Hospice, the charity for which we painted a 'Swinpup' named Sir Wagalot (which was on show in the Central Library in addition to the larger Swindogs located around Swindon as part of The Big Dog Art Trail). The children dressed in blue, pink and orange (the logo colours of Julia's House) and had a great time being cheered on by other classes. Assistant Head Teacher, Miss Watts was interviewed by Sue Davies on BBC Wiltshire about the school's involvement.



We held our twice yearly 'What's Under Your Feet' day, where each class removed a 30cm square of turf to explore and record the number of creatures living in the soil. This activity is repeated in Spring and Autumn each year by various schools around the country and the results are recorded so that patterns of change can be monitored. This scheme is run by the British Trust for Ornithology

For European Day of Languages on 26th September, we were lucky to have a number of visitors who read stories to us, taught us some useful phrases and explained things about their languages. The languages we learned about were: Welsh, Punjabi, Polish, Czech, Afrikaans and Hindi. Most of the visitors were parents of children at school, plus Mrs Evans, a former teacher and governor who works with Year 6. We are very grateful to them all for giving us their time, the children and staff found it very interesting.

The NSPCC visited the school and talked with Year 5 and 6 about keeping themselves safe and who to contact if they are worried or need help. This talk emphasised topics covered within PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Emotional) lessons at school.

Harvest Festival was held at school and we were fortunate to be visited by the Reverend Chris Hunter. We sang some upbeat Harvest Songs such as Harvest Samba and Cauliflowers Fluffy! The children were very generous with donations of tins, jars, bottles, cartons and packets for the Swindon Food Collective a charity which aims to reduce the impact of food poverty on people in crisis in the Swindon area.

Reception enjoyed dressing up like pirates for 'Talk like a pirate day'. They have been talking about and drawing pictures of their families, and sharing their baby photos.

Year 1 decorated boomerangs in the style of Aboriginal art and learnt about Dreamtime stories – the foundation of Aboriginal religion and culture.

Year 2 were the first to go on their class trip, enjoying a day at Cotswold Wildlife Park. The children had a great day learning about animals from hot and cold countries and their different habitats. They even had time to go to the playground and for a train ride around the park.

Year 3 enjoyed learning more about Anglo Saxons. They created Anglo Saxon houses from cardboard, and they also made delicious Honey Shortbread.

Year 4 have been making Roman armour and weapons. They used these to march with then practised different Roman army formations including wedge, testudo and repel.

Year 5 have made amazing models of the solar system which have filled the classroom. In Science, the class discussed the ideas of flat Earth and spherical Earth whilst investigating the evidence from each viewpoint.

Year 6 created beautiful paintings representing Flanders' Fields as part of their topic, Britain at War. They have been learning about life in the trenches and wrote diaries as soldiers of the time. The children created art based on impressionism during their study of Monet. In computing, they learnt how to code and debug.

Young Carers have enjoyed spending time together with a drink and a snack, playing games and planning the activities they would like to do for the year - this included a Scavenger Hunt around the school finding 20 different items. Over half term the Young Carers had the opportunity to attend the Mayor Of Swindon's Fairground for Young Carers which she held in lieu of the annual Civic Dinner. This included free rides, food and a drink.

The PTA organised a collection of second-hand clothing and raised a fabulous £295 with 'Rags2Riches'. The next collection date is 5th February 2024.

Reception Class Open Day will be held on Monday 6th and 20th November 1.45- 2.45. Please contact the school to book at admin@wanboroughprimary.org

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

Rachel Hingley



One of the most popular elements of scouting for all ages is spending time away from home and doing things not normally on offer.

In September, the Beavers and the Cubs from 1st Wanborough had the chance to do this.

First off, 21 Beavers spent the weekend at PGL in Liddington. The weather was kind to them and the children got to try out a variety of activities. These included such things as crate stacking, where they had to stand on the crates as they stacked them ever higher whilst being suspended from a rope! They also got to have a go at archery and zoom down a zip wire!

No scouting activity would be complete without a campfire, which they also got to do, plus they played some team games in the evenings. Many badge elements were covered and the children all went home very happy if not exhausted.

Following on from this 22 Cubs had a camp in Horpit along with some other Cubs from 1st Wroughton.

The Cubs got to camp outdoors under canvas, learn the countryside code on a 6-mile walk around the local area, cook marshmallows on an open fire, sing songs and also do archery.

The camp was a great success and the girls and boys were able to make friends from the other packs whilst enjoying the fresh air. Thankfully for all concerned, it stayed dry the entire time.

Events such as these are a great time for the children to try out new skills they wouldn't otherwise get to try. In order to make the best use of these times it helps to have adult helpers, as well as leaders, who can impart their knowledge to young and eager minds.

If you have any skills that you think the children would be interested in learning and you can spare some time to teach them, on a camp or in an evening, please do contact the Scout group as they would be pleased to hear from you.

If you think you can help, contact the group by email at contact@1stwanborough.org.uk

Henry Tucker



TENNIS CLUB UPDATE

Christmas Club Get Together: Wednesday 13 December

We are delighted to inform all of our club members that we have scheduled our club Christmas Do for Wednesday 13 December 7:30pm at the Brewers Arms, Wanborough.

There will be a Christmas Special Menu (with 2 courses) for the price of £22.00

Starters

Mild curried parsnip soup
Traditional prawn cocktail
Mushrooms on toasted bread

Mains

Mild spiced vegetable tagine
Pork steak served with creamy mash
Seafood risotto
Chicken Milanese

Followed by

Teas and coffees.

Please sign up on the Clubhouse list, or email Wendy on wanboroughmembers@gmail.com to reserve your place. We look forward to seeing many of our members there!

Susan Chapman



Lyden Magazine

If you would like to submit an article to be included in next month's Lyden, then please e-mail your contribution to the Lyden by the 14th of the month prior to the following month. (by 14th November for December's magazine)

Lydenmagazine@gmail.com We are always keen to hear from you.



This year, Freedom Church Wiltshire are supporting Operation Christmas Child, run by Samaritans Purse whose mission is to “show God’s love in a tangible way to children in need around the world...”. Shoeboxes are filled with toys and gifts for children of varying ages and are sent out to them for Christmas.

If you would like to join us in this, there are two ways you can help. Either, by having a shoebox and filling it yourself (you can either use an ordinary shoebox and wrap it in Christmas paper or we can provide you with a ready made box). There are suggestions on the Samaritans Purse website as to what is appropriate to put in the boxes and how to pack them: - <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Ready made shoeboxes are available after 13th October from Elaine (contact details below).

Alternatively, if you do not wish to fill a whole box, you may donate individual items and we can use them to make up additional boxes. If you are a knitter, perhaps you could knit a bobble hat or some gloves. If you are a sewing bee, perhaps a doll or a game? A wood turner- perhaps a toy?

We are aiming to fill 24 boxes and donations need to be with us by Friday 10th November. You can drop them off at Wanborough village hall on Sunday, 5th November between 10am and 10.30am or we can possibly make arrangements to pick them up. If you have any further questions, the Samaritans Purse website is very helpful or you can call Elaine on 07923 975712. Thank you for helping us make a child’s Christmas special.

Freedom Church is part of the Free Methodist Church meets each 1st and 3rd Sunday in Wanborough village hall. 10:10am for refreshments and 10:30am start.

In a world that is increasingly confusing we believe that only God can help us to make sense of life. Knowing His son Jesus makes all the difference and can bring peace, joy and hope into your life. If you would like to chat over a coffee/beer please contact Lou on 07548371982 or visit our website www.freedomchurchwiltshire.co.uk



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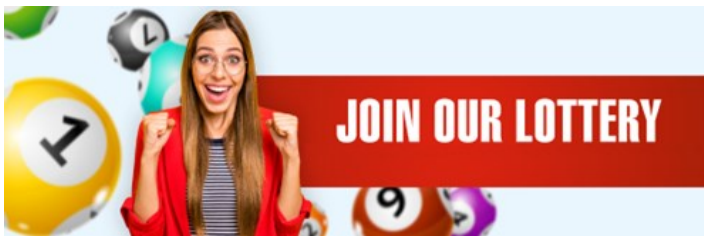
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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LUCKY WINNERS OF THE OCTOBER DRAW.

1st Prize £40.00 BALL #8 Becky Watts
2nd PRIZE £24.00 BALL #19 Jane Flew
3rd PRIZE £16.00 BALL #28 Gordon Heywood

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New road to undergo final safety checks following collapse of contractor

A brand-new road which will provide a link between the 8,000-home New Eastern Villages (NEV) and Commonhead roundabout is likely to open in the spring after the company that built it went into administration.



Buckingham Group called in administrators Grant Thornton last month shortly after completing the new Southern Connector Road for Swindon Borough Council.

However, despite building the road, the company was not able to complete the necessary safety and technical checks in line with the contract for the scheme before its collapse. This includes any remedial works and other adjustments needed before the road can be opened to the public.

The Council is now currently in discussions with the administrators to ensure all legal aspects of the contract are finalised and that the road meets the required standards before it is opened to the public.

Over the next few months, the Council will carry out its own technical checks to ensure the road meets the necessary nationally recognised standards and will continue to meet the needs of the local community for decades to come.

Further adjustments at the southern end of the road near the junction with Pack Hill also need to be carried out, including further signage and additional works to the embankments. These activities are planned to commence before the end of the year and we will aim to keep disruption to local traffic to a minimum while these works are carried out.

Diligent work to protect the archaeology, ecology and natural landscape around the Southern Connector Road will also continue as planned, including attention on the tree planting in the area.

The Council is working as quickly as possible to get the new road reopened and earlier this month, Pack Hill, Wanborough Road, and access to The Marsh were all opened up to traffic to benefit local residents and motorists.

Councillor Chris Watts, Swindon Borough Council's Cabinet Member for the Environment and Transport, said: "The collapse of Buckingham came completely out of the blue and meant we were not able to open the road as quickly as we would have liked.

"Fortunately for the Council, and local taxpayers, the new road had been built so we were not left with an unfinished road and many of the issues that would have come with it.

"However, with no contractor in place, we now have to complete a lot of quality assurance to make sure the road is fit for purpose. This may involve remedial works and we know we already have to carry out work to the embankments near Pack Hill. There will also be lots of tree planting and ecology work that still needs to take place.

"The good news is that we have recently been able to reopen The Marsh, which will hopefully help local residents and businesses, and we will be working as hard as we can to get the new road open as soon as we can."



Not so much an adventure...

Well, I'm sorry to report nothing much has happened since we were last in touch well apart from the weather massively improving of course. Even the 6-year-old granddaughter stated it was all upside down. Summer and autumn forever confused. We celebrated the arrival of a late summer by getting the bikes out again. It's easy to forget how lovely the Wiltshire countryside is when it's cold and cloudy; but whizzing off to Bishopstone to a BBQ lunch at the Royal Oak in the autumn sunshine makes the world a much happier place.



We even awakened the 'Allsorts'; a motley group of electric bike fanatics (Well not really fanatics more leisurely people whose main topic of conversation is: "let's hope it doesn't rain!") Our latest ride out brought us to the White Horse at Uffington where some of the group ventured up the full climb before an exhilarating freewheeling return down. I (sensibly) volunteered to wait at the bottom and take photos.

Big Breakfast Plus is the opposite of relaxed leisureliness with numbers coming in for breakfast rising exponentially. In September 2022 we served 812 hot breakfasts. For the same time period in September this year we served 1506. We rely a lot on food donations, so it was great to be invited to Central Church Harvest Festival to talk about our community café breakfast club and receive some wonderful breakfast food donations. As you can imagine fresh garden grown tomatoes went down a storm with our guests over the following week. We also received 10 boxes of bacon containing 1926 rashers from Asda at Haydon Wick along with 240 eggs that certainly sorted out October's breakfasts! Best of all we have received some funding from the National Benevolent Charity that will enable us to open seven days a week throughout the winter months. Open day planned for Sunday 5 November. I can't wait to be in there taking orders and buttering toast.



Finally, I managed to organise childcare and get off to the Watermill Theatre to see a matinee performance of Lord of the Rings. To be honest I'm not much interested in the story (shame) but rather more in the technical aspects of staging such a big play with such a large cast (21) plus musical instruments on the tiny performance space that is the Watermill Theatre. Wow It was superb; beautifully performed with much gusto and enthusiasm by a very talented cast. Gandalf, (though not sadly Ian McKellen) was suitably imposing, surveyed the open garden scene from the top of the stairs leading to the stage door. Outside in the Shire we celebrated with Bilbo at his eleventhly first birthday party before being ushered back into the theatre and into Middle earth. Gollum was super creepy and frightening especially when he climbed out over the balcony, the elves wrought their magic, the dancing/fighting Orcs and the hobbits, gentle happy folks struggled from one alarming situation to the next in infectious wide-eyed wonder. Suffice to say three hours and fifteen minutes later we were all back outside, shell shocked from watching these talented actor musicians who were not only playing a variety of instruments but dancing, fighting, acting, and singing their hearts out. A real treat.



Until next month. Charlotte (Charlotte@bigbreakfastplus.org.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. Full details of all this season's films can be found on the SFS website: swindonfilm.org.uk



Hive

Wednesday 1st November

Fahrije's husband has been missing since the end of the Kosovan war. She sets up her own business, recruiting other women to sell ajvar and honey, but comes up against the patriarchal prejudices of the local community.



Official Competition

Wednesday 22nd November

A wealthy businessman hires a famous film-maker and a stellar team to help make a smash hit film.

Penélope Cruz stars in this acerbic satire on the film industry.



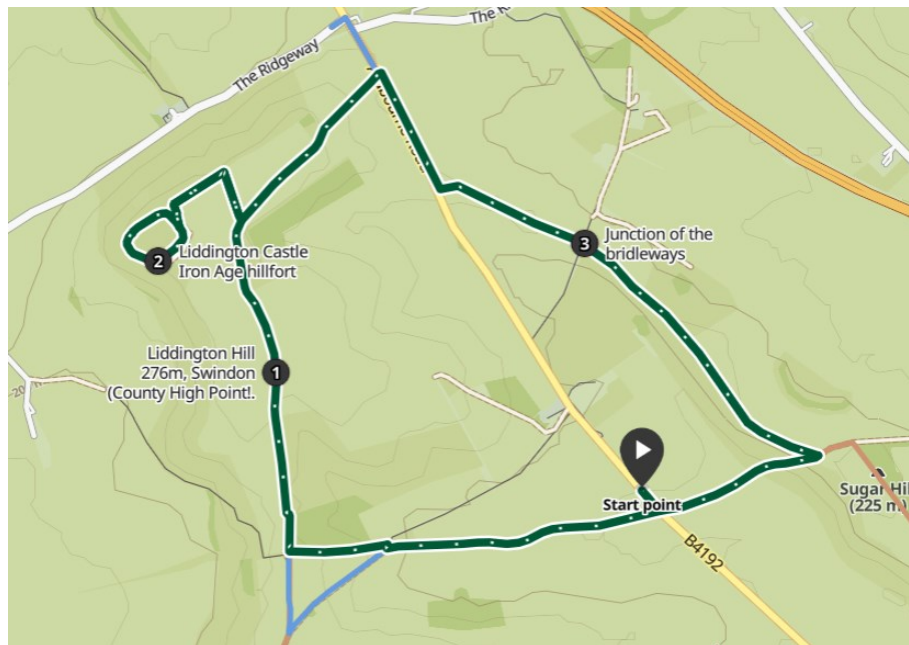
Circular Walk - Liddington

Approximately 5 to 6 mile intermediate circular walk. Some of the paths are uneven so good walking shoes are recommended.

You can start either as shown on the map or on The Ridgeway there are a few spaces along the edge of the road.

I always tend to start by The Ridgeway Road and then start the walk heading towards Liddington Castle.

The climb up to Liddington Castle is well worth it on a clear day, with far reaching views across Swindon.



Liddington Castle hillfort
Point 2 on the map



Liddington Hill, Highest point in Swindon. Point 1 on the map



Path down to the B4192



Junction of the brideways
Point 3 on the map

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We remember those from Wanborough



William Kent was born in 1895. William was a farm labourer and was working at Nythe Farm when he enlisted in 1915. William served in the Durham Light Infantry and like Edgar HINTON was killed in action on 21st March 1918. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Pozieres Memorial in France, on the memorial in St Andrew's Church and on the headstone, with his young sister and father, although the inscription confusingly states 28th March.



Clarence Kendrew was born in 1922 at Wakefield, enlisted in the RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1940 and attended Signal School in 1941 at RAF Yatesbury where he met his future wife Ethel CONSTABLE who worked in the NAAFI.

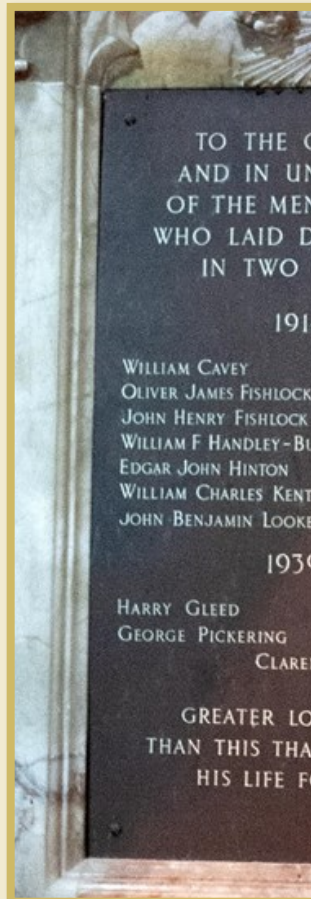
Ethel's parents were from Lower Wanborough. The family had moved to West View, Church Road, when Clarence married Ethel in June 1943 at St. Andrew's Church. Following training and promotion to Sergeant, Clarence was posted to Bomber Command. On 3rd September 1943 his Lancaster took part in an attack on Berlin and while returning the pilot was forced to ditch the crippled plane. Clarence was one of three crew who died from exposure before the rescue launch arrived. On 16th Sept 1943.



Albert Pickering



Although the memorial in the church shows George Pickering, the gravestone in the churchyard has the name Albert Edward Pickering. He took part in the D-Day landings in June 1944. He was reported wounded on patrol just a couple of weeks later on 22nd June and died on 31st August 1944. Albert is buried in St. Andrew's churchyard, the third of four headstones in the churchyard that are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and Albert is also listed on the memorial in St Andrew's Church.



Who gave their lives in the two World Wars



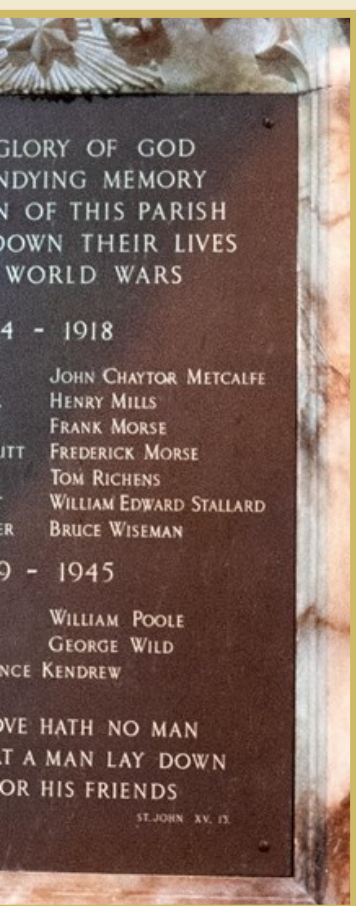
Federick Morse

Fred died on 31st August 1916 aged 27 and is buried at St Andrew's Churchyard, the first of four headstones in the graveyard maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, and also listed on the memorial in St Andrew's Church alongside his brother Frank who also died of his wounds and is buried at a cemetery near Arras



Herbert Potter

His sisters arranged for their parents to be buried at St Andrew's so they could visit the grave and also included a tribute to their brother which explains why Herbert, who had no known personal connection to Wanborough and is not included on the memorial plaque in St Andrew's Church, is remembered on a gravestone in the churchyard.



Gary Nicholson

Although Gary was from Hull in Yorkshire and he was living at Stratton at the time of the disaster his love for Wanborough meant he chose the village as his final resting place and was buried here with full military honours. His headstone is the last of four maintained by the Commonwealth War Grave Commission in St Andrew's churchyard.



BISHOPSTONE AND HINTON PARVA WI

Once again it's been a busy few weeks. Last month saw members celebrating the 69th birthday of your local WI. Members were greeted at the start of the evening with a glass of wine or fruit juice. This was followed by a Lebanese cookery demonstration, delivered by Wafaa Powell who is Lebanese. It was an interesting and entertaining demonstration and involved several members becoming 'hands on' and getting involved. The end result was a very nice salad with bulgar wheat and a yogurt dip.

Wafaa also shared lots of fascinating information about the Lebanon with many interesting historical and geographical facts.

After that Members were treated to slices of a delicious birthday cake and the evening concluded with everybody singing Happy Birthday.

Earlier this month it was Wiltshire Federation's Annual Meeting which this year was held at the Steam Museum.....very convenient for us. The speakers were the Chief Constable of

Wiltshire Police, Catherine Roper and Baroness Floella Benjamin. The Chief Constable has been in post since February 2023 and her career has spanned many areas of policing including specialist crime, intelligence, professional standards and crime prevention. Wiltshire police have 'Engaged Status' which necessitates extra inspections; clearer direction structures and frameworks with improvement plans.

Baroness Floella Benjamin gave a talk about her life with its many highlights and some extreme lows. She was born in Trinidad and Tobago and came to England in 1960. From appearing in 'Hair' (with her clothes firmly on) to Play School to the House of Lords she has had a very full life. She is an active advocate for the welfare, care and education of children through the world. She was made a member of the Order of Merit in 2022 and was chosen to carry the Sceptre with Dove at the Coronation of King Charles III.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested please contact

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Bishopstone and District Garden Club

Annual Quiz and Supper Night

A jolly crowd of people made it to the village hall in Bishopstone, despite it being Friday 13th and bucketing down with rain, to enjoy a sociable evening of quizzing and eating.

The quiz was devised and presented by our excellent quiz compiler, Cheryl Keen, who had us all scratching our heads and showing off our knowledge to our fellow teammates. Who knew that the largest cows' milk cheese ever made weighed 26.09 tonnes? Wow, not me. The ominous fact that Boris Johnson was asked to form a government on a Friday 13th came as no surprise!!

The quiz was a very close-run competition throughout but the 'Carnivores' team finally came out on top, bagging a bottle of wine each. A delicious meal of chilli con carne and baked potatoes followed by an array of delicious puddings was served by our smiling dinner ladies Chris and Debbie. The food had been prepared by a bevy of local ladies.

If that wasn't enough, there was a raffle with some great quality prizes generously donated by local businesses and gardening enthusiasts. It was lovely to see so many people together from Bishopstone and the surrounding villages enjoying a good old traditional village do.

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make this event successful and raise funds for the gardening club and Bishopstone United Charities.

Garden Club Show Update

The Trophies for the show were awarded as follows:-

The Fred Smith Perpetual Trophy (vegetables) : Adrian Dent

The Garden News Shield (fruit) : Marion Peck

The Miss Betty Britton Memorial Perpetual Trophy (pot plants) : Marion Peck

The Jim Cordon Shield (flowers) : Sue Dent

A Garden News Shield (floral art) : Chris Thomas

The Wilson Perpetual Trophy (domestic)) : Carol Sachet

The Yallop Perpetual Trophy (photography) : Sue Dent

The Jim Ball Handicraft Bowl (handicrafts) ; Nine Flanagan

The Langford Perpetual Trophy (potatoes) : Freddie Day

The S.G. Dehn Perpetual Trophy (specimen rose) : Sarah Bally

The Browning Perpetual Trophy (highest points in show) : Marion Peck

The Margaret Gill Memorial Etched Glass Bowl (best in show) : Cheryl Keene (patchwork Quilt)

Children's trophies : There was a trophy winner in each of the year group categories, these were presented to the children in school, along with a small prize of pencils, for all the effort they put in to create their wonderful pictures. A shame they couldn't all be winners!

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 year's event plus any friends and neighbours you can encourage to take part - more competition is always welcome!

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th November in Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm : Jane Pearson Design : 'Room with a View Practical Workshop' Session 1

A chance to learn how to plan a design for an area of your (or someone else's!) garden. The first of two 'hands on' sessions, the follow up session being in December. For further details and what to bring see the Ad in this edition of the newsletter.

Wednesday 13th December in Bishopstone Village Hall 7pm : Jane Pearson Design : 'Room with a View Practical Workshop' Session 2

A follow up session to complete your design!

Marion Peck

Border Design Workshop at Bishopstone Gardening Club.

A two-part fun and practical design workshop is planned for November and December in Bishopstone village hall. The 'Room with a view' workshop is created and facilitated by Jane Pearson, a gardening club member, local garden designer and horticulturalist.

Please bring along your pencil case, containing a pencil, black felt tip pen and some colouring pencils, or crayons and an A4 photo (colour or greyscale or preferably both) of a view from your window that you would like to improve. Photograph quick tip: To help keep your focus on the scale and distance of your view, stand a garden fork in the photo, towards the back of the border.

Session 1: Wednesday 15th November

Session 2: Wednesday 13th December



October Musings

Hello! The days are growing shorter, and I find myself scanning the garden for cheerful colour to brighten up our shortening hours of light. It occurred to me that this is the time of year where colour is needed more than ever, and yet many of our favourite flowers are fading. My musings led me to research, and I have selected a lovely collection of 'carry-on's' (see plant spotlight) that you might like to include in your borders next year.

Feature: Box caterpillar Damage.

I had intended to chat about compost but whilst recently wearing my border maintenance hat, I've had the sad task of diagnosing box caterpillar damage in our area. Unfortunately, both box blight (a fungal disease) and box caterpillar damage are spreading across UK. If you have box plants, please check them for brown patches. Both ailments affect trimmed or topiary plants more than box that's left to grow naturally. Blight will change the leaf colour to brown and fallen leaves are found at the base of the plant. Treat your specimens with a spray such as Topbuxus Health Mix. Box caterpillars tend to eat the leaves and leave brown patches of twigs. Their webs are difficult to see with the naked eye but take a closeup photo of the damaged area with your phone and enlarge the image, hopefully you won't see any tell-tale fine webs but if you do, all is not lost. A range of treatments are available such as environmentally friendly Topbuxus XenTavi found on Amazon or use nematodes. Please let me know how you get and if you have experience of using other control methods, I'd love to know and share your findings with our community.



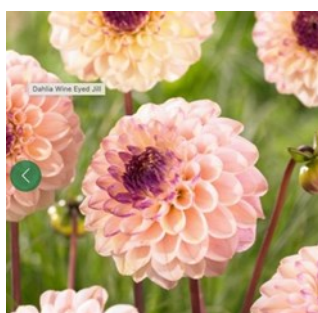
Plant Spotlight-Long flowering 'carry-on' blooms for your garden

These lovely 'doers' are great value and a reliable and long-lasting source of nectar and pollen for insects. I've split them into cool and bright colour groups.

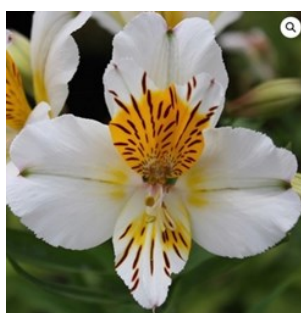
Cool colours:



Rosa 'Sally Holmes' AGM- Huge sprays of single flowered blooms from June to October on this shrub rose.



Dahlia 'Wine Eyed Jill' a soft peach, early flowering dahlia that lasts for four months.



Alstroemeria 'Apollo' AGM-flowers from June to the first frosts once its settled in.

Bright colours:



Achillea Filipdulina 'Gold Plate'-Long lasting golden plates of colour.

The Potting Shed- Things to do in October/November.

- Clear up fallen leaves and make leaf mould piles to use as next year's mulch.
- Protect ponds from leaf fall with netting.
- Plant tulip bulbs for next spring
- Prune roses (if you haven't already) to prevent wind-rock.
- Insulate outdoor containers that aren't frost proof with bubble wrap and raise them off the ground with 'pot feet' or bricks.
- Place grease bands around fruit trees to prevent winter moth damage.
- Mulch, mulch, mulch!
- Come along to November's Bishopstone Gardening Club and join our two-part design workshop.



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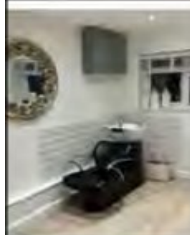
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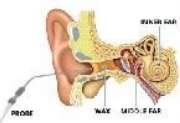
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Confessions of an Antiques Dealer No. 6

Well, the Summer of 1967 wasn't easily forgotten. I had left my Antique shop in what I was certain was the capable hands of my Spanish friend, bought a large van, found some fellow travellers, set off to travel over Europe in the spring and had returned in the autumn.

Apologies for straying from the Antiques' theme, but briefly I had run out of money in Spain, abandoned the van, sold my excess clothes in the medina in Tangiers, sold my blood in Granada, picked grapes for the harvest in Bordeaux and arrived back in England in October. Phew! My first port of call was my shop in Bristol, where I was certain that my Spanish helper had been able to turn some stock into money in my absence. What a hope!

As I turned the corner and approached the shop, I spotted a group of people gathered outside amidst various pieces of broken china and glass which were scattered on the pavement. The Spaniard was in the doorway gesticulating and shouting at the mob outside. It seems that he had let his Latin temperament get the better of him when he was subjected to the price haggling that the locals were renowned for. "I'd rather smash it than let you have it for that price!" So, he smashed it! Luckily only my cheap stock and nothing serious. "Do they know who I am?" he shouted when he saw me approaching. "I am from a noble family" It seemed that my former efforts to befriend the locals had been undone. To summarise, things were so bad that I decided to give up the shop and me and the Spaniard parted company. Back to square one! I retired hurt, rescued what I could from the shop, paid any bills with the modest sales that had transpired before the final debacle and rented a modest flat in Clifton whilst deciding my next move.

I had made the acquaintance of a jovial Irishman who I'd met in the Greyhound pub in Clifton; in conversation he informed me that he had a stand in Portobello Road in London which he set up every Saturday morning. Portobello was, and still is, a well known Antiques' hub in west London with shops and stands up and down the street. The outside pitches only operated on Saturday mornings. The Irishman wondered if I'd be interested in helping him out on the stand and using my mini van to transport his goods. He had a friend who had a large flat in Elgin Crescent close by where we could stay on Friday night. I saw this as an opportunity to learn more about the trade in London and how it operates through market stalls and outside venues, especially as my expenses would be met and I'd be paid commission on items sold.

So, on Friday morning I stopped off and picked up the Irishman from his flat and he loaded the back of the van with his boxes. It was only when we were halfway to London that I asked him what sort of Antiques he sold. "Oh, I don't sell Antiques" he said "I sell silk ties, they go like hot cakes!". Oh dear, I thought.

Anyway, with much apprehension and some disappointment I drove on to London and helped the Irishman sell ties on the Portobello Road. On the positive side, I took the opportunity to look around and learn from some Antique traders as to what was selling and what level of trade was going on. I ended up spending three days and nights staying in Elgin Crescent and frequenting a pub called Finchs and listening to some good pub folk music and jazz! So not a totally wasted trip.

I returned to Bristol from my Portobello Road experience, inspired to look for possible locations that could perhaps be used for a street market, in other words in order to create a mini Portobello Road in the West country. Because of its bohemian flavour, I reckoned that Clifton would be the ideal location. The area was changing but there was still a very laid back and creative feel to the place.

Clifton was always called just Clifton when I grew up there but the name changed to Clifton Village which is what it is known as today. There was a folk club called the Troubadour Club that I occasionally frequented and the owner was the chief instigator of the name change with an attempt to emulate Greenwich Village in New York! The folk club was in a street called Waterloo Street, little used and with cobblestones down one side. An ideal site, I reasoned, for the new Clifton Village's Portobello Road. I wasn't the only person with this idea.

A potter named Paula was the driving force behind the eventual setting up of the market which was to operate on Sunday mornings. So, in December 1967, the Clifton Stallholders Association was formed. There were nine of us, each paying a fee of £1. Newcomers after that were required to pay a fee of 2 guineas, which would be used to defray legal costs.

I was the only Antique dealer of the original 9, the rest selling Art, Pottery and other hand made goods. As a new venture it was very well attended; I could see some sort of future selling in this way. Before long, however, some residents complained owing to the lack of access to their garages on the street, so after a wrangle or two which involved the City Council, we had to relocate

to another site but still in Clifton. A visitor to Clifton nowadays will be aware that the whole of this part of the "Village" has been pedestrianised in the last few years despite the reservations of some traders. The roads are adorned with flower displays in wooden planters and wooden benches and café tables complete the transformation.

Cars may finally be in retreat! In 1967, we were obviously ahead of our time! Anyway, For the time being, my shopkeeping days were over. I was happy to travel with my stock and sell in this way. I wonder if this could catch on!

Stay tuned!!

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