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A letter from the Vicar – January 2026



Dear Friends

January can be a wonderful time of year. Cold frosty days, nature sleeping quietly, early darkness driving us into cosy homes for long evenings. Dull light levels can be a bit of a trial but it's a time of year for looking forward, for making plans, for doing a bit of thinking about goals, aspirations and objectives for the coming year. I have never been one for new year's resolutions but it is certainly a great discipline to reflect on our personal lives: where are we going and where do we want to end up? What kind of person we are aspiring to become on our journey through this life? Scripture certainly encourages us in this exercise of self-reflection.

This year in our Parish we have a special opportunity to look at our direction of travel from the perspective of faith in Christ. **On Sunday March 22nd in the afternoon at St. Andrew's, the Bishop of Swindon, Bishop Neil, will be coming to lead a Deanery Confirmation Service for all teenagers and adults who would like to be Baptised and/or Confirmed.** It's one of the truly great services in the Christian calendar. A service where those of us baptised as infants by our parents get the chance to say, publicly and before God, *"well I may have been baptised into Christ and His church by my parents' faith, but now it's my faith."* *"Personally, from my own decision of heart and mind, and with my own lips, I publicly renounce the deceit and corruption of evil and turn from the sins that separate us from God and neighbour, turning to Christ in faith and trust, who is the way, the truth and the life."* When we do this God's wonderful promise of new life, free forgiveness and his indwelling presence in the person of the Holy Spirit is received, within, for all time and into the new creation to come. We become the beneficiaries of a wonderful exchange; we give God our sins, failings and brokenness and He gives us his total forgiveness and empowering presence to live within us for ever. We are transformed within from death to life, through His death and resurrection for us, becoming new creations in His love, as Paul says in 2Cor 5:17 **"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!** So, a new birth, a new life, a new identity as a forgiven child of God and the washing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit to live with us for ever. Wow. Amazing. Truly awesome in fact. The pearl of great price lying at our feet all the time, but missed, entirely, by so many (Matthew 13:44-46). Christian Baptism is a sign and seal of this new birth. It is an effective sign, as we believe it affects what it signifies, the new birth and a new life in Christ.

At the heart of the Baptism Service is the decision to turn to Christ, followed by full immersion, or the sprinkling of the waters of baptism. In a Confirmation Service candidates get to declare publicly their Baptismal decision for themselves and the bishop, representing the whole Church, lays his hand on each candidate and says *"Confirm, O Lord, this your servant N, with your Holy Spirit."* You may also be baptised, prior to confirmation, if you have not been previously baptised.

If you would like to consider whether you would like to be baptised, and/or confirmed, this spring, please do get in touch via the details below. There will be some preparation sessions leading up to the Confirmation and attending these does not commit you to getting confirmed, but are aimed at helping you make an informed decision. There is a lot to think about and reflect upon.

All are welcome to come along and discover more. It would be great to see you.

Kind regards

Revd, Steve Paynter

Stevedpaynter@gmail.com

01793 296870

Prayer:

God of new beginnings, we thank you for the gift of this new year, a fresh page filled with hope. Forgive our failings and renew us by your Spirit. Help us to learn from the past, to walk in your light, and to discover your purposes of love for our lives this year. **Amen.**

Church Services 2026 January

For the villages of Liddington and Wanborough in The Parish of Wellspring Villages

Date	Time	Church	Service
Sunday 4 th January	10.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th January	10.30am	St Mary's Church, Bishopstone	Holy Communion
Sunday 18 th January	10.30am	St Andrew's Church, Wanborough	Holy Communion
Sunday 25 th January	8.30am	All Saints' Liddington	Book of Common Prayer (1662)
Sunday 28 th January	10.30am	St Swithun's, Hinton Parva	Morning Worship

There are Books of Remembrance in All Saints', Liddington and St. Andrew's, Wanborough. If anyone wishes to have a name recorded there, please contact a Churchwarden.



Dates for your Diary - January 2026

Date	Event	Time	Location
Thursday 1 st January	Charity Tractor Run		The Harrow Pub
Mon 5 th January	Liddington Coffee Morning	10am	Liddington Village Hall
Wed 7 th January	Liddington Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Liddington Village Hall
Thurs 8 th January	WI (Page 15)	2pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Monday 12 th January	Wanborough Show AGM	7.30pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Wed 14 th January	Deadline for Lyden articles		
Sat 17 th January	Farmer's Market & Community Café	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 24 th January	Ward Councillor Surgery	9am	Wanborough Village Hall
Mon 26 th January	Wanborough Parish Council Meeting	7pm	Wanborough Village Hall

In addition to the above dates

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

Wanborough Toddler Group every Tuesday at 9.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Liddington Art Club every Friday 2-4pm at Liddington Village Hall

Freedom Church 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month at 10.30am at Wanborough Village Hall

Save the Date - Future events in the Benefice

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed 11 th Feb 2026	Gardening Club	7pm	Bishopstone Village Hall
Fri 13 th Feb 2026	St Andrew's Church – Quiz Night	7pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Fri 13 th March	Wanborough Tennis Club – Quiz Night	7pm	Wanborough Village Hall
Sat 25 th April to Sun 10 th May 2026	Wanborough Scarecrow Trail		Wanborough Village
Sat 16 th May 2026	Wanborough Spring Show		Foxhill
Fri 5 th & Sat 6 th June 2026	Old Boilers – Beer Festival		Calley Arms
Sat 22 nd August 2026	Wanborough Show		Church Meadow

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

Old Boiler News

We were pleased to say a very merry Christmas to those villagers that attended the Coffee & Cake Club at the Brewers Arms, and pick up the tab.

Did any of you try the Old Boilers Christmas Cheer Pale Ale 4.5% in the local pubs at Christmas. It wasn't in their cellars for very long!

So do you all have your diaries ready for the New Year? The 8th Wanborough Beer Festival, at the New Calley Arms, Friday 5th and Saturday 6th June 2026.

Weekend tickets will soon be available. Remember, if you miss it, you miss out!

Happy New Year to you all, Barry, Mike, Marek, Bill & John, The Old Boilers.



Front Cover

This month's front cover picture was taken along Horpit at dawn by Ade Williams

Please send photos that you would like to see on the front cover to - Lydenmagazine@gmail.com



Wanborough Farmers Market & Community Café

Wanborough Farmers Market and Community Cafe Saturday
17th January 2026

At January's market we are supporting The Open Door Centre Swindon, this charity offers a day resource for adults with learning disabilities, providing activities within a safe, supportive and non judgemental environment.




Our cafe will offer homemade cakes and a hot drink for a donation to our charity.

We have many amazing traders, so come along and enjoy a wonderful morning, we hope to see you there. 9am to noon.

Wanborough Village hall, SN4 0AD

Contact Lorna Naseem





Liddington 100 Club
 The winner for November 2025 is Rev Steve Paynter. Congratulations Caroline



Wanborough Show AGM

Monday 12th January 2026

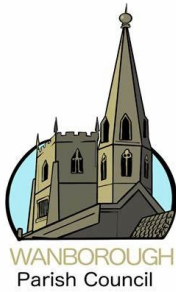
We a small friendly committee who volunteer our time to run the Wanborough Show. We are looking for new members to join the committee so if you are interested please join us for the Wanborough Show AGM on Monday 12th January at Wanborough Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.

Look forward to seeing you there.

After the success of last year's Wanborough Show we are pleased to confirm that we were able to donate surplus funds to the following charities:-

- Wanborough Primary School PTA
- Dressability
- Wiltshire & Berks Air Ambulance
- Wilts & Berks Canal Trust
- Swindon Scout Group
- Wanborough Scout Group
- St Andrew's Church PCC





Wanborough Parish Council Lyden Article for January 2026 Edition

Wanborough Parish Council wishes all residents a warm, joyful, and peaceful Christmas season—and looks forward to serving the community throughout 2026.

November Meeting Round-Up

As the nights draw in and Wanborough begins to sparkle with Christmas lights, the Parish Council met on Monday 24th November at the Village Hall for its penultimate meeting of the year.

With Councillors present, four members of the public in attendance the meeting covered an impressively full agenda—proof that even as Christmas draws near, local democracy doesn't slow down.

Chair and Clerk Updates: Allotments, Website & Memorial

The Chair reported on a constructive meeting with three allotment plot holders attended by the Assistant Clerk. These meetings will now take place regularly to support ongoing communication.

The Chair also met with the administrator of the village website. While they are willing to continue maintaining local event listings, the Parish Council is required to consider developing its own website to meet Government assurance standards (SAPPP Assertion 10).

The Clerk is progressing work relating to an enquiry about updating the village war memorial to include two servicemen who died after the Second World War.

Hooper's Field: LED Lighting for Courts

At an Extraordinary Committee meeting earlier in November, a request for interim LED lighting for courts 3 and 4 at Hooper's Field was approved. There is no cost to the Parish Council for this installation.

Tribute Bench Request

Two residents requested permission for a commemorative bench in memory of a former Parish Councillor, ideally located in Warneage Wood. The Council asked for a diagram of the proposed location and costings, which can then be considered in the budgeting process for 2026/27.

Planning Applications

- Mount Pleasant Farm - Solar Development (S/25/0666)

The Council reaffirmed its previous objection to the proposed solar farm. Concerns remain about the unsuitability of Horpit Lane as an access route due to its shared use by pedestrians, horse riders and agricultural vehicles. These points will be restated to the Planning Department.

- Lotmead Phase 2 (S/RES/25/0997)

Received after agenda publication, this application will be considered in December. Initial observations include the absence of meaningful green space and that access to schools is now directed through Covingham.

One planning decision was noted:

- 17 Greenaway - Single-storey rear extension (S/HOU/25/1159) - Granted.

Allotment Update: Inspections, Improvements & Fencing Options

The Assistant Clerk completed a plot inspection prior to the meeting. Second letters have been issued where required and tenancy terminations will proceed where plots do not meet policy standards.

The Council discussed several potential improvements:

- splitting large or underused plots
- creating an accessible plot (B1), subject to grant funding
- levelling paths and improving plot markers
- installing V-mesh fencing (quotation received; to be discussed in December)

The possibility of requesting a contribution from Covingham Parish Council toward fencing costs was raised.

Thanks were recorded to the Assistant Clerk for her work on the inspections and reporting.

Christmas Hampers & Tree Setup

The Clerk updated the Christmas hamper list, with Cllr Sumner reviewing eligibility for Redlands residents. Hampers will be provided under the General Power of Competence.

Councillors also gathered on Sunday 30th November at Mayfield to set up the village Christmas trees. Bundled up in gloves and hats, they untangled lights, arranged decorations, and brought a touch of festive cheer to the village.



Looking After Our Village – Dog Waste

Keeping Wanborough clean is a shared responsibility. Dog owners are asked to pick up after their pets and use bins or take waste home for disposal, helping to keep the village safe and pleasant for everyone.

Telephone Box Book Exchange

A recent online discussion raised concerns about the condition of the village phone box book exchange. The Parish Council is currently confirming responsibility for the structure and its upkeep. In the meantime, several residents have kindly stepped in to tidy and refresh the space, and we are grateful for their efforts.

Residents who would like to assist or have further information are welcome to contact the Parish Office.

Message from the Chair – Cllr Kathy Glanville

As the year draws to a close, I would like to thank everyone who contributes to life in Wanborough—through volunteering, supporting events, or simply being a good neighbour. Your efforts help make our village welcoming and thriving.

The Parish Council is grateful to residents, Councillors, and our Clerking Team for their ongoing support and engagement. We look forward to continuing our projects, improving communication, and remaining a reliable point of contact for the community in 2026.

Thank you, and best wishes for a peaceful end to the year and a positive start to the new one.

Cllr Kathy Glanville

Chair, Wanborough Parish Council

Community Contact & Reporting Issues

The Parish Council would like to remind residents that the best way to report an issue, raise a concern, or request assistance is to contact the Council directly via email. Messages posted on social media pages are not routinely monitored by Councillors or the Clerking Team, so matters may be missed if they are not sent through the proper channels.

If you wish to draw something to the Council’s attention, please email: clerk@wanborough.info

This ensures queries are logged, assigned, and followed up appropriately.

Learn Life-Saving Skills – Community Emergency Awareness Training

We’re pleased to announce that **Free Community Emergency Awareness (Defibrillator) Training** is confirmed for:

Saturday, 10 January 2026

10:00 AM

Hoopers Field, Wanborough

Originally arranged for local clubs, this training is now open to **all Wanborough residents** due to low initial uptake.

To reserve your place, please **email** assistantclerk@wanborough.info by **29 December 2025** with your **name, address, and contact number**.

Wanborough’s New Cricket Nets!

Wanborough Parish Council and the Cricket Club have teamed up to install brand-new, ECB-approved cricket nets at Hoopers Field, giving players of all ages a safe and modern space to practice their bowling and batting skills.

The old concrete base was cleared by Wanborough Cricket Club, and in just 10 working days, Slatters installed the two-lane cricket nets—with their full-height 4m cages.

WPC and the Cricket Club secured over £22,000 in grant funding towards this project, on condition of open, but controlled, for all.

While the Cricket Club has priority booking, local residents will also be able to reserve slots once the online booking system is live. Rental income from bookings will go back into maintaining the nets and other cricket equipment, ensuring the facility stays in great condition for years to come.

We’ll be sharing full details on how to book the nets and their opening hours shortly, so keep an eye out for updates.

How the nets have been funded

Source	Amount (£)
Sport England Grant	£10,045
Landfill Grant (WPC)	£9,000
WPC direct contribution	£1,000
Cricket Club Grant	£2,500
Cricket Club Contribution	£2,500
WPC Reserves (for sporting facilities)	£10,000





Liddington Parish Council

Happy New Year to all our readers. We hope you had a great Christmas and that those of you in Liddington Village enjoyed the Christmas Tree which was requested by residents. We aim to make this an annual tradition. We are also delighted that The Lyden is now available free of charge to all residents in the Parish. We will be using the magazine to provide these monthly updates. A digital version is available if that is preferable.

The December Parish Council meeting was on Wednesday 3rd December. Here are the highlights. Full details can be found in the minutes available on the Parish Council website.

The verge on the Purley Road down towards Commonhead

The volunteer group has continued to remove the brambles and scrub on the left hand side going towards Commonhead ahead of planting a new mixed hedge which we anticipate happening at some point in January. There will be a shout out for volunteers once we have a clearer view on timing.

The Parish Council considered a concern from a resident regarding deer being killed on this stretch of road. Having taken advice, we believe visibility for deer and drivers is probably the most important factor in reducing road kill. Clearing the verge has probably helped reduce deaths and the new hedge will be kept to a height of 1.2m as it grows so that there is still decent visibility.

There is more information on this topic on the Parish Council website.

Speeding

The newly formed Road Safety team updated the Parish Council on progress. The plan is to:

- Get monthly downloads of the data from the Speed Indicator Devices on the B4192
- Approach Swindon Borough Council with a view of getting them to help us reduce speed through the village, potentially using painted road markings
- Look at getting the Speed Watch team re-established
- Invite the Police to a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the issue and how they may be able to help us.

Allotments

Whilst not yet the growing season, we will have a couple of plots available this year. If you are interested in an allotment plot then please contact our Parish Clerk

In Closing....

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday 7 January 2026 at 7.00pm** in the Village Hall. Residents are welcome to attend. Please note that the section where the public can speak is to be held at 7.15pm. Alternatively if you would like to raise an issue or ask a question, please contact the Clerk via parishclerk@liddingtonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Your Ridgeway Borough Councillor update from Gary Sumner

**Our next Ridgeway Ward Surgery is on the 24th January
at Wanborough Village Hall 9-10am**

Inlands Farm: The Parish Council and I met with the planning agents representing the Hussey Family Trust about their proposals to develop up to 300 homes on about half of the land at Inlands Farm.

As you will recall we fought the previous development for a 'Science Park' and this was refused at appeal.

The area is a key part of the 'Area of Non Coalescence' designed to protect our village and does not form part of the 'New Eastern Villages' allocation. The land was not included in the 'Local Plan Consultation' as SBC didn't think it was a good site.

They are in the process of seeking an opinion from SBC about whether they are required to do an 'Environmental Impact Assessment' (which I'm sure they will have to provide).

There is not a formal application submitted and their consultation has ended. Matt & I have delivered letters to 800 homes as the agents only posted to c.400 homes.

We can and will oppose this and we will be working closely with the Parish Council and the former SSPG action group to try to stop this happening.

Redlands Grove: I hope to have some more information on the shop in January.

Liddington: In the coming couple of months I am delighted that I was able to secure thousands of free hedging plants and trees for the south side of Purley Road and the Parish Council and Working Party will confirm a date for the planting, working alongside Wiltshire Wildlife.

If other farmers/landowners have land available for tree planting, we still need more. Do contact me if you are interested?

Free Schools: With the showhomes now open at Lotmead it remains a huge concern that the funding has not been agreed for the primary schools at Redlands & Lotmead, nor the secondary school. This currently means 9,300 homes and no schools. The CEO of SBC is chasing hard on this as it's also a huge financial risk to the Borough of c.£60m.

Please call me on 07855957133 or email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk

Ridgeway Villages website: www.ridgewayvillages.co.uk

We wish you a Happy New Year

Thank you, Baden-Powell



I was guest of honour at the 60th anniversary of founding a scout troop recently, the only survivor of the three founders - which was cold comfort. It was a big deal at the time, mothers yanking their kids along the road to join the troop as the only way to keep them out of trouble. That kind of neighbourhood.

The troop has six units now, one of the best in the country. I couldn't have been more proud of them, hundreds of cubs, scouts and ventures marching to the ceremony.

I was in good company, Chief Scout and County Commissioner, both of whom work with my granddaughter, Róisín, who is a senior leader. The legacy has continued with my daughters and grandchildren.

Afterwards, I joined the leaders for a few pints, and the energy and ambition were as exhilarating as when we started. The current Unit Leader, Joe Briggs, now in his late sixties was a patrol leader in my time. And of course, he and I had stories to tell, all those young people hanging on every word, fascinated by the old ways. And then, Joe and I outdid each other reminiscing about the Lug Walk.

In 1971, Joe and I trekked over seventeen summits to reach Lugnaquilla, the second highest mountain in Ireland. It was a 50Km trek, 2,400m ascent, in horrible weather. When we descended, we missed the last bus home and slept under a bridge – as you do!

Then a huge surprise for me. I didn't know that the troop seniors have been doing that trek every two years in memory. The leaders that evening had done it, some four times. I was amusingly cajoled into doing it with them next June 2026, and why not. It'll be great craic.

The event was the perfect catalyst to reflect on what scouting did for me. Scout at eleven, patrol leader at thirteen, cub leader at sixteen, leadership from an early age. The scout values have sustained me for a lifetime. You can't teach values; they are inherent in the scouting community, absorbed like blotting paper.

*The smell of woodsmoke in my head
campfire songs like rituals in my soul
the litany of pals, living and the dead.*

*In a lifetime we pals have travelled far,
the neckerchief our flag of values, the
scout-sign an emblem of who we are,*

*do what we can, not a grudging must,
like Ashanti warriors in friendship
shaking with the left as a sign of trust.*

If you have children, or fancy volunteering, contact the scout troop in Wanborough: www.1stwanborough.org.uk

Join me for a presentation on our Everest trek to base camp – in the middle of a revolution! Village Inn, Saturday 10th January at 7pm.

www.mauricespillane.co.uk

Prospect Hospice to Collect Christmas Trees Across Local Community This January

This January, Prospect Hospice will once again be offering a Christmas tree collection service across the local community – giving residents a simple and meaningful way to support hospice care at the start of the new year.

For a suggested minimum donation of £20, households can have their real Christmas tree collected and responsibly recycled. Every tree collected – and every donation made – helps Prospect Hospice provide vital care, comfort and support to local patients and families living with a life-limiting illness.

Tree collections will take place across the following postcode areas: SN1, SN2, SN3, SN4, SN5, SN6, SN25 and SN26.

Residents are encouraged to register their interest now and will be notified as soon as booking opens.

For more information and to register, please visit www.prospect-hospice.net/treecollection

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Prospect Hospice
together making every day count



A Scouting Roundup of the Year

Squirrels

We've had a wonderful first full year at Squirrels, welcoming lots of new members and proudly seeing some of our very first Squirrels move up to Beavers.

Throughout the year we've enjoyed earning a wide range of badges, including Local Superhero, Space, and Get Creative to name a few. We've also had plenty of adventures out and about, from canoeing and visiting the fire station to trampolining, climbing, and exploring Warneage Woods. We celebrated our 1st birthday in October and we will be finishing the year in with a festive walk to see some Christmas lights.



We've been lucky to have the police visit us at the Village Hall, and we loved welcoming Squirrels from Old Town to share a campfire with us. The squirrels have also done some planting in the Village Hall garden.

It's been a year full of fun, learning, and new friendships - and we can't wait to see what the next one brings!

BEAVERS

We have been beavering away all year in Beavers. Having lots of fun learning new skills such as sewing badge blankets and poppies, tying knots with strawberry laces, cooking, building gingerbread houses, firelightling and taking photographs to name just a few. We have built a bug hotel in the village hall garden which we aim to add more to over time, done nature craft, been climbing at Rockstar had visits from a Guide dog as well as the Police.



Beavers love earning badges - we have worked hard to earn lots of new activity badges this year including, the photography badge, communication badge, cooks badge, international badge, hiking badge to name just some of them. We have also been completing lots of elements of our challenge badges.

The Beavers have also had many exciting outings, visits and nights away this year. We've been on two Beaver fundays, the Royal International Air Tatoo (RIAT), visited Wiltshire Scouts HQ at Pottorn for JOTA/JOTI (an event which covers lots of communication skills), had our first night as a colony under canvas and two sleepovers. We also joined many other Beavers from our district recently for bowling at Hollywood Bowl, finishing off the term with a visit to see the Father Christmas show at Swindon Art Centre. Phew! What a lot we have done!

cubs

This past year was another busy one for the Cubs with a number of different activities, trips and camps.

At the start of the year the Cubs visited the police station in Swindon. As well as getting a tour of the station they also got to meet two police dogs and learn about them, which the Cubs loved.

1st Wanborough Cubs also included a team in the annual 'Scrapheap Challenge.' This is where the Cubs are set a task of making something from scraps of cardboard, plastic and other rubbish. The team did very well making a crocodile and came second in the competition.

As we moved into spring and summer the Cubs got to do some other favourites such as fire lighting and cooking outdoors. Lots of sausages and marshmallows were wolfed down!

At the end of June the Cubs then attended the amazing Evolution camp in Cirencester for a weekend of challenges and fun. They then rounded off the term with a day at RIAT air show in Fairford.

Following the summer break the Cubs returned for fun activities that included lashing wooden poles together and carrying the group chair around the hall! They also made fabric poppies for Remembrance Day and then clay Christmas decorations!

All in all, a very busy and fun year for all!



SCOUTS

The Scouts in Wanborough have had a packed 2025. We've welcomed lots of new members and had plenty of adventures.

When we asked the 10-14 year old Scouts for their best bits from the year, their top highlights included our water adventure camp on the Thames, getting outdoors locally on hikes and a bike ride, and visiting Rockstar climbing centre.

We've also enjoyed, amongst other activities, model making at the Warhammer store, fire lighting and cooking, shelter building in the woods, and completing our Expedition Challenge, where Scouts hiked and cooked independently.

The whole group rounded off the year by hosting our annual carols round the tree, delivering the Scout post and helping to make the Christingles at St Andrew's church. Plans for many more exciting activities in 2026 are coming together for all our sections - watch this space! If you like the sound of what we have been up to and would like to be involved with all the fun that we have then please do get in touch with us whether it is to put your child's name down or to come and have fun as a volunteer. We don't let the kids have all the fun!

contact@1stwanborough.org.uk

www.1stwanborough.org.uk



Wanted: Adults who are looking for an adventure or a challenge!

At 1st Wanborough Scout Group our aim is to provide experiences for our young people that they will remember for their whole lives and that will help them learn the skills they need to become strong, capable and confident adults. We know our young people are enjoying the experiences we provide because they are telling their friends and our numbers are growing which is fantastic news. With more young people comes the need for more adult volunteers to help us deliver these amazing and valuable experiences. We believe that no young person who wants to be part of scouting should be denied the opportunity so we need you to come and help us so that we can continue to deliver our programme across all sections.

Maybe you made a New Year's resolution to give something back to your community, to develop your own skills or just to have more fun; volunteering with scouting will enable you to do all of these things. We have opportunities for you to work with young people from age 4 to 14 across Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so why not come along and see what we get up to and how you might like to help. We can guarantee you will learn something new and make some new friends from among our very welcoming and sociable group of Leaders and Trustees.

Contact us at: contact@1stwanborough.org.uk or speak informally to one of current team at our section evenings.

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41 Degree Big Band - Saturday 7th March 2026

After the success of last year's event, 41 Degrees Big Band will once again be playing in Wanborough Village Hall. Come and enjoy a fabulous live music cabaret style event with local musicians (including some Wanborough stars), 41° Big Band.

An opportunity to listen to some great live music and even have a dance.

We will be partnering with local charity Big Breakfast Plus (charity number 1197825) to raise money for this worthy cause.

There will be a bar and a charitable raffle.

About the band:

41 Degrees are an exciting 18-piece Big Band, based in the Swindon area who cover everything from the classic Big Band era with Sinatra, Bobby Darin and Ella Fitzgerald, all the way through to the more contemporary Caro Emerald and Michael Bublé.

Tickets are available from the band's website 41degrees.uk.

Bishopstone and District Garden Club

The last event of 2025 was the Annual General Meeting combined with Supper at the Royal Oak in Bishopstone. There were fourteen present, made up of committee and members, and we quickly covered the essential elements of finance and discussions concerning the speakers and possible events / outings for 2026.



It was suggested that the club should be rebranded next year with a new name and logo, it was felt that we needed an updated image so as to fully incorporate all the local villages especially with so many new houses and residents now in the area. So the decision was taken to become The Ridgeway Gardening Club as of January 2026, using the new logo, as shown above, and look forward to welcoming more residents from our growing community to join us and enjoy our friendly meetings and excellent speakers in the coming season. We aim to include topics which will be of interest to all gardeners, from the most experienced to novices just starting out.

It was also decided to increase the annual subscription from £10 to £12.50 to reflect current price increases for speakers and the village hall hire.

Having concluded the formalities of the meeting we moved downstairs to the restaurant to enjoy an excellent meal and lots of chatter for the rest of the evening. A fun time was had by all!



Diary Dates

The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month, except January and August, and as always everyone is welcome. There is a one-off payment for an evening for non-members, or a single payment of £12.50 for a year's membership.

The first meetings of 2026 season will be on:

Wednesday February 11th - Rebecca Brain : : Bishopstone Village Hall. 7.00pm

'No-Dig Vegetable Gardening'

Rebecca lives in Bishopstone and has a background in Organic vegetable growing. She has her own Plant Nursery selling locally grown organic plants.

Wednesday March 11th - Paul Green : Bishopstone Village Hall. 7.00pm

'The Best Thing Since Sliced Bread'

Paul is from Green Leaves specialist plant nursery in Newent. He will be comparing old vs new varieties and the thinking in new plant development. He will also be bringing along a selection of plants for sale from his Gloucestershire nursery.

Details of meetings and speakers for the rest of the year will be circulated as soon as the last elements are finalised.

Finally I trust you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you all in 2026.

Marion Peck
01793791001

Happy Gardens by Jane Pearson

Months Musings

Preparing for Christmas, I've finally ventured out of the garden and into the shops! It's nice to see that Paperwhite narcissi are back in fashion this winter and are available all potted up and ready to gift along with the usual Amaryllis and Hyacinths. But did you know that you can extend their life by placing them in a cool, bright spot? Add a 'wig-wam' support to prevent blooms flopping (I like to use bendy birch twigs), placed just inside the pot edge and tied at the top with twine or ribbon.

Paperwhites will rebloom if watered and fed with a little seaweed once a week until the leaves dieback, then stop watering until the new shoots appear. Don't throw them out after Christmas but move them to a shed or greenhouse and replant outside in the spring. This also works for Hyacinths and Christmas Roses (Hellebores).



Plant Spotlight: Beautiful Berries!

Shrubs with beautiful berries are a wonderful addition to the winter garden. They add much needed colour and provide a wealth of nutritious food and shelter for birds and wildlife. This is a great time of year to buy cost effective bare root shrubs, usually available November to March, and as long as the ground isn't waterlogged or frozen you will be able to plant them throughout the winter. By next summer they'll have developed a healthy root system and will look great the following winter. Berry shrubs to look out for include *Nandina domestica*, *Callicarpa bodinieri*, *Viburnum tinus*, *Sorbus hupehensis*, *Pyracantha* and *Acuba japonica*.

The Potting Shed: Things to do in –

Mulch your Dahlias: Where dahlia tubers have been left in the ground provide a thick mulch of straw, bark chips or well rotted leaf mould.

Wrap Up: Wrap vulnerable outdoor plants with horticultural fleece.

Cover coldframe plants, trays of seedlings and potted cuttings in the greenhouse. Horticultural fleece bags are useful for covering trees such as olives in pots, and other vulnerable plants.

Protect your pots: Some containers can freeze the roots of the plants growing in them. Borderline plants include Hardy cordlines, olives and some agapanthus varieties. it's a good idea to lag their pots with layers of hessian sacking or bubblewrap.

Check moisture levels of plants in the greenhouse, they can dry out surprisingly quickly, even in cold weather. They're best kept just moist. It's also worth picking off dead leaves from plants and clearing debris in the greenhouse as these are places that can harbour pathogens.

Most of all sit back and enjoy a well-earned rest! Happy New Year and very Happy gardening! Jane



SORBUS HUPEHENSIS 'PINK PAGODA' Red autumn leaves and pink berries. H: 6m, S: 3m.



CALLICARPA BODINIERI Deciduous shrub with violet-pink, bead-like berries on bare stems. H: 3m, S: 2.5m.

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Wanborough Bowls Club, Hoopers Field, Rotten Row, Wanborough SN4 0AN

Happy New Year Welcome to 2026



News from Wanborough Tennis Club

2025 was a busy year for the club and we've been delighted to welcome new members, to see lots of players attending the excellent coaching sessions run by Becky and a good mix of social and competitive play throughout the year.

Something new for The New Year?

Take a look at the website to see what's on offer and if you want to try something new in the New Year why not try cardio tennis on a Friday morning. Run by Becky, it's great for fitness and it's a fun 45 minutes of outdoor exercise, helping ability, strength, mobility tennis as well as cardio vascular. Friendly group. Can pay as you go.

Congratulations

The youngsters continue to do brilliantly and very well done to Stan, Lily, Fynn and Shaurya who represented the club at the Wiltshire under 8s tennis festival last month. They did so well beating 3/4 of the other clubs they played. Great to see them doing so well.

Player of the month

Club player of the month is Mia Hughes. Becky has taught Mia since she was 4 years old and this month she had her 14th birthday. The last 6 months have probably been Mia's most successful with amazing results and she's feeling confident in her game. See results below:

She has played 116 matches this year and won 84 of them and her ranking is phenomenal.

- Wiltshire u14 no 2
- UK u14 ranking : 75
- Women's UK ranking : 206
- She has won 2 of her last 3 tournaments and was runner up in the third
- County Champs: u16s champion u18s runner up

Really well done to Mia.

Coming up

And an update on the bright news from the club. By popular demand, the new LED lighting that is being installed on courts 3 and 4 will be ready in January. This will make a huge difference to available time for social play and coaching in the winter months and we are excited about seeing all four courts in use.

We are planning a range of tournaments and social events in 2026 including a Quiz in Wanborough village hall on Friday 13th March. This will be one of our initiatives to raise money for the upkeep of the Club. It will be a fun event open to everyone so do starting thinking about your teams! Keep an eye out for further information. If you have played tennis or would like to take up this fantastic sport and meet some new friends please make contact and come and join us. All the information is here : <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/WanboroughTennisClub/Membership/Join>. We are looking forward to seeing past, present and new members on court.



BISHOPSTONE AND HINTON PARVA WI

In December we had another super Christmas celebratory evening at The Brewers in Wanborough, where we enjoyed a delicious meal and were well looked after by Paul, Amy, Beth and their staff. We've held our Christmas meal at the Brewers before and, because it's always so enjoyable, we decided to revisit again this December.



This time we were treated to music from Hazel Cooke on the accordion and Phil Williams on guitar. There was some enthusiastic (although not always tuneful) carol singing from the audience! Fran Browning and Judith Evans had prepared some quizzes to tax our brains.....with varying degrees of success. The evening rounded off a busy year of meetings and events and there is already lots more planned for 2026.



This month's meeting is on **Thursday 8th January at 2.p.m** at Wanborough Village Hall and is a talk by Lyn Blyth on Medical Herbalism.

New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining our WI please email Jan Chapple. janatwan@icloud.com



Bin Collection Schedule Update - From January 2026

Green Waste (Wednesdays)

There is a small break in collections over the Christmas period and collections will resume:

- Wednesday 14th January
- Wednesday 28th January
- Wednesday 11th February



Black Bin & Food Waste

- Tuesday 30th December
- Tuesday 13th January
- Tuesday 27th January
- Tuesday 10th February



Recycling (boxes & bags) + Food Waste

- Tuesday 6th January
- Tuesday 20th January
- Tuesday 3rd February

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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 publication month (by 14th January for February's magazine).

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

The Countryside Code for Dog Walkers: A Guide to Responsible Rambling with Your Dog

Walking your dog in the countryside can be an enriching experience for both you and your furry friend. The fresh air, wide-open spaces and natural beauty are perfect for long strolls, but as with any outdoor adventure it is important to be mindful of certain guidelines to ensure the safety and enjoyment of both you, your dog and the environment.

What Is the Countryside Code?

The Countryside Code is a set of official guidelines designed to help visitors enjoy rural areas responsibly. If you're walking your dog in the countryside, following the Code helps preserve the natural beauty of the landscape and supports local farming and wildlife conservation.

Key Rules for Walking Your Dog in the Countryside

1. Respect Wildlife, Livestock, and the Landscape

- Stick to marked paths and public footpaths to prevent damage to crops and habitats.
- Keep your dog on a short lead near livestock or wildlife. Even the most obedient dogs can be tempted to chase sheep, cattle, deer, or nesting birds.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife, especially during breeding seasons.



Do not pick wildflowers, disturb plants, or remove natural features such as stones or fallen branches.

2. Keep Your Dog Under Control

- Whether on or off the lead, your dog should always be within sight and responsive to recall.
- Be especially careful around waterfowl, ground-nesting birds, and woodland areas where your dog might be tempted to chase animals or venture into dangerous terrain.



If you're unsure, it's always safer to use a lead.

3. Clean Up After Your Dog

- Always carry dog waste bags and dispose of them in designated bins or take them home.
- Never leave dog mess behind—it can harm livestock, spread disease, and spoil the countryside for others.

Leave no trace of your visit—take all litter home and consider picking up stray rubbish along the way.



4. Follow Local Dog Walking Rules

- Some areas may have seasonal restrictions or by-laws requiring dogs to be on leads at certain times, such as during lambing or bird nesting seasons.
- In nature reserves and national parks, check signs for specific rules—some may have dog-free zones to protect sensitive habitats.

Always respect signage and any instructions from landowners or rangers.

In Wanborough we are very fortunate to have a considerable amount of open countryside around us, but you must be aware that there are also a number of working farms with livestock in the fields. You need to make sure you know where the public footpaths are in the village and make sure you keep to those footpaths and do not stray onto private land.

There is a copy of the footpaths' map on the village website www.wanborough.info, under the heading "about Wanborough" and then "footpaths", which is a great starting point to find out where all the footpaths are in the village. There are two maps, one that shows the footpaths within the main area of the village and also a map of the entire Parish. The maps also have the footpath numbers labelled which you can use to report a problem about a footpath to the Parish Council.



Extract of the map on the Village website

There is also a walking book with ideas for routes in and around Wanborough, which those who are new to the village might find useful. Please e-mail Lydenmagazine@gmail.com for details of how to obtain a copy.

Please note that there are a number of footpaths closed to the north of The Marsh, as those that should head towards the Southern Connector Road remain closed, so please don't ignore any signage for this.

We are also very fortunate to have a number of open spaces within Wanborough village including:-

- Lower Recreation Field - Behind Village Hall
- Church Meadow - Next to St Andrew's church
- Warneage Woods - Land between Burycroft and Rotten Row
- Hooper's Field Sports Facility - Off Rotten Row
- Springlines Meadow - Above Springlines

All these open spaces are available for dog walkers to use but you must be aware that there are a few restrictions including:-

- The fenced-in play areas at Lower Recreation Field and Church Meadow are both no go zones for dogs
- At Hooper's Field Sports Facility you need to keep your dog on a lead at all times.

Fun4Paws

If you are looking for a place for your dog to have a good run around and let off steam then why not book a slot at a privately run dog field in The Marsh. More details can be found on their website, including how to book a slot.

Website - www.fun4paws.co.uk or follow them on Facebook

Help Protect the Countryside in and around Wanborough for Future Generations

By following the Countryside Code for dog walkers, you're playing your part in preserving the great outdoors for everyone to enjoy. Respect the land, protect the wildlife, and leave nature just as you found it - if not better.

Puzzle of the Month - January 2026

We are pleased to confirm that **The Brewer's Arms** Pub have agreed to sponsor the "Puzzle of the month" for 2026 and are offering a £25 Amazon voucher to the winning person each month. Please complete the puzzle below, take a picture of your answers and send them to Lydenmagazine@gmail.com by **14th January 2026**. In the event of more than 1 correct answer received, the winner will be drawn out of a hat - good luck!

Winner and answers will be provided in next month's Lyden

This month's puzzle is a Suduko



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Solutions for December's puzzle

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the children have been comparing their experiences of school to their parent's experiences, finding similarities and differences.

Year 2: Pinecone Class. We learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day then the children created beautiful poppy artwork. We discussed the meaning behind the red and purple poppies and took time to remember both the fallen and those currently serving in the armed forces. In PE, the children enjoyed fun activities and games during their dance lessons. These sessions focused on teamwork while helping them develop skills such as balance and movement. In English, Year 2 have been using expanded noun phrases in full sentences and creative writing pieces. In Maths we have been learning about addition and subtraction up to 100, which has been exciting as we have explored using

different manipulatives such as counters and base 10.

Early in the term some children achieved their first reading award for 50 reads which is fantastic news.

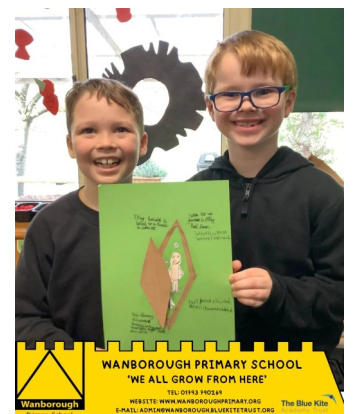
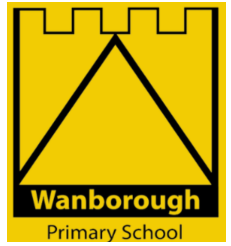
Year 3: Maple. This term, the children have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They have researched why and when they came to Britain, whilst also looking at the impact they had in creating the country, England. The children found out facts about many Anglo-Saxon aspects such as Alfred the Great, Sutton Hoo and their settlements. This led directly into their DT lessons where they designed and built their own Anglo-Saxon houses. In Maths, the children have been developing their addition, subtraction and dividing skills. In English, the children have written Beowulf-inspired sagas and diary entries from the perspective of an Anglo-Saxon villager. In their Science lessons, the children have studied light and magnets. They recognised how we see things, what reflection means, and how shadows are created.

Year 4: Willow Class have continued their exciting learning journey by exploring the Romans and the lasting impact of their invasion of Britain. In English, the children developed their journalism skills by writing newspaper-style reports on the defeat of Boudicca following the Battle of Watling Street. The children combined history and creativity by choreographing and performing Roman-inspired dances in PE, which proved to be a highlight of the term.

Wanborough Primary School

Reception: Acorn Class This term has been a busy one for Reception. We have continued our topic on 'All about Me' and 'Celebrations' by learning more about our families and where we live as well as celebrating Bonfire night, Diwali, Eid and Christmas. We have looked at the story of 'Owl babies' in detail, acting out the story in groups, writing CVC words related to the story and creating our own owl collages. We went on our first trip, a walk down to Warneage Wood. Whilst there we looked out for the signs of Autumn and also created dens for the owl babies to go in after they had finished exploring the forest floor. All the children showed great teamwork and imagination being creative with trees, sticks and leaves. Additionally, we have had a nativity to rehearse for and perform to the school and parents. The children were all fantastic, learning their lines and the songs and performing beautifully. Well done Acorns!

Year 1: Conker Class. This term has been full of nativity rehearsals, learning songs, lines and dances to perform to parents in the last week. Alongside this, we have been writing letters to Santa in English, and learning methods for addition and subtraction in Maths. In DT, we have had a lot of fun learning about moving pictures and the different mechanisms that can be used to make them. The children have also enjoyed bringing in books with moving elements as a homework task, which we have been reading after lunch each day. In History,



Year 5: Elm Class have been working with fractions and learning some quite tricky concepts. They have been learning about equivalent fractions and understanding how to add and subtract fractions, including mixed number fractions. In Science, the children have been testing the impact of meteorites on the Earth's crust and whether the size of the meteorite affects the size of the crater on the Earth's surface. They have also been learning about Isaac Newton and his scientific theories on gravity. In History, the children have been finding out about European settlers in America and their impact on the Native Americans. They have also looked at the role of cowboys in the Wild West. In DT, the children have been sewing a Christmas stocking. They have practised different sewing stitches and then learnt about using pattern pieces. In English, the children have been reading *Freedom Bird* by Jerdine Nolan and have used the book to create their own story endings focusing on using figurative language such as personification and metaphors.



Year 6: This term, in Oak Class, the children have continued their learning about '*Britain at War*' - this term focusing on World War II and the measures taken such as evacuation, rationing and auxiliary groups. Most recently, the children have explored '*The Battle of Britain*' and the significance of this during WWII. The children used this understanding in their English lessons to write a newspaper report on '*The Blitz*'. In Science, the children have been building on their learning from Year 4 with the topic '*Electricity*'. The children have learnt about the scientific symbols for each component and used these to accurately draw Series Circuits. In Maths, the children have been learning the method for long division - with and without remainders - and have been recapping their learning about fractions from Year 5. In RE, the children have been exploring what Humanism is and how this contrasts to various religions. The music focus over the Autumn term has been '*Hey Mr Miller*' - the children have been listening to swing music from the late 1930s/1940s before developing their understanding of arpeggios and ensembles.

Football: Year 5 and Year 6 girls represented the school at the Swindon PSFA's Girls' Football Tournament scoring 5 goals in their last game to win the match!

Some Year 3 and 4 children participated in a football competition held at Abbey Park. The children showed immense team work, togetherness and sporting behaviour. They played four tricky games against Swindon schools and performed brilliantly.

Young Carers: We have 9 Young Carers from age 4-10 years old who help care for a parent or sibling. We get together to support each other and to have some fun away from our caring responsibilities. We held our annual Christmas Party which included playing games such as 'Pin the nose on the Snowman', and 'Pass the Parcel'. We ate snacks, pulled Christmas Crackers and a took a small present home.

Clubs: The clubs running this term have been Board Games, Construction, Football, Gardening, Hama Beads, Mindfulness Colouring, Running, Swindon Town Football and Zumba.

Whole School and Christmas

Christmas Party - The PTA held a Christmas party with various stalls, food and a visit from a special guest, Santa, and his helper Ms Jingley (the twin sister of Ms Hingley!).

Pantomime - The whole school travelled by coach to the Wyvern theatre to see *Sleeping Beauty*. For the first year we were sat near the front of the theatre which gave the opportunity for Mr Large to get involved in the show much to the amusement of the children and other staff. 'Coooooeeeeee!'

Christmas Jumper Day - A whole plethora of different Christmas jumper designs were on display as we all dressed up for Christmas Jumper Day.

Nativity Play - Reception and Year 1 performed their nativity play called 'Straw and Order' very confidently to parents, family members and to the school. There were amazing songs and some were sung in two-part harmony.

School Christmas Lunch - the children enjoyed Christmas lunch with Christmas music and Christmas Crackers which was served by the teachers and teaching assistants as well as the MDSA's. Afterwards the staff got to enjoy a School Christmas lunch together

Music: This term we have been listening to songs from musicals entering and exiting assembly.

Volunteer Readers: We would love to have some more volunteers to regularly read with the children in the school and enhance their learning. If you feel you could help please contact Miss Watts, Assistant Head via the school email address or telephone number below.

If you would like to know if we have places available in certain year groups, please contact the school office for further information on 01793 790269 admin@wanborough.bluekitetrust.org

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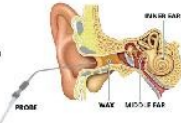
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Our website www.chiseldonlhg.org.uk contains news of forthcoming meetings as well as general information on the History Group and local historical links and information. Other events will be published here when available.

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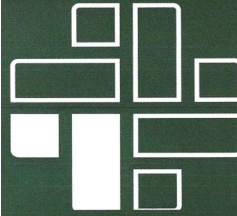
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